## GOOD MORNING

## WEATHER



Today: Mostly cloudy and cold. High 29, cold. ras low 20. Page A2

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Dismissed: Prosecutors drop a case against a man arrested in connection with two bank robberies.

#### MONEY

Twin Falls traffic: Bank plan would change traffic flow at Blue Lakes Boulevard North, Falls Avenue.

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Samsung delivers: Duo-Cam offers best of two worlds.

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## Weighing water issues: Idaho legislators should worry over pumper plan instead of domestic wells,

s editorial says.
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Red scare

Rad weather has left tomatoes at a premium

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# Water deal looks elusive

BOISE - Lead negotiators for surface water users, spring users and groundwater pumpers whose livelihood de-pends on the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer say they're still not close to a deal to keep everyone out of court. But a special interim legisla-

tive committee trying to avoid a court light charged alread Monday when members met as if the deal will be cinched by the time the 2005 Legislature convenes in January.

They discussed how to finance a potential deal to reduce the amount of water being taken from the aquifer that is stressed from the years of drought. Before the drought

hit, though, deep wells had al-ready been poked into the aquifer that took more water, out of it than was being put back in, Additionally, the state also has agreed to send more water down the Snake River in -order-to-encourage salmon re-production. The interim committee ,-which includes lawmakers, lawyers and industry officials -

must get agreements, legisla-tion and financing arranged by March 15. That is the deadline agreed to by the governor, Leg-islature and water users. After that, the commercial fish hatcheries, which started the -dispute, are-again free to de-mand their full water rights, which would require the shut-

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## Judge gives bånk robber 20 years

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

BOISE - A federal judge sen-tenced a Boise man to 20 years in prison on Monday in con-nection with a string of bank robberies in Twin Falls and

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the defendant 13 years for each
count, to run concernently, and
seven years for the firearm

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count, to run consecutively, for a total of 20 years. Auser also will serve five years' supervised release and must pay \$61,100 in restitution. The maximum penally for years' supervised release. The firearm charge carries a maximum penally of life in prison. Auser entered guilty pleas on Sept. 20.

The plea agreement describes the sequence of events that led to charges against Auser.

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With the Bliss School building as their backdrop, kindergartners Alex Henson, left, Cameron Locktar, center, and Nicole James play on the tire swing during recess Monday. The Bliss School District will had a \$2.5 million band election Friday to fund a new school. A similar band issue swing during recess Monday. The Bliss Sch failed in May by six votes.

## Bliss takes another stab at funding for new school

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

BLISS – Teaching second grade in Angela Overturi's class-room is a challenge.

Extra space is nonexistent and noise – from the adjacent kitchen, cafeteria and the up-stairs science room – is a con-stant companion.

PROFILE

ant companion. On Monday, Overturf had 15

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pupils spread in three rows of desks about 1 foot apart. She likes to let the children work in groups, but that's hard in the

If the 20-year bond Issue passes, it would cost a laxpayer with a \$75,000 home and a nomeowner's exemption \$141.60 per year. rectangular room with an odd-shaped corner for storage and a

esk. Overturf said she rearranges

desks every few weeks to put different youngsters in the front. Last year she had three more second graders and when one left, she was sad to see her-pupil go, but she was really ex-cited to have some extra space. "It was just awful," Overturf said.

ne small rooms used to be quate, Overturf said, but in

## NewsTracker

E Last we knew: William F. Auser pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to five

■ The latest: The defendant was sentenced Mon-day in U.S. District Court to 20 years in prison.

What's next: Auser

reau of Prisons to begin serving his term.

## oncerns over stun guns grow

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utierrez, 51, to be Commerce secretary.
Education – Studied business administration at Monterrey Institute of Technology, Queretaro, Mexico Experience – Kellogg de Mexico: sales representative to general minager, 1975-89; Kellogg Canada president and chief executive, 1989-90; Kellogg USA: corporate vice president to general manager of cereal division, 1990-94; Kellogg Asia-Pacilic president, 1994-96; Kellogg USA: executive vice president of business development to chief executive officer; 1995-2004

## **Bush picks Gutierrez** as Commerce secretary

**Kellogg boss tapped for Commerce** 

WASHINGTON - President Bush on Monday nominated Cuban-born Carlos M. Gutier-rez, who rose from driving a truck for Kellogg Co. to become the breakfast giant's chairman, to be the next Commerce secre-tary.

to be the next Commerce secre-tary.

It was Bush's first apploin-ment in what likely will be a wholesale revamping of his economic team, signaling a fresh start as the president pra-pares to launch two politically challenging initiatives: a re-structuring of Social Security and an effort to "simplify" the tax code.

tax code.

If confirmed by the Senate,
Guderrez, 51, would succeed
Donald L Evans, a Texas oilman
and longtime Bush friend
whose resignation as Commerce secretary was announced earlier this month.

Bush's económic team has been less visible than his national security team, but it is expected to gain importance yield. While House attempts to build support for changes to boild support for changes to be considered to support for changes to be considered to gain the support of the support for changes to place a number of people in the team that would help him for mulate this policy proposals and promote them in Congress. Bush has called for allowing workers to put some of their Social Security taxes into privately owned accounts, but he has not that in money to pay benefits to current retirees and to people close to retirement. Bush has said he will push to simplify the tax code, but he has not committed himself to any specific changes. In addition to Evans, Stephen Friedman, director of the White Please see GUTIERREZ, Page A2

The Associated Press

PHOENIX - From Rosean Air flight crews to U.S., police aircorrections officers to beat cops in Britain, the orders are pouring in for sum guns made by Tlaser International Inc.

The Scottsdale company even, recently launched a metro Phoenix ad campaign gravate citizens swapping private citizens swapping private citizens swapping private citizens swapping with the company of the company of the company of the citizens of the company of the citizens of th

with fusers.

The group also says officers have turned stun guns on the mentally disturbed, children and the elderly.

Not only do we not know the impact of these weapons on human beings under various conditions, we are also concerned about the gratuitous use of these weapons, said Genid Le Melle, deputy executive director of Armsety International USA.

A Defense Department.

USA.

A Defense Department-sponsored report also calls for more testing and some health professionals are expressing concern that the potential for cardiac ar-

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## Shocking force

Taser international inc., the maner of stun weapons, has watchbd its stock soar amidst growing concerns about whether the weapons are as non-tithal as advertised. In a released Tuesday.

A Taser's electrical current overrides the central neurous system for five aconds, temporarily

lise of force incidents

At the Orange County, Fia. Sheriff's Office Tasers were the most prevalent force option, constituting 68 percent of all use-of-force incidents in 2002.

ID tags ejected

Batteries older models use eight AA batteries, newer models are rechargeable

## **Utilizing the Taser**

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## Tasers:

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Armesty worried that "the deployment of Tasers, rather than
minimizing the use of force,
may dangerously extend the
boundaries of what are considered 'acceptable' levels of force.
Similar to a device first developed the 1970s, the 'Taser became available to consumers in
the early 1990s and is now used
by more than 6,000 law enforcement agencies worldwide as
well as the U.S. milliarry, which
has used them in Iraq and
Afghanistan and ordered nearly
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Taser officials bill the guns,
which shoot two barbed dars
whose current can penetrate up
to two inches of clothing, as
among the safest ways of subdu-

ing violent people in high-risk situations. Thisers have a range of up to 21 feet and can also shock on contact, like a cattle prod.

"We get e-mail from police everyweek... thanking us for developing a weapon so they didn't have to shoot somebody." said company chairman Phil Smith. The thing the shoot somebody." said company chairman Phil Smith. "Were saving lives every day and cops love them."

"Phoents police officers credit Tasers with helping police shootings drop by more than half and fatal shootings by 31 percent last year.

"We've seen them reduce injury to suspects... who in the past we would have had to strike multiple times with fists or batons," said Sgt. Randy Force, a department spokesman.

While not opposed to stunguns in principle, Amnesty In-

ternational wants law enforcement to stop using Tasers until scientific evidence can show they don't kill.

whey don't kill.

In a majority of Taser-related fatalities, coroners have attributed the cause of death to hear problems, drug overdose or asphysiation. But some medical experts believe Taser shocks may exacerbate a risk of hear failure in cases where people are agitated, under the influence of drugs or have underlying health problems.

"If I hit the heart or create "II I hit the heart or create electricity in the wrong time of the (beat) cycle, it could send the whole heart into an electrical tailspin," said Dr. Kathy Glatter, an electrophysiologist and assistant professor of medicine at the University of California-Davis.

Controversial evangelist Hargis dies

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my in southern and eastern foldaho.

"The stakes are enormously high, especially for the water users whose futures are tied to tir, said Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly. "We're down to the point where people have to assess what they can afford."

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, who chairs the Senate's powerful finance committee, said some preliminary information indicates the cost in tax revenue to the state could be between \$100 million and \$200 million if wells are shut down.

Thow am I supposed to bail-

"How am I supposed to bal-ance the budget with that kind of hit on the general fun?" he

The committee discussed two ways to reduce water rights being used. One involves put-ting water aside in a federal

Los Angeles Times

The Rev. Billy James Hargis, a colorful and controversial evan-gelist and anti-communist cru-sader who launched the "Bible balloon barrage" to float scrip-tures behind the Iron Curtain

and tangled with the IRS, the church that ordained him and the college he founded, has died. He was 79.

Hargis, who had suffered from Alzheimer's disease and a series of heart attacks, died Saturday at a nursing home in Tulsa, Okla.

## Water

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down of 1,300 well irrigators – a
right the hatchery operators say
they'll assert without a deal.
Such a move, officials say,
would undermine the economy in southern and eastern

conservation reserve program.

Members also heard about a second method from a representative of the Idaho Water Resource Board. Richard Skinner told the committee that water users could finance bryting up certain water rights. He suggested using fax-eeempt bonds that water users could pay back over 30 years. Getting the Rulex cause there are certain criteria to be mer. Skinner said. Since the said, in order to self the bonds, investors would have to be guaranteed collateral, he noted. The security would come from either turning water off, putting a lien against properties, or ultimately selling water rights if borrowers didn't pay.

Cameron was skoptical. He said he wanted to know what would happen if the drought continues, causing both water and land values to evaporate.

Cameron also said he's not ready to back a plan that would pit the burden of paying for the bonds upon the population of

the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer. For one thing, the loan would be about one third less if the state's triple-A bond rating were used instead of an A-bond rating the water user in court. rating the water users in south-central and eastern Idaho would get if they bare the main responsibility of paying back the loan. For another, Cameron one roan tror another, Cameron pointed out that the entire state benefits from the economies of south-central and eastern Idaho.

Idaho.
"I'm just wondering if that's fair," he said.
But whether it winds up being water users on the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer or, to a lesser degree, everyone in the state who pays, Water Resources Director Karl Dreher said he can see how both irriga-tors as well as owners of do-mestic and municipal wells could be considered water users and therefore be responsible for helping repay the loan.

The Associated Press con-

## Bliss.

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the last five years the school has
seen a boom in the lower
grades. Now her room is considered one of the most crowded
in the school.
Overturf's classroom is just
one of the reasons the Bliss
School District is seeking a
bond issue to replace its ap-proximately 75-year-old main
school building.
Community members will
have their say about the 20-year
bond issue when the go to the
voting booths Friday.
Superintendent Kevin Lancaster sald for a \$75,000 home
with an homeowner's exemp-

with an homeowner's exemp-tion, the levy would cost \$141.60 per year. For a \$100,000 farm, the levy would be \$354 a year.

year.

Lineaster said the bond issue missed the required two-thirds majority by six votes the previous time it was on the ballot in

May.
The school's main building

includes 10 classrooms, a li-brary, kitchen, cafeteria and main office. The campus in-cludes several other buildings. A former superintendent house now contains the district office and kindergarten class. Special education and grades 3 and 4 are housed in two modular buildings. The agrantships

education and grades 3 and 4 are housed in two modular buildings. The gymnasium building holds athleties, the band room, a vocational room and a shop. The whole campus houses 1M students.

Lancasters aid a new building would have 15 classrooms, handicapped access, about 8,500 more square feet, separate areas for the elementary and secondary students, a library, offices and a multipurpose room. The district would no longer need the two modular buildings and could move special education into the district office.

office.
As for the old building, Lan-caster said it is structurally sound, although school officials

have not felt the need to examine core samples of the foundation. Lancaster said adding
onto the building would necessiate bringing it up to code and
even if the district renovated the
school, it would still be old.
"Much of its useful life is behind it," Lancaster said. "Functionally, we can do better.".

If the bond issue passes, Lancaster said the community
would need to decide what to
do with the current main building, Lancaster said it could be
used for other things, or it
would cost between \$50,000
and \$60,000 to have it demolished. The district also would
have to finish plans for a new
building, take construction blaand stan work. Lancaster said
the district is looking toward the
fall of 2006 for a building to be
finished.

Times-News writer Karin Kowalski can be reached at kkowalski@magicvalley.com. Gutierrez

## Robber

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On July 30, 2002, Auser went
into the Wells Fargo Bank at
1232 Filer Noe. E in Twin Falls,
armed with a Bercetta Model
1394 3480 semi-automatic pistol
and wearing a disguise. He
robbed the bank of \$522, 275.
On March 31, 2003, he entered the Key Bank at 1665 Blue
Lakes Blvd. In Twin Falls and
robbed tellers of \$16,697.
On Sept. 10, 2003, Auser again

robbed the Wells Fargo Bank on Filer Avenue, this time making off with \$16,636 from tellers and \$500 from a customer. On March 4, 2004, he robbed the Wells Fargo Bank at 10342 Overland Road in Boise of \$47,915.

\$47,915.

The following day, FBI agents and Boise police detectives contacted Auser, who admitted committing the robberies, according to the plea agreement.

In the defendant's house, offi-cials found a weapon they said was used in the crime, as well as articles of clothing matching the description of the disguise wom by the suspect. On March II, a federal grand jury indicted him on the eight counts.

Times-News writer Rebecca Meany can be reached at 735-3259 or by e-mail at rmeany@magicvalley.com.

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House National Economic Council, has announced his res-ignation. N. Gregory Mankiv, chairman of Bush's Council of Economic Advisers, is expected to leave soon.

The most visible economic aide, Treasury Secretary John Snow, also may leave. White House press secretary Scott McClellan, however, declined Monday to address Snow's fu-ture, dismissing such talk as a 'Washington, D.C., speculation game. With Gutierrez's nomi-nation, Bush has named three minorities to major jobs for his second term. The others are na-tional security advisor. Con-toleveza Rice, who is in line to succeed Secretary of State Colin L. Powell – both of whom are black – and White House Coun-

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sel Alberto Gonzales, who would succeed Attorney General John Ashroft.

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in Mexico City. He quickly rose up the ladder of Battle Creek, Mich-based Kellogg, serving in Canada, the United States and Australia.

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# Insurgent attacks kill U.S. troops

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents stepped up attacks on interest stepped up attacks of interest



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wounded. Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, looted the armory, stormed a police station west of commandeered several police

cars and Bed after encountering, no resistance, Iraqi officials said.

U.S.-troope-went-to-the police station Monday morning and arrested two dozen people, police said. American officials had no comment. U.S. and Iraqi troops receptured Samarra from insurgents in Sentember, but the city rera from insurgents in September, but the city re-

September, but the city remains tense.
Two American soldiers from Thak Force Baghdad were killed and three wounded Monday in a roadside bomb explosion in northwestern Baghdad, the U.S. command said. One American soldier died and two-were injured in a vehicle-accident 30 miles northwest of the town of Kut neastern Iraq, the military said.
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Marines were killed in a weekend bombing south of the
capital, a U.S. official said
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## Seven soldiers die after Army helicopter crashes, burns in Texas

BRUCEVILLE-EDDY, Texas BRUCEVILLE-EDDY. Texas ACP)—An Army helicopter carrying seven soldiers crashed and burned in the fog Monday after hitting a support wire on a TV transmission tower whose warning lights had been knocked out in a storm last week, officials said. Everyone aboard was killed.

The UH-50 Black Hawk, bound for the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana, went down in a field about 30 miles north-

east of Fort Hood. The fog was so thick when emergency crews arrived that they could not see more than halfway up the tower, authorities said.

The helicopter was headed to check out equipment being readied for use in Iraq, said. Col. Jonathan Withington, spokesman for the Fort Hood-based 4th Infantry Division. The names of the victims, all from Fort Hood, were not immediately released.

Rock Eicke, who lives a quar-ter-mile from the crash site, said he was getting ready for work at about 7 a.m. when he was startfed by a loud sound. He looked out his window and saw the helicopter hit the ground.

saw the helicopter hit the ground.
"All of the sudden I just saw a big bail of fire erupt from the ground and then boom, an ex-plosion," Elcke said. "It was burning to the point that we couldn't have done anything."



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## Violent crime in schools drops by half, report says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vio-WASHINGTON (AP) — violent crime against students in schools fell by 50 percent between 1992 and 2002, with young people more often targeted for violence away from school.

school.

There were about 24 crimes of physical assault, robbery and physical assault for every 1,000 students in 2002, down from 48 per 1,000 a decade earlier, according to a report Monday from the Education and Justice departments.

cording to a report Monday from the Education and Justice departments. The reduction mirrored the trend found outside classrooms — overall crime is at a 30-year low across the nation. The report found instances of school violence involving students have dropped steadily since a string of latal shootings in the 1990s, notably the 1999 killings of 13 people at Columbine High School in Coloradors where the school strategy is the strategy of the

serious crimes.

The report found students are more apt to be victims of vio-

## **Crime at schools** continues to fall

The crime rate in America's schools fell by 50 percent between 1992 and 2002, according to a gvernment report.

Rate of non-fatal crimes against students ages 12-18 at school, by type



SOURCE: Bureau of Justice Statistics: AP

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In 2002, there were about 659,000 violent crimes involving students at school and about 720,000 away from school property. For the most serious nonfratal violent crimes — rape, assault and robbery — the crime takes were lower in school than away from school every year from 1992 to 2002.

The report also found that, between 1992 and 2000, students between 5 and 19 were 70 times more likely to be murdered away from school than on campus.

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## Ukrainian president says new vote possible

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) - Facing a relentless tide of opposition protests, embattled President Leonid Kuchma said Monday that a new election might be the only way out of a spiraling crisis that threatens to break up this former Soviet republic between the pro-Russia east and the Western-leaning rest of the country.

the pro-Russia east and the Western-leaning rest of the Secretary of State colin Powell under the Russian In a telephone conversation Monday to keep his country intact, and White House spokesman Country in the International community of Ukraine's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity. Ruchma-who along with the Kremlin has staunchly supported the official winner of the disputed Nov. 21 runoff, his Prime Minister Viker Yanukovych – has called for compromise throughout her standoff but had not previously endorsed another vote.

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iaw might not be flexible enough to accommodate a settlement.
While it fell short of meeting protesters' hopes that opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko 
would be named president, 
kuchma's statement appeared 
to be at least a tacit admissionthat the election was tainted. 
Yanukovych, who was declared the winner of the runoff 
by a margin of 871,402 votes, 
said he would support another 
vote if allegations of fraud in the 
election are proven—but that he 
had yet to see such proof.

## Allegation of assassination plot crumbles

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) – Colombia's government on Monday backpedalled on a sen-sational claim made by the defense minister that Mardst rebels wanted to assassinate President Bush during a recent

rebels wanted to assassinate rebels wanted to assassinate reresident Bush during a recent state visit.

Defense Minister Jorge Uribe told reporters Friday that informants said the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known as the FARC, Instructed followers to "assassinate President Bush" during his visit in the seaside city of Cartagena Nov. 22, where he met with President Alvaro Uribe.

The defense minister, who is no relation to the president, did not say where the information came from, and there was no indication Bush's life was ever in any danger. He was protected by 15,000 Colombian troops and spected Service agents during his 3 1/2-hour visit to Colombia.

Interior and Justice Minister Sabas Pretelt played down the comments Monday, saying he had no information about any assassination plot against Bush.



Former political prisoners and their relatives hold pictures of alleged torturers Monday during a demonstration in front of the presidential palece of La Moneda, Santlago, Chile, demanding that measures to compensate victims during the former dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet should include punishiment of torturers.

## Torture victims will get compensation

SANTIAGO. Chile (AP) – Three decades after being im-prisoned and tortured during the military dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet. Mireya Garcia is among 27,000

the military dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet. Mireya Garcia is among 27,000 Chileans who will finally get government compensation. "It's very special for us, who were kept anonymous for al-most 31 years, that the state admits that we were tortured." Garcia fold The Associated Press Monday. Telling the na-tion of the Compensation of the Press Monday. Telling the na-tion of the compensation of the press that we were fortune in the first act of the compensation of the com-traction of the compensation of the compensation of the com-traction of the compensation of the compensation of the com-traction of the compensation of the compensation of the com-traction of the compensation of the com the first act of reparation. Little by little, this begins to be a

healing process."
While the payments are small – about \$190 at month – they will double the pensions of many former victums. In addition, victims and their relatives will receive free education, bousing and health benefits. The program, while still must be approved by Congress, will cost the government some \$70 million a year. Still, Garcia and other victims add monetary compensation was not enough, and the accused torturers should be punished.

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## **Ruling party** leads slightly in Romania election

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) Romania's opposition on - Romania's opposition on Monday accused the govern-ment of busing its supporters around the country to vote several times in weekend parseveral times in weekend par-liamentary and presidential elections.

elections.

Results released by the Central Electoral Bureau based on two-thirds of the total count gave the ruling Social Democratic Party more than 36 percent in Sundays election followed by the centrist Justice and Truth-Alliance's 32 percent.

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## Death toll rises in mine blast

BEIJING — About 50 mine workers were confirmed dead and more than 100 still missing, as toxic furmes unleashed from an explosion at a coal mine in central China slowed rescuers from entering the pit.

The recovery of more than 20 additional bodies brought the number of confirmed dead in ...

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hrief Coal Mine in the central province of Shaanxi to about 50, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. Hopes were fading for some 110 coal miners still missing from Sunday's blast in the Chenjlashan Coal Mine in the central province of Shaand. If none of the missing survives, it would be one of the deadliest disasters in a decade to hit China's accident-prone mining industry.

#### Al-Zawahri vows to continue anti-U.S. fight

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CAIRO, Egypt — In a videotape aired Monday, Osama bin
Ladens top lieutenant vowed to
continue fighting the United
States untill Washington
changed its policies.
In the tape aired on al-lazeera
clevision, Ayman Al-Zawahri
spoke of the Nov. 2 U.S. presidential elections, but it was
unclear from his words whether
the footage was taped before or
after President Bush defeated
Sen, John Kerry, D-Mass.
"The results of the elections
on to matter for us," al-Zawahri said in the three-minute
exceptp. "Vote whoever you
want. Bush, Kerry or tite devil
himself. This does not concern
us. What concerns us is to
purge our land from the aggressors."

#### **Cuban government** releases dissidents

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HAVAINA — Several of the original 75 dissidents arrested in a broad crackdown last year were released Monday without warning, according to friends, relatives and local rights activists. The surprise move raised hopes for additional releases in the coming days.

Those freed on parole included economics writer Oscar Espinosa Chepe, who had been hospitalized behind bars formonths with a liver allment. Espinosa Chepe's cause has become well known among some rights groups outside of Cuba.

## U.N. agency agrees on

U.N. agency agrees on plan for policing nuke deal VIENNA, Austria — The U.N. nuclear agency agreed Monday on a plan for policing frans nuclear programs designed . to avoid a showdown at the United Nations. But Iranis representative Inmediately also questions about the wording destination of the pact, and the United States of the case the case the case the case the case the case the U.N. Security U.S. child of the part of the program of the program of the program of the program of the past of t

## China trade pact may

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challenge U.S. influence

VIENTIANE, Laos — Rising
power China moved Monday
to expand its influence in a region long dominated by the
United States, signing an accord with Southeast Asian
nations aimed at creating the
world's largest free trade area
by 2010 — a sprawling market
of nearly 2 billion people.
China's concerns about securing virial sea lanes and
feeding its booming economy's
ravenous appetite for oil and
raw materials were seen as key
motivations for the trade pact
with the 10-nation Association
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## Leader: Hamas will hold off on attacks

JERUSALEM: (AP) — A local Haims: leader indicated Monday the militant group would not attack Israelis doring the Palestinian presidential campaign and would consider a formal ruce with Israel in the latest signs of hope for renewed peace efforts in the region. However, just hours affect of the Monday of the M

Gaza Strip.

There has been a sharp drop in violence since Yasser Arafat's death Nov. 11, with Palestinian militants cutting down on attacks and the Israell army scaling back raids before the Jan. 9 election for Arafat's replacement.

"In the current situation, many political and militant groups have halted their attacks. They are waiting, and exploring, the new era. said vousef, the top Hamas leader in the West Bank who recently was released from an Israell prison after serving 28 months.

Hamas, which has killed hundreds of Israells in attacks during the last four years, opposes the existence of the Jewish state.

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## **EDITORIAL**

## Idaho has higher water priorities than well limits

ts refreshing to see
Boise-area legislators
showing so much concern for Idaho water
conservation.
Now if they could just focus
on the right solution, perhaps
these lawmakers could help bail the state out of its most

bail the state out of its most crucial water problems.
Some legislators calling the m selves the Treasure Valley Working Group \_\_\_ a Our view: A solution Valley Working
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mleased a to the senior water rights standoff in southern Idaho ments more attention than domestic

released a draft of recommendreleased wells regulations. What do you think? ations to We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this

and other issues.

conserve We welcom water.
At the top of the list: More authority for the Idaho Department of Water Resources to regulate domestic wells. State law allows private landowners to tap into a well for drinking water and to water a half-acre garden and lawn. But it's no secret that the state's domestic well standard is commonly abused. The result is additional widespread depletion of the aquifer, albeit at a smaller rate.

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The major barrier in regulating these wells is the lack of manpower and resources at IDWR. To beef up regulation, the Treasure Valley legislators want to enhance the states domestic well authorities. They also would promote tighter limits on the amount of water to be pumped daily in areas where groundwater supplies are low.

"The department knows where the offenders are," said Rep. Mike Moyle, R-Star, the assistant majority leader in the House. "They just don't

have the resources to do anything about it."

Give these lawmakers points for thinking up a solution. But you cant solve a \$5 problem with a 10-cent fix.

Domestic well regulation is, a good idea. But in a tight budget year, Idaho must stretch its dollar to reap the maximum return of water, it would seem more productive to buy out larger ground-A Solution

pumpers acreage, re coup the water rights, and restore the aquifer. Moyle and other Boise-

area leg-islators have stated their stated their opposition to the idea of buying out groundwater p u m p e r s water rights with state

water rights with state bonds and federal money. They see it as more of a regional issue than a statewide problem.

But this is a case where local legislators need to spell out the real issue at stake here for Idaho. Worrying about domestic wells when a legal crisis is looming between irrigators and pumpers is like straightening the lawnchairs on the Titanic.

Without an agreement be-

Without an agreement be-Without an agreement be-groundwater pumpers and surface irriga-tors, Idaho will be fiirting with curtailment orders for hundreds of farms, dairies, and city systems. That kind of non-solution could crip-ple the state's economy. Perhaps in another vear.

ple the states economy.
Perhaps in another year,
domestic well regulation
will get adequate legislative
attention. But most idaho
legislators recognize the
real water issue at stake in
2005.

## GOP standoff kicks off second term

A nyone who thinks it possible to predict the course of President bushs second term needs to think again. History says you never know what may happen

Tuesday, November 30, 2004

never, know what may happer next.

The last two-term Republi-can president was Ronald Reagan, and I well remember my astonishment when the start of his second term was marked by massive and suc-cessful protests in Washingtor against the administrations tolerance of apartheid in tolerance of apartheid in South Africa.



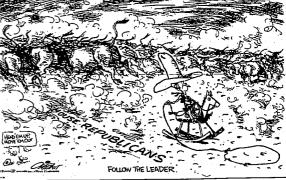
Anyone who knew that president's general indifference to racial issues in this country—let alone South Africa—would have said the demonstrations were fulle. But the picketing of the South African embassy built on its own momentum and produced a change in U.S. policy toward that country, eventually leading to the freeing of Nelson Mandela.

Foully unexpected to any-

ing to the inceing of Nelson Mandela.

Equally unexpected to any one covering Washington today is the spectacle of Republican conservatives on Capitol Hill standing up to President Bush on the plan for overhauling the intelligence services. What began as a rare disagreement inside the normally disciplined House Republican conference has grown into the first full-scale test of the credibility of the second-term administration. On the Sunday talk shows, hose supporting the Senate

On the Sunday talk shows, those supporting the Senate version of intelligence reform repeatedly invoked the names of President Bush and Vice President Cheney in an effort to cow the critics. One set of opponents claims that the plan would jeopardize the lives of troops in combat by denying their commanders direct control of battlefield intelligence. A second group says it is weak in its safeguards against would-be terrorists crossing the border into the United States.



Senators of both parties said it is unthinkable that the presi-dent and vice president could be so misguided as to put the lives of soldiers and the safety

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a totally unexpected turn.

Irrational gunplay in the Wisconsin woods

of the nation of the nation in jeopardy. But instead of withering, Chairmen Duncan Hunter of the House Armed Sangless Services
Committee
and James
Sensenbrenner of the
Judiciary
Committee reiterated their objec-

tions, brushing aside the no-tion that whatever

whatever
George Bush wants, George
Bush should get. Even If — as
some suggest — Bush was initially lukewarm to the
intelligence reorganization endorsed by the 9/11
Commission, he now has been
put squarely in the middle of
this flight.
And the stakes have grown
larger. On one side, it has become a test of whether Bush
will override the objections of
the Pentagon, or allow the
White House to be thwarted
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On the other hand, it has become an early — and unwanted — test of basic legislative strategy. The plan the president has endorsed and the Senate almost unanimously favors can be passed in the flouse by ionnibining most Democ most Democrats' votes with those of some Republicans, But House Speaker Dennis Hastert does not want to not want to not want to not want to the man to the second to the s

akken speaker Jennis Hastert does not want to splt his own caucus, even to give Bush a victory, so the pressure is on the president to find some way to accommodate Hunter and Sensenbrenner and their allies. Here we are, just a month beyond Election Day and with Bush is inauguration still weeks away, and already the political plot has taken a totally unexpected turn.

pected turn.
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that news team can do their jobs as well.

Tom Brokaw, who winds up bis career at NBC this week, has all those qualities. In addition, he has the kind of innate decency and generosity of spirit the Midwest produces in its people. Despite the celebrity that TV gave him, he never has gotten a swelled head or confused himself with the Voice of Authority.

himself with the Voice of Au-thority.

Over the years, I had the pleasure of his company on many assignments and many dinners. Print reporters are supposed to look on TV stars with a mixture of envy (for their salaries) and scorn (for their show-biz shallowness). Brokaw is much too down-to-earth to allow the first and much too knowledgeable on politics to occasion the sec-ond.

ond.

Like his predecessor, the late John Chancellor, his only visible weakness was a liking for the companionship of newspaper people. And that flaw is easy to forgive.

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## Hostility widens the

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Views, Nov. 22) is, first and fore

Vegas Itevitew-Journal (Other Views, Now 22) is, first and foremost, how can you print so many of these rautings that have no basis in facts.

The political agenda at hand should never cross lines between emotional and social issues with the business aspect of running a country. We are a business entity and nothing else. When a nation becomes torn in two from issues of religion and moral values, we are frowned upon by the world as a whole. If else sorry for the majority of the people in this country because we do not have the diversity of other nations with different cultures and different religious preferences and reflect on the differences but not try to change them to our ways.

It is fortunate for the president that the entire population.

It is fortunate for the presi-dent that the entire population seems to be having these dis-cussions back and forth, yet is anyone paying attention to the anyone paying attention to the next war the administration wants to get us into? And please someone explain to me why Osama is still free in Saudi Ara-bia. Also, don't we have weapons of mass destruction? rhaps someone should in-defue?

Perhaps someone should invade us?

Last but not least, could you please stop calling it whining. Thy looking at it for what it is, discussion of a nation torn in half. I have seen just as much discussion from both sides and one of it has easied enotional rictorie. It only confirms my belief that this country is heading into a state of division that could eventually see ourselves in a war between the religious right and the liberal left. How from that we seem to be doing the flighting in other countries to liberate left-thinkers from the repression placed upon them by their leaders.

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uns don't kill people.

uns don't kill people, ignorance, fear and stupidity kill people, and we seem to have a lot of that in the Wisconsin deer woods these days.

"Given the chance, every Wisconsin hunter would gut one and hang it on a meat pole.." one self-described "fed app hunter" responded on our newspaper's Web page before we took down his xenophobic comments. It ewasn't alking about Hmong folk.

"Rude, violent lawless people, who suck up our resources. They min our hunts every year. They min our hunts every year. They min our hunts every year by killing everything they see, including other hunters. This is not the first time Hmongs have killed hunters."

Not hard to imagine some

Not hard to imagine some-body taking a shot at one of 'em, even if he says he was backing away at the time. That's what Chal Yang con-tends happened in his statements to police, who early on commented how co-operative Vang was in answering their questions about last week's confronta-tion that left six people dead and two wounded.
That sounds like rather ode

ia iwo wounded. That sounds like rather odd post-arrest behavior from a

By Garry Trudeau

D. BRANDT

supposed crazed, maniacal murderer. Makes you wonder whether Yang figured he didnithere and the work of the warm o

e knied. That's really not all that hard to imagine either, and doesn't differ all that much from other survivors' ac-

from other survivors' accounts.

The only real questions seem to be who fired first or whether Vang was so mad or scared he felt he needed to empty a couple of elips at everybody.

It still begs the question, why would somebody try to flush out a trespasser with a weapon in the first place?

My dad taught me many things, by instruction and example, and this most recent lack of good sense in the Wisconsin deer woods reminded

ine of an incident from my childhood in which my father chased a couple of hunters out of our woods. Dad didn't pack a rife. He didn't call for backup. He didn't cuse at the men or call them names. He didn't jump into our '56 Pontiac and charge at the trespassers, nor did the ask our neighbors to weave in from the other side in their Desotos and Bulcks. os and Buicks.

Desotos and Buicks.
No, he calmly walked unarmed across our back field, approached the men directly, and explained that their shots were scaring his children.

dren.
He quietly asked them to leave, which they did.
If they hadn't, I imagine he would have just as calmly turned around and walked back to call the game warden or the cops and let them han-dle it.

die it.

I thought of that example
many years later when I
heard a commotion next
door one night and went outside to witness my neighbor
flushing some kid out of the
bushes at gunpoint.
I stayed calm but was madder than hell and despite my
general friendliness toward
my neighbor, I told him so.
What was he thinking?

Here some kid was sneaking out through the backlots after his girlfriend's parents came home unexpectedly, and my neighbor, hearing the noise in the bushes outside, comes charging out with a

revolver.

Dumb. Irresponsible. Dangerous. That's the kind of behavior most of us responsibenavior most of us responsible gun owners abhor because it just seems to confirm all the prejudices of those gun-control nuts who want to take away all our

want to take away all our weapons.
Suppose my neighbor had tripped in the dark and the thing went off? Or worse, hed actually accosted an armed man and a gunflight broke out in my side yard, within a few feet of where my daughter was sleeping in her bedroom?

ter was sleeping in her bedroom? Hey, if somebody breaks into your house, there's nowhere to retreat to, and you've got no other choice, then that's a different story, but you never, never, confront a mere trespasser with a weapon.

ith a weapon. Very bad things can hap-

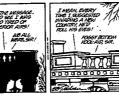
Randolph D. Brandt is edi-tor of The Journal Times in Racine, Wis.

### Doonesbury













## LETTER

### Fight will continue against fee demo

I heartily commend The Times-News for its excellent Sunday editorial on forest for Responsible journalism well stated! The deceiful, back-cabbing maye by Ren. Ren. stated The deceiful, back-stabbing move by Rep, Regula, R-Ohio, attaching a midnight idet to make fees permanent iden to make fees permanent is unconscionable (Ohio has almost no public lands). As owner of your western forests and Bureau of Land Manage-ment lands, I hope you have had enough — in spades. Some facts:

had enough — In spades. Some facts:
A recreationist who buys a 515 "pass" and uses a "fee area" for 10 days is spending \$51,50 per day. Cattle are charged 4.4 cents per day. Daily waste discharge mass for a cow is 47.3 pounds per day. A human is 4.5 pounds per day. Thus, the fee for a cow is .0093 cents per day per pound of waste vs. the fee for a hiking human of 33 cents feetal per and vegetation by cows). This example clearly points out the absolute absurdity of fees while commercial users get a virtual free ride. Almost all timber sales are subsidized by tax dollars, especially if a road is built. Mining companies are getting leases for the price of a walk in the woods. I have always pointed out that it costs the Forest Service? Seents in administrative overhead for each fee dollar

costs the Forest Service 75
cents in administrative overhead for each fee dollar
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a legal defense fund for citizens who might have to go to
court to face a possible \$5,000
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to court. We can cause a huge
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melidown. The Times-News said a while back — "just don't-pay."—I concur-l-advocate offi disobedience. Send your windshield ticket directly to Craig's office! Protest forceful-ly to the senator. I recommend sanity and en-lightened public lands policies. Mr. Regula should be impeached forthwith. Mahat-ma Gandhi said: "Civil disobedience be-

comes a sacred duty when the state becomes lawless or cor-

rupt."
Rest assured, this "fee" mon strosity is the tip of a very ugly public lands iceberg. Enough is enough — stand and fight! enough — stand a SCOTT PHILLIPS

(Editor's note: Scott Phillips is a retired Forest Service pro-fessional in outdoor recreation

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Wednesday, December 1st & Thursday, December 2nd

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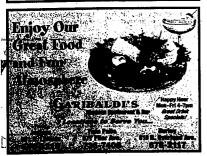
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## NATION

Worker dies after parking <del>garage falls</del>

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — A six-story parking garage under construction at the National Institutes of Health partially collapsed Monday, killing a construction worker, authori-

used to search for the victim, who was found on the fourth floor, said Pete Piringer, a spokesman for Montgomery County Fire and Rescue. Part of the top two floors of

mained under investigation, but NIH officials said they be-lieve a beam slipped and hit one of the floors, causing it to collapse onto the level below. During the search, authori-ties everated some nearby

the stability of the rest of the garage.

A dozen or more workers were trapped by the collapse, according to Piringer, and had to either be escorted out by firefighters or plucked to safety by a fire department

cherry picker.
"I heard a real loud noise." said Justin Morales, an electrician who was working on the second floor at the time of the second floor at the tin collapse. He said everyone him got out quickly.

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Tuesday, November 30, 2004

Section B

## Briefly\_ IN MONEY

The Times-News

## Soap-making class will take place

FAIRFIELD - Local business-woman Marian Lane will teach a class on making personalized soaps using the rebatch method, at 6 p.m. today in her



soaps using the rebatch method; at 6 p.m. today in her lome.

In the class, Lane will demonstrate—how—to—make—new,—custom-scented spaps from lye and soap re m n a n t s.—Cost is \$20 inc. 1 u d l n g m at cri al s. Each participant should bring a small box or other man and the second spape spap

ane soaps sell tor s.o, or three for \$13.50.

Other top sellers, she sald, in-flude a \$4 lip balm containing lime, lavender and tea tree essential oils; push-up lotton sticks for \$5.50; and Minty Foot bretish cream, which sells for \$7. For information, call Lane at \$64.2059 or e-mail her at [o-tion@blink.com. Her Web Site, www.fairfields.net, will be finished the first week of December.

### Albertsons Inc. will hold conference call

TWIN FALLS - Boise-based Albertsons Inc., a grocery chain with Magic Valley stores, will hold a conference call to discuss its third-quarter results at 6:30 Amyone may listen in. The call will be webcast at the Albertsons Web site, www.albertsons. Com/abs\_investorinformation/. Albertsons divisions and subsidiaries operate over 2,500 stores in 37 states.

## Satellite falls, hampers **Edward Jones offices**

Edward Jones offices
ST. LOUIS – A satellite failure
pulled the plug on thousands of
Edward Jones investment offices in the United States and
Canada.

The Hughes Network System
satellite that the company's St.
Louis headquarters uses to
communicate with its branch offices lost power early Sunday.
Managing partner Douglas Hill
said no client data was lost or
impacted by the satellite failure.
But restoring service means
switching to a new satellite, approcess that involves manually
repointing the satellite dishes at
each of Edward Jones' 9,000
branch offices in the United
States and Canada.
Edward Jones has offices in
several Magic Valley clides.
The company hopes to have
days.

### Dollar worrles keep Wall Street on edge

Wall Street on edge
NEW YORK - Stocks finished
mixed in a volatile session Monday as investors worried that
the continued fall of the U.S.
dollar would spur inflation and
hurt the overall economy. The
concerns overshadowed a decent start to the holiday
shopping season.
With the Federal Reserve
meeting Dec. 14, many investors left that the weakening
dollar - which failled to gain
much ground against other currencies Monday - would lead to
substantially higher interest
rates as the threat of inflation
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Wall Street also bid retail stocks lower despite improved sales for most retailers over the Thanksgiving weekend. A warning from Wall-Mart Stores Inc., which sald its sales were lower than expected, led to self-ing across the sector. A strong showing in sales of electronics kept tech stocks slightly higher for the session.

ed from staff and wire reports

approved by the city
Bulley-based D.L. Evans Bank
proposes - building 'a, drivethrough bank at 906 Blue Lakes
Blvd. N., on property now occupied by the Weston Inn motel.
The motel is owned by Blue
Lakes Place LLC.
D.L. Evans is in the process of
purchasing the motel, which sits
on a 61,000 square-foot property at the corner of Blue Lakes and
Falls Avenue. The motel would
be demolished in order to build
the 13,625-square-foot bank,
Twin Falls architect Russ Lively

along with other agenda items.
The meeting is open to the public.

said last week.
"It's time that jewel left us,"
Lively said, referring to the

da Sanlord, D.L. Evans chac-icial officer. ie bank currently rents es in Twin Falls for its data er and mortgage loan of-

center and mortgage loan offices.

"Were just out of space—that's the whole reason for the new billding." Sanford said.

"The new bank would house 35 to 50 employees, according to a tester Lively submitted to the same of t

with a drive-through must obtain a special-use permit; said Renee Carraway, planning and zoning assistant.

City Hall's planning and zoning assistant is recommending that Florence Avenue—the road that Florence Avenue—the road the project, Carraway said.

Lively said D.L. Evans has already agreed to the paving of Florence Avenue, and the company will pick up the cost.

Another portion of the bank project would improve traffic flow on Falls Avenue, said Rod Mathis, assistant city engineer. Part of the project involves creating a right-turn lane on Falls Avenue and new traffic controls at the intersection.

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Avenue and .... at the intersection. "(A right-turn lane at the inter-section) is something we've had

in the works for several years, and now that the opportunity has presented itself, we're going to take advantage of it. 'Mathis said. The new bank would be the second bank at the intersection, as First Federal Savings Bank operates a branch directly across the street. Another bank in place of the mote lew ould reduce weekend and late-evening traffic as well as 'elements like noise and odors.' 'Lively write in-this proposal to the city.' "It will be an asset.' Lively said. A public hearing on the project will be held at 7 p.m. today in the City Council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.

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## Higher fees, taxes could hurt small businesses

The Associated Press

BOISE - Higher loan fees and rising unemployment insurance costs could make it tougher on Idaho companies that employ fewer than 50 people, which have pumped a half-billion dollars into the state's economy over the last turee years.

Starting Oct. 1. business owners began paying upfront loan fees to get the federal government's Small Business Administration flagship loan. Those fees had been suspended after the Sept. 11 terror attacks. In addition, a freeze on Idaho's unemployment insurance rates that began in 2001 ends in january, when rates are due to double.

Some worry these changes could undermine a sector that's

that began in 2001 ends in January, when rates are due to double.

Some worry these changes could undermine a sector that's been helping keep Idaho's conomy afloat. Small businesses in the state have created nearly 10,000 lobs since 2001, a period in which larger companies have some their payrolls.

"(It's)—nothing—more -than—a-new tax on small business," said Mydia Velazquez, ranking Democrat on the House Small Business Committee, on the return of the SBA loans fees.

Until Sept. 11, 2001, small businesses had to pay upfront loan fees of between \$1,500 or \$3,000 to get one the SBA's long-term toans. They were suspended to help absorb the conomic shockwaves from the conomic shockwaves from the conomic shockwaves from the shockwave from the shockwave

2003.

Rod Grzadzieleski, spokesman for the SBA Boise District Office, said there's been no slowdown in loan activity at his office related to the fee increase.

crease. His office made 85 loans in October valued at \$9.8 million, compared with 31 loans worth \$7 million in the same period a

57 million ii the same permeter year ago.
Addressing the unemployment insurance rate bike. Ton Valasek, Idaho unemployment insurance adthinistrator, says a business that currently pays. 5414 a year on a single employee's earnings of \$27,600 would see its annual premium climb to \$300 a year if the freeze is lifted in tonurar.

could cause some busi-

That could cause some busi-nesses to raise prices, and some fear it could take the wind out of Idahos economic recovery. It will be "disastrous" for small businesses if the unemployment insurance rate doubles, says Bill Knorpp, a cash-register business owner.

Now, a committee of Idaho Now, a committee of idaho business, government and labor leaders formed by Idaho Com-merce and Labor is trying to come up with an alternative be-fore the rate freeze expires in less than two months.

# Bank proposes new branch in

By Megan Hinds Times News writer

TWIN FALLS - The evolving business landscape along Blue Lakes Boulevard North will experience a noticeable change within the next year. If plans are approved by the city.

Burley-based D.L. Evans Bank

Meeting time

The Twin Falls Plaining and
Zoning Commission meets
at 7 p.m. today in the City
Council chambers, 305 Third
Ave. E., to discuss D.L. Evans
Bank's plans for a new branch
on Blue Lakes Boulevard North,
alone with other agenda ligms,

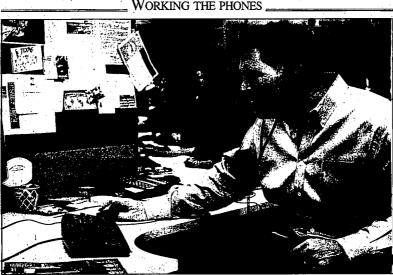
Livery sam, motel.

Jim Paxton of Blue Lakes Place
LLC did not return several phone
calls last week and Monday regarding the property sale.

The new bank – which would
be D.L. Evans' third in Twin Falls

would combine D.L. Evans'

## WORKING THE PHONES.



Michael Dell, founder and chairman of Dell; Inc.; prepares to work a phone line in the c Rock, Texas. It has become an annual tradition for Dell to assist customers who call, a operates a technical-support and customer-service call center in Twin Falls. n the company's U.S. consumer department Monday in Ro call, and without mentioning his last name. Deli inc. also

## Retailers face modest sales nationally

NEW YORK — The holiday shopping season began with a surge in spending, but consumers faded by the end of the long Thanksgiving weekend and many retallers were facing decent but hardly impressive sales. Big chains, including I.C. Penney and Sears, Roebutck, were pleased with their sales. But industry leader Wal-Mart said its sales in the seven days that

dustry leader Wal-Mart said its sales in the seven days that ended Friday were disappointing, and it lowered its sales forecasts for November. The holiday shopping season traditionally begins the day after Thanksgiving. "Friday overall was strong, but Saturday was weak and disappointing, so together it was only a modest two-day performance," said Michael P. Niemira. Ichilef conomist at International

pointing, so together it was only a modest two-day performance, said Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at International. Council of Shopping, Centers, Süll, I conditions to believe that this is not a believether for how the season will end up. The first weekend of the season, while Important, is not as critical as the last 10 days before control of the season, while Important, is not as critical as the last 10 days before Christmas, So, despite the lack luster start, for the last luster start, or the last luster start, and the luster start, and the luster start luster start, and traffic were strong Friday but stabilized the rest of the weekend. As a result, he expects sales for the weekend to increase in the low single digits, in line with modest expectations.

Wal-Mart's Tranksgiving weekend sales suffered because it did in past years, hoping to boost profits, analysts sald. Peney and Sears did better by wooing customers with two days of big price breaks.

"Wal-Mart was a higl loser because they did hy get the same numbers of early bird shoppers as they did a year ago," said C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group.

## Area stores see positive numbers

By Megan Hinds Times-News writer

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TWIN FALLS – Deep discounts and fair weather lured holiday shoppers to Twin Falls stores on the day after Thanks-giving, and retailers hope the positive sales numbers will continue through the season. Magic Valley Mall anchor ICPenney saw an incredible? In the positive sales will be a supported with the socialed "Black Friday" a year ago, store manager lim Godwin said Monday. It attributed the origin funder will be a supported by the said of the said will be thank increased advertising and promotions this year. We deeped on the dairy in-

tising and pronouous wayear.
"We depend on the dairy industry," he said.
Sales weren't as high a sepected on Saturday, Godwin
said, which he blamed on inclement weather. But Godwin
said he predicts the store will said he predicts the store will see a 5 to 6 percent gain in hol-iday sales compared with last

Saturday's snowy weather didn't slow the traffic at spe-

based in Charleston, S.C. The retailers that won this weekend were the ones that were super aggressive in special purchases and special pricing. Wal-Marn now expects same-store sales in November to be up only 0.7 percent, instead of the projected 2 percent to 4 percent.

the projected 2 percent to 4 per-cent.
Without any must-haves in apparel and toys, the main at-tractions were electronics, particularly flat-screen TVs and DVD players, benefiting stores like Best Buy and Circuit Cill Marshal Cohen, senior industry Marshal Cohen, senior industry analyst at NPD Group Inc., a market research company in Port Washington, N.Y., suspects that many mall-based apparel retailers "took it on the chin."

cialty retailer The Buckle, manager Steve Avalos said.

"As soon as the snow hit, it got crazy," he said.

The Buckle's iriday sales were "pretty dang good" and up from last year's, Avalos said, declining to give alse figures.

The holiday season started off with a bang for women's the season progresses.

The holiday season started off with a bang for women's did not manager and in Nielsen. The mall's increased marketing and promotion efforts helped make iriday the store's best sales day in five years.

"We were up – definitely." Nielsen said. "I think were going to be up for the rest of the year."

Target saw a 10 percent increase in sales Friday companed with last year, said store team leader Dwaine Weyland. Discounts on electronics such as digital cameras drew in the after-Thanksgiving crowds, and Weyland predicts a "flat to very mild increase" in sales through the holiday season.

"Sales were very positive."

"Sales were very positive, very strong," he said.

Niembra, who serves as an adviser for Shopper/lak, which taillies sales results from 30,000 outlets, said a clearer picture of how the Thanksgiving weekend fared will emerge Thursday. That's when the nation's retailers report their same-store sales, from 30,000 open at least a year, are considered to the same store as a least of the sales. The same store also sales to sales, or sales at store, open at least at year, are considered to the sales when the sales were up 10.8 percent on Firlday compared with the day after Thanksgiving last year, but dropped 6.5 percent on Saturday compared with a year ago, ShopperThanksgiving last year, but dropped 6.5 percent of Saturday compared with a year ago, ShopperThanksgiving last year, but dropped 6.5 percent of Saturday compared with a year ago, ShopperThanksgiving last year, but dropped 6.5 percent of Saturday compared with a year ago, ShopperThanksgiving last year, but dropped 6.5 percent of Saturday compared with a year ago, ShopperThanksgiving last year, and shopped from the property of the same shopped from the same sh

## **Shopping online**

Holiday shoppers got an early start on the season this year wi Internet sales in the first three



Week 3 STATE OF STREET

## Online retailers receive a surge in business

NEW YORK - Computer-savvy consumers did plenty of online shopping over the Thanksgiving weekend, giving companies like Amazon.com companies like Amazon.com and walmart.com the same kickoff to the holiday season as department stores and malls had.

department stores and mana-had. The ledwij in business on the Web was the result of online merchants using marketing ricks like their brick and mortar counterparts – plying con-sumers with special discounts to get them to sho pearly. Online sales excluding ravel shot up 100 percent to \$133 million on Thanksgiving Day compared with the same day last year, said comScore Please see ONLINE, Page B2

## City works for plant | College savings: Fees negate tax breaks site redevelopment

POCATELLO (AP) - Officials In this southeastern Idaho community are working to replace the jobs and industry lost when FMC Corp. shut down its phosphorus plant.

After 53 years and apyroll of 1,800 at its peak high costs and environmental concerns forced the plant just northwest of Pocatello to close in 2001.

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Now, city and civic leaders are trying to market the site into a complex that would deventually employ, thousands. Leaders believe its future could dictate long-term economic performance in the Pocatello area, which didn't benefit from the 1990s boom like other parts of the state.

Redevelopment may not happen as quickly as some in Pocatello want, but Ray Burstedt of the Bannock Development Corp. says it will happen.

lappen.
"We know FMC is only
going to wait so long before
something is done," Burstedt
said. "It can't stay the way it

is forever."

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who worked for FMC before entering politics in the 1980s, appointed a panel to study the site's redevelopment. The group has studied the site's assets and is surveying 10,000 people on the potential best uses.

uses.

Among potential uses; trans-portation; warehousing; power generation; manufacturing in-cluding food processing; and high-technology design and

inigh-technology design and assembly.

FMC has already sold off the aboveground buildings and equipment, but there remains a water right to 500 million gallons a day, natural gar rights-of-way and an extensive all system and power grid.

Some areas of the site are already available for new development, but others still must undergo at least some environmental cleanup. A company specializing in redeveloping industrial sites will promote it to a worldwide market, Burstedt said.

## Online

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Networks Inc., an Internet research company On Priday, online sales hit \$250 million, up at percent from a year ago.

We certainly expected a strong performance during the holiday weekend, but shees are impressive figures, sald Dan Hess, senior vice president at compressive figures.

comScore.
Historically, the online shopping season has begun the Monday after Thanksgiving, when consumers begin buying from their workplace comput-

ers. But the early start this year can be attributed to two phenomena: Merchants are working harder to get online sales, and millions of homes the control of the control o

WASHINGTON (AP) - Chris Simmons isn't some rank amateur when it comes to the complexities of college savings. He's a higher education tobbysis in Washington, D.C. and he's worked in the field for years.

- But when it came time to investigate 529 college savings plan 'for 'his now 3-year-old' daughter, Simmons was baffled by the variety of state options—all with their own investment choices, tax rules and sometimes inscrutable fees, Luckly, his wife is an economist and got the family through the process. "It's overwhelmingly complicated, I don't know how people make those choices." Simmons sot sign up for a 520 ". How is loe Schmo walking down the street going to figure that out and understand life."

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As college tuition surges, the popularity of 529s is growing, too. The plans, named for the section of the tax code that al-lows them, are offered through the states and let investors pre-pay tuition or set askide money that can grow tax-deferred. At least through 2010, the money can be withdrawn free from fed-eral taxif used to pay for college. Of the nearly 7 million 529 ac-counts, nearly half have been set up in just the last two years. During that period, the value of swings set uside has increased? Attimes to more than 559 bil-lor. Payrents, say it's green news

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Experts say it's great news that more families are taking advantage of 529s. But there also is concern that some families are getting lost in the many choices and picking bad investments.

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Every state now offers at least one 529 plan, and investors aren't limited to plans overseen by the states where they live; generally, the money can be used at any college (the Sim-

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mons family picked a plan from Missouri and is now researching options for their second daughter). There is also a 529 run by a consortium of independent colleges.

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But any advantage in fees and performance has to top the forfeited tax benefit to be worthwhile, and when Colorido's options improved, Bullwinkle told her clients there to stay in-state. It's the kind of advice regulators suspect many customers aren't getting.

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Lickly for investors, expert scrives—are—available—Plans-can be sorted and compared side-by-side at the Web site www.savingforcollege.com, Another resource is research firm Morningstar, which rates 529 plans. And the states, hoping to stave off more federal over-sight, are working on a relatively simple, common dis-closure form that will display fee information in the same format for every plan. Cantor said the common disclosure-should be in place by next

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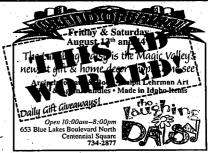
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# COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

## Samsung delivers best of two worlds with DuoCam

It seems like a no-brainer:
Since digital camcorders and digital still cameras use the same kind of electronic sensor to record images, why not build a single device that does both really well?

Like many ideas that seem simple on the surface, the devil is in the details. It's actually almost impossible, for now alreast, to design a sensor that delivers outstanding performance both ways.

possible for nowat least, to design a sensor that deliver outstanding performance both ways. The result, which I've seen over and over in recent years, are digital carmoorders that take had still pictures and digital still carmera's that shoot bad video. Samsung has finally delivered the best of both worlds with an elegant compromise: the two-eyed SC-D6040 DuoCam at \$799 (www.samsungusa.com). The DuoCam has separate lenses and sensors for video and stills, one on top of the other. A color electronic viewfinder and swing-out 2.5-inch color LCD panel are shared for shooting and playback.

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The DucCam is no bigger than the average palm-sized camcorder and weights a relatively sweller. It pounds, yet it offers the full feature set you'd get from lugging anound both a camcorder and a digital camera. You do pay for this all-in-one convenience; a roughly equivalent camcorder and still camera purchased separately would cost about \$200 less. But, after several days of shooting video and stills, I can recommend the DucCam to anyone who wants and stuis, I can recommend the DuoCam to anyone who wants to regularly switch between the two and doesn't mind spending more for the privilege. Here are the details, from the

Here are uncleased bottom up:
The lower half of the Duo-Cam's front is the digital still camera, with a four-megapixel

#### Product review

CCD sensor and a 3X optical zoom lens. There's a pop-up flash ortop of the unit. and a slot for inserting either Secure Digital or Memory Stick cutds for storing pictures. Photo enthusslast get some advanced features, including manual focus and manual white balance.

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The top half is the camcorder with a 680-300 pixel COD — sufficient resolution for digital video — and a 10X opical zoom lens. Video is recorded on standard. Mini DV cassettes. Advanced features include an infrared light or shooting in the dark and digital image stabilization.

A dial switch at the back, on the right side, moves the Duo-Cam between camcorder and still camera mode. You can use either the electronic viewfinder or the LCD screen to frame video and stills. The slider switch for zooming between wide angle and telephoto controls the top lens in camcorder mode and the lower lens in still camera mode.

As you can tell from this de-

mode and the lower lens in still camer mode. As you can tell from this description, if you've ever used a camcorder, the DuoCam looks and operates more like a cam-corder than a digital still camera. Anyone familiar with convenient of the convenient digital still cameras will need some practice to get comfortable using the DuoCam for shooting stills. But the quality of the stills is comparable to other 4-megapixel cameras I've used, and the video quality similarly matches other mid-range digital camcorders.

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The DuoCam measures 5.4 inches long by 3.6 inches high by 2.5 inches thick. Accessories include a lithium ion battery an AC adapter, a 16-megabyte Memory Stick card, a remote control and a USB cable for connecting to a computer.

There's also a FireWire port. on the camera, also know as 1394 or. Link, for connecting to Link, for connecting to Link, for connecting to Link, for connecting the consulters via FireWire, as FireWire cable separately.

Samssing les clearly headed in the right direction with the Duo-Cam. The first generation of the product, the DuoCam SCD-6000 introduced in summer 2003, used an awkward swivel design to mate the lenses for video and stills into postition. The SCD-5000 was a third bigger and heavier than the SCD-6040, which shipped in August, and cost about \$400 more. I spoke with a Samsung product manager last week who told met the DuoCam will get even better in its third generation. The RDD-600 and could cost even less. Does this mean the distinction between digital camcorders and still cameras will gradually fade away, leaving us with a single product class of camera/camcorders? Yes, although not right away. Today's image sensors are optimized to work either for video or stills, which is why they don't owell on the flip side and is why the DuoCam has two senses. However, engineering improvements now in the works should make it possible to produce sensors that offer both their reduced for video.

duce sensors that offer both the high resolution required for stills and the fast response time required for video.

Another change just over the horizon is digital cameras and camcorders that store images on small hard drives instead of tape or memory cards. Hard drives work equally well at storing video or stills, elliminating the need for two types of storage, as wiftr the DuoCam using DV tape for video and memory

(www.pinnaclesys.com) of Mountain View, Callf. I've used Studio in the past, and it's a worthyr ival for Fremiere Elements. Among the smaller fish in the video ocean are Roxlos Video Kolware 7 (www.video wave.com), Sony's Vegas Movie Studio (http://mediasoftware.sony.pictures.com) and Ulead's VideoStudio 8 (www.ulead.com/vs). Premiere Elements, like most of its competitors, is a full-service product covering all three parts of the process: Capture, where you pull video clips from your carn-corder onto your computer's hard drive. Edit, where you assemble the clips into a polished package: and Export, where you burn the finished presentation to, DVD send it back out to tape on the camcorder or make it into a competition of the people who put together movies and telegiston shows. Beyond inastering Nie. technical details, its not easy to shoot the right kind of secures and make the correct decisions on how to put those secures together.

You might want to take your first steps in video-editing software is included with your computer. If nothing else, Windows & Word & Maker.

Windows Movie Maker.
But If you want to do more
than hack together clips, I highly
recommend Premiere Elements
or Pinnacle Studio Plus You'll get
software that can grow with your
increasing expertise and interest. These are also the only two
consumer video-editing programs supported by a significant
number of "how-to" books,
which can be a grout way to which can be a good way to learn at your own pace.

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## Why you'll get more e-mail

WASHINGTON — Many, re-tailers during this holiday season are hoping that while you're planning your giving, they'll get from you an e-mail address.

address.

"E-mail is playing a stronger-role in retail," explained Tom Holliday, president of the Retail Advertising and Marketing As-sociation. "They want to make you a loyal customer, and it's easier-to-reach-you through e-mail," he told the Washington Times. mail," he told the Washington Times. Some merchants, like Illumi-

Some merchants, like Illuminations, a small candidecompany in California, have been collecting addresses since 2002. The company offers incentives in compiling such addresses, áncluding discounts. Another retailer, Pier I Imports, uses e-mall to reward customers. Spokeswoman Lisa Erickson told the Times customers receive mailings several times a month with news of store promotions and sales, new merchandise and tips on

home design.

Amazons best-sellers: Amazon.com reports lis top-selling holiday lens include Boston Red Sox 2004 World Series Champions caps, the Star Wars Trilogy on DVD, and freshwater pearl necklace and earning sets. Interestingly, the sites estimate of holiday shoppers for one hour was 336,825 on Friday morning, whereas the number was just about 40,000 fewer on Thursday. Lots of folks letting their mice do the shopping, while the turkey was roasting, it appears.

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far as the latter goes, Circuit City has taken the outsourcing route, according to EToyo Direct Inc. "We help drive traffic and increase average order size by adding to their product mix," said Michael Wagner, the Denver company's chief executive, in a statement.

in a statement.

Six Apart Inc. formally announced its holiday sales promotion. Starting next week, the price of annual subscriptions to. TypePad. blogging, software and hosting service will be discounted up to 55 percent.
Google's Desktop Search software has reportedly been downloaded about 640,000 times, according to John Batellès. Searchibge, California of the control of the search produced by the search produced by the search which said 1.3 million users will quoted Majestic Research, which said 1.3 million users will enter the Desktop Search page in the first two weeks of its release. About 60 percent of downloads were by international users, with U.S. visitors accounting for the balance.

# Adobe has a hit with Premiere Elements for video hobbyists

Adobe Systems has done it sain: taken one of its best-of-reed software packages for rofessionals and created an in-

again: taken one of its best-breed software packages for respensive consumer version that will delight sophisticated users. The new Adolse Premiere Ele-ments at \$59 (tww.adobe.com/ premieree/tements) offers all the features a video hobbysts would want extracted from Adobe Pre-niere Pro 1.5, which sells for \$505 San Jose, Calif.-based Adobe is perhaps best known for Pho-toshop, the software of choice for professional photo editing. Photoshop isn't easy to master, but is immensely rewarding for those who invest the time to learn the many amazing things, in making an inexpensive consumer version of Photoshop — the outstanding Photoshop— Elements, first introduced in May 2001 — Adobe added a few features to help beginners, but refused to remove the most pow-erful tools from the original or dumb down the many technical terms related to photo editing. Premiere Elements, too, also offers some hand-holding for beginners, but not much. If you only want to copy a few clips from your, camcorder into your computer and burn them on a DVD, then the program is overkill.

from your, camcorder into your computer and burn them on a DVD, then the program is overtill.

If you want to make video productions that rival broadcast television, with artful transitions, and music scores and perfectly positioned titles, Premiere Elements will do the job and more, just be prepared to conquer such audio and video terms as Continuous Bezier Interpolation. DeNoiser, Radial Gradient and Sixteen-Point Garbage Mutte. I've Just spent several hours putting together two short projects with Premiere Elements, and I'm willing to keep climbing the programs steep learning curve.

Unlike entry-level consumer

the programs surprecurve.
Unlike entry-level consumer video-editing software. Premiere Elements offers a solution to just about every problem. One example: I'd shot a few minutes of my 4-year-old daughter Sara singing in our kitchen. The kitchen Storescent lights turned Sara a jaundiced attorn a tool called Auto lights turned Sara a jaundiced yellow, I found a tool called Auto

## Product review

Color that instantly transformed

Color that instantly transformed the entire cip to natural colors. Premiere Elements, an ounced on Sept. 15 and just now reaching store shelves, also expects a lot from your computer. Available only for Windows XP with the Service Pack 1 upgrade, and the state of t

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## MORNING LINE

**SPORTSQUOTE** 

Just think, somewhere on a Saturday night in . Moose Jaw, a kid is actually reading

a book.

Columnist Michael Hunt of the Milwauke Journal Sentinel about the unexpected benefits of the NHL lockout

## TRIVIA

QUESTION:

When was the first LPGA Tour event televised?

...answer below

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School Boys Basketball

Dietrich at Camas County, 4:30 p.m.

Preston at Minico, 6 p.m.

Wood River at Century, 6

p.m.
Filer at Valley, 6 p.m.
Declo at Jerome, 6 p.m.
Bilss at Twin Falls Christian
Academy, 6 p.m.
Magic Valley Christian at
The Community School, 7:30

#### High School Girls Basketball

Carey at The Community. School, 4:30 p.m. Burley at American Falls, 6

Glenns Ferry at Parma, 6 p.m. Oakley at Castleford, 6 p.m. Richfield at Mackay, 6 p.m. Gooding at Buhl, 6 p.m. Dietrich at Camas County, 6

Murtaugh at Hagerman, 6

p.m. Kimberly at Wendell, 7:30

p.m. Raft River at Lighthouse Christian, 7:30 p.m.

## IN BRIEF

Filer junior basketball

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Basketball program will holds
signups for boys and girls in
grades 5-6 this Friday, Dec. 3
from 430-630 pm. In the Filer
Middle School gym. The cost is
\$20.

A parent or guardian must be present at signups. For more in-formation, call Kent Knigge at 326-4252.

#### Area's top Class 5A harriers announced

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TWIN FALLS — The Region
IV.V and VI cross country teams
were announced Monday with
juniors Tyler Jones and Brittany
Ward and freshman Natasha
Bortz named to the first team.
Second team 'honores included seniors Joel Ruprecht
and Justin Blau and sophomore
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# **ULDER AND WISER**

## QB Jeff George gets another shot at the NFL

LAKE FÖREST, III. — Talent was never Jeff George's problem. His personally, well, that's a different story. Cocky, Hardheaded. Selfish. Egotistical. Arrogant. He heard them all as he hopscotched around the league, a nomadile journey that had as much to do with his attitude as his ability. I really don't concern myself with that, to be quite honest with you," George said Monday after signing a

one-year deal with the Chicago Bears.

"Im 36 years old, and if people want to
harp on what I did when I was 26 years
old, that's one thing, But I can just say,
his ... I am a blessed man.

"To get another opportunity to play
football at whatever role I have, I'm
definitely going to take advantage of
that," he added. "I know there's people
that always doubt me and doubt other
people, but that's the nature of the
business. I'm not any different than
any other quarterback out there."

Oh, but he is.

George was the No. I overall pick in the 1990 draft, blessed with a strong and amazingly accurate arm. He threw for 27,602 yards and 194 touchdowns in 12 years, completing almost 58 percent of his passes while throwing 113 interceptions.

But he's never lived up to the expectations that come with such talent, going 46-78 as a starter. The Bears are his seventh earm, and he hasn't played in a game in more than three years.

Please see GEORGE, Page B8



Chicago back Jef George at Halas Hall on Monday in Lake Forest,

Auburn

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The Associated Press

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# **Packers paste Rams**

## Favre starts 200th straight NFL game

The Associated Press

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The governor proclaimed it "Brett Favre Day" and the night belonged to the quarterback too.

Favre celebrated his 200th straight regular season start with three fouchdown passes, and set yet another record in the Green Bay Packers (3-17 rout of the St. Louis Rams on Monday night.

Favre topped 20 touchdown passes for the 11th straight season, breaking a tie with Dan presses for the 11th straight season, breaking a tie with Dan Marino on a 7-yard toss to tight end Bubba Franks in the second quarter that made it 14-3.

He also threw touchdown passes to Javon Walker and Donald Driver as the Packers (7-4) got two defensive touchdowns and won their stash straight to keep pace with Minnesota atop the NFC North.

Favre didn't have his co-star, Ahman Green, who was out with injured ribs. But Najeh Davenport. came, up\_with, a strong imitation, galning 178 yards on 19 carries in his first NFL start even though he had a sore hamstring.

It was the fifth-highest single-game rushing total in franchise history, and Davenport capped his night with a 40-yard touchdown run on fourth-and-I with 1:52 left to make it 38-17.

Marc Bugget threw for more yards — 448 — against Green



Bay quarterback Brett Favre prepares to pass in the first quarter Monday against the St. Louis in Green Bay, Wis. The game marked Favre's NFL-record 200th consecutive start.

es for 170 yards and a touchdown but his two fumbles were
returned for touchdowns, one
by rookle Ahmad Carroll to
start the scoring and one by
fichael Hawhorne to cap the
rout in the final minute.

Bruces 4 yard TD catch just
before halftime brought St.
Louis to 21-10, and in the hird
quarter, the Rams benefited
from a new rule this year that
allows the coach to call a timeout from the sideline. Mike
Martz's timeout negated a lost
fumble by Steven Jackson.

But Martz followed up with a questionable call — a fake field goal when a 42-yarder by Jeff Wilkins would have made it a one-possession game. Wilkins

Wilkins would have made it a one-possession game. Wilkins was stuffed 12 yards shy of the first down on fourth-and-7.
Not only did the Rams get nothing out of a nearly eight-minute drive, but the Packers went of 1 yards in four plays, capped by Driver's leaping 16-yard touchdown each that gave Green Bay a 28-10 lead.
Bulger's 8-yard TD toss to Marshall Paulk made it 28-17.

but the Rams never got closer.
Favre's record streak of
starts moved to 219, counting
playoffs, and is almost 100
more than Ron Jaworski's previous NFL quarterback mark
of 123.

of 123.
Joey Thomas forced a fumble on the Rams first possession, and Carroll, a fellow rookle correback, picked it up and ran 40 yards for a touchdown:
It was the Packers first recovery of an opponent's fumble since Sept. 19 against Chicago.

Auburn needs an upset.
The Tigers are still stuck behind first-place Southern California and second-place Oklahoma in the Bowl Championship Series standings, heading into the final weekend before the national tille game is decided.
Third-place Auburn needs to beat Tennessee in the Southeast-ern Conference: tille game Saturday and hope for USC to lose and to CLA or Oklahoma to fall in the to earn a spot in the Orange Bon and play for the rDS champion of the Company of the the Cast champion of the Company of the Company for the Sonners (1961). The Tigers and the standings released Monday to 1983, and padded its lead over the Sonners (1961). The Tigers have a grade of 19342.
While Oklahoma and Auburn were idle last week, the Trigans beat Notre Dame 41-10 to regain some support in The Associated Press Top 25 and coaches polling of the Computer rankings are used to determine the other third. USC holds a big lead in both polls, ahead of No. 2 Oklahoma and No. 3 Auburn. The Sonners and Tigers are separated by a tond of only 17 points in the two polls, but the Company of the Conday of the Conday of the Conday of the Conda

being ranked among the top teams.

Sixth-place Uat-large bid as a guaranteed, an at-large bid as team from a non-BCS conference with a top-six finish in the BCS standings. The Uses (11-0), from the Mountain West Conference ago and are sure to become the first team from a mid-major conference to play in the BCS.

Last season, Tote West.

Last season, Tote BCS.

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team.

Boise State (.6510) dropped from seventh to eighth in the BCS standings behind Georgia (.6548). The Broncos (11-0) from the Western Athletic Conference were rying to join Utah in the top six and grab a spot in one of the four bowl games worth more than \$14 million.

## Body matching exec's son found in wreckage

By John Marshall Associated Press writer

MONTROSE, Colo. ments after surviving



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Seperatol frantically

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help in rescuing his kid
brother from
the wreckage: "Can you
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Dick Ebersol

year-old college student, year-quoted as saying. Nearby, his father, Sports chairman Dick Ebersoi, sat on the snowy ground amid the billowing smoke and chunks of wreckage, rocking back and forth in complete shock, according to a witness at



Boardinyeatigate the wreckage of a jet Monday in Montrose, Colo.
The body of the 14-year-old son of NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol was believed recovered in the wreckage.

"You could tell he was in shock. Both of them had been first to arrive. The account came a day after Doug Percival, a driver at a tow-

crashed during a snowstorm while taking off from the airport outside this small town 185 miles southwest of Denver, Authorities said Monday they had removed a body from the wreckage matching that of 14-year-old Edward "Feddy" Ebersol, a freshman at a Connecticut boarding school.

Two crewmen also died an oneticut boarding school. another was injured along with the two Ebersols. NBC said in a statement Monday that Dick and Charlie Ebersol are in statement Monday that Dick and Charlie Ebersol are in statement despend on the customake a full recovery.

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ate word on the cause of the crash.
With light snow falling, crews began picking through the charred pile of twisted metal and a 6-toot-high shard of the fuselage with three gaping, round windows. The two en-gines lay on the ground nearby hear the tail section where they Please see EBERSOL, Page 86

## With BCS going to Fox, let Homer Simpson call the games

Following last week's announcement that Fox struck a deal with the Bowl Champlionship Series to broadcast nearly all of college football's big bowl games beginning in 2007, TV- sports division boss Ed Goren said he would begin searching for ways to give the telecasts a distinct look and sound.

Who better to do that then

who better to do that than current Fox employee Homer Simpson No one on television looks or



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sounds quite like the patriarch of America's first family of dys-function. Then there's the of America's first family of dys-function. Then there's the cross-promotion possibilities which, for a network as shameless as Fox, are nearly endless. And talk about connecting with yous audience: Homer would saunter into the broadcast booth known for a catch phase that describes how most of America already feels about the BCS.

That would be "D'oh!" and you'll be hearing it a lot this coming weekend — among other things — just about the the BCS. Computers stop humming and the schools that wet hosed each season start wet hosed each season start

complaining.

The way things stand, Aubum figures to be the loudest of the lot, because the Tigers could finish the regular season just as undefeated as Southern California and Oklahoma and Stander of the Stander of the Stander of the Stander of the BCS national championship. But chances are good the Tigers and their fans wont be the only ones growling. The BCS system is so rile with contradictions that there isn't

time or space to list them here. Barely six weeks ago, the guys who hijacked the college post-season in 1988 unwelled their fifth new-and-Improved formula to bring order to the rankings. Not surprising, it wasn't any better than the previous four. The funny thing is, the BCS honches could have learned that by reading an op-ed piece that ran the previous day in The New York Times. previous day in.
Times.
In it, author Bradley Carlin, a
Please see LITKE, Page B6

# Celtics light up Magic, 117-101 Strawberry for the Hall?

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Doc
Rivers got his team back on tack
while gaining a measure of reverige on his old squad, and the
Boston Celtics snapped a fourgame losing streak by beating
the Orlando Magic 117-101 on
Monday hight.

The Magic fired livers a year
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The Magic fired livers a year
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a 171-168 record
with three trips to
the playoffs.

Paul Pierro-score
a 171-168 record
with three trips to
double figures, as the
Celtics enjoyed their
best offensive performance of
the season. Marcus Banks added
a season-high 20 off the bench.
Boston shot 47 percent and
made 26 of 31 free throws.
Although the game was expected to be filled with emotion
— with Rivers being the most
charismatic coach in franchise
history — the Celtics came out
gunning to put the Magic away
early.

Boston went ahead by 10 midway through the first quarter, by
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early:
Boston went ahead by 10 mid-way through the first quarter, by 20 early in the second and the margin reached 27 with 5:37 left

before the break.

The Magic cut the deficit to 12 points early in the fourth quarter, but the Celicis sealed the win behind an 11-2 run. Banks' three-point play with 6:23 remaining put Boston up 105-84, and sent the fans fleeing to the parking lot.

parking lot.
The Celties' victory also snapped Rivers' personal 11-game losing streak in Orlando, a skid that included the 2003 play-

skid that included the 2003 play-offs and 2003 preseason.

For the Magic, Hedo Turkoglu scored 17 points. Kelvin Cato had his first double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds, both season bests. while Dwight Howard had his fourth with 10

and 10.

Steve Francis and Grant Hill,
who entered the game combining for better than 40 points.
Collectively shot 10-of-30 for 25.
The Magic shot 39 percent, 1for-12 on 3-pointers.
Early on, the Magic played like
the squad that got Rivers fired.
Orlando's toothless defense let
leaven did not were reconsisted to the

Boston drive uncontested to the basket, leading to 11 dunks and

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Wayne Simien had 14 points and 10 rebounds — his third double-double in as many games — and No. 2 Kansas routed Nevada 85-52 on Mon-



lando Magic's Hedo Turkoglu looks on in the basket Monda lando Magic's Hedo Turkoglu looks on in the fourth quarter in Qriando, Fla. The Cettles won 117-101.

layups in the first quarter. Pierce's fast-break follow dunk capped off a 26-8 run for a 15-point lead with 3:44 left in the

point lead with 3:44 left in the period.
Orlando missed 23 of its first 2 shots.
Then Boston began sinking almost every shot, no matter how off-balance, wild or well defend. Marcus Bank's falling layup with 8:12 before the break was the Celtics 22nd field goal in 33 attempts, and put them up 49-29.

Nuggets 76, Hornets 67

DENVER — Earl Boykins scored 22 points to help the Denver Nuggets overcome the absence of Carmelo Anthony and defeat the New Orleans Hornets 76-67 on Monday

night.

The Nuggets won for the sixth time in seven games, but strugged mightily against the Hornets, who came into the final stop of a five-game road trip with the league's worst record and without Jamaal Ma-

gloire, Baron Davis, Rodney Rogers and Jamal Mashburn. For a good part of the game, New Orleans looked well ad-justed to its injuries. The Nuggets did not. Denver trailed through much of the third quarter and well

Nuggets did not.

Denver trailed through much of the third quarter and well into the fourth. Bryon Russell (12 points) hit back-to-back 3-pointers to give Denver a 67-65 lead with 6:30 left. Boykins followed with a ducking darting scoop shot to increase the lead to four and Kenyon Martin made a layup to make it 71-65. Leo Nalion scored 16 points for the Hornets, who missed 13 of 17 shots in the fourth quarter and went scoreless for seven minutes down the stretch, a period that saw their one-point lead turn into an eight-point deficit.

David West ended the forught with a layup at the 1:08 mark. The bucket helped the Hornets avoid matching the lowest point total in their 16-year history.

Anthony missed his first game of the season after sprain

## Police-think they know identity of chair-thrower.

Of Chair-thrower.

AUBURN HILLS, Mich.

(AP) — Police believe they know the identity of the man who threw a chair in a brawl between players and fans during the Indiana-Detroit game on Nov. 19.

Police did not identify the man Monday, though they said he is a 35-year-old Pistons', season-ticket, holder. He has not been interviewed and is not in custody. Police LI, James Manning said police have met with the mans automey.

Lt. James Manning said police have met with the mans attorney.

The lawyer. Kenneth Karasick, did not immediately respond to a telephone message seeking comment.

The light among spectators and players broke out mear the end of the game after an on-court dispute over a foul. A fan hurled a drink at Indiana's. Ron Artest, who then charged into the stands and began beating a man he thought had done it.

Other players and fans soon joined the brawl.

Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca has said the man who threw the chair, which hit several people including a police officer. could be charged with felony assault. Other participants could be charged with misdemeanor assault and battery.

Detroit television stations

demeanor assault and battery.

Detroit television stations repeatedly broadcast video footage of the fight that showed the man police said threw the chair in the hopes that someone would come forward with his identity.

ling his andle Saturday in a victory over the Houston Rockets. The Nuggets are hoping he's back for Thursday night's game against LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers.
New Orleans, meanwhile, found out it would be without Magloire for up to three months because of a dislocated finger he suffered last Friday. It only added to the injury misery for the Hornets, who fell to 1-12.

# No joke, but no chance

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II Darryl Strawberry gets elected to the Hall of Fame, the question won't be which cap he should wear but which cap he should wear but which uniform. Let's see, should it be the old pinstripes of the New York Mets or the Yankees? The orange jumpsuit he wore with shackled in court in Florida? Or the blue duds from state prison?

Then there's the matter of his number: 18 with the Mets, 26 with the Yankees, 2021 4462 with the Hillsborrolgh County Jail, or 177159 with the Florida Department of Corrections.

Strawberry, who arguably wasted more talent than anyone in baseball history, was among 12 players selected Monday to appear on the Hall of Fame ballot for the first time.

Incredible though it may seem, he was a unanimous choice among the six-member selection committee of the Baseball Witters' Association of America.

Getting on the ballot for con-

passedail winters Association America.
Getting on the ballot for consideration is very different and much easier than getting into Cooperstown to the players on the ballot for the first time, five-time AL batting champion Wade Boggs, ought to be a shooting when the results of the voting are announced Jan. 4.
Writers who have been members of the BBWAA for 10 consecutive years or more are

consecutive years or more are eligible to vote. This writer, at least, won't be checking off Strawberry's name. Not this year, not ever.

Strawberry's name. Not this year, not ever. Strictly as a baseball player. Strictly as a baseball player, looking coldly at his stats, Strawberry doesn't deserve a place in Cooperstown. As a person, looking at what he did to himself, his family, his teams, and the game, he deserves it even less.

When he was coming up. a modern version of Ted Williams with his tall, strong, skinny physique, his sweet sying and rainbow homers. Strawberry looked every inch a future fall of Famer.

rainbow homers, Strawberry looked every inch a future Hall of Famer. He had the gifts of power at the plate, speed on the basepaths, grace in the field. He had it all ... and then he didn't. He had some very good seasons—twice hitting 39 homers, three dunes going over 100 RBIs — but no truly great ones. He averaged only .259 during histerialic, 17-year career and never patted higher over a fall season. He had the heads to the World Series in 1986, then batted only .208 with one homer. He helped the Yankees get to the Series in 1986 and 1999, but did little once he got there. Strawberry's plaque in Cooperstown would have to be supersized to cover his deeds and misdeeds: NI. Rookie of the Year in 1983; 335 home runs, most of them with the Mets from 1983 to 1990; 1,000 RBIs; cight All-Star selections, and a rap sheet remarkable for its deepth and breadth:

• Arrests on allegations of wife beatings. rap sheet remarkable for its depth and breadth:
• Arrests on allegations of wife beating:

• A guilty plea on a federal

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tax evasion charge:

Three suspensions from baseball for cocaine-related

Arrests for allegedly failing to make child support payments.

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• A no-contest plea on charges of cocaine possession and soliciting a prostitute:

• A year's probation for causing a traffic accident while under the influence of painkillers;

• An arrest for leaving a drug treatment center;

• An arrest for violating probation;

• Analyse arrest for violating probation;

• An arrest for violating probation;
• Another arrest for breaking rules at a drug treatment center. Strawberry never meant to burt anyone, but he did. He had a winning smile, an engaging personality. He fought courageously to win a struggle against colon cancer, survived prison and has seemingly turned his life around, devoting himself to church work in Tampa, Fla., where he lives.
Trouble is, no one ever knows with Strawberry how long his reforms will last, whether he's containg himself and others.
He's 42 now, and seems trin and healthy.
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"A restoration has taken prein me," he said when he visited
New York last summer for a
meet-and-greet session with
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fams along with other former fams along with other former facts. He had taken a position with the Yankes as a phayer development instructor last winter, but resigned to spend more time as a minister of the Without Walls international Church.

A call to the church brings this international Church.

A call to the church brings this greeting. The perfect church for people who aren't.

None of us is perfect, but Strawberry has made years of efforts to be less perfect than most. He is in the class of other near, greats in baseball who wasted their gifts: Dwight Gooden, Vida Blue and Bobby Bonds, for starters.

Pete Rose, who still can't get on the Hall-of-Fame ballot-because he's on baseball's permanently incligible list, at least had the all-time hits record before gambling on speschall sa magnager out him

record before gambling on baseball as a manager got him

in trouble.

No doubt Strawberry deserves credit for trying to be a better man through all his tribulations, and no doubt he deserves a place in baseball history. He just doesn't deserve enshrinement in the Hall of

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# day night. The Jayhawks (3-0) led from the start in dealing the Wolf Pack (3-1) their most lopsided

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professor of blostatistics at the
University of Minnesota,
crunched the BCS numbers
from the previous season and
compared the chances of each
team winning the title to their
chances of winning in a playoff.
His conclusion about the latest
BCS model: "It will always run a
high risk of crowning the wrong
champion."
Carlin, like a clear majority of
fans, players and even coaches,
profers a playoff, but that won't
be happening anytithe soon.
Hopes that the end of the current BCS deal with ABC might
open the door to even a fourteam playoff were abruptly
squashed when Fox plunked
down a cool \$320 million for the
broadcast rights to the Fiesta,
Orange and Sugar bowls from
2007-10 and the national title
game from 2007-09.
Sald Fox Sports chairman
David Hill: "We totally accepted
what was being offered by the
BCS."
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## College basketball

loss since a 119-B1 defeat by North Texas in February 1999. Kansas, with Christian Moody slutting down Nevada forward Nick Fazekas, bolted to a 19-4 lead over the first 7 min-utes and never trailed the

defending WAC champions, closing out the half on a 9-0 run for a 43-16 lead.

Kansas bounces Nevada for worst loss in years

No. 6 Oklahoma St. 76, **SMU 57** 

DALLAS — John Lucas scored 24 points to lead No. 6 Oklahoma State as coach Eddie

Sutton won for the 759th time, tying Ed Diddle for eighth place on the Division I career list. Joey Graham scored 14 points, Stephen Graham had nine points and 10 rebounds and Ivan McFarlin scored 13 points for the Cowboys (4-0). Patrick Simpson had 20 points for SMU (2-1).

## Litke

ing was more of the same more conflicts, more chaos, more tinkering more alibis. If you thought splitting last season's champlonship between Southern Cal and LSU was less than satisfying, just was less than satisfying, just wait. From its inception, the BCS doomsday scenario was to have three teams from major conferences get through their schedules unbeaten, and only once has the picture been in such sharp focus. Southern Cal is favored to beat UCLA. Okhahoma faces a four-loss Colorado team, and Auburn draws Tennessee after having thumped the Vols at home earlier in the Scisson.

the Vols at home extract in unseason.
Kansas State, UCLA and Tennessee were all unbeaten with one game to play in 1998. But both the Wildcats and Bruins, conveniently, stumbled in upsets. That cleared a path for Florida State, which had ended its season three weeks earlier, to play Tennessee for the national champilorship and elicited this memorable quote from Semi-

noles coach Bobby Bowden.
"I have never accomplished so much." Bowden said, "just situng on the couch."
The BCS guys know the feeling. In past years, they've been the beneficiaries of more good the black than they'd sesere but the luck than they'd sesere but the luck than they deserve but they

contenders.
"I don't see that as a bad news story." BCS coordinator and Big 12 commissioner Kevin Welberg said the day the Fox deal was announced. "It think it's great that those teams are doing so well. It hink it's a confirmation that the BCS system is accessible to everyone."

veryone." Right. And because the new TV deal

also gave Fox naming rights to the title game, be certain that the network will come up with a catchy name for the BCS sys-tem. Too bad "Arrested Development" is already taken.

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## Comfort and joy

'The Messiah' is coming to Jerome and T.F. Friday in WeekEnd



## Ebersol

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had been mounted.
A backhoe was brought in to
help tilg through the wreckage,
found near a cattle pen in a
snow-covered field dotted with
knee-high weeds. A white sheet
was draped across part of the
site as crews wrapped up work
for the day.
"It's going to be a while because unfortunately a lot of the
wreckage is still covered with
snow," said Arnold Scott, the
lead investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board.
Coroner Mark Young said the
body thought to-be that of the
youngest Ebersol was found

underneath the wreckage. Heavy equipment was used to recover the body.
Dick Ebersol has been head of NBC Sports for nearly 15-years, and is perhaps best known for his love of the Clymples, which are broadcast on the network.
He and his two sons were flying home from California, where the older son's school. Notre Dame, played a football game Saturday against Southern California. Another Ebersol son, 18-year-old Wille, is a freshman at USC.
The family flew to Colorado, where they have a home, to

drop off Ebersol's wife, Susan Saint James, an actress who starred in the 1980s television series "Kate and Allie." Then, Ebersol and the two sons were headed to drop off Charles at school in South Bend, Ind. The FAA said the pilot and a flight attendant were killed. The coroner's office identified the victims as Luis Alberto Polanco Espalliat, 50, of the Dominican Republic and Warren T. Richardson III, '36, of Coral Gables, Fla., but did not say which was the pilot.

Deputy coroner Matt Elits said the co-pilot was in critical condition.

## Battered McNair says it's time to think of future

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — To be clear. Steve McNair never used the word retirement. But the co-MVP of the 2003 season sent a clear message that he physical pain mixed in the physical pain mixed with a losing season has the Tennessee quarterback ready to think about quitting.

"I feel like a this point in time you have to take a hard look at its point in time you have to take a hard look at its many layer to take a hard look at its more than the company of the physical paints of the company of the physical part of the company of

hurt, but at the same time it has taken a toll. I Just have to look at it and evaluate myself, but I'm going to continue to work hard this season and do the best I can do to try and win five ballgames."

Coach Jeff Fisher didn't hear of McNair's comments until the team was on the way to the air port in Houston. He spoke with his quarterback Sunday night and again Monday and feels McNair and the state of the spoke with his quarterback Sunday night now you go from where he was last year to the situation that we are in as a team, there's frustration. And then you add the physical issues with him. I was not surprised whatsoever. He does not like losing football games," Fisher sald.

McNair, who was not available Monday, has become known for his ability to play through pain. He has a full page in the Tenssee media guide that details his 24 separate injuries and six operations or procedures before this season. He went 5-0 in December 2002 despite not practicing once with back spasms, turf toe and strained ribs. Six weeks after back surgery in 1999, he led the Tlans to their only Super Bowl appearance.

Ilians to their only super Bown appearance.
This season hasn't come any-where close to what McNair wanted as an MVP follow-up.
While co.MVP Peyton Man-ning of Indianapolis, whom the Thans (4-7) play Sunday, is on record-setting pace, McNair has

thrown two more interceptions (9) through seven games than he did all last season. A bruised ster-

(9) through seven games than he did all ats season. A bruised sternum kept him out of two games and parts of two others, and his passer rating of 73.1 puts him behind 23 NFI. quarterbacks.

McNair opened Sunday game looking like the quarterback who led the NFI. in passer rating in 2003. He hit his first seven passes and threw three touchdown passes in the first half nithe second half, he be stoned to the first half in the exon that, he to see the continue of the first half of the continue to the first half of the continue to be that way, you have to take a long look at it after the season to see what you're going to do." McNair said.

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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Washington council chair won't oppose park

washington — A new ballpark for the soon-to-be Washington Nationals appeared to be headed to approval after the chair of the District of Columbia Council decided not to oppose financine.

ing.
The Council is scheduled to vote Thesday, two weeks after Council Chair Linda W. Cropp removed the proposal from the

agenda.
Seven votes are needed for approval, and Mayor Anthony A. Williams said Monday he exapproval, and Mayor Anthony
A Williams said Monday he expected the council to approve
the measure. The deal Washington signed with the
Montreal Epros calls for a ballpark to be built south of the
Capiton along the Anacostia
River and estimates land acquisition, construction of
a new ballpark and refurbishing
RFK Studium will cost \$435
million.

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RFK Studium will cost \$435

Opponents claim the project will total more than \$600 mil-lion.

## Big Sky names men's

Big sky names men's
player of the week
OGDEN, Urah — The Big Sky
Conference named (daho State
guard David Schroeder its
player of the week on Monday.
Schroeder, a junior from
Salmon, Idaho, averaged 21
points and eight rebounds in
the Bengals two games last
week.
Schroeder shot 61 5 means

Schroeder shot 61.5 percent from the field last week.

## LSU climbs to No. 1 in women's hoops poll

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In women's hoops poll
Pokey Chatman was 9 and
playing what she called "bitty
basketball" the last time LSU
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### Cardinals decide to start rookle quarterback

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TEMPE. Ariz. — The Arizona
Cardinals are turning to yet an
other quarterback, this time
rookle folm Navarre.
The seventh-round draft
pick from Michigan, who never
last taken a snap in an NFL regular-season game, will musk
his debut Sunday when the
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#### Browns lose LB Davis to knee ligament tear

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BEIRA, Ohlo — Linebacker
Andra Davis will miss the remainder of the season after
tearing a ligament in his left
knee against the Bengals.
The Browns will piace Davis
on the injured reserve list,
making him the 13th player on
it during a season of costy injuries for Cleveland (3-8),
which has lost five straight
games.

## Vikings' Smith gets

nod after suspension

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. —
Onterrio Smith, not former Pro

Bowler Michael Bennett, will be Minnesota's starting running back for now. Smith, in his second year out of Oregon, racked up 421 combined yards in the Vikings first three, games before serving a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy, the had a season-high 20 carriers for 72 yards in Sunday's 27-16 win over Jacksonville.

## Bills remain hopeful-

Bills remain hopeful-about Henry's health ORCHARD PARK, NY.— Travis Henry might not have broken a bone in his right leg-as first feared, according to coach Mike Mularkey. The team is conducting further tests on the running back and should have a more definitive diagnosis when the Bills (5-6) return to practice Wednessday. Henry, the backup to Willis McGainee, was hurf four plays into the team's opening drive in a 38-9 win at Seattle on Sun-day.

## Blue Jays agree to buy SkyDome for \$21.2M

SkyDome for \$21.2M

TORONTO — The Toronto Blue Jays agreed to buy SkyDome, the team's ballpark, for about \$21.24 U.S. million.

The 50,000-seat stadium, which opened in 1989, construct and was mostly funded by taxpayers. The Blue Jays, who are owned by Rogers Communications, will acquire the ballpark from Sportsco International LP a Chicago-based group of investors who bought SkyDomeout of bankruptcy court in 1999 for about \$74 million.

This will enable us to measurably improve the efficiency of our business operations, Blue Jays president Paul Godfrey said.

The sale is expected to close in December, the team said Monday. The Canadian Football League's Toronto Argonauts plan to move from SkyDome, which has a retractable roof, to a new 25,000-seat outdoor stadium in 2006.

## Stanford's Teevens fired

Stanford's Teevens fired after losing seasons
STANFORD. Callf. — Stanford football coach Buddy Teevens was fired after three straight losing seasons, an athletic department source said Monday — on — condition — of anonymity.

The school called an afternoon news conference. A call to Teevens home Monday was not immediately returned.
Athletic director Ted Leland, a close personal friend of Teevens, met with the coach last week after the Cardinal friend of Teevens, met with the coach last week after the Cardinal friend of Stanford lost with the coach last week after the Cardinal friend of Stanford lost with the coach last week after the Cardinal friend of the stanford football defeat, ending a season that began 4-2 with hopes of a bowl game.

The, 48-year-old Teevens, who had two years remaining on his contract, is the first Stanford football coach to be fired since lack Elway was dismissed in 1988 after sping 3-6-2.

Lawyers say no plea deal

## Lawyers say no plea deal near in Heatley case

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ATLANTA — Lawyers on oth sides of Atlanta Thrashers forward Dany Heatley's vehicular homicide case said Monday they are not close to agreeing bor a piea deal that would keep his case from going before a jury.

"I believe this case, at this point, appears to be heading to a trial," said Ed Garland, an attorney for Heatley. Heatley appeared in Fulton County Superior Court on Monday for a hearing. A trial tentatively is set for February. Assistant District Attorney grett Pinion described plea negotiations as "nothing that's gotten very far."

The case stems from a car rash last year that killed Heatley's friend and teammate, Daniel Snyder.

ACC ties record with

## ACC ties record with seven Top 25 teams

seven Top 25 teams
Virginia moved into The Associated Press' men's college basketball Top 25 Monday, giving the Aldanite Coast Conference a record-tying seven teams in the poll.
Wake Forest extended its lead at No.1, the Cavallers were No. 24, and there were five other conference schools in between, matching the feat accomplished twice by the Big Ten and once by the ACC.



## Area ski report en Fri-Ser Lookard Pass — Upon 171-m., New 27: 1" new Ponnerolla — Mon 6:45c class 19 Generolla — Mon 6:45c class 19 general 19-31 bens 18 of 24 rols. 2 of 4 ffs. 25s open, Sebuddey, Mon-fit 74-6y, Wolands Scilose, 54-6y, Schreidter Monetolla — Plan 10 Gen 12/12; zowe dopt 6-27: Silver Monetolla — Plan 10 Open 12-12; zowe dopt 6-27: tala — nii: 28° eatala — fion to Open 12/17 Son Yolley --- Mon 5:05e w 12 de-groes pechal peroder mechan grouned 14 - 21 besn 7 of 75 tradit, 3 of 19 lift; 9% open, Weekfay: Mon-Fit 9-45c, Tomeruck --- Plan to Open 12/15; sonson sarwfull: 20°; Nov 29: 9° now Salarday, Hov. 20 y State 10, Northwood or 31, Shappenaburg 20 durg 36, Edinboro 32 de 36, Carson-Hewme Securi State 34, Yesa Quarterbush Behadey, Nov. 27 46. East Strouchburg 30 950, Northwest Meour St. 38, Alberty State 15 Bendings Bendings Behavior, Dec. 4 11-3) at Viscour pa-Pataburg St. worner vs. V NCAA Division III Football Playoffs AN Times MST First Record Saturday, Nov. 20 f. 35, Curry, Mass. 16 sher, H.Y. 31, Mulferburg, Pa. falley 21, Shanandosh, Vs. 17 n & Jefferson, Pa. 55, Brogeres nest, Calif. 28, Williamste, Drs. 14 Becomb Round Bellutter, Nov. 27 N.J. 45, Hobert N.Y. 14 nr Valley 29, St. John Fisher, N.Y. 20 yon & Jellemon, Ps. 24, Christopher S. W. 14 5, Jasenson, P.S. 24, Christophe 1, See State 1, S. 6, Christophe 1, S. 6, Cheb 7, Whitester, Christ 7, State 2, Christophe 1, Christophe 2, Petrol A. Ferdon 5, Christophe 3, Christoph day, Dec. 11 Weetington & Jellerson out Union werner, TBA rday, Doc. 18 Searcher, Dec. 4 (12-0) at S2 Fr (hamplorettp Setunday, Dec. 18 Stedium Time. (y-St. France, Ind. winner vs. Carroll, Morst winner, 11 a.m. RODEO Through Hov. 28 bester's Woold Standings Tomo Essais, Domas, Teans, 1917, 200 Ber Sch. Durch, Olis, 1930, 202 Sen Sond, Chokana, Sans, 1930, 1930, 202 Sen Sond, Chokana, Sans, 1930, 1930, 202 Sen Sond, Chokana, Sans, 1930, 203 Sen Sond, Chokana, Sans, 1930, 203 Sen Sond, Sond, Sond, 1930, 203 Sen Sond, 193 Behavior, Day, 4 (\$-3) at William & Mary (10-2), 10 a.m school (10-2) at Furnam (10-2), 1:30 empatrice (10-2) at Montana (10-2), 2 p.m. Lunton State (10-2) at Eastern Washing. L 5.30 o.m. Ford Husbook Colo. (80), \$00,80 Restment, One. (82), \$86,909 sz. Reggen, Coto. (91), \$86,029 and Forecauth, Ast. (71), Bowers, Brooks, Alberts (97), \$65.57 Herens, Bend, One, (92), \$80.374 Schools Rude Fountly, \$10, (74)

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## George

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orge, who turns 37 on Dec. 8, has n out of the NFL completely for the

been out of the N+C completely for the last 1.5 seasons.

The Bears, though, are desperate enough to give George another chance. Chicago (4-7) has already burned through three quarerbacks because of injury or ineffectiveness, and its of-fense has scored only one touchdown in the last three games.

But I know the business and I know what it's like, and unfortunately what's happened to me in the past has continued to follow me, I guess:

George has been a magnet for criticism since he was in college, when he transferred from Purdue to Illinois after just one season. He infuntated fans of his hometown Indianapolis Colts with a 36-day holdout in 1933, squabbled with coaches and allemated teammates with his alsoofness and cockiness.

His reputation was sullied even furfer in 1936, when he had a sideline frigument with Atlanta Falcons coach

June Jones in full view of television cameras. The Falcons suspended George for four games, then cut him. He swore he was a changed man, that he'd learned from the experience, and he had trouble-free stops in Oakland and Minnesota. But any repair George did to his image was quickly erased in 2001, when he was with the Washington Redskins. In the season opener, he had an animated sideline discussion with coach Marty Schottenheimer when George was pulled after four turnovers. He played one more game before the Red-

skins cut him. He had a quarterback rating of 34.6, completing just 23 of 42 paßes with three interceptions. George signed with Seattle midway through the 2002 season but never played.

"feff has been through an awful lot, which he will acknowledge to you. He learned an awful lot from it." Bears coach Lovie Smith said. "When I met him, I really got a good feel about him and where he is at this time in his life... He's at a stage in his life where he wants to be a part of a team and help the team win."

If starter Chad Hutchinson has any trouble, George could find himself back in the game only a few days after having to recruit buddies to eatch passes at at his old high school.

"Whatever my role is, I'm ready to take that on and just run with it." George said. "All wanted was just an opportunity, a fair shake just like the other guy. To be a third-stringer, to be a backup, to play whatever role that the Bears want me to do. I'm willing to do that.

"I cam't say enough how happy I am really and how thankful to be out here and get this opportunity."

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

## Bliss rest area reopens Thursday

BIJSS – The Bilss rest area, lo-cated on eastbound and westbound Interstate 84 approxi-ble of the Bilss, has been reconstructed and will offi-cially, ropen, Thursday with a dedication and ribon-cutting ceremony, the Idaho Transporta-tion Department announced. The ceremony begins at 10

dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony, the Idaho Transportation Department announced. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. at the westbound rest area. Will feature a ribbon-cutting ceremony, refreshments and a guided four of the facilities. Chuck Winder, the chiadman of Lord Galance and Charles and Section 19 of the Charles of the Charles

### SUV accident kills boy from Bellevue

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ELKO, Nev.-Barret Admire, 10, of Bellevue, was killed Sunday afternoon after being ejected during a vehicle moliver south of Wells.

Trooper Rocky Gonzales of the Nevada Highway Patrol said the youth was a passenger in a GMC Vukon driven southbound by Mark Scheving, 48, of Bellevue, the accident occurred about 26 miles south of Wells on U.S. Highway 93.

Due to driver inattention the vehicle drifted off the east pavement edge and when Scheving overcorrected to the left, the SUV rotated counter-lockwise, skidding to the west side of the highway edge where it overled was air lifted to Northern Nevada Charles of the Charles of

#### T.F. sorority sponsors Santa Claus letters

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TWIN FALLS—The Xi Alpha That Chapter of Beat Sigma Phile sponsoring "Sannis Letters" this year. Participants should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 with the following information: The childs name, age, gender, new skill the shild has learned and item the child might want for Christmas; and the requester's name, relationship to the child and phone number.

Mail to Santa's Workshop, c/o 331 Knottingham Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, and a letter from Santa postmarked North Pole, AK, will be sent to the child. Orders must be placed before Wednesday to ensure a pre-Christmas delivery.

The sorority also is selling items from catalogs. Anyone can contact and philosophy and the child of the child of

## Snowpack

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Upper Snake Basin	75%	16%
Oakley	70%	11%
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# Bank robbery case gets dismissed

Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – Prosecutors have dropped the case against an Idaho Falls man charged in connection with two bank robberies after results from evidence processed at an FBI lab proved incoinclusive.

The charges against Frank-lensen Eversole, 51, stemmed from robberies of the U.S. Bank at 748 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. and the Wells Fargo Bank branch at 1303 Addison Ave. E on Jan. 2. 2002. The robberies occurred 17 minutes apart.

"In any given case, it's the prosecutor's duty to investigate the case beyond what the police reports say," said Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebs.

"The police reports indicated pretty strongly that (Eversole)

#### NewsTracker

■ Last we knew: 5th District
Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram
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case of Frank Jensen Eversole,
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to Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram bound over to District Court the case of Frank Jensen Eversole, who had been charged with two counts of robbery in connection—with bank robberies in Jwin—Falls on Jan. 2, 2002.

■ What's next: Police will

was guilty. Among the things we did after getting the case were sending fingerprints, palm prints and handwriting samples to FBI labs. What we got back...

to PBI into. What we got back ... was that the fingerprints and palmprints were inconclusive." A handwriting sample from a note the suspect gave tellers was compared to Eversole's sample. That also proved inconclusive, Loebs said.

"The culmination of all the evidence and non-evidence is enough to convince us we don't have enough to prosecute him. The evidence we got from the Fill ... none of that points to him, he said.

There never a time when you're committed to prosecuting. Leeks added. "You dismiss the change if the evidence shows you should."

The suspect in both bank robberies handed tellers a note that said: This is a robbery, Don't pain, Don't talk. One hundreds. fiftes, twenties. Hand me the money, according to an affidavi written by Detective Curtis Gambrel of the Twin Falls Police Department. Comparing Eversole's physical attributes with videos of the robbery, the Fill also concluded the person who committed the robbery is 4 inches taller than Eversole. Loebs said. However, the said of the robber of the rob

the man in the photos allegedly robbing a bank was Eversole. She said she recognized his coat and his stance. nd his stance.
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During that hearing, Judge Mark Ingram stated that the banks photos of the suspect were grainly but that witness testimony in identifying the defendant was sufficient reason to send the case to the higher court.

In the first robbery, the suspect made off with \$2.10. In the second, the suspect took \$3.760.

Noweignons were used or displayed, in either of the played, in either of the

No weapons were used or dis-played in either of the robberies, police say.

Times-News writer Rebecca Meany can be reached at 735-3259 or by e-mail at rmeany@magicvalley.com.

## Judge gives man 30 years in abuse case

RUPERT - A man was sen-tenced Monday to 30 years in prison for one count of sexual-ty abusing an 11-year-old girl. But Shawn Desmond Mar-

teneed Monday to 30 years in prison for one count of sexually abusing an 11-year-old girl. But Shawn Desmond Marshall, 31, of Ruperr, could be out of jail in lewer than 90 days.

The 30-year sentence included a fretained jurisdiction clause, court minutes say. A 5th District Court ludge will review Marshall's case after the spends time in a facility such as Cottonwood, where the defendant must serve 180 days. However, he will receive meeting the same shall sent and the same shall sent and the same shall search and the same shall sent and the same shall

with both the gir and the toly, as well as for coercing the children to perform sexual acts with each other, according to an affidavil. In November 2002, Marshall was sentenced to one to three years in prison for felony domestic battery with traumaticipary.

The sentence was suspended and he was placed on three years' probation.

Monday's sentence is set to run concurrently with the previous sentence, which has been reimposed.

The maximum penalty for tevid and lascivious conduct with a child is life in prison and \$50,000 for each count.

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be entitled to compensation if planning and zoning officials required them to landscape property unnecessarily. Stevens sald.

orates a tree Monday that will be donated to the Festival of Trees that will run Karry Chapa of Burley, an employee of D.L. Evans Bank, de Dec. 1 through Dec. 4 at the Snake River Plaza in Burley.

## **Businessman blasts city of Twin Falls**

By Michelle Dunk Times-News write

TWIN FALLS - Ken Stevens wants members of the Twin Falls City Council to get used to see-ing his face. After listen-him

After listening\_to) him
speak for
more than 15
minutes
Monday
evening,
council members aren't Council evaluates parks. See page C3

likely to forget Stevens any

Stevens any-time soon.

The going to be using pit bull technology. Stevens said. Pit bulls don't care whether they win or lose a fight. he said, they just want to sink their teeth in. For two years. Stevens said he wrangled with planning and zoning officials over the issue of landscaping. Having essentially won his fight with the depart-

I want something more. This fight isn't over.

"

Twin Falls businessman

ment, Stevens wants to wage a war with the city over the matter.

ment, Stevens wants to wage a war with the city over the matter. "I think you people need to stop all your proceedings and save your money," he said.

Stevens purchased a building on the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Kimberly Road where he operates his business, Magic Valley Polycontines, Own the nast couple years, ings. Over the past couple years, planning and zoning officials told Stevens to remove 10 feet of his parking lot and replace it with landscaping.

"I thought I got myself a piece of the American dream." Stevens said. "What I got was the American nightmare."

The landscaping proved to be more than Stevens could afford. Additionally. Stevens said, he didn't know it was required when he purchased the property. It turns out Stevens was right. "Had I not found that one line in that clause, I would have been run out of business." he said.

The city had began the propers of revoking Stevens remit when he discovered the city's mistake. Businesses at existing buildings aren't required to perform the same landscaping as those at new structures. Although Stevens received a letter of apology from the city he said he did not feel an apology was sufficient.

Twant something more." he

# stevens and he wants the city or review staffing in its planning and zoning department. He claims the department did not follow its own statutes in its treatment of him. "It was all because the people at planning and zoning haven't been treating people fairly and the planning and zoning haven't been treating people fairly and equitably. Stevens said. Council member Dennis Maughan sympathized with Stevens, noting that he recognized. Stevens suffered emotional anguish over the misunderstanding. He member Lance Clow also uschrowledged Stevens' unfortunate situation, he noted that the city corrected the situation when the mistake was discovered. "Planning and zoning made a "Planning and zoning made a mistake," Clow said.

# Twin Falls man gets jail

## Snow, frigid temperatures freeze out northern Nevada

ELKO, New. - Northern Nevada residents received a taste of winter over the weekend as a storm dropped several inches of snow and temperatures plunged to zero or below.

Roham Abtail with the National Weather Service said the official snow measurement at Elko Airport was 5 inches, but some local residents reported 6 inches or more. He estimated mountain passes received at least 8 inches during Saturday's storm.

Abtail said the central portion of the state received the major impact from the storm with Austin in Eureka County measuring 15 inches of snow. In Elko County, Jackpot received 3 Inches and Wells had 5 inches.

The snow storm was followed by a cold front that moved into the area Sunday night, usberring in frigid temperatures. Bestering in frigid temperatures Service recorded a low of 2 below zero at the airport and 5 below zero at its office on the eastern side of Elso.

Elko.

A weather observer in Charleston, 25 miles south of larbidge, reported a 23-below-zero temperature. The Wildhorse Reservoir north of Elko at one point came in at 17 below zero. Other cold spots were lackpot at zero and Wells at 7 degrees below zero.

degrees below zero.

The forecast for the area during the next few days calls for highs in the 20s and sub-zero temperatures at night. Abtahi said temperatures would probably begin warming Thursday when cloud cover moves into the area.

# time in fatal car wreck case

TNVIN FALLS – A man who pleaded gully to a misdemeanor charge of reckless driving and a felony charge of leaving the scene of an injury accident will serve time in jail on upcoming holdways.

McKenzie Howard Fox, 23, of Twin Fälls, was sentenced in 5th District Court Monday by Judge Richard Bevan. For the charge of leaving the scene of an injury accident, the judge gave Fox one to five years in prison, but suspended that sentence in favor of four years' probation, said Grant Loebs, Twin Falls County prosecutor.

ecutor.

For the reckless driving count, Fox re-ceived 90 days in jail with 22 days suspended:

Fox will spend 34 days in jall each year for the next two years, including specific days mandated by Judge Bevan.

Bevan.
Prosecutors had originally charged
Fox with vehicular manslaughter and
leaving the scene of an injury accident,
both felonies.
Boule.

both felonies.

Paula Lee Crossley, 35, died April 4 aftor she was ejected from the back seat of the vehicle she was in.

The driver, Effe Marquez, lost control of her StVlo 00.5. Highway 93 while attempting to avoid an oncoming sedan that was swerving in and out of her lane, according to an affidavit written by Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn.

The maximum

The maximum penalty for leaving the scene of an injury accident is five years imprisonment.

## **OBITUARIES**

For obituary rates and information, call day publication. The e-mail address for service and can be placed until 4 p.m. sage in an individual online guestbook, obituaries is obits@magicva every day. To view or subm , go to www.magicvalley.com

### **Carmen Gonzales**

Carmen Gonzales, age 65, assed away at home with her mily by her side. Carmen was born June 14

passed away at home with her family by her side.

Carmen was born June 14, 1939, it is an Antonio, Teas. When she was 14 she met the low of her life, leablo, who was as 50 km in Teass and 16 when they married, Pablo and Carmen were married by the Justice of Jeace in San Antonio, on Sept. 18 jas. Then re-rewed their owns in 1964 at re-rewed their owns in 1964 are re-rewed their owns in 1964 and 1964 are re-rewed their owns in 1964 are re-rewed to the re-rewed their owns in 1964 and 1964 are re-rewed to the re-rewed their owns in 1964 are re-rewed to the re-rewed their owns in 1964 are re-rewed to the re-rewed their owns in 1964 are re-rewed to the re-rewed their owns in 1964 are re-rewed to the re-rewed their owns in 1964 are re-rewed to the re-rewed their owns in 1964 are re-rewed to 1964 are re-rewed to 1964 are re-rewed to 1964 are re-rewed to 1964

Nick
She is preceded in death by
her parents, Rafael Miranda
and Maria Martinez; and four
sons, Valentin, Valente, Pablo

Carmen and Pablo were hap-

Arnold Hubbard died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, in Twin Falls: Idaho, of natural causes. He was 92.

Born Oct. 9, 1912, in Pariadise, Utah, he was the son of William Charles and Elfy Davis Hubbard. He grew up in southern Idaho, where he owned and Holbrook for many years. Arnold married Myrtle Ellen Anderson South on July 12, 1959, owner of South Floral in Malad. Sine was the widow of Endole Martin Service of Endole Mart



pily married for 51 years, to-gether all the time. Carmen enjoyed cooking, gardening, decorating and everything about the state of Texas. Carmen was a friend to everyone she met. Carmen was

lways working hard until her eath on Nov. 25, 2004. To my darling Carmen, A devoted wife to me, A wonderful mother to our

A wonderful mourer to our sons, A friend to all who knew you, We all will miss you. And we will always be as one; Until we are together again. Love, Pablo.

A vigi service will be held at 7-nm. Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at Parke's Magic Valler Funeral Home. 2551 Kimberly Road, Ywin Falls Idaho, Friends may call from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at the funeral home.

Nov. 30, 2004, at the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Wechnesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at St. Edwards Catholic Church, Bur-ial will follow at the Twin Falls Cernetery.

## **Arnold Hubbard**



to Twin Falls, where Arnold continued farming there for

continued farming there for several years. Arnold loved the outdoors and nature. He was a kind and loving man to family and friends, always giving and lend-ing a helping hand.

His sister, Fay Nilsson of Salt Lake City, Utah, and numerous nieces and nephews survive

lake Lift Utali, and multirous lices and nephews survive him. He was preceded in death by his parents: wife, Myrde: and brothers, Myrle. Lioyd. Clark, Reed, Odeli, Oliver, Jesse and LeGrande Hubbard.

The family would like to thank everyone at BridgeView Estates in Twin Falls for their care and support in his final hours. A special thanks for Gina Beach at Cedar Draw Living Center in Filer for being a great fiend to Arnold and taking care of him during the past few years.

years.

A funeral will be held at noon in the Holbrook LDS Church on Thursday, Dec 2. The viewing is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon at the church for family and friends. Burlal will be in the Holbrook Cemetery following

#### Frederick 'Fred' Gorringe -Oakley \*\*

Frederick Leland "Fred" Gor-ringe, a 26-year-old resident of Oakley, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Medical Center.
He was born Oct. 15, 1978, in Burley, Idaho, the son of Leland Earl and Marjorie Robinson Gorringé. He received his education in Oakley and attended the College of Southern Idaho majoring in computer technology.

majoring in computer technology.

He married Erin Layne
Povlsen on May 22, 2004, in
Oakley, Fred was a wonderful
husband, son, brother and
uncle. He enjoyed camping,
hunting and fishing. He was a
computer expert and was
known for his great skills and
knowledge.
He was a member of The

He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Lat-ter-day Saints. He is survived by his wife,



Erin; son, Regen; his parents, Leland and Marjorie Gorringe of Oakley; two brothers, Greg (Tanna) Gorringe of Pocatello and Barry Gorringe of Orem, Utah; one sister, Margo (Christopher) Mickelsen of

Oakley
Oakley: his maternal grandmother. Dorothy Robinson of
Oakley: a niece, Regan Mickelsen; a nephew. Ethan
Mickelsen; an enphew. Ethan
Mickelsen; and many aunts
uncles and cousins.
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and Thursday, Dec 2, 2004, at his
Calley Stake Center of The
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 301 N. Center
Ace, with Bishop Randy Hardy
officiating. Buriat will be in
Dadley Cernetery.
Friends may call from 6 until
p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home. 1350 E.
16th St. Burley, and from until 145 pm. Thursday at the
church.

## Nadia Gonzales - Burley

Nadia Gonzales, 44, of Burley, passed away Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004, at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital.

Nadia was born Jan. 23, 1960, in Portales, N.M., die daughter of Ismael and Elvira Gonzales. She moved to the Mini-Cassia area in 1974. She married Minico High School and graduated in 1978. She married Ruben Palomo and had two children.

Her greatest joy in 'life was

children. Her greatest joy in 'life was working for the klaho Migrant Council as housing manager for Progecto Esperanza (Project Hope) in Heyburn because of the people who lived there. She worked at this position from 1994 to 2001. Later she worked for Bill and Maria Jensen at Options Counseling as a secretary until the end.

She enjoyed spending time

She enjoyed spending time with her boys. Ruben and



Eddle, her nephew. Dominic Flores, and her friends.
She is survived by her mother, Evira Gonzales of Burley, two children, Ruben Palomo Jr. and Eddle Palomo both of Burley; three sisters, Delma

Gonzales of Nampa, Delia Molina (Alvino) of Rupert, and Cora Ortega of Levelland, Texas. She was preceded in death by her father, Ismael Gonzales. A service will be held at 11 am. Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Rupert, Idaho, with a rosary recited at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004 friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with burial to follow the service at the Rupert Cemetery. Armangements are under the full formation of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. In lieu of Bowers the family asks that memorial contributions be given in her name at

asks that memorial contribu-tions be given in her name at either branch of First Federal Bank or to the Hansen Mortu-ary Rupert and Burley Chapels, 436-5636 and 678-2521.

## Kevin Ray Gaver - Jerome

Kevin Ray Gaver, 24, of rome, passed away Nov. 26,

Kevin Ray Gaven, Jerome, passed away Nov. 26, 2004, in Boise.
He was born Oct. 29, 1990, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Jami J. Gaver and Bornine Jo Blackwell Gaver. Kulff., and Jeromed in Net Joseph Callf., and Jeromed in Net Joseph Callf., and Jeromed in He was very good with children. Kevin enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved his family and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandparents. Kevin Is survived by his parents, Jami and Bonnie Gaver of the property of th

nts, jami and Bonnie Gaver or rome; three brothers, James Melissa) Gaver of Salt Lake ity, Matthew Gaver of Pocatel-and Richard Gaver of Jerome.



He is also survived by grand-parents, Don and Geraldine

Blackwell of Salt Lake City, two nephews and many cousins

nd mends. He was preceded in death by randparents. Carl and Mar-

He was preceded in death by grandparents. Carl and Margaret Gaver.

A funeral for Kevin will be held at 11 am. Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, in the Jerome LIDS 7th Ward Chapel, 50 E. 100 S., Jerome, with Bishop Alan Leavitt officiating. A visitation for family and friends will be held from 9:30-10:45 am. prior, 40 the service at the church. Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 13/43 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

## **OBITUARIES**

## Liliias Pugmire Martin

Lillias Pugmire Martin passed away peacefully Sunday evening Nov. 28, in Boise, Idaho. Lillias was born Feb. 6, 1921. in St. Charles, Idaho, to Emerson and Iris Pugmire. She moved with her family to Hagerman as a young girl where she resided for most of her life. She graduated from Albion State Normal School in 1941 and later from Utah State University with a degree in education. Lillias taught school in Hagerman for 35 years where lasting impressions were made on many of her students.

Lillias married lack Martin on June 21. 1942. in Hagerman and they were later sealed for time and all eternity in the (daho Falls

they were later scafed for time and all eternity in the Idaho Falls Temple on Dec. 29, 1954, Lillias and Jack were life-long, active members of the Hagerman LDS ward and held various callings. They were among the first to serve in the Boise, Idaho, LDS "Seals" They served from 1984serve in the Boise, Idano, Luc Temple. They served from 1984-1989. They also later served an LDS mission in the Atlanta, Georgia, Temple. Lillias made lifelong friends

Ruthilda

Miller - Burley

Willier - Burley
Ruthlida Robertson Miller, a
90-year-old resident of Burley,
passed oway peacefully Saturday. Nov. 27, 2004, at LDS
Hospital In Salt Lake City, Utah.
Ruth was born Feb. 5, 1914, in
Rigby, Idaho, to Alma Moroni
and Mary Cassie Pearce Robertson. She graduated from high
school in Eden, Idaho. She married James Wayne Miller, on May
29, 1935, in the Logan LDS Temple.

ried James Wayne Miller, on May 29, 1935, in the Logan LDS Temple.

Ruthilda was a superb homemaker and loved handwork which included crocheting, knitting, quilting and embroidery. She was an excellent seamstress and made beautiful wearing apparel individually fitted to each daughter's preferences.

She was an excellent cook and taught all those skills to her daughters. The Miller home was always open to guests including Iraj Sorushian and Glen Isu, who were two young students, who became like family members. Ruthilda was a smcChrist of Latter-day Saints and served in many positions in the Relief Society, Stake and Ward Primary, and Young Womens throughout her years even to the end. Her last calling was making bread for Sacrament Services. She made her final loaves of bread on the Tuesday before her death.

She was a supportive wife and mother encouraging, rescuing and applauding.

Sie worked with her husband in Miller Drug as a clerk in the early years, and later as a bookkeeper, buyer and trusted advisor.

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wherever she went. Everyone was always welcome in their home and always offered something to eat or drink. She loved family gatherings and every member of her family felt her unconditional love. She was especially proud of her granddaughters and her greatgrandchildren.

In 2002, Lillian moved to Boise to be closer to her family. She

was honored in 2003 as a "Legenths of the Game" by the Idaho
Athletic Association, as a member of the 1938-39 Hagemman
High School Girls State Basketball Championsthip team.
Illilas is survived by her husband, Jack Martin, Bolse; a
daughter, Ioan (Ed) Crampton,
Bolse; a son, John Martin,
Hagerman; a sister, LouAnn,
(Bill) McKay, Bolse; a brother,
Marion' Pugmire, Bolse; two
granddaughters, Candice
(Dean) Walte, Eagle, and
Christie (Troy) Quirl, Sugar Clipt,
hree great-grandchildren, Micaela, Alby and Jackson, and
numerous nieces and nephews.
She was preceded in death by
her parents; a daughter, Tana
Martin: two sisters, Venice
Prince and Georgia Clark; and a
nephew, Marc McKay.
A funeral will be heldat 11 a.m.
Thursday, Dec. 2, at the Hagerman LDS Chapel. The family will
receive friends beginning at 10
a.m. in the Relief Society Room.
Interment will follow at the
Hagerman Cemetery.

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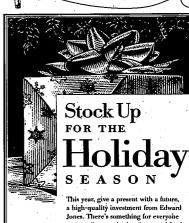
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parks, open space

Decision on

appeal will wait

TWIN FALLS - How much do win Falls residents value parks and open space areas? How hany acres of each do residents equire?

Members of the Twin Falls
City Council found themselves
evaluating those questions repeatedly Monday night.
While council members re-

While council members re-ceived an update on a plan that would designate pair require-ments in Twin Falls, the plan will not be in place in time to offer guidance on parks and open spaces in the proposed Sun Terra Subdivision west of town. "What is the city's regulation or open space?" asked Gory Sette, who represented Messer-smith Inc., the company developing Sun Terra. The Planning and Zoning Commission dented a prelim-tary better the company

Sun Terra

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

# INEEL will lead hydrogen project | Council evaluates

SAIT LAKE CITY - If hydro-gen created in a nuclear reactor ever winds up fueling cars and homes and businesses decades from now it might all one its

homes and businesses decades from now, it might all owe list hanks to a pottery kiln in Salt Lake City.

The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and a private electrochemistry company on Monday announced they had been selected to lead a \$2.6 million project in develon

Monday announced they had been selected to lead a \$2.6 million project to develop hydrogen by high temperature electrolysis. If successful their efforts could lead to fuel that could reduce the country's reliance on fossi fuels.

High temperature electrolysis, once thought to be cost prohibitive, could become economically feasible by using the next generation of nuclear reactors to spilt water into hydrogen and oxygen using electric energy. officials with both Ceramatee line, and INEEL said.

said.

We have been able to show
that we can produce hydrogen
at commercially attractive rates
in a very small unit and at conditions that are typical of a high
temperature, hellum-cooled reactor," said INEEL researcher

actor," said INEEL researcher Steve Herring.

The sample, about the size of a paperback book, had its suc-cessful test in the kiln, used to simulate the high temperatures that would be created in the so-called generation-four nuclear reactors, at about 1,800 degrees Fahrenhelt.

Define the test, the sample

During the test, the sample placed inside the kiln had a



Ashok Joshi, Cereamtex, Inc.'s chief executive officer, and Steve Herring, of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, talk during a news conference Monday afternoon at Cereamtex talk during a news conference Mon-nical Technologies in Salt Lake City. Advanced Materials & Electroci

Ing and Environmental Laboratory, Advanced Marterials & Electrochem grate through the membrane. When an electric voltage is applied, it extracts oxygen, from the stream, leaving hydrogen. behind. The oxygen continues through the membrane and is discharged on the other side. There are other methods that could be used to produce the high temperatures needed for the separation process, like harnessed wind power with solar concentrators, but using a nuclear reactor is the only one being considered by this team. Researchers said, the process of obtaining hydrogen by splitting water using electric energy has been known for about 150 years, but costs in terms of dolars and electric energy made it an unpopular choice.

The Department of Energy is hoping for a demonstration of

commercial-scale hydrogen the new

commercial-scale hydrogen production using the new process by 2017. The government is considering building the necessary next-generation power plant at INEEL research Michael Anderson said. The small-scale experiment is a significant step on the trail to this commercial-scale demonstration. Anderson said. It's also part of the energy department's goal of developing the technology needed for commercially viable hydrogen. Researchers admit it would be decades if not a generation before hydrogen power and infrastructure is as commonipace as the one in place took infrastructure is as commonipace as the one in place took as refineries and gas said the location of the control of 

most immediate use of hydro-gen using the new process would be to upgrade poor qual-ity petroleum for use as motor

gen using the new process would be to upgrade poor quality pietoleum for use as motor fuels and then synthesizing existing fuels that cars can use, like gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, he said.

"Then the third stage in the use of hydrogen would be the use of pure hydrogen as a transportation fuel," he said.

It's estimated that a 300 megawatt reactor could provide the power to run 300,000 homes or provide transportation for about 500,000 people. Herring estimated that currently, Americans use one gallon of gasoline per person per day.

"That's a quarter of a billion gallons of gasoline use, so it's important to make a dent in that," he said.

Commission dented a prelimi-nary plat request by Messersmith, citing that the subdivision lacked adequate ac-cess to parks and recreation. The subdivision will be located at the southwest corner of Grandview Priev North and North College Road. City Attorney Fritz Wonder-lich noted that the subdivisions recreating to the new soccer lich noted that the subdivisions proximity to the new soccer complex likely qualified as adequate access to parks and recreation. However, Wonder-lich questioned the amount of open space the subdivision provides.

"Them is no provision for

s. There is no provision for n space," he said, "It's ab-

What is the city's' regulation for open space?

99 - Gary Slette, representative for Messersmith Inc.

The council voted unanimously to table its decision on the appeal for another week. Future decisions over parks and open space provisions may be alleviated if a plan to define the city's requirements is implemented. Atthough still in its advisory stage, the plan recommends an average of 6 acres of park per 1,000 people. Currently, the city has 4.8 acres of park per 1,000 people. Residents should not have to walk more than half of a mile to

Residents should not have to walk more than half of a mile to a neighborhood park, nor hould they have to cross a major intersection to reach that park, said Planning and Zoning Director Lamar Orton. The plan intends to accomplish that goal. Councilman Dennis Maughan agreed with Orton's assessment.

assessment.

"I think this is a great beginning so that we can tell future
developers what our commitment is," Maughan said.

Although council member
Lance Clow pointed out that he
supports the overall idea behind
the plan, he questioned how the
city, would finance additional

the plan, he questioned how the city would finance additional parks.
"What it comes down to is money," he said.
Recent surveys indicated an unwillingness of the public to pay much more for additional parks, Clow said.

## Police link Caldwell killing, Nampa drive-by

NAMPA (AP) - Investigators are beginning to link recent suspected gang shootings in Canyon County.
Assistant Nampa Police ChiefTim Vincent said drive-by-shootings in a suburban neighborhood this past weekend and outside a theater the weekend before are now believed to the August

and outside a theater the week-end before are now believed to be connected, to the August slaying of 22-year-old Carlest Staying of 22-year-old Carlest Chavez in Caldwell.

Vincent said the murder of Edward Archuleta, 28, whose body was found near a downtown parking lot Saturday night, appears to be related to an exchange of gunfire a week ago in another neighborhood. Investigators had wanted to question Archuleta about the earlier shooting.

Vincent said that there was a gang element in all four shootings, but he maintained that the Archuleta slaying was motivated by factors other, that direct gang activity. Drigs may have played a role, and he said Archuleta's meeting with his killer was planned and something went wrong. But the other incident involved several bullets fixed into a home occupied by the couple who had lived in the Caldwell house where Chavez was fatally shot last August. The may woman and three children in the house at the time were not injured during last Saturday's drive-by.

drive-by.
Vincent said the family moved to the Nampa house after the Caldwell shooting.

"It's our belief that this is the same thing, going back and forth," he said. Investigators have also suggested the Nov. 19 exchange of gunfire outside a Nampa theater and the Oct. 11 midday slaying of Sigmund Goode, 21, in northwest Caldwell were also linked to the continuing dispute.
"We are right now pursuing

also linked to the continuing dispute.
"We are right now pursuing some really good leads," Vin-cent said. "I'm hoping for a quick resolution."
Two men have been charved.

parents and said there has not been the kind of escalation in shooting incidents that the media has portrayed. Mayor Tom Dale emphasized that the number of gang-related shoot-ings is down from two years

ago.

The county, however, has had nearly 200 reports of gunfire since July, including the three that resulted in deaths. Several others have been wounded.

Prosecutor Dave Young has said the problem has method said the problem has method.

wounded.

Prosecutor Dave Young has said the problem has reached crisis proportions and launched a Public Safety League to merge clitzen and police initiatives to identify those responsible for the violence and get them off the streets.

## Santa Claus will visit Hailey next month

The Times-News

HAILEY - Santa Claus is ex-pected to appear in Halley on each Saturday in December be-fore Christmas, the Hailey Chamber of Commerce an-founced Monday, manuel Santa will but in Hailey at Ameridde in Bullion Square on Dec. 4, 11 and 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa's appearances will

benefit THE HUB, a Teen Center located on the Community

located on the Community School campus. You can have your picture taken with Santa for a minimum fee/donation of SS. Money from pictures taken with Santa will be used as a fund-raiser for THE HUB.

For more information, please call the Hailey Chamber at 788-2700.

## Idaho parents laud virtual school

DEARY (AP) - Parents who have taught their children in priese and the priese and the priese and the priese are statewide virtual charter school. The idal priese and the pr

Schumann lanny of to shannel Schumann previously had her two children, ages 11 and 12, in the Bolsebased Idaho Virtual Academy

ages 11 and 12, in the pubsased Idaho Virtual Academy
for two years.
Schumann liked the idea of
the Idaho Virtual Academy, but
didn' like the curriculum provided by K12, a for-profit
company in Virginia founded
by former U.S. Education Secteary William Bennett.
Last year she homeschooled But this year she uses
a faith-based curriculum called
"Switched On School House."
The state does not pay for the
curriculum, but it does provide
teaching oversight and guidance, as well as a financial
allotment Schumann uses for
the children's music lessons
and some school supplies.

"If I felt like the state was too intrusive and wasn't allowing me to make the choices I wanted for my children, then it would bother me. But as it stands now! feel I have the accountability 1 need and the ability to choose the way and the content of what I teach my children."

ability to choose the way and the content of what I teach my children."

The office staff of the Idaho Distance Education Academy is based from a room in the Bovill Elementary School, Teachers, administrators, parents and students stay connected through the internet, the telephone and frequent get-togethers in the various locations around the state where students live.

The state gives parents an allotment from \$600 to \$1,400 per student per year. depending on their students grade level, which they use bruchase computers, textbooks and other school supplies. Many home-school pumits want to teach their challenn at home for religious reasons. Al-

though the state does not reimburse parents for faith-based materials, some buy

them anyway and use the allot-ment from the state to pay for guided Instruction in music, art, physical education or other accepted courses.

"As long as the individual learning plan states the learn-ing objectives of the state standards are being taught, we accept the learning program," said Dayl Bertelsen, superi-tendent of both the Whitepine district and the virtual school.

said Daryl Bertesen, suplent iendent of both the Whitepline district and the virtual school. 'As long as the state standards are being taught, does it matter if the students count apples or angels?"

So far this year, the state has paid the Deary virtual school \$1.7 million in four advance payments, based on estimated enrollment, according to Tim Hill of the State Department of Education. The amount will be adjusted in February to reflect actual enrollment.

Bertelsen says the advance payments are being eaten up quickly by start-up costs and

Bertelsen says the advance payments are being eaten up quickly by start-up costs and equipment.

The school will be lucky to break even this year – it needs about 900 students to operate efficiently.

Hospital fund-raiser impresses actress

## Idaho/West in brief

COEUR D'ALENE – Actress
Patty Duke Pearce was expecting a nice party when she
appeared as honorary chairwoman of the Thanksgiving
weekend jund-raiser for the
Kootenal Medical Center, where
she had successful heart bypass
surgery just three weeks earlier.
But this is really beautifully
done, the Academy Award winer said during Saturdays
Festival of Trees Gala.
And it was personal.
Tknow what it's like to have a
second chance, "she said. "I had
wonderful doctors."
The gala raised \$167,000 to
enhance health care services in
the county.

the county.

Pearce, 57, lives in the area with her husband, Mike Pearce.

with her husband, Mike Pearce.
She won a best supporting actress Oscar in 1963 for her portrayal of Helen Keller in the film. The Minacle Worker. She won an Emmy Award in 1980 for her portrayal of Keller's teacher, Année Sullivan, in the made-for-TV version of the movie.

She may be best known for her portrayal of identical teenage coatisms in the 1960s comedy "The Patty Duke Show."

California condor chicks take flight in Arizona

GRAND CANYON NATION

AL PARK, Ariz. (AP) - Two Callifornia condor chicks that were hatched in the wild have successfully taken their inaugural flights, officials said Monday. A chick hatched in May at the Grand Canyon took wing for the first time on Thanksgiving.

"What an amazing first flight.
... This was definitely the best
Thanksgiving present 1
could have ever imagined."
said Chad Olson, a raptor biologist for Grand Canyon
National Park who witnessed

National Park who withessed the flight.

The other chick, this one hatched in May at Vermillon Cliffs National Mon-ument, took its first flight last Tuesday.

This is the second straight year that wild California condors have hatched and flown in Arizona since the birds were reintroduced into the wild in the state.

the state. Condors, the largest birds in North America with a wingspan of about 9 feet, were driven to near extinction in the 1980s. A captive breeding program boosted the population to the point where they were reintroduced in California and Arlzona

during the 1990s. Arizona now has about 49 condors.

Clerk faces charges in identity theft case

SALT LAKE CITY - An Orem man has been federally charged after allegedly selling information taken from checks he handled as a convenience store clerk.

information taken from checks be handled as a convenience store clerk.

Justin Ryan Howard, 23, appeared in federal court Monday on one count of unlawful transfer of a means of identification.

According to authorities Howard would take names, addresses and account numbers from checks customers used at the Maverik convenience store where he worked. He then allegedly sold the information to undercover agents. Authorities were alerted to the activity by an informant, according to court documents.

The case was investigated and is being prosecuted as part of a new Identity Thefi Task Force announced by Utah law enforcement agencies carlier this month.

Howard is scheduled for an other court appearance on Wednesday. Should he be convicted the maximum penalty is up to 15 years in federal prison.

— ompiled from wire reports

## Inmate gets convicted of drug dealing in prison

BOISE (AP) – A federal prison inmate doing two years for sell-ing ecstasy has been convicted of continuing to deal drugs while serving his prison sen-tence.

while serving his prison sentence.
Joshus Kilby of Seattle will be sentenced Feb. 7 in Boise. U.S. Attorney Tom Moss said the extent of the drug trafficking operation while Kilby was in prison will be used to justify an enhanced sentence. Moss did not indicate what the maximum sentence could be. According to federal agents. Kilby arranged with an associate to continue his drug

business while he was serving a two-year sentence in the Sheri-dan Federal Correction Facility oan regeral correction facting in Oregon. Kilby put the associ-ate in touch with his drug supplier in return for having a share of the profits sent to him

in prison.
While in prison, Kilby told another inmate from Boise about his arrangement and how Kilby intended to resume

operating the business when he was released. The inmate re-ported the conversation to a Drug Enforcement Adminis-tration agent in Boise, who arranged to buy drugs from Kilbys associate.

Kilby's associate.
Prosecutors said that while
Kilby was in prison his associate sold at least 2,500 pills of
ecstasy and 7,000 pills of foxy,
another hallucinogen.

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## GOP candidate will get certification, but Washington gubernatorial race isn't over

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) - Republican Dino Rossi Is being certified as Washington's governor-elect, but the closest gubernatorial race in state his-

tory is far from over.

After a machine recount, only 42 votes separated Rossi and Democrat Christine Gre-

goire.

On Friday, Democrats are expected to request a hand recount of all or part of the 2.8 million ballots, and the Republicans may weigh in as well. The uncertainty could last until Christmas.

Some are even worrying

Christmas.
Some are even worrying about whether a winner will be

known in time for inauguration on Jan. 12. Incumbent Gov. Gary Locke, a Democrat, did not stand for a third term.
Secretary of State Sam Reed, the state's chief elections officer, planned to certify the machine recount on Tuesday, making Rossi the official governor-elect.

Gregoire, a three-term attorney general had been formations.

making Rossi the onicial gover-nor-elect.
Gregolire, a three-term attor-ney general, had been forecast to win with ease. But Rossi, a self-made real estate million-aire and a former state legislative power, edged Gre-golire in both the regular count -by 261 votes- and in the auto-matic machine recount

completed last Wednesday. Each candidate polled 48.87 percent and got 1.3724 million

votes.
"Right now, the state is divided smack down the middle," ed smack down the middle," Gregotrés spokesman, Morton Filliant, said Monday. 'I'all the ballots aren't counted. we will go through the next four years with one candidate's supporters not believing the winner was legitimately elected." Democrats planned to ask for an unprecedented hand recount of all or part of the state 6,686 precinets, said Kirstin Brost, state party spokeswoman.

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## - DEATH NOTICES -

## Jose Fredrick

HANSEN – Jose Fredrick "Fred" Chavez, 70, of Hansen, died Saturday morning, Nov. 27, 2004, at his home in Hansen, Idaho.

2004, at his home in Hansen, Idaho.

A pinyer vigil with rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Deacon John McKinley reciting. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Piday, Dec. 3, 2004, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Chuirch with Father John Koelsch as celebrant. Millary rites, will be by area Veterans and Auxiliary. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until the time of rosary on Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. The family suggests memorials be given in Fred's name to the St. Edwards Catholic Church. Contributions may be given to

funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

## Verletta M. Anderson

Verletta M. Anderson
HAZELTON – Verletta M. Anderson, 88, of Hazelton, Idaho,
died Nov. 28, 2004. at Cassia Reglonal Medical Center in Burley.
A visitation will be held from 6
to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1,
2004. at the Emmerson WardLDS Church. With visitation
from 9 to 10:30 a.m. the following day at the Emmerson WardLDS Church. A Inneral will beheld at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 2,
2004. at- the Emmerson. WardLDS Church. A Inneral will beheld at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3,
2004. at the Syracuse Comercia
m Syracuse, Utah. Arrangements
are under the direction of Parke's
Magic Valley Funeral Home of
Twin Falls.

## SERVICES

Elizabeth Avey "Scottle" Luft of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church (Reynolds Funeral Home).

Lawrence "Larry" V. Martin of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Duane J. Skinner of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert 3rd Ward LDS Chapel, 526S. FSt. friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Hānsen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Edna Caroline Russell of Payette and formerly of Rupert, viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen, Mortuary Rupert Chapel: graveside service at 10

a.m. Wednesday at the Paul Cemetery.

Margaret A. Stroud of Twin falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednes-lay at White Mortuary.

David W. Becker Sr. of Boise and formerly of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome).

Rueben Daniel "Dan" Stein-metz of Everett, Wash., service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Valley Christian Church, 1708 Hey-burn Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Ethlyn Gertrude Barneby of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Palm Val-ley View Cemetery in Las Vegas, Nev. (White Mortuary, Twin

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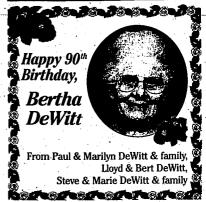
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# Meridian garbage company plans new transfer station

MERIDIAN – Meridians garbage company plans to bulld a new \$2 million transfer station to help accommodate refuse that's being produced by the city's burgeoning popula-tion.

the city's burgeoning population.
Sanitary Services Co., which
will handle 57,500 tons of trash
in 2004, wants to build the
transfer station on a roughly sixacre site north of its Meridian
offices. The station is needed to
consolidate waste and reduce
trips to the Ada County landfill.
The company won't raise
rates because its contract with
the city requires it to pay all new
facility, costs without charging
customers more.
Sanitary Services bustiness
manager Steve Sedlacchs
said the company needs the
plant to keep up with trash
from a Meridian population
that's risen to 50,000 residents
from just 9,500 a decade-and-

## Idaho in brief

a-half ago.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality must approve the proposed site and Central District Health must sign off on an operations and maintenance plan DEQ is accepting public written comment on Sanitary Services' application through Dec. 16 at the Boise regional office.

## Tribal policeman gets

Innai poiceman gets award for rescuing girl KAMMAI - A Nez Perce tribal policeman has been awarded the 2003 Indian Country Officer of the Year award for leaping into the icy waters of the Clear-water River and helping rescue a 17-year-old girl. Jeff Anderson, 34, of Kamiah, got the award from the Interna-

tional Association of Chiefs of Police for his role in the dramatic April 2003 rescue.
"I get really embarrassed over stuff like this." Anderson said. But it was an honor."
Anderson, along with a Clearwater County deputy, a nurse, rescue workers and passers-by, all pitched in to save Rebecca O'Neil, who was trapped underwater by her seatbelt after her car drove off U.S. Highway 12 and plunged into the rive. It took 20 minutes to free the girl from the submerged car, and Anderson was the first to administer rescue breaths. After 45 minutes, O'Neil started breathing on her own.

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## Camera catches critter stealing-money

VILLACH, Austria (AP)—
Someone was stealing cash from a shop, but thanks to a videocamera, authorities got their man—and it was a mouse.

A security camera set un in-

A security camera set up in-side the shop in Villach in the side the shop in villach in the southwestern Austrian province of Carithia helped the owner figure out who was making off with bank notes from the cash register. It turned out to be a mouse looking for nesting material, officials said Monday.

Monday.

The critter was caught on amera with its paw in the till,

Austrian television reported.

The shop owner, whose name was not released, became suspicious after a few bills worth \$65 went missing.

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# **DON'T BUY A CAR**

On The Corner Of Pole Line and Blue Lakes?

BY MILES CARSON

Twin Falls, ID – Everyone's asking but no one has had the answer until now... just what is going on behind the black wall on Blue Lakes Blvd in Twin Falls? I went in search of the story and was floored by what I discovered.

"People are saving a ton of money," revealed Barry Langdon, General Manager of Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls, "I can promise you, you've never seen anything like this

before in your life."

In the last several months, the Lithia new car and truck stores in Idaho have set a

In the last several months, the Lithia new car and truck stores in Idaho have set a blistering pace in new vehicle sales. "We've become known as the place to go to for the right selection and an upfront great deal with our Promo Prices," said Barry Langdon, "Add that to the historic rebate and finance offers coming from the manufacturers and it's just set our new vehicle sales on fire."

And that's what's caused the problem. "Too many used vehicles," stated Barry.—We've been taking in trades like crazy and we've been focused on new vehicles sales. The truth is we've got a glut of used vehicles on our lost that we simply have to get rid of them one way or another."

"We are just going to keep cutting prices until the vehicles sell."

Oftentimes, when a car dealer is overloaded with used cars they take them to the nearest used car action and dump them, in many cases accepting offers that are far less than the car is actually worth. "All of our managers got together to come up with a solution. Frankly we're tired of the auctions getting bargains' and then turning around and marking up the same vehicle to be sold to the public," Barry Explained, "We decided that if we were going to have to just blow these cars out we might as well give the people in Twin Falls the first chance at the deal. It makes a lot more sense for us to sell a deply discounced car to one of our neighbors and get a happy customer." Makes sense but why the mystery? Why black out the lot?

"We are just going to keep cutting

## "We are just going to keep cutting prices until the vehicles sell."

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throughout the sale. We needed to blackout the prices from drive-by traffle because there's a good chance that the posted price is going to be reduced."

In reviewing the inventory included in the sale it's tough to see how the prices could possibly get any better. "Basically we're dealin'," Said Barry, "We're just going to keep cutting the price until the vehicle sells."

I also learned that Lithia's Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls will be on-line with Lithia's vast network of lenders to get buyers through the financing process quickly and with a plan that is the most affordable. "We've got at lot of options and can help people get financed for a car even if they've been turned down some where else," Said Barry, " of course financing is always on approval from the lender. Our advantage is we have so many more resources to go to for our customers."

Mystery solved. If you're looking for a bargain on a used vehicle, look behind the black wall, you'll be glad you did.

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KINDSOF FACTNESS Jack Mingo Erin Barrett

Reader Robert Billingsley asks why we use the abbrevia-tion "lb." for pound. The Latin for the unit of measure is "lbra pondo," which is both where we got the word "pound" and "lb." Bellewe it or not, in 1638 the Virginia Legislature passed a law banning lawyers. With law-suits rampant today, it doesn't sound like such a bad idea to re-visit.

sound like such a bad idea to revisit.

John Lloyd Wright, son of architect Frank Lloyd Wright, was the guy who invented Lincoln Logs. He got the idea from an anti-earthquake construction method he saw while traveling with his father in Japan.

Elephants sulfer from natural coch loss and decay — even in the wild where their diet is low in sugar. And. unfortunately for wild elephants, this tooth loss often leads to starvation.

Com is very versatile. The cols can be used in the production of nylon.

Wine cords have been known to keep their structural integrity for up to 50 years before becoming crumbly and brittle.

American persimmon wood

American persimmon wood is the preferred wood for golf

clubs.

Slamese cat owners may already suspect this, but that breed is considered the most vocal of all cat breeds.

You'll find the horoscope on page C-8





## SATURDAY, csi gy

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## Woman feels safe to sleep nude

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in regard to the mother who discovered her 14-year-old daughter sleeping in the nude. I say bravo to that mother and father for creating a home when the girl felt safe enough to sleep that way.

When I was young I had an

the gif felt safe enough to sleep that way.
When I was young, I had an older brother who harassed me. I slept with my ears alert and covers up to my nose. I have been through two divorces—and I- wouldarn have allowed myself to be caught sleeping in the nude by either of my husbands. They might come home or wake up in a mage, and I needed to be prepared for whatever might happen.



DEAR ABBY

I now have a husband with whom I'm completely relaxed resolved in the need to wear anything in bed. I keep a robe at bedside for emergencies, but I now sleep comfortably without night-clothes that wrap around my legs or cut off the circulation in my arms.

—SLEEPING WELL

my arms. —SLEEPING WELL:
IN TOPEKA
DEAR SLEEPING WELL:
I have always considered wearing for not wearing) clothing in bed to be a comfort issue. It hadn't occurred to me that it might reflect a measure of emotional security. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter from the "Worried Mom" made me laugh, remembering when I was in high school. A group of friends and I decided to 'kidnap' four other friends and take them out for breakfast before school. We surprised them in their beds, intending to take them out in public in their pajamas.

mas.
All was well until the third house. Like the girl in the letter, our friend "Angie" slept in the nude. I have never seen anyone blush harder than she did that

— CHRISTA IN
SALT IAKE CITY
DEAR CHRISTA: I guess the
surprise" was on you.

DEAR

DEAR ABBY: I suspect that
"Worried Mom" reacted so
strongly because she's terrified
of her daughter's awakening
sexuality, and Mom equates nudity with sex, and sex is
"wong."
Now Mom has two tasks

ony with sex, and sex is wrong."

Now Mom has two tasks ahead of her. The first is to overcome her own hang-ups. The second is to have a frank discussion with her daughter about how to protect herself in sexual situations. Please tell her to stop worrying. Sleeping nude is more comfortable.

— DOES IT TOO, COLUMBIA, S.C.

DEAR D.I.T.: What was it that Marilyn Monroe used to say? At bedtime her preferred attire was Chanel No. 5.

DEAR ABBY: There are few things in life more freeing than taking a hot shower and jumping nude into bed with fresh, crisp sheets. Please tell that mother not to make something nasty of it. She should try it her-self.

sell.

— BIRTHDAY SUIT

SLEEPER IN CASEYVILLE

DEAR SLEEPER. One thing
alon style. And if it loses its shape,
it can be altered.

DEAR ABBY. That mother needs to worry about more important things in life than what her daughter wears to bed. If the worst thing that girl has even done is sleep in the nude, the writer is one lucky mom.
Obviously, "Mom" hasn't started menopause yet. If she had, she, too, would be sleeping in the nude because of hot flashes.

—HOT FLASH MOM.

ashes.

— HOT FLASH MOM,
ROCKY RIVER, OHIO
DEAR MOM: Good point.

## In which key do car horns honk?

Find out in 'Random facts' on page C-5

# How much are those 'nine ladies dancing'?

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Forget the par-tridge in a pear tree. How about a new laguar, a BMW 7 Series, a Mercedes— Benz or a 1949 Rolex?

Benz or a 1949 Rolex?

The vintage watch and luxury cars would cost as much as all the gifts listed in the yuletide classic: "The Twelve Days of Christmas," according to PNG Financial Services Group Inc.

Each year, the Pittsburgh-based bank does a tongue-in-cheek tally of how much the drummers drumming, pipers piping, turtle doves and golden rings

would set you back if you bought them for your true love at today's prices.

The bank began publishing the list-in 1982 for institutional clients and released it publicly the next year. So what are all the gifts going for this year? If they were bought repeatedly on each day as the song suggests, they'd hit \$66,334, up from \$65,264 last year.

Buying each item just once would cost \$17,279.

That's still enough for a Mini Cooper, a ride in a Russlan MiG Jet fighter, a 10-

acre ranch in Colorado or a 1920s base-ball signed by Babe Ruth. The nine ladies dancing would leave-the largest dent in your wallet this year — coming in at \$44,00. The eight maids-a-milking are a bargain at \$41,20.

Outsourcing, alas, factors into the

Outsourcurs, accs, meas, equation.
"As a result, the cost of skilled dancers has steadily increased, while the unskilled milk maids haven't managed an increase in pay for many years," said Jeff

Kleintop, chief investment strategist for PNC Advisors.

The prices for the birds — such speese, canaries (calling birds), hens, doves and partridges — didn't change much from last year, coming in at \$4.201 compared with \$4,138, according to the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens.

But with the declining dollar, you would have saved buying the three French hens last year, when they were \$15, compared with \$45 this year.



## MORNING BREAK

## Don't sweat small stuff. Aquarius

IF NOVEMBER 30 IS YOUR
BIRTHDAY ... Determination to
cope with a backlog of duties
and obligations will color the
year ahead, the war a beach was to be
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to make golden protrumities
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as this can lead to long-term
abundance and indicate ner
manent improvement in your
circumstances. In March and
july your focus could shift, as
outside influences require your
vants and needs take center
stage. In July a huge helping
land should open important
doors. Take care of past obligations but accept changes that
improve your life in the year
ahead.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):
To prevent misunderstandings,
ea s precise and truthful- as

ARIES (March 21-April 19): To prevent misunderstandings, be as precise and truthful as possible. Significant others are at your beck and call and de-lignifully affectionate, but don't spend or invest Joint monies today as mix-ups are possible.

#### HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)Misplaced sympathles can get
you into hot water over the next
few days. Pressure to conformostrict routies can be both a
blessing and a curse. You know
what is expected and you feel
secure — but it is sometimes
(difficult to be perfect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):
Manipulative rhetoric might
win the battle but lose the war.
You may be temporarily hardpressed to cope with feelings of
inadequary or, a lack of funds,
but this shall pass quickly. Take
pride in your, trustworthiness
and employ honest facties for
the best success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):
Ilending over backward
please of passion. No matter
tow special you are, it is still
necessary to follow the rules,
laking the middle path can
keep you out of harms way.
LEO (July 23-May 22): Pushing to close the deal now could
create unwanted tensions. Take
it casy and trust that things will
fall in place eventually. Needless worry about losing a few
cents is in the air. Don'the prodded into impulsive action by
unfounded fears.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Try
little tactfulness. Your words
are more powerful than you realize. Interruptions at the
wrong moment could result in
unpleasant reforts and strain
relationships. It is a good time
of delve into mysteries and investigate baffling underlying
problems.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sit back and relax even if signifi-cant others seem determined to throw the gauntlet your way. It isn't wise to get into debates or disagreements now. Keep your money in your pocket and wait until the fog clears before mak-ing crucial pareements.

until the fog clears before making crucial agreements.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
Rest on your laurels. Confidential situations could come to light that can be used to your advantage. Don't take any important steps right now as the competitive edge in the air could cause misunderstandings.

could cause misunderstandings.
SAGITIARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone might throw lee
vater right on your enthusiasms. This could be one of
those days you wish that others
would heed the old adage "If
you can't say anything ood
about someone, say nothing at
all."

about someone, say nothing at all."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Striving for perfection is easier if everyone is willing to evertook small flaws. Give others the benefit of the doubt and be willing to socialize with your peers so they can understand your views. It is sometimes easier to just go with the flow. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't sweat the small stuff. Minor criticisms can be toxic if you take them to heart. Avoid signing key contracts or making agreements today, but do keep the lines of communications open until minor controversies have settled down. PISCES (Feb. 13-March 20): PISCES (Feb. 13

New settled down.
PICES (Feb. 19-March 20):
Plegative perceptions can poison the atmosphere. Avoid the gossipmongers and refuse to participate in debates. Insightid partners may be working behind the scenes to enrich your Joint bank account and might seem preoccupied and distant.

## 'Joseph' proposes to 'Mary'

TACOMA, Wash, (AP)—
There may not have been room at the inn, but they'd better-make-room-atthoular.
Shortly after a Friday performance of the Nativity at the Metropolitan Ballet of Tacoma, Dan Larson, portraying Joseph, got down on one knee and asked Amanda Thaut. Will you marry me?
Thaut who played Mary, quiedly gasped. "Yes.
The audience at the Pantages Theater was stunned. One of

the wise men pumped his list in the air and the shepherds and angels could barely contain-heir enthusiasm.
"I started planning it more than ayear ago." Larson, 25, said later. "Iwanted to make it some-thing very special. Every part of my life is better because of her." Despite her surprise. Thau had an inkling some weeks car-lier he was close to popping the question.

Larson kept his plan from all it a trusted few, but their af-

fections were no secret.

"It's been blossoming for a while," artistic director and change in the prographer. Damaris. Caughlansaid. "They've been dating for all least two or three years."

And, there was a special chemistry at work on stage. Caughlan said.

"They've both danced that role separately but with different partners," she said. "This is the first time they've done it together. Everybody was really excited about that."

## Essayist who wrote about farming life dies at age 77

Noel Perrin, the scholar, teacher, book critic and essayist best known for his graceful musings on the harsh toll and simple joys, that make up the life of a New England farmer, has died. He was 77.

Perrin, who was also a long-time professor at Dartmouth College, died Now 21 at his farm in Thetford Center, Vt. He had

been battling Shy-Drager syn-trome. a degenerative disorder of the nervous system that he called "a remarkably unpleasant version of Parkinsons disease." Although he wrote on a vari-yof subjects, it was his essay-about rural life in New England, which for the New York-born Perrin was an acquired taste, and his years there as a partand his years there as a part-time farmer that gained the widest following.

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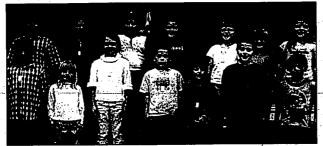
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Section D

## LINCOLN EINSTEINS —

October 2004 Einsteina at Lincoin Eiamentary School are, from left, top: Ebrahim Ansari, J'Lynn Scheer, Sebina Sabic, Storme Jansson, Saman-tha Jackson, Zoo Strauss and Jarmyn Garner; and Jazmyn Garner; bottom: Edgar Ramirez, Katle Jackson, Megan Guymon, Vincent Garner, Jey Hollon, Huntington Coats and Yiber Hetem.



Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls announced the September Einsteins: Madison Dahlquist, Danlei Hernandez, Kennedy Bell, Tyler Anderson and Sydney Bergen.



## STORK REPORT

#### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Medical Center

Zane Micheal Bourn, son
of Danielle Louise Winnett of
Eden, was born Wednesday,
Nov. 10, 2004.

Aleena Mae Gertsch,
Aughter of Chasta Rae Trask
of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Nov. 12, 2004.

Sage Marte May, daughter
of Stephanle Ann and Conrad
Buck May of Twin Falls was,
born Friday, Nov. 19, 2004.

Grace Addison Pitts,
daughter of Shella Marie Majors of Twin Falls, was born
Monday, Nov. 22, 2004.

Iames Glovanni Dover,
son of Heather io and Glovanni G. Dover of Twin Falls,
was born Wednesday, Nov.

Makeo Rey Hopkins, son of
Jentifer Lym and Ralph Gene
Hopkins Ir. III of Twin Falls,
was born Wednesday, Nov.

Makenzie Lee Wilkinson,
daughter of Valerte Ann and
Clinton Lee Wilkinson of
Jerome, was born Wednesday,
Nov. 2, 2004.

Cassia Regional

#### Cassia Regional **Medical Center**

Damian Dominic Cordova, son of Soyla Sanchez and Trini Cordova of

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Jami Whited The Community Page The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's

paper. More information? Call Jaml at 735-3278

Burley, was born Wednesday. Nov. 17, 2004.

#### St. Benedicts Family **Medical Center**

Medical Center
Joe Robert Guzman Jr., son
of Joe and Eva Guzman of
Jerome, was born Friday, Nov.
19, 2004.
Daniel Allan Spellman,
son of Mike and Army Spellman of Gooding, was born
Friday, Nov. 19, 2004.
Joanna Denisse Arteaga,
daughter of Jaime and Elizabeth Arteaga of Jerome, was
born Monday, Nov. 22, 2004.
Ancesa Christina Tinajero,
daughter of Armando and
Melisa Tinajero of Wendell,
was born Monday, Nov. 22,
2004.

Champion, Rosette Ariel Wolters, Blue, Third,

Rosette Senior Augel Datt, Blue, Champion, Rosette Beg, A B-12 Sariah Bjornu, White Elle Bleck, Red Brittany Dennis, Blue Sarah Drain, Red Thomy Hymas, Red Ansley Meeks, Blue, Third, Rosette Held Mikton, Bed Donnis, Bled Daniel Mikton, Bed Donnis, Blue Sarah Drain, Red Thomy Hymas, Red Rosette Held Mikton, Bed Donnis Held Mikton, Bed Donnis

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## University of Idaho Extension Service announces 4-H award winners in T.F. County

FILER — The Un-versity of Idaho released 4-H results from the Twin Falls County Fair.

Class 1 Kristin Peters, Red Cassie Vierstra, Blue : 2 fell Machado, bi rve, Medallion Gabriel Machado, blue, Reserve, Medallion lake Allen, Blue, Grand Katte Blusby, Blue Taylor Davis, Blue Taylor Davis, Blue Kimberty Delcheck, Bl Greg Huddeston, Blue Calylan Kerunison, Blue Galylan Kerunison, Blue Katl Peters, Blue Method, Blue Mal Peters, Blue Mal Peters, Blue Mal Peters, Blue Mal Peters, Blue Allison Underwood, Blue Allison Underwood, Blue Katle Verstra, Blue Dustin Davidson, Blue Class 4

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Couriney Azevedo, Blue
Abby Biedenhach, Blue
Dakota Hoogland, Blue
Adam Machado, Blue
Inn Martinez, Blue
Iacob More, Blue
Grand
Brooke Ste

Dairy Quality Jr. Calf, Class 2 Jr. Calf, Class 2 Dustin Davidson, Blue, First, Medallion Intermediate Calf Jim Martinez, Blue, Third, Ashley Studer, Blue, Sec-ond, Medallion Medallion Winter Yearling Kobi Bower, Blue Senior Yearling Jared Allen, Blue, Second, li Bower, Red, 13th g Huddleston, Blue,

Unfreshened 2 years Drake Hoogland, Blue. Third, Medallion. Andrew Peterson, Blue, First, Medallion. Bret Charlton, Blue, Sec-ond, Medallion. Andrew Peterson, Grand, Medallion.

Senior Yearling Adam Machado, Reserve, Swine Market

Swine Market
Class I Blek, Blue
Class I Blek, Blue
Megan Breeding, Blue
Samantha Breeding, Red
Aubley Cathon, Blue
Aubley Cathon, Blue
Samantha Breeding, Red
Samantha Calon, Blue
Samantha Calon, Blue
Schelbe I Ianeosch Blue
Kesla Levds, Red
Lade Schutte, Blue
Lade Schutte, Blue
Lade Schutte, Blue
Mark Durham, Blue
Lade Schutte, Blue
Tarvis Henon, Red
Lade Schutte, Blue
Chance Requa, Red
Tarvis Henon, Red
Lade Schutte, Blue
Chance Requa, Red
Chase Vincent, Blue
Chance Requa, Red
Chase Vincent, Blue
Chance New Lines
Leisey Price, Blue
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Clay Wetzstein, Blue
Class 4
Whitney Blick, Blue, Blue
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Mitcheil Dame, Blue
Nicholas Dame, Blue
Friney Harvy, Blue, Blue
Looseph Misson, Blue
Tort Mitczner, Rod
Kortule Peterson, Blue
Kaleb Price, Blue
Kendell Rast, Blue
Luke Schutte, Blue
Misty Tucker, Red
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Chase Vincent, Red Tears Williams, Blue Class 6
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General Manager, Second
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General Months
Leigh Andresson, First
12-41 Months
12-43 Months
12-41 Months
12-4 Beef Breeding

First Michael Schulthies, Fourth 21-24 Months Christy Bradshaw, First Michael Wiseman, Second 2004 Bull Calf Garret Alger, Third Melisya McCoy, Second

Lucas Watson, Fourth David Wiseman, First Cow/Calf David Wiseman, First 03 Bull Calves Bason Haumont, First, Second

4-H Quality

Mini Horse Quality 04 Foal Aubrey Bennet, Blue Sablen Bohm, Blue Shealyn Emery, Blue Cole Massia, Blue Preston Schunobrich, Blue 03 Filly Shealyn Emery, Blue 02 Filly Kim Elveron, Blue

Shealyn Emery, Blue
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English Pleasure
All Ages
Anna Marie Jacobsen, Red
Kortney Lewis, Blue

Reining
Age 15
Austin Hollingshead, R
Macle Laprny, Blue
Amanda Hussell, Blue
Age 14
Matt Corle, Red
Meghan Egbert, Red
Andrea Fritz, Blue
Amanda Hanchey, Blu

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Western Riding Age 14-19 Andrea Fritz), Blue Amanda Hanchey, Blu Ashley Mcclain, White Com Van Dyk, Blue Andrea Tomilinson, Re-Brittany Triner, Blue

Age 12
Adaley Itahn, Blue
Gold Bord, Blue
Gold Bord, Blue
Gold Bord, Blue
Age 10
Age 1

Reining Control, Walk Trot Whitney Carlton, Blue

Shalene Dickard, Blue Ashley Gardner, Blue Arına Marie Jacobsen, Blue Jennifer Leitch, Blue, Red Adreama Brownfield, Blue Ashley Gardner, Blue

Dairy Quality Senior Calf. lake Allen, First Courtney Azevedo, 13th Abby Biedenbach, 15th Katig Busby, Sixth Rena Davidson, Fourth Kimberly Dolecheck, 12th Dustin Evans, Ninth Dakota Hoogland, Eighth Fallon Machada, Fifth Jacob Morse, Seventh Haley Peterson, Second

FFA Swine

FFA Swine
Junior Showmanship
Brandon Berhelm, Blue,
Grand Chanpinor Hatter,
Grand Chanpinor Hatter,
Grand Chanpinor Hatter,
Grand Chanpinor Hatter,
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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### **Buhl Community Ed** holds craft classes

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BUHL — The Buhl Community Education program is holding several classes.
"Picture with the Tile Look" will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. Priday in the Buhl High Schol Art Room, S25 Sawtooth Ave. The cost is \$7 plus \$20 for materials. Participants will create a framed picture that looks like tiles. Participants should bring a plastic putty knife and brushes if available. "Metal Angel" will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Landgons, 1476 E. 4400 N., Buhl. The cost is \$8 plus \$35

for materials. Participants will create an 18-inch gilded angel candle.

"Starfish Ornaments" will be held from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Buhl Middle School, room 209, 217 Seventh St. N. The cost is 55 and \$4 for materials. Participants will paint and embellish, starfish to create a snowman or Santa Clause ornament.

ment.
Tuition must be paid before the class date. For more information, call Connie Glander at 543-6553.

## **Duplicate Bridge Club**

announces winners
GOODING — The Gooding

Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its Nov. 19 winners:
First, Jeanne McCombs and Beverly Reed; second, Lorna and Don Baird; and third, Lucy Gustafsen and Kathy Rooney.
All bridge players are welcome to joln. For more information or to find a partner, call Jodi Faulkner at 934-4093 after 5 p.m.

#### Mobile home park holds annual Christmas dinner

TWIN FALLS — The Lazy "J"
Mobile Home Park will hold its
yearly Christmas Dinner at 6
p.m. Wednesday In the club
house.

The Homeowners Associa-tion will furnish the turkey, dressing, potatoes and rolls. Guests should bring a salad or dessert and table service. John-ny Utla will provide the entertainment.

#### Kimberly student receives Eagle Award

KIMBERIV — Kyle Wesley Stucki, son of Wes and Shelly Stucki of Kimberly, will receive his Eagle Scout Award at 7 p.m. Wednesday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Kimberly 2nd Ward at 222 Birch St S

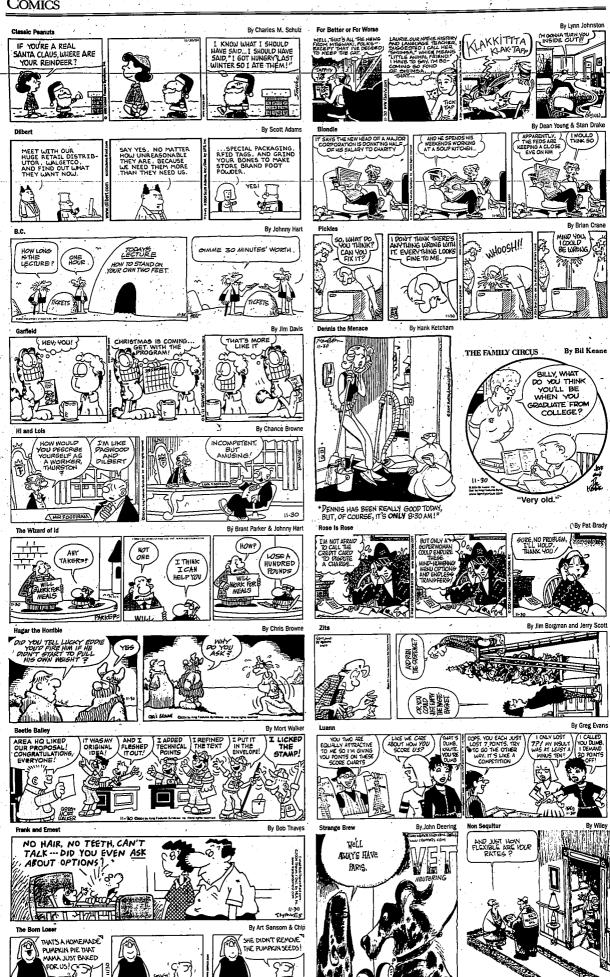
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## Another clash over medical marijuana reaches high court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court questioned whether state medical marijuana laws might be abused by people who arm really sick as it debated on Monday whether the federal government can prosecute patients who smoke pot on doctors' orders.

The stakes are high on both the government level — 11 states have passed medical marijuana laws since 1996 — and the personal.

In the courtroom watching the argument was Angel Raich. An Oaddand, Callf. mother of two who sald she tried dozens of prescription medicines to ease the pain of a brain tumor and other illnesses before she turned to marijuana. She and another ill woman, Diane Monson, filed a lawsuit to protect cheir access to the drug after federal agents confiscated marijuana plants from Monson's yard.

Their attorney, Randy Barnett

indian plants and morisons. The control of the plant in the control of the justices that its clients are law-abilding clitzens who need marijuana to survive. Marijuana may have some negative side effects, the pope are willing to take the chance because the drug helps them more than traditional medicines.

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The justices refused three
years ago to protect distributors
of medical marijuana from federal anti-drug charges. They are
confronting a more personal
issue this time— whe power of
federal agents to go after sick
people who ase homegrown
cannabis with their doctors'
permission and their states' approval.

A defeat for the two California omen might undermine laws assed by California and 10 ther states and discourage ther states from approving

other states from approving their own.

A loss for the government, on the other hand, could jeopardize federal oversight of illegal drugs and raise questions rither areas such as product safety and environmental activities.

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NOTE: Voices in Montana approved a medical marijuana initiative

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"If they're right, then I think their analysis would extend to recreational use of marijuana, as well as medical use of marijuana, and would extend to every state in the nation, not just those states that made it lawful," said Paul Clement, acting solicitor general,
Justice David-II. Souter said an estimated 10 percent of people in America use illegal drugs, and states with medical marijuana laws might not be able to

told the justices they would be encouraging people to use potentially harmful marijuana if they were to side with the women.

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And Justice Antonin Scalia
said there are many people with
"alleged medical needs."
Despite the tenor of the debate, the case is hard to predict.
The justices will rule before next

## Supreme Court justices turn aside challenge to gay marriage law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday rejected a challenge to the only state that allows gay marriages, declining to hear an appeal aimed at overturning the Massachusetts law that prompted a national debate on the legality and morality of same-sex unions.

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The decision ended the legal light over a 4-3 Massachusetts high court ruling hast November giving gay couples the right to marry. But both sides say the U.S. Supreme Court's unwilling-ness-to-intervene means there-will be more lights in courts and legislatures around the country President Bush has promised to make passage of an anti-gay marriage constitutional amendment a priority in his second term.

term. "Activist judges are seeking to redefine marriage for the rest osciety, and the people's voice is not being heard in this process, said presidential spokesman Scott McCiellan. "That's why the president is committed to moving forward with Compress on a constitutional amendment that would protect the sancity of marriage."

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Lambda and other gay-rights groups were heartened that the Supreme Court let the ruling of the Massachusetts Supreme lodieal Court stand. In the past year, at least 3,000 gay Massachusetts couples have wed.

"The bottom line is nobody is being hammed by the Massachusetts state law treating all couples equally." said David Buckel, Lambdas legal marriage project director.

Bucket, Lambdas legal marriage project director. Lambda, currently is suing in four states — California, New Jersey, New York and Washing-ton — on behalf of same-sex couples seeking marriage. Liberty Counsel, the Florida-

## Most states already ban gay marriage

Currently 39 states prohibit gay marriages with laws modeled after the Defense of Marriage Act passed by Congress in 1996. The a act bars recognition of same-sex marriage and allows states to disregard gay marriages per

State-by-state status of same-sex marriage policies

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siounce: Studius or pure that filed the challenge to the Massach conservative group that filed the challenge to the Massachusetts law, angued the state Supreme Court ruling violated the U.S. Constitution because state judges had made a decision more properly decided by elected legislatures. The high court rejected the appeal without comment. Liberty Counsel is continuing the fight elsewhere, lobbying more than two dozen states to pass state amendments banning any marriages.

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"We will see legal battles
around marriage hashed out in
state courts, state legislatures
and in state referenda," said
Chal Feldblum, a civil rights law
professor at Georgetown Uni-

rsity. Gay marriage is opposed by a

majority of Americaus, according to an AP-Ipsos poll. The poli taken Nov. 19-21 found that file percent oppose gay martiage and 35 percent support it. People are about evenly divided on whether gays should be allowed to form civil unions, which would give them many of the same legal rights as marriage, other polls have found. Earlier this month, anti-gay marriage ballot initiatives passed in all 11 states that had them.

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Massachusetts voters may have a chance next year to change the state constitution to bar gay marriages but allow same-sex couples to form civil unjons that make them eligible for the same benefits as married couples.

## Man faces charges in hunter slayings

HAYWARD, Wis. (AP) — A Hinn, could get life in prison if convicted in the shootings, gunning down eight fellow der, which left six people dead and two as changed Monday with six counts of murder and two counts of attempted murder. Chai Vang, 36, of St. Paul,

Minn., could get life in prison if convicted in the shootings, which left six people dead and two wounded. Wisconsin does not have a death penalty.

The gunfire broke out Nov. 21

some of the victims' land.
In court papers, Vang, an immigrant from Laos, said that he opened fire after the others took a shot at him first and berated him with racial shurs. But two of the survivors told authorities that Vang fired the first shot.

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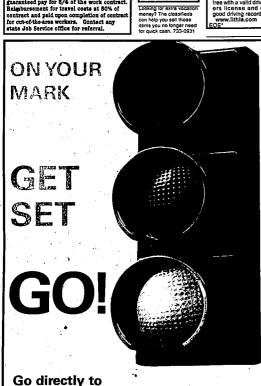


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Omar saw the danger of playing a trump. West would take his ace and play a fourth club to create a second trump winner for himself. So Omar carefully cashed three rounds of diamonds, throwing away his last club winner.

He then returned to his hand with the spade ace and led the jack of trumps. West rose with the ace and exited with a spade to the table's king.
Omar now needed to guess how to return to his hand to lead a second round of trumps. Since West seemed to be more likely to have three spades than four diamonds, eventually Omar decided to ruff a spade. West could overruff with the heart queen, of course, for down one.

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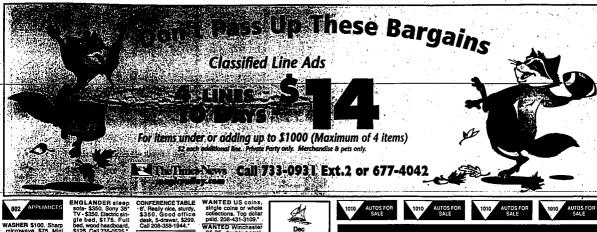
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