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Idaho Power recommends small rate increase

By Jennifer Sandmann Times News writer

TWIN FALLS — Idaho Power Co. cus.-a tomers can tell state utillity regulators Monday what they think of proposals to increase the company's base electrical rates. Idaho Power asked the Public Utilides Commission to approve an average rate increase of 17.7 percent. The actual increase

New Rates

may be far less if the three-member com-mission follows its staff recommendation to approve a 3.06 percent average increase in-stead.

stead.

The difference is about \$70.8 million in annual revenue — \$86.6 million requested by the company and \$14.8 million proposed by PUC saff.

The staff analyzed Idaho Power's request

and recommended cuts in areas staffers ague shouldn't be passed on to customers. They include pension expenses, legal feet acquired defending IDACOIP's unregulated trading company, various expenses such as golf course green fees and liquor store purchases, and more.

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MEDICINAL TIMELINE



Chris Bolton, president of the Twin Falls County Historical Society and Museum, sets up a display case of antique medical equipment fro three generations of McClusky-family doctors at the Herrott Center for Arts and Science in Twin Falls Thursday.

Collection chronicles Magic Valley's medical history

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times News writer

TWIN FALLS - As a child, Dr. David A. McClusky Ir. was mighty proud of the caduceus sign on the bumper of his fa-ther's car, identifying his dad as a doctor.

doctor.
But eventually the physician had to remove the staff-and-serpent emblem.
"People would break into his car to try to get drugs, because they knew he had his bag in there," McClusky said. "When he finally took it off, he gave it to me."

methany took now, a grace keep McCluske, a Twin Falls general sungen, kep that caduceus—and a collection of other medical memorabilia from his father's and grandfather's doctoring days in Magic Valley. A century-old microscope, A wooden steffnescope, His grandfather's doctor bag, The

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equipment his father took on house on house calls. Prescriptions bottles from old Twin Falls and Buhl pharmacies. The ether mask his dad used for some mothers are included.

dad used-for some mounts of ing birth. Much of McClusky's collection is now on display at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho. The Twin Falls Centennial Com-mission sponsored the exhibit arranged and displayed by the Twin Falls Countyl Historical Mar-urettee control to the County of the County Institute of the Countyl Historical Mar-urettee control to Total Mar-thern Countyl Historical Mar-

nwn Falls County Historical Mu-seums outreach program. "There's some scary stuff in that case," said Chris Bolton, president of the historical mu-seum.

Particularly, the tonsillectomy tools. They're a reach-gab-and-cut affair sure to make you shudder.

"Of course, nobody uses them nowadays." McClassy said.

But McClassy niteds to ask bolton to add to the exhibit one third-generation heirboom' that's still in use: a pair of plasses with magnifiers mounted in front of each lens.

"They're terrible looking," McClassy said.

He uses higher-tech vision adds in surgery, But for the sake of tradition, he dons the magnifying glasses which his grandfalther and spilterers or attending to delicate lesions on a patients face.

In addition to sharing artifacts for the case at the Hernet Centre. McClassy this year is

assembling a new display in his own Shoshone Street East office each month to chronicle his family's history in Magic Valley. Their story is the story of Magic Valley medicine.

McClasky's grandfather, family doctor A.F. McClasky, came to fastl of whats now Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and practiced tuntil his doath in 1988. Son David A. McClasky S. practiced in Buhl just before World War II, returned from overseas in 1946 and, in 1947, opened Twin Halls Chinic 84 Hospital with three other local doctors. He practiced internal pital with three other local doctors. He practiced internal medicine until his death in 1978.

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By Virginia S. Hutchin Times-News writer

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If you've suger for a bigger does of being falls robusty. Dr. David McCittely's method arigues are among many things you can see for free those days.

During the city's rentential year, people all over town are sharing pieces of the past, And you won't pay anything for admission to these sights.

Depictions of downtown On Wednessday.

On Wednesday, the Historic Old Reme Parin Falls business improvement district opened apthonough Historic Remarker Wistors Company Ballery at the obtain Ave. S., in a Main Steen Charaspare Visitors Company Ballery at the obtain Ave. Wistors Company Ballery at the obtain Ave.

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Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Fishes.
(Many of the historical downtown photos had been on display an Marje Valle Valla But downtown - business, people wanted the display mover (lose et o. home to draw people downtown, Williams said, And the new Jocation - right heside Williams office – is more convenient for her workers to manage and staft.)
Sunny stroll - Follow your visit to the new downtown Main Acemie, suggested Clars—Follons, president—follon-follons—

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A year after war, life in Iraq improves slowly

But, hope is scarce and fears of disaster loom

By Niko Price Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq - In Iraq, glim-mers of hope can be found in the unlikeliest of places. Few suffered as much in the war

U.S. soldier death - A4 Staying in Iraq - A4 U.S. launches offensive in Afghanistan/Pakistan - A9

as Mohamnied Abed, the tailor who as Mohammed Aused, the faulor Who found the hodies of his wife, his mother, his sister and his cousin in the rubble of a Baghdad slum after a missile struck the marketplace out-side his shop last March. million people, it has been a turnul-tuous year in which their country was invaded and Saddam Hussein, once their all-powerful leader, was pulled from a hole in the ground and arrested. A land held together for decades by force and dictatorship has shautered into fragments, often rivalrous. Insurgency and terrorism continue to take American, Euro-peun, Asian and Iraqi lives. Yet for all the hardships that have compounded Abretls grief – jobless brothers, power ctus that shut downPlease see IRAQ, Page A4

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Gibson's 'Passion.'

readers think of Mel



Students from Mosul University in Iraq shout slogans as they march around their campus Saturday to protest the recently-signed new Iraqi interim constitution.

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Get your kids moving for signing them up now for summertime activities.

Change is coming

There's high drama in world of Internet search engines.

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Try this at home.

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What's the buzz? A guarded past

It's not the first time Idaho Guardsmen has found themselves in harm's way.

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Spain bombing points to Islamic extremists

Los-Angeles Times

MADBID. Spain - Spanish po-lice on Saturday arrested three Morrecrates will possible title to Islamic extremism in last weeks rain hombings here, and hours fater the government am-nounced it had received a videotape in which a man pur-porting to represent al-Qated claimed responsibility for the at-tacks.

Seanter responsionary for the al-texts.

Despite earlier official state-ments designating the militant Basque separatist group ETA as the prime suspects in the car-nage that lett 200 people dead and 1,500 wounded, investiga-tors said they are increasingly convinced that the master-minds were Islamic extremists true, that would mean that al-Quida or its followers have

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- ahove Main Avenue's store veindows. Play detective and try to match the historical buildings in.-the_old_photographs_vein those that still stand along Main. Bolton said, Many of the old structures remain, though some are disguised behind newer facades.

- Stop when you shop Though namy of the downtown photographs were moved elsewhere, a vacant Magic Valley Mail space near Ic. Penney still displays two centennial-themey still displays two centennial display on the city still displays still be centennial Commission.

- The centennial gallery's hours have been erratir excendy, drawweck. Out of state rates daily and Sunaly \$7500 per week, daily only

dars and clothing.

• Commerce and agiculture—A new display of old agi items and business memorabilia is available for viewing any time Magic Valley Mall's doors are open.

ZocAnn Shaub, co-charty and the Twin Falls Centennial Commissions Heritage Committee and the Committee and th

Centennial Commissions Her-itago. Committee, and her collaborators installed the col-lection this month in the window of an empty store space near the mall's food court.

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ing complaints from some would-be visitors. Your best bet for finding it open is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday, or noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. But no guarantees.

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ornoon to 5 pm. Sunday But no guarantees.

Organizars are looking for volunteers to staff the Magic Valley Mall gallery more regularly, at least through the end of Marchperhaps longer. (If you're interested, call Williams at 734-2110.

Lezaniz is also seeking more tems of historical interest to dispar, and she said mall officials are eager to see the gallery stay as long as possible.

It costs you nothing to look, but the Centennial Commission also uses the mall gallery to sell its merchandise, such as continuously coins, personaled plaza, history books, key chains, lapel pins, mugs postess, calerdars and colored and agriculture—A new display of old ag items

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just a phone call away!

Its contents include such stuff as an old flour sack, pictures of early Magic Valley potato and freight-transfer businesses, old bottles from Twin Falls pharma-cies—and—antique—farm, equipment such as a scythe, a potato basket and an irrigating shovel.

equipment such as a scythe, a potato basket and an irrading showel.

Shaub said some or all of the window display might change in early May. Owners of things peraining to early Twin Falls history may call her at 733-7623 to have the Centennial Commission consider displaying heir items in a secure place.

• Fine figure – Artist Ralph Lehrman's brouze statue of LB. Perrine has been on display in the lobby of The Times-News.

The Times-News is a top-level sponsor of the Centennial Commission's activities. And the biggest churk of the statue's funding was a \$30,000 grant from the newspaper's former owner.

Manday morning, the Perrine

from the newspapers former where a converge Monday morning, the Perrine statue will move to the head-quarters lobby of another top centennial sponsor. First Federal Savings Bank, at 383 Shoshone St. N., said Terry McCurdy of the Centennial Commission.

The commission plans to install the statue at its permanent canyon-rim spot later this year.

- The exhibit experts – The stuff of history is nothing newto

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the Twin Falls County Historical Museum, which has been showing local artifacts for years. Three miles west of the county hospital on U.S. Highway 30, at Carry Crossing, the historical museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, through the end of April. From May to September, the hours extend to 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free, but the museum accepts donations.

nm. Tuesday through Saturday, Admission is free, but the museum accepts donations. Bottom far reorganized exhibits and created several new ones, including a new case of hunting, fishing and other outdoors stuff. And he's started assembling a display of old sports uniforms and autographed balls.

- Journalists and women - The Twin Falls County Historical Museum operates an outreach exhibit in a freestanding case in the Twin Falls Fubil Library, near the reference desk. For now, the crase's contents are journalistic: a copy of the first newspaper publishes and Twin Falls, photos, and collections and collections, and collections of the started physics and she first mewapaper optibilished and physics and she first move days throughout history, such as the first moval manding.

big-news days throughout ms-tory, such as the first moon landing.

The exhibits theme – follow-ing the lead of the Magic Valley Reads! program – will switch on Wednesday to women of early vinir Falls. Bloton said hell in-clude "household drudgery" items like a butter churn, a kernsene-powered iron and washboards. Also expect to see photographs and text panels about "women who did other things" such as a lifeguard, a se-

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"There was lots going on besides churning butter and
raising babies," Jotion said.

• Permanent collection
While you're at the Twin Falls

"Public Library-to-peruse-theoutreach exhibit, take some
extra time for the library's idaho
Room. It's locked, so you'll have
to sign in and provide identification to be allowed inside, and
most materials there can't be
checked out.

The public ilibrary set out to
collect everything it could about
Twin Falls. Magic Valley and
Idaho.

"And it has expanded to the
Pacific Northwest and six surrounding states," said Mareda
Wright, a catadoger and technical services supervisor at the
library.

The Idaho Room's contents
include oral history tapes and
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Suspect Marcus Wesson Is led away in handcuffs by Fresno Police of-ficers after giving himself up following a standoff where three women three toddlers and an Infant were found dead Friday afternoon in a here three women

Police find nine dead after Fresno standoff

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relationship.

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) - A man FRESNO, Cant. (02) - 11 Suspected of murdering nine of his family members apparently was involved in polygamy and incest, fathering two of the victims with his own daughters, police said Saturday.

The bodies of six females and

six females and three males, ages 1 to 24, were found tangled in the We are exploring the possibility that there back room of in Marcus Wes-son's home Friday Fresno's largest masslargest mass-murder ever quadrupled its homicides for the year in a single might and disturbed

officers so much that some immedi-ately needed

- Jerry Dyer, Fresno Police chief

some immediately needed counseling. Fresh Wesson, described by police as 'very calin,' was arrested Friday after emerging from his bonne convert in histor. Wesson, 57, has fathered children with at least four women, who of whom are his own daughters, said Fresh Police. "We are exploring the possibility that there were other women he was involved with either sexually or in some sort of polygamist relationship." Dyer said.

said.
Police said they believe all the victims are members of Wesson's family, but they declined to release names pending notifica-

release names, tion of kin.

-Wesson was cooperating with police, who planned to charge him with nine counts of murder,

him with nine counts of murder, Dyer said, "If this does not qualify for the death sentence, then there is no case that would." Dyer said. Dyer said police believe they know the cause of death, but would not release that informa-tion. "I can tell you that there were

would not release that informa-fic... It can tell you that there were no muthations. Dyer said. The bodies were intact. Six coroners, triple the typical weekend staff, were working saturday to identify the victims and determine how they were killed. Deputy Fresto County Coroner Sarahi Davis said. Officers were originally called to the home Friday afternuon for a child custody dispute. Inside was a discovery so gris-by it reduced Dyer to tears. The bodies were so entangled in a

pile of clothing that it took hours for investigators to reach a final count, police said. Ten coffins lined a wall inside the home's front room. "What's making it so difficult is the hodies.

ng it so difficult is the bodies are not only in-tertwined, but stacked on top of each other," Dyer told re-porters Friday night. Police were not sure of a motive, but Dyer said

Dyer "there "there may have been some type of ritual" inwith, either sexually.

> Department for 25 years. Department for 25 years, and I've never experienced anything of this nature," said Dyer, who

said Dyer, who wiped his eyes Friday night as officers carried bodies out of the home, cradling the youngest ones in their arms. The scene was so guesome some of the first officers into the house were placed on administrative leave and received-counseling Friday night. Sky police chaplains were at the house throughout the evening as detectives continued to gather evidence.

Officers were called to the home Friday afternoon by two women who said a man had their children and would not re-

lease them.

The man initially ignored orders to come out, running into a
back bedroom as two other
women fled the house. They

women fled the house. They were unharmed.

A neighbor, Chris Tognazini, said he heard two gunslots mo-ments before police arrived.

Dyer said the women who called authorities told them they had given chstudy of their children to Wesson two years ago and now wanted them back.

back.
The slayings shocked authorities in Fessio, a city of 440,000 about 190 miles southeast of San Francisco, Dyer said the city had seen three murders in the state 2.5 months, the fewest number for a 10-week period in more than three decades.
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The nine deaths represent the largest mass killing ever in this San Joaquin Valley city. Seven people were killed in rural Fresno in 1993.

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confusion surrounding the yeto-he approved plan.
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lawyers and self-styled "immigration experts" have been
selling services and enrollment
documents, profiting from the
hope among many illegal immigrants that the plan might allowtheir to legalize their status.
The salespeople typically tell
immigrants that they can buy

documents necessary to be considered for Bush's plan, community leaders said, in some cases, llegal inmigrants have been paying to guarantee a place on a noncessent visa waiting list.

"People are so desperate to legalize their status that when they hear from somehody that there is a possibility it's just like a green light," said Angleta square light," said Angleta Sqias, executive director of the Coalition for Human Immigrant Hights of Los Anglets, an immigrant advocacy and support group. immigrant advocacy and sup-port group. "It's a sign of hope, and people cling to that hope."

FBI looks into latest claim of where Hoffa's body rests

DETROIT (AP) - The FBI will numorted

DETROIT (AP) - The FBI will investigate a purported deathbed confession by a former Pennsylvania Teamster Glicial that says he helped dispose of the body of Teanster Dess Jimmy Hoffa.

The confession, said to have been written by Francis Sheeran before he died Dec. 14 in a nursing home near Philadelphia, says he flew to Pontiac the Ay Hoffa disappeared in 1975, picked up Hoffas body from his eillers and drove it to a trash incinerator in Hamtramek, where it was cremated.

"The case is still open and we un down any leads we receive on it." FBI spokeswoman Dawn Clenney said Friday.

Former priest gets eight years

VENTURA, Calif. (AP) - A for-mer Roman Catholic priest has heen sentenced to eighty-aris in prison for molesting two teenage brothers more than a-decade ago. Carlos Rene Rodriguez, 48, could have received may than

Carlos Rene Rodriguez, 48, could have received more than -10 years i riday, but prosecutors, recommended a lesser penalty because his guilty plea last month spared his victims from having to testify. Rodriguez betrayed God and his role to society. Ventura County prosecutor Anthony Wold sald, "There are no words to describe him."



Sheeran's daughter, however, ys the letter is a fake.

Sheerans Gaugoes...
says the letter is a fake.
"It's definitely a forgery. It's
not his signature," Dolores
Miller, of West Chester, Pa., told
the Detroit Free Press.

Miller said she believes the document was created by her father's biographer. John Zeitts of Omaha, Neb.. to apstage a book due to be published by another author.

Zeitts, who says his book still is in the works, said Friday that the confession is genuine.

He said Sheeran sent him the confession in November and he forwarded it to Hoffas daughter. Barbara Crancer, who is a judge in St. Louis.

Rodriguez stared toward the floor, crying occasionally as his attorney shielded him from the audience.

"Mr. Rodriguez. I believe, is profoundly sorry for the pain he has caused, defense attorney James Farley told the judge.

"Most-of-the-incidents-ocurred at the boys' home between 1980 and 1995, authorities said. The victims were 13 and 14 when the incidents began.

Four die in shooting at **Dallas suburb home**

McKINNEY Texas (AP) – Four people were killed after being shot in the head at a home inlist ballas suburb, police said saturday.

Dallas, where he died Saturday, Police said no other information was immediately available Saturday.

Police were called after a man people were called after a man people were said to the said saturday.

who lived at the home discov-ered the bloody scene Friday

night, Authorities did not yet have a

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Rosa Barbosa, 46; Mark Bar-bosa, 25; and Austin York, 18, were pronounced dead at the scene late Friday, Capt. Robert Dean said.

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Dean said.

Matthew Self, 17, was taken
by medical helicopter to Baylor
University Medical Center in

tion was immediately available Saturday.

"They were just real fine people," said Bill Self, 68, a relative of Matthew Self and the neighbor of Rosa Barbosa. "She's been a good neighbor. There's never been any touble that we know about."

Bill Self said he was askeep inhis recliner when he realized emergency vehicles were outside.

"If something like" that happened next door, it could very easily happen here," he said.



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U.S. wants military in Iraq, even after sovereignty switch

BAGIIDAD. Iraq (AP) - In less than four months, a sovereign lard government will have authority to impose restrictions. U.S. military officials here, those are always and the proper post of the proper po

low after the lune 30 handower have yet to be written, and Iraq's government will have a say. Iraq's transitional government is expected to "invite" the U.S. military to stay in control of Iraq's security, ieclmically ending America's status as occupie. U.S. and British leaders say they expect few practical aspects of the occupation to change right away.

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Military control will probably fall under a U.S.-headed Joint command. Officials said plans are afoot to put an American four-star general at the head of the command, with a three-star general running operations. The current top U.S. conymander in Iraq. Lt. Gen.

101st Airborne* 1st Infantry Division 30th Infantry Brigade ker Brigade Tikrit • 🚱 1at Armored o. Currently being replaced by: 1st Cavalry Division Polish N About 12,000 continue operations 82nd Alrbome Currently being repla 1st Marine Expeditionary 甜 Basin About 12,000 Operation Iraqi operation Freedom 2 By May, U.S. troops in Iraq will be reduced to 110,000 from about 120,000 currently in the country. The rotation is being called Operation Iraqi Freedom - Second rotation.

* Candidates to return to lead in early 2005, along with those given a "warning order including 3rd Infantry Division, some Marines, three National Guard brigades and a National Guard division headquarters

Ricardo Sanchez, is a three-star

general.
"That is the scheme which is "That is the scheme which is being planned at the moment," a senior British official said condition of anonymity. "The Americans will announce it when it is all ready." Iraq's U.S.-picked Governing Council, which advises the oc-cupation authority, agrees that

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foreign troops will be needed to secure Iraq for the near future, said Hamed al-Bayath, as spokesman for council mem-ber Abdel Aziz al-Hakim. Most Iraqis back a continued role for U.S. troops, but they're not likely to telerate a foreign power in command of an Iraqi army, police, or even Iraqi pris-oners, al-Bayati said.

Iraq.

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Continued from A1 his sewing machines - Abed, 31, exhibits little of the anger he sometimes betrayed in previous conversations with The Associated Press.
Having never known anything but Saddam's sufforating rule, he sees the beginnings of democracy and economic revival, and with U.S. soldiers on patrol he feels protected. Their presence lets us sleep at night, he says.

patrol he feels protected. "Their presence lest us sleep at night," is says.

Still, such glimmers of hope are rare. The construction of a new nation has been much slower and more painful than most anticipated. While there are those like Abed who feel protected, many others have seen their homes raided by U.S. soldiers searching for insurgents, or have been cuight in the gamfire and bombings mounted against. Americans and Iraqis alike.

Iraqis U.S. occupiers sneak ex-

against Americans and Iraqis affects. Iraqis U.S. occupiers speak exitedly about new infrastructure, new institutions, new possibilities. But many Iraqis describe themselves as a defeated people, and have resigned themselves to hardship and chaos.

"At first we felt he situation would get better, because we were liberated from Saddam Wussein. For six or seven months, there was a general feeling, that everything was going well," said Almed Ridha. 24-year-old pharmacist. But now that dream is destroyed." Much of the insurgency concentrated in central Iraqual there are parts of the country where violence is less frequent and reconstruction moves ahead with less trouble. The big pleture remains un

mequent and reconstruction moves ahead with less trouble.

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They worry about whether the Americans can win the guer-lila war, and whether they will be forgotten after the U.S. presidential election that many suspect is driving the interest of their recovery. For now, leadings the insurgents who have killed hundreds of those soldiers and even more lragis, and of the kidnappers and theires who have leaped into the security vacuum to make a quick dhar. All this keeps lactories and theires shuttered, while the dissolution of the lind army has fueled widesp and unemployment that in una worsens the security situation. Worsens the carriery situation worsens the carriery situation worsens the carriery situation worsens the carriery situation worsens the carriery situation. When the security situation were are acting pre-war levels – not nearly chough to meet increased demand. Daily of production is 22 million barrels, well below the pre-war production of 22 million barrels, well below the pre-war production of 20 million barrels a day, the Oil Ministrys Assam filad said.

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tion of 2.8 million barrels a day, the Oil Ministry Assam illiad said.

And politics are in turmoil. While coalitiop officials speak with enthusiasm about a bill of rights and neighborhood-level democracy, they have had to cancel their plans for selecting a sovereign government and have appealed to the United Nations to help find a new formula. The occupation will be longer and more expensive than the U.S. government initially envisioned. Adamond Odhuaia, a member of the council appointed by the United States to run Iraq, said Iraqi and U.S. leaders have all failed the Iraqi people.

"We promised people democracy and they don't even have security. We promised people democracy and they don't even have security. We promised people democracy and they don't even have security. We promised people democracy and they don't even have security. We promised people democracy and they don't have they don't have their sentry wild be better, but they have more unemployment, now. We promised people they would have nore sign and ... they don't have a say in where their country was going and ... they don't have a say in anything." In esaid.

"The Americans, when they came here, said 'We won the war, and we want to vin the peace." he said. "They didn't win the hearts and minds of the hearts and hearts

it. Senor said.

"You don't transform an economy that was devastated for 35 years in six months or nine months or 12 months. It's going to take time."

Arrests follow U.S. deaths

TIKRIT, Iraq — A roadside bomb killed two American sol-dlers and wounded three others in Saddam Hussein's hometown Saturday, and U.S. forces re-sponded by making several arrests and dispatching troops into the streets in a show of force.

The slain soldiers were the first casualties suffered by the first casualties suffered by the statistical suffered by the statistical suffered by the suffered rce. The slain soldiers were the

Defense, Of those, 381 died as a resist of hostile action and 179 died of non-hostile causes, the department said.

The soldiers, based in Germany, have been in Iraq for less than a month and formally took over security duties in the Tikrit area several hours after the fatal 5 am. blast.

'in Baghdad, a homb planted in a shop killed Haidar al-Qazwini, brother-in-law of a Shilte member of the U.S. appointed Iraqi Governing. Council, Brahim al-Janfari, an aide to al-Janfari said.

Iraqi police Capt. Abbas Nima said an unidentified man entered the shop and left a bag containing explosives, which later detonated.

Also Satturday, the White louses said it sent a senior official to lagdidad to help form an interim government – action that is needed before sovereignty can be transferred to the Iraqi recept to the said people by time 30.

In Baghdad, Coalition spokesman Dan Senor identified the official as Ambassador shoten Blackwell-was sent-in-part-to-solve problems some Shillie members of the Governing Sound in the since of the Governing the solution of the size of the government of the state of the state of the size of the state of the size of the state of the size of the governing Council have with the interin

resolve problems some Shilte members of the Governing Council have with the interim constitution signed by the coun-

cil Monday a senior administra-tion official said. He also is charged with convincing the Governing Council to let the United Nations help set up elec-tions, which are scheduled to the Construction of the in the Tikir attack, gunshots were heard near the rear vehicle



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Commissioners could come down someswhere in the middle of the requests and recommendations. They mist: review testimony by staff, the company industrial customers and advocacy groups participating in the case, and the public. A decision is expected in May. Idailo Power's response to the PUC staff analysis will be issued in the form of testimony due Friday.

"We are now in a rebuttal period," said. Donnis Lopez, a company spokesman.

The company will then wait and see what the commission decides, he said.

The energy crisis forced Idaino Power customers to pay recording the recompany has not had a general rate increase since 1994.

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distribution facilities. But PUC staff isn's supporting the full request.

'In general, I am recommending small increases in customer charges and believe the company's proposed increases. are too large. PUC staffer David Schunkes testimony said.

Idaho Power has asked the monthly service charge for residential customers be increased from \$2.51 to \$10 a mpinh. Public comments opposing the increases any it fails to reward customers for conservation measures.

customers for conservances measures:
Castomers feel it would decrease their ability offerer the size of the bill by adjusting usage; PUC staffer Marilyn Parker's testimony said.
Instead, PUC staff recommends the fee be raised to S3 a month.

mends the fee be trased to 55 a month.

That was the extent of the residential increase recommended for non-summer months — 49 cents. During summer months staff proposed increasing base rates by 1 cent a kilowatt-hour more household use reaches 800 kilowatt-hours. It retains Idaho Power's proposal to send price signals-during summer months when

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Withten comments will be accepted through April 30 and should be mailed to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission Secretary, PUC, RO. Box 33720, Boles, 83720-0074 and to Idaho Power to the attention of Barton Kine and John Galle, RO. Box 70, Boles, 6370-70070, or by e-mail to beline-Widehopewer.com or galle-Videhopower.com.
Online-comments can be filed at www.tuc.state.id.us and sent to Idaho Power Vide e-mail.

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What PUC staff says shouldn't be charged to Idaho Power custo

What PUC staff says shouldn't be charged to Idaho Power customers:

• Peralon expenses totaling \$28.9 million in part because the money
came from market performance and because PUC staff says the company's persion program is over-funded.

• Lagal expenses of \$350,000 incurred defending energy crisis power
trades made by IDACORP Energy, IDACORP is a holding company created
to insulate the regulated Idaho Power from risks involving IDACORP's unregulated companies.

**To later have labor Power financially responsible for legal expenses resuting from IDACORP Energy's actions entirely defeats the purpose of
creating a holding company, **PUC staff member Donn English's testimony
said.

said.

*Dues and contributions of \$325,000 including about \$246,000 paid to the lobbying firm Edison Electric Institute; membership dues for civic clabs and chembers of commerce; \$2,000 in donations to the Democrat and Republican paries; \$7,200 in the exclusive Avid Clule for the company president and vice presidents; and community charitable donations totaling about \$36,000.

*Management expenses of about \$60,000 for Items such as liquor store purchases; limousines; golf course green fees, meal expenses that seemed accessive to PUC staff, and travel expenses related to lobbying conferences.

conferences.

Incentive pay awarded to employees when IDACORP earnings per share reach certain levels. (dath Power budgeted for incentive pay averaging about 7 percent of employees' base pay. Officers can receive incentive pay up to 80 percent of their solaties and the chief executive up to 100 percent. PIUC staff says the incentives chould be paid by IDACORP and recommends \$7.7 million be removed from the company's rate proparal. Ratepayers do not directly benefit when IDACORP's garning goals are achieved or exceeded. PUC staffer Alden Holm's testimony said.

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electrical usage is high and the company must generate power at expensive natural gas and coal plants to meet demand.

A household using 2000 kilowatt-hours now pays about \$101 a month. That would increase to about \$113 during summer months under the staff recommendation.

The "overall-residential-increase would be 2.51 percent.

PUC staff said its recommendations are intended to bring attended to bring attended for the staff recommendation and the staff resolution and the staff recommendation are intended to bring acknowledged irrigation rates would continue to be subsidized by other customer classes. Moving irrigators' rates to the full cost of service would amount to about a 47 percent increase, deemed to be too much of a rate shock. The staff recommends a 5 percent increase. Less than that was considered too much of a subsidy by other customer groups.

Spain

Continued from A2 committed their first successful blow in Western Europe.
"It's looking more like Islamic groups did it," a high-ranking law enforcement official told he Los Angeles Times. "ETA looks less likely-We have indications that these Moroccans were connected to the attacks.

It's an important step. But it's

It's an important step, our as still early.

The developments in the case stirred growing uproar on the eve of national elections sched-uled for Sunday, Desplie a ban on political radiies the day be-fore the vote, the streets of Spanish cites filled Saturday night with protesters who

banged pots and pans and loudly accused the government of concealing the truth in order to protect the center-right rul-

to protect the center-right rul-ing party.

The center-left opposition al-leges that the government of Prime Minister Jose Maria Azuar had downplayed the evi-dence pointing to al-Qaida.





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Kerry seeks debate at historic site

that saw a historic 19th century debate; John Kerry called for monthly debates with President Bush to clevate the tenor of a campaign that's opened with a relentlessly negative tone.

"Surely, if the attack ads can start now, at least we can agree to start a real discussion about America's future," said Kerry, speaking Statuday to about 500 people packed into a school open the property of the pr

to get offinial clean and observed.

Kerry put a lock on the Democratic presidential nomination Saturday as he reached mation. Startday as he reached the 2162 delegates needed to become the passes needed to take on Bussl according to a delegate tail by 71th Associated Press. He did he by picking up the last tale he needed through superdelegate endorsement and pedges to vote for him at more presidential to the presidential endorsements. Though eight months remain mult the presidential election. Bussh has launched an attack at campaign bashing Kerry, and Kerry has fired backwith a cumpaign of his own. For months Kerry has bashed Bussh as keampaigned against his rivals for the Democratic presidential election.

"We confront big issues - as his as any in our history - and

nomination."
"We confront big issues = ns big as any in our history = and they call for a new and historic commitment to a real and informed exchange of ideas," said Kerry. He argued that "2004 can't be just another year of polatic exceeds."

Kerry. He argued that "2004 can't be just another year of politics as usual."
Kerry made his call in Quincy, the largest city to host the 1858 series of debates between Abraham Lincoln: and Stephen Douglas duries between Abraham Lincoln: and Stephen Douglas (note. 18 of that year. 20,000 people gathered at Quincy to hear the sixth of what would be seven debates between the two men. "Both candidates laid out heir positions plainly and honestly, said Kerry. "They clashed but over differences in policy, not personal attacks."
Kerry argued the Lincoln-Douglas debates included "sharp: exchanges, but they were a serious, honest discussion of important questions of the day, sparking enormous public interest."

Dems and GOP both see asset in Kennedy's support for Kerry

MASJINGTON (AP) — With John Kerry's presidential campaign lagging in the polls last fall, fellow Misachusetts Setward M. Kenedely paid an unamounced visit to head-quarters to bolster a dispirited staff.

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Democrate presidental nonfi-nation.

Now, with the campaign moving into the general elec-tion phase. Kerry's opponents hope to turn the nation's best known liberal into an asset of

known interat into an asset of their own.
"Another rich, liberal elitist from Massachusetts who claims he's a man of the people. Priceless." says the announcer in a television commercial by Citizens United. An image of



the two Massachusetts sena-tors provides the visual backdrop for the sarcastic

backdrop for the sarcasus script.

Republicans say Kennedy isnt likely to end up in President bush's campaign commercials, designed in part to woo inde-pendent voters and peel Democrats from Kerry. Instead, this name probably will turn up in fund-raising appeals, given what Republicans say is his record of motivating GOP

talks with Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., during a cam-paign stop at the University of Wisconsin in Green Bay,

Wisc. in this Feb. 16 file

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donors to dig deeper into their pockets.

"I can't imagine that we wouldn't use Ted Kenntedy... in terms of earned media, news coverage), direct mail, things like that, said Terry Holt, press scereary for Bush's re-election campaign.

"But John Kerry's record gives us plenty to talk about in and of itself without having to go to Ted Kennedy to make the point."

Lawmaker questions Bush's 'credibility gap'

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sen. Edward M. Kennedy said Saturday the lush administration has a "widening credibility gap" between what it tells the American people and the facts. In the weekly Democratic radio address, Kennedy said the administrations assurances on the economy, education, health care and the war in Iraq don't match the truth. During Bush's three years in office, "we have seen a widening redbiblity gap between what the administration says and what it does," said Kennedy, D-Mass.

"Facts don't lie," he said "The

what it does," said Kennedy, D-Mass.

"Facts don't lie," he said, "The Bush administration and the Republican Congress are giving schools only two-thirds of the funds they were promised" by the No Child Left Behind Act.," Kennedy's criticism followed Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry's comments, spoken into a micropione that he apparently did not realize was activated, that his Republican critics were "the most rooked, you know, lying group Ive ever seen."

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I've ever seen."

An ardent backer of fellow Massachusetts Sen. Kerry's campaign, Kennedy has been

On no issue has the truth been a greater casualty than the war in Iraq.

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- Sen. Edward Kennedy,

one of the administrations most frequent and rabid critics, par-ticularly on the Iraq war. In last week's Democratic radio ad-dress, Kerry pummeled Bushs Iraq policies.

Iraq policies.

On Saturday, Kennedy said, "On no issue has the truth been a greater casualty than the war in Iraq." He said Bush's assertions that Iraq posed an urgent, imminent threat were just distractions to justify the war.

There was no immediate threat or nuclear weapons, he said. "No president who takes our country to var like that deserves to be re-elected," he said.

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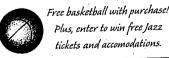
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Federal analyst says he was told to withhold Medicare data or be fired

The WashIngton Post

WASHINGTON—The government's longtime chief analyst of Medicare costs said Friday that Bush administration officials threatened to fire him last year if he disclosed to Congress that he believed the prescription drug legislation favored by the White House would prove far more expensive than lawmakers had been told.

Richard Foster, a nonpartisan Health and Human Services official who has been Medicare's chief actuary for nine years, said he nearly resigned in protest because he believed that the top Medicare administrator and, perhaps. White House officials were acting against the public interest by withholding information about how muchanges to the program would cost.

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cost. "Certainly, Congress did not

have all the information they might have wanted, or that we had," Foster said in an inter-

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He said Thomas Scully, then administrator of the HIIS agency that oversees Medicare, repeatedly, told him last spring and summer that Foster would be fired if he complied with requests from Republican and Democratic lawmakers to provide cost estimates of various aspects of the prescription drug legislation. Although other HIIS officials ultimately assured him his job was safe, foster said, the administration's practice of witholding budget predictions continued until the legislation was enacted in November.

Foster is regarded in government and policy circles as a competent and neutral civil servant. His disclosure set off the latest escalation of a partisan war over Medicare that has

been playing out since Congress adopted the largest expansion in the history of the health insurance program for the elderly.

On Friday-congressional Democrats called for an ethics investigation and dispatched a bitter letter to President Bush, who frequently eites the new Medicare law as one of his proudest domestic accomplishments. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., demanded a new vote on the measure.

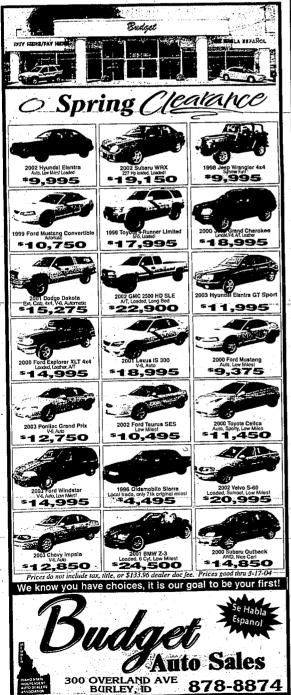
Tom Daschle, D-S.D. demanded a new vote on the measure, which barely passed the House and Senate, saying that "members of Congress were called to vote under false pretenses." A Republican who helped forge the law, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley of low, joined in the criticism. "Overnment analysts with relevant information should never be muzzled," he said.

Tally: Kerry mathematically secures nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) – John Kerry locked up the Democrat-ic presidential nomination Saturday, eclipsing the magic number of delegates needed to become President Bush's chief rival in the general election, according to an Associated

Press tally.
The four-term Massachusetts senator reached the 2,162 delegate mark Saturday afternoon, the AP count found, just as Democrats in Kansas headed to party caucuses.
Amassing the required num-

ber of delegates was a mere for-mality for Kerry after his last main Democratic rival, John Edwards, dropped out of the campaign following a disas-trous showing on March 2, when 10 states held "Super Tuesday" contests.





Singer, television star promises 'safe' radio

Marie Osmond

ON HER EXTENDED FAMILY:

ON HER EXTENDED FAMILT: The show is primarily geared to women, but she said a lot of men are calling. "That was actually quite sur-prising; of course, in Utah, they're all my cousins."

TV VS, RADIO:
Television was a very visual thing, I started at age 14. The Donny and Main Show, and I was all alloud visual. I remember being 103 pounds at 14 years old and taken out to the parking for and total if I didn't lose 10 pounds, the show would be canceled. And now, I figure, as long as I can if into the recording booth.

ON '70s TELEVISION STARS: on '70s TELEVISION STARS
She was going through her
CD collection with her 14year-old daughter, and they
listened to a Tom Jones
album. 'He's really good.
Osmond recalled her daugh-

Osmond recalled her daugn ter saying after confusing— him with actor Barry Williams. "Why did he de-cide to do "The Brady Bunch?" Osmond answered by invok-

Osmond answered by invok-ing her equally famous brother in the conversation. "It's the same reason Donny decided to do 'The Partridge-Family."

DONNY & MARIE: Osmond was asked if her brother, Donny, would appear on her radio show: "He'll

probably visit, but this is adult conversation."

DONNY & MARIE, PART 2: Her radio show mixes conver

sation with adult contemporary music from the '80s and '90s. But will she play music from the Osmonds? Heavens, not sation with adult

LEHI, Utah (AP) – Marie Osmond is taking the shock out of lock.

As the Federal Communications Commission cracks down on indecency in the industry. Osmond's nationally syndicated and family friendly; is hitting the airwaves.

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"It's said the 'dd-year-old Osmond.

a member of the fam ou s 1 y squeaky-clean perform in g Utah family. 'That's one of the things were going for is to be safe, and fumy and clever and quick-witted without getting to the blue side. "It's press of the things were the safe, and fumy family said from Taylor, editor of the New York of the New York of the New York of the safe trade depulsement.

tine New York-based trade-publication in-side Radio.

The debut of Osmond's show last month came as broad-cap s 1 e r s antionwide are responding to pressure from federal regula-tors and lawmakers who say too much of radio and TV programming has become un-suitable for children.

switchle for children. Hadio giant Clear Channel. Communica-tion has said it would pay a record \$755,000 fine for broad-casts of "Bubba the Love Sponge," which the FCC found indecent, "attd" fired the disc jocky responsi-ble.

e. Clear Channel Clear Channel also suspended broadcasts of the Howard Stern show on its sx stations that carry it, citing sexually graphic content from a broadcast.

"I'm no Marie Stern ond said of her show, which mixes congenial conversation with familiar songs instead of songs instead of Stern's shock talk and stripper sidekicks... "We all have choices. You have to be 21 to be able to go into a strip bar. Why are you bringing the strip bac.into.nty. living room?"

strip bar into my living room?" Besides, she has tailored the show to an audience of prima-rily women, but counts her eight children, her 78-year-old

mother, men and truck drivers

mother, men and truck drivers among her listeners.
"It's informative and it's fun and were a 'little crazy," she said.
"But it's something you don't feel like you have to explain to your 6-year-old later in the evening, and try to fill her in on information that she's too young to understand.
"Marie & Friends" is five-hour afternoon drive time program syndicated by Jones Radio Network, and getting stations to, forgo local programming may be the show's biggest hurdle

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on. The challenge for lones is to persuadat stations to give them. Libat imms stations to give them. Libat imms stations to give them. Libat imms stations have one each in Salt Lake City. Boiser Saltina. Washia. Santa Monica. Calif. But he believes that Osmond's facilities with a committed in the control of whom grew up watching her on television. Singing along with her on the radio and reading about her life in glossy with left of the station of the salting about her life in glossy with left of the salting shows the salting sho

audience. While Osmond promises safe talk it does n't mean sensitive subjects won't be touched.

"I gave up on being the perfect mommy after I had postparent land postparent BOXING MARIE:
Osmond told her 14-year old daughter that she would have defended the family honor when brother Donry lost a grudge boxing match in 1994 to a former star of 'The Partisige family. You know, sweetheart, if I had been in that boxing ring with Danny Bonaduce, I would have won.

from women changing car-reers in mid-life to helping kids adjust to o neiping kids
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city after a divorce.
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up, Osmond throws in true-but-odd stories and celebrity in-terviews every

now and then.
Recent celebrity callers have included country music star Winona and actress Betty White.



Comedian dismisses uproar about indecency

LOS ANGELES (AP) – George Carlin famously dissected "The Seven Words You Can't Say on Television" as a way to explore what everyone was so uption about

nevension as a way to explore what everyone was so uptight about.

Thirty-two years later the same debate is still raging, now find the same supersion of Howard Sterns raunchy radio show from six stations and new flows e legislation that would raise a performer's indecency fine from \$11.000 to \$500.000.

So what does the 66-year-old Carlin think of the current handwringing over what is indecent, profane, obscene, immoral, lewd or insulting?

"More of the same, more of the same, what are we, surprised? Carlin told The Associated Press on Friday

He blamed it on religious moralism, media commercial: "The whole problem with this idea of obscenity and indecency, and all of these things had language and whatever it's all caused by one basic thing, and that is religious supersition. ... There's an idea that the



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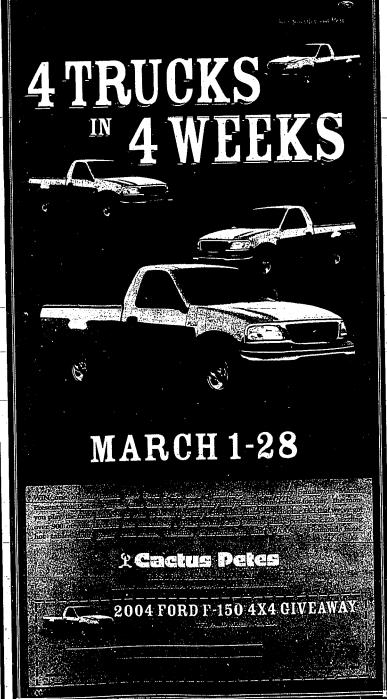
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Military starts Afghanistan operation

New plan targets Osama bin Laden

By Stephen Graham Associated Press writer

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KABUL, Afghanistan – The American military stepped up florits to find Osama bin Luden and destroy his al-2dada and flaiban supporters, announcing Saturday a major new sweep across lawiess southern and eastern Afghanistan involving thousands of troops.

The military insisted their new flower of the al-2dad aleader, who has vanished since melling into the Afghan mountains months after the Spit. 11 attacks on the United States.

A spokesman said the new

Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

A spokesman said the new operation also will prepare the way for reconstruction in impoverished provinces along the Rakisania border – a reward the military hopes will loosen villagers tongues.

"It's certainly about more than one person." Lt. Col. Bryan Hilferty said. "We do have confidence, though, and the leaders of al-Qaida and the leader of the Taliban need to be brought to justice – and they will be."

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Afghan officials hailed the new push and said their forces were fully involved.

They are trying to eliminate the enemies of Afghanistan and the enemies of Afghanistan and their of the said of t

might and desperately needed aid.
But they face enemies – estimated at less than 1.000 active fighters by a top U.S. general disserts when the second state of the second second



soldiers guard a group of Alghans at a roadside checkpoint Friday in Kandahar, Alg nse efforts by Pakistani, U.S. and Alghan millitary forces, Alghans insist that the bo n door for Taliban crossing into Alghanistan to carry out attacks. soldiers would be involved in the new operation, but said they would have air support "24 hours a day, circling overhead ready to assist."

An Afghan army commander in southern Kandahar province, Hajf Granai, Iodf Ho Associated Press that U.S. air-craft killed L2 suspected Tailban in a pickup truck there Thursday.

Sealing the escape route As U.S. forces promise a spring of to crush Taliban resistance and ca al-Qalda leaders, Afghans say a st stream of fugitives are finding sale haven on Pakistan's side of the 2,000 AFGHANISTAN AFGHAN Spin *

That includes frontier patrols, house-by-house searches and surprise checkpoints and air assaults.

"We believe this will help bring the heads of the terroisganizations to justice, by continuing placing pressure on

them," Hilferty said.
Troops carried out an air as-sault in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, but Hilferty would not give details, saying soldiers were still on the ground Satur-

Bush launches media blitz to mark invasion anniversary

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON – The House will mark the anniversary of invaling Iraq, which comes this Friday, with a weeklong media bitz designed to de the overturow of Saddam Hussein to the global war on terrorism.

The message is crucial to resident Bush's re-election campaign, which has tried to campaign, which has tried to shift the focus of the rate from troublesome issues such as the economy to his biggest strength in polls – his handling of the afternath of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Bush's presumed opponent, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., is responding with events this week focusing on troops and veternation when the support of the proposed soldiers and their families in a time of war. Reitred Army Gen. Wesley Clark, who lost his bid for the Democratic nomination, will speak for Kerry in Ohio.

Ohio. Wilkinson, deputy na-jin Wilkinson, deputy na-tional security adviser, said the main nessage for the week the nation is more secure secures of the capture of flus-secures of the capture of flus-tional transfer of the capture of the capture of the capture of the capture of the history of tagression and links to terrorist organizations is no longer in power, "Wilkinson said. "The principled action

taken by the United States in Iraq has sent 'our enemies a clear signal about resolve in the

leach has sent our enemies a clear signal about resolve in the war on terror.

Other administration officials said they will use appearances in coming weeks to begin setting what the White House calks realistic expectations, for the condition of Iraq's infrastructure—including its electricity supply, gaines and food distribution network—in advance the scheduled end of the U.S. led occupation on June 30. Administration officials had to point out that the demand for oll and electricity has somed now that more frategis have cans, and the scheduled end of the U.S. led occupation on June 30. Administration officials had to point out that the demand for oll and electricity has somed mow that more frategis have cans, and the scheduled end of the U.S. led occupation of the demand one want to dampen expectations about the progress of the reconstruction, which will come under increased scrutiny hefore June 30.

The war-week events began Friday with a town hall meeting by Rumsfeld with Pentagon employees.

On Monday, the National Se-

by Runnsfeld with Pentagon employees. On Monday, the National Se-curity Council and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham will point to what the administra-tion regards as one of the biggest benefits so far of the war, in Iraq with an event in Oak Ridge, Tenn.



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Hilferty played down suggestions by Washington officials that the military was embarking on a 'spring offensive.'

"If it continues past March 21, I assume it will be a spring operation. But spring offensive is what the media have been calling for, not us. In esaid.

But there are signs that forces were adding muscle.

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Haiti's new leader gets sworn in

POHT-AU-PRINCE Halti (AP)
Haltis new prime minister, former edic Gerard Latortue, vowed to unite his country after a rebellion that pushed President plean-Bertrand Aristide from power and criticized lamacas decision to host the code of the control of the control of the code of the

Latortue warned that Aris-tide's plan to return to nearby Jamaica early next week was causing tension in the Haitian capital; he told Jamaican Prime Minister PJ. Patterson that host-



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Ing Aristide would be seen as "an unifriently act." Aristide, in exide in the Central African Republic, claims he is still Haitis legitimate leader. Latortue denied - that Friday, dampening speculation that the rip to familiar angulations for the former presidents return. Latortue is a U.S. career officer and business for the former briefs and the siness consultant who arrived in Son Wednesday after years in Florida. A U.S.-backed council earlier his week selected him to replace former Prine, Minister Youn Neptunic, an Aristide appointee who resigned in a letter dated March 10.

Latortue said earlier Friday he wants to hold legislative elections in six to eight months.

"This is an occasion of hope for all Haltians," he said, "Together, we will form a responsible government that respects its institutions, and I will see that every dollar given to development projects will be well spent."

Latortue spoke with Patterson by telephone, and said the Jamaican Leader told him Aristide "had no other place to go."

Patterson asid Aristide would visit with his wife, Mildred, for eight to 10 weeks to be reunited with their two daughters, who were sent to New York City for

their safety. Foreign Minister K.D. Knight asid. Aristide had been old not to use Jamaica as a sunging nost for any attempt to Minister in Halling and the Hal

96-year-old faces drug charges

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KINGS MOUNTAIN, N.C.

(AP) - A 56-year-old woman
facing drug charges sald she
does not know how the crack
cocaine deputies found on her
sol into her wheelchair.

Julia Roberts was charged
with possession of crack with intent to sell and deliver, and with
possessing a rack plpe, sheriffs
officials, said. She was - freed
pending a hearing March 30.

T've never seen (the drugs)
in my life, "she told The Charl
lotte Observer for a Saturday
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in my life," she to... lotte Observer for a Saturoay story. "I don't know how they

could get there."
A search warrant for the arrest said it's the third time Cleveland County deputies have seized crack at the mobile home Roberts shared with her

home Roberts snaue van son.

Harold Roberts, 61, was charged with possession of stolen goods. Harold Roberts from the James Roberts, 58, who lived nearby, was charged with possession of moonshine. A nelghbor. Donald Eugene Bridges, 56, was charged with possession of stolen property.



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Church catches fire: collapsing roof kills two firefighters

PTTISBURGH (AP) - Firefighters who thought they had a church fire under control were trapped when the building's roof collapsed Saturday. Two firefighters were killed and 29 were injured, five seriously.

There had been no sign of structural problems at Ebenezer Baptist Church before its steeple toppled as firefighters doused hot spots. Fire Chief Peter Michel said.

The steeple crashed into the church's basement, where both dead firefighters were found. Michel said. Firefighters at the scene removed their helmets and turned off warming lights on their whiches in tribute as each body was removed.

Five firefighters suffered serious or critical head and chest injuries, said city Operations Director Bob Kennedy, At least one was undergoing surgery, four others needed to be hospitalized, Kennedy said.

The cause of Saturday morning's blaze appeared to an electrical fire in the basement "that jumped up the walls and spread rapidly," Kennedy said.

The senior pastor of the church, the Rev. I. Van Affich Winsett, told Pittsburgh tleevision stations that the congregation was preparing for a breakfast when the fire started. Some firefighters were injured when the blaze flashed over knocking one off a ladder and causing minor burns to the faces of five others, Michelli said, Most were hurt about an hour later when the steeple toppled, taking much of the roof with it.

Teen kills deputy and injures four others in standoff

LENOIR CITY. Tenn. (AP) – A teenager who killed a sheriff's depatry and barticaded himself in his home was found dead in-side Saturday with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot to the head, officials said.

Michael larvey, 16, was found in an upstairs bedroom of his lakesside home, said Loudon County Sheriff Tim Gulder, He said the teenager had been dead for up to 20 hours.

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- Harvey fired on SWAT team officers Firday afternoon from the home where he had semi-automatic weapons with multiple 30-round magazines. The confrontation started Fiday morning when officers went to investigate a domestic violence complaint from the boy's mother, who had fled to a neighbor's house. She allegedly was attacked with a pipe when she refused to let the boy drive to school after drinking the night before.

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Putin's presidency brings quiet control to political melodrama

MOSCOW (AP). - Vladimir Putin, who is certain to win today's presidential election, came to power in one of the most astonishing scenes of Plussia's long political melodrama and quickly changed the show into a shadow play.

Since the mid-1980s, Russlan politics had been filled with ideological ferment, policy twists and colorful figures. Today Russlans have Putin's cool, firm managerial style: a small circle of circumspect men in gray suits making decisions with lite open public discussion willed policy-making bodies such as the parliament have been marginalized or tamed into a supportive chorus.

Critice say it marks the return of Soviet-type authoritarianism and reflects Putin's years as a KCB operative. But such conditions get washed away by the bod of approval for Putin from Russians exchausted by years of anticty.

nxiety.

His biography radiates simplicity and a willingness to shoulder responsibility. Born in 1952 in war-battered 1952 in war-battered Leningrad, Putin grew up in a bleak communal apartment. From his teens he wanted to be an intelligence agent, and he joined the KGB after graduation from law school, serving in East

from law school, serving in East Germany. After the fall of the European communist regimes, he re-turned to Leningrad, now St. Petersburg, and was an alde to the reformist mayor. In 1996, he came to Moscow and became President Boris Yeltsin's deputy chief of staff, then head of the



KGB's main successor agency. He was named prime minister

KGB's main successor agency, the was named prime minister in August 1999. His rise to the presidency upon Yeltsin's resignation on Dec. 31, 1999, was abrupt, stunning, and a study in contrasts-from Yeltsin looking feeble and sad as he announced his retirement, to Putth, clear-yed and precise, assuring the nation he would protect "the fundamentals of civilized society." He made fiscal responsibility a priority, promising to repay Russia's enromous international debt in full and on time, and to ensure that pensions, however small, arrived promptly. He pushed successfully for tax reform, which swelled government revenue and enticed back foreign investors who had been scared off by the 1998 economic collapse.

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The reforms and high world prices for oil, Russias key export earner, produced steady U.N. agency passes resolution on Iran

economic growth and the base for a small but growing middle-class.

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Devoted to physical fitness and lacking any obvious taste for personal enrichment or alcohol, Putin projects an image of discipline, rectitude and power.

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Moscow's vast avenues are cleared of traffic for his motor-cade. When he makes an infrequent foray into public, the eager crowds he draws get heavy play on state television. His tough persona occasionally lapses into vulgarity about Chechnya's separatist rebels, including his notorious vow to hunt them down and kill them in their toilets. Despite that Puttine projects of the prime minister continues in a violent stalemate of daily fatal prime minister continues in a violent stalemate of daily fatal enhel attacks on Russian forces. The disappearance of independent television channels in a striking characteristic of the Putin era.

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The channels' closures or takeovers by state-connected companies were widely seen as the result of a Kremlin campaign directed by Putin or at though he contends that the changes had a stricity commercial basis.

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Likewise, critics said the Kremlin's hand was behind the investigative assault last year on the majo'f Russlan oli company Yukos, which culminated in the dramatic jailling of Russlas richest man. ex-Yukos head Mikhail Khodorkovsky.

Mourners riot at funeral of stampede victims

teams. The death toll Saturday rose to nine, hospital officials said. DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Hundreds of Kurds rioted at a funeral Saturday for victims of a soccer stadium stamped, van-dalizing shops and sate offices and, shouting anti-government slogans – a rare protes in tight-ly controlled Syria. Police fired shots into the air to disperse the crowd in

Police fired shots into the air to disperse the crowd in Qamishli, a city 448 iniles northeast of Damascus, where a soccer match a day earlier erupted into a melee between fans of rival Kurd and Arab

said. Saturday's riot broke out on the outskirs of Qamishli as a crowd of Kurds buried three vietnes of Friday's stampede. The mourners shouted slogans against Qamishli governor Salim Kaitboul and attacked shops and government buildings, setting fire to a Department of Customs office, said Ibrahim al-Hussein, a lawyer in Qamishli.

Another witness, Elias Abraham, said shops and businesses quickly shut down for the day. "Police fired into the air to disperse the angry crowds trying to pratest in the main street," Abraham said.

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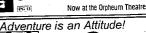
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VIENNA. Austria (AP) – Iran froze international inspections of its nuclear facilities indefinitely Saturday, hours after the ILN_ atomic_agency_issued a resolution censuring Tetran for hiding suspect activities. Irans top nuclear negotiator, Itans no deceitud. "Today, IADA inspectors were expected to arrive in Iran,"

Rowhani told a press conference in Iran's capital, Tehran.
"We will not allow them to come until Iran sets a new date for their visit. This is a protest by Iran in reaction to the passage of the resolution."

for their visit. This is a process by Iran in reaction to the passage of the resolution."

An agreement that Iran signed last year empowers U.N. inspectors to inspect Iran's nu-clear facilities at any time and without notice.

Asked whether the freeze was indefinite, Rowhanisaid "yes." A

day earlier, Tehran had announced a temporary freeze.
Asked when inspectors might vist again, he replied: "It could be less than six weeks. It could be more than-six-weeks.-we. have not set a date."
Saturday's resolution praised ran's increased openness to in-spections but said it "deplier recent discoveries of uranium enrichment equipment and other suspicious activities that Tehran had failed to reveal.

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EDITORIAL

Dell and Simplot add fuel to local economies

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints

from our readers on this

he Magic Valley's economic progress took not one, but two significant steps forward this

past week.
On Wednesday, Dell Inc.
announced that its estab-lished Twin Falls computer call center will begin serving business-to-business customers rather

than con-sumer clients. The transition means local Our view: The Magic . Valley's regional economy will gain Dell employ-ees will be momentum with Dell's new operations and Simplot's property

neating local well staged of the minaces in Idaho, and many in the nation, would be trailed to have just one of those announcements in a year-The-Mangic Valley experienced both other in a week last more proof of the region got a boost when J.R. Simplot Co. donated its Heyhum plant property and assets to the city of Burley to be marketed as an industrial park. The plant includes I.1 million square feet of space in 20 buildings, and 276 total acres of Iand, valued altogether at more than \$15 million, would be thrilled to have just one of those announcements in 2 year-The Mangic Valley experienced both of them in a week last more proof of the regional economy's growing vitality. In the case of Dell, the transition to businesse sustemes highlights the versal time of the minace week last more proof of the regional economy's growing vitality. In the case of Dell, the transition to business customers highlights the versal time of the minace week last more proof of the regional economy's growing vitality. In the case of Dell, the transition to businesse customers in the proof of the regional economy's growing vitality.

sition to business customers highlights the versatility of the call center's work force. Dell workers in Twin Falls have val-idated the Texas PC call centers work inches bed workers in IVvin Falls have validated the Texas PC manufacturer's decision to pick IIvin Falls. The company's performance-oriented plan for growth has been anturual fit with the work force, the city and the College of Southern Idaho. That working relationship has even garnered praise from the U.S. Secretary of Labor.

Those elements have led to steady growth in jobs at the call center, from 200 workers since opening in 2002, to about 630 today.

By now moving into business

ness-to-business tasks, the company will take bolder steps in upgrading its work force. Employees will be given more technical training, better wage potential, and industry certifications, while working better hours as they handle business calls rather than PC-owner calls. As for the Mini-Cassia economy, the Simplot property donation is also a nod to the regional the regional training the state of the second training the second training the second training training the second training training

the regional work force. For decades Burley, Rupert, Heyburn and other nearby communitie helped Sim-plot prosper and become the food pro-cessing giant that it is today. So it's appro-

priate Burley and other issues. given this property so that some kind of recovery can strategically be made in the area. The acquisi-tion doesn't heal all local younds from the plant's shut-

down - but it's a good start. Due to a restrictive clau that prevents competition Simplot, Mini-Cassia lead won't see another massive vegetable processor move in and take over where Simplot

vegetable processor move in and take over where Simplot elft off. Bur just as "livin' Falls-acquired property to help land Dell at its tax-free location, perhaps Mini-Cassia officials can likewise use this property to attract a number of tenant employers. With that approach, the region would see a more diverse mix of employers in the industrial park area instead of one single company. That variety helps insulate the local economy from any massive layoffs from one employer. Economic officials and city leaders for Funi Falls and Burley deserve praise for working with Dell and Simplot to make both events happen. The multiplying effect of Dell's growth, and Burley's property acquisition, sends a message that the local economy is moving ahead.



Facts show rape laws serve their purpose

Rep. Wendy Jaquet. December 1 benefits and the degislation to liberalize Idaho's rape statutes. On March 9, the Legislature held hearings on her proposal. The danger of Rep. Jaquet's legislation is, tronically, best demonstrated by examining the cases presented to support it.

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Audry Von Lindern, complaining her grandson, Toby-lailray, was abused by the system, and Debi tice, alleging mistreatment of her son. Dylan Byrne, testified before the Legislature. Both complained about Twin Falls cases. Both cases were handled fairly.

Byrne, testified before the Leg-islature. Both complained about Twin Falls cases. Both cases were handled fairly. Toby Lafray was changed on Oct. 7, 1999, with foreiby rap-ing an 18-year-old. Lafray was 118. After a preliminary hearing where the victim testified, a judge ordered Lafray to stand-trial on the foreible rape change. Before trial, the victim left Idaho. After request and after negotiations. Lafray plea guilty to the non-forcible rape of a different 16-year-old. Lapray was 18 at the time, so Idaho law didn't require sex-of-fender registration. Lafrays was sentenced on Aug 30, 2000. to 2-4-year suspended term. Lafrays victim said. 1 just want him to get help or go away so he docent do ham to any other girls. 1 lafray was placed on probation and or-dered into sex-offender treatment. On Nov. 6, 2000. Lafray

treatment. On Nov. 6, 2000, LaPray On Nov. 6, 2000, Lulray began to pile up probation vio-lations. He violated by refusing court-ordered treatment and consuming alcohol under age. LaPray was arrested for DUI and escaping, in handcuffs, READER COMMENT **Grant Loebs**

after his arrest. He refused sexoffender and substance abuse
treatment, to take required
polygraphs, and to maintain
employment. His probation officer said. "Mr. LaPray has
basically done what he wants
to do and nothing more ... he
poses a continuing threat to
society." He was sent to six
months in the retained jurisdiction program at
Cottonwood.

He returned on June 18,
2001, and was again placed on
probation.

probation.

LaPray continued to violate probation by failing treatment, committing assault, and having sex while on work release. His probation officer said, "Mr. LaPray has demonstrated realsex while on work release. His probation officer said. "Mr. LaPray has demonstrated reck-tess and irresponsible behavior he has impregnated three different females. Two of those children were given up for adoption and the third was aborted." Because of these violations LaPray was sentenced to one year in jail. He was allowed work release if he qualified. He did not. He is serving his sentence and has erving his sentence and has

serving his sentence and appealed.
Dylan Byrne was convicted of rape on May 13, 2002, for sex with a 15-year-old, He was 19. No physical force was involved. Byrne was sentenced to 2-6 years in prison, but was allowed probation and ordered into sex-offender treatment.
Byrne violated probation on Now. 6, 2002, by disobeying court orders, having contact

with his victim and refusing treatment. He took his 16-year-old victim to California without her parents' knowl-edge and against court orders. Byrne's probation officer said. "Dylan refuses to follow and the conditions of his proba-tion. In fact, he goes out of his way to violate these condiway to violate these condi-tions. Dylan has become a real threat to public safety and specifically to [his victim]."

Byrne admitted violating and was sent to Cottonwood for six

months.

Upon returning Byrne was again placed on probation.
On Nov. 26, 2003. Byrne again violated by disobeying court orders and state law and again holated by disobeying court orders and state law and derage victim and taking her to Nevada in direct defiance of her parents, the court and his probation officer. He and his victim admitted to ingesting methamphetamine.

victin admitted to ingesting methamphetamine. These violations and new folony charges are pending. Their complaints, their letterwiting campaign, and their rapilst rights crusade notwith-standing, the facts show that despite fair legal treatment, both LaPmy and Byrne have worked hard to fail. Their serious crimes and miserable performances on probation demonstrate that neither is a poster boy for weakening ladabs rape laws.

Grant Loebs, the prosecuting attorney for Twin Falls County, submitted this reader commen as a response to proposed legis-lation and recent letters to the editor concerning statutory rap

LETTERS

Aquifer users should help to rebuild it

This letter is in reference to Mr. Fitzgerald's letter on Rangen 'wastewater' (April 5). If the water Rangen uses for fish is 'wastewater' as you are suggesting, it was created by the development of the canals the state of the suggesting, it was created by
the development of the canals
back in the 1920s. There was
level of the aquifer before
1920, and there was the addition to the aquifer after 1920
by the canals and the gravity
irrigation practices. Taking this
into account, you could say
that all the water added to the
aquifer after 1920 is "wastewater." The pumpers after the
1920s should pump from that
part of the aquifer, so they are
using the same "vastewater"
that Rangen is.
But when those pumpers
deplete the aquifer down

that Rangen is.

But when those pumpers deplete the aquifer down below the prior 1920 aquifer level, then I personally have a problem. My water rights have a prior water of 1881. Right 36-00073 has a 2 cubic feet per second (90 gallons per minute) Irrigation right. a. 04 (51 gg mp.) stock water right and a 9.1 gpm domestic right for a combined flow of 117 gpm. On Ian. 18, 2004, it measured 7.8 gpm total coming from the spring it measured 7.8 gpm total coming from the spring it measured 5.67 gpm on March 4, 2004. I am receiving 6 percent of my water right. I used it to leat and cool my house in a water to air heat pump, which takes 5 gpm. So what happens if I take a shower or turn on the washing machine or flush the tollet or turn the distinwasher on or my cows drink in the corral or my lawn needs watered! If I do more than one of these at a time, I suck mud. This summer, I will be below 4 gpm.

I say the pumpers have sucked all your wastewater

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sucked all your "wastewater
aquifer water out and now are
into the prior 1920 aquifer
level. All the people that use
the aquifer, which is everybody
on the north side – domestic ue aquiter, which is everybody on the north side – domestic users, stock water users, municipals, pumpers, businesses and fish people – should sit down and solve the aquifer problem. If we can't come to a short-term and long-term agreement, I would hate to see every pump after 1881 shut down or be curtailed because we can't agree. Everybody that uses the aquifer should pay something to rebuild and sustain it. The aquifer is the lifeblood for the north side and all of the Magic Valley. LAYNE OSBORNE
Hagerman

Even kids can work and save for fair fees

Property owners should not have to pay more taxes on property they worked hard to buy so others can get into the fair free.

fair free.
Every person who goes to
the fair should pay something.
Even a kid can gather pop cans
or pull weeds for a neighbor to
earn money for the fair. Too
many things in life are free for
those who won't work or have
more kids than they can afford.

more kids than they can afford.

I grew up on a farm. I hoed
beets, com and beans. I pulled
weeds, cut potatoes for planting and picked potatoes
(dragging a sack down the
rows) in the fall to buy school
clothes, a school sweater, activity card, school annual, ring
and the fair. If I couldn't afford
it, I didn't get to go (a part of
life). I could only go one day,
be very selective in the rides
chose and didn't have much
money for eating. But I met
friends there and still had a
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the fair, I worked. It was incentive. It is a shame people dorit

great time-if-i wanted to go tothe fair. I worked. It was incentive. It is a shame people don'
work and work hard—for
things they want or want to do.
I am older now, but I still
have to make choices in how I
spend money. I don't shop and
travel like some or spend
money on apparel like some.
People and kids still have all
summer to work and save.
Maybe they can't go camping
or buy a motorcycle or motorihome or go to Lagoon or
Disneyland and to go the fair,
too. It a choice, if they do
chores, baby-sit or save pop
cans, start saving now and
make choice in how to spend
that money. You can buy
school stuff and go to the fair. I
did it — so can others. Tait
boan't — be fair.
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Big government makes a sudden comeback

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num, necause if you've beater him, you know the next liberal will be easier.

In speech on March 4.
Frank took what has become a commonplace of political constants of the state of the sta

by which a certain increase in the gross domestic product would produce a concomitant increase in jobs doce a concomitant increase in jobs doce not expect to apply. That is the basic reason, he suggests on the product of the produc

re-examination to the amount of the compositions.

Why is this boom leaving so many werse off Frank's catalogue of causes is a familiar one globalization and its handmadden where countries of the country of the count



DAVID BRODER

But if you sense, as I do, a need to challenge Bush's belief that pumping up the private sector with more tax incentives and more deregulation is the only way to find the missing jobs, Barney Frank's speech fills a real void in the debate.

They include tougher trade rules, restoration of union or-ganizing and bargaining rights and steps to make the tax sys-

tem more progressive. Like everyone else, including President Bush, he says education, innovation and skills training are the keys to a healthy long-term economic future. But unlike others, Frank does not stop at that point, lust as he is bold in diagnosing the cause of the problem – a private economy gened to producing wealth, not jobs – he is equally daring in his remedies. Toward the end of his speech, Frank uttered a sentence one can hardly imagine coming from the mouth of a 21st-century American political. Our problem today. He said, "Is too little government, and message to john for the problem today." He said, "Is too little government, and message to john for years he said, and message to john for years he said, and where is if til we cut taxes, we've criticized bureaucracy we've almost condemned the public sector. Im saying its time to talk positively about government and use it to do what the private sector is now producing so abundantly – a fairly small percentage, "last positive and use it to do what the private sector is now producing so abundantly – a fairly small percentage," lead, without being specific – and use it to employ people

on socially useful purposes.
Frank urges that we 'take some of the wealth that is being created by this wonderful hing, this increased productivity, this new technology and the ways of using it, and all this innovation, and let us use it for our own undisputed public purposes. Let us give cities and have more people policing, fighting fires, cleaning up the environment, repairing failed, tes that need to be repaired, enhancing train transparation, building higherable housing in places where places where the control of the production of students, and change in the production of students, as Frank acknowled, this whole approach sheet by each pillosophy. And the students in the production of the production o

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David Broder, a columnist for the Washington Post, can be reached at davidbroder@wash-

OPINION

Do more to help catch check thleves

Catch check thleves

Everyone needs to know to help our police catch the creeps that steal our checks. There's something more we can do after calling the police and the bank. The next step is to call the check verification businesses listed in the yellow pages of the phone book.

Once these companies have the stolen check information when someone theis to cash one of your stolen check, the business will be altered that it's stolen. Then, in turn, that business can get more information on the person trying to pass the stolen check, such as license number, vehicle type, description of the person then call the police.

In this matter, well quit being such easy his for these creeps.

If we as citizens take some

If we as citizens take some action, maybe we can make a difference. Where does it stop? I say with us! DELLA DURHAM Twin Falls

Seek alternative options to a fair subsidy tax

After reading the article in The Times-News regarding the problem at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, I felt it was time to put in my 2 cents

was time to plut may 2-coworth.

I worked as a beverage vendor at the Filer fair for many
years and have seen many
price changes occur that, for
the most part, were needed.
However, the proposed tax increase of \$20 per \$100,090 to
homeowners only is not only
ridiculous but reeks of discrimination.
When problems occur in a
business, usually the first place
you look is at management. It

when photeins occur in a business, usually the first place you look is at management. It is obvious that the fair board, county commissioners and fair manager john Pitch have not researched the problem as well as they should have. For instance, the buildings—mentioned do not have to be—replaced at this time. I'm sure they will still be adequate for a few years to come. Our jails are full of people who can paint, rake and do minor repairs as community service projects.

pairs as community service projects.
There are many prospects yet to be explored, such as better ways to handle the huge volume of cash that goes through so many hands and many other cost-saving projects.
A county fair should be for all county residents as well as out-of-county visitors, and all should pay their fair share and not put the burden solely on

the homeowner If the homeowners are the only ones taxed, they should also be the only ones to vote.

BOB LANCASTER
Twin Falls

Bush exploits 9/11 for his own purposes

I can hardly blame the relatives of 9/11 victims for objecting to President Bush's use of the 9/11 tragedy to bolster his election campaign. First, he told us he had no ambition to do this, and now the transactive to the second to the secon

he is crassly exploiting the images from 9/11 to make his case as a leader of national se

Second, he has consistently Second, he has consistently refused to extend the deadline of the 9/11 committee investigating this intelligence failure in any meaningful way. He has also refused to appear before the committee and denied them access to important files. And finally, because he exagerated the threat of Trag's weapons of mass destruction; hundreds of American soldiers have died and thousands have been tragically wounded (not

hundreds of American sounce, have died and thousands have been tragically wounded (not to mention scores of Iraqi citi-cens). Harted for the United States is at an all-time high. In-stead of spending our tax dollars bolstering our national security, President Bush is security, President Bush is spending them to further the wealth of the Bush family and its corporate friends. These advertisements are offensive, and President Bush should stop running.

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nem.
FLORENCE BLANCHARD
Bellevue

State creates bigger problem with wolves

problem with wolves
An article in The TimesNews, lan, 27, reported there
were approximately 371
wolves presently in Idaho. This
information shows that when
food is plentiful, the females
have large litters and raise
most of their pups.
An cardier article from the
same news source told about
seven wolves that had been
shot east of Salmon, Idaho, in
ligit fole, Mont, for killing cattle. Other recent reports mirro
and conclude the same problems and results.
Simply put, nature's way is

lems and results.
Simply put, nature's way is when there is plebiful game, pack will prosper and increas rapidly, but when they outgow their food source, they will seek new territory. Unfortunately, wolves have no knowledge about man's upon seeking new hunting grounds, they end up in man's habitat killing sheep and cat-

LETTERS

tle, etc.

The lofty fantasy of Introducing wolves to control over-abundance of deer, elk and bison is a short-sighted vision of some naturalists that never considered the long-term consequences. One pack in Yellowstone Park was reported to have 37 wolves.

The propaganda that wolves. The propaganda that wolves till only the sick and weak is false. Granted, a pack will kill those animals first because they are easier, but wolves are opportunistic and intelligent, possessing great strength and

they are easier, but wolves are opportunistic and intelligent, possessing great strength and stamina. These qualities make a pack the most efficient killing machine of all North—American predators. All wild prey is vulnerable to wolves, and when they migrate, no farm animal is safe from their oxidation.

and when farm animal is sale... predation. The Wolf Reintroduction Act coorly conceived plan that will continue The Woll Reintroduction Air is a poorly conceived plan that has caused and will continue to cause huge problems as time passes. Not only is it an inhumane program against the wolves but a never-ending cost forced upon the taxpay-

1 can remember when we depended on our government to solve problems wisely. Now creates them. GLEN CAPPS

Point should be clarified regarding county fair

regarding county fair
The fair is not a necessity quote taken out of context.
The paper's ability to extract and print the information that hest serves its purpose is a powerful tool. In the March 9 article regarding the county fair levy, I was quoted as saying, "Is the fair a necessity" I don't think so." My actual statement was in regard to a statement was in regard to a statement by a member of the fair board that there are a lot of families that simply can't afford to attend the fair, and that the levy would allow free admission. My full response was "Is the fair a necessity! If a family can't afford to attend the county fair, they can choose not to go, but If you pass the levy and they can't chood the ricease in their taxes, they can't choose not to pay

they can't choose not to pay their taxes."

My point is that the reques will be for a two-year, 2-mill levy that will increase county will be for a two-gran, 2-min levy that will increase county taxes by \$20 per every \$100,000 of property value. If the rationale behind the re-quest is to provide access for those individuals that can't al-ford the gate fee, how do the sepect them to pay the in-crease in their taxes? \$COTT MARTIN Twin Falls

Ketchum Democrats

Setop I Democrats
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Senate Minority Leader
Clint Stennnett and House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet
should applogize to their constituents and then resign.
During the Democratic caucus held in Hailey, they
auctioned a button depicting
our president, yice president,

auctioned a button depicting our president, vice president, attorney general and secretary of defense as the "asses of

attorney general and sected of defense as the "asses of ovil."

It was, at best, an embarrassingly stupid attempt a sophomoric humor and, at sophomoric humor and, at worst. Vile and demaning, showing the basest, meanspirited political attack.

In either case, if demonstrates the moral dearth in which the Democratic leadership is mired. The very best hat their 'best' can do is name call.

The button brought \$300, and an attempt to get John Kerry to sign it is in the works. It is my bet that \$6m. Kerry will not come close to that button, let alone sign it. If he did, it would be a field day for conservatives! Alam Blinken is quoted as saying the Bush conservatives Alan Blinken is quoted as saying the Bush campaign will try any means possible to defame Kerry. It is my hope and belief that they (the Bush campaign) will point out his flip-flops on everything from the North America Free Trade Agreement to Iraq, his auti-defense and andi-military owing record, and that he is the most liberal senator in Congress, according to The the most liberal senator in Congress, according to The National Journal. I hope they ask the senator to authorize the release of his FBI file to clear the air about his anti-wi activities in the 1970s, just as the Democrats demanded President Bush release his mil-

trary records.

The one thing I know they won't do is call Sen. Kerry an evil ass.

KEN CARWIN

Government protecting us-from-ourselves?_

-us-from-ourselves?

Looks like our public land gurus, the Idaho State Department of Parks and Recreation. Idaho State Department of Parks and Recreation. Idaho State Department of Lands, and the Idaho Fish and Game Department are conspiring with the federal government (U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management) again to limit our (the publics) use of our (public) land and to come up with proposals to protect us

with proposals to protect us from ourselves.

The proposals these agen-cies would like to become law ould like to become inmarized in *The Ti*. News, Wednesday, March 10,

on Page A-2. They concern all-terrain vehicle use training, feimet use, sound limitations and uniform route designation, etc. If you use an ATV (four-wheeler, trail bike, etc.), I would suggest you read the off-road vehicle article in Wednesday's paper and state your opinion to Mr. Dave Claycomb, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 3720, Boise, ID B3720-0065, before off-road means your driveway only.

Looks like they are wanting to punish all for the irresponsibility, mistakes and mishaps of the few.

JIM CHILDS

JIM CHILDS

CEO positions could also be exported

As Lwas driving home lis-tening to a radio editorial concerning the exportation of jobs overseas and having read recent stories concerning the same. I had two thoughts that came to mind.

The first is that instead of

who may me lower-level jobs, unive officer and other high-level administrative positions? We could hire upper-level administrative positions? We could hire upper-level adminis for pennies on the dollar who would be more than willing to falsify profit statements and plunder employee retirement funds for much less than their American counterparts. Think how much money could be saved.

And why store the chief counterparts. orting the lower-level jobs, onot export the chief exec-

how much money could be saved.

And why stop there? Let's export our USA congressional and upper levels of government positions as well. It boggles the mind how much money could be saved if we removed the perks and the pork from the burden of the taxpayer. Let the millionaire Congresspersons return to find a decent paying job in the regular sectors of normal life just like the rest of us. And all the money that we save from not having to fork out huge.

severance and retirement packages could be put into the Social Security fund to as-sure that our elderly are not found wanting in their declin-

ing years.

By the way, have you ever stopped to think that if we continue to look to extend the continue to look to extend the age of retirement that eventu-ally there has to be a stopping point since we only live so long? What lappens then? Do we begin to go the other way and expect our citizens to start working earlier to pay taxes? Will we return to the years of child labor so that we can suneze's every penny out years of child abor so that we can squeeze every penny out of our citizenry to fund the in-ability of our leadership ab balancing the budget? See what happens when an idle mind isn't at rest? DUANE PORTER

Fair admission prices remain a bargain

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Section B

Pocatello's pathetic; ain't it grand?

Two relatively recent arrivals to Idaho have whipped up a Web site, name of "Pathet-icPocatello.com," to let them

to the titles ways.

It's a pretty dispiriting portrait of a down-at-the-heels Idaho town that can't seem to find its snowplows under the drifts and subsists, hand to mouth, from whatever's to hand at the dollar stores.



But to be honest, lared Davies and Adam McKinney are working a larget-rich environment Procatello, lacks — how to put this? — distinction, frequently smells bad, skulks under a never-ending temperature inversion and hosts the Idaho State University athletic program.

gram.

And a lot of the unsightly things they complain about you'll find here in l'Win Falls too or in Idaho Falls, at Sandpoint, in Meridian, over in Ritrie ra myplace else with more mudflaps than can be consumed locally.

"This site is an experiment, to see if neonle can communicate

"This site is an experiment, to see if people can communicate in a civilized manner about things that make us angry, scared, happy, confused, etc. about things locally," Davies writes. "If we succeed, then we will become a parody of our-selves..."

will become a parody of our selves...
"I-don't-mean-to-offend anyone by this site. I do not mean to
badger or belittle people. I will
not tollerate anyone who does
on my site."

Maybe not, but there's only
one "I' in 'dolerate."

And his Web site probably
wouldn't esist at all If Pocatello
hadn't long since become a
punchline. (I'm a native, so I can
be rude.)

Pocatello was a town where
politicians, according to former
oregon Sen. Richard Neuberger,
never went back to after the voirers had sent them someplace
better. It was the place where, in
the movie "Start is Born." Judy
Garland was "horn in a trunk in
the Princess Theater."

"It was during a Matinee on Friday.

Friday.

And they used a make-up, towel for my dity."

Pathetic Pocatello? Sorry, that ship has sailed.

But I've always admired my hometowns clear-cyed willing-ness to face facts: It's just not Paris, Heck, it's not even Paris, Idaho.

Pars. Heck, it's not even Parls, Idaho.

But it is a place that you can proclaim that you're from and unfailingly start a conversation. The local Chamber of Commerce used to boast, quite un-selfennsciously, that the city was the only Pocatello in the world. It's a claim that, as far as! know, is to this day unrefuted. What might have happened, after the Iron Curtain fell, if we'd all discovered there's been a Pocatello, Azerbaijan, all along/ Hard to say, but the real Pocatel to wouldn't have wasted time feeling sorry for itself. Chances are it would have dispatched its Chamber Amsasadors to the other Pocatello and presented the local mayor with one of its trademark holian leaddresses. It's a technique they've loing It's a sechnique they we loing It's a sechnique they've loing It's a sechnique they we have a sechnique they we loing It's a sechnique they we

with one of its timelinal mean headdresses. It's a technique they ve loin employed to break the ice. In 1960, then-Sen. Frank Church even persuaded John Kennedy, then a presidential candidate, to stop by and deliver a few re-marks in the Pocatello High School Audicintum that fall. Please see CRUMP, Page B4

Snowpack Snowpack

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Salmon	93%	81%
Oakley	113%	104%
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Little Lost	91%	75%
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Hearing officer rejects arguments

Documents detail why official thinks Ramos should be reinstated

TWIN FALLS — Angel Ramos has done nothing to justify being dismissed as superintendent of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, a state hearing officer has concluded. Charles McDevitts March 3 response to state petitions for him to reconsider an earlier de-

cision in Ramos's favor. Obtained by The Times-News through a public records request, rejected arguments by state attorneys in the matter. The newspaper also obtained copies of petitions for reconsideration by the state's attorneys, and Ramos's attorneys responses.

es. The State Board of Education still has the final say about

Ramoss fate. He has been on paid administrative leave since July 30.

McDevitt's original recom-mendation to the board on Feb.

McDevitts original recom-mendation to the board on Feb. 10 included 15 pages of fact-finding, summarizing testimony at a four-day hearing in January, He commended Gary Silvers, the state board's executive director, for his han-dling of the matter but said the evidence and testimony did not amount to adequate cause for Ramos's dismissal.

McDevitt wrote that many of the Gooding schools's finance-related violations stemmed

from the illness and death of the school's longtime chief financial officer. McDevit recommended reinstating Ramos and affirming the school's transition to a greater emphasis on academics.

The state's petition for reconsideration and clarification, filed Feb. 23. was intended to show that there was adequate cause for knnoss removal. The petition from Ramos's autorneys, stibmitted Feb. 26, requested that the state's petition be desired. It de-

scribed the state's pedition as repetitive and unnecessary.

No point or purpose is served by reprising arguments that failed to resonate in the first instance. Ramos failton. Major issues in the petition. Major issues in the petition cited numerous examples of testimony and evidence.

Please see RAMOS, Page B4

Consolidation

causes sparks in Richfield By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

RICHFIELD — Tempers are beginning to dare in Bichfield over the possibility of custofi-dating the school district with Shoshone. School Board member Jessie West said he is writing a letter to his constituents about consoli-dation.

uon. "I'm 100 percent against it." est said. "Ics not good for our rese sau, "it's not good for our community." When asked to elaborate, West said, "Consolidation don't help nobody."

The issue resulted in an anni-

controversy

MAKING IMPRESSIONS



yl Ruhter, left, a feurth-grader at Lincoln Elementary School, watches as Kimberly High School senior and Miss Kimberly Pageant contest-shley Remaley, right, and stylist Lori Helmelster test some gitter hair spray at Trendz Hair, Nalis and Tanning saton in Twin Falls Saturday, art of the Miss Kimberly 'Queen for a Day' mentorship program, Remaley took Ruhter to breakfast, shopping for a dress and to the hair As part of the Miss Kimberly 'Queen for a Day' ment styling in preparation for the night's pageant.

Natalie Fowers wins Miss Kimberly Pageant

KIMBERLY — Navalle Fowers captured top honors among the 15 contestants at the annu-al Miss Kimberly Pageant Saturday night. In addition to being crowned

Mi Miss Kimberly, Fowers also took home the Miss Congenial-

ity award.

Fowers, the daughter of Mike

and Laura Fowers, enjoys run-ning and is active in the National Honor Society. Sarah Sargeant was chosen first numer-up. Sargeant, the daughter of Steve and Vickie Sargeant, is a senior, plays piano and is in the National Honor Society and Insiness Professionals of

merica. Second runner-up was Laura

Allen, the daughter of David and Brenda Allen, is a senior, active in softball and plays harp

and piano.
The talent competition win-ner was Jayde Graham.
Graham, the granddaughter

The talence con-ner was Jayde Graham. Graham, the granddaughter of Floyde and Deanna Finney, is a junior and is active in choir. Progrant prizes included five

idential Scholarships and other

idential Scholarships and other scholarship money. Earlier Saturday, pageant contestants were paired with girls ages 5 to 12 selected by such organizations as the Wish-ing Star Foundation as part of the Miss Kimberly "Queen for a Day" mentorship program. The girls spent time together in activities including shopping and getting their hair styled.

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help nobody.

The issue resulted in an argument at a School Board meeting last week when parents Taim West and Rie Drelling were asked to lowe after they talked not of turn several times about the consolidation issue after the subject had been tabled. Superintendent David Hocklander said.

The band gave an v date on the issue of consolidat in without taking public comment, then moved on to other topics. Hocklander said West and Dreiling refused to follow parliamentary poceedure.

"They were entotionally involved in the issue," Hocklander said, "It was becoming a disruptive lactor.

Hocklander said he boped they would come to the next point board meeting when consolidation will be up to discussion.

Losing identity

Mike Cenarrusa, a Richfield hoard member, said that those opposed to consolidation have

Please see CONSOLIDATION, Page B4 What's next?

The next joint school board meeting to discuss possible consolidation of the Recifielt and Shoshnes school distancts in 7:30 nm. Wednesday at Rechifield Shool, at the comer of Tigar Grive and Kootena' Street. The meeting is open to the public.

Juniper removal rouses ire

Activists, BLM officials debate purpose of plan

By Chip Thempson Times-News writer

By Chlp Thompson
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BURLEY - A hardle is brewing
in the Jim Sage Mountains
southwest of Malta over the
proposed remaval of encroaching and mature juniper.

An environmental assessment regarding the plan was
completed last mouth by officales at the Burley Field Office of
the Bureau of Land Management, During the 30-chay period
provided for public comment,
environmental groups, expressed concerns about the
motivation, cost and lasting eftects of the project.

The proposed 10-year project,
mature juniper acreage and all
of the encroaching juniper
acreage. Jim Sage Mountain is
the largest non-roaded and unoffice's jurisdiction.

The area received attention in
recent years after the successful
relutroduction of bighorn
sheep. The Jim Sage Mountain
highom head is estimated at 70
to 100 after the most recent release last spring.

BLM Fire Behavior Specialis

Rance Marraucz said the re-

lease last spring.

BLM Fire Behavior Specialist
Rance Marquez said the removal of juniper will promote
growth of sagebrush and native





The photo at left from 1952 shows sagobush-steppe habitat in Cottonwood Basin in the Jim Sago Mountains. The photo at right, taken in the same area in 2003, shows how juniper has largely taken over the area. The BLM is proposing to remove juniper in what it calls an ecceystem restoration project really wanted to promote 100 head of carde May through said restoring the ecceystem will benefit widdle and help reing removing livestuck from and the same proposed to the control of the same proposed to the same pro

grasses in the area. Marquez said restoring the ecosystem will benefit wildlife and help re-

said restoring the coosystem will benefit wildlife and help re-duce fuel, making the remote area less prone to catastrophic wildlines.

But Jon Marvel of Hailey-based, Western Watersheds Project says'the treatment is in-reduced to benefit the 17-percent of ranchers who graze cattle on the public hand by in-creasing the amount of forage of the livestoring ecosystems-weld all love to see that, "Marvel said. "But they clearly don't know what they're doing," Marvel said cattle grazing i-self may be largely responsible for the spread of juniper, and that BLM has never even con-sidered removal of cattle as a potential solution.

"If BLM and lish and Garne

potential solution. "If BLM and Fish and Game

really wanted to promote wildlife, why aren't they consid-ering removing livestock from the sensitive area?" Marvel asked.

the sensitive area?" Marvel asked.

Marquez acknowledged that the project will provide better forage for cattle, but the insisted that's not the reason for the jumper removal. He pointed out that the environmental assessment parameters specifically said. "Fermitted livestock grazing would not be increased."

Richard Ward, a permitter who has grazed cattle in the area for more than 30 years, said there may be some benefit from the project because jumper requires more water than sagebrush and grasses, so there should be more available moisture if the jumper are reduced, Ward lives in the Came

Should be more available to the interior of the juniper are reduced.

Ward lives in the Cane
Springs area of the Jim Sage
Mountains and grazes around

Ward is concerned that the provision prohibits expansion of grazing, citing a 1985 man-agement plan that proposed to increase animal unit months to

000. An animal unit month – AUM - is a unit of grazing manage-ment that equals the amount of lorage one cow and its calf eat in one month.

in one month.

Marquez explained that
AUMs could increase in the future but not as part of this

project.
Any increase in AUMs would require a separate study when Any increase in AUMs would require a separate study when applied for.
Marvel said that if forage is increased, grazing is sure to be increased as well.
Please see JUNIPER, Page B4

EPA rejects city's arsenic request

By Sandra Wisecaver Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - The City Councils request for more time to comply with stricter arsenic standards has been denied for now.

for now.

The news is the latest stumbling block for Castleford, which is the first city in the state to apply for an exemption to the lan. 23, 2006, deadline for com-

Jan. 23, 2006, deadline for com-pliance with pro-lending processing and pro-lending processing and pro-lending processing and pro-lending processing and pro-cessing processing and pro-cessing processing and pro-cessing processing pro-teed of the pro-persion of the pro-persion of the pro-teed of the pro-persion of the pro-teed of the pro-teed of the pro-teed of the pro-teed of the pro-persion of the pro-teed of the pro-persion of the pro-teed of the proteed of the pro-teed of the pro-teed

aid. Returning with a search war-ant, police found onroximately four grams of

rant. police found approximately four grams of methamphetamine and a firearm, said Miller, adding that they also found precursors to the production of methamphetamine.

amine.
Hagerman police have been unable to locate Brown since

Hagenmundbe to locate Brown reh. 18.
The serial number on the gun had been ground off. Miller said he is tropeful the crime lab will be able to do their magic and number back up off the firearm.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Constable faces charges in billing for unserved warrants

OGDEN, Utah (AP) - A con-

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — A constable has been charged with two third-degree felonies for allegedly billing this city forwarrants he never served.
Paul Larsen is scheduled to be arraigned April 13 in 2nd District Court on charges of theft by deception and communications fraugl.
Officials said the billings involved several thousand dollars in fees for warrants served in the past year or two.
Police Detective Tim Shelsted noticed the irregularities when he saw, that Larsen was

arges in billing for I billing the city for warrants belestead had served.

Shelstead's supervisor, Sgt. Doug Lucero, said he couldn's comment on the case because the city generally, and the police department specifically, are the victims in the case. Shelstead is listed as a victim in the targing documents filed Wednesday in district court. That's the problem with constables. When there can be oversight problems that reflect on the jurisdiction whose name appears on their shoulder.

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patch," said Weber County Aitorney Mark DeCaria, whose
office filed the charges.
The office of constable is unusually autonomous.
"Though Larsen's tille was "city
constable," and he was listed in
the phone directory under
Ogden government, he was not
a city employee.
He was appointed to the position several years ago by the
City Council.

City Council.
Larsen also serves papers all over Weber County and occasionally in Davis County.

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R. Lorraine Mai Uriguen - Paul

R. Lorraine, Mai Uriguen was born Iune 12. 1930, 10 william and Ruby Thiel Mai Burley, Idaho, the first of 10 ceildren. Lorraine passed away on March 12, 2004, in Pocatello, Idaho, surrounded by her family.

She attended Burley schools and graduated from Burley.

She attended Burley schools and graduated from Burley ligh School in 1948. She met her future Intsband, Frank Dight She were married at the Y-Dell Balltoom on Nov. 25, 1949. They bater had two sons, Frank G. and Stephen. Lorraine spent a great deal of her adult life working as a bank teller for Idaho Bank and Trust, a Job She railly enjroyed.

Later in Hie she found an other profession that an other profession that an other profession that she may organizations including Minitoka Mennorial Hospital Board of Directors, Saint Nichols, Catholic Women.

Minidoka Memorial Hospita Board of Directors, Sain Nicholas Catholic Women Lady Elks, Minidoka Memoria Hospital Foundation and Boise State University Bronce Athletic Association.



Lormine is survived by her husband, Frank G (Conniel of Heyburn, Idaho: son, Srephen of Lake Oswege, Ore: grand-daughter. Ande (Ben) Ferguson of Smithfield, Ulahi granddaughter, Shylo (Tim) Moody of West Jordan, Ulahi granddaughter, Shylo (Tim) Moody of West Jordan, Ulahi granddaughter, Shylo (Tim) Moody of West Jordan, Ulahi Gordinour of Boster, Idaho: Grandson, Kyle Gochnour of Pocatello, Idaho: sister, Ifelen Ifaynes of Burley Tdaho: stster, Lois McCaslin of Twin Falis, Idaho: hother, William (Ilene) Mai of Burley, Idaho: brother.

Robert (Vera) Mai of Rupert, Idaho; sister, Barbara Gochnour of Burley, Idaho; brother, John (Doris) Mai of Twin Falls, Idaho; brother, Jian iof Burley, brother, Jerry (Bülley Mai of Payette; and many nicees and nephews.

he was preceded in death

by her parents; brother-in-law, Eugene M. Haynes; and Frank "Fat" McCaslin. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday. "Fai" McCaslin.
A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802.
FSt. Rupert, Idaho, with interment at the Paul Cemetery in Paul, Idaho. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, 2001, also at the church. The family will then gather at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Suth St. Rupert, Idaho, immediately following the rosary to greet friends and family from 8 to 9 p.m.

p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Foundation or charity of your choice.

Carmen Sanchez Reyes - Rupert

Carmen Sanchez Reyes, 66, of Rupert, died Saturday, March 13, 2004, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

She was born on April 10, 1937, in Sabinas Hidalgo Mexico, the daughter of Jose and Reynalda San Miguel Mexico, the hundred Heyes in 1955, in Tamaulipas, Mexico, She moved to the Burley-Rupert area nearly 20 years ago, where she has to cresided.

She lowed her family and enjoyed being with her children and graudchildren. She upped her trips to Jackpot, Nex. and also liked to play bingo. She was a member of the luman Catholic Church. Carmen is survived by her children. Jose Guadalup Reyes of Mission, Loss, Maria Isahel Vasquez of Ireyburn, Alherto Reyes Ir. of Mission.



Texas, San Juanita Beleche of Nampa, Idaho, Felicitas Her-nandez of Rupert, Frank Reyes of Burley, and Ricardo Reyes and Abelardo Reyes, both Rupert: 19 grandehildren; six great-grandchildren; and her

brothers and sisters living in

Mexico. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1993, and one son, Reynaldo Sanchez in

one son, Reynaldo Sanchez in 1999.
A vigil with recitation of the rocary will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. Burley The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11. a.m. Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at Little Flower Catholic Church with the Rev Eather Lam Garratea as celebrant.
Burlai will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends and Lamly may call from 6 until 7 p.m. Puesday and from 10 until 10-45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.
Arrangements are in the care of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Thurlow C. 'Ted' Hartwell -Twin Falls

Thurlow Corydon "Ted" lattwell, 78, of Iwin Falls, assed away Friday, March 12, 004, at St. Luke's Regional ledical Center in Boise,

Medical Center in Boise, Idaho.
Ted was born Nov. 2, 1925, in Sait Lake City, Urah, the son of Gorydon and Isva Alice Robinson Harnwell. As a young man, Ted enlisted in the United States Army and served his country during WorldWar II.

On Jan. 11, 1952, Ted marted the love of his life, Georgella Sobotka. To this union were born four children. Ted's life work was as a central office technician for the Bell System and he retired from

office technician for the Bell System and he retired from there in 1988. But his hobby and great pas-sion was Chess. From a very early age he learned to play, and von many competitions, and championships. He played Chess anywhere he could set up a board, and

Hartwell of Las Vegas, New; daughter, Barbara Ann Hartwell (Fred) Botha of Sacra-mento, Calif.: and two grandchildren, Tanya Michelle Davis and Nicole Annette

leath. , funeral for Ted will be held

A funcation for Ted will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 17, at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls with Father Boniface Lautz officiating. Interment will follow the service at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls. All arrangements and services are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho. In lieu of lowers, the family

In lieu of flowers, the far requests that memorials sent to the Monastery of Ascension, 541 E. 100 Jerome, ID 83338.

watching baseball. Surviving Ted is his loving wife of 52 Pears, Georgella Hartwell, sons, John Robert Hartwell of Perdand, Ore., and Douglas Rodney (Edna) Norene E. Brooks - Hagerman

had opponents through the mail and throughout the

and throughout the country. He also enjoyed watching baseball.

Norene E. Brosk died Friday, March 12, 2003, from a
hrief illness at Magie Valley Reglonal Medical Center.
Stevas born Nov. 8, 1915, in
Oakey, Idaho. Norene and
Falls, then moved to Ketchum
1950 to nun the Chevron
Service Station.
Higher in Ketchum, which is
now a third generation Brooks
unsiness. Notene nan the office
for Brooks, Welding, was active
in Eastern Star, and was on the
Community Library Board.
In the late 1950s and early

60s, family income was sup-plemented by Elvin, Norene and their sons plowing snow for many local residents in-cluding Ernest Hemingway, Hemingway was always quite riendly to "the locals" and fre-quently would invite the snowplow crew in for a drink. Later, Brooks Welding was selected by friends of Ernest Hemingway to destroy his sui-cide weapon.

Hemingway to destroy his suf-cide weapon.

Norene enjoyed both trout fishing and big game hunting. She was happiest stalking small trout on streams she could jump across.

She is survived by her three sisters, Louise, Charlotte and Bernice; her two sons, Allen and Ray, four grandchildren; and three great-grandchil-dren. Her parents, her brother, and three great-grandent-dren. Her parents, her brother, Ed Uhlig; and her husband, Elvin Brooks, preceded her in

es. She will be interred in Ketchum.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you stop and raise a glass in remembrance of Norene.

Hagerman police seek three suspects in drug-related cases In an interview with officers. William Virgil Brown admitted he had drug paraphernalla in his home and consented to a police search, Miller said. But when officers arrived at the home, Brown barred their entry without a warrant, Miller said.

HAGERMAN — Police have such arrest warnants for three Hagerman residents in connection with drug and frearms related charges. The Hagerman Police Department, which has ratcheted up its drug enforcement efforts in recent months, is looking for George Jensen, 41, Tamman Hamilton Jensen, 33, and William Virgil Brown, 39, All three are at large.

Suspicious activity at a Hagerman residence in October sparked the initial investigation of the Jensens, Police Chief Loren Miller said.

of the Jensens, Police Chief Loren Miller sald. The occupants of the home were evicted in the middle of the investigation, Miller sald. When the Jensens moved to 260 Orchard St. E., so did the In-

280 Orchard St. E., so did the Investigation.
Miller. Sisted by the GoodIng County Sheriff's
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Olga N. Fisher of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Methodist Church in Ru-pert; friends and family may call-from 4-to-7-p.m. today at Hansen's Mortuary in Rupert.

J.B. Smith of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Monday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Later-day Saints Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Act, Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:43 a.m. Monday at the church.

delba Cox Dillon of Twin

Meiba Cox Dinon of Iwan Palls, celebration of ide at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lin-coln, Jerome: friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Farnsworth Mortuary.

Ruby Lucille Harris of Iwin Falls, formerly of Nampa,

Keeping a watch in the neighborhood

and reporting suspicious activity is important.

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– Loren Miller, Hagerman police chief

analyzed at the Idaho State Po-lice crime lab in Meridian. George Jensen, who has a prior possession of a controlled substance conviction, is now

prior possession of a communa-substance conviction, is now wanted on charges of posses-sion of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of drug para-phernalia and felony injury to a

child.

In a search of a vaicant home owned by Tammy Hamilton lensen at 180 S.St. W. on March 4, investigators found drug paraphernalia, Miller said. Tammy Hamilton Jensen also is wanted on felony injury to a child charges.

child charges.

An unidentified informant reported seeing two individuals coming in and out of the home late the previous night, Miller

said.
The ISP crime lab also is testing evidence seized from a home at 313 Third Ave. S. related to a separate investigation in to a sep February

pull number back up off the firearm."

An arrest warrant has been issued for Brown for possession of methampheteamine and possession of drug paraphermalia.

Miller said Hagerman residents should continue to report suspicious activity to police.

Keeping a watch in their suspicious activity is important, he said." Inced the input and the help I have received from Gooding Courty Sheriff Shawn Gough and his deputies and the task force.

Anyone with information about the three fugitives can contact Miller at 837-6836 or the Gooding Courty Sheriff's Department at 934-4421.

SERVICES

graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Meridian

Cemetery in Meridian (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

DEATH NOTICES Stella Marie Lawson

BUHL — Stella Marie Law-on, 77, of Buhl, died Saturday, farch 13, 2004, at the Snake iver Rehabilitation and Living River Rehabilita Center in Buhl.

Arrangements will be an-nounced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Paul Fleming
ITAGERMAN — Paul Fleming, 91, of Hagerman, died
Saturday, March 13, 2004, at the Gooding County Memorial
Hospital.
A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at the Hagerman Cemetery. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Arrangements are under the

direction of Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

Lloyd N. Andersen WENDELL — Lloyd N. Andersen, 90, of Wendell, died Saturday, March 13, 2004, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Gary Roy Kernin

LEWISTON — Gary Roy Kernin, 63, of Lewiston and formerly of the Magic Valley area, died Saturday, March 13, 2004, in Nampa.

2004, in Nampa. Arrangements will be an-nounced by Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel, 415 12th Ave. S., Nampa.

Fairfield accepts employee's resignation

By Amy Ballard Times-News correspondent

Immos-lows correspondent

FARFIELD — The City Council read and accepted a letter of resignation effective March 3 from public works employee Julias Smith at Thursday's regular meeting. The letter did not state Smiths reason for resignation effort the part-time position. Council members agreed to post the job opening at 59 per hour. Applications for a Planning and Zoning commissioner/ building inspector also are being accepted. The city extended the application period description originally posted. The Planning and Zoning commissioner is paid a percentage of fees collected, and is expected to work toward certification.

Other Fairfield City Council

business included:

'Criminal prosecution —

The council appointed Calvin
Campbell to the position of city
attorney for criminal cases.
Campbell; who is-also-the
Camas County prosecutor, will
receive a retainer of \$100 per
month. Mayor David Hanks said
employing the city's attorney for
criminal cases would be too expensive. He added that the city,
lass five criminal cases pending.
Seat finalists — Two out of

has five criminal cases pending.
• Seal finallsts — I'wo out of five designs for a city of Fairfield seal were chosen as finalists, The black-and-white drawings will be sent back to the entrunis for colorizing. The council will then choose the better of the two at the next regular meeting. Names of the artists were not displayed during judging and public input was sought.

(Ihank) A special thank you to all the friends and family of Paul Ehrmantraut, who

showed their support at the recent loss of our husband and father. Our family will always remember your outpouring of love and sorrow. Also, thank you so much to the Hospice of the Wood River Valley Carolyn, Leslie and Kathy were like guardian angels sent to help us during this trying time. Their assistance was invaluable and helped us get through this ordeal. May God bless you all.

The Paul Ehrmantraut family, Joanna Tod, Tammy, Wade, Sandra, Siara. Kiana & Caila.

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BEARING THE HEAT



Pike, a 21-year-old polar bear, buries her head in a pile of ice cubes as she seeks relief from the warr weather at the San Francisco Zee on Tuesday.

Utah legislative 'technical error' nearly cost state agency

SALT TAKE CITY (AP) — A state lawmaker blames a "technical error" for language in a passed bill that slashed funding passed bill that slashed tunding for a consumer rights agency, and says the problem will be fixed without reducing the Committee of Consumer Ser-vices funding, Utah Department of Com-

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which represents the interests of consumers and small business owners in utility rate cases. Scn. Leonard Blackham, R. Moroni, acknowledged Friday he was instrumental in adding language to the bill that would have cut the committee's budget by nearly a quarter.

have cut the committee's budge-et by nearly a quarter.
However, he said the lan-guage should have been removed from the legislation.
The House didn't like the idea and we thought we'd taken it out. It was a technical error but it will get fixed, he said.
However, he offered no apologies, saving he wanted the money to pay for a study of the

conomic impact of utility rates on the state's business climate.

"We need to understand how the changing face of the utility industry and rising rates are affecting all our businesses and what if anything we can do to help them." Blackham said.

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Irene Rees, director of the di-vision, said she knew nothing of the financial move by the Legis-lature or of the study.

Mother charged with murder for ignoring doctor's advice had prior conviction for child endangerment

ACLYICE HALL P. 101.

SALT LAKE CITY (A!) — The mother accused of murder-for-allegedly refusing a Caesarean section to save the file of one-of her twins, which was later delivered stillborn, was convicted of child endangerment in Pitishungh nearly four years ago, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Mellssa Rowland, 28, was convicted in July 2000 in Allegheny County, Penn. on charges of simple assault, selesse endangerment and endangering the welfare of a

child, according to the Pitts-burgh—Tribume-Review_in_ls_ Saturday edition.

Rowland was arrested at a su-permarket after witnesses said she punched her daughter sev-eral times in the face when the toddler picked up a candy bar and began cating it, the news-paper reporte.

- Witnesses said Rowland screamed, "You ate the candy bar and now! can't buy my cig-arettes."

was sentenced to five probation and her

daughter was turned over to Al-legheny County Children. Youth and Families Services. In a jailhouse interview with The Associated Press Friday, Rowland said her two children from her estranged husband have lived with his parents sing 1997. since 1997

did not mention the prior conviction and said her children, ages 7 and 9, no longer live with her because she thought they were better off with their grandparents.

Company develops test center to turn manure into energy

DAHO FALLS (AP) — Inte-pid Technology and Resources, ne. will begin building a test center this month in what could be the states first plant to turn manure into energy. In January, the renewable en-ergy company announced it was building an anaerobic di-gestion complex to refine

aminal waste generated at a ainy north of Rupert.

The site is largely dedicated to the commercial sale of re-funct methane gas products, but the complex will be used for energy studies.

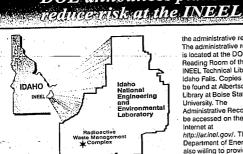
The company will use the center to verify the economic feasibility of gas products that

can be produced.

can be produced.
The process turns manue
into methane with some water
and a few solids as byproducts.
The solids can be used as fertiizer and the water for irrigation.
Company officials hope to
begin construction within the
next few weeks, and anticipate
commercialization by summer.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

DOE announces plans to



U.S. Department of Energy, state of Idaho and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are committed to reducing risk of contami-nant migration to the aqui-fer beneath the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. Environmental Laboratory. The agencies are seeking public comment on a proposal to coat beryllium blocks with a wax-based grout at the Radioactive Waste Management

The blocks were buried in the Subsurface Disposal

Area between 1970 and Area between 1970 and 1993. They are beginning to corrode and release carbon-14, a long-lived, mobile contaminant. Coating the blocks reduces migration of contamination to the Snake River Plain Aquifer and keeps future remediation services coars for the options open for the ubsurface Disposal

The agencies are seeking public comment on the proposal to coat beryllium blocks in place. The proposal is available online at cleanup.inel.gov and in

The administrative red is located at the DOE Reading Room of the INEEL Technical Library in Idaho Falls, Copies can Idaho Falls. Copies can be found at Albertson's Library at Boise State University. The Administrative Record of be accessed on the Internet at http://ar.inel.gov/. The http://ar.inel.gov/. The
Department of Energy is
also willing to provide
briefings to interested
groups upon request. To
request a briefing, contact
Jeff Perry at 208-526-4570

Public comment will be accepted through April 13, 2004, Comments of be submitted at http://cleanup.inel.gov or by sending comments to:

or by e-mail to perryin@id.doe.gov.

Jeff Perry Department of Energy P.O. Box 1625 MS 1222 o Falls, Idaho 83415-1222



Volunteers line up for Mexican celebration

JEROME — The Mexican In-dependence Day celebration being planned for September 10 and 11 at the Jerome fair-grounds should be a success if the committee that's organizing it is any indication. Volunteers turned out in force during betweether the

the committee that's organizing it is any indication. Volunteers turned out in force during last week's niceting of the city of Jerome's Committee on Minority Relations, which put out an Invitation to join the committee that's planning the traditional celebration. Wendy Sedano, a student at Jerome High School and a member of Todas Unidos, agreed to sit on the minority relations committee as a student representative and help recruit other students to help with the celebration.

Sedano told the commission that Todos Unidos means "acces united" and the club was formed at the high school to help eliminate intercultural

conflict. The club is open to students of all cultural backgrounds and is a way for them to get acquainted with one another. The club has started a hunch buddles program at the elementary schools.

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Jerome

ent organization was forming that will meet at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Catholic Parish Hall. The at the Catholic Parish Hall. The meetings are conducted in Spanish and are open to any Hispanic parent who has a child in the Jerome School District. It's a way of assuring Hispanic parents that they have power in the schools, O'Dell said. She en-

information on the organiza-tion to call the high school at 324-8137.

324-8137.

Volunteers for the Independence Day festivities didn't come just from Jerome. Jesus Montes of Bult loid the minority relations committee to count him in. He said he has been involved with the Hispanic community in Bult for many years.

ic community in Buhl for many years.

Sylvia Moore-Futrell, president-elect of the Jerome Chamber of Commerce and owner of Serendipity, an antique shop downtown, said she wanted to help with the celebration. She said she is planning an intercultural outreach program among the downtown merchants to try to get a merchants association stated.

started.
Anyone wishing to help plan or stage the Independence Day celebration may call Lupe Cisneros at 324-5557 or Jerome City Administrator Travis Rothweiler at 324-8189.

Schools wrestle with budgets, consolidation

WATERILOO. Neb. (AP) —
Anyone dropping by Travis'
store and sub shop in the little
village of Waterloo in recent
weeks would have heard one recurrent theme in the
conversations of regulars at coffee time — school
consolidation.

Sims that read. "Save Our

consolidation.
Signs that read, "Save Our School." peppered yards and storefronts. Others read, "Fauther Power Made in Waterloo.
The issue of school consolidation is nothing new in Waterloo, or in rural school districts throughout the West. Small towns nationwide are watching their school enrollment decline and along with it. funding.

ment decline and along with it funding. But the issue of consolidating Waterloo schools with the near by Valley school district took a declisive move this week when residents rejected taxes that would have given the district the money it needs to stay independent. Both the Valley and Waterloo Sciioo! boards promptly voted to menge. The situation in Waterloo, in eastern Nebraska, is a hathinger Tor what is becoming of rural life in America, said Jon Balley of the Nebraska-based Center for Rural Affairs. "What the question really comes down to is "What is the

future of your community?' be-cause if you don't have a school,

future of your community? be-cause if you don't have a school, your town isn't going to have much of a future. Bailey said. Keeping the Waterloo district afloat for this long has been a struggle. Superintendent Paul Sellon said: "Some folks have to take a pay cut."

The Waterloo, and Valley school districts already share sellon and have some com-bined extracurricular activities. Under consolidation. Waterloo high school students will go to valley, while elementary and middle-school children will stay at Waterloo's one-building school. The total enrollment for both districts will be about 850 students.

Across the country the loss of ents

Across the country, the loss of a school signals the loss of a town, said Craig Howley, an Ohio University professor of ed-

wation.
"(A school) is a center of so-cialization in the community."
Howley sald. Everyone who you talk to who lives in a small town who has had a school re-moved, talks about it being the death of a town, or ripping its heart out.
"Adults lose their identity, which has been developed over generations, and fluey don't get to hand it down to the kids."

But Fred Meyer, member of the Nehraska Board of Education, said the first priority should be to educate students. Keeping the town alive, a said, is "distant second."

"I do not want the town to rest on the shoulders of the students," said Meyer, whose children go to the small school in St. Paul. "If we're going to sacrifice education to keep the town alive, I am definitely against that."

The number of school districts in Nebraska has decreased

town anve, I am Centimely against that. The number of school districts in Nebraska has decreased from 656 in the 1996-1997 school year to 501 in the 2003-2004 school year, according to state Department of Education statistics.

Department spokesman Russ Inbody said the No. 1 reason for the decrease is declaring enrollment. The second is financial hardship.

ship.

Some state governments have sanctioned schools to consolidate to save money. In Arkansas, the Legislature passed a law this year requiring school districts with fewer than 350 students to merge with another district.

For other states such as Montana, Wooming, Kansas, Idaho

omer district.

For other states such as Montana, Wyoming, Kansas, Idan and the Dakotas, consolidation is a local decision, but a recurring one.



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Ski resort backs off from drug testing

WHITEFISH, Mont. (AP) — A northwest Montana ski resort has dropped plans for random drug testing after employee opposition and a look at pellicies of other ski areas.

Instead, Big Mountain resort will test workers only in the case of on-the-job accidents or item-loyees show signs of drug use, officials said. Managers and su-privisors will take two days of training later this month in how training later this month in how open such indications.

"From the folks I've spoken with, people seem to think it's a fair and healthy solution," said Big Mountain spokesman Dan Virksits.

Ennplowees will be asked to

Virkstis.
Employees will be asked to sign off on the new rules by April 22, Virkstis said.

22, Virkstis said.
"It's a zero-tolerance policy."
he said, "but there's no random

"It's a zero-tolerance policy," he said, "but there's no random resting,"
Exectitives at the resort, on of the langest employers in the Flathead Valley, announced to middle management in lanuary that random testing was being considered for seasonal and year-round workers. The resort said the testing was almed at the ski industry's young and highly mobile work force.

Under the plan, names would have been submitted to a drug testing company which would then have picked names, at random, and begun; the tests. Managers estimated about 225 Big Mountain employees would have been tested over a year.

However, only one manager approved of the plan, Executives gave management 30 days to come up with an alternative policy. During that time, employees researched ski industry standards, and said they discovered that random testing had not worked well at other resorts. Vail Resorts in Colomdo, for instance, dropped its drug test-

not worked well at other resorts.
Vail Resorts in Colorado, for
instance, dropped its drug testling program in 2000. Vail
spokeswoman Kelly Ladyga said
such tests didn't set the right
tone of trust.

Official will seek re-election

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — U.S. Rep. lim Matheson has quietly launched his re-election campaign, filing for a third term with the Utah Lieutenant Governors Office on average April 2015

with the Utah Lieutenant Governor's Office on a weekend trip from Washington.

"I've made real progress. I'm trying to make Utah a better place to live." Matheson said. 'But I have'some things I'd still like to do."

like to do."

Two years ago, Matheson narrowly defeated attorney and businessman John Swallow by less than 2,000 votes.
This year, the 43-year-old congressman faces virtually the same field of challengers in a district that encompasses about 60 percent of the state.

Crump.

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Introductions were made, and a descendent of Chief Pocatello — the Shoshone-Banck (apo with was the towns namesake — walked to the miscrophone and tried to place the feathers on Kennedy's immaculately coifed head.

The senator intercepted them just in time, tucked them under his arm and pledged to wear the leadness with earthing television in the privacy of myl lving room while I root for our side.

A politician couldn't get away that spain gauch a thing today, but remember that Kennedy but previously served with Glen Taylor, a Pocatellan known as the "Singing Cowboy of the Senate."

God knows how many times

ate."
God knows how many times the poor man had barely escaped having a 10-gallon hat thrust upon his brow.
Seems to me us Pocatellans

Seems to me us Pocatemans have come pretty close to em-barrassing ourselves a time or

Steve Crump is The Times-News features editor. Write to him: at scrump@magic valley.com.



BATTER UP_



ven Jacobs, 9, connects with a tennis ball d ball game with several other children Tuesday in Victoria Park in Longview, Wash.

73 percent. A proposal by Engineer Donald Acheson of Twin Falls-based Riedesel & Associates, for a scaled-drown water system, study focused on artifice are received in the city intust reanine, all facets of the water system and prioritize needs with cost estimates.

The proposal will cost Castle-ford \$17,418.

ford \$17.418.
Estimates for building a treatment plant have been as high as \$200,000, an amount \$25,000 more than the city's entire annual budget. Estimates for operation go as high as \$1,000 per connection.

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For Castleford that would anslate into a yearly bill of

The captured arsenic must also be disposed of as a hazardous waste.

ardous waste.

And city officials still question if arsenic should even be an

Account amount even be an save.

According to the February 2004 Idaho Ruard Water Association newsletter, a small-town mayor in Ohio is campaigning to stop the assente rube in its present form and Dr. Steve Lamm, an epidemiologist and pediatrician, reports on new te-search that shows no evidence of significant health effects from arsenic at levels common in the United States.

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\$104,000

Arsenic

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schedule for consideration. The city now wants a seven-year ex-tension for compliance of the new 10 parts per billion arsenic standard.

anderd.
The arsenic level in Castle-The arsenic rever ford's water has been measured at 22 parts per billion. The city originally filed for a six-month extension, which the

The city originally filed for a six-month extension, which the EPA was set to approve, but then tried to amend that request to seven years. Green indicated the city needed to go back to the drawing board and submit an

uraving board and submit an entirely new request.

After filling for the ste-month extension, city officials learned that they might not be able to obtain funds to construct a treatment facility to remove areaine from water by the 2006 deadline.

Bond advant

ne. of election laws and the grant application process can take months, sometimes years. Jerri Henry, Idaho's Depart-ment of Environmental Quality

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ment of Environmental Quality
authority on arsenic. has supported Castlefords request for a
longer excuption period based
on the dry's finances.
Even the state DEQ has been
given an extension by the EPA,
meaning the state vill not take
over the responsibility of implementing all aspects of the
arsenic rule until January 2005.
The EPA remains responsible
for implementing the exemption process that Castleford is
caught up in.

tion process that Castleford is caught up in.
"Castleford is the first city to apply so far." Green said. "They are the most proactive and co-

are the most proactive and co-operative."

But the City Council's effort to meet the pending mandates has been a dilificult.

Grant applicants must show the city is trying to help itself, so last fall water rates were raised

arsente at revets common in the United States.

Tim not opposed to reason-able environmental regulations, but I do object when there is questionable — even faulty—science to back up regulations and no money. City Attorney Mark Guerry said.

The city of Casteford and the public are being ordered aroundard told what to do without any input. It's like an 800-pound gorilla telling you what to do because it can." Consolidation

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legitimate concerns for the community's identity.

People don't want the school
leaving there. 'Centarrius's side.

He has his own concerns for
the school's future. Richfield
School depends on a \$75,000
supplemental levy that will run
out this year. A renewal election
outld be held as soon as May.

If the levy isn't renewed, he
could imagine cutting sport
and physical education protgrams, but then students would
leave and the school would lose
funding based on attendance,
ultimately leading to a down
and spirit of cuts. He said
consolidation might help with
some of these financial problems.

Thave nothing to gain by

lems.
"I have nothing to gain by this," Cenarrusa said. "In the end, the voters have to vote on this. We cannot make this happen."

Open meetings

Upen IIIeEUIIES
Tami West, who is the daughter of board member Jessie West, along with Dreiling and Teri Turnage, another parent, sent complaints to the Lincoln County prosecutor's office last week

that Richfield School Board and ion board meetings were illegal according to open meeting laws.
"I just want it to be open to the public." Tanil West said.
She is also suspicious of con-solidation. She said the only solidation. She said the only a feasibility study done in 2000 that didn't make it look good for nichfield.

that didnt make it not a better his his his his his his his heen filed, but a letter has been sent alleging violations of the daho Open Meetings Law in the last four months. The prosecutor's officer is gathering minutes, and the matter is under investigation. The prosecutor's office would not release any other in-

gation. The prosecutor's office would not release any other information.

The law requires that public officials notify people of the regular schedule of meetings once year and post an agenda 48 hours before each meeting. Special meetings are required to have 24 hours notice and a posted agenda. If a public body violates these regulations, any actions or deliberations are vold, and there is a \$150 fine. The group can then have a properly announced meeting and proceed as before.

Yellowstone ecosystem could be full in 25 years

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) orthzy bears could reach "full occupancy" in the Greater Vel occupancy in the commentation of the C

could be much closer to human communities by 2029, said Joel Berger, senior scientist with the Waddiffe Conservation Society.

They could be near the Woming towns of Afton. Alphne. Big Pincy and Kemmercr. Berger said.

Grizzlies were listed as threatened species under the Endangreed Species Act in 1975. Steps were taken to protect the animals, including moving livestock away from grizzly habitat

and keeping garbage and other sources of human food away from the bears. Since then, they have seen a significant population increase, said Chuck Schwartz, leader of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Bear

Study Team.
"Distribution of grizzlles in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem increased 11 percent between the 1970s and 1980s, and 34 percent between the 80s and '90s," Schwartz said.

Canada will ease requirements for feeder cattle

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Canadian officials plan to li-certain requirements for feeder cattle from the United States,

certain requirements to access a move they say will improve year-round access for cattle headed to Canadian feedlots. Under the rules, testing and treatment requirements for anaphasmosis and the viral disease bluetongue will no longer apply to feeder cattle imported from the United States, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency said. Anaplasmosis is caused by a blood parasite and can cause anemia, or even death. Insects can spread both diseases.

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diseases.
The rules, to take effect April,
are a "positive recognition of
the integrated nature of the industry," said Clut Thomson,
consul general for Canada for
the Upper Midwest and Rocky
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met with cautious optimism some Montana agricultu leaders who said they want more details.

more details. Steve Pilcher, executive vice president of the Montana Stock-growers Association, said his group has been "very adamant

and persistent in saying there is no scientific justification for the seasonal restrictions: that have been in place.

Currently, feeder cattle from about nine states, including Montana, can enter Canada without testing during the coolerseason months of October through March. Feeder cattle from other states can, too, if they are tested first, said Francine Lord, a vetrainarian and national manager for import-export at the CFIA.

Cattle from nearly all states can be sent to Canadian feedlots during the remaining months it they are first tested, she said.

But under the new plan, seen as a way to increase access, feeder cattle from 39 states, including Montana, could be sent to Canadian feedlots without esting. Lord said. Feeder cattle from the other 11 states, considered to have a "high incidence" of bluetongue, would not have to be tested if they spent at least colored to the state before going to Canada, she said.

Testing still would be an option for those cattle, according to CFIA.

defense against predators. Juniper encroachment provides excellent cover for mountain lions, and some bighoms have been killed re-cently around wooded areas near water supplies, Hatch cited

Duane Reynolds,-chairman of the Sierra Club's Northern Rockies Chapter, said his group is concerned that non-native grasses will be used to provide

Growing grass

or feeder Cattle

The "high incidence" states, many in the South, historically havent sent "significant" numbers offeeder cattle north across the border. The agency said, adding that Canadias classification of bluetongue incidence is based on information from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The rules also will require Canadian feedlots that import U.S. cattle to have "risk miligation measures," including keeping imported feeder cattle segregated from breeding stock, the agency said.

George Lutchach, the CFIAschief veterinarian for animal health in western Canada. said the rules came about from new scientific information and from consultation with industry offi-

the rules came about from new scientific information and from consultation with inclustry officials and others. He noted, however, that cattle movement restrictions tied to cases of mad crow disease may keep producers from taking immediate advantage of the new rules. Lutorbach sald no cattle from Canada can enter the United States under the restrictions, and only cattle for immediate advantage of the immediate advantage of the new form the States under the restrictions, and only cattle for immediate slaughter can come from the United States to Canada.

Juniper

Fire suppression?

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National Fire Plan money is expected to fund the juniper removal, and costs rould be assumed as \$6 million based on similar treatments in the area. This money is available for fire suppression and ecosystem restoration projects.

Marvel argues that millions of taxpayer dollars will be spent for the benefit of ranchers under the guise of fire suppression.

sion.
Marquez said Marvel is refusing to see that the project is not
being done for the benefit of
ranchers, but for fire suppression, wildlife and ecosystem
restoration. Richard Ward

agrees.
"They left us out of the whole picture," Ward said. "We're a full

Ward said the written assessment addresses wildlife recreation and environmental issues, but ignores the concerns of ranchers. "Grazing is the base economy around here," Ward said. The reason we have recreation, open space and wildlife is because of the grazing economy. These ranchers haven't have wildlife in and out of my property all the time."

Wildlife

Within Hatch, a regional con-ervation educator for the tagic Valley office of Idahos Department of Fish and Game, Department of Fish and Game, said the department supports the selective removal of juniper in the Jim Sage area. Hatch said elk, mule deer and bighorn sheep herds will benefit from the project.

Bighorn sheep, particularly, require wide-open areas as a

is concerned that non-native grasses will be used to provide for they convert native habitat (juniper) to non-native species, it's a concern' said fleynolds, citing the BLM's treatment of nearby Rice Canyon as an example of the damage caused by use of non-native species.

Marquez said native grasses will be used whenever possible, but Marvel and Reynolds argue that use of exclusively native species needs to be guaranteed. "We can't guarantee exclusive use of native grasses, because in certain sites non-natives are so dominant that natives just wouldn't survive." Marquez said. He suggested that a step-down, process of using less dominant non-native species leading to the reintroduction of native grasses, sia possibility.

Methods of removal Methods of removal

Marvel and Reynolds are also concerned about the methods proposed for the removal of juniper, which will include fire, chaining and herbicides.

"Destructive and stone age."

chaining and herbicides.
"Destructive and stone age" are the words Marvel uses to describe the practice of chaining, in which a heavy chain-is suspended between two bull-dozers as they creep over the treatment area.

"Chaining is very disruptive to the soil, which is a living organism that can take years to repair. Reynolds said.

Marquez said chaining will be used selectively-and can actually have a beneficial effect on seeding, because it breaks up the soil.

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on seeding, because it breaks up the soil.

Herbicides are another concern, but Marquez said they will be used primarily on early growth of cheatgrias, which would otherwise dominate native grasses.

If cheatgrass is killed when it first appears, other grasses which sprout later have a chance to take hold.

Tecosystems aren't static. We need to manage them the best we can, "Marquez said, pointing out that many of the issues the, project will address began long before regulations were placed on the land when setters took what they could and moved on.

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The next step is for BLM to send out a final decision on the project after taking into account comments received. This could happen sometime in April - unless it's determined that an environmental impact statement is needed, as demanded by Marvel. Work coublegin in early summer.

"Were frequently in the middle of controversy." Marquez said. "Were dealing with a lot of different interests, and we do our best."

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Ramos

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that Ramos publicly disagreed
with elements of a corrective action plan for the school and
innself that he was required to
implement and oversee. Silvers
testified that Ramos was doing
the opposite of what he should
have done to pull the school
back together after å serious division.

vision.

In McDevitt's response, he disagreed, writing, "Dr. Ramos actions demonstrated" more than any testimony his compliance promptly and completely with the Corrective Action Plan that was provided to him by the office of the Executive Director.

office of the Executive Director.

• Appearance of retallation—
the state's petition also relterated testimony about instances when school employees felt retallated against, or threatened. For example, there was a meeting May 15, 2003, where Bams told the staff that three school administrators had taken concerns to Stivers. The petition said that was not to stop rumnis, but was instead retallatory, be-

cause at that time Ramos also knew of another administrator who spoke with Silvers and Ramos did not name that administrator in front of others. McDevitt discounted this instance, writing, "Dr. Ramos practice of openly communicating with staff about issues of great concern to all staff does not constitute retailation or the appearance of retailation."

• Vehicle and furniture auction—The states petition summarizes testimony from ISDB Foundation Chalruniure and Stella Gray about the donation of surplus vehicles and furniture to the foundation and the subsequent auction of the items. There are no records in the evidence of how much money was raised by the sale of that furniture to where the money went. The state asserts that only Ramos had the authority to declare surplus property but he lef Gray and his wife choose what furniture to religious seasons and that Idaho law gives Ramos the authority to donate property using

his own judgment.

• Conflict of Interest — The petition from the state summarized testimony and evidence about Ramos's relation to the school's foundation, which his wife worked for. One of the conditions of the corrective action plan was for her to step down. This would eliminate possible conflicts of interest, such as when Ramos made recommendations for a buyout of his wifes contract that would materially benefit him.

McDevitt's response said there was more evidence supporting his original recommendation that this would material recommendation that this would have the said there was more evidence supporting his original recommendation that this would have the said t

diture was more cvidence sup-porting his original recommendation that this was not a big enough problem for Ramos to not be reinstated.

Formalizing the hiring process — The state's position described instances of Ramos hiring people before their job descriptions were written or fi-nalized and without other candidates being interviewed.

McDevitts response said there is not supported.

McDevitt's response said there is no evidence of Ramos violating the corrective action plan or hiring personal friends.

OPEN AND SAY 'AHH'



Former Ponderosa owner will stand trial for illegal dumping

BOISE (AP) — The former owner of Ponderosa Paint and two other men have been charged by a grand Jury with illegally disposing of thousands of gallons of paint, binners and other chemicals, said the U.S. Attorney's Office for Idaho. A May 3 trial before Chief U.S. District Judge B. Iyan Winmil has been set for former owner Dennis D. Ellis, former employee Robert Mominee and Mominee's relative, Paul Woods. Ellis, 6.1), pleaded innocent Wednesday to an indictment charging violations of federal regulations ower the transportation and disposal of hazardous waste. Mominee, 37, also pleaded

waste.

Mominee, 37, also pleaded innocent. Woods, 56, will appear in court in the next few

days.

The three are accused of con-spiracy, transporting waste

without a manifest, transport-ing it to an unpermitted facility and disposing of it without a permit. Federal officials said Ellis

Federal officials said Ellis owned and operated the Ponderosa Paint company in Boise. According to the Indictment, the company had generated more than 20,000 gallons of waste between 1995 and 2000, much of which was stored in unlabeled and leaky cans and drums in an area at the plant called the "boneyard." The waste was mostly outdated and mis-tinted paint, thinners and other chemicals. In January 2000, the indictment said, Ellis negotiated the sale of Bonderosa to Kelly Moore

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Said, Ellis negotiated the sale of gonderosa to Kelly Moore Faints for \$14 million.

After getting an estimate of \$150,000 from a hazardous waste disposal company to deal with the "boneyard." Ellis in-

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stead offered Ponderosa employees a dollar a gallon to remove it, the document said. The indictment charges that on April 28, Mominee and Woods removed two truck loads of waste from the Ponderosa plant on Aeronea Boulevard. They took one load to Monitares house in Nampa and the other to Woods's home in Wilder. Ellis eventually paid Mominee \$4,700 for the work, \$1,500 of which Mominee paid to

Eins eventuering the work, \$1,500 of which Mominee paid to Woods, it said. Woods stored part of the waste in a shed and burned some of it, producing 25-foot flames and black

smoke.
In early June, following a U.S.
Environmental Protection
Agency search at Woods' home.
Mominee loaded up the waste
at his house and returned it to
Ponderosa after working hours,
the indictment said.

Nicholas Dobson, 22 months, sits patiently while dental hygiene students from Truckee Meadows Commu nity College in Reno, Nov., apply a fluoride varnish at the Sage Center in Reno, Fiday. The students were at the preschool as part of the college's effort to provide service to the community.

Park will remove sick pines

BAYVIEW (AP) – Crews are starting to repair the forest at Farragut State Park, where stately ponderosa pines are being choked by scrub trees and attacked by beedes. Park managers are also-trying to build public support for the work. The dying trees at the scenic park on Lake Pend Oreille are iddled with holes from wood-neckers that search for millions of tiny beetle larvae. The land is overgrown and the pines are no longer able to

access enough water and nu-trients, park manager Randall Butt said.

"If there isn't a thinning process – natural, manmade, whatever – at some point the trees just get stressed." Butt said. "Beetles are attracted to stressed trees just as a wolf is

said. "beeties are attracted to stressed trees, just as a wolf is attracted to a crippled elk at the back of the pack." Loggers will soon remove about 60 of the trees in the Snowberry Campground area. Most are too chewed up to be good for anything ex-

cept paper.
The selective cutting will eradicate some of the beetlein-festation and remove the immediate threat of store to the winds toppling the trees onto campers, but a much bigger effort is needed. Butt said.
Butt hopes small, projects will make it easier for the park to begin the work needed to thin the parks 2,700 acres. It will probably take 20 years, he said. Next year, the park hopes to thin 140 acres near the entrance.

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Idaho woman faces trial in stabbing deaths

RIGBY (AP) – A Rosburg woman accused of stabbing to death her ex-husband and his gillifiend as they slept will stand trial on first-degree murder charges.

friend as they slept will stand trial on Inst-degree sunder charges. Shanna Whitmore Parkinson, 38, was arrested at Madison County Memorial Hospital on Feb. 1. Rexburg authorities said Greg Whitmore, 38, and Karen Cummings, 29, had been stabbed multiple times in Whitmore's Rigby home. Police Chief Larry Anderson said Parkinson called authorities from a convenience store, telling the dispatcher that she was covered with blood but did not know how it got on her. Magistrate Michael Kennedy on Friday bound

hours.

Prosecutors said investigators found a drawing of two hearts with a knife thrust through them inside her car.

When police responded to the home, they followed a bloody set of shoeless footprints leading outside the house and through an alley. Investigators found a shoe-outside, an important discovery because the suspect was believed to be barefoot inside the house, Rigby Police Detective Aaron Smith said.

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tatoes Tuesday: Chicken nuggets Wednesday: Hamburgers Thursday: Lasagna Priday: No School

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Yoga offers tranquility for cancer patients | Wildlife

BOISE (AP) - Many Americans who have cancer have rushed through their daily grind until they are brought up short by a disease which wreaked havoe on their physical and emotional lives.

A growing number of hospitals and other organizations are discovering a tranquil 5,000-year-old therapy from India that may help them - yoga.

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"It's the oldest strategy for stress management," said Debra Mulinick, a registered nurse who offers classes through the Mountain States. Thumor Institute at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. Thumor institute at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise show to be kind to ourselves. When we're tired, we usually just go for a triple latte and go for a run."

But cancer and treatments

for a run."

But cancer and treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation produce such side-effects as fatigue, nausea and pain from surgery. Running after a latte is not in order and even aeroble forms of yoga are not appropriate.

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Society may look at yoga as a. New Age whim, but advocates say that while it may not directly light a tumor, it does have positive effects which can complement medication.

The American Cancer Society said research has shown that yoga on the used to control physiological functions such as blood pressure, heart rate, respiration, metabolism, body temperature, brain waves and other bodily functions.

Stress can weaken the immune system, making it even tougher to battle cancer.

Yoga means "union" in ancient Sanskrit, the language the first practitioners spoke, Mulnick said. The many yoga forms on involve stretching and strength exercises, deep breating, meditation and religious observance. "Ahimsa" means "nonvio-

strengen deutescy potataning, meditation and religious observance. "Ahimsa" means "nonviolence." But that means monviolence to oneself, Mulnick said. Cancer patents may be extremely fatigued and a hard workout is not workable. She instead emphasizes relaxation and deep breathing. "The goal isn't to reach a physical peak. It's the exact op-



Yoga Instructor Debbi Murphy gracefully moves her body weight to her arms during an early morning class at her studio in McCall Friday.

yoga lastructor Debbi Murphy grae
posite of 'no pain, no gain. You
want to be nurturing,' said
Debra Murphy, who teaches
yoga classes for cancer patients
under the
sponsorship of
McCall Comun i t y
Hospital north
of Boise.

The two
teachers said
they tell participants that if a
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Ipranayama"
neans "science of the breath."
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to breathe slowly-and rhytomi-cally.

Sometimes the only thing cancer patients can do during yoga sessions is breathe deeply, but they can practice it, at any time.

They can do the same with meditation.
The teachers said everyone has a continual internal monologue and the chatter is even worse when they are troubled, such as fobting cancer. It's the oldest fighting cancer. Meditation al-lows them to focus their strategy for stress management.

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focus their minds on other things, such as how their bod-ies feel. "Sometimes, - Debra Mulnick registered nurse

stered nurse
those thoughts can be a reprieve, Mulnick said.
"But the training has been shown to have lasting benefits for days and even weeks. People don't have to be pulled down a path of habitual worrying," Murphy said a McCall psychiatrist visits her sessions to

advise the participants in meditation.

meditation. "Sangha" means "community." The people in the yoga sessions realize they arent alone in their cancer experiences. Mulnick said the vast majority in her sessions are women. They can discuss side-effects from breast cancer and medication, such as hot flashes, insomnia and the early onset of preparatives.

breast cancer and medication, such as hot lashes, insomnia and the early onset of menopause.

Murphy said one woman who insished cancer treatment found the yoga sessions had become a big part of her life.

"She said that when you're undergoing themo, you feel like Twe done everything I can." But when you're in freefall. You need something to do."

do."
Mulnick said-she-studied-forfive years under Jnani Chapman, a registered nurse and
stress management specialist
for the Breast Cancer Program at
the University of California, San

To learn more Institute: http://www.stlukeso line.org/SLMSTI/info/health

news.html Sloan-Kettering Center: http://mskcc.org

Francisco. Murphy has a doctor-ate in exercise science and specializes in adaptive exercise

specializes in adaptive exercise programs.

At the country's most prestiguous cancer elinics, such as Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cenyoga mats are a common sight. Yoga is routinely prescribed by oncologists for stress and to regain movement.

"These programs, more and more. will be part of what is of feired," Mulnick said.
"Yoga is not ever thought of as in lieu of professional treatment. But it's going to become a standard of care."

officers kill cougar in Boise

BOISE (AP) – State and federal wildlife officers trapped and killed a male mountain iton in an east Bois neighborhood earlier this month, and they say at least one more cat may still be in the Foothills.

A mitorist reported hitting the mountain lion near Warm Springs Mess on March 4...

The lion apparently was injured but not killed, so Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials tracked it into an abandoned irrigation culvert nearby, said Jon Rachael, the department's Southwest Region wildlife manager.

said Jon Bachael, the department's Southwest Region wildlife manager.

The department called in federal wildlife agents, who trapped and shot the animal the rest day. If we've got a mountain flow from an urban area, it has to be killed, Packlael said. That's not going to sit well with some people, but there's good justification behind it." behind it

nehmd it."

A mountain lion living near neighborhoods loses its fear of humans, Rachael said, making a release back into the wild too

release back into original, which a lion habituated to living among people and move it somewhere else," he said.

The incident was the first time the arm or years that the Fish

somewhere else, he said. The incident was the first time in at least two years that the Fish and Game Department has trapped and destroyed a mountain bin in the Treasure Valley, department spokesman Evin Oneale said.

There's never been a known oughar attack in Boise, and wildlife officials say the risk is very small.

Idaho has had just one reportences of a wild mountain lion attacking a human. In 1991, an 11-year-old boy suffered cuts, puncture younds and scratches after a montaint lion attacking the Salmon River. Mountain lions have attack thousand in other states, including a recent fatal attack in California.

Judge orders crack down on jury-duty

IDAHO FALLS (AP) – Bonneville County residents who try to avoid the jury box could only pehind bars instead. Indge lerry Meyers says has had it with jury duty no-shows and he will sentence them to one to three days in jail for contempt of court. Tall is the only thing 1 find that motivates people to come," Meyers said.

Meyers said.
Earlier this year, jury duty Earlier this year, jury duty ditchers were sent letters ordering them to explain their absences aid Ranae Jennings. Bonneville County Jury commissioner. Those word owner lined \$100. But Meyers aid the fines did not seem to work. In some court cases, one in four residents called to jury duty never showed up.

showed up.

The judge started a similar policy in Lemhi County seven years ago. He said that now nearly everyone in that county

On the hunt



Early Magic Valley residents declared war on rabbits. See page E6.

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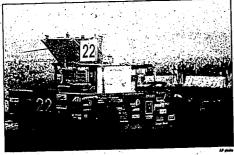
Early problems prematurely end robot race

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into we want occasion, and the control of tiver's licenses issued anythme soon.

All 15 self-navigating vehicles in a 150-mile race across the out within a few miles of the starting gat Saturday, victims of technical glitches, barbed-wire fences and rugged terrain-bloom control of the starting fact in the starting fact in

and snapping an axe compared in the compared i



"We're involved because it's a technology we really need to push forward."

Officials foresee using com-puter-run, remote control-free

robots to ferry supplies in war zones. The Defense Advanced Re-search Projects Agency spent \$13 million on the Grand Chal-

converted Humvee, which took off at a fast clip only to break

across the Mojave Desert in

out of the gate is Carnegie Mellon University's 'Sandstorm,' a

lenge. It estimates competitors-laid out a total of four to five times that amount developing their entries, which rely on global positioning satellites as

ent themselves and detect and avoid obstacles.

Most of the vehicles Saurday made is less than a mile before stalling overturning off course. One six-wheeled robot built by a Ionislana team was disqualified after it became intengied in barbet wire. Others crashed seconds after starting. This a tough challenge – you can always bet that its not doable. But if you don't push the limits, you can't learn. Pasco Inc. engineer Venkatesh Vasudevan said shortly after his company's entry rolled onto its side several hundred yards from the starting gate.

The Pentagon's research and

gate.

The Pentagon's research and development agency would have awarded \$1 million to the first team whose microcircuit-studded which could cover the course in less than 10 hours, but

most involved in the race were skeptical that any vehicle en-tered would accomplish the

skeptical mat any tered would accomplish the mission.

The teams were given a map of the course two hours before the start. It included hundreds of waypoints marked by precise coordinates. Team members were not allowed to steer or touch the robots.

Carnegie Mellon's Hunveewas the first to set out on the brush-and-boulder-dotted course just after dawn. It took off at a last clip, Within 15 minutes, the vehicle dubbed Sandstorm had covered about seven milles over mostly flat desert, but it stalled near the tiny town of Daggett.

The race was over in about four hours after the final competitors were disabled. Commettions suffered a warlety

petitors were disabled.
Competitors suffered a variety
of problems, including stuck
brakes and malfunctioning
satellite-navigation equipment.

Couple sues agent over injuries from falling ice

NEW YORK (AP) - A couple who say they were nearly killed by a 300-pottnd ice chunk that crashed through their apartments roof and shattered on the bed where they were laying have sued the owner of the building next door. Phillip and Lesley Carter suffered cuts and bruises to their heads and bodies in the Feb. 7 incident, in which the massive chunk of ice fell from the neighboring 10-story building. "They were lucky to get out alive," said the couples attorney, James Fitzgerald. "When it hit the bed it exploded into utp."

The lawsuit names real estate

The lawsuit names real estate agent Lee Powers, the owner of the neighboring building, and two of her real estate firms as

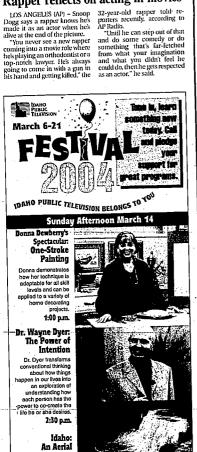
the negative to the real estate firms as defendants. Powers telephone number is not published and attempts to reach her really companies was unsuccessful.

The Carters contend in court

papers that a leak in a threestory water tower on the roof of
the next building caused an
"iceberg" of more than 1,000
. Despite similar ice formations in prior years aid
warnings from neighbors, Powers did nothing to fix the
problem, the lawsuit alleges.
On Feb. 7, around 930 a.m.,
the Carters were in bed, reading
newspapers and drinking coffee when "a giant stalactite of
ice weighing 300 pounds' broke
off the langer chunk of ice and
dropped 10 stories into their
third-floor apartment on Manlantants Upper West Side.
The ice tore a 2.5-foot diameter hole in the roof and ceiling
of their third-floor bedroom.
The Fire Department declared the Carters' rental
apartment "uninhabitable due
to dangerous troord Explorer
size) ice formations still on the
defendants' roof and water
tower that could fall at any
time," the lawsuit says.

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Rapper reflects on acting in movies



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SPORTS QUOTE

This coming season, sales of steroids will be cut off after the eighth inning.

-Jay Lena

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who is the only NHL coach to have won the Jack Adams Award as coach of the year in

...answer below

IN BRIEF Goodbody takes 11th at nationals

11th at nationals

NEW YORK - Wendell junior Jaynie Goodbody scored
3,083 points, good for 11th
place in the indoor pentathlon at the National
Scholastic Indoor Tack and
Field Championships held at
The Armory in New York City
on Saturday.
Goodbody scored her points
by running the 60-meter hurdles in 9.2 seconds; the 800
meters in 2:55.40 and with a
personal-best high jump of 5.175, a heave of 33-7.5 in the
shot put and a leap of 15-6 in
the long jump.
The radional high school
Them you will be shood to be completed to the
long Beach, Collif-with 3,826points, the second-best soever in high school. The runner-up and roorze medal
winners recorded the thirdand fifth-best totals ever.

"She's in quite good company," sald Wendell coach Steve
Goodbody, her father.

Heyburn/Paul all-star

Heyburn/Paul all-star tryouts start Monday

HEYBURN - Tryouts for the boys ages 8-10 Heyburn/Paul traveling all-star team will be held starting Monday, March 15 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Heyburn ball field. Tryouts will also continue on Tuesday at the same time. For further information, please call Vince Frank at 438-5657.

Burley baseball holds signups through April

Signups through April
BURLEY - Registration for
Babe Ruth baseball for boys
ages 13-15 in the Burley area is
now being accepted at Donnelley Sports, Redder's
Showkase, and Fine Furniture
in Burley. The deadline to sign
up is Saturday, April 10.
Also, boys ages 9-12 are invited to Burley All-star tryouts
April 7 and 8 starting at 5 p.m.
both days at the Burley Bab
Fleids. For more information,
please call Troy Minill at 6788917 for ages 11-12, or Bernle
Boehmer at 768-8393 for ages
9-10.

Jerome Roping Club meets March 31

JEROME - The Jerome Roping Club will hold an or-ganizational meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 31 at the El Sombrero restaurant in Jerome. Call Jeff Faulkner at 934 4218 or Charlle Howell at 308-1768 for more infor-

Association seeks scoreboard sponsors

BURLEY - The Burley Amateur Baseball Association is looking for sponsors to help fund the purchase of new scoreboards for the youth baseball fields. Anyone interested in making a donation is urged to call Mike Alcocer at

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Jacques Demers, in 1987 and 1988 when he was with the Detroit Red Wings. Pat Burns has won the award three times with three teams, but not in successive years.

A clean sweep



Twin Falls outfleider A.J. Stone sildes safely home after an errant throw behind Madison éatcher Riley Snell hit the backstop Saturday during the first game of a doubleheader. Twin Falls won the first game 6-5.

Bruin sluggers slug their way to victory over Madison

By Dustin Lapray Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's a good

start.

The Twin Falls Bruins opened their season with a pair of wins over Madison 6-5 and 14-4 at Bruin Field Satur-

and 14-7 & ...
The 2-0 Bruins are coming off a 25-4 season that took them to the state title game in

"We have a long way to go," Twin Falls coach Mike Federi-co said. "But this works for our,

first outing. We had a nice, beautiful day."

A.J. Stone smacked a single through the left side of the Bobcat infield in the bottom of the seventh inning to drive in Luke Hawkins from third for the winning run in Game I. Hawkins had hit a triple to the will in right to get on base.

"To see guys competing when it got up to the distribution our team," said Federico. "The yeally camber in the country of the cou

one went 2 for 3 with an and a run scored. Stone had five put-outs from his

position in right field.
Bruin starter Tim Mealer pitched six strong intilings recording seven strikeouts be fore getting pulled in the top of the seventh inning. All red because the seventh inning. All red because the seventh finaling. All red with Mealer on the mouth the budy one was earned with Mealer of the mouth of the word of the seventh finality. The budy modern battled, "I thought Mealer battled," the winn infortunately. He pitched has but tolf and didnty. Bruit sophomore Blake Nelsen pitched the deciding seventh with the seventh with t

get the win."

Bruin sophomore Blake
Nielsen pitched the deciding
seventh, getting a strikeout

Bermard. Bermand made a sliding catch along the fence behind home plate for the third out. Bernhard went 2 for 3 in the game with two RBIs and a run

scored.
The Bobcats are now 0-4 on the season. They lost a double-header to Minico Friday.
"We're not used to this green stuff. We've still not white stuff on our field," Madison coach Randy Lords said.
The Bobcats have been prac-

Please see BRUINS, Page C2

Sports and politics are doubles partners

It's reassuring to know the na-tion is in such dandy shape that politicians have the leisure to consider the problems of base-ball, college football and the Super Bowl halftime show.

STEVE WILSTEIN

The world, so deeply troubled not long ago, surely must be a more peaceful place and the economy doubtlessly is humming along if the president and take the Daytona 500 and that up cowbuys at a rodeo in Houston. With so little to worry about, the only surprise is that the president and Congress have not yet convened hearings on Alex Rodriguez's trade to the New York Yankees and his relationship with Derek Peter. We haven't heard a peep out of Washington so far on the seedings for the NCAV basket ball tournament and whether Saint Joseph's still deserves a No. 1 spot after blowing a perfect season.

Where does the president stand on attacks by goons in hockey?

Will Congress take action to keep high school players from the product of the NFLP And when will politicians meigh in on the three-day suspension of a sixth-grader in Ohio who brought the Sports Illustrated swimsult issue to school?

In this election year, we probably can expect politicians to court sports fans with all sorts of domeins at events and onter the conduction of the sort of the production of the sort of the production of the production of the sort of the production of the sort of the sort of the production of the sort of the so

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court sports fans with all sorts of drop ins at events and opin-tons on the subjects of the hou. All it takes is a pair of boots or sneakers to make President Bush seem a man for all seasons, a down-to-earth Middle American, rather than an Uz Leaguer from a wealthy and powerful New England-based family.

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Rusty but effective: Skyline captures wins over Burley

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

Times-News writer

BURLEY – The Burley Bobcats and Skyline Grizziles both felt their way through their first high school baseball games of the season Saurdaya at Burley High School. Neither team played up to potential, both showing the rust of a weather-shortened practice period, but the Grizziles out of idaho Falls managed to sweep the double header against Burley 3-1, 9-5.

"Pitching annaged to sweep good today," Bobcats coach Scott Palin said, "Running and batting let us down, and those are the things we need to work on."

After jumping out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning of Game 1, Grizziles pitcher lon Molbert helped himself out by puilling a one-run homer just inside the right field foul pole in the top of the founth inning. The Bobcats struggled at the plate early, their

only run in Game 1 coming after Molbert walked Burley catcher Shane Hoskins with the bases loaded.

The Grizzlies had an answer during the top of the sixth though, when Molbert scored when Derek Bitter grounded out that a fielder's choice with one out, making the score 3-1 Skyline. "I wasn't completely happy with what I saw out there." Skyline coach Gary Germaniad. "But we did some things well. We just nieed more time on the field.

The Bobcats loaded the bases in the bottom of the seventh, but third baseman Christan Loya grounded out to the short-stop, putting an end to the game and threat. "Were not completely healthy and we haven't had much practice." Palin said. "But we're learning about ourselves and well get better.

Both teams' batting picked up in Game 2

Both teams' batting picked up in Game 2 Skyline outscored the Bobcats 9-5 to

sweep the double dip. The Grizzlies took a 2-0 lead before the Bobcats had their best

2-0 lead before the Bobcats had their best inning of the day. In the bottom of the third, Burley strung together four runs off two hits, two walks, and a Derek Bitter catching error in left field. Both Gunnell and Sherrod drove in two during the inning, giving the Bobcats a 4-2 lead

4-2 lead.

The Bobcats stretched that lead to 5-2 in the bottom of the third when shortstop Ricky Jensen tripled to drive in second baseman Shane Hoskins.

baseman Shane Hoskins.
But Burley starter Derek Winmill's arm irred in the fourth. Winmill allowed five runs in the fourth winmil allowed five runs in the fourth inning, two of them unearned. The Grizzlies took a 7-Stead and would add two runs to make the final tally 9-5. Gunnell was the Bobearts bright spot for the day, going 3 for 3 with a walk in Game 2, and hitting three doubles on the day.

Please see SKYLINE, Page C2

SHOWTIME NCAA Selection

Committee now takes center court

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS – Karl Ben-on came to Indianapolis with a

son came to Indianapois with a full dossier.

He'd watched the games, taken the notes, built up the files. He'd pored over computer printouts and debated behind closed doors about some of the best college basketball teams in the country.

College hoops - C4

Still, he wasn't sure he was adv to whittle the field down

ready to whittle the ledd down to 65.

"There's always a little nervousness on my part, wondering if I've studied enough and am prepared enough, said Benson, one of 10 members on the NCAA tournament selection committee. "It's somewhat like studying for an exam."

For Benson, commissioner of the Western Athlette Conference, and the other committee members, this is the busiest inte of year.

They'll fill out he bracket sheet only after considering

sheet only after considering many factors, including overall records, conference records, road wins, records in the last 10 games, schedule strength and a

games, schedule strength and a team's RP.

—If they need more Information, there is computer help,
experts on other conferences
and the NCAN staff.

"The last 24 or 36 hours is a
little bit like cramming for a
test," said Benson, who has
been on the committee for
three years. "It's exhilarating,
but there are tough calls to
make and tough decisions to
make." In some cases, the choices are

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Part of a greater, grander plan

Rev. Falwell revels in Liberty's success on the basketball court

The Associated Press

INNCHBURG Va. – The students with red and blue painted faces and bare abdomens keep one eye on the back entrance to the Vines Convocation Center, sty plays basketball. When the campus icon finally appears, dressed in a black suit and a red T-shirt that shows his support for the home team, the chant begins: "Jer-ee! Jer-ee! Jer-ee!"

ce!"
The Jerry Springer Show?
No. It's Liberty University
men's basketball, the Rev Jerry
Falwell's Moral Majority in
shorts, on its way to the NCAM
tournament for the first time in
closed-to-

a decade.
"I can't get them to be quiet,"
Faiwell said of the Flames' most bolsterous supporters, whose exuberant rooting has won the arena the nickname "The Fur-

nace."
Nor does he want them to quiet down. As Falwell once told a coach imploring him to get Liberty fans to behave. "It's taken me years to get them to act like this."
And for Falwell, who founded

what began as Lynchburg Bap-tist College 34 years ago, the rabid support and steady im-provement of the team under coach Randy Dunton are just the start of what he hopes will be a march to the top of college sports.

sports.

He figures that Liberty's sports success will make it the logical choice for top Christian athletes in the way Brigham Young attracts Mormons and Notre Dame attracts Catholics.

In Dunton, who took over a team that was 5-25 two years ago and has led it to 14-15 and 18-14 records, Falwell feels he

team that was 5-22 kwo years ago and has led it to 14-15 and 18-14 records, Falwell feels he has a coach who is a perfect fit.

"It isn't easy to find'a coach who has all the qualities to play mid-major to higher and compete well who also is a committed Christian." Falwell said.

At Liberty, players and coaches allike know that some opponents wonder whether faith interferes with competitiveness, and they relish the chance to show them it doesn't.

"You don't need to be soft as an athlete just because you're a solid Christian kid." Dunton Please see FALWELI, Page C4



e Rev. Jerry Falwell climbs the ladder to cut off the net after the The Hev. Jerry Frame I climas tin adule to Carlo.

Liberty men's basketball team won the Big South Tournament crown with an 89-44 victory over High Point in this March 6 at Liberty University, in Lynchburg, Va. Liberty University is on its way to the NCAA. ment for the first time in a decade.

111, while Paul Smith had it 116-112. The Associated Press had Wright winning 116-112. "I deserved it. It's been a long time," Wright said. "I always thought I was better. Shane has speed but I was better all around."

Sensing he was behind, Mosley came out in the final round throwing everything he had. But Wright responded and

hotel-casino.

As the final seconds ticked down, Mosley swung so hard with a right hand that he fell down as the bell sounded. He got up and the two fighters embraced.

Jackson's jumper gave made it 84-76, and he also hit two free throws with 28-seconds-to-play-and two more with 14 seconds to go.

Lakers 88, Bulls 81

CSI baseball splits with SLCC

SAIT IAKE CITY - The College of Southern Idaho bounced back from two losses Friday to spilt Saturday at Sait Lake Community College, CSi won 9-before faltering in a 5-2 loss to conclude the Scenic West Athletic Conference doubleheader. Mich Sachowsky hit a two-nun homerum to open the scoring while Tom Heninger stocked a baces-loaded triple in the fifth tomater it 5-1. Goden Engles CSI's horinally sound defense skidded to five errors in Game 2. That and 10 hits by the Bruits sank CSI's chanced as 2-2 spilt on the weekend. CSI hosts Dice State Friday and Saturday.

High school baseball Jerome 3, Bonneville 2 Jerome 10, Bonneville 9, nine innings

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JEROME – Jerome squeaked
out two wins against Bonneville
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season Saturdsv.
Jerome beat Bonneville
3-2 despite a 12-strikeout performance from Angel Clapa. He was
undone in the fourth inning by
singles to Brady Black and
to wild pitches for two runs to
teit.

tie it.

The Tigers (2-0) won Game 1 on an RBI single by Hills, scoring Black after he singled and stole second to move into scoring po-

man, led Seamons, took over, hating 5 for 6 with four doubles, scoring three runs and knocking, home one base runner. Two of his hits came within a few feet of being home runs. Seamons him ome runs. ions hit a leadoff double

seamons but a leadoff double in the ninth before Bonneville intentionally walked Hills and Black to load the bases. Andrew Addey hit a slow roller into the Legace stops 31 shots, shuts out Stars

DETROIT (AP) - Manny
Legace stopped 31 shots for his
second shutout of the season to
lead per his past Dallas 3-0.
Kirk Maldy, litett Inull and Darrin
McGaroedt hielp Detroit
externd its season-best unbeater
streak to seven
games and
maintain its lead
over Colorado
for the Western
Conference's
best record.

Dallas went
O-3-1 against Detroit this season.

Flyers 2, Devils 1.

PHILADELPHIA — Marcus
Ragnarsson scored the goahead goal 23 seconds into the
third period and Robert Esche
made 37 saves to lead the
Philadelphia Flyers to a 2-1 win
over the New Jersey Devils on
Saurday.

Over the New Jersey Saturday.
The Hyers heat the Devils for the second time this week, and opened an eight-point lead over them in the Atlantic Division.

Bruins 3, Sabres 2, OT BOSTON - Mike Knuble scends left in overtime to help Boston rally from a two-scal

seconds left in overtime to help boston rally from a two-goal defici to beat Buffalo and tie an NHL necord forowertime games. Andrew Raycroft allowed first-period goals to Daniel Brier and Jay McKee, then settled down to stop a total of 23 shots and extend the Bruins' unbeat-en strak to five games. Boston went into overtime for the sev-enth time in 11 games and record 28th time this season a record 28th time this season.

Local sports

infield grass and the Bees in-fielders were unable to prevent Seamons from scoring from third to end the game. Jerome (2-0) hosts Burley Tuesday for their Great Basin Conference opener.

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BOISE-Wood River improved to 2-1 with a doubleheader sweep of Bishop Kelly, 6-1 and 9-7, Saunday in Hoise.
Wolverine Billy Kramer performed well behind and besides plate, earthing three games this weekend and going a combined 4 for 7 with three doubles on Saunday. In Game 1, Kramer, Kellen Kinghorn, Dylan Mellleang and Ben Molyneux all had two hits, Molyneux was 2 for 2 with two walks and two RIBs.
Wood River (2-1) plays at Emmett Friday.

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Filer 10. Preston 0. five innings Filer 13, Preston 7

FILER - Paul 'Gerish' fanned-six Preston' batters and waked none while giving up only two hits to shut out the visiting ladi-ans 10-0 in the season opener for the Wildeats. Filer followed that up with a 13-7 win for the

ior the Whiteasts, Pifer followed that up with a 13-7 win for the twin bill sweep Saturday. In Game 1, Gerrish hit two doubles while catcher David

Ryan went 3 for 4 for a double and two RBIs.
Remington Danlels went 4 for 4 and a valk in that game alto 70 on the day. He had a double and triple in Garne 2 for two RBIs, Iceruny Toothman was 2 for 3 for three RBIs, including a two-run single in the bottom of the Rvan was 2 for 3 for three RBIS, Including a two-run single in the bottom of the Rvan was 2 for 3 for three RBIS including a two-runs single in the bottom of the Rvan was 2 for 3 for 3

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Ryan was credited for solid play behind the plate by coach Kent Knigge. Game 2 starter Josh Paxton struck out eight in three innings work.

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JEROME – Jerome's batters
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losses Saturday, 8-4 and 14-4.
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Eagle 4, Twin Falls 0 Eagle 12, Twin Falls 3

EAGLE - Two-time defending State champion Eagle swept Twm Fallst-0 and 12-3 Saturday to drop the Brains to 0-2 on the young season. Errors hurt Twin Falls in Garne

Errors hurt Twin Falls in Garne L, a 4-0 loss with all runs uncarned against hurler Belinda Turley. Turley ran out of gas in Garne 2 with the Bruins ahead 3-2. Eagle pitcher Rebeka Tsatsa

Dotroit Red Wings goalle Manny Legace dives for a save in the first period against the Dallas Star Saturday at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Legace stopped 31 shots in Detroit's 3-0 win. It was his second shutout of the season.

Hurricanes 5, Lightning 1

TAMPA, Pla. – Sean Hill had two goals, and Kevin Weekes made 19 saves as the Carolina Hurricanes snapped the Tampa Bay Lightnings 18-game point streak with a 5-1 victory Satur-day night.

Panthers 3,

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allowed a single by Marcle Hatch in Game 1 before Twin Falls got around on her for dou-bles, by Turley and Jaymie Harmison in Game 2. Twin Falls (0-2) hosts Minico next Friday.

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Tennis Twin Falls 11, Pocatello 1 Twin Falls 11. Highland 1

POCATELLO - Twin Falls opened its tennis season with convincing 11-1 wins over Pocatello and Highland Satur-

Pocatello and ruguana day.

Double winners include No. 1 boys singles player Andrew Harris, No. 1 boys doubles team of Chris Machillan and Eric Hieb; the girls doubles team of Randi May and Katis Standley and the market Berrichtoa.

Twin Falls (2-0) hosts Wood River IuseSday.

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NEW ORLEANS – Baron Davis had 24 points and 11 as-sists as New Orleans extended the Warriors' losing streak to

Lakers 88, Bulls 81
CHICAGO — Kobe
Bryant scored 35 points,
including 12 in the final
five minutes.
Shaquille — O'Neal
added 16 points and 15
rebounds, passing Hal Greer for
21st place on the career score
list with 21,591 points.
After Chicago cut its deficit to
two in the final period, Bryant
went to work with a spure of 12
straight Lakers' points.
Iamal Crawford's 3-pointer
and a dunk after a steal by Antonio Dawls cut it to three with 50
seconds remaining. nine games.
Stacey Augmon, making his
12th start of the season, scored
a season-high 21 points, while
Jamaal Magloire added 18
points and 10 rebounds.

Magic 101

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ORLANDO, Fla. – Brent Barry went 6-for-6 from 3-point range and scored a season-high 25 points with 10 assists as Seattle snapped a six-game losing streak, overcoming 40 points from Tracy McGrady in his first game since scoring 62.
Barry shot 9-for-10 overall, while Ray Alden scored 26 and made four 3-pointers and Madlmir Radmanovic had three 3s among his 21 points. The Sonics made 13-point shots.
Tyronn Lue had 19 points for-Orlando.

Rockets 88, Grizzlies 80

Idaho State women fall short of bid

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MISSOULA, Mont. (AP)

Tournament MVP Brooklynn
Lorenzen had 13 points and
eight assists in Montanals 66-62
victory over Idaho State in the
Big Sky championship Saturday
night, sending the Lady Girk to
the NCAA tournament for the
first time since 2000.

Montana, whitch has a 17game vinning streak and. a
22-game home winning streak
will host first and secondround games March 20 and 22.
The Lady Griz (27-4) will learn
their first-round opponent
when the tournament pairings
are announced Sunday.

Iuliann Keller had 17 points,
and Hollie Tyler added 14
points for Montana, which led

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Amare Stoudemire led Phoenix in scoring for the 13th time in 14 games with 25 points.

Mavericks 113, Suns 90
PHOENIX - Michael Finley
matched his season-high with
38 points and the Dallas Mavericks handed the skidding.
Phoenix Suns their fourth consecutive loss.
The victory moved the Mavericks a half-game ahead of
Memphis in the Western Conference standings.
Antoine Walker had 18 points
and 10 rebounds, Antawn Jamison had 15 points and 10
rebounds, and Dix Nowitzki
added 12 rebounds. The Mavericks outrebounded Phoenix
64-43.

Mavericks 113, Suns 90

n fall short of bid
63-52 with 2:51 remaining on a
basket by Tyler.
Idaho State (20-8) outscored
Montana 10-3 the rest of the
way, including five points from
Annie Anderson, who led the
Bengals with 22 points.
Lindy Whitley added 13
points, Christa Brossman finished yith 10, and Molly Hays
and seven points and 11 rebounds for the Bengals, with
won just six games last season.
The Lady Griz jumped to an
18-7 lead on a basket by Jody
McLeod before a basket by
Heldi Gifford, back-to-back 3pointers by Anderson and two
ree throws by Anderson and the
Bengals within one at 18-17
with 9:11 left in the half.

Bruins

Continued from C1 ticing in the school parking lot and will continue to do so until the 1-3 feet of snow mets off their field.

Sharks 3, Kings 1

Game 2 The Bruins took a 10-run lead The Bruinst look a furful ready over the Bobcats on a Nathan Robertson one-out single in the fifth to run-rule Madison 14-4 in game 2.

Robertson went 3 for 4 with four RBIs and two runs scored in the game. Two of his hits were

MONTREAL - Yanic Per-reault scored midway through the third period to lift the Mon-treal Canadiens to a 4-3 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Saturday night.

Nahokov made 25 shots in relief-of the injured Vesa Toskala to

of the injured Vesa rossaa o help San Jose defeat Los Angeles. The first-place Sharks in-creased their lead over Dallas to five points in the Pacific Divi-

Thrashers 5, Captials 2

ATIANTA – Sean McEachern snapped a third-period tie, and Vyachestav Kozlóv scored his 20th goal as the Atlanta Thrash-ers scored three times in the final 6:08 to beat the Washing-ton Capitals 5-2 Saturday night.

Canadiens 4.

Maple Leafs 3

stand-up doubles. He reached baseallfour times be came to bat. "He's just a raw talent," Fed-crico said. "He's going to be a pretty good player. He's young and he had a good day, which is nice to see, I have a lot of confi-dence in him." nice to see. I dence in him

dence in him."
Nick Carr pitched four innings for the win, recording five
strikeouts and two walks.
"I like our senior leadership."
Federico said. "I really do. If our
pitching stays consistent and

we can catch the ball behind guys 1 think we'll be pretty good."

SUNIUSE, Fla. – Olli Jokinen scored in overtime for the sec-ond straight game, lifting the Florida Panthers to a 3-2 victory Saturday night over the New

guys ', tunik would farms, '' Admis out of pitchers,'' Lords said. 'I' know that Twin has the huxry of having guys who just play haseball. We don't at out school. All five of my pitchers are on the basketball team. I got them on Monday.'' The five 'Bobeat pitchers' throw more than 400 pitches in the last two days.

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Mosley took a \$10 million gam-ble and lost. Winky Wright outworked Mosley over 12 rounds Satur-day night, taking the fight to him and scorling the bigger punches to win a unanimous decision and become the undisputed 154-pound cham-nion

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Shane

Wright outworks

Mosley for titles

undisputed 154-pound chamin the biggest fight of his career, the unheralded WrightConsistently beat the speed with the speed of the punch, ruining his planned Si million megalight with Felix Trinidad later this year.

There were no knockdowns but the fight was fast-paced from the opening bell as the two champions went after was never able to get inside and Wright seemed to have the answer everytime he landed a punch.

Judges Dave Morati and

punch.
Judges Dave Moretti and
Chuck Glampa scored it 117-

braced.
Mosley, who beat Oscar De
La Hoya in his last fight to win
the WBA and WBC titles, was 2-1 favorite against Wright,
who held the IBF title but had
been largely shut out of big
fights in his career. Celtics move back

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into playoff picture scored 20 points and hit a cru-cial running jumper with 50 seconds to play as the Houston Rockets won their fifth straight

WASHINGTON (AP) - Paul ierce scored 26 of his 37 points Rockets wan their fifth straight game and snapped the Grazllers seven game win straight str

WASHINGTON (AP) - Paul Pierce scored 26 of this 37 points in the second half, and the Boston Cettics moved back into playoff position with a 111-102 victory over the Washington Wizards on Saturday night. The victory broke a two-game losing streak and moved the Cettles from ninth to seventh place in the Eastern Conference, percentage points ahead of idle New York and Miami.

Miami. Pierce scored 13 of Boston's last 25 points, in-cluding a jumper, a steal and lavup and a free throw in a solo 5-0 run that tied the score at 102 with 1:48 left.

The Celtics finished the game with a 14-0 run over the last 3:45.

Hornets 102.

Warriors 84

SuperSonics 115,

HOUSTON - Jim Jackson

Michael Hyder scored late in the second to draw Montreal even for the second time in the period at 3-3. In the Blues 5, Blue Jackets 3

Sr. LOUIS – Brian Savage, Keith Tkachuk and Mike Sillinger scored third-period goals, raily-ing the St. Louis Blues to a 5-3 victory over the Columbia Blue Jackets on Saturday night.

Flames 4, Predators 4

NASI/VILLE, Tenn. – Jerome Iginla scored 31 seconds into the third period, and Milkka Kiprusoff stopped 28 shots in helping the Calgary Flames salvage a 44 the Saturday night with the Nashville Predators.

Skyline Continued from C1

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Pallin knows his team will improve with time spent on the flied.
"We need to get a little bit better at the plate," Pallin sald. And we will. We need to learn our pitch selection and gain more conflidence at the plate."
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· Patriot League charr ESPN2. 10 a.m.

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ESPN, 11 a.m.

· Sixers at Pistons, ABC, 11 a.m.
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TGC, 1:30 p.m. Champions Tour, SBC Classic, final round, TGC, 4 p.m. Nockey

Predators at Red Wings,

Horse racing

 NTRA San Feline Stakes and Tampa Bay Derby. ESPN2, 3 p.m.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF -

Minidoka Babe Ruth

sign-ups start next week RUPERT – Sign-ups for the 2004 Minidoka County Babe Ruth Baseball season will be held March 16 through April 8. Players between the ages of 13 and 15 are eligible to play Sign-ups will be held at East Minico on March 18 and West Minico on March 19 during the lunch hours. Tryouts will be held April 8 at 5:30 pm. at Plake Field in Rupert. For more information contact Mary Andersen at 434-2400 or 436-1611. sign-ups start next week

Hamilton beats a silding Skinner for truck victory

Skinner for truck victory
HAMPTON, Ga. – Bobby
Hamilton passed Mike Skinner in the final turn, then held
on when they bumped coming to the finish line Saturday
to win the inaugural EasyCare
200 for the NASCAR truck sefres at Atlanta Motor
Speedway.
Skinner ended up sliding
sideways across the line, but
still finished second in front of
rookic David Reutimann. Defending series champ Travis
Kvapil was fourth. followed by
Matt Crafton.
Hamilton, a former Nextel
Cup driver, rallied from a lap
down to get his fifth career victory in the series and the 50th
for Dodge.

Agassi, Henin-Hardenne win: Clijsters withdraws

win; Ciljsters withdraws
INDIAN WELLS, Calif.
Andre Agassi and No. I-lustine
Henin-Hardenne each won
ther first matches in the Pacific Life Open on Saturday, but
defending women's champion
Kim Ciljsters withdrew because of a wrist injury.
Agassi defeated David
Sanchez 6-2, 6-2. HeninHardenne diso won 6-2; 6-2;
beating Samantha Reeves.
Ciljsters, manked No. 2, lurt
her left wrist in a 6-1, 6-3 victor
y over Angelika Roesch on
Friday night. Ciljsters was not
scheduled to play Saturday.
Her wrist swelled, and the
injury was diagnosed as a
bone bruise and tendinitis.

Death of bobsledder Is ruled an accident

Is ruled an accident
KOENIGSEE. Germany—
The death of German bobsled
driver Yoonne Cernota was
called an accident. Saturday
after police found no problens with her sled.

The 24-year-old Cernota
was killed Friday when her
sled overturned in a curve, hit
the wall and catapubled from
the course.

The accident happened
during a practice run on the

the course.

The accident happened during a practice run on the course, regarded as one of the best maintained tracks in the world.

world.
At last month's world cham-pionships on this course, Cernota was the brakewoman for Cathleen Martini and the pair finished fourth.

Indians' Wohlers takes 2004 season off

VINTER HAVIEN, 19a. – Indians reliever Mark Wohlers has decided to take this season off for personal reasons, which could signal the end of his career.

The right-hander did not participate in spring training this year, and the Indians said Saturday he would miss the

Sautroay in Season.
Wohlers had surgery on his right clow in March 2003 and missed the season except for pitching 1.2-3 innings at Double-A Akron in May on a rehabilitation assignment.

LITEP ends Boise State's season, 85-73

FRESNO, Calif. - Omar Thumas scored 21 points in 23 minutes and second-seeded. UTEP pulled away in the sec-ond half of an 85-73 victory wer Boise State in the Western Athletic Conference tourna-ment semifinals on Friday night.

Affiliere Conference contral ment semifinals on Friday night.

Chris Craig scored 19 points and Jason Williams had 15 points amt Tre rebounds as the Miners (24-6) advanced to face 10p-3ccded Nevada in their first trip to the WAC tournment final since 1993.

UTEP and Nevada, a 67-59 vinner over fice in the early semifinal, itsel for the regular-cason title.

Boise State pulled within 66-63 on Coby Karls fourth 3-pointer with four minutes left, but Thomas, Roy Small-wood and Craig hit two free throws apiece while the Broncos missed four free throws and a layary. The Miners hung onto the lead, making 14 of their 15 free throws in the final

four minutes as Boise State fouled constantly.

Jacquelin, Sato tle

going into final round
DOHA, Qatar - Raphael
Jacquelin of France and
Nobuhito Sato of Japan were
tied atop the leaderboard at 11
under Saturday after three
rounds at the Qatar Masters,
Jacquelin short a 65 and Sato
had a 67 to share the lead,
Jonathan Lomas of England
was a stroke back after shooting a 66.
Seven players are two
strokes behind, including a
trio of Englishmen - David
Howell (67). Brian Davis (68)
and Roger Chapman (66).
Former Masters champion
lan 'Woosnam, who entered
the day tied for the lead with
four others, shot a 72 and was
five strokes back.

Melor caps freat going into final round

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comeback from accident

SESTRIERE, Italy – Hermann Maler completed a great comeback from a motorcycle accident in which he hearly lost a leg, winning the World Cup overall tide on a day when Bode Miller was knocked from contenuion.

Miller ended up capturing the grant sialom title Saurday after the event was canceled because of heavy snowfall and thick fog. The race was called off midway through the second run, giving Miller the specialty title and Maler his fourth overall crown.

Miller was trying to become the first American man to win the overall title since Phil fourth overall title since Phil Mahre in 1981.

Among the women. Anja Paerson of Sweden secured her first overall World Cup title with a sixth-place finish in the final sialom race of the season.

In Augus 2001. Maler nearly lost his right leg in the accident. Now the Austrian could bask in one of his finest accomplishments.

Added Miller: Twould have been impressed-even-without.

bask in one of its lines are complishments. Added Miller: I would have been impressed-even without-the injury. Maier won three overall ti-tles before his accident and Eberharter, a fellow Austrian, won the last two seasons when Maier was mostly absent and recuperating.

Pacific downs Idaho

in Big West semifinals

ANAHEIM, Calif. – Miah
Davis scored 21 points to lead
Pacific to a 67-61 victory over
Idalto in Friday night's semifi-

Davis scored 21 points to lead Pacific to a 67-61 victory over daho in Priday night semilinals of the Big West Conference tournament.
Davis, the conference's player of the year, made 12 of 14 free throws for the second-tiers (23-7), who won their 14th consecutive game. Pacific will play sixth-seeded Cal State Northridge in Saturday nights tournament final. Northridge upset No. 22 Utah State 63-62 earlier Friday. Tyrone Hayes scored 19 points and Dandrick Jones and Dandrick Jones and Call Pacific State of the State of th

57-52.

Davis then grabbed the rebound after Hayes missed a
shot and passed to Christian
Maraker for a jumper with 2:08
remaining for a 59-52 tead.
The Vandals got no closer than
four points in the final two
minutes.

Gun goes off during game, wounds officer

GREENSBORO, N.C. - A concealed pistol carried by an off-duty police officer fired while he sat in the audience at the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, wounding him is the bile.

while he sat in the antientee at the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, wounding him in the hip.

No other injuries were reported from the gunshot during Maryland's 97-86 win over Wake Forest in the quarterfinals Friday.

Baltimore police Detective Darren-1.-Sanders, 37,-was reasted at a local hospital fronon-life threatening injuries, said Greensbore police spokeswoman Amy Frazier. He was charged with carrying a gun into an assembly where admission is charged, Frazier said.

Baltimore police will investigate and determine whether sanders should be disciplined, spokesman Troy Harris said.

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Bearcats fight way to C-USA title

'CINCINNATI (AP) – Fomer Southern Idaho standout fony Bobbitt overcame a punch to the groin, returning to make the decisive shots, and leading Cincinnati to the Conference USA tournament championship 55-50 over DePaul.

The 13th-ranked Bearcats (24-6) survived a tumultuous

(24-6) survived a tumultuous second half – a technical foul, an ejection, a wild last minute – to get their fourth tournament title.

title.

Bobbitt left the game after LeVar Seals hir him in the groin with 8:22 left, drawing an ejection. When he recovered from the low blow, Bobbitt returned and made a pivotal 3-pointer and a driving lay-in that clinched it. He was voted the tournament's MVP, finishing with a team-high 17 points.

No. 2 Stanford 77, Washington 66

Washington 66

LOS ANCHLES - Matt Lottich had 20 points, six rebounds and five assists, and Stanford defeated Washington to win its first Jac-10 tournament tide and a berth to the NCAA tournament for the 10th consecutive season. The Cardinal (29-1) are virtually assured of a top seed in the West Region when the pairings are announced Sunday, along vitil a trip to Scattle for their signame.

Nate Robinson, the 5-faot-8 guard ted the Huskies with 16 points and five assists.

No. 5 Duke 85, No. 14 Georgia Tech 71

RU. 14 GEENSBORO. N.C. -Shelden Williams had 20 points and 18 rebounds Saurday to lift No. 5 Duke past No. 14 Georgia Tech 85-71 in the semifinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference

tournament.
Luol Deng scored 19 for the
Blue Devils (27-4), who won
their record 17th straight ACC
tournament game, B.J. Elder
scored 25 points to lead the Yellow Jackets (23-9).

No. 7 Oklahoma St. 82, Texas Tech 77

DALLAS – Daniel Böbik start-

Cincinnati guard Tony Bobbitt, right, hugs teammate James White encomment guard very bouders, right, right, right committee James White after they defeated DePaul 55-50 to win the Conference USA champlenship, Saturday in Cincinnati, Bobbitt led Cincinnati with 17 points.

Fitch came off the bench to added 21 and the eighth- ranked Wildcats (25-4), Josh Gonner led South Carolina (23-10) with 17 points. ed and ended a game-turning run before halftime with 3-pointers and Oklahoma State (26-3), the Big 12 regular season champion for the first time, ad-vanced to its second Big 12 title No. 10 Wisconsin 68,

game.

John Lucas led the Cowboys
with 22 points, including four 3pointers. Ivean McFarlin had 19
points, Joey Graham 16, and
Tony Allen 13.

No. 8 Kentucky 78, South Carolina 63

ATLANTA – Gerald Fitch and Erik Daniels put Kentucky back in a familiar place.

nament and regular-season champion.

No. 11 Texas 64, No. 18 Kansas 60

Kansas 60

DALLAS - Brandon Mouton scored 10 straight, including consecutive 3-pointers, during at 12-4 run late in the second half that sent Texas past Kansas.

Texas (23-96) elimbed out of an early 11-point deficit, going ahead on a three-point play with 1-27 left in the first half.

The jaynawis (21-8) led briefly early in the second half and died it at 45 midway with 9-80 left, Jason Klouz pui Texas ahead, then Mouton took over, scooping in a Jayup, then hitting another one followed by the two 3s.

No. 12 Illinois 74, Michigan 60

INDIANAPOLIS – Dee Brown scored 21 points and No. 12 Illi-nois held off a second-half nois held off a second-half comeback to move into the championship game of the Big fen tournament for the second straight year.

Michigan (18-11) cut a 15-point Illinois lead to two points midway through the second pe-riod, mainly with the 3-point shooting of Daniel Horton.

Maryland 85, No. 17 North Carolina State 82

North Carolina State 82
GREENSBORO, N.C. – John
Glichrist scored a career-high 30
points to lead Maryland back
into the Atlantic Coast Conference rournament final.
North Carolina State (20-9)
got 31 points from Julius Hodge.
Int he missed a free throw with
29 seconds to play and N.C.
State trailing 81-70.

Xavler 58, Dayton 49

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DAYTON, Ohio – Dedrick Finn picked up the slack on a bad shooting night for Xavier, inting a jumper and two free throws down the stretch to guide the Musketeers over Dayton in the Atlantic 10 championship game. The Flyers (24-8) misfired on their final 11 shots from the field and didn't have a field goal over the final 8.5 minutes.

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At Lakeland, Fla., Luis Lopez hit a three-run homer, and Joe Vitiello and Danny Rombley each had a two-run-shot to lead

Montreal. indians (ss) 5,

At Winter Haven, Fla., Casey Blake hit a two-run homer and lason Bere pitched direc score-less innings for Cieveland. Mets (ss) 7, Orloles 1.

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Jason Phillips homered and New York roughed up reliever Rick Bauer. Cardinals 5, Mets (ss) 4

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Cody McKay's two-run single in the ninth lifted St. Louis to a come-back win.

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REPLACEMENTS:

J.D. Drew, John Thomson, Johnny Estrada, Mark DeRosa and Adam LaRoche

Become key to Braves' hopes of capturing 12 straight titles

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) – The Replacements. That really cool rock band from the 1980s? That really bad movie about the NFL strike season?

Nope.
The Replacements, circa
2004, are J.D. Drew, John Thom-son, Johnny Estrada, Mark
DeRosa and Adam LaRoche Denosa and Adam Embeds will determine whether the Atlanta Braves extend their streak of 12 straight division titles. Needless to say, it's a major

Necedless to say, it's a major burden.

Yeah, we understand what's at stake, 'Delkosa said. 'We don't want to be the guys who don't win one.' Their task is daunting.

• Drew takes over in right field for Gary Shelfield, who batted 330, hit 39 homers and set an Allanta record with 132. RBIs last season.

• Thomson fills the spot in the rotation formetly held by Greg Maddux. who has four Cy Young awards and at least 15 wins for a record 16 consecutive seasons.

seasons.

• Estrada steps in for Javy Lopez, who set a major league record for catchers with 43 homers, along with career highs in average (328) and RBIs (109).

• DeRosa is the successor third base-for Vinny Castilla, who had 22 homers and 76 one

RBIs.

• LaRoche, a rookie first baseman, gets first crack at replacing Robert Fick, the least-mentioned of the Braves offseason losses but still a guy who drove

in 80 runs.

The Braves are counting on Thomson being much better than previous years. He's never had a winning season, standing at 42-63 with a 4.93 ERA for his

Thomson's numbers are a bit skewed. He's played for Col-

orado – where the thin air of Coors Field has screwed up many a pitching career – and Texas, where the park also is fa-vorable to hitters.

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The 30-year-old right-hander should benefit from playing regularly at Turner Field, which is more friendly to pitchers, and working with Leo Mazzone, one of the most respected pitching coaches in the game.

Drew must finally realize his potential if Atlanta is going to have a shot at the playoffs. He as been slowed throughout his career by injuries, spending time on the DL in each of his five full seasons.

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Drew's best season was 2001, when he batted, 323 with 27 homers and 73 fiBls.
He reported to the Braves with some lingering pain in his right knee, which needed surgery after the 2002 season. But Drew homered in each of his first four spring games and seemed to be running just fine.

Estrada knows he won't come

fine. Estrada knows he won't come close to matching Lopez's of-fensive numbers. In fact, the Braves aren't concerned about Estrada's hitting at all, even though he batted a carer-high. 328 with 68 RBIs at Triple-A

LaRoche, the son of infirmation imagin league pitcher Dave LaRoche, was a 29th-round draft, pick in 2000. He broke through last season, putting up 20 homers and 72 RBIs while splitting time between Double-A Greenville and Triple-A Richmond.

Of course, his next at-bat in

Richmond.

Of course, his next at-bat in the majors will also be his first.
"It's not like we're all a bunch of can't-miss guys." DeRosa conceded.

Michigan St. 66 INDIANAPOLIS — Devin-Harris-scored-21-points. in-cluding back-to-back 3-pointers to start a late rally, and help No. 10 Wisconsin ad-vance to the Big Ten championship game. Wisconsin (23-6) will play No. 12 Illinois, the defending tour-Smoltz looks strong in first spring outing

By The Associated Press

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John Smoltz looked as good as ever in his first outing since offseason elbow surgery.

1D. Drew has been unstoppable all spring.
Smoltz needed only seven pitches to retire the side Saturday and Drew hit another home runleading an Adanta Braves spinad to ad-5 victory over the New York Yankees in Kissimmer, Ha.

"It was a little nerve macking even after 17 seasons of doing this, but I felt really good about it." Smoltz said. "I wanted to go out there and be suponth and obviously I was."

Not to be outdone was Drew, the star of spring training so far. He hit a three-run shot off longe DePaula for his fifth homer. Alantan sew right fielder is 8-for-11 with 14 RBIs this March.
"Ites hitting the ball so hard, it's really armazing." Cox said. "Everything lie hits is right on the head."
In other exhibition games: Marlins 6, Astros 1

In other exhibition games: Marlins 6, Astros 1 At Mexico City, Roger Clemens

ouldn't beat Florida this time, c ther. He gave up two runs and seven hits in three innings, taking the loss.

ss. Hel Cabrera homered and hit'an RBI single off Cleme Cubs 4, White Sox 3

At Mesa, Ariz., Sammy Sosa homered and Tom Goodwin hit a tiebreaking single with two outs in the eighth inning. Athletics 5, Glants 3

At Scottsdale, Ariz., Eric Byrnes drove in two runs for Oakland, and Jermaine Dye had his sec-ond straight multihit game. Diamondbacks (ss) 3, Padres 2, 10 innings

At Tucson, Ariz., Chad Tracy's two-out RBI single in the 10th inning won it for Arizona. Mariners 7,

Rockles (ss) 4

At Peoria, Ariz., Quinton Mc-Cracken homered from both sides of the plate. Brewers 6, Royals 4

At Surprise, Ariz., Chad Magruder went 3-for-3 with a

him despite some anxiety about the Christian emphasis. At Liberty, classes begin with hrayer, practices begin and end with prayer. There are no coed dormitories and the campus has a drug- and alcohol-free policy, a package of rules the Dunton said helps weed out

me run and two RBIs for Mil-Rangers 13, Angels 2

Michigan St. 66

At Tempe, Ariz., Hank Blaloci cent 4-for-4 with a home run and our RBIs, and Texas got 20 bits Reds (ss) 7, Pirates 3

At Bradenton, Fla., Stephen Smitherman hit a two-run homer and Aaron Harang pitched four solid innings for Cincinnati.

Devil Rays 6, Phillies 5

At Clearwater, Fla., Geoff Blums two-out RBI single in the top of the ninth sent Tampa Bay past Philadelphia. Indians (ss) 4,

Expos (ss) 3

At Viera, Ha., John McDonald's two-run single highlighted Cleve-land's four-run fourth inning. Braves (SS) 6, Reds (ss) 3

At Sarasota, Fla., Johnny Estrada had three hits and scored three runs. Red Sox 7, Blue Jays 1 At Dunedin, Fla., Derek Lowe

those not inclined to follow the

program. Martin has never regretted the move.
"I had never been in a true That never been in a duc-Christian environment where you had to watch your language, the way you talk, the way you walk, the way you carry your-

pitched five solid innings and Brian Daubach hit a grand slam. Twins 5, Dodgers 4

At Fort Myers, Fla., JeffWeaver pitched four solid innings, but Minnesota rallied for four runs in the ninth. Expos (ss) 13, Tigers

Tigers (ss) 2

self," Martin said.

Liberty has about 8,500 students this year, but will admit 4,000 freshmen next year and is building 19 new domitiones in preparation for continued growth. Within a dozen years, Falwell expects Liberty to reach its goal of about 25,000 students.

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St. Joseph's is ranked No. 1
and was the nation's last unbeaten team before losing.
Thursday to Xavier in the Atlantic 10 tournament. Still, the
Hawks are most likely to get one
of the 34 at lange bids and could
be a top seed.
The more challenging decisions are tilose that are not so
locar-cut – haking Dayson or
Michigan, Nevada or Misseun's
That's why Joy Rose, the athcolleagues spend their widers
scotting teams and taking notes.
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Hose, a five-year veteran and the first woman on the men's selection committee. "You get a sense of what's important and what's not important and where you lees your values." It's a tough, sometimes thanksis job – and one that often draws plenty of criticism. Under the new system, the top four seeds will be ranked in order. Previously, the selection committee has chosen the top four seeds without declaring an overall No. 1.
The school that emerges from the region with the top overall seed will face an opponent from the region with the fourth No. 1.
seed in one semifinal. Teams from the regions with the No. 2 and 3 seeds will meet in the other semifinal game.

Still, things aren't fail-safe and the debates have already begun. Some argue that two No. 1 seeds – Mississippi State (25-2) and Kentucky (23-4) – could come from the Southeastern Conference Another that will be considered is Stanford (26-1). St. Joseph's (27-1) and Gonzaga (26-2) also will make cases for top seeds.

gate-2 and was the control seeds.

"I think seven or eight or nine schools could make a case for being the top seed," said selection committee chairman Bob Bowlsby, Jowais attiliede director.
The toughest part of the process isn't necessarily picking the teams, though; it's seeding them and then defending the process.

process.
The process works like this:
If eight of 10 committee members select an at-large team on the first ballot, that team goes up on the board.
Perybody else is considered after that.

after that.

• Those like Bowlsby recuse themselves when their own team is being debated. What makes this year especially difficult is that committee members sepect fewer than the usual 18 to 22 teams to make it hrough on the first ballor. That means there will be more teams involved in the deliberation and most likely will test the camanderie among committee members.

Bowlsby put it this way: "It's more art than science."

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Falwell

Sports

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Image is everything in politics, as it is in advertising and Bush's appearance at NASCAR played well, showing him off as "both the macho guy and the regular cal scientist at American University in Washington, put in "Despite all the charges that his administration is a giveave, this shows President bush as in touch with the concerns and the lives of ordinary Americans in all the ways the patrician, distant, former hippie war protester John Kerry Isnt. Lichtman said.

Actually, it doesnt show that all. It's just a costume party calculated to shore up Bush's support of a particular con-

stiuency that makes up a large portion of NASCARS fan base: white men. An Associated Preschede the service of t

"Maybe the president is hanging out at spectator sports to try and make people forget the past 3.5 years, but it wont work," he said. "People aren't going to be fooled by this." Unfortunately, a lot of people probably will be.
Politicians are chameleous,

Untortunately, a lot of people Politicians are chameleons, blending into any background to catch their prey, the hapless outer. They promise whatever anyone wants and smile the smile of a buddy in the stands. They prow the landscape, offering to make the poor wealthy to fix the unfixable, cure the incurable, and solve the unsolvable. They practice voodoo economics and black magic budget tricks. They offer speeches that sound like incan-

tations and make themselves available for photo ops at every

available for photo ops at every stop.

Sporting events are the perfect places for such sound bite-sized appearances with a minimum of substance. The savey politicals can touch the people, make the evening news, get his picture in the newspaper and appear as if he's on the same wavelength with everyone else who watches that sport even if he never watches it again until the next election. Congressional hearings and State of the Union pronouncents on sporting issues are high-profile, no-lose deals for politicians. Who isn't against steroids in sports' Who isn't against steroids in sports' Who isn't against college football recruit-

ing violations?

The Bush White House seems determined to pound the sporting circuit, especially NASCAR and its 75-million-stong-fan base. Bush added NASCAR winners to the list of sports victors that get White House invitations, Just like World Series winners and Olympic champions, and let drivers pull stock cars onto the South Lawn in December.

cars onto the South Tawhin De-cember.
His campaign made sure that the first round of re-election ads air on Fox Sports Net, ESPN and the Golf Channel, and he helped kick off the Super Bowl with a pregame interview on CBS, aired live nationally from the White House's Rose Garden, Bush deftly avoided the half-

time slap over Janet Jackson's ex-posed breast by saying he had fallen asleep watching the game

fallen asteep water by then.
It's all smart politics, given the popularity of sports across all ages, religions and parties, even if it seems contrived.

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Road to Masters is about golf again

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP)—The road to the Massers is no longer such a bumpy ride.

No one is asking players if they are outraged that Augusta National has never had a female member. No editorials are urging Tiger Woods, himself a minority, to boycott the major championship he has won three times.

The big rivalry these days is figer and Vijay, not Martha and flootle.

The talk on the PGA Tour to

The tolk round with and the dear the share and vilay, not Martha and Hootle.

The talk on the PGA Tour is about who's playing the best golf, not who's wearing the green jackets.

One year after Martha Burk fed a relentless campaign against the home of the Masters and its all-male membership, the incendiary issue that once threatened to become an inferon has all but fizzled.

"If it was as big a deal as should be a should be talking about it." Charles How-leading about It." Charles How-leading about Iraq. We're still talking about Iraq. We're still talking about the economy. We're still talking about the wood work of the still talking about Martha Burk."

Burk, head of the National Council of Women's Organizations, has been in the news only wice this year.

One time was to demand that

Giding, has been in the news only twice this year.
One time was to demand that Fred Riddley resign his membership at Augusta National upon his election in February as president of the U.S. Golf Association.
The other was to announce she would not return to the Masters to protest.
After nine months of vitriolic dehate between Burk and Masters chairman I boute Johnson, the controversy faded in a grassy lot about a half-mile away from the gates of Augusta

National. That was as close to the club as local authorities al-lowed Burk, citing safety concerns along Washington

lowed Burk, cling safety concerns along Washington Road.

The protest turned into a circus, complete with an inflatable pig, a one-man faction of the Ku Ku Klan, a smattering of Burk protesters and Just as many people protesting Burk. Media outsumbered them all.

Burk said her absence from Augusta dus year should not be a sign that her fight is over.

"Far from it," she said: "Were not giving up. We're going forward with a corporate campaign. We'll have a new Web site on Augusta before the tournament, heavily slamted toward the corporate end of things. Were changing our emphasis toward more scrutiny of who the members represent."

Johnson, however, believes he had the public's support all along.
"It should be obvious by now

lohnson, nower, tocaves, to had the public's support all along.
"It should be obvious by now that the story was not only hollow, but also ridiculously misgaided." Johnson said.
Burk spendis most of her time at home, working on a book to be published next year on how Augusta National's discrimination of women is emblemation of women is emblemation of the problems women face in the business world.

Sorting through a stack of newspaper clippings, Burk came across the original column about the clubs all-endemenbership that inspired her to write to Johnson.
When asked by Golf Digest magazine who wom the 200 Masters Burk replied with a laught, "I did."
"If you count the column

Masters, Burk replied wan a laugh, "I did."

"If you count the column inches of coverage and the ability to raise a profile in the press, there's no question I won," she said. "As far as the guy at the top of the scoreboard, I couldn't tell you."

Lake, with Migliore riding, speeds to the win Derby a Gulf-Park In Hallan-dale Beach, Fla.-or Saturday.

Friends Lake pulls upset in Florida Derby

HALLANDALE BEACH, Fla.

(AP) – Another New York bred is
taking aim at the Kentucky
Derby.

Frigads Lake swept past favorites Read the Footnotes and
Value Plus with less than 70
yards to go for a surprising victory in the \$1 million Florida
Derby at Gulfstream Park on
Saturday.

Friends Lake, bred in New
York just like last year's Kentucky Derby winner Funny
Cide, was dismissed an odds of37-1, but beat Value Plus by
three-quarters of a length inone of the major preps leading
to the May i Derby.

Read the Footnotes: the
even-money favorite, was un-

able to match his gutty stretch run in winning the Fountain of Youth Stakes last month and finished fourth, behind a fast-

Youth Stakes last month and finished fourth, behind a fast-closing The Cliff's Edge. Minutes later, the road to the Kentucky Derby became even more muddled when Wynn Dot Comma, ridden by Edgal Prado, edged favorite Eurosi-ver by a head in the \$150,000 Swale Stakes. The win gave Prado his 5,000th career victo-Ty.

Practions Source:
Ty.
Eurosilver, who will run next in the Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland on April 10, and Read the Footnotes entered the weekend among the top Derby

of Derby contenders A distant hird in the Holy Bull Stakes on Jan. 17, Friends Lake overcame a minor gate problem and settled. In along the rail, well behind pacesetter Irisky Spider. Jockey Richard Migliore then guided the son of A.P. Indy outside and swung him four wide around the turn for home in the 1.14 B mile race for 3-year-olds.

But it appeared Read the Footnotes, also a New York bred, and Value Plus would battle down the stretch the same way Read the Footnotes and Second of June did in the Fountain of Youth. It wasn't to be as. Friends Lake ran them down in the stretch for its which

win in five career starts.

"The runs better on the outside." Migliore said. "At the quarter pole 1 still wasn't all into him, but at the eighth pole I really set him down and he, got the job done. I was really impressed with him." Friends Lake returned \$76.80, \$24.80 and \$12.20. Yakue Plus, ridden by John Velazquez, paid \$56.40 and \$5. Read the Footnotes, with Jerry Bailey aboard, returned \$4.80. The winning payoff was the third largest in the \$3.year history of the Florida Derby.

Earnum Alley was fifth, followed by Tapit, Smoocher, Sir Oscar, Frisky Spider and Notorious Rogue.

Inman leads resurgence at Petty Enterprises

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) - Will the team he helped build struggling. Richard Petry went to a longtime embody of the complex of the co

Oklahoma upsets No. 2 Texas in Big 12 title game

DALLAS (AP) – Dionnah Jackson scored 21 points and Maria Villarroel added 19 to help Oklahoma beat second-ranked Texas 66-47 on Saturday night in the Big 12 tournament

No. 7 Louisiana Tech 76,

RICE 52

"FRESNO, Callf." - Amisha
Carter had 22 points and 16 rebounds. Erica Smith-Taylor
added 22 points and Louisiana
Tech won its third straight
Western Athletic Conference
tournament.

Western Attnete Conference tournament. Tasha Crain scored inline points for the Lady Techsters (27-2), who won their 19th straight game, and earned their 23rd straight trip to the NCA tournament. Anne Peck had 10 points for -Rice (21-9).

Rice 52

and respects that, so they list "Now, they might not always do what he says, but he has them at least questioning what they're

at least questioning what they're doing."

The results have steadily improved. At Las Vegas last week, now runs the team, finished 12th, his best showing in nearly sear. Teammate leff Green, who drives the farmed No. 43 Dodgran near the front most often thay until he got caught up in accident that wasn'his fault. This weekend a Atlanta Motor Speedway, Green qualited 18th and Petry will star 27th in Sunday's Golden Cornal 500.

"That's-fur-from-spectacular, but as far down as the team was last year, Petty takes what he can get. "Anybody that struggled as much as we have needs days like yeas, we need all the good days we can have." he said. "We're no going to get all the way back to the top in a few days or a few nees. It like some time.

Inman, who was 'the crew of his championships, had been retired for likelihard Petty during 193 of his 200 wins and all seven of his championships, had been retired for nearly five years.

When he got the call about coming back, he was helping kipe Petty with the Victory Junction Gang Camp, which is scheduled to open this summer

Most of Immunictime is spent with crown discission of Immunictime is a possible of the Immunication of the Immunication of Imm

automatic bid to the NCAA tournament with a win victory over Boston University in the America East title game. Nadla Bibbs led Boston Uni-versity (19-11) with 10 points.

E. Michigan 65. Bowling Green 56

Hamilton comes out on top at Honda Classic

PALM BEACH GARDENS.
Fla. (AP) – The wind finally arrived at the Honda Classic, and so did the wackiness.
Todd Hamilton was four sturts down to one Swede early in the third round Saturday, and yalked off Minsol with a four-shot lead over another Swede.

"A television viewer called in an infraction that never happened.
And the strangest of all was Carl Pettersson, whose lead vanished when the free putted from 40 feet on the par-4 16th for a triple bogew."

the par4 16th for a triple bogey.

Thit the first one 15 feet behind, a couple of misses, and before you know it. it's 7. Pet-good. It was just one hole that yamed the round.

It was the highlight, or low-light, of a bizarre day that the highlight, or low-light, of a bizarre day that the housety conditions ushered in the bizarre day that the housety conditions ushered in the bizarre day that the housety and the bizarre day that the bizarre day that the housety conditions ushered in the bizarre day that the housety conditions ushered in the bizarre day that the highlight of the bizarre day that the highlight of the bizarre day that the highlight of the bizarre day that the final the first time in his rookle year. year. Then again, he's no ordinary

rookie.
Hamilton, 38, has spent the Hamilton, 36, has spent and majority of his career in Asia until finally getting through Qschool. Now, he is one round away from his first PGA Tour victory, which comes with \$900,000 and a two-year ex-

300,000 and n two-year exemption.
Fredrik harobson was steady on the back not.
Petterson Compounded his five-put triple bogey by dumping a wedge into the banker on the par-5 17th and making opens he wound up with a fond was at 9-under 207 with 11 took Itamilton 17 years to get to this stage. A victory would open the door to marquee ween like The Players Championship in two weeks, and give hijm an exemption for the next you years.

civents like The Payers Schanponship in two weeks, and give him an exemption for the next axo years.

"I Iamilton, an All-American at Oklahoma in the 1930s, had played only a dozen PGA Tour Ficonts until he finally got his Farta of School last year.

More wind is expected Sunday and that could bring a lot of players into the equation.

Davis Love III finished with a 70 and joined Tom Pernice and Aaron Baddeley at 8-under 208, Robert Allenlpy had a 67 and was



Todd Hamilton acknowledges the crowd at the 18th hole during the third round of the Honda Classic on Saturday in Palm Beach Gardens, Fl

among a half-dozen players an-other shot back.

Stupples surges to top of Welch's/Fry's leaderboard

TUCSON, Ariz. – Inglands Karen Stupples shot a 4-under 66 to take a one-stroke lead over Laura Davies and Grace Park into the final round of the sea-son-opening Welchs/Frys

into the final round of the sea-son-opening. Wetch's/Frys-Championship.
Stupples, wintess in five JPGA seasons, strapped a streak of 47 consecutive bogey-free holes on No. 18, finishing the third round at 15-tunder 193.
Park changed to a career-low 61, making five of her nive birdies on the back nine where other leaders found difficult going to join Davies (69) in second.

Morgan alms for third SBC Classic title

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SANTA CLARITA, Calif. — Gil
Mongan moved into position for
his third SBC Classic title, shorting a 6-under 68 to take a
three-stroke lead in the Champions Tour event.

Gil Morgan, second last years
at Valencia after vinning the
tournament in 1986 and 1997 at
Wilshire Country, Clab, had an
1-under 133 total. Larry Nelson
was second after a 60, and Mike
McCullough was four strokes
back at 7 under after a 70.

Women's hoops

New Mexico (23-7) opened both halves with big scoring runs to reach the NCAA tourna-ment for the third straight year. Katie Montgomery added 14 points for the Lobos, who have won 11 straight games. Shona Thorburn had 13 points for Utah (24-7). night in the Big 12 tournament title game.

Texas (28-4) also is certain to be in NCAA tournament, possibly as a top seed when the bracket is set Sunday.

Tiffany Jackson Ted Texas with 18 points.

UC Santa Barbara 68, Idaho 51

ANAHEIM, Calif. - Lindsay aylor scored 25 points and UC anta Barbara won its eighth onsecutive Big West title.

consecutive Big West title.
Kristen Mann added 19
points, eight rebounds and six
steals for the Gauchos (25-16),
who extended their tournament winning streak to 23
games. Heather Thoelke scored
16 points for Idaho (22-7).

Old Dominion 85. George Mason 81

Rice (21-9).

New Mexico 71,
Utah 50

DENVER - Melissa Forest had 18 points and New Mexico than 15 points and New Mexico that 18 points and New Mexico the Decent to successfully defend its Mountain West title.

New Mexico 71,
WiRIOLIK, Va. - Shareese Grant scored 23 points and Monique Coker had 20 points and 12 rebounds to lead Old Dominion to its 13th consecutive Colonial Athletic Association championship.

Jen Derevjanik had 19 points

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for the Patriots (18-10).

SW Missouri St. 74, Drake 67

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Jenni Lingor scored 19 points and Southwest Missouri State won the Missouri Valley Conference tournament title to earn an NCAA tournament spot. Meg Tierney added 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Bears 26-3). Linda Sayavongcharth had 16 points for Drake [16-14).

Maine 68, Boston U. 43

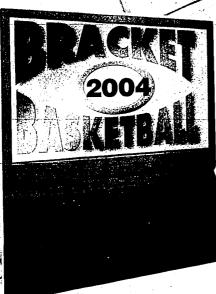
WEST HARIFORD, Conn. = Heather Ernest scored 15 points to help Maine earn an

Bowling Green 56
CLEVELAND - Ryan Coleman scored 14 points and Eastern Michigan von its first Mid-American Conference tournament title, putting the Eagles in the NCAA tourney for the first time.
Nikki Kunapp added 12 points for Eastern Michigan (22-7). Carin Home del Bowling Green (21-10) with 17 points.



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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

CSI students get chance at nationals

TWIN FALLS — Hifteen College of Southern Idaho students placed high enough in the Idaho State Career Development contest to qualify for national compellition. The students are members of Delta Epsilon Chi, a professional marketing and management organization that helps students develop leadership skills.

The students develop leadership skills.

The students entered 21 contests in the three-day conference held in February in Pocatello.

Bert Fellman of Burley placed third in the sales representative actagory. AJ. Stallones of Twin Falls placed in marketing and management and was part of the four-person team who worm first place in the 2004 Quiz Bowl Championship; other team of Burley, Tyler Garcia of Twin Falls und Blake Rast of Higge and Rast of Higge and Anny Carley and Championship; other team placed in the contest of the Contest o

The national conference will be held April 14-17 in Nashville, Tenn.

Builders group plans membership meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Builders Association plans its general membership meeting at the Herrett Center for Arts & Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

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The meeting is set for Tuesday in the center's Rick Allen Hall and its Faulkner Planetarium, with a pre-show at 640 p.m., the "liting World" planetarium show at 7 p.m. and the meeting; desserts and refreshments at 7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$15 per person.

Sign up before noon Monday-by calling the builders association at 736-8991. All those who sign up will be billed, the association sald.

Class teaches business programs

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TWIN FALLS—The College of
Southern Idaho is offering a seres of classes designed to teach
the basic features of programs
used in everyday business from
6 to 8 p.m. Mondays in Shields
201.
The emphasis in each handson workshop will be on menu
items and toolbar features.
Cost is \$35 per class or \$140
for all five classes.

Microsoft Word will be held-

or all five classes.

• Microsoft Word will be held March 29 and April 5. It will cover completing and printing a letter, formatting and printing an envelope, and using functions such as bold, underline and font size.

• Microsoft Event I.

and font size.

• Microsoft Excel is set for April 12 and 19. It will cover creating spreadsheets, formatting and printing from the program, and using functions such as sum, @ and font.

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Microsoft Access will be held April 26 and May 3 and will cover creating databases, witting and running queries, making changes to the database using a query, and using functions such as change, delete or select.

Microsoft Power Point on May 10 and 17 will cover creating and formatting sildes, using and understanding menu options and tools, and preparing silde shows.

Microsoft Outlook is set for May 24 and June 7. It will cover creating address books, using the send and receive features, sending and receiving e-mails, and using menu and formatting functions.

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stands in a tobacco field where his brother, Urwas last soon aliye near En field, N.C. stroke contributed to his death.

Mexican worker deaths rise sharply as overall U.S. job safety improves

The Associated Press

The jobs that lure Mexican workers to the United States are killing them in a worsening epidemic that is now claiming a victim a day, an Associated Press investigation has found

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more likely than others to be kuled even when doing similarly risky work.

The death rates are greatest inWashington and Colorado, as well as Southern states where a Medcan worker is four times more likely to die than the average U.S.born worker.
These accidental deaths get little attention, but are almost always preventable and often gruesome: Workers are Impaled, shredded in machinery, burled alive. Some are as young as 15.

For the first study of its kind of Medcan worker deaths in the United States, the AP talked with scores of workers, employers, advocates and government officials and analyzed years of federal safety and population statistics.

Among the findings:

* Medcan death rates are rising.

Among the imaings:

• Mexican death rates are rising even as the U.S. workplace grows: safer overall. In the mid-1990s, Mexicans were about 30 percent more likely to die than native-born workers; now they are about 80 percent more likely.

workers: now they are about 80 percent more likely.

Deaths among Mexicans increased faster than their population in the United States. Between 1996 and 2001, as the number of Mexican workers grew by about half, from 4 million to 6 million, the number of iteaths rose by about two-thirds, from 241 to 387. Deaths peaked at 420 in 201.

Though their odds of dying in parts of the West and the Southeast are far greater than the U.S. average, fatalities occur everywhere. Mexicans died felling trees in Colorado and welding a balcony in Florida, trimming grass at a Las Vegas golf course and falling from scaffolding in Georgia, cutting North Carolina tobacco and Nebraska beef.

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segar for course and hange seaffolding in Georgia, ceutting North Carolina tobacco and Nebraska beed.

• Even compared with other immigrants — those who historically work America's hardest jobs — what's happening to Mexicans is exceptional in scope and scale. Mexicans are nearly wrice as likely as the rest of the immigrant population to die at work.

Why is all this happening? Public safety officials and workers themselves say the answer comes down to, this Mexicans are hired to work cheap, the fewer questions the better.

They may be thrown into jobs without training or safety equipment. Their objections may be silent if they speak no English. Those here illegally, fearful of atracting attention, can be reductant to complain. And their work culture and Third World safety expectations don't discourage extra relectations.

to complain. And their work cutture and Third World safety
expectations don't discourage extra
risk-taking:
Simple precautions would save
many lives, government records
show. "Was not using any type of
all protection," concludes a govemment report on one worker who
fell 150 feet. Says another report.
"Untrained worker... operated the
requipment." Another. "Procedure
was patently unsafe."
Federal and state safety agencles
have started to recognize the problem. But they have limited
resources — only a few Spanlshspeaking investigators work inregions with hundreds of thousands of recent arrivals — and
often can't reach the most vulnera-



Workers exit the Excel Corp. meat packing plant at the end of their shift in Schuyler, Neb., on July, 15. Jesus Soto Carbajal, a former Moxican-born worker in the plant, died at work after accidentally severing his jugular vein with a carving knife.



Roofer Jorge Miranda works on a house in Belleview, leath in the United States among Mexican-born workers.

ble Mexican workers. ble Mexican workers.
President Bush's recent proposal to grant illegal immigrants temporary protections as guest workers energized the national immigration debate. Yet in these discussions, job safqy has been an discussions, job safety has been an afterthought. Meanwhile, Mexicans continue to die on the job.

cans continue to die on the job.

Eighteen-year-old Carlos Huerta was helping build federal low-income lousing in North Carolina — but because his bosses ignored basic work safery rules, according to state safery inspectors. He fell to his death.

Huerta was told to stand in a trash container, which a forklift raised 10 feet so he could wash a brick wall. But the improvised platform wasn't secured to the forklifts prongs, and its soon toppled.

In 2002, the year Huerta was killed and the latest year of complete federal statistics, more mexicans died in construction than any other industry — and more died from fatal falls than any other accident.

other accident. In April 2000, 16-year-old Anto-nio Garcia Reyes was framing the roof of a new college dormitory in

Alabama when he plunged three stories. He had no harness or other protection against a fall, accident in protection in protection. Alabama dent investigator

found.

A year ago in South Carolina, brothers Rigouerto and Moses Xaca San-doval dled building a subur-ban-high school that, at 15 and 16, were buried in a trench when the walls of sandy soil

In Belleview, unch when the common cause of lean-bom workers. collapsed.

The United States offered Rigouerto and Moses-wages to tumes higher than in Mexico. The boys offered their employers cheap, pilant labor.

Each of these four treens had just been hired by a subcontractor, the kind of outfi bigger firms sometimes employ to keep costs down. For safety violations that led to these four deaths, the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration has fined employers a total of \$63,075.

Accidents like these suggest that employers tell Mexicans to do the most glaringly perilous tasks, says Susan Feldmann, who fields calls from Spanish-speaking workers for an institute within the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

They're considered disposable, she says.

However, employers are not al-

she says.

However, employers are not al-ways at fault, salety officials say.

Though he was trained and wearing required safety gear, Iesus Soto Carbajal severed his jugular vein with a carving knife in a Ne-braska meatpacking plant in 2000.

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Without safety gear, two Mexican workers die at California dairy

The Associated Press

The Associated Press

GUSTINE. Calif. — Jose Alatorre drowned in liquid cow manure on his first wedding anniversary.

His wife, Anjelica, wanted him to skip work that day. His mother had the baby and they could relax before a nice dinner, maybe take a walk in the park like he enjoyed. No. Alatorre said, there was something that needed fixing at the Job.

He would just work the morning.

Alatorre gol in his gray 1989 Thunderbird, his first car, boughts one wouldn't have to burn rides with friends to wist Anjelica when he lived half an hour away in Modesto. Past the shandtes on the other side of the rail-road tracks, he stopped at the Aguiar-Faria Dairy, where for four months he had worked as a welder at \$8.75 an hour — just over \$18.000 a year.

It was solid work in the Central Valley's sprawling dairy country.

dairy country.

Anjelica niet Jose at a wedding in the Central Valley town of Gustine in 1999 when he asked her to dance.

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Anjelica Alatorre holds her 3-year-old son, Guillermo, side their apartment in Gustine, Calif., June 4. Anjelic husband, Jose, drowned while trying to unclog a pump at a manure pond at a dairy farm in Gustine.

Job creation may not come so easy this time around

By Don Lee Los Angeles Times

For months, economists have been reassuring Americans that the employment market drought would soon end.
With corporate profits surg-With corporate profits surg-ing and economic Indicators improving they said, it wouldn't be long before there was a downpour of jobs. After all, his-tory shows that strong

downpour of Jobs. After all, mis-tory shows that strong economic growth is quickly fol-lowed by robust Job creation. With this recovery, that still hasn't happened. Most econo-mists aren't quite ready to throw out the history books, but the

release month after month of disappointing payroll-gains reports has intensified a debate about whether a profound change in the way the U.S. economy operates is under way or has already come about With advances in technology, rising productivity rates and the outsourcing of work to foreign

Countries.

"I'm growing increasingly suspicious that something more fundamental may be happening to the job market and the economy's said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com. a research and

ulting firm in West Chester,

Pa.

The government's latest employment report, released Friday, showed that employers nationwide added a puny 21,000 nonfarm jobs to payrolls in February. The California jobs

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New Blimple menu lowers the carbs

Iowers the cards
TWIN FALLS — The Blimpie
Subs & Salads restaurant in
Twin Falls is offering the
Blimpie Carb Counter Menu,
which is now available in addition to the traditional Blimpie

tion to the traditional Blimple menu.

Daniel Willie, Blimple franchisee, said the new, menu features new Iterias from Blimple and Sole Lean as well as current menu items with lower net carbohydrates. Items on the new menu are available individually or as part of new Blimple Carb Counter Combo Meals that include choice of sandwich. BCC Smart Munch chips and a SoBe Lean beverage.

chips and a Sole Lean beverage.

The new menu includes four new sandwiches, two new saleds, two new sides and a new beverage. It also includes new includes for select current Blimpie sauces.

Blimpie Carth Counter Menu with new Jower-carb andwiches, salads, sides and beverages as well as enhance menu. Willie said.

Blimpie Subs & Salads is at 1135 Blue Lakes Blvd.

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recalculate an alternate route
to the deshination. Hertz said. It
has a feature allowing travelers
to choose what type of road
they want to drive on. NeverLost speaks several languages,
gives audio instructions and
has a high-resolution color
screen. An actual road layout is
displayed under 3-D directional arrows, and the Instant
Locate function shows the
exact location any time. It also
has a listing of local restaurants
and tourist spots to visit. Included is a database containing
13 million points of interess
and a database of major city
ty roads and highways.

For information about Hertz
call (800) 654-3001 or visit the
Web site at www.hertz.com/.

Air Quality Services

Air Quality Services adds cleaning truck

ning truck

ILS — Gary Sipe of Air Quality
Services added a 2004 air duct cleaning truck to his company's fleet. The addit it ion prompted AQS to move to a larger facility at 2489 Kimberly Road. TWIN FALLS -

Gary Sipe

Gary Sipe K i m b e r l y Road.

The equipment is designed to dean larger businesses and industrial systems more efficiently and more effectively. Sipe said.

AQS is available for both residential and commercial artuct and furnace cleaning, dryer yean and chinney cleaning and insulation removal. It also offers air purification systems.

Sipe can be reached at 732-8788.

Walker Center gains three-year accreditation

Walter Ordice Jam's

three-year accreditation

GODING — CAIE said the
Walker Center was accredited
for another three-year period
for its 'tesidential TreatmentAlcohol and Other Drugs/Addictions (Adults) and
Residential Treatment Alcohiol and Other
Drugs/Addictions (Children
and Adolescents) 'programs.

This is the second consecutive three-year accreditation
the international accrediting
commission has awarded to
the Walker Center.

An organization receiving the
process and demonstrated to
team of surveyors during an
onsite visit that its programs
and services are of high quality,
measurable and accountable,



MILESTONES

John V. Evans Sr., former govornor of Idaho and president of D.L. Evans Bank, center, accepts an award from Minority Leader Sen. Clint Stennett, left, and Sen. Bert Marley.

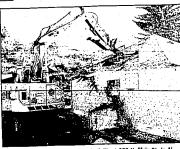
Lawmakers applaud D.L. Evans Bank

D.L. Evans Bank
BURLLY—John V. Evans St.,
former governor of klaba and
resident of D.L. Evans Bank,
said the bank, its employees
and Evans family members
were homored by the state Legislature with a concurrent
resolution congratulating D.L.
Evans Hank — for 100 years
serving the banking needs of
ladhoans—and expressing appreciation for
for the property of the proportion of the property of th preciation for the contributions that five genera-

tions of the Evans family have

tions of the livans family have made to the state. Sea Claim Sennett, minority leader? sponsored the Senate resolution and was joined by other senators in acknowledging the bank. Bank President John V. Evans E., John V. Evans III. Gamily members and officers and employees of the bank were similarly honored by Speaker of the House Bruce Newcomb and other representations. Since 1994, D.L. Evans Bank has grown along with Idaho.

MAKING ROOM IN ALBION



The former home of Sage Mountain Grill; at 255 N. Main St. In Al-blön, is being tern down to make room for a parking area for the company's new building, on the same property. The business is owned and operated by Ina and Tom Diffrati. Their new, larger build-ing will increase customer seating capacity from 18 people to 68. There will also be a larger yurt for outdoor dining. The business is temporarily closed but plans to reopen by the end of the month.

the Walker Center said.
The Walker Center is a non-profit organization in Gooding.
It has provided residently in the control of the control o

New business performs soil biology assays

JENOME - Sustainable Services Idaho LLC and Soll Fondweb Idaho LLC is an affiliate lab of Soll Fondweb Inc. of Corvallis Ore. which has labs in Australia, Netherlands, Mexico, New Zealand. New York and, son. Canada. Soll biology aisays will be performed to determine the condition and fertility of solls in comparison with a database of over 100,000 soil problems of the condition and fertility of solls in comparison with a database of over 100,000 soil problems ampled worldwide and the recommendations to fix the company said. Baine Ingham, president of Soll Fondweb Inc., will analyze samples from the Idaho lab and make recommendations for maximum crop growth and protection without the use of environmentally degrading chemicals and excessive amounts of inorganic fertilizers that are high in sodium, the company said. Microorganisms will retain and release more minerals in the soil, reducing the amount of inputs required. The company said. Microorganisms will retain and release more minerals in the soil, reducing the amount of inputs required. The company said its practices reduce leaching into groundwater, use compost teas and amended locally, sourced compost, and sell the teas, amended compost, con-

sulting and crop monitoring and will take mineral and biology soil samples throughout southern (latho and surrounding states, flow crops, orchards, lawns, reclamation, pastures and all other growing areas will be covered by utilizing international Advisor Network and local professionals, the companys aid.

ny said. The new businesses can be reached at 324-6562.

Main Street Burger opens for business

opens for business
BURLEY — Main Street
Burger, formerly Mr. Burger, is
open under new ownership at
33 West Main's M. Burley.
Business hours are 6 a.m. to
5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The phone number is
678-3020.

The business is familyowned and -operated by Evan
and Iris Ash and Daniel and
Ifffany Ash.
The hunch menu is the same
as under the previous owners.

The lunch menu is ure same as under the previous owners, with a few new items. The busi-ness also serves breakfast including biscuits and gravy, breakfast sandwiches and breakfast burritos.

Valmont irrigation gets recognized for service

PAUL — Valmont Irrigation honored Sprinkler Shop Valley of Paul for "Outstanding Re-gional Service Performance" to mechanized irrigation cus-tomers.

inechanized irrigation cus-tomers. "
The region for the dealier award includes Itaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and British' Columbia. "Spirishler Shop Valley of Paul carned the award based on ratings from customers and Valmont sales managers in the service cate-gory.

managers in the service cate-gory.

The Paul business accepted the award at Valmonts Global Sales Meeting in San Juan, Puerno liko, where Valley deal-ers celebrated the company's 50th anniversary in the mecha-nized irrigation business.

Those honored were Toby Voth, Ben Medina, Mike Medi-fee, Caleb Martor, Robha Jones, Clint Heward, Shane Koehn and Ramon Rlos.

Seed producer reports increase in net sales

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FILER — Oxnard, Califbased seed producer Seminis
Inc.— which has cressearch and
customer-service facility between Filer and Filer Falls —
said net sales for its first fiscal
quarter increased 26.4 percent
to \$101.9 million compared
with a year earlier.
Seminis autrioved priein,
product mix and favorable
Euro-currency appreciation.
Gross profit decreased to
\$49.1 million, or 48.5 percent
to \$49.1 million, or 62.5 percent of sales,
compared with \$50.4 million, or 62.5 percent of sales,
for the same quarter fast year. The
decrease was primarily due to a
non-cash \$11.5 million or inventory-step-up amortization
Total operating expenses for
the first quarter increased by 2.3
percent to \$53.4 million, mainly
as a result of increased
specially as a result of increased
specially increased
similar or the same quarter fast year.
Seminis said the net loss for
the first quarter was \$7.4
million, compared with a not so
\$11.8 million during the
same quarter last year. Historically, the first quarter of
Seminis fiscal year has the lowest sales due to the seasonal
nature of the agronomic cycle
and the company, has posted
losses during these periods.

Survey lists Lithla as one

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TWIN FALLS — Oregonbased auto retailer Lithia
Motors Inc., owner of a Twin
Falls dealership, said it was
again named to Fortune's list of
America's Most Admired Company survey, capturing the No. 2
ranking in the automotive retailling/services category.

The position is a one-syojump from No. 3 in 2003. Lithia
said it is the only company
among the top three in its category to better last year's overall
survey score. This is the fourth
year in a row that Lithia has
been honored in the magazine's
annual survey, which ranks the
nation's top eight "most admired" companies in 64
industries.

"We believe our strength of
integration.

mired" companies in 64 industries.

"We believe our strength of integrating and improving the operations at the stores we acquire has helped us secure a place at the top of our trade," said Sid DeBoer, Lithia's chairman and chief executive.

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In 2003 Lithia acquired about 330 million in annualized revenues. It increased its number of dealerships by 15 percent by adding 11 new stores, including the former Randy Hansen operations in Twin Falls. Lithia now operates in 12 Western states.

now operates in 12 Western states.
"Not only have we increased our revenue run rate to \$2.7 billion, but we have also upped our employee base by more than 300 people in the last 12 months," Debog said. The Fortune list ranked Lithia as the category leader in 'social responsibility,' one of eight key attributes used to measure each business against its competition.

Bancorp gains place

Bancorp gains place
in magazine survey
TNIN FALLS — Minneapolishased U.S. Bancorp was
recognized by Fortune magazine in its 2004 list of "America's
Most Admired Companies" as
the fifth most admired company in the megabanks industry
category U.S. Bancorp jumped
three places in the annual listing compared with its ranking
in 2003.
The March 8 edition of Fortune magazine lists top
companies in 64 industry categories, Executives, directors and
analysas in the financial industry were surveyed to rank the
top companies in the megabanks category U.S. Bancorp,
said. The criteria included innovation: financial soundnessemployee talent, quality of
management, use of corporate
assets, long-term investment,
social responsibility and quality
of products and services.

U.S. Bancorp, with assets of
with S189 billion, is the eighth
largest financial services holding company in the United
States.

The company operates 2,243
banking offices and 4,425 ATMs
and provides banking, brokerage, insurance, investment,
mortgage, trust and payment
services products.

CAREER MOVES

Amy Bosh

TWIN FALLS — Amy Bosh, a real estate consultant with West-erra Real Estate Group-completed a course in customer



completed a course in customer service referral based business conducted by the Council of Residential Specialists of the National Association of Realists. The two-day course is one in a "series requalify for the Cutilied Residential Specialist designation. It covered the implementation of ideas to add value to and ensure delivery of exceptional customer service during and after buying or selling a home.

Matt Green

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TWIN FALLS — Matt Green, a photographer with Pomerelle lormais in Twin Falls and Boise was named idahos Photographer of the Year for 2004 at the Professional Photographers of idahos annual convention. This year's convention at the Coeur d'Alene Resort was attended by photographers of idaho, Creen won first place in the Portrait Man Green won first place in the Portrait Man Sky," a photographer with Fire in the Sky, a photographer with Fire with Fi

first place in the category with a category with its category with its category with a categor

tries also won section place in both categories. Green is originally from Burley and has been employed with Pomerelle Portraits since 1993. Green will attend the Rocky Mountain Professional Photog-raphers convention and print competition this month.

Twayne O. Buhler

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TWIN FALLS — Twayne O. Buhler, a registered representative with Sammons Securities
Co. LLC, attended the first Sammons
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J. Larraine Davis

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HAILEY — J. Larraine Davis
was awarded the designation of
certified municipal clerk from
the International Institute of Municipal Clerks for achieving its
educational, experience and
service requirements.
Since October 1996 Davis has
been employed by the city of
falley, where she is a deputy city
clerk
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Davis attained the designation through completion of the IMC-approved Municipal Clerks Institute Program conducted by the Center for Public Polley and Administration at Bolse State University. The program provides courses in managerial and leadership skills, social and interpersonal concerns, and celmical training needed to deal with today's changes in government. She has attended courses and seminars sponsored by Careffnack and completed other courses, seminars and conferences relating to local government.

Davis is a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, Idaho City Clerks and Fi

nance Officers Association. She also serves as a notary public for Idaho.

Dale L. Riedesel

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TWIN FALLS — Dale L
Riedesel was chosen to receive
the Idaho Excellence in Engimering Award, by consensus of
the Idaho Society of Professional
regineers. The peer-nominated
honor recognizes significant engineering accomplishment and
professional engineering society
contribution.
Riedesel is a licensed professional engineer

sional engineer and land sur-veyor in Idaho



sional engineer and land surveyor in Idaho and is president of Riedesel & Associates inc. in Twin Falls. His expertise in projects in land and siretes, and land and site development. Riedesel has been a consulting engineer for over 2 1/2 decade and is an advocate of continuing professional development. Riedesel has been continuously and actively involved in professional organizations, throughout his career. He has held offices at the chapter and state levels of the Idaho Society of Civil Engineers. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

He is a member of the Idaho Association of Professional Land Surveyors, the Idaho Asportal Management Association of Highway and Road Districts and the American Associates of Aiport Executives.

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TMIN BALLS — Three Wells
Earga, personal bankers from
Magic Valley genned idaholiferinsuper valley genned idaholiferinsuper valley genned idaholiferintides, according to Janet Key.
South Central Community
Banking president for Wells
Eargo. They are Mike Ryan of the
Twin Falls Addison store; Neal
Squires of the Ferome store: and
Carol Conklin of the Shoshone
store.

Carol Condin of the Stosnole store. "Having this license will help our team members better serve their customers when they are considering retirement invest-ments," Key said. "With the current rate environment, anu-ties are a good diternative to CDs and a good choice to fund IRAs."

Steve Allred

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MONTPELIER — Zions Bank
will send former Rupert resident
Steve Allred of Isawaii in recogruition of dis status as Branch
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Allred Is manager of Zions Banks
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received a trip for two to Hawaii.
He and his wide will take their vacation in April to celebrate their
20th wedding anniversary.
Zions selects winners from six
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peer managers in branches of
the same size.

Maria Teresa Loya



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appointed Maria Teresa Loya as
real estate loan officer for its
north Burley
office, at 397
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Maria Toresa Loya She received her real estate license in 2000 and was previously employed as a Realtor for four years with Coldwell Banker and worked for the Idaho's

ously employed as a reautor to four years with Coldwell Banker and worked for the Idaho's Women Infant and Children pro-gram.

Loya is married with three children and is bilingual.

YOURBUSINESS

CAREER MOVES.

Soll specialists

TEROME — Sustainable Services Idaho LLC and Soil Foodweb Idaho LLC, a pair of new businesses in Jerome, announced several new

IIC. a pair of new businesses in Jerome, announced several new employees.
They can be reached at 224-6562.
*Ray Gore is a biological furming consultant and Soil Foodweb Inc. adviser. Gore was trained in soil mineral balancing and biological farming practices. He studied as a regional adviser in biological testing procedures and methods to reduce and climinate, chemicatis and excessive amounts of fertilizer from farms and other growing areas such as golf courses, lawring the soil of the soil of

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leash using composi teas. He will help daines with nutrient management plans.

Here has a bachelor's degree in animal science from University of California-Davis.

*Steve Eckhardt of Burley is a crop consultant and salesman.

He will assist growers with sustainable soil fertility programs by taking soil samples for mineral and biology and monitoring crops throughout the growing season. He will advise growers on saving money and being errorionational will reindly without sacrificing yield, while increasing crop quality and soil fertility, the company said. He will use the assistance of the increasing crop daily and sale for the company said. He will use the assistance of the increasing crop through the control of advisors.

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of advisers.
Eckhardt was instrumental in growth of the Western-Farmer Stockman publication and was division coordinator for 12 years.

Glanbia leaders

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TWIN FALIS — Glanbia Foods Inc., with corporate offices in Twin Falis, announced the promotion of four employees and the luring of one.

• Jeff Williams was appointed help of progrations officer. In addition. Williams will continue as the company's executive vice president.

Williams began his career with Ganbia in 1989 as manager of administration.

Williams began his career with Ganbia in 1989 as manager of administration. In the control of the progration of the progration, he will continue to develop, manage and guide all activities pertaining to the purchase of marketing departments. In his new position, he will continue to develop, manage and guide all activities pertaining to the purchase of marketing, sales and marketing of

finished cheese products and transportation of those materials. In addition, Williams will oversee all financial activities of Glanbia Foods.

Toods.

Williams holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Oregon and a master's of business administration from

Columbia University.

He and his wife. Debble Park, and their three children live in Twin Falls.

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• John Lanigan was promoted to the president of operations, assuming overall management for aid the company's cheese and whey processing facilities. He has served as director of cheese operations since October 2001, serving as the Twin Falls plant's general manager in prior years. Lanigan joined Glantholding numerous positions in 1874 in Ballyragget, Ieland, holding numerous positions in cheese manufacturing.

Lanigan received diplomas in cheese madring trom Cheshite College of Agriculture in England. He received the Graltar Cup awarded in Ireland to the producer with the most consistent, highest-grade cheedar produced over 12 months.

He and his wife. Eleanor, and one

months.

He and his wife, Eleanor, and one of their children live in Twin Falls.

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Sean Walsh will take on the new mice of whey technology direction. Walsh joined Glanbia in 1999 as director of whey operations and was instrumental in the development and commissionling of Glanbia's new Lactoferin facility in Gooding and the new milk cachium plant in Richfield. He has also been involved in updating and installing new technology in Glanbia's whey protein isolate operations—also in Richfield.

Prior to joining Glanbia, Walsh was associate director of commercial operations for Wyeth Nutritionals in Vermont.

Walsh graduated from the University College of Cork in Ireland with a degree in dairy science. And the surface of the control of the control

Falls.

Paul Roesiger was promoted to director of ingredients procurement and risk management. Boesiger joined the company in 1988 as procurement manager overseeing all purchasing aspects and was instrumental in developing and administering the future contract program with Glanbias diary suppliers. In his new with Glanbias with the wall focus on ingredient procurement with emphasis on contract program with Glambias dairy suppliers. In his new role, he will focus on ingredient procurement with emphasis on procurement of raw milk in addition. Boesiger will oversee the company's transportation activities including both internal and external hauling. Prior to joining Glambia, Boesiger was employed by Ore-left Foods in the cas purchasing agent in Boise. Boesiger holds a bachelor's degree from the University off daho in range and agricultural economics. He and his wife, Marianne, and their three children live in Jerome.

*Doug Pettinger is the newest member of Glambia Foods executive team, as environmental director. Fettinger will be responsible for ensuring that all Glambia Foods operations comply with state and federal environmental regulations.

*Prior to coming to Glambia, Pet-Prior to coming to Glambia.

state and federal environmental regulations. Prior to coming to Glanbia, Petinger worked at PG & E National Energy Group in Arkzona where, as environmental manager, he was responsible for all environmental affairs of a large gas-fierd power plant. He has over 20 years of experience in environmental management. Pettinger holds a bachelor's de-gree in technical management from Regis University and a master's degree from the University of Denver in environmental manage.

ters degree from the University Denver in environmental manage-ment with an emphasis in environmental, health and safety management.

environmental, health and safety management. He and his wife, Lisa, and their three children live in Twin Falls.

USDA grants aim to help rural America

The Times-News

Trivi Falls — The U.S. Department of Agriculture is making \$325 million in loans and grants available to rural communities to strengthen distancearing and telemedicine programs that serve rural America. "Bringing specialized health-care and expanded educational programs to rural areas will save lives and improve the quality of health care for residents who live in more sparsely populated areas of the country." Acting Under Secretary for Rural Development Gibert Goirzalez said in a statement.

ment.
Telemedicine technology
makes it possible for doctors to
examine and direct the treat-

ment of patients without being physically present. The distance learning program finances equipment to expand education-al resources to students and educational institutions in isolat-

al resources to students and educational institutions in isolated untal areas.

Applications for S15 million in grants must be submitted by April 30 and will be scored tittle by April 30 and will be scored tittle by April 30 and will be scored tittle grant/loan combinations and loans can be submitted throughout the fiscal year and will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Information on the USDA flural Development distance learning and telemedicine program for 2004 is available online at www.rurdev.usda.gov.

Wendell looks to turn manure into money

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'WENDELL — The City of
Wendell is hosting an informational meeting at 7 p.m. on
March 17 at the Wendell High

incured as insusing an informational meeting at 7 pm. on March 17 at the Wendell High School gymnasium to discuss the feasibility of methane discussers in Gooding County, itepresentatives from Intreplid, an Idaho Falls based renewable energy firm, will be on hand to answer any questions. All the elements needed for successful blogas production are right here in the Magic Valey, especially on the west end. "Effectively, we believe prety strongly that the technology last evolved to the point with digestion that the can conceivably put together a commercial scale blogas production." Jacob Dustin, vice president and acting division Manager for Intrepid Technology and Resources. Inc. said. "Light now there are probably less than five locations in the whole country where you can do something like this because you have to have a very close geographic concentration of a large number of cows."

Level playing field

Level playing field eludes agriculture

TWIN FALLS — When it comes to the world market, U.S. Agricultural producers have heard the term "level the playing field" so often that the term has almost become a

Farmbeat Ighlighte of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on

Even so, it's a trade goal worth pursuing said Sen. Mike Crapo. "We've got to find a way to

"We've got to find a way to make sure our products are treated fairly," he said.
Agreements such 'as the North American. Free Trade Agreement were expected to open the U.S. borders with Canada and Mexico, reduce tariffs an increase trade. But a decade after NAFIA was approved, U.S. producers still find their commodities still find their commodities they out of those markets by trade barriers.

barriers.
Crapo voted against NAFTA
and he isn't inclined to support
the Australia agreement nor
the Central American Free

the Central American Free Trade Agreement.
"I believe in free and fair trade, and I believe in trade agreements," Crapo said. "The U.S. needs to negotiate aggres-sive trade agreements and it hasn't done so."

Common sense helps calving go smoothly

TWIN FALLS — During calving season, cattle producers need predictable results. Un-

fortunately, it's a time when Mother Nature can be the most unpredictable. Bob Ohlensehlen. Twin Falls County extension agent and beef specialist said the difference between success or not is a producer's ability to observe. The most important aspect to livestock in general is to watch the condition of animals and resoned as conditions de-

to livestock in general is to watch the condition of animals and respond as conditions and made and respond as conditions decimand. He said. "God common sense animal husbandry goes a long way." With calving season starting in lanuary for some producers and as late as April for others weather conditions run the gamut of bitter cold and snow to wet, muddy muck. Cold temperatures often top the list of troubles but cattle can do better in those conditions than when they are cold and wet at the same time. "Then when you add wind to cold and wet, calf losses are likely to occur," he said. Tim Martens, Jerome, experienced just such conditions when his cows calved early this year.

year.
"I used to caive later but I found that the caives do better if they are a little bigger when

found that the calves do better if they are a little bigger when they go out on the range," he said.

said.

But weather took its toll on Martens' call crop.

"It was a real good winter could and wet and I lost about 50 percent of my calves," he said.

Bean commission hopes to seal pact in April

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Bean Commission hopes it can seal a proposed deal to grow demonstration-plots of Idaho seed beans in Mexico in time to plant them this spring, the commission chairman

said.

Doug Carlquist said the commission recently made a counterproposal to an offer from Mexican officials to settle a few remaining issues. And he doesn't expect that the remaining items are deal broaders.

a few remaining issues. And he, doesn't expect that the remaining items are deal breakers.

"The things standing between us are small," he said. He hopes they can have the talks completed in April. That would provide time to get seeds to Mexico for planting in May. Carlquist said.

The commission also seeks someone in Mexico with the right expertise to oversee the small demonstration plots which it hopes to grow in several Mexicon states.

"It would be prohibitive cost-wise to send someone down there," he said.

Commissioner said.

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The demonstration plots are intended show how laddo seed, which is known for its quality, can aid Mexican commercial bean crops, according to Carlquist.

Analysts expect Fed to keep rates low

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve policymakers are almost certain to keep Interest rates near rock-bottom lows when they meet Theeday and for many months to come because of the continuing unevenness of the U.S. economic expansion. many investors and analysts have concluded. The economy has sent a series of mixed messages since Fed officials last met in late senjoying rising sales and profits, but without hiring squares workers. Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress Thursday, "As our economy exhibits increasing signals of recovery Job esse continues to diminish. But new job creation is lagsang badly."

And illicial hood, employment will begin to increase more quickly before long as output continues to expand," he went on to endose extending un-WASHINGTON - Federal



nerce Department's report Friday that business sales rose 0.4 percent in hanuar; But the department also reported that the nation's overall trade deficit swelled to a record 5541.8 billion last year, as much of the growing U.S. appetite for goods and services was being satisfied by imports; rather than by domestic production.

Some analysis have under that defended that defende the Com-merce Department's report Friday that business sales rose

Some analysts have worned that rising prices for energy, steel, lumber and many other raw materials may be creating inflationary pressures that will prompt the Fed to raise rates sooner than financial markets expect. But Greenspan and other Fed officials have said

employment benefits for those who have ex-h a u s t e d them after six months

repeatedly that they don't see any signs that inflation is about to take off.

"The Fed can't possibly think of raising interest rates any time soon,'s add Richard Yamarone, director of economic research for Argus Research Con, who forecasts lackluster job growth to continue for six to nine months, and predicts the Fed will wait to raise rates until mid-2005. "Furthermore, inflation isn't flashing yellow on the Fed's radar screen. There is no evidence that higher raw materiand industrial commodity prices are leaching into the retail or consumer sector,' he wrote in a recent note to clients.

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Investors who trade in futures contracts tied to Fed actions have pried them to reflect the expectation that policymakers will leave their target for overnight rates unchanged at 1 percent until the end of this year, and some economists predict no increase in the target until some time in 2005.

Fed policymakers have kept

their target at 1 percent — a
45-year low — since June,
helping to spur economic
growth by holding down borrowing costs for households
and businesses. After leaving
he target unchanged at their
January ineeting, policymakers explained in a statement
that they could "be patient" in
deciding when to raise rates
because of low inflation and
"slack" resources, meaning
musued production capacity
and plenty of available labor.
The statement did note that
some "indicators suggest an
improvement in the labor
market," but the slack has only
grown since then — raising
the possibility that feed officials might after their
language on employment in
the statement they issue after
their Thesday meeting.
Seafly 400,600 people
stopped looking for work last
month, and the average length
of unemployment grew to 203
weeks in beforary—the highest in more than 20 years
from 1534 weeks the month
before, the Labor Department
reported a week ago.

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report, due this Friday, is expected to be as grim.

The jobless recovery, nearly
2 1/2 years old, has gone on
all of the colled an anomaly or a bilp, Zandi said. "Even
if the economy finds its way
and creates jobs," he added,
the strange time will be remembered as "part of
economic lore."

If the past pattern of growth
to longer holds, the implications are enormous.

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decouraging, and on the pojuical front, the lack of new
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chef economist at Banc of
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Others contend the monthly Labor Department report
that is most watched understates the gains across the
economy because the agency
surveys establishments that

have one or more workers on the payroll. It can miss hiring

the payroll. It can miss hiring by small firms and start-ups. The agency counts the self-employed in a separate survey of households. And in fact, the household reports suggest that there has been a for more employment growth than the payroll reports indicate. Most economists, however, focus on the payroll survey, which is based on a sample of about 400,000 employers, as a more, reliable gauge of the labor market. This economic recovery hegan in November 2001. And in recent months, the nations broadest measure of economic, output, gross domestic product, has been on a tear. Read GDP grew at an average annual rate of 6 percent in the second half of last year and has probably slowed only slightly in the first quarter, Business spending is rising, as are U.S. exports, and low interest rates and federal tax cuts have added plenty of juice to the economy. At the same time, by the Labor Department's tally, nonfarm employers in the United States added an average of 60,000 jobs a month since August — an annual growth rate of about 0.5 percent and about one-third of-what economists had: been projecting. Compare that to the economic recovery of a decade ago; in that business cycle, the recession ended in March 1991 and it wasnt until about a year later that GDP growth shot up to about 4 percent. But the rapid growth was accompanied by accelerating payroll increases.

By 1993, the U.S. economy was on its way to creating about 230,000 jobs every

month.

One explanation for the dif-ference between then and now is increased productivity.

Businesses can produce more with fewer employees be-cause they are squeezing ever more output-per-hour from their workers. At nonfarm businesses, productivity, rose by 4.2 percent last year, after a jump of 4.9 percent in 2002— marking the best back-to-back improvement in more than 50 years.

back improvement in more than 50 years, quarter; pro-ductivity slowed to a rate of 2.7 percent, leading econ-mists to believe that employers would have little thoice but to ramp up hiring. But a look at the paltry jobs gains in February suggests productivity may have picked back up again, bofAs Reaser said.

said.

"Structurally, productivity growth does appear to be running at higher rates than the past; that's a fundamental change taking place in the

change taking place in the economy."

Another big change is corporate America's increasing willlingness to outsource white-collar jobs, whether its farming out bookkeeping to an independent contractor in another state or shifting entire call centers or software development to India. a subset of outsourcher become as offoutsourcing known as off-

outsourcing known as off-shoring.
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U.S. companies generate jobs
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Department tally. And when
of the work ends up being
performed by freelancers. Independent contractors and
others who are self-employed
and therefore don't hold "payroll" jobs.
Big companies such as GE

Capital and IBM have been outsourcing for years. More recently, small firms have been taking a page from their

been taking a page from their playbook.

Ken Gaebler, president of Walker Sands Communications. a Chicago-based marketing company, said business had jumped 20 percent since the second half of 2003, helping lift revenue last year to just less than \$1 million. He hasn't however, added a single person to the three-member payroll-handing the extra work instead to contractors.

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Gaebler has another reason for his reluctance to hire: Ife said he ran a dot-com company that went under in 2001, and he had to fire 100 people. That experience of laying off workers left a permanent scar on me. he said. "Our mode is not to hire in advance of the business—or, even if the business—or, even if the business doesn't stick around for Tawhile."

Multiply Gaehler's experience by tens of thousands of other managers, and there could be another explanation for the jobless recovery.

Edward Learner, director of the UCLA Anderson Forceast, said many businesses in the

the UCLA Anderson Forecast, said many businesses in the roaring 1999-2000 period went on a hiring binge, "basi-cally-hiring-everybody-who crawled on the street." As such, he said, it's taken longer to zwork off the fat." Even accounting for the

to xwork off the fat."
Even accounting for that. Learner said he was surprised that there hadn't been turnaround by now. The meaning of an economic recovery, he figures, might well have permanently changed.
"Everybody's been thinking tomorrow" he said, "and tomorrow never seems to come."

Dying

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The blade punctured his chest just above where the protective metal mesh stopped.
Teveryhody wishes they liad 20-20 hindsight our this one; said Mark Klein, a spokesman for Minneapolis-based Cargill line., which owns the plant where workers have since been outfirted with larger protective tunits.

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Sometimes a worker may misjudge abazurd. That was the conclusion of federal inspectors in the case of Manuel Topete, who punetured his heart when he tripped carrying a borrowed knife at another Nebraska meatpacking plant. It ewore no protective gear hecause his job was to steam-clean meat, not it.

Soon after Topete gashed himself, supervisors moved his

Soon after Topete' gashed himself, supervisors moved his body and oped to restart the work line at the plant. Co-worker Luis Rodriguez, who discribed a geyser of blood pumping from Topetes chest, still cant understand in. The foreman came real fast and turned the chain on. Why? Supervisors properly redikint know the severity of the accident, said a spokesman for the Tyson Fresh Meats plant in Dakota City, who called Topetes desult a trigic and unfortunate accident. Said a spokesman for the Tyson Fresh Meats plant in Dakota City, who called Topetes desult a trigic and unfortunate accident.

death 'a tragic and unfortunate accident.'

Who Camilo Rojas died at a Georgia chicken processing plant in 2001 — his head crushed by a conveyor helt from which held tried to dislodge a packing hox — plant officials closed the bloodied production. Inc. but ran two others that day. Othano Rannize, died picking tobacco in the North Carolina summer. There was no drinking water in the field, though his crew boxs sold beers on the side. That supervisor told investigators Rannize, suffered a nose-bleed, so he told him to rest. Rannize, sho day was found 10 days later reclined against a magnolia tree, the only shade around. A medical examiner said-he-died founknown natural causes, the body too badly causes.

-said-he-died of unknown.natu-ral causes, the body too badly decomposed for a definitive finding. His broder, Luis, sus-pects heat stroke. Like Urbano Ramiez, many Mexican workers who die arrive with little more than a grade-school education. Often they leave behind a wife and chil-dren.

school education. Often they leave behind a wife and children.

Criminal charges are rare—fines more typical — when employers are to blame. One exception is a California dairyman who faces involuntaryman who faces involuntaryman who faces involuntaryman with exception is charges after two of his workers drowned in liquid cow manure.

Jose Alatorre was overcome by fumes as he stood in the feld stew, trying to fix a pump at the bottom of a 30-foot concrete shaft. His partner, Earique Araisa, died trying to save him. Both men were full-time workers but, according to prosecutors, had no safety training, No nor told then to ventilate the predictably hazardous air or provided a harness to extract a stricken worker.

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provided a harness to essisticken worker.
"They didn't simply go into the shaft, they got the shaft, prosecutor Gale Filter told grand jurors who indicted the dairy owner. Trial is scheduled grant 105.... dairy owner. Trial is 55.... for April. The deaths received a burst of



Dying To Work

Mexican immigrants
and death in the workplace

Making a living and finding death

Maxican immigrants are at much greater risk of dying on the job than native and other foreign-born workers. Their workplace mortality rates have been higher than six deaths per 100,000 workers for five consecutive years despite the U.S. workplace growing safer overall

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Fresh Meats plant in Dakota City, Neb. Mexican-born work Manuel Topete died after he

punctured his heart with a carv-ing knife while working in the meat packing plant in October

attention in early 2001, but just 18 months later, at another dairy in the same small town of Gustine, a third Mexican-born worker died the same way.

The federal government cat-alogues those accidents and hundreds more each year in a growing roll call of dead Mexi-can workers.

may be low because of the dilli-culty in counting undocumented workers. During these years, the analy-sis showed. Mexicans were increasingly more likely to die on the job than U.S. workers of

on the job main U.S., Workers in my race. The annual death rate for, Mexicans increased to the point that about 1 in 16,000 workers died. Meanwhile, for the average U.S., born worker, the rate steadily decreased to about 1 in 28,000.

Mexicans now represent about 1 in 24 workers in the United States, but about 1 in 14 workplace deaths. On the job fatalities had dis-tinct regional patterns: • CALIFORNIA AND TEXAS:

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These states, where generations of Mexicans have developed strong support networks, still rank first and second in, the annual number of Mexican worker and second in, the annual number of Mexican workers in California is far less than in Western and Southeastern states where they have arrived in large numbers only recently, it is still greater than the average for U.S.-born workers, the AP found.

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• WEST: Outside California. deaths in Western states increased from 41 to -56, and death rates hovered above the national average for Mexican workers. Colorado, New Mexico and Washington stood out with consistently high rates though rates in Colorado have been falling and dipped below the regional average by 2002. Washington's rates, meanwhile, have steadily increased to about in 6.900 workers. As with California, rates in Arizona are consistently below the national average for Mexican workers.

• SOUTH: in the bloc of states from Louisiana to Maryland, the Mexican death rate averaged about 1 in 6.200 workers—four times that of native-born workers and more than double the national average for Mexicans. Florida, North Carolina and Georgia were consistently among the deadiest states. Total deaths more than tripled from 27 in 1996 to 94 in 2002 in the South excluding Texas), where some states and wedgen and the content of the Mexicans and severage for Mexicans florid and severage for Mexicans florid and Georgia were consistently among the deadiest states. Total deaths more than 100,000 workers.

• MIDWEST: The number of Mexicans killed annually doubled beneate 1600. growing roll call of dead Mesi-can workers.

The AP's investigation fo-cused on 1996 through 2002, the most recent set of worker death data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Those were years when the economic boom coaxed about 1 million Mexicans beyond the border states, according to the best government estimates, which may be low because of the diffi-cuty in counting undocumented workers.

MIDWEST: The number of Mexicans killed annually doubled between 1996 and 2022, from 19 to 38; death rates were sightly above the national average for Mexicans.
 NORTHEAST: In the region with the fewest Mexicans, death rates still far exceeded American worker averages. Total annual deaths rose from eight to 17, with New Jersey seeing a

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The Associated Press used two primary statistical sources, both collected by the federal government, to do its own computer analysis of
elevated death rates among Mexican workers in the United States.

The first source is the Census of Frail Occupational injuries, a Bureau of Labor Statistics project which catalogues the vast majority of
U.S. workplace deaths. Those numbers, verified using multiple
Sources, allow analysis of workplace deaths from many angles — in
this case, by country of birth.

The second source is the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey,
the same source used to calculate the monthly unemployment rate.

Many Mexica hoom workers are in the United States legally, either on
work visas or as legal permanent residents. But because doubt half
of the Mexican workers are undocumented, government statisticians
use a complex set of calculations to project the total population of mexican-born workers.

use a complex set of calculations to project the total population of Mexican-born workers. At the request of the AP the population data were compiled by Jeffrey Passel, an authority on Mexican Immigrant-related statistics from the Urban Institute, a nonpartism research group based in Washington, D.C., that develops population estimates that are cited regularly in properties.

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recent spike.

Construction was the deadlesst industry Across the nation, about 1 in 3,100 Mexican coinstruction labours died on the job, a rate one-quarter above that for native-born whites working the same job, and one-hird above that for native-born blacks, though more in line with that for native-born lispanies.

Unlike an American worker who may have apprenticed in a trade such as roofing or welding, a new Mexican worker might not anticipate dangers—or might ignore them, said almes Planter of the Center to Protect Workers' Rights, a union-funded research institute.

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"I think people find it easy to mationalize the hazards in their jobs," says Platner, "If their family really needs the money and they really need the job."

Federal and state safety offi-als are starting to grapple with ne-surge-in-Moxican_worker the-st death:

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OSIA Director Iohn Henshaw points to
Spanish-language materials the
agency has put on its Web site
as well as the agency is lipsinic
Taskforce, which coordinates
reforcement and educational
ventures for Mexicans and
other workers from Central and
South America.
Safety officials in high-growth
Carolina, Georgia and Florida
launched outreach programs
after they saw construction
deaths rise. Some states conpcrate with local Mexican
consulates or construction associations.
Government workers have

sociations.
Government workers have dropped in at cultural fairs and talk radio programs, conducted workshops through churches and produced training videos. The private sector also is reacting—the National Association of Home Builders is distributing some Spanish-language safety literature in in the South.
The greatest finistration is that so many deaths a month.

The greatest frustration is that so many deaths are avoid-

able.
"Ninety-five to 99 percent of the time, there's going to be noncompliance with a standard that could have prevented the

fatality," says Joe Reina, the No. 2 OSHA official for Texas and four neighboring states and a leader of the Hispanic Task-

leader of the Hispanic Inse-force.

Still, Reina holds workers partly responsible.

"They just-don't know that they have rights and responsi-bilities," Reina says, among them. "the right to file a com-plaint."

Explaining that right is one thing, enforcing it another. Some of OSIMs own officials say their resources are insuffi-cient and note the agency's own policies generally provide for punitive action only after an ac-cident. punitive acuon con, cident. It's unclear whether Bush's consider program, if ap-

its unclear whether Bush's guest worker program, if ap-proved, would improve worker safety. In announcing the plan in January, the president said it would make the country safer by enhancing border controls and would help fill employers needs and protect workers' rights. rights.
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AS OSHA works to improve safety, language remains a barrier. By the agency's own count, there are no Spanish-speaking inspectors or accident investigators in the half of Georgia that includes Adanta, where tens of housands of recent Mexican immigrants live. Some other Southern cities do have. Spanish-Ruent enforcement officials. In its eight sate Southearn cities do have. Spanish-Ruent enforcement officials. In its eight sate Southearn cities do have. Spanish-Ruent enforcement officials in the safety of the safety of the safety of the safety of the safety of the safety of the safety of the safety of the safety of the safety of the safety of the safety of the safety of the safety of the safety of the safety of the U.S. Mexico border, feel they don't need her.

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or perhaps they move back home. Their replacements may be the next victims.

WorldCom wipes out \$74 billion in profits

Chicago Tribune

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WorldCom Inc. took a major step Friday toward emerging from bankruptey, filing restated financial results in which it acknowledged overstating pretax profits by a remarkable 5744 billion during two years.

Most of that comes from recognizing that various 3 assets were worth nearly 560 billion liess than previously calculated. Although immense, those sorts of writedowns are legitimate accounting immascions that occur frequently across corporate America. But WorldCom's restatement for 2000 and 2001 also includes at least \$10.6 billion of wipedout grofits that the firm attributed to accounting. The numbers are stunning. The numbers are stunning from the study of the study

holder and gertest, abunds, and holder and gertest, but he total amount of overstated profits as a result of the nation's largest accounting scandal have been put at roughly \$1 billion dating to 1999.
Without admitting or denying guilt, WorldCom agreed last year to pay \$750 million in cash and stock to settle feddraf regulators' charges that it engaged in improper accounting to overstate profits.

For the long-distance giant, thich is changing its name to MCI, the restatement is a key step to putting its past behind it.

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step to putting its past behind
"This filing culminates the
largest and most complex financial restatement ever
undertaken, World-Conv-ChtefFinancial Officer Bob Blakely
said in a statement. "It is one of
the last remaining milestones
on our path to emerge from
Chapter 11 protection."
Spokeswoman Brittany Hoff
said the company's final major
hurdle is filling its 10-K annual
report for 2003, which is eagery anticipated by Wall Street to
shed light on current performance.

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Hoff said it likely will be filed close to the company's emergence from bankruptcy, which is anticipated to happen next

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Although Wall Street quickly dismissed Friday's report as covering ancient history, it is historical nonetheless. The strategies of the street was the street with the street was the street with the street was the street with the street with the street with the street with the street with the street with the street with the street with the street with the street with the street with the street with the street with the street was the street with the street with the street was the street with the street was the street with the street with the street was the street with the street was the street with the street was the stree

Management in Graph Management in Hing its restatement, WorldCom also released audited 2002 results for the first time, posting a net loss of \$9.2 billion on revenue of \$32.2 billion on revenue of \$32.2 billion.

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Revenue was down more
than 14 percent from the restated 2001 level, but the net
loss shrank from \$15.6 billion.
WorldCom also disclosed
that it paid auditor KPMG.
which replaced Andersen in
May 2002 more than \$134 million to audit 2002 and the
restated 2000 and 2001 results.

In contrast, it said Andersen
was paid \$4.4 million to audit
original 2001 results.

Blakely said the amount of
the restatements was 'substantial,' but stressed "they do no
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WorldCorm, he-said, had
roughly \$6 billion in cash at the
end of the year, though I flof
said it has yet to pay the \$500
million cash portion of the settlement with the Securities and
Exchange Commission.

Separately on Friday, Oldahoma Attorney General Drev
Edmondson settled his criminal fraud case against
WorldCorm in exchange for its
cooperation in prosecutions of
former executives.

Oklahoma has charges
pending against six former
company officials, including
former chief executive Bernard
Ebbers, who also has pleaded
not guilty to federal fraud
charges.

As part of the settlement
with Oklahoma, the company
also agreed to add 1,600 jobs in
the state over 10 years, with an
average annual salary of
\$35,000 a year, Edmondson
said.



but prosecutors are charging him with involuntary manslaughter because there are introduced by the state. As a volunteer county firefighter, the advantage of the state. As a volunteer county firefighter, the advantage of the state of the state. As a volunteer county firefighter, the advantage of the state of the sta

else.
Faria's trial is scheduled to begin in April. His lawyer said Faria does not want to discuss the

The deaths received a burst of attention, but just 18 months later, at a second dairy in this same small town, another Mexi-can-born worker died in the same



Merced County firefighters retrieve the bodies of two Mexian-born workers who died after drowning in liqui on a dairy farm in Gustine, Calif., in 2001.

Dairy

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Before the music stopped, he insisted confessing two things the had crossed the border tillegally from Mexico, and he didn't have a car — yet. His candor won her.

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Co-worker Enrique Araisa campered into the shaft to rescue his friend, but he too quickly passed out. Another, Juan Cablero, went down far enough to the a nylon rope to Araisa's arm before he reversed course and summoned help.

Anjelica Alatorre remembers walking outside to investigate hunsual sound of a helicopter. Her sister called, lose had falten, was hurt. Anjelica arrived while lose's body was still underground. A dozen trained rescuers with all the proper equipment labored several houts to retrieve the bodies.

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Alatorre and Araisa were among
119 Mexican-born workers who
died in California in 2001, the second highest annual death total forthe state on government, record.
An Associated Press analysis
found that California has one of
the lowest death rates for Mexican
workers, but that the rate is still
greater than the average for U.S.
Though the death rate for Mexicans in California was still greater
than the U.S.-born worker average, The AP's investigation found,
it was far lower than Mexican
death rates in Western states such
as Colorado and Washington and
regions such as the Southeast.
Dairy owner Pat Faria wasn't or
site when the accident occurred s. Alatorre and Araisa were among

Exchange-traded fund returns

, , ,	58.P 500	Vanguard 500	Average U.S. stock fund	U.S. stock funds that Spiders outperformed
One year	24.2%	24.2%	26.2%	58.1%
Three years	-10.2%	-10.2%	-9.6%	42.1%
Five years	0.8%	1.0%	3.3%	29.9%
Ten years	9.8%	10.0%	7.9%	73.7%

Note: Tan-year returns best reflect ETFs' and index funds' historical relative p gives- and live-year figures dominated by returns during recent bear market

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Exchange-traded funds could help

By Mary Ann Milbourn The Orange County Register

Spiders have crept into the stock market – and Vipers, too. But they're not creatures from your usual investment jungle. They're part of a growing trend toward alternative investments called exchange-traded funds. These ETFs – which offers ever cropic names, such funds. These ETFs – which often sport exotic names such as Diamonds and Qubes – are basically baskets of many com-panies' shares. They mimic index mutual funds but trade

index mutal into but duce the stocks. ETFs began 10 years ago when the American Stock Ex-change created Spiders S-standard & Poors' Depository Receipts, or SPDRs – a group of shares representing the 500 companies on the S&P 500 Index. Their popularity has grown in recent years as more companies created new types of funds pegged to different in-dexes.

of funds peggee to dexes.
Now they've gained new appeal as some investors, worried about the growing mutual-fund scandal, cast about for some-place else to put their money.
Two been telling all my friends to dump their mutual funds and invest (in ETFs). Staff Overan Strom, 66, of Laguna

funds and invest (in ELFs). Said Bevan Strom, 66, of Laguna Woods, Calif., who has been in-vesting in them for five years. "I don't want to rely on (a mutual-fund manager) who really has his own interests in mind rather than mine."

Other investors are getting the same idea. In 1993, when the first Spider began trading only 57 million was invested in them. according to Strategic Insight Mutual Fund Research and Consulting. By last December, the figure had grown to Sto2 billion, according to the Investment Company Institute. EIT assets rose to nearly \$120 billion in September, just as the mutual-fund scandal was taking hold.

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billion in September, just as the inquisident of the mutual-fund scandal was taking hold.

Mark Wilson, a certified financial planner at Tarbox Equity Inc. in Newport Beach, Callf. is a big proponent of ETS, which he says have many advantages, especially for taxible accounts and investors. Ike index funds, exchangeraded funds generally are inexpensive to operate since they basically are programmed to track an index. As a result, shareholders don't have to they basically are programmed to track an index. As a result, shareholders don't have to they basically are programmed to track an index. As a result, shareholders don't have to shoulder the higher fees associated with actively managed mutual funds. For example, the every—\$10.000 invested. The Vanguard \$8P 500 Index fund ratio is 0.18 percent, while the verage no-load mutual funds is around 15 percent. While the verage no-load mutual funds is around 15 percent. While the verage no-load mutual funds is only incurrent to tax highly that mutual funds around funds don't incur the tax in the programment of the prog

up every time they sell a stock for a gains. So, instead of mutual-fund investors and-of-the-year surprise tax bill. EIF investors only have to worry about a capital gain when they sell EIF shares. For short-term investors, exchange-traded funds also provide greater flexibility. Since they trade throughout the day like a stock, you know the price you will pay instead of waiting until the end of the day to learn a mutual funds net asset value. There also are no restrictions on how often shares can be traded. And, for investors concerned about mutual-fund wrongdong, exchange-traded fundarent subject to the kinds of secret market timing, self-dealing or after-hours trading that have been exposed in recent months

More about ETFs

- Spiders, or SPDRs Standard and Poors' Depository Receipts. Track a variety of S&P Indexes.
- Diamonds (ticker DIA) Dia mond Trust Shares, Track the Dow Jones Industrial Average, Qubes (ticker QQQ) - Track the Nasdaq 100.
- Vipers, or ViPERs Van guard Index Participation Receipts, Track several Van-guard Index funds, For more Information online: www.amex.com

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at prominent mutual-fund families such as Janus and Putanam. An EIF's value is tied to the index it tracks and is continually visible as EIT's shares are traded throughout the day.

"You can really see what's being done (with EIF's)." Wilson said.

While exchange-traded funds offer many advantages, experts say they aren'l for everyone in all situations.

Investors must pay a broker a commission every time an EIF is bought or sold, so people doing a lot of trading could run up fees that would outstrip any savings. Like stocks, exchange-traded funds are also subject to the difference between the bid and ask prices is typically only a few pennies, less popular funds can have much larger spreads—an additional hidden cost that the investor pays.

additional motion consistency investor pays. Investors also end up absorbing some costs generated by frequent trading of ETFs, which can make ETFs slightly more constitution a low-expense index costly than a low-expen

Cosny data as mutual fund.

Wilson says brokerage fees also make exchange-traded funds less suitable for small infinites. For instance, if also make exchange-traded funds less suitable for small investors. For instance if some invested \$2.000 in an ETF with a broker's fee of \$2.5 the fee alone would equal 1.3 becene of the total purchase.

That could take you five or six years to get back to even' he said, Even with a discount broken with the suitable for someone with \$10.000 or more to invest. Brokerage fees also would burt an investor who uses dollar-cost averaging to buy share periodically.

Another potential disadvantage: in some cases, such as small-cap stocks or foreign stocks, a good mutual-fund manager may do better than at ETF or the indexes.

People whose investments are all in tax-deferred retirement accounts such as little such as foreign and the such as foreign as foreign and the such as

advantages is avoltume com-gains taxes.

And there's no guarantee an ETF will go up. If you pick an ETF based on an index that has a bad year, your ETF will go down, just like the index. Charles Rother, president of American Stategic Capital in Los Alamitos, Calif., thinks ETFS have a nlace in many portfolios.

Los Alamitos, Callit, thinks ETFs have a place in many portfolios. Mutual funds are better for long-term less active investors and ETFs are great for a very active investor, he said. With regulators talking about imposing a 2 percent redemption fee on mutual funds to reduce trading, Rother thinks ETFs investment will grow by 10 percent to 15 percent because of their floxibility and relatively low costs.

low costs.
"ETFs are a good alternative,"
Rother said. "But they are not a
panacea."

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What to do with the money?

Make sure your retirement account keeps up with you

The Washington Pest

For imany of us in our twenties or early thirties, job-hopping has been the norm for our entire careers. The late 1990s boom meant frequent promotions, sparkly jobs with salaries that went up, up, up with each move. The bust brought layoffs for the unlucky.

We've survived, adapting to the constant flux and uncertainty. But what about our precious retirement accounts?

About half of private-sector workers were participating in an employer-backed retirement plan as of March 2003, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Twenty percent of us were covered by a "defined benefit plan," or what most of us would call a plain of pension. An additional 40 percent were covered by "defined contribution plans," such as a 401(8). Some of us were covered by

both.

Over the years, the bureau also has tracked a shift in the proportion of workers covered by each type of plan, with the trend moving toward defined contribution, which transfers more responsibility — and risk — to individual workers. That, counted with young workers. to individual workers. That, coupled with young workers' insecurity about the solvency of Social Security, ought to be giving us a sense of urgency about retirement savings.

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Assuming you're stashing money in your 401(k), you're, forced to make a major decision every time you change jobs.

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• Cash it out. It's tempting to take the money and run, but this could be one of the most expensive decisions you'll ever make. The IBS is going to hiv you with a 'lo percent penalty for early withdrawal. Because the contributions were tax-de-ferred, it will want to collect that leys; too. Depending on your tax bracket. Uncle San could knock 40 percent of your account balance. While the IBS is sympathetic to a true emergency — there are excep-tions to the percent penalty rule — doing this just because is stupid. And if you do it seri-ally, you'll destroy your finances.

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Younger workers neglect retirement savings

Even as younger workers watch parents and older generations go back to work after retiring because their savings were not adequate, they still aren't doing enough to provide for their own financial futures.

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Twenty-nine percent of American workers say they have not begun to save for retirement, and 61 percent have not calculated how much they'll need to save to reach their retirement goal, according to a recent survey by the Employee Benefit Research Institute in Washington.

Jeff Hinrichs, 28, of Chicago, 1984 hell-probably-be-40 years old before he can start socking away money. Meanwhile, he has to pay off about \$30,000 in student loans and a \$30,000 hospial bill from a three-day stay a few years ago to control his diabetes.

"It's hard to save for retirement unless you're Bill Gates." Hinrichs sald recently while shopping for music CDs. "Has too many other bills to think about saving."

Hinrichs also has seen how unexpected events can impact retirement savings by watching what has happened to his father, 59, and stepmother, 52.

Both have good jobs — hes an administrator for the United Way in Baton Rouge, La, and she inspects sursing homes. But they blew a chunk of their retirement money on two homes that needed expensive repairs. The houses were purchased as a result of job-changes."

nanges. "They're putting m way, and they do have a away, and they do have a little bit of a nest egg, but it's not as great as it used to be," said Hin

great as it used to be." Said 11m-richs.

He remains confident he will be able to retire comfortably, though he hasn't saved a penny, in the back of his mind. Hin-richs still hopes he will hit the lottery or sell for millions of dollars a movie script he has written on the side.

Many-people dream of have rarely do things turn out the way they planned, said William Gale, senior fellow of economie studies at the Brookings Insti-tute in Washington.
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cies — many may live well into their 80s and 90s — they also will have to work longer to maintain their lifestyles. Other wise, they risk sliding into poverty when they're too feeble-to work. "Somewhere"

wise, they risk sliding into powerty when they're too feeble-to work.

"Somethings' got to give. If people work longer, they not only have more income from which to save, but they have a shorter-retirement to finance. Both make it easier to accumulate wealth, 'Gale said.

Generation Xers born between 1900 and 1980 face other obstacles to building nest eggs. Many are inited in credit card and coilege debt while experiencing extended periods of joblessness as they work in industries hit hard by swings in the economy and the movement of jobs overseas.

Take Harvey Dodd Jr., who

had to move in with his parents.
In March 2002, two years after
completing his bachelor's degree in electronic engineering
from Purdue University, Dodd,
29, got laid off as a software orgineer at Northrop Grumman
Corp, just as he was about to
buy a house closer to work in
folling Meadows, Ill. Today, he
remains Johless and living in his
parents' University Park, Ill.,
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He has used up about a third of his intended house down payment, but at least he has no debt. Still, the layoff was a major setback.

"I was hoping to save up a little more towards retirement," said Dodd, who said he learned heav to save from his father. "My stocks didn't do vell 'twith downturn). They did pretty bad, actually, I invested a lot in technology.

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Today, the elder Harvey
Dodd, 56, who took an early retitement two years ago from
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Blaudin suggests workers closely examine the Social Security statements they get in the mail every year, put togeth-

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"It's like any goal. You have a plan. It's not set it and forget it. You have to fine tune it every year." Blandin said.
Such planning is more critical for young people as

Such planning is more criti-cal for young people as traditional safety nets such as Social Security, employer-fund-ed pensions and company matches to 401(s) accounts can't be counted on. Those who fail to plan and save for retirement are deciding they will work into their 70s or

save for retirement are deciding they will work into their 70s or 80s or will never retire.

Carter Kennedy said he intends to work way past retirement age anyway.

Tettirement is not appealing at all. It go insane," said the 41-year-old-bond-option-trador-at-the Chicago Board of Trade. Kennedy said he sees the re-tirement bubble starting to burst, but he doesn't believe he will be affected by it. His six-figure salary has enabled him ocreate a substantial stock portion of the property of the said of the

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view of retirement than ever reach it.

Despite the economics les-sons that beg to be learned, many of the newest work force entrants carry the same get-rich and-retire-early expectations. In some ways, its -part of growing up.

Perlaps they will get lucky, Blandin said.

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Blandin said.
"Sometimes, people think the worst, and when they get there, it's better than they thought," he said. "I honestly hope they'll all be all right."

Bankers discuss how laundering rules work in real world

By Gregg Fields Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — For bankers involved in international transactions today, the road to regulatory held can be paved with good intendions. With international bodies and tough domestic laws like the UNA Patriot Act cracking down, the mandate to be vigilant about possible money laundering activities is as plain as black and white.

white.
The problem, experts say is that the everyday world is rife with situations that fall into gray

areas.

In some cases, "unfortunately, you only get an interpretation when you go to trial," said Thomas Flaming, with the compliance division of the Office of the Comproller of the Currency."

"Do we have any volunteers?"

What's a banker to do?

That was the subject of debate for a two-day conference sponsored by the Florida

International Bankers Associa-tion, held at the Hotel Inter-Continental in downtown

Inter-Confluental in downtown
Miami. The conference, which drew
hundreds of delegates from
across the state and the
Caribbean region, hosted seminars on subjects such as
preparing for regulatory exams,
how to develop anti-money
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anks. It was the fourth FIBA confer h was the lotter Flex Conter-ence, one of a growing number of financial industry conventions designed to shed light on anti-money-laundering regulations that have noble aims, tough penalties — and murky lan-

grage.
For that reason, there is a learning carve for every institu-tion regarding money-laundering laws, those attending heard. And every situa-tion is different.
"Not every hank will be exam-ined the same way," said I laydee

Gilliam, with the state of Ploridas Office of Financial Regulation. You have different products, different clients and different risks. But we do ny to be consistent. Tleming acknowledged that the broad sweep of laws like the Patriot Act makes them hard to interpret at times. Besides banks, laws extend money-laundering regulations to immureable other buses, es, such as retailed other buses, es, such as retailed other buses, with as retailed so the result of the production of

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Money laundering regulations now require banks to rate their customers and operations for risk level. Offshore trade financ-

ing, for instance, might be rated riskier than domestic home mortgages. And banks are supposed to know their customers, and in some cases their customers' customers'. John Akkinson, assistant vice-president of supervision and regulation for the Federal Reserve Bank of Adanta, said one dearre-quirement for institutions is to bring their questions to banking regulators.

"First bring it up with your examiner," he said. "If you still think there's an open issue or question.

ammer, "he said," it you sait make there's an open issue or question, don't hesitate to raise the issue with a higher afuhority." He added, with a smille. "And as we train people, and they're doing excellent work, please don't hire them away."

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TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS — For Denver, solution for dealing with homeless becomes urgent

DENVER (AP) — When John Hickenlooper opened his brew pub' in downtown Denver in 1988, the city's homeless often took shelter in abandoned warehouses and panhandlers saw few donors after dark.

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Since then, many of Denver's historic buildings have been converted to pricey lofts, trendy retail stores and popular restaumants. A baseball stadium and a new sports aren now sandwich downtown, and a once-mort-bund pedestrian mall is clogged nearly around the clock.

The city's homeless population is grown, too, from an estimated 1985 in 1990 to nearly 10,000. Hickenlooper is now mayor and he is searching for a solution to the problem, looking at everything from a ban on the problem, looking at everything from a ban on the problem. See the problem is the problem of the problem of the problem of the problem of the problem of the problem of the problem of the problem. See the problem of the problem

tary states and the tents or even baseball's Coors Field. Hickenlooper said he has never felt threatened by pan-handlers, but has head from colleagues who fear panhan-dlers are tarnishing benver's image and scaring away poten-tial national retail chains and rourists.

tourists.

There is a sense of urgency and this sint something you can just address with Band-Aids, like opening a temporary shetter, "lickenlooper sald in an interview with The Associated Press." in 10 years, I want to see that we have enough shelters and are moving people into

I'm absolutely convinced that homelessness as we know it now

can be eliminated in 10 years. •

- John Hickenlooper, Denver mayor

transitional housing.
"I'm absolutely convinced that homelessness as we know it now can be eliminated in 19 years."
On a recent day along the 16th Street Mall, Billy Martinez carried a white paper cup solled from the hundreds of coins pedestrians have dropped in. "I do this to get some extra money, sometimes for rent, but often just to be able to go buy a sandwich or a cup of coffee for myself," said Martinez, who works day labor jobs. "Man, people get irted of going to the soup kitchens. We all got some pride."
Martinez spots a nicely

Martinez spots a nicely dressed wornan. "Spare some change?" he asks politely. Judy Miller of Lakewood digs

into her coat pockets and comes out with a dollar. I don't feel indimidated by the panharders, but I know some of my friends do," she said. 'It's a tough call for the city.'
Laraine Joy, dubbed the Burger Lady' for giving free hamburgers each Friday to about 175 homeless, said many of the people she sees have drug or alcohol addictions but a large number also suffer from mental illness.

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"These people are functional enough to walk the streets, but-they are not functional enough to get a job and keep it," log said." Alto of them would be e-ligible for housing assistance, but they need someone to help them through the process."

Many citles are enacting laws designed to get the homeless off the streets, said Donald White-side, executive director of the National Coalition for Homeless.

"While cities nationwide face this issue, there are more efforts

"While cities nationwide face this issue, there are more efforts to criminalize practices that the homeless rely on." Whiteside said. "For some people, parhandling is the only means of survival. There has to be better use of the city's resources." Whiteside said Hickenlooper's goal of wiping out homelessness is possible, but Denver will need federal money for affordable housing and job programs. He said a lot of that money now goes to other projects.

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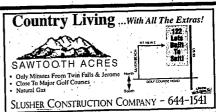




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ANSWER: Though I am pretty Old School myself. I do open all hands with two aces and a king—control-rich hands tend to be undervalued in standard point-count. I also open 12-counts with a five-card suit, and hands with two four-card suits when the suit I am opening is a good one. I like to try to get partner off to the right lead if we are going to defend.

Dear Mr. Wolf:
Holding ▲ 10-5, ♥ A-Q-8-5-2,
• K-J-10-6, ♣ K-3, I opened one
heart and heard my LHO overcall
one spade. Partner raised to two
hearts, and RHO chimed in with
two spades. Could you please discusts the merits of passing, continuing to three hearts, and bidding
three diagnostics? monds? Houd Warrior, Montercy, Calif.

ANSWER: Passing might work, but with a little extra shape and no wasted values in the opponents' suit. I feel I should join in and push them up a level if I can. Three diamonds should be a game-try here. Take the same hand, but change the spade five to the king, and I might make that call. Here, a purely competitive three-heart call seems right to me.

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Dear Mr. Wolff:

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♣ 7-5-4, ♥ Q-6-2, ♦ 0-8-6,
♣ Q-7-5-3. My LHO reopened
with one spade, my partner competed with two clubs, and my
RHO now bid two diamonds. Was
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should I have joined in with
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When I was a child, some parents, were giving their bables names like Elwis and Moon (Zappa), inspiring all of us to grow up and name out own bables of the property of the property of the property of the work of the west property of the work when the child was conceived, I thought I had heard It all.

Last month, a Baltimore Sun story focused on a Michigan couple who have named their baby lon Blake Cusak 20. He's a baby born into a digital world, with the appropriate upgade at the end of his name. Apparently, he's the first child to come into the world with a technological.

The boy's dad is a software designer and self-described enginer and geak." No

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Name Society, which studies
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fact, it says, numbers are rarely
used in personal names and
when digits in names do pop up,
they're usually not stiffues.

Now, with the birth of fittle Jon
2.0, that may become more likeby.

"The Web site habynames.com is a good place to find information about all sorts of names and naming. In fact, the people who manage the site will even choose names for your children, based on your own preferences, based on your own preferences. It was not so that the property of the pr The Web site habynames.com

The top live hames for 2003 have been posted:
For boys, they are Aden, Jaden, Caden, Ethan and Calebin that order. For girls, they are Madison, Emma, Abigai, Riley and Chloe.
No Mary or John for today's creative parents.
Of course, trendy names have been at the top of these lists for

been at the top of these lists for quite a while. In the 1970s, for example, "J" names were big for boys, with the most popular being Jason, Joshua and Justin.

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And expectant parents have
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and Dawn are considered saxy names.

The Baltimore Sun article says many people have problems with "legacy" names.

According to Cleveland Kent Evans, of the American Name Society, the nickname "junior" has come to denote immaturity and even interiority, Added the society's Edwin Lawson', Tve tested people in a local mental tospital, and I've found a significant number of people who are manic-depressive are named Junior.

Meanwhile, "Cusak 1.0 says!

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Meanwhile, "Cusak 1.0 says his techo-naming legacy could continue if 2.0 has a son and dubs him 3.0."

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With technology changing so fast, Evans counters, that idea may need an upgrade.

Denise Turner is assistant fea-ures editor at The Times-News.

Sticker-shock therapy



nce. Diazdeleon currently pays \$1,400 every six months, while Aguirre Anthony Diazdeleon, left, and his mother, Gigl Aguirre, have both paid high premiums for car

Got a teenage driver at home? Save money "But if the kid is going to Boise State or Idaho State and comes home and drives sometimes, you probably need to keep them on your coverage," he said.

By Steve Crump Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – When Gigi Aguirres teenage son, Anthony, had a birthday recently, the family got an unexpected birthday present:
A.S.1.900 car insurance premium.
"And that was for six months," said-

Aguirre.
Anthony has a job and a good driv-ing record, but he has two problems. He's 18 and he and his Mom drive a

He's BI and he and his Moin drive in early new car.

"We finally got the premium down to \$1,400." Aguirre sidd. "But that was for a lot less coverage."

And Aguirre has more interesting times to come: Anthony is the oldest of six children.

"I really don't know how I'm going to afford to pay for car insurance for the rest of them," Aguirre said.

Tim Obenchain hears similar stories all the time.

Tim Obenchain hears similar stones all the time.

"I've had clients tell me. Tim not going to pay that kind of money," said Obenchain, partner in a Twin Falls insurance agency. "I tell them. 'OK, are you ready to self-insure the kid?"

Usually not, Parents of teen-age drivers are legally on the hook for whatever mischief the child inflicts behind the without

wheel.

There are some things you can do ahout the cost, but the reality is that teen age drivers are expensive to insure because they get, into a lot of accidents. Obenchain said.

Drivers aged 16 and 17 are three

Money-saving strategies

- To lower the premium for your teen-age driver, have him or her quality for as many discounts as possible and have him or her classified as an "occasional" - rather than a primary driver
- Before your child signs up for a dri-ver's training course, check with your insurance agent to see if it qualifies for a driver education discount. Some do.
- some don't.

 Walt until your kid turns 25 before you buy yourself a sports car. If you have a ceenage driver on your family's policy, you'll pay through the nose for insurance coverage on a high-end vehicle.

umes more likely to be killed in a traffic accident than a driver between the ages of 25 and 64, according to the National Safety Council.

Add a ceen age driver to your family's auto insurance policy, and you can expect the premiums to rise by 50 to 200 percent, on average, And if it's a boy, the tab could triple.

Teenage girls, as a rule, pay about 10 percent less than teenage boys for coverage, Obenchain says.

The single biggest money-saver is buying or or having your teenager buy-an older car and then only paying for fisability insurance on it. No collision, no comprehensive.

"Obviously, if the kid is in an acedicate, and a contract of the

comprehensive.
"Obviously, if the kid is in an acci-dent, that kind of coverage doesn't pay to fix the car," Obenchain said. "But if

If you have a teenage driver on your policy, check to see what buying a new BUV-will do to your faces, You may in for an unpleasant surprise.

Statistically, kides are more likely to get into an accident during daylight hours — because they drive to school and ant to get into unable with seemal of their friends in the car. Keep that is serial of their friends in the car. Keep that is serial of their friends in the car. Keep that seemal will be picked your child gets a licked or gets into an accident, your premium is headed vertical. Make sure beforehand that he or she knows who will be picking up the difference in cost.

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If your teenager is listed on your auto

insurance policy as an occasional driv-er of the family car - of as the primary driver of an older car - then you won't pay premium rates to insure newer vedriver of an older car - Inen you work up you may need the mates to insure newer vehicles, he said. It also helps considerably if your son or daughter is an "X or a "B" student, Obenchain added.

"Good students get into fewer accident than other students," he said. That's why good-student discounts save real money."
Don't insure the teenager if he or she doesn't drive - if the kids away at colege and doesn't have a vehicle on campus, for example.

Most of all, make sure your teeragers know there are real
consequences for driving badly.
"Young drivers are just more careless." Oberchain said. "Have you
driven through the high school parking
lot lately They need to bring an insurance agent into those driver-training
classes and talk dollars and cents with
those kids."
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Occasionally, Obenchain hears from an anguished parent who's just received a stratospheric car insurance premium notice—and has no idea why. "Then it urns out the kid has been issued a citation for underage consumption (of alcohol)," he said. The kid hasn't told the parent about it, and when the premium notice comes out, it comes as quite a shock."

But sitcher-shock too shall pass, If you child keeps his nose clean, the premium wild decline annually until age 25, at which thue the insurance industry considers him or her a responsible adult driver.

That's a long time away for Aguirre. "When we got the premium notice, my agent said. Don't worry, his insurance will go down when he's 25.

"That's not much consolation now."

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Every February, the toyanakers of the world gather in New York City to show off their best gee-whiz creations—the hot stuff day or next December. They don't allow kids at the American International Toy Fait, but they the temporters come, and were hossically just overgrown kids. So, since you couldn't go, kids. So, since you couldn't go, kids. So, since you couldn't go, kids. So, since you couldn't go, kids. So, since you couldn't go, kids. So, since you couldn't go, with a you might want to check out at the toy store. We included their Web sites so you can go online to find out more.

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Native Americans called North American home long before European explorers landed. The Indians spoke many languages and had different customs. Some farmed, others hunted and moved around a lot. Some lived in vignams, others in adobe houses. If you'll like to know more about our first settlers, the 300-piece Native Lands Jigsaw pust is for you. This puzzle is so much fun, you won't even care that it's educational. tional.
\$11; greatamericanpuzzle.com

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exercise

You don't have to go to the gym

When winter's grip finally lossened last week, we headed nut for some outdoor playdine. That got us thinking With so many fresh-air activities to choose from, which are the most-efficient calorie burners? We consulted www.calories-perhour.com and learned the following, All results: were caliculated for a 37-year-old male. 5-jp and 170 pounds (that's me) - and for a fetional 45-year-old woman. 5-3 and 125 pounds. Her calories-per-hour follow mine in parentheses.

Here's a sampling of what you can get out of the season ahead:

Pushting a baby stroller: 193, eth 14-29.

ahead:
• Pushing a baby stroller: 193, cph (142).
• Car washing: 231 cph (170)
• Walking at 3 mph: 245 cph

Canoeing (light): 270 cph

(170)
• Walking of – or playing with dog: 308 cph (227)
• Bicycling, under 10 mph; 308 cph (227)
• Yard work: 386 calories per hour (283)

hour (283)

• Backpacking: 540 cph (397)

• In-line skating at 10 mph: 596 cph (430)

• Singles tennis: 617 cph (454)

• Mountain biking: 655 cph

• Running at 6 mph: 771 cph (567)

(567)
If you're looking for a pattern, think heart rate: To burn more calories, get and keep your heart rate up. Equally key: Every little bit helps:

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ANNIVERSARIES

SHOUP - Mr. and Mrs. Stan Potts of Shoup, formerly of the Magic Valley area, were honored recently at a surprise celebration for their 50th wedding anniver-

sary.
Potts and Joy Blume were mar-ried March 7, 1954, at the Little Church, of the Crossroads in

Lamoille, Nev.
The dinner was hosted by their
doughters and sons-in-law, Kay daughters and sons-in-taw, way (Jerry) Black, Robyn (Jerry) Max-field and Stani (Chris) Malmgren. The couple has four grand-

THE SLIMANS

THE SLIMANS
GODING, - Mr. and Mrs.
Mike Sliman of Gooding will be
honored at an open house for
heir 50th wedding anniversary.
Friends and relatives are invited
to attend from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at their home at
1918 Wood River Road in Gooding No gifts, Please.
Sliman and Murva James were
married March 9, 1954, in Elko,
Nev.
They resided in Gooding most

New.
They resided in Gooding most of their married life. He worked in the construction business, retiring in 1996. She worked at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Illind in Gooding, retiring in 1991.

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The event will be hosted by their son, Michael (Brenda) Sli-man of , Gooding, and grandchildren, Duke Sliman and Lasley Sliman, both of Gooding, and Beeca Sliman of Moscow. Other children are Jim (Linda) Shaw of Lake Forest Park, Wash, and Gary (Neva) Shaw and Vicki



en and one great-grand-



(Steve) Tollefson, all of Boise. The couple has 10 grandchil-dren and five great-grandchildren

-WEDDING

TRAINOR-FITCH

TWIN FALLS - Meghan Ann ainor and Jed Clayton Fitch ere married, June 21, 2003, at te home of the bride's parents in

Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Kevin and Linda Trainor of Twin Falls

The bridegroom is the son of Buck and Jeannie Flich of Rig-

Buck aid jeannile Pitch of Riggins.

The Honorable Thomas A.
Olson, reirred district judge of
Bozeman, Mont., officiated the
ceremony, which was solemnized by the Honorable Roger.
Burdlek, Idaho Supreme Court
lustice, Savanan Seaman was
the violinist. Tom Ashenbrence
and Ann Pool played the guitar
and flute before the ceremony.
Whitney Trainor of Los Altos
de la Stanza, Panama, sister of
the bride, was the maid of honor.
Bridesmaids included Julie MeChanahan of Nampa, sister of the
groom, Martha Pendl of Driggs
and Tami Fairctoth of Niskayuna.

NY.
Steven Crump of Moscow was
the best man. Groomsmen included Martin Balukas of
Fairbanks, Alaska, Jason McClanahan of Nampa, cluttee Fairbanks, Alasso-Clanahan of Nuo-Tun Dick of Butte, Mont. Ushers were Mike Estrada, Zak Burnett Sak Kienetz.

were Mike Estrada, Zak Burnett and Joek Kienetz. Special guests included Fran-cis and Martha Trainor of Port Republic, NJ., grandparents of the bride Woodrow and Marjorie Fitch of Grangeville, grandpar-ents of the groom; and Buzz and Pauline Stuckel of Egg Harbor,



N.I., great-uncle and aunt of the bride. Charles and Pearl Buell of Buffalo, Wyo., grandparents of the groom, were unable-to-at-tend.

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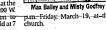
-ENGAGEMENTS

GODFREY-BAILEY

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BURLEY - Clavell and Connie
Godfrey of Burley announce the
engagement of their daughter;
Misry Dawn Godfrey, to Max
Loon Balley II. son of Franklin
and Betty Bailey of Paul.
Godfrey attended the American Heritage Academy in Burley.
Bailey is a 1997 graduate of
Minico High School. He is emloyed by Kraft Foods in Rupert.
The wedding is planned for 6
pm. Wednesday, March 17, at the
LDS Star Ward building, 200 W.
100 S., Bulley: A reception—tohonor the couple will be held at 7

100 S., Burley. A reception to honor the couple will be held at 7





The wedding is planned for



and Jacob Modroo

LONG-ANDERSON

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TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs.
Paul A. Long of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their
daughter, Danielle Rae Long, to
Robert Todd' Anderson, son of
Win Falls.
Long is a 2001 graduate of Twin
Falls High School. She is emiployed at Kirkham Auto Parts in
Twin Falls.
Anderson is a 1997 graduate of

Twin Falls.

Anderson is a 1997 graduate of
Twin Falls High School, He is em-ployed at Swire Coca Cola in Twin

McNurlin-Modroo

MCNURLIN-MODROO
FILER - Garry and Theresa
McNurlin of Filer announce the
engagement of their daughter
Georgialee McNurlin, to Jacob
Modroo, son of Elton and Cathy
Modroo of Idaho Falls.
The couple met in Twin Falls in
1999 while attending the College
of Southern Idaho. He graduated
in 2001 and they relocated to
Idaho Falls. He is employed as a
collision spectalist. She is wort
ing with children with disabilities
as an intensive behavior interventionalist and also is attending
Idaho State University par-time.
The wedding is planned for the
summer of 2005.

ROBERTS-MALONE

EDEN - Michael and Barbara Roberts of Tigard, Ore., an-nounce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Roberts, to Derek Malone, son of Rod and Vicki Malone of Eden.

Malone, soft or tool and view. Malone of Idlen. Molane of Tigard High School in Tigard, Ore., Lin-field College in Medianville, Ore., and Bosie State University. She is employed as the head attlette trainer at Saint Martins College in Olympia, Wash. Malone is a graduate of Valley High School and Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore. He is a lance corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps and is currently working as a network



Derek Malone and Dana R

May 2005 in Maui, Flawaii. A re-ception will follow the ceremony.

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• Are you a blockshead? Then check out PheiBlocks, the new way to build cool things. Because they connect side to side as well as stack, you can build almost anything. Try your hand at a spinning top. Or maybe you're the arsy type, with an idea for a masterpiece that looks like stained glass. Pixels come in 20, mity colors and are see-through, so they make great window art. Seven cooler You can turn a favorite photograph into a one-of-a-kind mosaic by getting a personalized diagram from the company's Web site.
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and Salt, addyour favorite flavorings, put it all in a container and swing it around inside a T-shirt for five minutes-and what do you get fee cream. of course And your T-shirt will stay spot-less (moms like that). So say the makers of lee Cream Science. The same people also make Soda Pop Science. \$20 each: www.scientific.explorexcom

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Unlike the summer version, participants in the winter games are not required to qualify at the state level. The Sur National Senior Games/Senior Olympics is one of the largest multi-sport athletic competitions in the world. By 2007, a record 12,000 athletes are anticipated.

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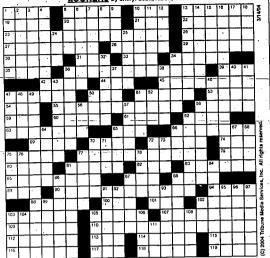
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Use 'tickets' for coherent discipline plan

Q: I need help with my 4-year-old daughter. She is our second child and a major handful. As I write this letter she is in her room for the day, due to behavior last night. A few minutes ago, she opened her door and wanted to cope out. I told her she had to re-main there until dinner, but she came out anyway. So I he came out anyway, so I legan counting.

aun. 1 out the sine had to remain there until dinner, but she came out anyway, so began countiling. Every ten seconds, I told her she had lost another of tomorrow's privileges. When she seed up all of tomorrow's privileges, I started on the following day's privileges, which she lost in no time. She finally went back into her room, but I expect more room, but I expect more roomer to the she had been defined in the state of the state of the she had been defined and frustrated. Help!

AF First, you need a coherent discipline plan. The method I most often econimend with this age child is one I call simply "Inchest."

Put a list of her most frequent mishchaviors on the refrigerator. Use a magnetic clip tobtained at any office supply store or section of a department store) to clip five tickets' to the refrigerator. Lent to a list of three to five (no longer!) of her most frequent mishchaviors (e.g., refusing to do what she is told, yelling at you, Ignoring you when you talk to here etc.).

She begins every day with free tickets: When she lets fly.



with one of her "target misbe-haviors," you identify the misbehavior, put her in time out for ten minutes, and take a

For example: "You're yelling at me. Yelling is on your list, which means you're losing a ticket and going to time out for ten minutes."

ticket and going to time out for ten minutes.

On any given day, the loss of the fifth ticket means loss of all of her privileges for the remainder of the day, including her usual bedtime (which is moved up at least an hour). Sometimes, but not always, I recommend that the 'child spend the rest of the day in his or her room.

spend the rest of the day in more her room.

This is a simple, clear, and easy to administer discipline program.

If you are away from home If you are away from home and a misbehavior occurs, sim-ply say, "When we get home, you're losing a ticket for what you just did and going to time out."

out."
Second, you need to understand that if you take away tomorrow's privileges for today's behavior, your daughter will have no reason, tomorrow, to behave.
So, if she uses up. 21 of h.

misbehave, well, you simply must accept that there is no perfect discipline plan and deal with the continuing misbehavior as well as you are able. Earplugs may prove helpful at this point. Consistent application of a simple plan of this sort will usually begin yielding good results within one or two weeks. For the first few days to weeks, however, it is not unsuall for the child in question to throw the full weight of her strong-willed nature at the program to try and make you give

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The "ticket" is to stick with it, as did the Mom who recently wrote me the following testimonia: "Just want to let you that, after religiously appears that after religiously appears that after religiously appears that after religiously appears that after religiously appears that after religiously appears that after religiously appears that after religiously appears that after religiously appears that after religiously appears that after religiously appears that the religiously appears that the religiously appears that the religiously appears that the religiously appears the religiously appears that the religiously appears that the religiously appears the religiou monial: "I just want to let you know that, after religiously applying the Tickets" method to my B-year-old son, who had been diagnosed with Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD) and for whom medication had been recommended, that he has now been stricken with Mom Avoidance Disorder As Typified by Moaning Or Mumbling (MADATMOM). Furthermore, I myself appear to be "suffering" from In The Same Words of Rosemond, Keep Imitating No-nonsense Grandmai (ITSWORKING)."

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of gen-eral interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1020 East 86th Street. Stute 26th. Iridi-anapolis. Ind. 46240 and at his Web site: http://www.rose-mond.com/

Daughter won't play part in mom's reconciliation drama

DEAR ABBY: My mother was unloving and downright cruel to all of her children. Dut now that were all over 18, she has suddenly decided she wants to have relationships with us. (I havent evert fold her that I've been engaged for two months.) She has caused so much sulfering and heartache, but 1 don't know how to tell her to leave me alone.

ing and heartache, but I don't know how to tell her to leave me alone.

She recently showed up at my house I don't know how she got my address, because I didn't know how she got my address, because I didn't how she can act like everything is fine between us and get angrish the said he word sorry with me for not calling her back.

Mother has never in her like said the word 'sorry in did her.

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If you feel that any aspect of your relationship with her is salvageable, consider trying to head the relationship. However, if that is not possible, Lell her plainly that you want to be left alone, and If she doesn't cooperate, you will be forced to get a restraining order. Then do it.

DEAR ABBY: My niece, "Debra," had her breasts en-larged before she was even 20, and she dresses to draw atten-



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lion to them. She's so proud that she pushes them out even further, which makes her posture appear almormal.

We are modest people, and, we felt especially uncomfortable last summer at a family beach party where she pranced around in a thong!

Now we have a messy situation. Debra has accused a male family member of behaving induced the proposition of th

Thecause they were on uspia) all the time.

My sister, Debra's mother, refuses to accept that her daughter is in any way responsible for this mess, and says the man involved is completely at fault. I blame Debra.

Is it fair for a girl to dress seductively and then accuse a male family member of behavened an experience of the properties of the properti

ing inappropriately?
- MODEST IN COLORADO

DEAR MODEST: Let's stop assigning blame and assess what's really happening. For years, Debra probably felt something was lacking. Since she has had her enhancement surgery, it appears she has been overcompensating. The prisode with the thong bikini at the family beach garry is an ex-ample of a girl who once felt invisible and is now flaunding her assets.

her assets.

However, when someone prominently puts something on display, it's unrealistic to expect viewers to wear blinders or look away. Debra can't have it both ways.

DEAR ABBY: My neighbor DEAR ABBY: My neighbor runs a licensed day-care center in her home. She does a good job and has lots of children in her care. Some of the children are the same ages as my kids, and they often spend an after-noon or a whole day playing at

mon or a whole day playing at my house.

Should I be concerned about being responsible for the Telients when she is paid to take care of them't is been allowed to the care of them't is been allowed to confront me, and Yol like to heavy your thoughts.

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DEAR LIABLE To heck with ny "thoughts." Contact your historia was a control to the confront me, and you thoughts in the playing th

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Take pets to the vet twice a year

It used to be that we just took our pets to the veterinarian for their annual vaccinations or "shots." We got the reminder card in the mail and obediently made an appointment for Fildo or Fluiffy to see the vet.

"Iff talk more on vaccination-recommendations in another column, but what I do know, from talking to animal health experts from universities to top private practices, is that we vet-erinarians have compelling reasons to see pets more often than once a year.

In fact, pets need to be seen year eas adults and more frequently than that as pupples, kittens and as senior pets (in general, after the age of five for large dog breeds and cats).

Will Novak, "DVM, MBA,

large dog breeds and age seven for smaller dog breeds and age seven for smaller dog breeds and cately.

Will Novak, DVM, MBA, Diplomate, ABVP Chief Medical Officer at Banfield, The Pet Hospital which is the nations largest privately owned veterinary practice, says they have been recommending twice a year pet exams, for some time. Because we recommend out clients bring their pets in for twice a year exams, we are able to catch diseases in the early stages, helping pets live longer, healther lives, said Dr. Novak.

Here's why one traditional vet wist per year is not enough? Pets age faster than people. Using the commonly accepted seven human years for every pet year, a pets aging process is very accelerated. Then, drawing a human health parallel, can you Imagine seeing your MD lifts year and then having them schedule your next visit for the year for 2011? When it comes to our pet's health, so much can change within a short time-frame, says Link Welborn DVM, Diplomate ABVP, President of the American Antimal hospital Association. The regular physical exam is the most important factor to ensuring the long-term health of our pets held hill on our pets health, so much can sufficient and the said and th

the long-term health of our pets."
Pets hide illnesses: By nature, the sick, and weak are preyed upon, so animals instinctively hide their illnesses. Many times earing pet owners bring their pet in because it didn't want to eat breakfast this morning only to find out that their pet is in serious condition. Sadly, they might find that the disease was treatable in the early stages but



is now so advanced there may be too much damage done to save them.

Pets can't talk: Although recent surveys show that 99 percent of usfalk to our pets like they're human, our pets can't werbally communicate in human language "where it human language "where it humas" or that they "just don't feel right." Only veterinarians are trained to look past obvious signs to potential problems and catch them in the period of grace before serious and/or ireversible damage has been done.

Veterinarians are "it": Where-

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Veterinarians are "it": Whereas humans have many people on their health care team who might notice a potential medical problem developing (doctors, dentists, optometrists, chiropractors, psychologists, chiropractors, psychologists, chiropractors, psychologists, chiropractors, psychologists, cel., for the four-legged family member ... the veterinarian wears every health care hat. As a team of one, the veterinarian surrounded by a talented supporting staff, must do it all.

By increasing the frequency, length and effectiveness of our two legged and four legged partners' yearly visits to the veterinarians to syend more time with their patients, and as a result, they get to know more about the pet, said Dr. Novak. "They are able to learn more about a pet's health and nutrition requirements as they grow older and recommend the appropriate care over the years, in return, twice a year visits allow veterinarians to build a stronger bond with both the client and the pet."

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The pet gets a higher level of preventive health care and re-ceives the latest high-tech leath drugs and treatments; dierary changes can be imple-mented as needed by the veterinarian to benefit at-risk, pets and ill pets (nutrition is the single biggest factor in overall health and longevity); compra-tiensive examinations, professional consultations and lahoratory testing catch prob-

Animals show sense of fairness

umans certainly have a sense of fairness. Watch an elementary school playground, college intramural game or corporate boardroom and you'll see proof of fairness

on a daily basis. But can an animal feel taken advantage of by another ani-mal? Research

Researchers Sara Brosnan and Frans de Waal at Yerkes National Primate Research Center tional Primate Research Center rained capuchin monkeys to give tokens in exchange for food. Then, working with pairs of monkeys, Brosnan gave one monkey a grape in exchange for a token white only exchange for a token while only exchang-ing a less-tasty cucumber with the second monkey. As the bartering progressed, the sec-ond monkey began to refuse to trade its token or rejected the cucumber. When the first moncucumber, When the Irist Mon-key was given a grape with no request for a token in trade, the second monkey became uncooperative and stopped working entirely, sometimes even throwing things. "Such treatment would outrage a person." Brosnan noted. This experiment implies that the

a person. Brosana notes. This experiment implies that the human sense of fairness is evolved rather than learned and is shared by others in the animal kingdom. Do our pet species also have this sense of fairness? Only future research will tell.

lems early on before they cause lems early on before they cause unnecessary pain, expense or worse; behavior problems can be nipped in the bud; and power veterinarian can continually update your unique pet's per-sonalized pet health protocol hat gives it the best chance of a happy, healthy, tull life. And pardon me for modifying a well-worn phrase, but follow-ing this logic will add years to your pet's life and life to its years.

years.
Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marry Becker is the countior of the new book "Chicken Soup" for The Horse Lover's Soul" and a popular veterinary contributor for ABCs "Good Morning America. Write to him in care of Knight RidderTribune New Service, 750 - National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

lk to her, etc.). She begins every day with So, if she uses up all of her tickets, when she lets fly tickets and she continues to New book lists common parenting mistakes to avoid

Erin Brown Conroy, mother of 12 and author of the new 230 Secrets to Success With Your Child "(Celtic Cross Publications, \$16.95), says a few common parenting mistakes can make life difficult:

Never ask your child "why?" Most of the time, they don't know why they acted the way they did. Just address the issue and teach the

Set realistic consequences. Don't use threats that are too huge Set

to follow through on. Be open to underlying physical or emotional causes for behavior. Identify and address the root issue that leads to a display of poor behavior. Give a five-minute warning. Before you plan to leave, or want your child to do something, give clear words about what's going to happen. Then follow through.

5 End before the crash. Know your childs limit (it may be sooner than you think) and stop while you're ahead.

Family news you can use

Give adequate opportunity for body movement.
Let your child run and exercise. It even helps them learn

- Compiled from wire service reports

Community

Buhl student wins alto soloist division at jazz festival.

See page E4.

Buhl student earns honor

BUHL – A Buhl student sang her way to top of a distinguished jazz festival recently. April Dietter won the alto soloist division at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival In Moscow, earling won a new microphone and trophy, reported Buhl High, School cholt teacher Jenniler Schoth.

The Buhl High, School Lost Choir also competed at the jazz Choir also competed at the jazz Choir also competition.

The choir had a wonderful learning experience, as well as a great performing experience, before the cour singers in the solo division. But the highlight was a presented to the single specific production, as well as three of our singers in the solo division. But the highlight was a prid win, she said. And if that wasn't enough. (April) also got to hobmothe with the other famus; jazz musiclans backstage while she wated to perform for an audience of 10.000 at the evening control.

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ence of 10,000 at the evening concert."

April was accompanied by a professional band made up of Wally "Cator" Watson on drams, Christian Pablian on bass and Kuni Mikarni on plano.

April has been singing for 10 years, first coached by her mother, Rosa. She won a regional competition to perform at Washington. D.C... where she earned a superior rating. She also has won various talens shows; performed at fairs in Boise. Twin Falls, Gooding and



er and the Blue Heart Jazz Band entertained during the annuapril plater and the Site of t and Zach O'Connor. In the background is Ashlee Schmitt. Not sh

Jerome: and sang with the Singing Christmas Tree directed by Caleb Collins, for the Gospel Opry of Twin Falls and for local churches. She has also entered several beauty pageants where she won the talent portion for

most of them, her teacher said.
Recently April entered a competition in British Columbia,
Canada and was named the
overall winner for the young women's category

MUSICAL TALENTS



wards Audition Festival held recently of the Mini-Cassia Junior Music Club and winners in the Students of the Mini-Cassia Junior Music Club and winners in the awards Audition Pestival help recently included, from left, Samuel Christensen, second place plano; Felicia Horsley, second place vocal; Sana Rutschke, first place vocal; Jacoble Harper, first place plano; Heather Harper, first place plano; and Jossica Byington, first place strings. They will perform at the Burley Music Club meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., Burley. The public is invited.

Center series focus on contemporary art

KETCHUM - The Sun Valley Center artistic director, Kristin Poole will lead a series of informal discussions, entitled, "Considering Contemporary Art," at 7 pm. Thursdays, March 18 to April 15 at the center, Fifth Street and Leadville Avenue in Ketchum. The discussions are free of charge and open to the public.

Each evening, two. 20-

Each evening two, 20-minute artists, interviews that

are part of the PBS series, "Art: 21, Art in the Twenty-First Cen-tury" will be screened. Poole will then lead a discussion about the art, the artists and their motivations, significance to art history and relevance or seemingly lack of relevance to dally lives.

seemingly lack of col-dally lives. The discussions will cover emerging and established artists, sculptors, painters and performance artists.

The award-winning PBS series is the only one on television to focus exclusively on content porary visual art and artists in the United States, the center reported. The footage allows the viewer to observe artists at work watch their process as they transform inspiration into art and hear their thoughts as they grapple with the physical and visual chazilenges of achieving their artistst visions.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Michael Ross Suter, son of Brittany Diane Jacobsen of Buhl, was born Monday, Feb. 23, 2004.

23, 2004.
Marcos Luis Trevino, son of irene Robledo and Ricardo Javie Trevino of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004.
Drake Henry Rasgorshek, son of Karen Jean and Mark Lane Rasgorshek of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, March 3, 2004. 04. Daniel James Wachtel, son

of Phoebe Anne and Baron James Wachtel of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 4, 2004.

vas born Thursday, Match 4, 2004. Alexander Kaden Alcala. son of Kari Ann and Jose Alcala of Murtaugh, was born Thurs-day, March 4, 2004. Lillian Maire Mingo, daugh-iert of Army Marie and Timmothy Thomas Mingo of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 4, 2004. Logan David Bausman, son of Lisa Ann and Tom Logan Bausman of Kimberly, was

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: The Community Page The Times News

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for Tuesday's paper.
More Information?
Call 735-3278

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born Thursday, March 4, 2004.
Ethan Chad Herrick, daughter of Amy Lynn and Chad Ross
Herrick of Twin Falls, was born
Friday, March 5, 2004.
Dylan Garrett Narum of Twin
Falls, was born Friday, March
5, 2004.
Averse Mae Silva, daughter
of Reanna Rose and David Anthony Silva of Buhl, was born
Friday, March 5, 2004.
Shelbi Lee Provence, daughter of Jennifer Annelie Lea ughter of Jennifer Annelie Lea ughter of Jennifer Annelie Caughter of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March

nity Editor: Pat Marcantonio - 735-3288

Kenadee Ann Brownlee, daughter of Katie Ann and Trenton Gall Brownlee of Kim-berly, was born Saturday,

Trenton Gall Brownlee of Kimberly, was, born Saturday, March 6, 2004.
Joshua Levl Loveless, son of Julie Maureen and Grant Michael Loveless of Buhl, was born Saturday, March 6, 2004.
Saraih Navarro, daughter of Liz Maria and Armulfo Navaro of Gooding, was born Sunday, March 7, 2004.
Ablgall Joy Compher, daughter of Carolyn Jane and Buddy Leroy Compher of Filer, was born Sunday, March 7, 2004.

was born Sunday, March 7, 2004.
Samuel Aaron Ducharme, son of Elizabeth Ann and Matthew Aaron Ducharme of Twin Falls, was born Monday, March 8, 2004.

Cassia Regional **Medical Center**

Kadin Jo Thompson, son of Sonny Jo Thompson of Hey-burn and Scot N. Bailey of Utah, was born Monday, March 1, 2004.

PERFECT STUDENTS



Jerome High School perfect attendance winners for the third trimester are Crystal Haakma, Yesenia Fergoso, Juan Decar Martinez and Amanda Hall.

SERVICE NEWS

Brown graduates from Army basic training

Army Pasic Graining
Army Pvt. Dan J. Brown has
graduated from basic combat
training at Fort Knox. Ky.
During the nine-week training, the trainee received
instruction in drill and erermony, weapons, rifle instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training chemical warfare, field untiling and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military curtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army, history, traditions, and core values. He is the son of Becky Brown of Jerome and grandson of Lee Urle of Filer. Brown is a 2003 graduate of Jerome. High School.

Airman graduates from Air Force training

Air National Guard Airm

Ist Class Ryan L Iterman has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courcestes; performed cell and ceremony marches and received physical training, rifle marksmarship, field training accercies and special training in human relations.

His is the son of Julie Herman of Jerome and Brent Herman of Twin Falls. Lierman, a 1999 graduate of Jerome High School, received a bachelor's degree in 2002 from Boise State University.

Corporals participate in large hashish seizure

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Sean A. Cannon and Jose M. Martinez recently participated

in the selzure of an estimated 2,800 pounds of hashish with an estimated value of \$11 million, after intercepting a small lion, after intercepting a small Arabian sea vessel in the North Arabian Sea, while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), based in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The interception is designed to hinder the funding of terrorist organizations by denying the use of the seas for the smuggling of illegal contraband. This is the third interception by coalition maritime forces in recent weeks. This unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battallon, aiteraff squadron, support group and command element.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

St. Edward's serves St. Patrick's Day dinner

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TWIN FALLS – St. Edwards
atholic Church will celebrate
t. Patricks Day with a corned
eef and cabbage dinner Tuesay in the Parish Hall, 206 7th
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day in the Parish Hall, 206 7th
Ave. E.
Traditional St. Patrick's Day
fare will be served from 4:30
7:30 p.m. The cost is 56
for children age 12
and under and S16 for family
the menu will include cornet
beef, cabbage, carrots, rolls, red
potatoes, desert and
punch/coffee.

Fossil Beds program` gets 'batty' for March

gets 'hatty' for March
HAGERMAN – Bat researcher
luile Landerth will share information on bats from 2-3 n.m.
Saturday at the Billingsley Creek
State Park on Highway 30.
A fifth on the importance of
bats in the environment will be
shown, along with a discussion.
People of all ages are invited to
this free event, children under
an adult.
For more information, call
837-4793, ext. 5224.

Program focuses on women in Middle East

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monu-ment will present "Women in Middle Eastern History" by

Boise State professor Joanne Klein at noon Thursday at the Visitor Center. 221 N. State St. Admission is free. Visitors should bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert will be provided by the Hagerman Historical So-clety.

For more information, call 837-4793, ext. 5224. This pro-gram is made possible by suppor from Boise Cascade Corporation and funding from the Idaho Humanities Council.

Burley man celebrates 90th birthday Saturday



Overna... Burley. The family

The family requests no gifts.
The event will be hosted by the schildren, David (Margaret) Peck of Twin Falls, Sandra (Lucky) Koyle of Albion, Jerry (De Anna) Peck of Highland, Utah; and Jeff Peck of Burley.

Homemaking classes for young people are held

FY - Sewing cooking

and craft classes are offered at The Parry Place at 1232 Over-and Ave. in Burley.
Sewing classes for beginning and intermediate sewers are open to children age 8 and older and cost 8 per class. A cooking class costing 55 per class and craft classes at \$4.50 per class are open to children ages 7 and older.

The classes will run through April There will also be a cooking/craft fum day on the last Seventing day on the last Seventing day.

April. There will also be a cook-ing/craft fun day on the last Saturday of each month. Call 878-3853 or 312-3833 for more information on class times, or stop by and pick up a schedule.

Burley merchants host Legacy Quilt Challenge

Legacy Qulit Challenge
BURLEY - The Burley Area
Merchants Association and the
Burley merchants are holding a
legacy quilt challenge.
There are three categories, including "First direct direct inthe globel and the control of the control
to beginning and remediate
quilters." Legacy" for intermediate quilters and "Professional"
for advanced quilters.
There is a SZ
entry fee per
quilt. Entry forms are available
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participating businesses for peoples choice awards. For more information, call them-Sitching Etc. at 878-0236. Sandy's Bernina at 678-1573, or Mill Ends Fabrics at 878-5713. Aller

Woman celebrates 100th birthday on Monday



Woman celebrates 100th birthday on Monday

TWIN FALLS - Helene Harley Babcock is celebrating her 100th birthday Monday.

Helene Sabcock Helene Harley Smith was born March 15,1904, in Mountain Home to Ida Mae and Roscoc Smith She attended Mills Gollege, grad to a University of Idaho.

Responsive to the town They had two cock, a lawyer from Iwin Falls whose parents were early pioneers of the town. They had two children, Bill Babcock and Carolyn Daigh Balrd of Twin Falls.

Helene Babcock has been active in the AI chapter of PEG, Panhellic, American Association of University Women, Kappa Alpha Theta, the Episcopal Church and her bridge club. She also enjoyed liy-fishing, hunting, canoeing, horseback

riding, golfing and skiing; and drove her Model A Ford back to the Chicago World's Fair in the 1920s. Cards maybe send to Ceno-ma House, 1930 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

What do you think about 'The Passion' movie?

The Passion movie?
Controversy has swited around Mel Gibson's new movie, "The Passion of the Christ." Now it's your urn to offer your opinion. The Times. News will print your responses, or excerpts from them, in a future issue. Include your name, address and phone number. Also, if you are willing, let us know your religious affiliation, if any. Respond to Denise Turner, religion editor. The Times. News. P. O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Lidho 8330-0548. Or e-mail denise@magicvalley.com. Or (x (208) 734-538. For more information, call (208) 733-0931, ex. 243.

Oakley Valley Arts offers scholarships

Others scholarships
OAKLEY – The Oakley Valley
Arts Council is accepting applications from high school seniors for the Aaron and Gloria Johnson Memorial Scholarships. Two \$259 Scholarships will be awarded to those with have been active in the community/council arts, such as music.

drama. set design and others activities, and have a grade point average of 2.5 or better. Applications may be obtained from area high school counselors and must be postmarked no later than March 25. For more information, call 677-AKTS.

Buhl Community Education offers courses

Education offers courses
BUHL. - The buhl Community Education and Recreation
Association Inc. is offering several spring classes.

"Reading Aloud to Children;
will show how to interact with
children while reading and will
be held from 6-7:30 p.m. on
March 31 in the Popplewell Elementary School Library. The
Cost 1s 55.

"Beginning" Photography.

mentary School Library.

"Beginning Photography"
will run for three weeks and will be held from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, starting April 1 in the Buhl High School Art room. The cost is \$12 and about \$20 for materials. Students will learn to take pictures without automatic focus and develop black and white pictures.

focus and develop black and white pictures.
"Miltered Knitting" will be held from 6-7 pm. Aprils, in the Buhl High School Library. The cost is \$4. Students should bring yarn and appropriately sized needles.

For information on other courses, call Connie Glander at 543-6553.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center

Twin Falls Senior Center 530 Shoshome St.W.
Dinner served from noon to 0:230 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non-seniors under 60 of \$2.50 for non-seniors under 12. Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Loungo room avallable for television. puzzles and reading. Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Menus:

Monday: Chicken cordon
bleu, veggies, rolls, Jell-O w/
fruit, scalloped potatoes, lemon

frait, scalloped potatoes, termon bar Tuesdays: Baked potato bar Wednesday: Corn beef and cabbage, potato w/ carrots, combread, green Jell-O, celery, pistachio pudding Thursday: Taco salad Friday: Chicken ala king, po-tato, peas and carrots, biscuit, corn salad, dessert

Activities: Monday: Quilting Exercise class, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood pressure Good Sam's meeting Wednesday: Quilting Elks Card Club Elks Card Club Foot clinic St. Patrick's Dinner Board meeting Thursday: Center pinochle; 1

m. Friday: Quilting Lunch bingo Blood pressure Exercise class

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

West End Sonlor Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
Menus:
Today: Chicken dinner
Monday: Cooks Choice
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff,
noodles, salad, veggies, roll,
fruit, cookie
Wednesday: Rib-b-que sandwich, fries, veggie six, tapioca
pudding
Thursday: Corned beef dinmer, Jell-O sahad, bread dessert
Saturday: Community
breakfast, 8-10 s.m.

ner, Jel-O sagat, orea desseri Saturday: Community breakfast, 8-10 a.m.—Activities: Today: Buffet, 1 p.m. Monday: Cards, 6-9 p.m. Exercise, 10 a.m. Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m.-3

p.m.
Crafts 1-4 p.m.
Tax Assistance, 9 a.m. -3 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Jackpot trip, leave center at
4:30 p.m., leave Jackpot at 10

... Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m.-3

p.m. Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m. Sunday: Last Resort Band

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon on
Thesdays and Thursdays. Sug-gested donation: 33 for seniors.
Home-delivered meals are available each mealtime.

Tuesday: Sausage patty

gravy Thursday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon.
uggested donation is \$3.

Menus:
Monday: Tuna Casserole,
peoas, fruit, apple bites
Tuesday: Chicken chow
nien, rice, oriental veggles,
fruit salad, brownies
Wednesday: Com beef, cabbage, potato wedges, carrots,
under the sea salad, sharmock
cookies, sherbet
Thursday: Lasagna, garlie
bread, peas, carrots, salad, custard, fruit

tard, fruit Friday: Porcupine meatballs, scalloped potatoes, corn, coleslaw, pincapple upside-down cake, fruit

Activities: Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m. Tuesday: Gem state fiddlers,

noon Snack bar, 6 p.m. Early bird, 6:45 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Aerobics, 11

m. Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: Aerobics, 11 a.m. Pinochle, 1-p.m.

geless Senior Citizens, inc. 310 Main St. N., Kimberly

Memus:
Monday: Sausage, scrambled
eggs, hashbrowns, pancakes,
orange juice, coffee and milk
Wednesday: Corned beef
and cabbage, parsley potatoes,
salad, bread, apple crisp, coffee
and milk

salad, bread, appression and milk Friday: Pork chops, potatoes, gravy, green heans, salad, rolls, cake, ice cream, coffee and milk

Activities: Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m. Thursday: Crafts, 1 p.m. Friday: Birthday dinner,

Foot Clinic, sign up. \$6 Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.

All dinners are at noon. Sug-ested donation \$3 for seniors.

Menus:
Monday: Pork chops, potatoes, gravy, cauliflower, cheese
sauce, bread, cobbler
Tuesday: Chili, baked potato,
coleslaw, combread, fruit cocktail, cookie
Wednesdays, Corped, bref.

tall, cookle
Wednesday: Corned beef,
cabbage, potatoes, carrots, lime
Jell-O, french bread, cake
Thursday: Cube steak, potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots,
pears, rolls, Texas sheet cake

Activities: Sunday: Mexican Train, 2

p.m. Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild One, 6 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Hearing Clinic, 11 a.m.

Pon. Pon. Pon. Bridge, 6:30 p.m. Bridge, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Massages, 10:15 a.m. Computer Lessons, 12:45

p.m. Shuflleboard, 6 p.m. Thursday: Quilt and Sew, 9

m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
SHIBA, 11 a.m.
Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Finochle, 7 p.m.
Fiday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Hand/foot, 2 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.

Hageman Senior Center
140 E. Lake
Open B a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
Lunch is served at noon and
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donated is S3,
non-seniors \$4 and children
under 12, S2.

Menus:
Monday: Chicken breasts,
potatoes, gravy, broccoli salad,
applesauce cake
Wednesday: Corned beef
and cabbage, blueberry
nuffins
Friday: Cook's choice

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden Suggested donations for sen-Suggested donations for sen-ions is \$3, All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk-and-coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednes-days are cinnamon roll and mapte bar bake days. Closed Monday for Martin Luther King Day.

Menus: Tuesday: Corn beef, pota-toes, carrots, cabbage, fruit, shannock cookie Thursday: Lasagna, salad, green beans, applesauce,

Activities: Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo,

Golden Years Senior Citizen,

Inc.
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
— Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Menus: Tuesday: Ham and beans, ied potatoes, cole slaw, dinner ols, pineapple upside-down

cake
Thursday: Hamburgers, split
pea soup, coconut cream pie
Friday: Corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes and
carrots, Irish soda bread, pista-

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Snack bar, 6

.m. Early-bird bingo, 6:30 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m. Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Pancake supper in Richfield,

Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Bridal Registry

Erin Ro



Richfield Senior Center range juice, milk and coffee ed daily.

Monday: Corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes and carrots, Irish soda bread, pista-chio dessert

Thursday: Hamburgers, po-tato soup, banana cream pie

Blaine County Senior Center 721 Third Ave. S. Hailey Menus:
Tuesday: Pizza casserole, green salad, tomatoes, peas, cheese bread, angel food cake w/ strawberries Wednesday: Corned-beef-cabbage, red potatoes, lime left-osladd. whole wheat rolls, lemon dessert Friday: Turkey or fish, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, congealed cranberry salad, rolls, banama cake w/ frosting

Activities: Monday: Dinner and movie 4:30 p.m. Tuesday: Reflexology, 9:30

m. Exercise, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday: Tax Assistance, 9

m. Poetry group, 12:30 p.m. Thursday: Carey exercise, 10

a.m. Tax assistance in Carey, 10 a.m. Friday: Birthday day, noon

Three Island Senior Center 492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry

Glenns Ferry
Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday,
beverages with meals, Rides are
available by phoning the center
at 366-2051. Suggested donation is 33 for seniors, S5 for
non-seniors under 60, and
\$2.50 for children under 12.

Menus:
Monday: Pepper steak, tice, broccoli Normandy, carrots, pudding, roll
Tuesday: Corned beef and cabbage, carrots, parsled potatoes, pear and Jell-O salad, brad
Thursday: BBQ pork chops, bayed beens broccoli cuts, roll

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Activities: Tuesday: Crafts, 5-8 p.m. Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.

Camas County Senior Center

Camas County Senior Center 127 E Willow Fairfield Noon meals are served Tues-the County of the County of the Senior Seni

Menus: Tuesday: Zesty zany chili, salad, sliced peaches, corn-bread, french vanilla pudding Wednesday: Corned beef and cabbage, creamy cucum-bers, salad, pistachio pudding Friday: Pork chops, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, salad, fruit, cake

Activities

Tuesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pool playing, 10:30 a.m. to 2

p.m. Tax preparation by appt. Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ool playing, 10;30 a.m. to 2

p.m. Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2

Pool playing, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday: Breakfast dinner
7:30-10 a.m.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 Hth St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and
home delivered upon request,
luice and assorted beverages
are served every day with
meals. Gift shop hours are
Monday through Friday. 9 a.m.-

Menus:
Monday: Salad, chili, corn
bread, orange wedges, budding
Tuesday: Salad, chicken
nuggets, fries, green beans,
tapioca pudding
Wednesday: Salad, corned
beef, cabbage, brownies, cornbread lies gram

read, ice cream Thursday: Salad, enchiladas, eans, rice, ice cream Friday: Smorgasbord

Activities: Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3

m. Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3

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Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. SHIBA assistance, 10 a.m.-4

p.m. Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3

p.m. Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center 2421 Overland Avc., Burley Menus: Monday: Potato bar, cheddar broccoli, burger gravy, salad, boiled eggs, roll, berries, cheese

cake
Tuesday: French dip sandwiches; ministroni-soup-pears,
dessert
Wednesday: Corned beef,
cabbage, potatoes, pears on lettuce, herb roll, fruit cocktail

cake
Thursday: Pork noodles, egg
roll, oriental veggies, boiled
eggs, rice medley, mandarin
jeil-O, apple pie.
Friday: Crab salad sandwiches, salad, California veggies,
orange chocolate delight

Activities: Monday Closed, Federal hol ay Tuesday: All-play pool, 10

m. Exercise, 11:15 a.m. Computer class, 1 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: All-play pool, 10

m. Exercise, 11:15 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Thursday: All-play pool, 10

.m. Exercise, 11:15 a.m.

Organ lessons Hearing aid assistance, 11

m. Night pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: All-play pool, 10 a.m. Exercise, 11:15 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Blngo, 1 p.m.

Thank the French for vaudeville acts

DEAR EDITOR; Both my father and grandfather were avid fans of vaudeville entertainers. Could you tell me where the word "vaudeville" comes from?

DEAR S.A.; "Vaudeville" refers to a form of entertainment popular in the U.S. from the 1990s to the 1990s. The term is believed to be a corrupted form of the french phrase "vaux-de-vire," which referred to popular satirical songs composed in the 15th century in the Vau-de-Vire filter-the phrase "vaux-de-vire," which referred to popular satirical songs composed in the 15th century in the Vau-de-Vire filter-the phrase of Vire"; in the which referred in product surical songs composed in the 15th
which referred a value-de-Vire (filerally, "valley of VIre", in .theFrench region of Normandy,
The phrase may have been
overlapped with "volk de vile"
("voices of the city", a term that
referred to another type of
French song; the castence in
Unraine of three villages named
Vaudeville may have conthuted to the confusion.
These songs became popular
in Burope as a result of a movement by professional actors in
alternative to the dramas held
by the Comettie-Francisco. the
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able to compete with these popular productions, vaude-ville performers spiced up their

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acts by presenting plays in pan-tomime and setting the action

acts by presenting plays in pantomine and setting the action to music. Spoken dialogue was later incorporated into the act. Early vaudeville shows in the United States were known to be rather coarse and crude. Intended primarily for male audiences. By the end of the 19th century, theater managers forced entertainers to provide cleaner acts that could be presented to families. American entertainers whose careers started in vaudeville include the Marx Brothers, W. C. Fields, Will Roges, George Burns and Graces and Carlier.

Scorpio: Don't start new projects

Scorpio: Don't st

IF MARCH 14 IS YOUR
BIRTHDAY ... you reluse to
compromise when faced with a
challenge. There are blessings at
your fingertips that speak of fair
and liberal treatment in relationships, and safety and
security in financial matters.
Your most important inner
essence will be undergoing a
pennanent alteration, and you
may feel the need to sham doors
haut behind you.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): You
may be feeling more in the
mood for love, but the stars say
you should keep the business
fires stoked. Relationships will
run smoothly if you use your
best manners. You can count on
help from the least expected
sources.

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—TAURUS (Apr.20-May 20):163- agood day to contemplate love matters and to begin long-range plants to tighten expenses. If you start a business relationship under these stars, it will be vigorous and cooperative, but financially it may be ill-fated. GEMIN1 (May 21-June 20): Potential pitfalls loom in the relationship sector, and you should spend extra time being cautious about your finances. It's a good day to pursue pleasure — as long as you avoid-situations that-could-invite-criticism.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) CANCER (June 21794) 2... Concord be inspired today to take steps to make your home more cozy or secure. You will find a spirit of cooperation with others in your immediate vicin-

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22); Blending, your energy with that of others can bring a powerful force for good into being. It is best to concentrate on fulfilling existing obligations and to limit urges to take control of situa-

tiges to take control of stata-tions.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
Pressures may have recently been released, and you may have adopted a matter-of-fact, practical attitude. Your exacting

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grasp of situations may be put to good use this week for moneymaking activities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Expect exacting fairness and a
li-for-tat atmosphere in relationships you enter into under
these planetary alignments. If
you want a mate who won't
roam, seal the deal this week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). This is not a good day to start
projects or meet new people as
that compulsion to throw your
weight around is still at high
indeed of things will be within
your grasp-if-you focus your energies on those who care about

regies on those who care about you.

SOFTIARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The security that you have been yearning for is within your reach if you beg in new relationships in the next few days. If you the little effect forth, you can espect a shifty bright harvest from the control of the control o

words.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
Today you have the ability to
speak your mind and let your
real meaning shine through.
Use this day to delve into technological areas such as

Use this day to delve into technological areas such as computers, brainstorm problems or chat with friends.

PISCES (reb. 19-Mar. 20): Rest up today from the turnoid of the past weeks. The coming week will demand your energies, and you will be leading the pack as a new spirit of accomplishment invigorates the atmosphere.

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The Times-News

The habits of rabbits

Rod, gun club brings respect for game laws

Rod, gun club brings

At the beginning of the 20th century, jackass rabbits jackrubbits existed in immense numbers on our Western plains. When the Irrigation water began flowing on, the Twin Falls tract in spring 1905, and the first tender crops emerged on the once desolate plain, farmers were dismayed to lind that the pesky "jacks' were gobbling them up for dinner, and then stripping the tender bark from young Iruit trees for dessert. Every night the rabbits invaded fields and gardens and even came, uninvited, into the center of Twin Falls.

Paul Bickel, chief engineer for the Land and Water Co. joking-by suggested that the rabbits might be exterminated by somehow enticing them to eat ment. After filling up on these tidbits, the rabbits would naturally drink from the nearest irrigation ditteb.

from the nearest irrigation ditch. which would cause the cement and clay to solidify and the rabbit to die of indige. die of indigestion.
After the
coyotes had
stripped the
carcass.
Bickel theorized, the
intestinal
formational

as s. s. due to the comment of the c formations Magle valley dues to could be used for anatomical illustration. But the solution chosen was much more practical. To combat the pests, large organized drives were regularly conducted during those early years, the first being held on May 7, 1905. Typically, the rabbit 'hunters' would assemble in their town. Typically, the rabbit 'hunters' would assemble in their town, choose, several leaders and review the rules of the hunt which usually allowed only shotguns and clubs to be used as weapons. At the edge of town, the participants would march toward some cul-de-sac impediment, such as the canyon rim, driving the rabbits before them until they were trapped and could be dispatched by the club-wielding participants, Jacks that refused to be driven were shot by armed outriders.

On at least one drive, several

participants, laces una renesce to be driven were shot by armed outriders.

On at least one drive, several of James Baker's transfer company wagons followed behind purpose isn't known, but the newspaper warmed that it would 'not be safe to eat so come:

These drives often produced astounding results. One held near Hansen in January 1906 was said to have eliminated 12,000 rabbits; an outing near 1906 pedestrians took part, did in 4,000; nearly 3,200 shorgun shells were fired in the course of another.

shells were tired in the control another.

The drives were, in part, so-cial events. Sometimes, the hunters of one town would challenge those of another to a shoot. Frequently, teams within a town competed with one another, the lossers buying supper or the winners. After one hunt near liller, the Ladies Aid Society



TALES OF THE TRACT James Varley

served lunch for everyone at the Maroa schoolhouse.

Another hunt near Twin Falls concluded with a dinner held at Mrs. William Wolfe's boarding house, at which speeches were delivered on the subjects of Rabbits. and Their Habits.

"The Uncertainties of Rabbit Shooting and "Wild Animals I Don't Care to Meet."

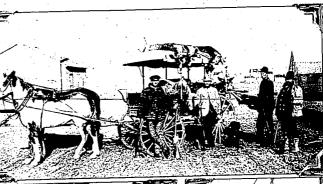
At this dinner party, preliminary steps were taken to organize a rod and gun club. A few weeks later. —in-

later. -in-early March 1906, the club organ-ization was perfected with the with the help of Peter Holo-han, who had just a r r i v e d in 'Twin Falls from Wallace. Holohan, known as the 'boy twonder' of trap shoot-

hire game wardens in every comp.

That was also the first year meaningful regulations were promulgated, including a requirement for license, but resident males 12 years or older had to pay a dollar per year to obtain one from a fustice of the peace, probate judge or game warden. For his dollar a resident could sheep and a mountain goat, in season, he was allowed each day to take 18 sage hens and grouse, 24 dacks, three geese and 20





nunters, 1907. From left to right are Frank Lindzy and wife, Frank Herbert

Falls dee 1907



rmen at Milner Dam, about 1907.

Flahermen at Milner Dam, about 19 journals of trout, grayling, bass or catifish Fishing and hunting seasons were of very liberal lengths. Moose, antelope, caribous, swars and most nongame birds were protected. The Twin I alla Rod and Gan Club was very active. Insite sail; and other widdlife, and in trying og eig game refuges and better enforcement of the game laws. The club's conservation and enforcement efforts were spearheaded by the editor of the Poin Falls News, George Fraser, who owned a setter bitch and was an

arden bird hunter. Due in large part to his efforts, in May 1907 the state chief deputy game warden visited Magic Valley and appointed three local deputies. After a few arrests were made, there was a sudden demand for fish and game licenses and a new respect for bag limits.

James Varley's newspaper columns are collected in a book titled "Tales of the Tract: The Be-ginnings of Twin Falls, Idaho and the Magic Valley," sold by the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation



Tor-foct-11 Inch, 632-pound sturgeon caught in 1908 at Lover Salmon Falls. C. Lind and George Parton Rad to repe the fish 'like a steer' to land it. A nearby trout fisherman sald the men had merely caught one of the 'minnews he was using for balt.'

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