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Uninvited visitors are not unusual in area homes. COUNTRY ROADS, PAGE C1



On the agenda -

P&Z to hear requests on second high school, teen dance club.

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# HIT THE HARDWOOD

Magic Valley boys gear up for new basketball season.

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### **Good Morning**



# nes-News

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# Council OKs first phase of impact fee study

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News write:

TWIN FALLS — The Clty Council, Monday, unanimously approved payment for the first part of a two-phase study of impact fees, which are costs assessed to developers to cover the cost of new infrastructure like roads, water lines and schools

schools.

With little discussion, the six council members — one was absent — voted to allocate

\$7,500 to pay for the initial phase with its goal being to determine whether impact fees are the best option for the city

are the best option for the city to pay for expansion.
"I don't know if impact fees are the end-all, be-all solution." Councilman Shawn Barigar said. 'I have some concerns. I'm concerned about how they will add on to the costs of homes and development here. Other options include raising taxes, passing bonds or having developers and cittes make

special negotiations, like build-ing parks, which is currently the case in Twin Falls and most of

ing pursactions with Falls and most case in Twin Falls and most checked. The continuation of the continuat

pay taxes."
Impact fees by law are used

developing areas and cannot be used to repair or replace city services or facilities. They also can sometimes be used for "betterment," such as improv-

"betterment," such as Improving services.
The study will be administered by Thomas Pippin of BBC
Research & Consulting in
Denver: Anne Wescott of
Galena Consulting in Bolsei
and Johan C. Butler of the Bolse
law firm Spink Butler.
Money for the study was not
set aside in the current budget

and it will be paid for out of the capital improvement fund or the city's reserve funds.

The second phase would start only if the group fluds impact fees to be the best choice. It costs at least \$5,000 for each study, plus \$8,000 for each study, plus \$8,000 for each study plus \$8,000 for e ample of eets another Property (

cover expansion costs but often fall short when growth is rapid. Experts have said impact fees which are designed to align with population growth— are beneficial in the long run because they generate money while increasing the amount of land for building, help developers predict costs and promote job growth.

Reporter Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at (208) 735-3204 or Jhopkins@magicvalley.com.

# **Increasing aid** to increase access

# State to propose more financial aid for Idaho students

By Joshua Paimer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Idaho has a to offer its younger resi-ts, but financial aid for

dents, but financial aid for education is not one of them. Idaho spends about \$17 per student on needs-based finan-cial aid, while Washington spends more than \$500. The national average is \$387 per

national average is \$387 per student.
Within the past five years, colleges and universities in states like Utah, Oregon, washington and Montana have begun nggressive market ing campalgins, that target the brightest students in Idaho. And their biggest incentive to attract them is financial aid. The Idaho State Board of Education is working on a pro-posal to increase needs-based

posal to increase needs-based financial aid for Idaho stutinancial aid for idano stu-dents. As opposed to merit-based aid, which is awarded to students based on academic achievement, needs-based aid is awarded based on the stu-dent's financial need to pursue

# By the numbers

005-06: \$12,217.787

\*Totals reflect both need- and merit-based aid. The average annual cost of full-time enroll ment - including living experes - is estimated to be between \$10,000 and \$13,000.

Total number of CSI shi receiving financial aid 2000-01: 2,027 2001-02: 2,240 2002-03: 2,585 2003-04: 2,739 2004-05: 2,723

2005-06: 2,455

a certificate or diploma.

The proposal known as 1CAN (Idaho Commits or Access Now) will go before the
Legislature in January after the
board discusses it with Govelect Butch Otter.

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# More aid or new prices?

Financial set is money that ends up in the hands of colleges and roberstitles. Even though the roberstitles. Even though the roper may be at loan from federal or starts generaters, it is routstlesse paid to Institutions based on tabliton and fees. Bast some legislar legislar legislar why the state should increase financial laid when some universities charge two the price for the same credit hour. For example, one credit hour of Inglish at Boilse. State University costs more than \$100 more than the same credit hour offered at the College of Southern Idaho.

credit hour oriered at the Cellage of Southern Idaho. During an Interim Committee on Community Colleges meeting earlier this morth, where law-makers discussed ways to make education more accessi-ble to students, Sen. Jop Stegner, R-Lawiston, said that

Increasing financial aid would not make education more affordable for students. "I'm really concerned about the direction of this committee," he said.
"We are supporting weys to increase student ski, but it seems to me that we are not doing what we set out to 60, which is to increase the effort-ability of a prifessional-tenical education." After the same meeting, Jeny

cal education. After the same meeting, Jerry Beck, president of CSI, said the question about fullion rates should be will they are inequitable to begin with. If the state has to come in and find a wey to make those fees equitable; he said, "then I think a good question would be will were they the question would be will were they then question and where is the money going?"

# **Wonderland of white**



# Snow is frosty treat for some, a real pain for others

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — At 12:30 p.m. Monday, its snowing like crazy.

Cars rolling down Locust Street pass a teenage boy fiding his bike with his head down. Watching him through tumbling snowflakes and because of his crumpled posture, drivers could not see he was fainly smilling.

At 17, Alex Burton is happy riding his bike to the store through 28-degree snowy weather. But one suspects after looking at the town around him that Burton is an anomalous creature caught between two opposite species: the young and the old.

and the old.

Compare the two extremes.

On Blue Lakes Boulevard North, there's a line of five cars waiting in the drive-thru of the Waigreens pharmacy. The heat's on, talk radio's blaring, wipers bat flakes of white from windshields — the snow poses a moderate inconvenience that, thanks to modern technology, can be almost completely avoided.

Over on Addison Avenue, the manager of a new business hopes to attract the snow-avoiding crowd with her store's design.



THE MURA MUST GO ON WITH IN A ENOWSTORM, JASON SOllars of Aslett Electric Monday morning in Jerome at the site of the new elementary school to inst forecast for the Magic Valley calls for a chance of snow with a high of 25, ool to install a transformer. Today's

T's Beverage and Grocery Barn is a drive-thru that sells — among other litems — beer, cigarettes, coffee and popunder the shelter of a renovated red barn.

The entire business transaction is handled through a driver's side window.

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Gov. Risch heads to Washington, D.C. to tout roadless plan The Associated Press

BOISE — Gov. Jim Risch plans to present his petition to manage Idaho's 9.3 million acres of roadless U.S. Forest Service land on Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

The plan has been praised by the timber industry as sensible even as environmentalists say it would open great swaths of pristine forest destructive development. Risch planned to defend his 69-page plan before the

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"What's important to most hunters and anglers ... is we can boast the most unspoiled, untrashed backcountry in the West, outside of Alaska. Under Gov. Risch's plan, we can't make that claim any more."

- Chris Hunt, spokesman for Trout Unlimited

National Advisory Committee that advises Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns on such petitions. Johanns over-sees the Forest Service.

The governor aims to ban road-building on about 3 million acres, while allowing some development on the rest.

including roads for timber har-vests aimed at removing bee-tle-killed trees some fear boost the danger of big wildfres. Groups including. Trout Onlimited, a fishing and hunt-ing organization, fear Rischis petition — should it win favor — will adversely affect impor-

tant wildlife habitat. Trout Unlimited members planned to testify Wednesday against the petition.

"It doesn't really do Idaho's sportsmen any favors," said spokesman Chris Hunt-What's important to mos hunters and angiers in Idaho is

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others including Co others including Coeur d'Alene-based Intermountain Forest Association, whose members include the Potlatch Corp. forest products compa-ny, support Risch's plan. Serena Howarth, an associa-tion spokeswoman, didn't immediately return phone

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# TODAY'S FORECAST

# TWIN FALLS

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Wednesday



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Tonight: Assistant in the social breeary meniory no. Lowe

Tomorrow: very cold with gredually decreasing clouds - grib croupple to reach 20

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# TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

Native Perspectives on the Trail A Contemporary America in 3 at 4 n Portfolio, Interpretations of the Lewis and Crair Euceptice 1 the Missional Art Museum's traveling enholi-ning to 15 pm. the Bunil 1475 Council at the Eighth Street Center 200 N. Eighth St., Bunil, 543-5417.

Baby and Me" class, exploring the topic "Pediatric De"; str., "for young mothers with their babies or tocolers, 1.30; to 11.30 a.m., St. Benedicts Family Medical Center's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome, no cost.

### GOVERNMENT

Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 7:30 a.m., conference room, 1120 Montana St., 934-4433.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courtnouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

225 Snosnone St. N., 736-4068. Blaine Courty commissioners. 8:45 a.m., courtnouse. 206 First Are. S., Hailer, 788-5500. Jerome Courty commissioners. 9 a.m., courtnouse. 300 N. Iuroan, 644-2700. Jerome School Board. 6 p.m., Carter Lutiner Vocational Ag Eulang. ngn school. 104 Tiger Drive. 324-8137. Glems Ferry City Council. 7 p.m., City Hall. 110 E. Second. St., 203, 366-7418.

Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 507 leano St., 934-4841.

Icano St., 934-4841. Jerome Ctty Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., coun-cil chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. 324-8189. Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.

### HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit pro-College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit pro-grams, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary, 9:15-10:15 a.m. at Hagerman High School (gm and 10:30 to11:30 a.m. at Buni High School, no cost, 732-6475. Twin Falis Arthritts Foundation Exercise Program for senior cutzens, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Win Falis Senior Center, 530 Snosnone St., Twin Falls, free for all senior citizens, 737-

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's dis-ease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m., to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2126.

### HOME AND GARDEN

The Twin Falls Farmers Market post-season pottuck celebra-tion, for vendors, interested vendors, and customers (bring a covered dish, non-alcoholic drink to share, and personal table service). 7 p.m., the Obenchain Building, 264 Main Street S., Twin Falls, 543-4582.

# MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium, "The Christmas Star" at 7 p.m. and Steamrolling" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

### List your event

Please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne - by e-mail, shrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-6538; or by mail, Times-News, RO,Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days before the event.

### TODAY'S FEATURE



# **ANIMALS IN** THE ATTIC

Unwelcome guests sometimes visit Magic Valley homes.

IN COUNTRY ROADS

COMING TOMORROW -

# APPETIZING ENTERTAINING

Super starters from local chefs.



IN FOOD & HOME

# YOUR MORNING

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### Man hits cop, faces penalty

FWIN FALLS — A man who hit a Twin Falls police officer now awaits sentencing for the

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# Twin Falls City Council OKs fee study

IWIN FALLS — The City Council unanimously approved Monday to pay for the first part of a two-phase study of impact fees. SEE BAGE 4"

### Idaho falls short in stùdent aid

TWIN FALLS — Idaho has a lot to offer its younger resi-dents, but financial aid for education is not one of them.

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### Council to hear school annexation request

TWIN FALLS - Tonight the Ivan Falls School District will twin Falls School District will ask the city to annex the site of the new high school. It will also hear a request from a Iwin Falls man to open a teen dance club in downtown Iwin Falls.

### Gooding man burned in wreck

JEROME — A Gooding man suffered severe burns to his legs Saturday night after his van collided with an oncom-ing vehicle and then burst into flames.

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### Dangers of black ice recounted

TWIN FALLS — Black-ice.
It's the stuff of winter legnd, but it is indeed a very real
treat to drivers.

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### Black Friday is a mixed bag for local retailers

bag for local retailers

TWIN FALLS — By the time
the sun's first-rays reached the
horizon Friday thousands of
shoppers had already arrived
to many local shops around
Twin Falls. The pre-dawn sales
began at 5 a.m. and those with
Christmas shopping lists didn't let the lack of sleep slow
them down. "We had a phenomenal day." said Home
Depot Store Manager Walt
Haines. "We had a 41 percent
increase in sales from lavy year.
The day after Thanksgiving
really kicks off the holiday season and I think that we will
continue to see good sales
through to Christmas."

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# SEE PAGE C4 CORRECTIONS

OBITUARIES

Christmas Through the Ages is Dec. 8-10 A calendar item Sunday and in the Magic of the Season section on Nov. 19 gave the wrong dates for Christmas Through the Ages in Jerome. The correct dates are Dec. 8-10.

The Times-News regrets the error.

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### Kustra touts BSU's connection to Boise

connection to Boise

BOISE — Bob Kustra's speech on the eve of the school year lasted less than half-an-hour, but the politician-turned-Boise State University president repeated the phrase metropolitan university. 'I as times, it's become a mantra and all university decisions revolve around Kustra's signature aim: Transforming the commuter's school with a large junior-college component into a nationally recognized research university that anchors the Boise metropolitan area. SEE PAGE CA

### Cancer patients to get choice of treatments

choice of treatments
COBUR D'ALENE — The
Kootenai Medical Center's
North Idaho Cancer Centerwill begin offering some
patients the option of taking part in trials of experimental cancer drugs, starting in January. The phase I
chinical research trials are
generally for patients with
advanced cancer who have
already triol standard treatments, and are strong
enough to handle possible
side effects of the new
drugs.

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### U of I professor seeks to improve solar cell

to improve solar cell
LEVISTON — A
University of Idaho profesoris devising a new form of
solar cell she says could
lead to a breakthrough that
would make solar energy
commercially viable. Pam
Shapiro, a chemist, and her
graduate students and colleagues are working on creating better materials and
combining them in new
ways that could more than
double the efficiency of
solar cells.

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### Coroner focuses on two police shootings

two police shootings
BOISE — Rather than
having public coroner
inquest hearings. Ada
County Coroner Envin
Sonnenberg says he plans
to work with special prosecutors from outside the
county and a police task
force to release a public
report on two fatal shootings by police officers this
fall.

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### Jail inmates knit for kids around the world

LOGAN — Jail inmates are spending hours knitting caps, blankets and booties for children around the world. "We might all be criminals," said David Evans, 25, of Blackfoot, Idaho "bu some of us have Evans, 25, of Blackfoot. Idaho, "but some of us have big hearts." SEE PAGE C5

# NATION/WORLD



### 10 killed in group home fire in Missouri

home fire in Missouli

ANDERSON, Mo. — An

early morning fire broke out
in a group home for the elderly and mentally ill

Monday, killing 10 people
and injuring now dozen others in a blaze that the governor said was being treated
as a crime. The blaze
reduced the privately run

Anderson Guest House to a

skeleton of cinder blocks. Anderson Guest House to a skeleton of cinder blocks and stunned this rural com-munity of about 1.800 peo-ple tucked in the Ozark hills of southwest Missouri. issouri. SEE PAGE A4

# AIDS set to be one of top causes of death

LONDON — Within the next 25 years. AIDS is set to join heart disease and stroke as the top three caus-es of death worldwide, according to a study pub-lished online Monday. SEE PAGE CR

# Heart implant may help prevent strokes

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WASHINGTON—Milesst
120,000 Americans a year
suffer strokes because of a
common irregular heartbeat — one that's on the
rise, hard to treat and can
shoot deadly blood clots
straight to the brain. Now
doctors are experimenting
with a new way to prevent
those brain artacks: a tiny
device that seaks of a little
section of the jiggling heart
where the clots form.

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# Justice Department to review domestic spying

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WASHINGTON — The
Justice Department has
begun an internal investigation into its handling of
information gathered in the
governments domestic spying program. However.
Democrats criticized the
review as too narrow to
determine whether the program violated federal law.
The inquiry by Glenn A.
Fine, the department's
inspector general, will focus
on the role of Justice prosecutors and agents in carrying out the warrantless surveillance program run by the
National Security Agency.

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### Pamela Anderson, Kid Rock file for divorce

Rock file for divorce

LOS ÀNGELES — Pamela
Anderson and Kid Rock
each filed divorce papers
Monday seeking to end
their marriage of less than
four months. Andersons'
representative would not
comment on the reason or
any particulars of the
divorce. Anderson and Rock
each cited "irreconcilable
differences" in their divorce
filings in Los Angeles
County Superior Court.

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# **SPORTS**



### Holding court

Holding court
TWIN IALLS — The Twin
Falls Brunn, with their
superior size and savy ran
to 24:2 record and the
Class 3A state boys basketball championship during
the 2005-66 season.
Now, a new group of
Bruins will go about the
task of defending that title
ask of defending that title
valley ready for the start of
the 2006-07 houps vesses.
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# The Cutter Era

The Cutler Era

officially begins

DENYER — lay Cutler's
been the Denver Bronco's
starting quarterback all of
one 'practice and he's
already a rattled fookle.

Cutler was playing it cool
in his first interview at the
podium when fellow rookies Branden Marshall and
Tonys Scheffler began heckling him from the side.
Cutler trade to keep from
laughing and couldn't.

"I'm excited, Cutler said.
"And a little nervous."
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# McGwire, Ripken Gynn on Hall ballot

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NEW YORK — Mark
McGwire, Tony Gwynn and
Cal Ripken Ir, headline the
first-time candidates on the
2007 baseball writers' Hall
of Fame ballot released
Monday, sure to spark
debate on Big Mac's place in
history as the steroid er a
comes under renewed
serution.

comes under renewed serutiny. Jose Canseco, whose book last year led to a congressional hearing on steroid use in basebail, also is on the ballot for the first itime. Canseco said he used steroids along with McGwire when they were teanmates. PAGE B1

## Alabama fires Shula after 6-6 season

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TUSCALOOSA. Ala.—
Alabama coach Mike Shula
was fired after a 6-6 season
that ended with three
straight losses, including a
defeat by star erial Auburn.
Authletic director Mal
Moore said Monday that,
defensive coordinator Joe
Kines would serve as intertim head coach. The firing
was first reported by The.
Tuscaloosa News on its Web
site.

site.
Shula, a former Alabama Shula, a former Alabama quarterback, led the Crimson Tide to a 10-2 season last year and a Cotton Bowl victory. But his teams were winless in four tries against Auburn. The Tigers beat the Crimson Tide 22-15 on Nov. 18.

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# Democrats to give student loans new scrutiny

WASHINGTON — One lucrative corner of the banking community has been so well-connected in the Republican-controlled Congress that a powerful committee chaliman once assured its members that he industry's interests were in "two trusted hands." Now that Demoorats are about to take control of Congress, that industry — the bankers and financiers who make college student loans — will have to contend with a law-maker who has compared it to

maker who has compared it to the greedy usurers Jesus drove

from the temple of Jerusalem. "It's time to throw, the money-changers out of the temple of higher education," thundered Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Miss., who Is in line to become chairman of the Senate committee that oversees education programs. Within the student-loan Industry, the Impending transfer of party control is producing waves of anxiety — in part because Democrats have promised that one of their first acts will be to cut interest rates

promised that one of their hist acts will be to cut interest rates on student loans. Having worked hard over the last decade to make Republican friends in high

places, bankers are moving quickly to open wider avenues of communication with ascendant Democrats, such as Rep. George Miller, D-Calif. incoming chairman of the House Education and Workforce Committee, who got a last-minute, post-electrio invitation to address a student-loan trade meeting this week.

Democrats want to cut the rate that students pay on federally backed loans from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent. The idea was part of a six-item agenda Democrats ran on in the midterm elections. But the cost to the Theasury would be substantial: an estimated \$18 bil-

lion or more over five years.

The interest-rate cut could be made without touching the subsidies the government pays to companies for lending money to college students. But those subsidies are a possible those subsidies are a possible target, nonetheless. Some Democratic lawmakers see

Democratic lawmakers see them as excessive. "Lenders are obviously concerned, because when you say something is going to cost \$18 billion, the next question is 'How are you going to pay for itre' said John Dean, a lawyer for the Consumer Bankers Association. Thomas Kiley, a spokesman for Miller, said: 'We plan to

examine lenders' profitability to determine whether there are excessive profits that should be put to better use helping em put to better use helping stu-dents and parents pay for col-

dents and parents pay for col-lege."

About 8.5 million students and parents pay for college with federal student loans every year. The \$57 billion borrowed in 2005-06, which includes both direct loans from the government and federally backed loans through private lenders, is the largest source of federal financial aid for college. A sentor House Democratic leadership aide said the cost of the plan probably would be whittled to \$2.6 billion by

authorizing only a one-year reduction.
Whatever the cost, the loan-rate bill will be an early test of another Democratic campaign promise: to reinstitute budget rules that would require new spending to be offset by cuts in other programs, of by a valides and the cost of the material programs of the cost of the rate cut would be offset.

Republicans argue that cut-Republicans argue that cut-ting interest rates is a mis-placed priority, because it would not affect what they believe is a more fundamental problem: the rising cost of col-lege.

# Aid

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Colin Randolph, the director of financial aid at CSI and a member of the committee that created the proposal, said the aid is sorely needed to help students afford higher education.

tion.
"The overall feeling is that "The overall feeling is that idaho has to do something." Randolph said. "We do a really good job of graduating students from high school, but we're doing a lousy job of attracting them to our four-year schools or technical colleges."

leges."
Randolph said some out-of-state colleges and universities are actually more affordable for students because they offer more financial assistance.
Most states have increased state funds to match federal

grants and loans for student aid. But in Idaho, where tultion at colleges and universities has risen more than 111 percent in 10 years, state funding has

risen more than 111 percent un 10 years, state funding has remained stagnant.
1-CAN would request \$10 million initially to begin the program, and would be fully implemented in 2010.
Under the program, stu-dents would receive financial-assistance based on their financial need, and any addi-tional assistance would be awarded based on academic performance.

performance.
Dwight Johnson, executive director of the State Board of Education, said the proposal "is in syne" with the recommendations made by the Interim Committee on Community Colleges. The committee, which convened

earlier this month, also recommended that the Legislature increase funding for student

aid.
"it basically increases our current merit-based program and creates a new needsbased scholarship program," he said. "Although we are still working out the details, this is in sync with the committee's recommendations."

recommendations."
To afford college, most students at CSI work full— or part-time jobs in addition to receiving financial aid.
"How can you be a full-time student while doing that?"
Randolph said.
"Thenly you can't so most

Randolph said.

Really, you can't, so most students either go on a six-year plan or they don't go at all.

Last year, more than 5,700 students requested some form of financial aid at CSI, but only

2,966 actually received it.
Randolph also said the volume of student loan requests
is rising across the nation as
students carry out their education over a longer period of
time.

time.

But the greatest concern among college officials and lawmakers alike is the exodus of students who are enrolling colleges and universities itside of Idaho.

"Idaho needs to be competi-"Idaho needs to be competi-tive whether we like it or not," Randolph said. "We have to be teaching students to work in competitive fields, and that's going to cost citizenry money."

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# India claims successful missile interception test

### The Associated Press

The Associated Press
NEW DELHI — India on
Monday carried out its first
successful test interception of
abilistic missile, using a second missile to destroy the
incoming rocket, the Defense
Ministry said.
If the interceptor missile—
the medium-range and
nuclear-capable Pirlitut 2
anissile — can be transformed into a viable defensesystem, it would push india
into an effec club of nations
with working missile shields.
Such a system would vastly
boost india's defensive capabillites, expectably against

bilitles, especially against neighboring Pakistan. The longtime rivals are both

nuclear-armed.
The Defense Ministry called the test "a significant

milestone."
According to the ministry, the first missile, a modified Prithvi 2 simulating the "adversary's missile," was launched from the launched from the Chandipore test range about 155 miles north of



Bhubaneswar.

Bhubaneswar, capital of India's Orisas state.

The interceptor, also a Prithvi, was fired a minute later from the Wheeler's Island missile esting center. The Island is in the Bay of Bengal, about 105 miles north of Bhubaneswar. In July, India reported a successful launch of the longer-range Agul 2 nuclear missile for a full day before acknowledging the test falled, with the missile plunging into the sea short of its ranger. But this time, Defense Minister AK, Antony was quick to convey "his hearniest congratulations" to the development team, the statement said.

# Snow \_

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"I think that when people realize they can drive in and not have to get snowed on or wet, they'll start coming more," said Carol Jones, the

manager.

If businesses like these are succeeding, it's no thanks to the kids of Bickel Elementary School, who would sooner worship the snow than escape

It.
The grassy section of their school's recreation area, for the

schools recreation area, for the first time this year coated in an inch of snow, is a testing ground for the inexhaustible applications of snow. Screaming snowball wars are well under way when a ych-low-jacketed late entrant makes a uctical mistake. He takes with him only a single snowball to attack a group of flee. The retailation is unani-

mous and swift.

Two girls near the north fence are comparing who can slide farther. It goes only as far as balance permits, and one of the girls tumbles — but not before she drags down the she drags down the

other.

In the dead center of the playing field, a group of boys, self-regarding kings of the hill. self-regarding kings of the thill have built a monater stumbull. The menacing sphere is 2 fact cubed of compacted, muddled snow. It's too heavy to be lifted-or used for anything used to they push and pull it. Occasionally, someone packs on more snow. But snow isn't just for kids, the proof being a table of cow-boys eating Mexican food at a restaurant on Kimberly Boad. These guys, all who work at

These guys, all who work at Twin Falls Livestock, have cho-sen careers that force them outside year-round. To take on

the weather, they say they resort to certain coping mech-

First, they've learned you

First, they've learned you have got to say moving. Second, they keep in mind the asiom: it's worse to work in lethal heat than frosty cold. And instity, they indulge in the occasional snowball flight. Unfortunately, they can expect no good snowball flight the rest of this week, according to the\_National Weather—Service in Boise.

Monday — the first real snow day of the season — saw

Monday — the first real snow day of the season — saw I inch of snow in certain areas of Twin Falls. The chances of w will taper throughout the

eek. But not the cold.

But not the cold.
Temperatures tonight may drop to 13 degrees. On Wednesday, temperatures may max out in the lower 20s, and dip at night to 5 degrees.

Entering the weekend, temperatures are expected to pick up. By Sunday, they may reach 40 degress.
Jerry Stewart, who works outdoors with livestock, finished his meal with his colleagues and before heading back to work, said, "I'd rather have it cold than hot."

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# Roadless :

calls, but she's said Risch's peti-tion protects primeval forest while allowing access for her members to do "restoration

members to do "restoration forestry." Under the Risch package: - 1.4 million Forest Service 'acres would become "wild-land," closely paralleling fed-eard wilderness areas where roadbulding is forbidden. That includes land stated to become wilderness in Idaho's Boulder and White Cloud

mountains.

• Another 1.7 million acres would be dubbed "primitive," and would get similar protections.

tions.

Meanwhile, in the petitions most disputed segment, 5.5 millon acres would become so-called "backcountry," roads could be built and logging done for forest health.

And commercial timber harvests would be allowed on another 500,000 acres designated "emperal".

another 500,000 acres designated "general."

Clashes over how to manage
America's roadless lands flared
after President Bill Clinton prohibited logging, mining

and other development on 58.5 million acres of roadless Porest Service land in 38 states and Puerto Rico. In May 2005, President Bush replaced Clinton's plan with a process requiring governors to petition the federal gover-ment to protect national foosts in their states. t to protect ts in their states.

forests in their states.
On Sept. 20 — the same day
Risch unveilled Idaho's roadless petition — a California
judge ruled Jush failled to do
environmental studies before
making changes allowing
states to decide how to manage their individual national
forests.
Meeistrate Judge

forests.
U.S. Magistrate Judge
Elizabeth Laporte's ruling
restored the Cilinton era rule,
at least for now.
Undeterred, Risch is push
ing ahead under a separate,
decades-old federal rulemaktier process that less appreles ing process that lets agencies such as the Department of such as the Department of Agriculture propose and establish regulations. The process provides for public participation. Risch aides in Boise say hes hoping for a "fair hearing" from the Roadless Area

Conservation Advisory Committee. Its 13 members include a ski-area lobbyist conservationists from the Center for Biological Diversity, snowmobilers from the Blue Ribbon Coalition, a former executive from wood products glant Louisiana-Pacific and Arch Coal, the sec-ond-largest U.S. coal mining

ond-largest U.S. coal maining company, "Gow. Risch wants the committee to see this is a plan that's undergone a great deal of scrutiny and work: said Brad Hooglus, and Hooglu





# Ten killed in group home fire in southwest Missouri

# Twenty-four others treated as cause sought

By Marces Kabel
Associated Press writer

by Marcis Rabel
Associated Press writer

ANDERSOE: Mo — An early morning fire broke out in a group home for the 'elderly and mentally all Monday, in the order of the control of the contr

authorities said.

One of the dead was a worker in the home, and the other

nine were residents. Blunt sad, Authorities did not plan to release names until Tuesday because relatives of two victims havent yet been notified. Officials refused to say how the victims died or whether they had any warning. The home had fire alarms but no sanoklers.

home had fire alarms but no spinilers.

Asked whether two stiff members were enough to look after 22 residents. Blunt said that was up to state health officials. Again, it was fate at inght, the governor said. That would impact to some degree the amount of care that is necessary.

Neighbor steven Spears, 47, saw the blaze erupt through security cameras posted out.

cameras posted out-

security cameras posted ourside his home

"I saw the front door blow
open with fire." Spears said
know most of them "the resdents. I ve talked to all
of them at one time or another. It
still hasn't hit me."

The home is operated by
loplin fiver of Life Ministries
Inc. Owner Robert Dupont
ssued a statement expressing
sadness and saying all displaced residents were being
cared for with the help of local
agencies.

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This is a very tragic situation that has saddened all of us at loplin Biver of Life Ministries, he said.

At the company's offices in ripolitin, investigators intelligent of the property of the



employee said Dupont was unavailable for further com-

ment.

One person was in serious condition at lopin Hospital. All the other survivors we either in good or fair condition, or had been treated and released. Authorities were trying to determine whether the blaze was linked to a smaller fire at the facility Saturday morning, said Assistant Fire Marshal Greg Carrell. No one was injured in the first fire which was still under investi-

gation when the second blaze began. Inspectors from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, which licenses the facility found some deficiencies at the home in March, but, nonrelated to fire safety.

The home is a residential care center licensed by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. The facility also has a license from the state Department of Mental Health that allowed mentally ill residents to live at the home and receive treat-

ment elsewhere.

The facility was cited in March for grease buildup in the kirchen, uncovered fluorescent light faxures, allowing meat to thaw on the kirchen counter instead of in a refigerator, allowing a resident to take more than the prescribed dose of an inhaler and not requesting criminal background checks for new employees as quickly as required by law. All the deficiencies were corrected within three weeks, according to the

three weeks, according to the health department.

# NYC mayor says police used excessive force in shooting

NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg weighed in on the uproar over a deady police shooting Monday, saying bluntly that officers appeared, to use excessive force when they fired 50 shots at an unarmed man in a confrontation outside a strip club hours before his wedding.

"I can tell you that it is no me unacceptable or inexplicable how you can have 50 odd shots fired, but that's up to the investigation to find out what ready happened. Both we was to be investigation to find out what ready happened, which elected officials and community leaders including with elected officials and community leaders including the Rev. All Shappton and Rep. Charles Rangel.

Charles flangel.
The groom. Sean Bell. 23.
Whe stilled and two of his friends wounded early saturday after a bachelor party at the strip club. Suspecting that one of the men had a gun, police fired 50 rounds into the vehicle. The men were unarmed. Sharpton called it a "very candid" meeting. He said the

message to Bloomberg was:
This city must show moral
outrage that 50 shots were
fired on three unarmed men."
Of the victims, Bloomberg
sald Monday, "There is no
evidence that they were
doing anything wrong," referring to everything leading up
to the moment they struck
the officer with their car.
For a mayor to question the

to me momen mey stude, the officer with their can have to a question the advantage of the students of the stud Amadou Diallo, an unarmed West African immigrant who was shot 19 times in the Bronx by four white officers. They were later acquitted of criminal charges.

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Parnela Anderson and Kut
Rock earh filled divorce papers
Monday seeking to end their
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Anderson's representative would not comment on threason or any particulars of the distorte. Anderson and love the fluctice, each nearly is Robert fluctice, each nearly in their distorter fillings in Los Angeles County Superior Count.

"Yes, it's true." Anderson wrote in a brief statement on the Web site. "Unfortunately impossible."

A message left with flicthies attorney wasn't immediately returned.

The relationship between.

for divorce

returned.

The relationship between Anderson, '9, and litichie, 3c. has been a turbulent one since they became engaged in 2002. They broke up the following year, but later reunited and held several wedding ceremonies over the wammer. They were wed in late July near 5t. Tropuz, France, and again at a courthouse in Beverly Hills on Aug. 3. They also used the knot in an Aug. 15 ceremony in Nasholle, France and the state of the state



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# Doctors test heart implant to block strokes

By Lauran Neergaard Associated Press writer

MASHINGTION — At least 120,000 Americans a year soffer strokes because of a common irregular heartheat—one that's on the rise, hard to treat and can shoot deadly blood clost's traight to the hrain.

Now doctors are experimenting with a new way to prevent those brain attacks: a tiny device that seals off a lite section of the jiggling heart where the clost form. If it works — and a major study is under way — the Watchman device might provide long-needed protection for thousands of people with atrial fibrillation, whose main hope now is a problematic blood-thinning drug that too many can't dierate.

"I don't think I'm biased, but it could potentially revolutionize a fib, which is a too I people," says Dr. Steven Almany, vice chief of cardiology at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich, I was a problematic blood-thinning true than a dozen patients so far. About 2.8, million Americans have atrial fibrillation, the most common type of irregular ficaretheat. It is most common mong the elderly, and cases are increasing as the population grays.

# Stroke blocker

appendage from entering the blood stream and causing fatal



The device is planted using a catheter inserted into a

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the aria, get out of sync with the bottom chambers' pumping. The atria speed up, sometimes so fast that they quiver like a bag of worms. Blood pools inside a pocket of the heart, allowing clots to form. About 20 percent of the nation's strokes are blamed on the condition, and they tend to be particularly severe. About a third of the victims die, and another third are significantly disabled, Almany says.

The blood thinner warfarin

The blood thinner warfarinalso called Coumadin. lowers the stroke risk dramatically. But it is very difficult to use—it can't be taken together with dozens of other medicines, and requires dictary restrictions and regular blood testing. In addition, side effects included the strong strong strong. By some estimates, almost half the people who should take the drug can't or won't, and 'there are lots of people out there on Coumadin who want off," says Dr. William Gray, a cardiologist studying the Watchman at New York's Columbia University Medical Center. "This provides the opportunity, hopefully, to get them off the drug."

In atrial fibrillation, 90 percent of stroke-causing blood clots collect inside a jalapeno pepper-shaped flap of tissue has hangs off the edge of the

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left atrium.

Some call it the heart's belly button, a leftover from fetal development that the body no length pends.

The Watchman physically seals off that flap, depriving clots of their staging area. The question is whether that really will stop strokes.

question is whether that really will stop strokes. To find out, doctors are recruiting hundreds of patients around the country to get either the experimental device or the usual device o Coumadin.

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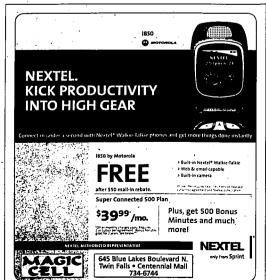
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# Britain tracks radioactive sites in London after death of poisoned ex-spy

LONDON — – The British radioactive hotspots in London on Monday to trace the poison that killed a former KGB agent, and throw're-

the poison,that killed a former KGB agent, and three 'people who reported possible symp-toms of contamination under-went testing.

Britair announced a formal inquest into the death of Alexander Litvinenko, but Home Secretary John Reid warned against rushing to conclusions over who might be responsible for the killing of the ex-spy turned Kremlin critic.

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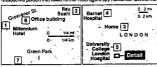
Litvinenko died Thursday after falling ill from what doctors said was polsoning by polonium-210, a radioactive isotope usually manufactured in specialized nuclear facilities. High doses of polonium, which is deadly if ingested or inhalad, were found in Fitunenko's body.

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"The nature of this radiation is such that it does not travel over long distances, a few centlmeters at most, and therefore there is no need for public alarm," Reid said in a special address to the House of Commons.

**Backtracking poison victim's footsteps** 

Three geople are being tested in London for polonium-210, the de radioactive poison that killed former KGB agent spy Alexander Litving



Traces of 1. Meeting on the day he is believed to have t radiation at 2. Restaurant where he ate these 3. Livinensk enney home locations 4. Hospital where Livinenskow was first treated visited by 5. Hospital where he dad

Police were able to interview Litvinenko in the hospital before he died, and are retrac-ing Litvinenko's steps on the day he sald he fell ill.

day he said he fell ill.

Six sites showed traces of radiation linked to the polsoning, including a bar in London's Millennium Hotel, a branch of Itsu Sushi near Piccadilly Circus, Litvinenko's house in North London and a section of the hospital where he was treated when he fell ill on Nov. I.

Two other sites — an office block in London's west end

Two other sites — an office block in London's west end

and an address in the posh neighborhood of Mayfair — also showed traces of radiation. Scotland Yard said.
All the locations except Livinenko's home are in west London, separated by about a mile.

"They said there was only a trace," said Alan Humberstone, a 27-year-old computer technician who said police found radiation at his office building in Mayfair. (Police) said, You would have to ingest something to be at to ingest something to be at risk."

business intelligence compa ny, Titon Interna Titon International Ltd. — iose CEO was a former U.K. Special Services director, and Erinys UK Ltd., an interna-tional security and risk man-

agement company.

Erinys confirmed that Litvinenko had visited the office "on a matter totally urrelated to issues now being investigated by the police."

None of the staff who had comtact with him have reported any ill effects, the statement said.

said.
The other location reportedly houses an office of Boris Berezovsky, the self-exiled tycoon and Kremlin critic wanted in Russia on money-

wanted in Russia on money-laundering charges. Businesses listed at the address include a fund advis-er, an investment firm, an energy company and offices of the newspaper publisher Metro International. Berezovsky, who knew Litvinenko before both came

Litvinenko before both came to Britain and reportedly paid for the ex-spy's home in North London, told The Associated Press Monday he would make no comment until the investi-

White House says Iraq violence in 'new phase'

Jordan, for talks Wednesday and Thursday with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and King Abdullah of Bush steps up diplomacy ahead of NATO, Iraq meetings

Associated Press writer

TALLINN. Estonia President Bush intensified diplomatic efforts on Monday to quell rising violence in Iraq and Afghanistan, turning to allies as his national security adviser said the conflict in Iraq had entered 'a new phase' requiring changes. "Obviously everyone would agree things are not proceeding well enough or fast enough." National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley told reporters aboard Air Force One as Bush flew meastward.

The president was spending Monday night in this tiny Baltic nation ahead of a two-day NATO summit in Ulga.

Prime Minister Nouri alMaliki and King Abdullah of Jordan.
From Air Force One, the 
president spoke to the leadrest of France and Egypt.
Addressing the upcoming 
meetings with al-Maliki, 
Hadley said, "We're clearly in 
a new phase characterized by 
an increase in sectarian vioelince that requires us to 
adapt to that new phase." 
Bush and al-Maliki "need 
to be talking about how to do 
that and what steps Iraq 
needs to take and how-we 
can support' Iraq's leaders. 
Hadley said.
The adviser rejected suggestions that Iraq had already 
spirated into a civil war and 
said it was unlikely Bush 
would address with the Iraq' 
leader the issue of any U.S. 
troop withdrawais. "We're 
not at the point where the 
president is going to be in a 
position to lay out a comprehensive plan," Hadley said.
Hadley also said he 
believed that al-Maliki — 
rather than Bush — seemed 
more likely to bring up the 
Subject of dealing with Iraq 
and Syria, saying the Iraqi 
leader had strong views on 
the subject.

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Afghanistan, where NATO has 32,000 troops.

Both Estonia and Latvia are former Soviet republics that are strong allies in the war on terror.

Bush will head to Amman,

day NATO summit in Riga. Latvia, expected to deal with deteriorating conditions in Afghanistan, where NATO

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# Justice Department begins internal review of spying program

Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has begun an internal investigation into its handling of information gathered in the government's domestic spying program. However, Democrats criticized the review as not going for enough to determine whether the program violates federal law. The inquiry by Glenn A. Fline, the department's inspector general, will focus on the roleof bustice prosecutors and agents in carrying out the warrantless surveillance program run by WASHINGTON

general, will locus on the roleol rustice prosecutors and agents in carrying out the warrandess surveillance program run by the National Security Agency. Fine's investigation is not expected to address whether the controversilal program is an unconstitutional expansion of presidential power, as its critics and a federal judge in Detroit have charged.

After conducting initial inquiries into the program, we have decided to open a program review that will examine the department's controls and use of information refated to the program. Fine wrote in a letter dated Monday to House and Senate leaders on judiciary, intelligence and appropriary, intelligence and appropriate. ary, intelligence and appropri-ations committees.

The review also will look at "the department's compliance

The review also will look at the department's compliance with legal requirements governing the program, according to the four-paragraph letter obtained by The Associated Press.

Justice Department spokesman Brian Roehrkasse aid the agency welcomes the review: "We expect that this review: "We expect that this review: "We expect that the review: "We expect that the review: "We expect that the review: "We expect that this review: "We expect that this review: "We expect that this review will assist Justice Department that the departments equirements that govern the operation of the program." In January, Fine's office said to did not have jurisdiction to livestigate, as requested by more than three dozen Democrats, the legally of the secret program that monitors

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phone calls and e-mails between people in the U.S. and abroad when a link to terrorism

abroad when a link to terrorism is suspected. Fine's letter outlining his review was welcomed by congressional Democrats. At the same time, they said it falls short of examining issues at the heart of the debate — how the spying program evolved, and whether its creation violated any laws.

spying program evolved, and whether its creation violated any laws.

A full investigation into the program as a whole, not just the DOIs involvement, will be necessary," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif.

The review could include whether the spying program complies with the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which requires judicial authorization for electronic surveillance and physical searches of people suspected of espionage or international terrorism on behalf of a foreign power. The justice Department requests surveillance approval from the FISA court.

Democrats also questioned.

Democrats also questioned the timing of the review. Fine's letter noted that his office asked the White House on Oct. 20 for additional security clearances that were approved just last week - following the Nov. last.week — following use last.week — following use control of particular control of

power to subpoena Bush administration officials next year. Rep. Mourice Hinchey D-N.Y. questioned that Fine's investigation. Is only coming now after the election as an attempt to appease Democrats' who have been critical of the NSA program. The letter was sent to House

Judiciary Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R.Wis., and the panel's top Democrat and incoming chairman. Rep. John Conyers, D.Mich. Sensenbrenner had no com-ment. Conyers called the

ment. Conyers called the review a long overdue investi-gation of a highly controversial program."

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# EDITORIAL

# Remembering Craig Neilsen, a one-of-a-kind entrepreneur

sta difficult to over-state the influence of Ameristar Casinos' CEO Craig Nelisen. who died last week, on the economy—and even the look—of the Magic Valley. Nelisen, 65, died in his sleep Nov. 19 at his home in Las Vegas. A quadriple-gic since a cartruck acci-dent on U.S. Highway 93 between Jackpot and Twin Falls in 1985, he had nonetheless parlayed his

netween Jackpot and Twin Jalls in 1985, he had nonetheless parlayed his dad's construction firm into Ameristar Casinos, a publicly traded company with 7,500 employees and annual sales. in 2005, of S961 million. With nearly 1,000 workers at its casino properties in Jackpot, Ameristar is the Magic Valley's secondor Baird-biggest employer. Nelson & Co., a Twin Falls-based real estate de-Blopment and construction firm, is among the largest in southern

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Stringency law

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The Times-News is to be
commended for trying to
explain the stringency law to
lain citizens. The Nov. 22
editorial might have created
some confusion which
should be corrected.
The stringency law is
deeply embedded in Idahos
environmental law. It is not a
new concept, although it is
frequently reconfirmed by
the Idaho Legislature.
If citizens are interested in

Helpany techniques are interested in the origin of the rule and wish to do something about it, they can refer to section 39-107(D)(3) of the Idaho Code. That will refer them to at least seven other sections where the rule is codified in its various forms. If they want to petitlon their legislators to repeal the stringency law, they need to include all of the sections in which it is codified.

include all of the sections in which it is colified. It is not in Idaho's best interess to overregulate agriculture or Industry or subject them to state regula-tions where the Environmental Protection Agency regulations are ade-quate. The Idaho stringency law creates a statutory presump-tion that Idaho is ade-quate to protect human

tion that federal law is adequate to protect human health and the environment. As demonstrated by the Clean Air Mercury rule, that presumption is erroneous. DONALD CHISHOLM Burley

Our view: Craig Neilsen's keen - and unconventional business sense had a major impact on : the Magic Valley's: economy.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Idaho. But for Twin Falls But for Twin Falls, Neilsen's most visible lega-cy will be the key piece of property he owned on the Snake River Canyon rim, and what he did with it. Canyon Park, a 40-acre retail development that straddles the northern-most end of Blue Lakes Boulevard, opened in

2002, setting the tone for all future development of the Perrine Bridge corri-dor. Neilsen backed off a seven-story hotel and conseven-story note: and convention center project in 2000 for economic reasons, but plans are under way for more developments on Neilsen property west of Blue Lakes, including a larger hotel and convention center.

west of Bute Lases, including a larger hotel and convention center.
Critically, Nelisen donated a swath of canyon rimeral estate to the City of Twin Falls, which made possible a walking trail that could eventually run from Federation Point to Shoshone Falls.
For better or worse, the development of Twin Falls with the development of Twin Falls worth end over the next 50 years will be shaped by decisions Nelisen made over the past decade.
That's appropriate, because Nelisen's finger-prints are all over the commercial life of his hometown, including the

hometown, including the

### Services today, Wednesday

Memorial services for Craig Nellson will be held today and Wedineddy to Lag Yegas. Hear joon to 7 Pair, PST, Loddey, the public is invited to pay respects at a visitation at Palm Mortuaries and Cemeteries, 6701 N. Jones: Brd.

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Bellach's life, at the Mandaley Bey Coherention Centre, Bellarom E.,
which will be followed by a reception:
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Lynwood Shopping Center and the Brenckenridge residential subdivision. In style, Neilsen was a capitalist from another generation— making capitalist from another generation — making intuitive decisions that sometimes confounded business partners and employees. "He had a vision that

"He had a vision that I've never found in any other person," said Twin Falls developer Ken Edmunds, a longtime associate. "He could visu-

alize and move toward an objective even when no one else could understand what he was doing. That's, how he created Ameristar Casinos. He could concep-

tualize and envision a project when no one else could see what was there." "He would often do things that would drive other people crazy because you couldn't understand." Edmunds said

But, Edmunds admitted, .. But. Edmunds admitted.
"He was always right."
Nelisen's enterprises will no doubt continue to thrive without him. but perhaps without him, but perhaps without his gift for dramatic, canny decision-making and his fierce devotion to Twin Falls.
He was a gambler, but somehow Craig Nelisen usually ended up holding all the cards.

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war and civilians as they were raped, murdered, butchered, beheaded, bayoneted, starved, tortured and used as slave labor, at the hands of their fiendish captors in real concentration camps can, in no way, compare to the vol untary relocation in this

country!
Ever wonder what our country would've looked like had the Japanese finished their A-bomb first?

FRANK THRESHER Hailey

### Student appreciates free newspapers

My name is Misti Stromberg, and I want to thank you for the newspa-

My favorite part of the newspaper is the comics and the same for my teacher. My favorite strip is "Pearls Before

In class, we read the news-paper, too. We read it almost

paper, too, We read it almost every day.

I like the newspaper because it gives you a lot of information about good things and bad things. My mom likes it when i bring the newspaper home after school. She reads the newspaper first, then she cuts out family pleures. She then glues it on a big piece of paper.

I really like the newspaper.

MISTI STROMBERG

Buhl

(Editor's note: Misti Stromberg is a student at Popplewell Elementary School in Buhl.)

### 'Millie' cast and crew did a great job

The Magic Valley School of Performing Arts' production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" closed on Friday (Nov. 17), and it was "thoroughly" enjoyable! Hat's off to the cast crew and directors for their

hard work and excellent show! As a mom and music edu-cator, I am very appreciative of the many fine arts activities that are available to the young that are available to the young people of the Magic Valley. I believe music is a "lifetime sport" that can provide so many options for everyone

many options for everyone throughout they pears, and the Margie Valley area is provided with numerous opportunities. St. Kim Kolz, Michele Williams, Rebecca Sandison and Danny Marona — keep up the great work and please continue to provide these wonderful opportunities for our children!

SHARI COWGER
Twin Falls

### Drama judges are aptly qualified to judge

Prama Juuges are apuy qualified to judge

I'm responding to a letter in the Nov. 17 Times-News tilded. Tigh school contest's judging sub-par.

Many judges at drama competitions aren't qualified, but I'd like to express why, Judge pay is so low that costs for gas to drive to competitions are barely covered.

What is a qualified judge? Every judge sent from my school was qualified in some way. If they haven't taken tests, they'd been in theater. I've researched the judges of senie design and found they are qualified. One competed in many technical rounds himself, qualifying and placing at state. Another has been in theater for 20 years, designing sets for major productions. Both completed tests required to judge. Does this not make them qualified? On buy 'clearly not have the background or skill to be equal and proficient in their decisions? 'Or is a senior at Twin Falls more qualified to judge scenic design! How do we afford judges qualified 'enough to critique such fragile contests.' "enough to critique such frag-ile contests?"

enough to critique such fragile contests?

Not everyone wins, Yes, winning one year helps for the next, but a member on our team who made it to finals in two categories last year at state didn't even qualify this year. "If you care what others think, you!" In ever go anywhere. Art is dominance. Finally, I dilke to comment on the scenic design. There can't be a "clearly superior" piece based on appearance. An "architecturally correct one-quarter-inch scale model" proves one excels at mechanical craftsmanship, but where's the dream? The winner may not appear superior, but scenic designs more than appearance. It is the sulf-year, beyond technical features; into the emotions that can be created. Scenic sessign is art.

I have only this to close

is art.

I have only this to close with. "Love the art in yourself, not yourself in the art."

KARI MERRILL

# Building a team of rivals

or the next few months, I am going to ask the presidential hopefuls the foldowing question: What lessons do you draw from the farg experience about decision-making in the White I louse?

The candidates are going to answer by saying something like this: The lesson I draw is that the president has to have intellectual curiosity and access to all the necessary information. He can't run a faith-based policy relying on certainty and instinct. When I'm president, I'm going to hear all sides.

I am going to respond: Oh, please, Save that stuff for the campaign rallies. If you know anything about how the bush administration actually worked, you know that people at the mid-to-the were interagency meetings galore, and dozens of memos written by sub-Cabinet officials. Guly waver of how badly things to official fully waver of how badly things to official for the Bush Cabinet municipal processor condities, it was the veneral transmission processor. sonalities, it was the decision-making proces itself that was screwed up. Dld you draw any

sonatures, it was the decision-making process itself that was screwed up. Did you draw any lessons from that? Then the candidates will level with me in that low-toned voice they adopt when speaking the truth, and if they are smart, they will say something like this:

OK, you're right. There are structural problems that have emerged during the past several administrations that crippled planning for Inq. Here's what I think they are:

First, the vice president can't have this own secret policy channel. He can't they this own secret policy channel, the can't make the own secret policy channel. He can't make the own secret policy channel, the can't make the work of the secret policy channel, the can't have the own planded. Second, the White House can't obsess about leaks. This administration in particular twisted itself into knots to prevent leaks, and you know what Everything came out anyway. It's stupid to narrow decision-making to small, insular circles of trust to prevent leaks. Everybody correctly assumes their private comments will be made public in any case. Third, the White House staff has too much power. We understand how this happened. Presidents get sick of parcelaid Cabinet secretaries who become special pleaders for their agencies. The problem is not white House is staffed on his campalgos.

The problem is the White House is staffed

shifts power to those around him who worked on his campaigns. The problem is the White House is staffed by younger people who are feverishly devoted to the president. Especially in the first years, they try to make every day pleasant for him, which means not bringing him bad news, or setting up a meeting that might turn mash. Furthermore, while the White House stift is big enough to insulate the president, it is not



DAVID BROOKS

big enough to carry out policy. When it is asked to, you get thousands of ad hor meetings attended by people who have limited power to control facts on the ground. Which leads to the fourth and most important lesson: There is a yawning gap between those who decide policies and those who carry them out. This hurts in two ways. The people who have run an operation for decades, who have some expertise, have little input before a decision is made. Then, after the decision is handed to them, they have no investment in its success and discover they can go off and subvert the policy and no one can do anything to stop them.

In the Iraq occupation, Rumsfeld became a rogue secretary, not committing enough troops, not returning phone calls, not sharing information, and nobody did anything to discipline him. The National Security Council had to lump in and try to run operations, which it is not equipped to do.

To address these problems, the next president has to restore Cabinet government — set up teams of trivals, as Lincoln, Eisenhower and Reagan did. For example, during his first term. President Reagan had more than 500 Cabinet committee consisted of four to six department thesos of the Brookings institution. Each committee consisted of four to six department hads, who would work out policies and put them into effect.

A president who vests power in Cabinet members gives himself colleagues, people of similar age and stunter who can argue with lim face to face. By formalizing a decision making process he balances egolistical secre-

similar age and stature who can argue with him face to face. By formalizing a decisionhim face to face. By formalizing a decision-making process he balances egolistical secre-taries against each other. A Rumsfeld would have to go to meetings and explain himself to his rivals. Entire departments could not be shut out of the loop, the way Treasury and State were. The agencies that carry out policy would have a link to the people who decide it; the post of the country of president has to be a thoroughgioning reformer, which means reforming the way the executive branch works of the country of the country of branch works of the country of the country

David Brooks writes a column for the Op-Ed page of The New York Times.

# Remember Pearl **Harbor victims**

Harpor victims

December 7, 1941 — A day
that should live in Infamy
While our politicians like
Congressman Simpson.
Insiec and Matsui, and the
National Park Service, headed
by former Gov. Kempthorne,
now interfor secretary, are
busy as little worker bees
building shrines and memorials to the revisionist
Japanese in this country, let
the few real Americans that
are left remember and honor
those 3,000 military and civilthose 3,000 military and civil-lans that died in the murder-

# Republicans' appeal outside South wanes

TLANIA — Georgia Democrats probably feel a bit like Cinderella. They got strantled at home Election Night, dressed in their grungy handmedowns, while fellow Democrats around the country went dancing at the celebration ball.

It didn't come as a surprise.
Gov. Sonny Perdue was expected to thrash his
Democratic challenger, Mark
Taylor, and he did. In the race for lieutenant governor.
Cassy Cagle easily defeated a strong Democratic opponent in Jim Martin, and no Georgia Democrat came close to challenging a Republican incumbent congressman. They did all they could it o hold onto the seats they had.
And it probably wasn't much solace to know that their misery was shared by It didn't come as a surprise.

much a flower brow that their matery was shared by Democrats across the Deep South. In Alabama, South Carolina, Louisiana and Mississippi, Republican congressmen and governors were re-lected without serious challenge, even in a supposedly Democratic year. However, while the Republican Party consolidated its girj on the Deep South this year, the reverse was also true — the Deep South consolidated its girj on the Republican Party. With many of its more

solidated its gip on the Republican Farry. With many of its more moderne members in the Northeast and Midwest now gone from Congress — the six New England states will apparently boast a grand total of one COP congressman — the remaining Republicans in Congress will be both more conservative and more Southern, making it hard to broaden their message.

### JAY BOOKMAN

To hard-core Republicans, losses by GOP moderates have purged the party of so-called RINOs — Republicans In Name Only — who diluted the purity of the party message. Southern Republicans in particular believe that the purity in the party in the particular believe that the purity in the party since the hard-line conse since the hard-line conserva-tive message resonates with voters here at home, it will have a similar appeal with her est of the country. The don't want to know that the appeal of that message might be regional, not national. This month's election and the gests that's the case, though, country to the country that the present and the case, though, leading the case, though, the country that the case, though, the country that the case, though, the case of the case, though the case of the case, the case of the case, though the case of the case, the case of the case, the case, the case of the case of the case, the case of the case, the case of the case of the case, the case of the case, the case, the case, the case, the case, the case of the case, the case, the case of the case, the case of the case, the case,

geometric South

Dakota, voters overwhelmingly rejected a state ban on abortion; several states approved a ban on gay mariage, but voters in Arzona rejected it, suggesting the issue may have run its course; in Missouri, citizens voted to ensure that embryonic stem cell research stays legal, a cause that the GOP core opposes nationally. Until now, state

Republicans have seemed to play it safe, consolidating their power and their popularity without pushing things too far. They've focused on fallilling the Chamber of Commerce's wish list, pushing through a string of legislation to benefit business at the expense of the compense of t

# held or expanded their majorities in the state Legislature and they see no up and comer on the Democratic bench who can even scare them in a major with state, local laws

vermocratic bench who can even scare them in a major statewide race. So this January, when the General Assembly reconvenes, I suspect we're going to see the mask of moderation dropped as Republicans become more aggressive in pushing pet policies and ideology. That's certainly the message sent by House Majority Leader Jerry Keen, who said Election Night that Republicans plan a "very active agenda"—a b old, conservative agenda.

Jay Bookman is deputy edi-torial page editor of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Write to him at

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wear a seatbelt in my own personal vehicle or pay a fine to government, but 30 children are not even. allowed the chance to buckle up in a yellow sardine can they call a school bus.

up in a yellow sardine can they call a school bus.
Never been on the welfare or unemployment rolls.
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Darmi, The last time I looked I was a 60-year-old man who has never been arrested, (did receive, one driving ticket in my life). Paid all my state, county, federal, property taxes, and have paid more money into Social Security then I would have liked to.
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ROBERT B. NORTON
The Ealls

# Sports page is student's favorite section

Thanks for giving us the newspaper every week. We really enjoy reading the newspaper every day. My teacher's favorite section is the comics. We also read the

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I like the sports page
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# Seahawks fly through snow, Packers

SEATTLE — It took a blast of rare Seattle snow to lift Shaun Alexander out of his season-long hibernation.
Alexander ran for a season-lugh 201 yards Monday night to lead the Seattle Seahawks to lead the Seattle Seahawks to a 34-24 victory over the Green Bay Packers and Brett Favre on a surprisingly snowy night in the Great Northwest.
With the whole suff felling

the Great Northwest.
With the white stuff falling
for the first time at a Scattle
home game, it seemed like a
more natural setting for the

Packers. Favre, who rarely loses when the temperature is 34 degrees or less, was making his 252nd straight start — and possibly his final appearance on the Monday-night stage he has lit up over his shining capeer.

has lit up over his shining career. Instead, the evening belonged to Alexander, who skated across this new frozen tundra for his first 100-yard game of the season and for the first 100-yard game of the season and the first 100-yard game of the large much better. The Seahawks (7-4) over-came four first-half turnovers by Matt Hasselbeck — includ-

Ing one returned for a touch-down by Abdul Hodge—thanks to a four fleid goals off the snowy turf by Josh Brown. Seattle took a two-game lead in the NFC West.
Trailing 21-12 early in the second half. Seattle began its comeback behind Alexander, who finished the night with a career-high 40 rushes that also set a franchise record. The reigning MVP, who posted the second 200-yard game of his career, also bested his previous high of 35 carries.

He ran for 42 vards on four

carries to drive Seattle to its go-shead score early in the fourth quarter. Hasselbeck ended that drive with a perfectly lofted, 4-yard touchdown pass onto the hands of Darrell Jackson for a 27-21 lead.

After Green Bay (4-7) cut the deflicit to three, Alexander got the Seahawks, close, then Hasselbeck made the best throw of his up-and-down night — a 3-yard touchdown to Lerramy Stevens in the back of the end zone to make it 34-24 and essentially put the game away.



A.J. Hawk is

# **Bruins reloa**(

# Twin Falls. area boys hoops teams begin season

By Brad Gaire Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Every coach who's built a championablip program has to face the inevitable question: Can you repeat?

While the answer won't really come until March, Twin Falls Bruins boys basketball head coach Mat Harr is confident of the program he's built.

Though he lost some stars off the 2005-66 Class 5A state championship team in Blake Nielsen. Brady lardine. Brandon Stokes and Brett Vicisman, he docen't consider this a rebuilding season.

"I never use the word 'rebuilding.' Harr said at practice in Baun Gymnasium on Monday. We reload."

And why not The cliche is that teams have "offensive waspons." When one gun runs out of builes, its reloaded — not the same caliber. This year, won't fellowed last year's tile run played and practiced with the gusy who won It — the best in the state — and surely some of that knowledge and experience have rubbed off.

"You build that winning program, and it will feed itself," Harr said. "We definite by have a chance."

it will feed itself, "Harr said. We delinitely have a chance."

The 2006-07 season is one of the toughest that's been scheduled since Harr took over the program four years ago, but hes careful to point out that the 20- and 30-point margins won't be the

20- and 30-point margins won't be the norm.

"My biggest worry right now is that we'll be in a lot of close games," Harr said. "I'm analous to see how we're going to play in the fourth quarter. If we can keep that winning attitude, it's gonna be The team itself will be a concern of oris as well. While Marcus Schnail is back and has stepred up to lead on the court.

sorts as well, write marcus schaal is back and has stepped up to lead on the court, and Cory Cook can be a strong point guard, the Bruins are young. Big man Ber Heidenreich stands at 6-foot-7, but is "raw," according to Harr. The senior post



and during practice Monday night in Twin Falls. Twin Falls High School's Marcus School goes up for a re

# **New coaches**

the valley		
School	Former	Current
Bliss	Nick Smith	Bruce Clark
Castleford	Tylor Gaston	Scott Dean
Decio	Dennie Smyer	Dee Lewis
Murtaugh	Rex Romander.	Adam Johnson
Wendelt	Allen Kelsey	Ryon Jarvis
Wood Rive	rFred Trenkle	John Radford

blew his knee last year and didn't play. Freshman Ryan Petersen and sophomore Michael Williams will see minutes, but are still inexperienced at the varsity level. Ky 2 lvie looks to be the swing man.

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# 2006-07 Twin Falls Bru

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Intervence: Region Four Pre-Siz.

st year's record: 24-2 (configured-hampion, state champion).

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ayears: Cory Cook, ar. 5-8, G; Matheil

(Illiums, so., 6-0, G; Byeart Welft, ig. 8
P. Cook; Toylor, ir. 5-11, G; Norm;

Immons, sr., 6-9, G; Marcus Scheil,

Simmons, st., 40, character screen, st., 62, 47; Connor Smith, is, 54, 16; Ryan Petersen, ft., 5-11, G; Brandon Cerry, it, 63, 17; Logan Lynch, st., 511, G; Jodd Olmstead, jt., 6-4, P; Ben Heidenreich, st., 6-7, P; Kyfe Mer, jt., 6

# McGwire on Hall ballot along with Gwynn and Ripken **AP Hall of Fame**

Survey

NEW YORK (AP) — Results of a survey conducted by The Associated Press among eligible bestbell Hall of Fame votics on whether they plan to vote for Mark McGwire on the uppoming ballot. Of the 125

Yes — 23 (24 percent of those expressing an opinion) No — 74 (76 percent of the expressing an opinion) Undecided — 16 Not allowed to vote by their employers — 5 Won't say - 5 Won't vote — 2

Results of a survey conducts by the AP among eligible Hall voters last year on whether, they planned to vote for McGwire.

NEW YORK — Mark McGwire, Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripken Jr. headline the first-time candidates on the 2007 baseball writers' Hall of Fame ballot released Monday, sure to spark debate on Big Macs place in history as the steroid era comes under renewed scrutiny.

scrutiny.

lose Canseco, whose book Jose Canseco, whose book last year led to a congressional hearing on steroid use in base-ball, also is on the ballot for the first time. Canseco said he used steroids along with McGwire when they were

McGwire when they were teanmates.

McGwire denied using ille-gubstances, but when he appeared before a congres-sional committee, he evaded questions. "I'm not here to talk about the past," was his

questions. "I'm not here to talk about the past," was his repeated response. McGwire finished his career with 583 home runs, seventh in baseball history while Canseco, a former MYE is 30th at, 462. Dave Kingman, 34th with 442, has the most home runs for a player who has been on the Hall of Fame ballot and was not elected.

Gwynn, an eight-time barting champlon with San Diego, and Ripken, a two-time MYP with Balltimore, are considered likely to gain election on the first ballot. Ripken played in 2,632 consecutive games, breaking Lou Gehrig's record.

Bet Saberhagen, a two-time Cy Young award winner, and former MYP Ken Caminiti also are among 17 players on the ballot for the first time along with Harold Balnes, Dante Bletche, Bobby Bonilla, Scott Brostus, Jay Buhner, Eric Davis, Tony Fernandez, Wally Joyner, Paul O'Neill, Devon White and Bobby Witt.

Witt.
Jim Rice, who was 53 votes short of election last year, heads the 15 holdowers. Rich Gossage finished one vote behind Rice.
Reporters who have been in the BBWAA for 10 or more consecutive years are eligible to vote, and the totals will be announced Jan. 9.

Jan. 9.

The complete ballor:
Harold Baines, Albert Belle, Dante Bichette, Bert Blyleven,
Bobby Bonilla, Scott Brosius, Jay Buhner, Ken Caminiti, Jose
Canseco, Dave Concepcion. Eric Davis, Andre Dawson, Tony
Fernandez, Steve Garvey, Rich "Goose" Gossage, Tony Gwynn,
Orel Hershiser, Tommy John, Wally Joyner, Don Mattingly, Mark
Kicwire, Jack Morris, Dale Murphy, Paul O'Neill, Dave Parker,
Jim Rice, Cal Ripken Jr., Bret Saberhagen, Lee Smith, Alan
Trammell, Devon White, Bobby Witt.

# The Cutler era officially begins

By Pat Graham Associated Press writer

DENVER — Jay Cutter's been the Denver Broncos starting quarterback all of one practice and he's already a rattled

or one practice and nes arready a ratice or rookie.

Cutler was playing it cool in his first interview at the podium when fellow rookies Brandon Marshall and Tony Scheffler began heckling him from the side. Cutler tried to keep from laughing and couldn't.

"To recrited." Cutler said. "And a little."

"I'm excited," Cutter said. "And a little

The extreed, Cutter said. And a factor nervous."

The Cutter Era has officially started. Coach Mike Shanahan ended the speculation Monday by elevating the rookle to starting quarterback for the rest of the year, sending Jake Plummer to the bench. "He's our future, he's our present." Shanahan said. Cutter, the IIth pick out of Vanderbilt in the draft last April, hasn't taken a snap since the preseason. But Shanahan is hoping a quarterback change can ignite the Bronco's struggling offense. The team is 7-4, but ranks 26th in the league with

171 yards passing per game.

There's a lot of pressure on a first-year quarterback. no question about it.
Shanahan said. "I think this kid can handle it. I think he gives us the best chance

to win."

Ilis teammates figure it's worth the

His teammates 1881 Chance.

"With the losing streak we're on, it doesn't hurt to try," receiver Javon Walker said. "If he does (well), we'll ride it all the way out. If not, obviously he's our quarterback of the future."

the document of the future."

A quarterback switch worked in Dallas when Tony Romo took over for Drew Biedsoe. The Cowboys have gone 4-1 with Rome as the starter. San Diego is leading the AFC West behind first-year starter Philip Rivers.

When asked if his situation-were comparable, Shanahan was blunt.

"No." he sald.
Cutler, though, feels like he's in a better situation than Tennessee's Vince Young and Artzona's Matt Leinart, both of whom were drafted ahead of him and are starting for teams with losing records.

"Matt and Vince have to go out there

and really win games," said Cutler, who's the first rookle quarterback to start for Denver since Tommy Maddox on Dec. 12, 1992, it Buffalo, Maddox started for an injured John Elway, "We've got a good-team. We've got leaders on this team. I need to go out there and do my part." Cutler had an impressive presason for Denver, throwing for 561 yards, third best in the NFL Romo led the league with 833 yards passing in exhibition play, Cutler's passer rating of 108.3 led the league in the presason." The season is preseason. I don't put a "Preseason is preseason. I don't put a preseason.

"Preseason is preseason. I don't put a lot of stock in it," Cutler said. "This is a different animal. We're playing for real

now. I is the latest in line of Broncos quarterbacks attempting to become the next John Elway. He knows the compar-isons will be inevitable. Not that Cuder would want Elways rookie debut. The Hall of Famer was 1-of-8 for 14 yards and one interception against Pittsburgh on Sept. 4, 1983. Denver did win 14-10.

anahan thinks Cutler's situation is different from what Elway went through.

# Orlando beats Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY — Dwight Howard had 21 points and 16 hounds to help the Orlando Magic win the matchup of the teams with the best records in each conference, defeating the Utah Jazz 88-76 Monday night in Salt Lake City.

teams in the league misfired much of the game but Orlando controlled the glass and the paint. Led by Howard, the Magic (11-4) outrobound-ed the leagues top team in rebounding margin. 45-36, and outscored the Jazz in the lane, 40-32.

# Mavericks 93,

Erick Dampier added 12 points, 11 rebounds and a tremendous blocked shot of a potential tying layup by Ricky Davis with about 15 seconds left.

had 33 points and 13 assists, and Miami sank a season-best 59 percent of its shots to with stand Iverson's 45 points in a 103-91 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers, on Monday night in Eastern

# Reload

However, the starting lineup itself is a tossup as many play-ers will compete for playing

rs will compete for playing time.

Tasked my assistants — we wrote down starting lineups, and we all three had different starting lineups, and the starting lineups. Something new to think about will be the addition of Madison to the Region Four-live-Six schedule, which Harr called the best team in the league at this point.

At this point, because conference play and the conference play and the conference ournament are-the only games that really matter. It's so close and yet so far away from March at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

### Class 4A Great Basin Conference West

Strong guard play and speed should be just some of the should be just some of the highlights to the Jerome Tigers. Rebounding will need some work due to a lack of height on

# Class 3A Sawtooth

Central Idaho Conf.

Over in Buhl, the lineup should sound familiar. The squad of Will Chivers, Austin Laing, K.C. Hulse. Trent Craner and Tanner Leckenby are all back from last year's SCIC championship team. They took the consolation title at state, so a run at the title isn't out of the question. Many on the squad were also not he state runner-up football team, so they know about the pressures of post-season. Buhl will be a deep and quick team with strong leadership.

Thinge didn't go all that great for the first of the trends of the control of the cont

game will be tough. An ärea in question is a young bench that will have to adapt quickly. Five starters return for another season with the Gooding Senators, a team that could play good defense on the perimeter but will work improving its rebounding. The inside game on offense is also account of head core has

of the squad under 5-11. Defense, according to Kimberly head coach Roger Keller, is a matter of pride for the Buildogs as they look to battle with Buhl for the SCIC. Four starters return to lead a versatile team that plays hard inside or outside. They should

Salt Lake City.
The two best shooting

# Timberwolves 87

DALLAS — Josh Howard made a go-ahead floater with 1:05 left and made two key free throws with 13.7 seconds to go Howard and Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 15 points.

Heat 103, 76ers 91

MIAMI -- Dwyane Wade Conference action in Miami

— The Associated P

What the Bruins may lack in experience, they Il make up for in speed and shooting. Twin Falls likes to shoot from the outside and likes to shoot from the outside and likes to shoot the Shout will look to establish a presence in the paint. "We like to run, but we've changed a lot of what we do to set more on ball screens, inside picks, and were trying to look more inside maybe than we have in the past," Harr said.

Conference West

The Burley Bobcats will be a young leam this year with only one returning starter in Colton Moon, their top point guard. Casey Miller and Ben Searle saw playing time last year, but the Bobcats will have to rely on some tall newcomers in Kyle Hepworth, Jordan Hosteen and Braedon Clayson, all 6-5 posts. A season highlight for Burley comes on Saturday when they play Preston at the former Delta Center in Salt Lake Clty prior to a Utah Jazz game.

Minico should be a high-Minico should be a high-scoring team as its top 10 guys can all shoot. However, they'll need to play defense just as strong to win games. Depth won't be a concern, but the chemistry on this team has yet

to develop.

The Wood River Wolverines will look to contend for a top spot in the conference.

# Central Idaho Conf.

inside game on offense is also a concern of head coach Joe Messick.
Declo has a baker's dozen on its varsity roster under the direction of new head coach Dee Lewis. Six are seniors and the rest juniors, with about half of the squad under 5-11.
Defense, according to the head coach Deservice of the squad based coach.

# Class 4A Great Basin Cenference West

Burley Bobcats Last year's record: 12-13 (conference champion) Head coach: Jack Bagley, fourth

year Returning players: Colton Moon, jr., 5-9, G; Casey Miller, sr., 5-8, G; Ben Searle, jr., 6-3, W. Newcomers: Kiye Hepworth, so., 6-5, P; Jordan Hosteen, jr., 6-5, P; Marcus Hoskins, jr., 6-0, G; Braedeen Claysen, jr., 6-5, P; Brad Caresie, jr., 6-1, G. year Retu

Jerome Tigen Last year's record: 16-10 Head coach: Marty Espinoza,

Head ceach: Marty Espinoza, second year Returning players: David Prescott, sr., 5-10, G: Cody Garey, sr., 6-3, W. Players: Logan Parker, so., 5-8, G: Jason Capps. sr., 6-1, P. Trevor Tolman, sr., 6-1, W: James Green, sr., 5-9, G: Nick Dalsoglio, sr., 5-10, G; Dee Fick, sr., 6-2, W: Kevin Williams, so., 6-5, P. Wecomers: Justin Stokes, jr. vimiams, so., 6-5, 8 Newcomers: Justin Stokes, jr., 6-3, W/P; Jason Stokes, jr., 6-0,

Minico Spartans
Last year's record: 8.15
Head coach: Mike Gratele, seventh year
Returning players: Bill Carney,
Jr., 6.2. F. Anthony Garcia, Jr., 5.2.
F. R.J. Salvi, Jr., 6.3. G. Shane
Noble, Jr., 5.10. G.
Newcomers: Chris Turney, sr., 6-1
JF. Chance Pebley, sr., 6-1, G. Nate
Francisco, Jr., 6-2, G. Nate
Francisco, Jr., 6-0, F. Trent
McKenzle, Jr., 6-2, G.

Wood River Wolverines No information submitted.

### Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Buhl Indians

Last year's record: 19-6 (confer-ence champion, state consolation champion)

Head coach: Rvan Bowman, fifth

Head coach: Ryan Bowman, fifth year Returning players; Will Chivers, sc., 62. Ft. Austin Laing, sr., 52. ft. 11. G; K.C. Hulse, sr., 52. ft. Trent Craner, sr., 59. G; Tanner Leckanly, sr., 66. C; Newcomes: Patrick Osterkamp, fr., 510, G; Brand Hossnan, Jr., 6-3, F; Brand Twiss, Jr., 510, G; Tory Cooper, Jr., 64, F; Landon Schoffeld, sr., 5-10, G.

Declo Hornets Last year's record: n/a Head coach: Dee Lewis, first

Head coach: Dee Lewis, first year Players: Kyle Redman, sr., 5-10; Julio Diaz, sr., 6-0; Steven Kirk, sr., 6-0; Jerick Staker, jr., 5-7; Shane Pickup, sr., 5-10; Ty Bedke, jr., 5-10; Matt Jones, jr., 6-3; Eric Sanders, sr., 6-1; Chad Christensen, jr., 6-1; Michael Simcoe, jr., 5-10; Sen Field, sr., 5-3; Michael Mailton; jr. 6-1; Michael Simcoe, jr., 5-10; Sen Field, sr., 5-3; Michael Mailton; jr. 6-1; Michael Michael Mailton; jr. 6-1; Michael Michael Mailton; jr. 6-1; Michael Michael Michael Michael Mailton; jr. 6-1; Michael Mich 5-8: Mic hael Mallory, jr., 5-11;

Brogan Barrington.

Fler Wildcats

Last year's record: 1.22e, second year

Returning players: Cody Morris, sr., 62, P. 19son Johnson, Ir., 6

3. G: Cameron Courtnay, Ir., 62, P. Nathan Hughes, so, 61, F. Scott Rerkins, Ir., 5-10, G. Andy Dunn, sr., 6-1, G. Andy Dunn, sr., 6-7, P. Casey Murray, sr., 62, P. Charlie Bear, Ir., 6-0 F. Adam Wight, Ir., 62, P. Broc Chang, Jr., 62, P. Nathan Karel, so, 6-4, P. Nathan Karel, so, 6-4, P.

Gooding Senators Last year's record: 6-16 Head coach: Joe Messick,

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eighth year Returning players; Justlin Rogers, st., 6-9. G: Inck Stevens, sr., 5-9 G; Tyer Braga, sr., 5-11, G; Tyer Hinses, sr., 6-1, I-P; Caleb Morris, sr., 5-1, G; Adam McHan, sr., 6-3, P; Dan Smith, sr., 6-1, P; Dan Smith, sr., 6-1, G; Newcomers; Tyler Allred, fr., 6-0, G; Travis Vitek, fr., 5-9, G; Rusy Gill, jr., 6-2, P.

Kimberly Buildogs Last year's record: 13-9 Head coach: Roger Keller, 13th

Head coech: Roger Keller, 13th year Raturning players: Jason Murmm, sr., 66. P. Todd Adamson, sr., 6-1, G; Nick Wright, Ir., 5-10, 6: Mitch Dame, sr., 6-0, G. Newcomers: Randy Merritt, jr., 6-3, Pt. AJ. Schroeder, so., 5-9, G; Isaac Makings, so., 5-11, F. Eric Marfun, so., 6-1, F. Jared Mumm, so., 6-2, P.

# Class 2A Canyon Conference Glenns Ferry Pliots Last year's record: 13-10 Head coach: Brett Bitterman,

Head coach: Brett Bitterman, second year Returning players: Cody Darrington, sr., 5-10, G; Chase Bitterman, sr., 6-1, G; Tanner Shrum, sr., 6-3, P; Jimmi Schrader, sr., 6-1, P; Ben Ferry, sr., 5-10, P; James Gilbert, sr., 6-4, P.

6-4, P.
Newcomers: Jesus Rodriguez,
jr., 5-9, G; Damian Valle, jr., 5-4
G; Michael Crane, fr., 5-10, G;
James Self, Jr., 6-4, P; Aaron
Crane, Jr., 5-9, G; Kramer
Brown, jr., 5-9, G.

Valley Vikings No Information submitted.

Wendell Trojans Last year's record: n/a (conference champion, state consola-tion champion)
Head coach: Ryon Jarvis, first

Head caech: Hyon Janks, first year Returning players: Enc Lopez, IJ, 58, G; Deini Hossack, Ir., 5, 9, G; Rubon Cortez, Ir., 6-2, R. Head Head State (1998), 1999, 19

# Class 1A Magic Valley Northside

Conference
Bliss Bears
ear's record: n/a
coach: Bruce Clark, first

Head coach: Bruce Univ., year Returning players: Adam Burk, sr. 6-3, Pr. Ell Gough, sr., 6-2, F. Leon Hollon, sr., 5-9, G. Joey Vandenwyst, Jr., 6-4, P. Michael Faulkner, sr., 5-7, G. Newcomers: Dale Butler, Jr., 5-10, F. Quinton Miller, Jr., 5-9, F. Chad Peavier, Jr., 5-8, G.

Camas County Mushers
Last year's record: 11-9
Head coach: Jon Botz, fifth year
Returning pleyers: Tievor Delin,
sr., 6-3, G; Logan Ivie, sr., 5-10,
G; Chase Lee, sr., 6-2, F; Andy
Olsen, sr., 6-3, C; C.W. Stewart,
sr., 6-0, F; Lenry Millwood, sr.,
5-10, F; Ben McLarn, Jr., 5-11,
G.

G. Newcomers: J.D. Jewett, jr., 5-9, C: Camron Lee, Jr., 5-11, F; Jeremy Stroud, jr., 5-8, G.

Carey Panthers
Last year's record: 24-3 (conference champion)
Head coach: Dick Simpson, fifth

Returning players: Allen Peck, sr.; Cody Baird, sr.; Brad Hunt, sr.; James Carlson, sr.; D.J. Simpson, jr.; Tyler Parke, jr. Newcomers: Blake Whitby; Scott Ellsworth; Connor Rivera; Kade

The Community School Cutthroats Last year's record: 4-14 Head coach: Mike Wade, 24th

year Returning players: Christian Returning players: Christian Calmcross, sr., 5-11 W. Mac Whitington, Jr., 6-5, P. Max Harris, Jr., 6-0, W. Newcomers: SI Park, sr., 5-7, W. Newcomers: SI Park, sr., 5-7, W. Ian Ingram, Jr., 5-9, W. Casper Brun, soph., 5-10, W.P. Lucas Vorsteveld, soph., 5-10, W.P. Eddy Albarran, soph., 5-8, W.

Dietrich Blue Devils Last year's record: 11-15 Head coach: Wayne Dill, sixth

Rear Metuming Players: Jackson Hill, sr., 5-10, F; Agustino Venegas, sr., 5-4, G; Diskota Norman, sr., 5-9, F; Tyrel Porter, jr., 5-9, F; Nigel Higginbotham, sr., 5-10, F; Anthony Pliman, jr., 5-7, G; Kyle Hansen, sr., 5-10, F; Newcomers: Blake Hoskisson, jr., 6-0, F; Ian Higginbotham, jr., 5-10, F;

Richfield Tigers Last year's record: n/a Head coach: Garr Ward, 13th

Head coach: Sun ...
year
Returning players: Sheyne
Buckner, sr., 6-1, p.; Braiden
Buckner, jc., 6-1, G. Miguel
Tellez, jc., 5-9, W; Mathew
Lezaniz, jr.
Newcomers: Heisen Exon, jr., 6

Newcomers: Haisen Exon, Jr., 6-O, F; Brady Norman, so., 5-11, W; Luke Wood, so., 5-10, 5-11 Clark, so., 5-9, W; Jose Rivas, fr., 5-8, W; Michael Lezamiz, fr., 5-8, P/W.

Shoshone Indians
Last year's record: 3-20
Haad coach: Larry Messick,
36th year
Returning players: Zach Shull,
sr., 6-1, G: Logan Sant, sr., 5-8
G: Jarde Ritgerald, ir, 5-10, P:
Topher Dayton, ir, 5-6, G:
Juan Villagomes, so., 5-6, G:
Luras Canaohine, sr. 50, P. Juan Villagomes, so., 5-6, G; Lucas Cannahn, sr., 5-10, G. Newcomers: Josh Olsen, fr., 5-9, P; Richie Harisen, Jr., 5-10, P; Cody Larson, sr., 5-9, G; Ferenando Hurado, jr., 6-0, P; Pat Ross, sr., 5-10, G;

# Magic Valley Southside

Conference
Castieford Wolves
Last year's record: n/a (conference champion)
Head coach: Scott Dean, first

year Returning players: David Returning players: David Wisseman, st., 6-4, P. Nate Pryot, sr., 6-2, G. Spencer Hill Spencer, 5-9, G. Dan Francer, 5-9, G. Dan Francer, 5-9, G. Dan Francer, 6-9, D. Estrades, sr., 6-3, F. Newcomers: Casey Easterday, jr., 6-3'. Tim Francer, jr., 6-3'. Tim Francer, jr., 6-4'. More Provide, jr., 6-4'. Kody Irving, jr., 5-6'. Ethic Hoogland, jr., 6-1'. Joe Rodriguer, Jr., 6-9'. Shen Francer, 5-8'. Nate Graybill, jr., 5-8'. Nate Graybill, jr., 5-8'. Nate Graybill, jr., 5-8'.

Hagerman Pirates
Last year's record: 23-5 (confeence champion, state consolation champion)
Head coach: Kevin Cato, sev-

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enth year
Returning players: Devon Jenks,
sr., S-10, G: Hyrum Stanger, sr.,
5-10, G: Beu Lockwood, sr., 60, P: Richle Thomas, sr., 6-5, P.
Josh Hathaws, sr., 6-6, P.
Newcomers: Nick Urle, Jr., 5-8, G:
G. Justin Anderson, Jr., 5-8, G:
Mario Arevalo, 2o., 5-4, G:
Jesus Guerrero, so., 5-10 G;
Erik Gill, so., 5-8, G.

Lighthouse Christian Lions Last year's record: 12-8 Head coach: Sam Fowler, sec-

nead coach: Sam Power, sec-ond year Returning players: Chris Bulcher, Jr., 6-2, G. Justin Manning, sr., 5-10; G; toe McCullough, sr., 6-2, W. Jake Bordewyk, sr., 6-3, W. Ryan DeKruyf, sr., 6-7, P. Ryan Gillatte, sr., 9-0, W. Newcomers: Cor Paulson, sr., 5-11, G; Torry Standiee, sr., 5-10, G; Jeremy Edredge, Jr., 5-G; lan Fadness, so., 5-10, W. John VanNilet, Jr., 6-3, P. Jake Hobdey Lewis, sr., 5-8, W.

Magic Valley Christian Conquerors Last year's record: 2-17 Head coach: Kevin Bickel, third

year Returning players: Branden Van Esch, sr., 6-5, F; Drew Rietsma, sr., 6-2, F; Jordan Jarvis, Jr., 6-3, F; Zac Bicket, Jr., 5-8, G; Zach 'DeKruy', Jr., 6-1, F.

Newcomers: Zach Van Esch. fr., 6-2, F; Matt McClimans, fr., 6-4,

Murtaugh Red Devils
Last year's record: n/a
Head coach: Adam Johnson,
first year' Returning players: Teylor
Returning players: Teylor
Nulson, Jr., 5-10, W; Jose
(Chepp) Saucedo, sr., 6-0, W;
Juan Martinaz, sr., 5-9, P;
Bryant Bishoff, sr., 6-2, P; Nebel
Adams, sr., 5-10, W;
Newcomers: Zac Cummins, fr.,
5-6, G; Jesus Cabral, Jr., 6-1, P

Oakley Homets Last year's record: n/a Head coach: Scott Arnell, fourth

Head coach: Scott Ameii, wuru-year Returning players: Rodrigo Arteags, 47: 510: Omer Bernal, 57: 59: Cotton Bedke, 17: 5-10: Mitch Bedke, 17: 62: Josh Greenwell, 17: 5-10: Cole\* Washburn, 17: 62: Hose Comers: Spencer Petersen, 56: 63: Mart Rickett, 50: 6-12. Colten Wadsworth, so., 5-10.

Raft River Troja Last year's record: 8-1: Head coach: Jeff Green

Head coach: Jeff Greenwood, seventh year Returning players: Cody Powers, r., 6-0, G; Steven Durfee, sr., 5-8, 6; Todd Zeillinger, sr., 5-11, C; Doug Hurst, Ir., 6-0, F; Jacob Williams, Ir., 6-3, C. Newconners: Johnny Harper, jr., 6-2, F; Bridger Barrett, soph., 5-11, G; Michael Streeter, jr., 5-9, 6.

Independent
Twin Falls Christian Warriors
Last year's record: 9-15
Head coach: Dan Johnson, third

year Returning players: Tyler Brown, sr., 5-9, G; Caleb Bolyard, jr., 5-11, G; Caleb Miller, sr., 5-8, ocomers: Tommy Broadfleld,

Newcomers: Tommy Broadfield, fresh., 6-J. F. Cilnt Irvin, fresh., 6-J. F.; Cilnt Irvin, fresh., 6-J. O. F.; Kyle Carpenter, Jr., 5-10, F.; Cameron Mapes, soph., 5-9, G.; Kyler Lux, soph., 5-J. F.; Ethen Paz, fresh., 5-f. Grant Frieboes, fresh., 6-1. F.; Austin Brown, fresh., 5-7. G: Wesley Anthony, fresh., 5-10, F.

gives the Mushers the advan-tage of experience, though a dominant post hasn't devel-oped yet according to head coach Jon Botz.

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The Community School is a quick team that looks to improve upon the property of t

as their top attributes. Leading rebounder lackson Hill is back, along with Dakota Norman, the Blue Devils' high-percent-

the Blue Devil's high-percentage shooter.

The Richfield Tigers are a young team with not a lot of varsity experience, but what they have, according to head coach Garr Ward, is heart and intensity. They'll need that intensity. They ward in the work of the work o

### Class 1A Magic Valley Southside Conference

Southside Conference
The defending Southside
champion Hagerman Pirates
may have some trouble this
year when it comes to depth.
Though six players return from
the state consolation championship team, the entire varsity
squad features only eight players. But those six will have the
experience of winning and a
trip to state to carry them
through if they can stay
healthy.

healthy. The Castleford Wolves look The Castleford Wolves look to be a mile deep as head coach Scott Dean listed six returning players and nine newcomers to the program. It's an edge they'll need as a few players are still recovering from föötball injuries. With many players reaching the 6-foot-1 mark or better, size is on their side.

many puayers recurring on-foot-1 mark or better, size is on their side.

Hansen will be a speedy team that can get up and down the court, but lacks in varsity experience and depth.

Lighthouse Christian is a program with a lot going for It. Last year marked their first winning season, and this year, in addition to returning all five starters, they can compete in postseason play. On the court, the defense can apply pressure and 6-foot-7 post Ryan DeKruyf can block shors in the paint.

and 6-foot-7 post Ryan DeKruyican block shots in the paint.
The Magic Valley Christian Conquerors return live play-res, all but one stands over 6-feet, which could make for a strong team on the boards.
Murtaugh will face a learning curve under a new head coach in Adam Johnson with a new system. Defense and wing play were listed as team of the could be a problem. The Cakley Hornets aren't December 10 to 10

year's squad.

The Raft River Trojans return five, three of which are start But with only eight or nine list-ed on the roster, times could get tough if injuries come into play.

### Twin Falls Christian (independent)

The Warriors are hungry to win, and return three from last year's squad. Depth at varsity level is a concern.



also aid in the sophomores' maturity as they play more minutes off the bench.

# Class 2A Canyon Conference

Conference
With Wendell losing key players to graduation and the retirement of the highly, experienced coach Allen Kelsey, the Canyon could be shaken up this year as Glenns Ferry and Valley appear to be the top contenders for the conference tile.

Wendell returned only

three from last year's state consolation squad, but boast a boat-load of newcomers with no varsity experience. First-year head coach report for the property of the property o

The Pilots return three in Cody Darrington, Chase Bitterman and Tanner Shrum, and the bench should be deep, While athleticism is with little doubt, head coach Brett Bitterman alluded that the Pilots need to focus on deci-

sion-making.
The Valley Vikings will also look to improve on last year's finish.

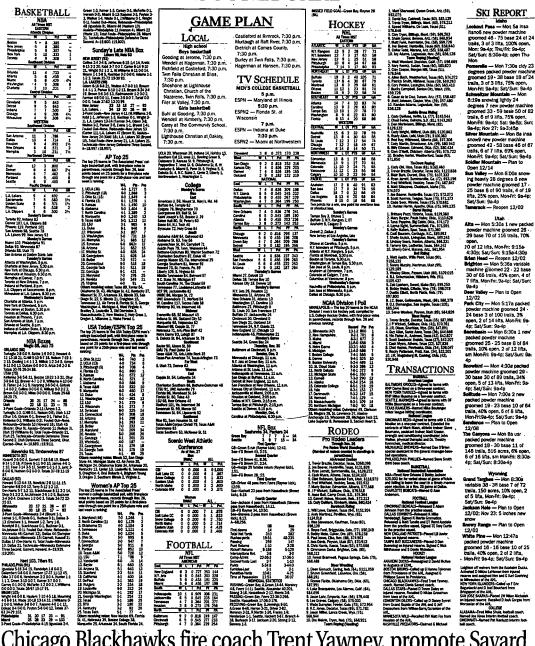
### Class 1A Magic Valley Northside Conference

The defending conference champion Carey Panthers return six players who have seen varsity time since their sophomore season and add a batch of talented newcomers. The Panthers will be a quick team, but a lack of

height puts a question mark on the rebounding game. Also, Cody Baird and Brad Hunt have not yet recovered enough from their football injuries to start. Bliss features many players from the state runner-up soc-cer team, which has head coach Bruce Clark hoping that players like Adam Burk and Ell Gough can bring those winning ways over to the hardwood. Camas County boasts seven returning players and four of

returning players and four of them are returning starters. It

# **SCOREBOARD**



# Chicago Blackhawks fire coach Trent Yawney, promote Savard

BENSENVILLE, Ill. — Trent Yawney was fired Monday as coach of the Chicago Blackhawks, who have lost 12 of their last 15 games. Assistant Denis Savard, a Hall of Fame player, will be the BENSENVILLE, III.

coach the rest of the season.

Yawney, in his second season coaching the Blackhawks, had a record of 33-55-15 and a year

rawney, in his second season coaching the Blackhawks, had a record of 33-55-15 and a year left on his contract.

Chicago has 16 points this season — only Columbus has fewer—and could be on the way to missing the playoffs for the eighth time in nine years.

nine years.
"We're eight points out of the playoffs," general manager Dale Tallon said. "We've only won three of the last 15 games. We want to make a run."

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Savard Joined the Blackhawks in 1997 as an assistant coach. His first game in charge will be at home Wednesday against Dallas.

Tve always wanted to be a head coach."

Savard said. "The circumstances are not the greatest because when you take over for some-body midseason it means things did not go as well as we all expected."

Savard played 17 years with Chicago. Montreal and Tampa Bay. The 44-year-old coach said the players must share the responsibility, but "we'e looking to move forward and go in a new direction."

Although he is not signed for next season.

in a new direction.

Although he is not signed for next season,
Savard expects to be retained. For that to happen, Tallon said he "has to get us close to the
playoffs."

layoffs."
Tallon, who expects to add a second assistant
oach, revamped the roster after the
lackhawks finished at 26-43-13 and with the
ird-worst record in the 30-team NHL last sea-

son.

During preseason, the team appeared faster, quicker and more skilled than the one in 2005-06, but the Blackhawks clearly have not met expectations.



ago Blackhawks head coach Trent Yawney talks to is team in this April 16 file photo. Yawney was fired londay and replaced by assistant Denis Savard.

# BASEBALL

# Bloomquist, Mariners agree to deal

SEATTLE — Willie Bloomquist and the Seattle fariners have agreed to a two-year contract orth \$1,875,000, tearing up the final season of to provious deal

worth \$1,875,000. tearing up the final season of his previous deal.
Bloomquist had been scheduled to earn 875,000 next year. The new contract calls for a \$100,000 signing bonus, \$825,000 next season and \$550,000 in 2008, the final year before he is cligible for free agency.
He can also earn an additional \$25,000 for 275, 325, 375 and 425 plate appearances next year, and \$50,000 for 525 and 575. In 2008, he would earn \$75,000 for 540, 500 and 550 plate appearances.

### Mussina, Yankees finalize contract

NEW YORK - Mike Mussina and the New

# **Sports Shorts**

National and Magic Valley briefs

York Yankees finalized their \$23 million, two-year contract on Monday.

The sides agreed to the deal a week earlier, and Mussina took a physical last Tuesday.

The right-hander, who turns 38 on Dec. 8, was 15-7 with a 3.51 ERA this year. He isn't sure whether this will be his last contract.

"We'll have to see how I feel and what the sit-uation is," he said. "If the situation's not right, this might be it."

New York declined a \$17 million option two weeks ago, paying a \$1.5 million buyout.

# MAGIC VALLEY

### T.F. Rapids spring sign-ups tonight

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Rapids Soccer Club will hold sign-ups for the spring 2007 section from 6-9 p.m. tonlight at KMVT (1100 Blue Lakes Blvd.). The cost is \$300, including a \$100 depost due upon registering. A birth certificate is required to register. Sign-ups are for ages 8-18 (grades 3-12). For-more information, contact Carlee Wanderlich at 734-2462, Katle Kauffman at 410-2881 or Sasha Pavlovic at 733-341.

### CSI hosts softball camp

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho softball program will hold its youth instructional camp Dec. 1-2 in the CSI gymnasi-um and rec. center.

um and rec. center.
The camp is open to players in Grades 7-12

and there will be a coaches' clinic also. CSI head coach Nick Baumert, his staff and players will lead the camp, along with a large cast of advisors, including Team USA starting catcher Stacey Nuveman, who played on the 2000 Olympic gold-medal team.

The cost of the camp is \$100 per player or \$30 per coach for the coaches' clinic. For more information, call Baumert at 732-6494 or visit http://althetics.sci.edu/softball/index.asp and click on the camps link.

### CSI hosts winter baseball camp

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TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho baseball program will hold its annual indoor baseball program will hold its annual indoor baseball camp from December 27-29 in the Eldon Evans Expo Center. The camp, which is in its 25th year, is for players age 12-18. The CSI cooking staff, as well as current and former professional baseball players will instruct campers in hitting, pitching, fielding, catching and base-running. The cost of the camp is \$250. A group-rate for six or more players is available at \$225. For more information, call \$Skip Walker at 734-6285 or 732-6550. Alternatively, visit http://tathletics.csi.edu/baseball/camp.asp for camp details and an application.

### CSI hosts youth basketball camp

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball programs will hold a youth basketball eamp for boys and girls ages 5-14 from 9 a.m. to noon, Dec. 29-30 in the CSI gymnasium.

The cost of the camp is \$80 and includes a T-shirt. For more information, call Barret Peery at 732-6496 or Randy Rogers at 732-6490.

- Compiled from staff and wire reports

# MONEY IN BRIEF

### Marketing strategy workshop slated

TWIN FALLS — An all day workshop at the College of Southern Idaho will help participants explore and discovered the college of the college of

Business Development Center.
Sherry Rust, ISBDC training facilitator, says competition is part of what makes business exciting. Participants will learn by taking part in an exciting shadulation that plans strategies, selects target markets and blends product, place, promotion and price to develop an advantage in the market. The workshop will be conducted by CSI Business Professor Densis Heiner. The cost is \$15 per person and includes hunch and all materials. Those who wish to register must do so ahead of time. For information or to register, contact Rust at 732-6455 or at srussees. Jeans and the second of the contact Rust at 732-6455 or at srussees. Jeans and the contact Rust at 732-6455 or at srussees.

### Jerome Rotary collects toys for children

toys for children
JEROME — Unwrapped
toys are being collected for
the Jerome Rotary Club's
Christmas Basket Program.
Each holiday season, the
Jerome Rotary Club gives
hundreds of Christmas baskets filled with food and gifts
to families in need.
Toys can be dropped off at
the Jerome Chamber of
Commerce at 104 W. Main St.
in Jerome.

# Database assists online shoppers \_\_\_\_\_ The Better

online shoppers

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Business Bureau Inc. is offering a searchable online database to help online shoppers
with reliability reports on
more than 2 million retailers
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United States and Canada.
Shoppers can go to
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for feedback consumers or conduct web searches.
"Savvy online shoppers who look for merchants and Web sites they can trust, who take steps to protect their privacy and the security of their financial transactions will reap the many benefits of online shopping," said Nora Carpenter, president of the Better Business Bureau serving Southwest Idaho and Eastern Oregon.
Shoppers can also look for Web sites that display a

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# Market Watch

# Stocks of local interest

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# Will shopping excitement last?

By Asse D'Issoceszio Associated Press writer

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NEW YORK — After what appeared to be a strong start to the 2006 holiday shopping season, the question is whether shoppers will have the same zeal for shopping between now and the end of the season when the discounts many not be as steep.

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Yet Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which promised the most aggressive discounting ever, was an exception, announcing Saturday that same-store sales for the month would be

sales for the month would be weaker than expected. Wai-Mart has struggled for months to appeal to both higher-income shoppers and low-price lans. The hysteria has come down a bit, but it was a great start, said Bill Martin, co-founder of ShopperTrak RCT-Corp, which tracks total sales at more than 45,000 mallat more than 45,000 mall-based retail outlets. But he based retail outlets. But he seal the true measure of the season is whether 'retailers can sustain the loyalty and excitement' until the end. Shoppers were clearly looking for as big a discount as possible. "I started Friday morning at 5 a.m.," said Kim Neuharth, shopping at the lordan Creek Town Center in

West Des Moines, Iowa. "At Kohl's and Target, we got good deals. I bought my step-daughter a dress for the prom good daught daugnter a dress for the prom-for like 50 bucks. It was origi-nally something like \$100 at Younkers. It was on sale and I had a coupon for 20 percent

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Martin expects that total retail sales for the first week-end of the season will be higher than last year, boosted by Friday's better-than-expected business. Total sales ross 6 percent to \$8.96 billion that day, compared to a year earlier, according to ShopperTrak. The company loanned to report Saturday's results on Monday. Retailier's strong performance was a direct result of their aggressive discounting and promotions, designed to get consumers to start shopping early. More stores and mails opened at midright Friday, and Toys' R' Us Inc.

and Sears Holdings Corp.'s Sears stores opened at 5 a.m., an hour earlier than in the

an nour came to man and past.

Jerry Storch, CEO and chairman of Toys 'R' Us, said he was pleased with the said of the said of

Lid's pink Nitro Notebook, a laptop computer.

Gail Lavielle, spokeswoman at Sears Holdings, which also owns Kmart stores, said Sunday the stores were busy through Friday and Sautrday. At Sears, flat-screen Tvs, digital cameras and Crafisman tools were the hot items. At Kmart, holiday decor including Christmas trees, lewely and tops were the most popular.

# Court . ponders deadline

Pay discrimination case considered

Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A former tire plant employee is asking the Supreme Court to uphold a jury verdict in her pay dis-crimination lawsuit in a case that employers and civil rights groups are watching

rights groups are closely.
Justices were to consider Monday how to apply a 180-day deadline for complaining about discriminatory pay decisions under Title VII of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1864

the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964.
After 19 years at a Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. plant in Gadsden, Ala., Lilly Ledbetter was making \$5,000 a year less than the lowest-patid man in the same job. She filed a pay discrimination lawsuit in 1999, arguing the disparity existed for years and was primarily a result of her gender. A federal jury agreed and awarded Ledbetter more than \$3.8 million. A judge reduced the award to \$360,000. Goodyear appealed and the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the ver.

Appeals overturned the ver-dict. The appeals court sale's Ledbetter mainly was com-plaining about decisions made by her supervisors long, ago, well after the deadliner for raising allegations of dis-crimination.

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In Ledbetter's appeal to the Supreme Court, her lawyers said each paycheck represented a violation of civil rights law by Goodyear, even if the lower pay resulted from discriminatory decisions

if the lower pay resulted from discriminatory decisions made years earlier. "Under the court of appeals' rule, an employee is condemned to perpetually unequal pay for equal work unless she recognizes and complains about the discrimination within a few short months after it first begins." Ledbetter's lawyers said in a court filing. Supporting Ledbetter, the NAACP. AARP and other rights groups said employers would not suffer any consequences for recurring discrimination if rhey could robuff allegations merely by arguing the deadline for complaining about the first

arguing the deadline for com-plaining about the first episode passed. Goodyear denied discrimi-nating against Ledbetter. She received periodic raises despite being ranked near the bottom of her group of work-ers, the company said. ... "Title VII requires allegedly aggrieved employees like Ledbetter to assert their inten-tional discrimination claims.

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"Title VII requires allegedly aggrieved employees like Ledbetter to assert their Intentional discrimination claims within the 180-day charge-filing period or lose them." the company told the court.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Business said that if the court rules for the worker in this case, employers would be subject to damages for innocent decisions made years ago that would be difficult to defend because of the passage of time.

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The case is Ledbetter v.
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.,
05-1074.

# **Season of shopping**



Although Target couldn't release specific sales numbers for Black Friday, it saw an increase in sales over last year, said Travis Swafford, executive team leader of logistics.

# Black Friday brings local retailers mixed bag of sales

TWIN FALLS — By the time the sun's first rays reached Friday's morning, horizon thousands of shoppers had already arrived to many local shops around Twin Falls.

The pre-dawn sales began at 5 a.m. and those with Christmas shopping lists didn't let the lack of sleep slow them down.

An let the lack of sleep slow them down.

We had a phenomenal day, said Home Depot Store Manager Walt Haines.

We had a 41 percent increase in soles from last year. The day after Thanksgiving really kicks off the holiday season and I think that we will continue to see good sales through the work of the wo

like a ladder and snop vac obring in shoppers.
"We had the right quanties." Haines said. "The environment right now is really good for people making purchases. I think with gas prices considerably lower people

aren't as conservative as any were last year."
Over at Best Buy the scene was much the same.
"I can't give you any figures but I can say that Friday's sales went very well," said Best Buy General Manager Dwaine Weyland. "We exceeded our expectations."

General Manager Dwanne Weyland. "We exceeded our expectations."

Surpassing sales goals could be explained by the price of some of the season's hottest gifts, including plasma, high definition and hig screen televisions that could cost an easy grand. Other hot gifts include the new releases in gaming consider—the playStation 3, with a ticket price of \$600, and Nintendos Willia \$250.

"Consumers seem to be willing to make bigger purchases this year," Weyland sald. "It looks like the economy is doing well."

This is great news for retailers who depend on the holiday buying season to account for about a third of their total young season to account for about a third of their total year, which we have a season to account for about a third of their total years season to account for about a third of their total years season to account for about a third of their total years season to account for about a third of their total years season to account for about a third of their total years of their total years.

"We had a significant increase in sales compared to last year," said Travis Swafford, executive team leader of legistics. "Were really pleased. Actually, we have seen an increase in sales the whole year due to our recent remodel. We have a beautiful new store and have drawn even more new customers from that than we expected." In downtown Twin Falls, stores still depend on holiday shoppers but didn't see the crowds many big box retallers closer to the canyon experienced. "Sales were great on Friday and I am sure it was up from last year but it is never my biggest day." and Tom Ashenbrener, owner of Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise. "We get to Christmas, which is good because the holiday sales are key to our profitability and us getting through our fixed expenses."

expenses."

Dan Churchman, owner of Churchman Jeweiry, sald Black Friday wasn his busiest day either.

"It was about as regular as

any other day, "Churchman said." It certainly isn't a makeit or break-it day."
With product flying off the shelves and registers ca-chinging over and over. In large stores it is hand to believe that this year's Black Friday didn't pan out for some.

"I think we were down a bit from last year," said D & B Supply Store Supervisor Roger Horton. "It was pretty busy throughout the day and I think it would have been about the same as last year but police had stopped traffic to the store at SaiD p.m. for the Christmas in the Nightime Sky and we didn't close until "p.m."

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vamey Mail, look back on Black Friday with enthusiasm. "I am amazed, every year, at how busy we are from 6 to 10 in the morning," she said. "It always seems to work out for us."

# Closures a concern among northcentral Idaho lumber mill operators

The Associated Press

LEWISTON -Increased LEWISTON — Increased competition from Canada and a dip in new home construction in the U.S. has lumber mill officials in northcentral Idaho concerned about possible shutdowns, though so far that step has been avoided. "Prices are not good at all and we'll have to watch that," said Cakin Hogg, chief financial officer at Three Rivers Timber, which employs about 190 people in Kamlah. "Nobody is very happy where things are."

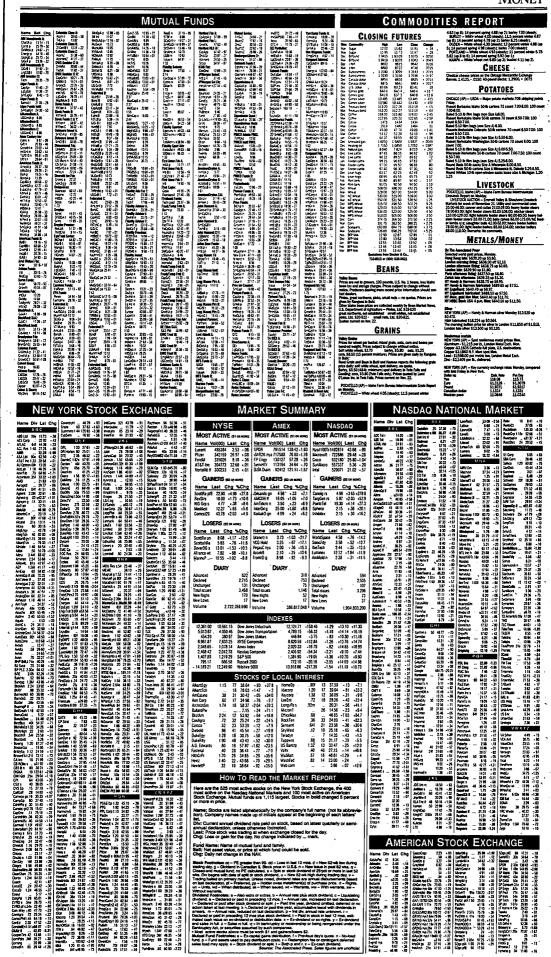
According to the U.S. Census, housing starts

dropped from a record high of 2.2 million in February 2005 to 1.48 million last month, reducing the demand for lumber.

Also, the United States and Canada recently reached an agreement under which the U.S. stopped collecting duttes on Canaddan lumber — a sub-

ject of controversy for years. Canada has agreed to impose taxes on lumber exports to the United States if the price of lumber falls below a specified level — about \$360 per 1,000 board feet. The goal of the taxes, which can go as high as 15 percent, is to protect U.S. producers by boost-

ing the price of Canadian lumber. "We continue to monitor the situation closely." Mart Van Vleet, a spokesman for Poliatch Corp., told The Lewiston Tribune. "At this point in time, we have no curtalinent announcements for our Idains asswmills."



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# Alabama fires Shul

TUSCALOGSA, Ala, (AP) — Alabama ceach Mike Shula was fired after a 6-6 seeson that ended with three straight losses, including a defeat by state rival Aubum.
Athietic director Mail Moore said Monday that defensive coordinator Joe Kines would serve as interim head coach. The fifting was first reported by The Tuscaloosa News on its Web site. Shula, a former Alabama quarterback, led the Crimson Tide to a 10-2 season last year and a Cotton Bowl victory, But his learns were winless in four tries against Aubum. The Tigers beat the Crimson Tide 22. 15 on Now. Ill. Shula said he was "deeply disappointed" by Moore's decision.

Slula said he was "deeply disappointed" by Moore's decision.
"From my very first day on this job, I had a single mission. To return the Crimson Tide to its place among the elite programs in college foundail," he said in a statement. 'Although I maintain that we were moving steadily in that direction, I regret sincerely that I will not be given the opportunity to finish the job I was hired to do: Shuda's firing means Alabama is looking for a head coach for the fourth time since 2000. The head to always since Tide has had a lower caaches in the 24 years since

head coach for the fourth time since 2000. The Ide has had seven coaches in the 24 years since Paul "Bear" Bryant's last season in 1982. Bryant had directed the Alabaran program for 25 years. Shula took over the proud but troubled pro-gram less than four months before the 2003 season after Mike Price was fired following

spring practice for his off-the-field behavior—specifically a night of drinking at a strip club in Pensicola. Ba. Price got the job after Dennis Franchione botted for Teas A&A.

Mike and his staff took over our program during a trying period four years ago, and in a number of ways Mike, has been an excellent representative of our program. Moore said in & statement. He personally has displayed impecable character.

Moore praised Shula for providing "stability for our program through four years of NCAA probation" that end Feb. 1, 2007.

"However, we did not make progress on the field this season and have not been able to maintain the positive momentum necessary to return Alabama football to a place among college football sellte programs. Moore said. Shula, son of Pro Football Hall of Fame coach Don Shula, spent 15 years as an NFL assistant before he took the Alabama job, but had no experience as a head coach or on a college staff. He received a new sk-year contract in Mayworth \$1.55 million annually. The deal extended his contract two years through early 2012, with a size of \$560,000 plus a \$200,000 signing bonus. The 41-year-old Shula had a 26-23 record in four seasons with the Crimson Tide.

But he is the only Tide coach to lose four consecutive games to Adulton.

But he is the only Tide coach to lose four consecutive games to Auburn.

# **Warriors edge Mushers**

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Girls basketball

Camas County 38, **Twin Falls Christian 27** 

Ilmes-News

FAIRFIELD — One point was all that separated the Twin Falls Christian Academy Warriors and the host Camas County Mushers in Monday inglists boys lasketball season opener in Fairfield.

The Warriors edged the Mushess 44-43 behind a 28-18 second-half sorting edge and cache Bolyard.

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Ben McLam scored 14
points, while Logan Ivie added
nine for the 0-1 Mushers, who
will look to rebound a week
from Wednesday at Bliss.

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FAIRFIELD — Alyssa Peters and Mollle McLam led the charge in Fairfield as the Camas County Mushers defeated Twin Falls Christian Academy 38-27 on Monday.

Christian Academy 38-27 on Monday.

Peters put 13 on the scoreboard as McLam threw up 10
points of her rown.

"Mindy scored well inside,
and we worked hard to get it
inside." Mushers head coach
Matt McLam said.

For the Warriors, Mindy
Frown led with 16 points.

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### American Falls 51, Filer 49

Filer 49

AMERICAN FALLS — The Filer Wildeats were on the cusp of a victory on the road, but just barely missed in a 51-49 loss at American Falls on Monday.

"We got down by nine (points), but the girls batted, and had a chance to win," Filer head coach, lim Annala said. "We got down to two (points), but a 3-pointer fell short. The girls showed a lot of heart throughout the game. Lacey Heimkes scored 14 points while Shanne Astle put in 12. No box score was available. Filer (2-3) hosts Buhl on Thursday.

# Michigan State hires Dantonio

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)

— Mark Dantonio is back with
the Michigan State football
program. This time, he's in
charge and he has, much

the Michigan state or program. This time, he's in charge and he has, much flashier lewelry.

Dantonlo, an assistant with the program from 1995-00 and the Cincinnati head coach the past three seasons, was hired Monday as the Spartans' coach. At this introduction, he displayed the 2002 champioship ring he won as Orlio. State's defensive coordinator. "I wear this champlonship ring very, very few times, but wear it for a reason." Dantonio said. "I wear it to a symbolize manner when you

said. "I wear it to symbolize what can happen when you have the resources, when you

iave the players, and most importandy when you have the commitment." He succeeds John L. Smith, who was fired before completing his fourth season in East Lansing, He finished with a 22-26 record. Michigan State finished 4-8 this year and has missed out on a bowl trip three straight seasons for the first time since the early 1980s. Dantonio becomes the ninth Michigan State coach since Dulfy Daugherty left after the 1972 season. Michigan State is barely above. 500 since and has won eight or more games in consecutive seasons just once, with one floss Bowl appearance. Dantonio inherits a team

that has struggled on the field and in recruiting battles with nearby powerhouses Michigan, Ohio State and Notre Dame. "If you have an opportunity to compete against the best," Dantonio said. "You have the opportunity to measure up." The Michigan State Board of Trustees on Monday unanimously approved president Lou Anna Simon's recommendation to hire Dantonio. The flee year contract guarantees him about \$1.1 million a year, on the lower end of the Big Ten pay scale. The contract also has a \$200,000 signing bonus and incentives.



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# Invas

Around here, expect to hear tales of critters in the house



nter that left behind no damagu: Bob Krest, who lives north of Buhl, says this deer followed him into his he d. 'It was a neat experience,' he says. Knest has more critter tales to tall, too; he rescued a squirrel from

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

MALTA — The story of a coyote in the kitchen lingers longer in a community's collective memory than the scent of a skunk survives in a window well.

And that's an awful long time. Live in southern Idaho for a season or two, and you're likely to hear a few all-too-true tales of bats in the rafters or raccoons in the trash. Fall to install a chimney cup and you're likely to have critter troubles of your own.

own.

The strange nighttime visitor in Jalynn Tuckett's kitchen is an officiol tale among the Malta woman's friends and neighbors.

"It was the talk of the town for quite a while," said Tuckett, who endured some ribbing. "It was two years ago, and people still bring it up."

up.
Yes, of course.
In Magic Valley, you'll recognize
three types of tales in the repertoire
of animal invasions:

### The lamentable

One afternoon this fall, Dr. Banu E.

One afternoon this fall, Dr. Banu E. Symington got the call that every parent dreads: the baby sitter, reporting that the house's Interior smelled of skunk.
"This bad odor persisted for several days, but we found no traces of a skunk," said the Twin Falls hematologist and oncologist. "Our pet cat Rumi was spending more time in the kitchen than usual, but he frequently chases spiders and other insects, so this was not too surprising." Two consecutive evenings,

so uns was not too surptising."
Two consocutive evenings,
Symington's daughters heard rattling
in the kitchen, but the family blamed
high wind. A week after the skunk
scent was first noted, her I2-yearold. Blair, reported finding a blackand-white rat in the oven drawer
among the pots and pans.



r shingles on Anne Loebs' Twin Falls house cover holes made by flickers. But the birds

Mom knew better: Must be a baby

skunk.
But it had already moved on.
"Detective work by Blair resulted
in discovery of a baby skunk in the
water softener cabinet attached to
the exterior of the house,"

in discovery of a douby sealed in the water softener cabline tanked to the exterior of the house."

Symington said.

A borrowed of biblied to keep it as a pet. The verd isouraged that. The family made a teary goodbye in the field across from Symington's house.

"Eau de skunk lingers to this day," she said. "How the skunk kgo it in there—we keep it closed and locked—and then into the house remains a mystery to this day."

And a mystery, of course, is great material for conversation.

### The persistent

Flickers plague Anne Loebs' shin-gle- and stucco-sided house in northeast Twin Falls.

"The house is rather tall, with vir-tually no access to the second floor and roof from the outside. This is

where the flickers go to work," Loebs said. 'On any given morning, particularly this time of year, we will hear what sounds like somebody hammering steadily on the side of our house. Or we may even hear what sounds like a Jackhammer, and that's when the flickers are pecking on the chimney coper.

As far as she can tell, the birds don't nest inside. They just make the

holes.
The Loebses have called in pest-The Loebses have called in pest-control and carpentry pros. A rat trap balled with chicken liver failed to catch the culprits. Pale shingles of catch the culprits. Pale shingles of contractors in the control of the control of the control of the control of the control post of the control of the control in the control of the period of the control of

# Keeping your living quarters to yourself

Critical proofing one prevents conflicts lister. The Humans Society of the United States remember homeowning at this triple of general proofing and the second seco

before you close up holes," she cautions.

The Humane Society's tips:

Attist: Turn off lights and blok for light,
leaking in, which will show potential
entry points, viou can test whether a
hole is being used by most enimals in
two ways: Put white flour in front of
the hole and check for footprints, or
stuff the hole loosely with a paper
towel and see whether it gets pushed
in or out. If after three days the paper
stays in place, or you have no flour
footprints, you can close up the hole.
Use caulk for small holes, staple
hardware cloth over larger holes or
make permanent repeirs.

# "For now, we're just living with them like bad neighbors."

### The bizarre

It was two years ago that Tuckett came home late from her son's basketball game and heard a commotion outside the back door. Must be the neighbor's dogs bothering her cat again, she figured. When-she opened the door, what she thought was a dog dashed past her. "It was a coyote, and he ran into my kitchen, I guess! screened and ended up on top of the table — I don't remember that." Tuckett said. "He was really big, and he was just

screens, weight appliance (wash-holes.

\* Pigest: Look behind appliances (wash-not, dyer, frige) and anywhere else-pipes eriter the house. Fill holes.

\* Hours pipe with copper wire mesh, would pipes with copper wire mesh.

\* Treats: Secure trah correlances with burges cords, prese or weights, with burges cords, prese or weights, with burges cords, prese or weights, out trash the morning of collection rather than the right, before.

\* Trees and leaves: Tith branches ask freet ways from your house to limit soccess for mod-climbing wildlife. Gean debts — especially leaf piles — around the house foundation.

\* Competed Cover and secure compet.

standing in the kitchen looking around like, Where in the heck am 17"

Tuckett got the door open again and her husband tried to herd the coyote out, but dogs started barking and the coyote turned and snapped at Tuckett. It sulfed the kitchen floor before they got it out and the dogs chased it off.

Now Tuckett turns on the light before opening her door at night. Like any sensible rural resident.

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# **Magic Valley 4-H members** attend national congress

JEROME — Three Magic Valley 4-H'ers are part of the 14-member Idaho contingent that traveled to Atlanta for the National 4-H Congress, which concludes today.

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The congress was expected to draw an estimated 1,300 4-H members, volunteers and professionals. Delegates this year mised money to build a Habitat for Humanily home and participated in service projects. The event features speakers and a

tour of Atlanta-area sites. The theme this year: "Lead, Learn, Grow. Create New Friendships." Among the Idaho delegates: "Ashley Gardner of Jerome, daughter of Jey and Terri Gardner, is a 10-year member of 4-H and represents the family and consumer science program. She is a freshman at the College of Southern Idaho. "Kandace Boggs of Farifield, daughter of Hanold and Darla Boggs," Is a fine-year member of 4-H and represents the horse program. She is a senior at

Camas County High School.

\* Michael Melia of Burley,
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Thavel expenses are supported by the Idaho Beef Council,
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Wool Growers Association,
Idaho Pork
Producers
Association and Idaho State 4H Leaders' Association.

# Celebrate bounty of the land at market potluck

TWIN FALLS — Tonight is your chance to taste some of Magic Valley's harvest, prepared by folks who really know their produce: Twin Falls Farmers' Market vendors and cus-

The farmers' market plans its post-season otluck supper for vendors, potential vendors The larmers' market plans its post-season pottuck supper for vendors, potential vendors and customers at 7 p.m. today in the Obenchain Insurance building at 264 Main Ave, S. in Twin Falls. Besides a great meal, its a chance for gardeners interested in direct, local marketing to learn about the weekly

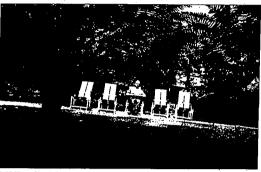
market, which is held in a field just north of the College of Southern Idaho on Saturday mornings throughout summer and fail.

For tonight's polluck, bring a covered dish and a nonaicoholic drink to share, and supply your own table service. Not sure what to expect? Call market leader Carl Hatfield at 543-4582 for more information.

Show up to night and you can taste this season's bounty from the Hatfield home garden (and a good many other local gardens), the plans to bring mashed potatoes flavored with homegrown gartic; turkey breast with dressing: omegrown garlic; turkey breast with dressing; nd carrot cake. Maybe baked onions, too,

# **Cultivating a** dynamic landscape





Paul Babikow ponders the five tree feros across the lawn. He cuts back the fronds in fall and moves them to a green

# Couple spends 26 years making perfect setting

By Adrian Higgins The Washington Post

Spend an hour or two with Paul Babikow in his leafy country garden and you understand what you give up if you let others install and maintain your landscape— and what you gain if you don't. Babikow and his wife, Beth, have nour 26 ways for two country.

Bablikow and his wife, Beth, have spent 26 years devising, planning and adjusting the two acres of shade garden around their contemporary house in Baldwin, Md. The result is a series of spaces that are contemplative and yet filled with quiet drama.

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Ti want this garden to have a spiritual element to it." said Babikow, 64.

The back story here is that Babikow is co-owner and president of a major regional grower of plants for the landscape trade. Babikow Greenhouses in Baltimore, specializing in perennials and ornamental grasses. His ancestors started the company as a truck farm in 1875, and he has been working there since 1970. So, unlike most of the since the since of flowering plants and could, one figures, attempt flashy border plantings or beds of uninterrupted color from April to October.

By Joel M. Lerner Special to The Washington Post



Paul Babikow says be has placed each stone.

Hostas might have fallen victim to crown rot

Considered relicionship to its neighbor in considered relicionship to its neighbor in client control of the garden. This has led to the use of a lot of deciduous trees and shrubs and herbaceous plants such as perennials and grasses that grow rapidly, change and color with the season, and then are cut back by late winter to start the cycle all over again. "When you're making a garden you're making and. At is about onc's own experience, and the one experience that is universal is change, so when I choose a plant for the garden, it has to change," he said. "There's not a lot of boxwood, "There's not a lot of boxwood,"

in the garden.

not a lot of evergreen plants.

Babikow is a big fun of bamboo species: bamboos as lowgrowing ground covers, as
dense groves and delicate,
semi-open stands — unusual
varieties that elevate the plant
from wandering and tunneighborly screen. In one area, he
has allowed a tall, fat-bladed
species. Phyllostachys dulets,
to grow tall next to a large bank
of bottlebrush buckeve.
Nearby a pair of large native
trees, the sourwood and a serdiceberry, add more interest.
The scene is further enlivened
by plantings of the bigleaf
magnolia, a tropical-looking
native tree with leaves as long
as three feet.

In advance of a visit by
members of the American



have spent 26 years devising, plan-ing and adjusting the two acres of porary house in Baldwis, Md. The result is a series of spaces that are contemplative and yet filled with quiet drama. Here, Babliow in their array of hamboo that includes a stand painted by artist Kancy Valk.

Bamboo Society in June, he had Nancy Valk, an artist from suburban Baltimore, paint sec-tions of the living shoots in brilliant colors.

tions of the living shoots in brilliant colors. The tour continues over a crude wooden footbridge above a bog of pitcher plants and other meat-caters with roots. Up the hill behind the house. Bablikow has posi-tioned five teak garden chairs across a small lawn from a similar number of tree ferns. The fronds rise three or four feet and spread about as much. The ferns work as sculp-ture, but there is an animal quality about them as well. Bablikow likes to sit and watch them.

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At the rear of the house, a hidden, grotto-like pool fills he air with the sound of falling water. Above the pool, a patio of stone-framed pavers leads to a swale of softball-size stones that spill out to a small field dotted with boulders. The scene was inspired by a trip to Patagonia, but this and other aspects of the garden have a real Japanese or Chinese feet to it. This flows from the plant material but also, Babikow says, from the idea that each stone or piece of sculpture or stone or piece of sculpture or specimen plant exists in con-sidered relationship to its

specimen plant exists in con-sidered relationship to its neighbor that almost obsessive that almost obsessive that almost obsessive tidao of just exactly where does all this fit and work together. he said. In the early evening, Babikow is sure to find himself in the kitchen, where the view through the window is to a dis-tant clump of a giant bamboo variety named Robert Young. The stand is now old, the shoots a good two inches across and a warm, golden yel-low. Here the last sunbeam of the day strike them and cause them to glow. For Babikow, it is the day's final reminder of the dynamic nature of a personal garden.

# Vacuum makes leaf cleanup easier

You know you're in too deep with leaves when there are so many layers that you can't find your driveway or a path to the front door. In fact, my front yard is blan-lared, with so many leaves.

eted with so many leaves I selieve one of the family cars is suried somewhere under-teath.

aves. Well, maybe I'm not so all

Well, maybe I'm not so all alone.
Instead of relying on my three sons, this year I've got the power and suction of a yard recrum, a walk-behind model that Vermoint-based manufacturer DR Power Equipment is allowing me to test. Usually, the 50-plus bags of leaves on my property are the responsibility of my sons. But they're getting older; because of partiume jobs and full-time complaining, these leaves are now all dads. And the walk-behind-lawn vacs.

plaining these leaves are now all dads's, and the walk-behind-lawn vac's.

This DR self-propelled unit runs about \$1,200, but I have to tell you, it's worth it. Armed with a 6-horsepower engine and a steel impeller blade that spins at 3,250 rpm, the DR walk-behind has a suction force of 123 mph. Leaves, acoms, nuts, pine cones and pine needles, twigs and virtually anything on the lawn is whooshed into a dust-reducing nylon bag.

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The debris is mulched at a 4-to-1 ratio. So the bag holds about 30 gallons or 80 pounds before requiring emptying. The mulch was fine enough to use for weed cover behind our 125-foot-long retaining wall on the back of our half-acre lot. The only read drawback— and this I'm told goes for all types of smaller yard vacs— is emp-tying. It's difficult to empty-ting the control of the control of the control of the unit's large collector bag into

the paper bags some towns distribute for curbside pickup. But DR power equipment has a solution — a disposable nylon liner bag that substitutes for paper and plastic.

The unit also has an easy-turn handle to adjust the height of the deck. This allows deeply piled leaves to élear the bottom of the vacuum. The model I tested includes a 10-foot hose attachment [5149] for vacuuming planting beds and hard-to-cleur areas like along fences and building foundations. At times, the 4-inch diameter hose can clog, but a gentle tap or two against the ground usually clears the opening.

but a genue to a vote a control to the ground usually clears the opening. Overall, this is a great model. And for those who think the price, excluding the hose attachment, is excessive, consider this exchange with a neighbor. When I tell him my new toy is really a test model that cost about \$1.200, he tells me that last fall and again this spring he padd his landscape contractor about \$700 overall for yard cleanup. "So in two years it would more than pay for itself," he tells me.

tells me. Last year, I tested DR's mon-Last year, I tested DRS mon-ster vacuum, a machine that is towed by a riding mower or lawn tractor, it also worked great, but it's too much machine for my half-acre lot and its several planting beds, A walk-behind is perfect for lots between one-third of an acre and a full acre.

If you do get a walk-behind model, be sure it is self-pro-

elled. The DR unit rates high for

The DR unit rates high for power and easy use, but, remember, there are other yard vacs out there. Craftsman has a 6.5-horse-power model with a hose attachment and a two-bushel bag that costs about \$650. The Craftsman -1-in-I Plus System acts as a blower, yard vac, chipper and shredder and grinds debris at an 8-to-1 ratio. Snapper's Leaf Vacuum is 550 with an optional hose attachment and a five-bushel collection bag.

# What's in *your* barn?

Old milk cans? Antique wants to hear about it. machinery? Allen spacecraft? Contact features reporter Well, probably not, but if Matt Christensen at 735-3243 you've got something unusual or at matt.cliristensen@in your barn, the Times; News

# Patching duct tape's rep

Dutch researchers reported that duct tape may not be all fits cut out to be After examining the effectiveness of "duct tape occlusion therapy" — a controversial method of treatment of the account of th

Wiels says, you can use duct tape to:

Secure eyeglasses or make goggles. Cut horizontal slits or poke multiple pinholes into a strip of duct tape doubled upon itself — sticky side to sticky side — and wear to avoid snow-bindness.

Avoid sunburn. "If you find yourself out in the sun and don't have a hat, you can use strips of duct tape to keep your head from getting burned," which is particularly important at high altitudes.

Prevent or repair friction

Foot Clinic

bilsters. Long-distance runners and paddlers can use the tape as a substitute for moleskin pads.

Combat many wilderness emergencies. The all-purpose adhesive can be used to secure wound dressings or the skin around an incision; to help stabilize a knee or ankle; or, along with a steeping pad, to create a traction splint.

Remove splinters, cactus stickers and caterpillar hairs from skin and, while you're at it, patch that hole in your tent.

And about duct tapes effectively and the stabilize and should be supported to or patience and make sure the tape is being used properly, he says. Magic Valley's Largest Selection of BOOTS



# Joel Lerner is president of Environmental Design in Capital View Park, Md., and author of "Anyone Can Landscape" (Ball 2001).

Question: I inherited hostas that did fine until two years ago. They grew large, briefly sent up nurple stalks, then the leaves turned brown within a week-and the plants withered to nothing. Can I make then healthy again?

Answer: Most dieback diseases are caused by plant fungi that can be air- or soil-borne. If stems are falling over at ground level and dying, your problem could be crown tot (Sclerotium rolfsth. This disease thrives in hot, humid conditions. You can see the fruit of the conditions of the condi by removing all affected and dead hosta leaves from plants and soil. Clean up all dead leaves and other debris around the plants after they have died back in the fall. Mulch lightly. Improve plant vigor by

ensuring proper site condi-tions. Hostas are happy where they receive good air circula-tion and excellent drainage. They do well when protected from full western sun. During the growing season, water the

Behind the barn doors

roots using drip irrigation, which will keep the foliage dry. Although division is not necessary, plants that have become massive ran be made healthier. Divide roots as they legin to grow green points in spring. Slice off a section of three to five buds per transplant. This will reduce the size of the parent plant and allow room for air circulation.

# AROUND THE VALLEY

### Poachers kill and run near Indian Springs Rd.

TWIN FALLS — On Friday, Idaho Fish and Game Officers received a report of a poached

ianno rish and Game Officers received a report of a poached mule deer on Indian Springs Road in the South Hills. Officers discovered a large buck that had been shot, field dressed and abandoned. According to witnesses, four individuals in a White Ford Expedition or Excursion with very large off-road dres were seen leaving the area. Idaho Fish and Game officers are asking anyone who may have seen the white Ford sport utility whiche in the South Hills or recognize a similar whiche to call the IDFG Rogional Office at 324-4350 or Record Callers may remain anony-Callers may remain anony-Callers may remain anony-

Callers may remain anonymous but are asked to please leave a phone number for fur-

### Rupert police now has K-9 unit

RUPERT - Meet Scout, Her ame could become synonyname could become synony-mous with her duties, as Rupert's newest police officer is going to soon be scouting cets for drugs.

Labrador-shorthair

cross has been donated to

city for use as a drug dog.

She will be partnered with
police officer Chris Weber,
who has been with the department for about a year and a

half.
"Scout will become our first
K-9 officer in over a year,"
Chief Randy White told City
Council members last week.

### **Red Cross executive** to visit Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The new chief executive officer of the Idaho Chapter of the American Red Cross will be in Twin Falls on Wednesday to introduce himself to the Magic

Valley.

Dick Rush will hold a press Dick rush will hold a press conference at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the South Central District office, 253 Fourth Ave, North. The public is invited and he will take questions from the

### Forest Service wants seasonal workers

Seasonal workers

TWIN FALLS — Tired of
snow and ley winds? Warm
yourself with thoughts of a
crackling bluze sweeping
through an Idalio forest.

The Sawtooth National
Forest is now looking for seasonal workers.

The job with site in
http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sawtooth.jobs include firelighting, trails, recreation, timber
and range.

An "Introduction to
Wildland Fire: class also will
be held this year at the College
of Southern Idaho.

The cight-week course

of ned unsyear at the Conege of Southern Idea.

The eight-week course stars Jan. 16 and continues stars Jan. 16 and continues from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thusday centings.

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People interested in the class may call John Miller at CSI. (208) 732-8208. Larrianne Rodriguez at CSI. (208) 732-8219. or Stew Clezie, Forest Service. (208) 737-3320.

# Snowpack *Levels*



# Man's antics during arrest prove costly

TWIN FALLS — They say abuse is just part of the job.
And Twin Falls Police Officer Rick Van Vooren, like most street cops. is a tough guy to burn. But when Wesley English, 23, a carouser at a bonlire late one Saturday bonfire late one Saturday night, popped off a few choice words at Van Vooren, punched him in the lip, felgned being unconscious in the emergency room and later made a joke of it, he

later made a joke of it. he gave new meaning to the words 'resisting arrest.'

On Monday morning. English's anties raged on. English pleaded guilty too late and therefore unnecessarily both to mistemeanor obstructing and beating an officer. If he would have pleaded guilty before the Monday hearing, the city

prosecutor would have dis-nulssed one of the charges against him. English made his first mis-take at 11.57 p.m. Oct. 7 at a bonfire at a home in Twin Falls County. When Van Vooren asked the people the people around the fire for their IDs, English delivered

English delivered a sardonic line and ran. "As I caught up to him, I grabbed the back of the sweat shirt he was wearing," Van Vooren wrote in his police

Vooren wiese made his sec-report.
Then English made his sec-ond mistake.
"He turned and hit me on the upper lip with his right fist. This caused my upper lip and gum to bleed," he wrote.

"I struck him once on his jaw with a closed fist. He assumed a fighting stance ... He was taken to the ground." While being booked at the jail, English pretended to be unconscious. Not until he was rushed to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center did he resolve to end his game.

Medical Center did he resolve to end his game.

"OK, you guys got me," he told medical staff or some-ching to that effect, according to Van Vooren's affidavit. "He joked and laughed about the fact he was able to make all of the medical staff was here. the medical staff and law enforcement believe that he was really unconscious. He made a comment that the catheter was uncomfortable ... and jokingly apologized for his pubic hair not being well trimmed."

ell trimmed."
Not only did the joke drawero laughter, it was also



"Here's what it cost for his nonsense," said Twin Falls City Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jackie Wakefield. "Six-hundred and thirty dol-lars and 97 cents to Magic Valley Regional Medical

Wakefield will request restitution for those costs at English's Dec. 12 sentencing.

restitution of the control of the co not permit sen excess of one year.

Cassidy Friedman covers public safety for the Times-News. He can be reached at (208) 735-3241 or by e-mail at

# Step one



# School district to make presentation for second high school tonight

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Finally: a Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission meeting for the kids.

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A public hearing is screening to 12.

The high school is part of the development explosion in northwest Twin Falls near Pole Line Road! St. Lukes Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is hoping to relocate from along Rock Creek to the corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive; and there are plans for two office parks and a strip

Before the school's presentation, the commission will hear Larry Muegerl's application for a special-use permit to open a downtown teen dance club. It will be for children 13 to 18 years old and operate Fridays and Saturday from to 11 p.m.

and operate Fridays and Saturday from 7 to 11 pm.
The property, located at 170 South Park Avenue, has been a bar for most of a decade, including time as a bikint bar. It has not had an alcohol permit for more than a year and no liquor can be served on the premises. Muergel plans to use about half the building. The other half is vacant.
"I always think there's a need for the kids to have someplace to go. "Muegerl sald." I don't think there are enough places for them but they do seem to be pretty busy all the time." According to the city's analysis, in September he received a letter from the city informing him he needed a permit for Hof Rocks to be a teen ciub. Muergel, who already had advertised use for a private parry on Oct. 6, was allowed an exception. A fight broke out that night

and the police came; a similar event occurred Oct. 7. The next weekend a vehicle was stolen from the parking lot. As a result, there needs to be more

venicie was stoien from the parking lot.

As a result, there necess to be more detail from the applicant regarding enforcing security, according to the city.

Muergel said the altercations resulted from insufficient security from the party segantizers and individuals older the second of the seco

# Black ice

# It's what you can't see that can hurt you

TWIN FALLS — Black ice.
It's the stuff of winter legend, but it is indeed a very
real threat to drivers.
With wintry weather
descending in earnest on
Magic Valley, the Idaho State
Police are warning drivers to
watch out for black ice — per
haps the most dangerous
condition they see, according
to an ISP press release.
Black ice, also called glare
tee or clear ice, is a thin layer
of ice on the road. Any ice is
dangerous to drive on, but
black ice is especially insidious because a road covered
with It looks merely wet, no!

ley.

Black ice isn't really black but rather so thin and transparent that the dark color of the pavement shows through. Statisties show that the crash rate there is five times higher on roads covered with black ice than on-dry pavement, four times higher than on wet pavement, and twice as high as on pavement covered with

as on pavement covered with packed snow.

"It's truly a case of what you don't see, that can hurt you." said 15P Region 3 Commander Captain Steve Richardson. "The road looks clear and so drivers fail to reduce their speed and exercise caution. When they come to a curve or have to suddenly stop they suddenly slide out of control." he said.

Stopping distance on black ice has been measured to be about nine times greater than on dry pavement. The chains are more helpful, reducing stopping distance by about 30 in 150 percent. But even with the chains, stopping distance in 30 percent. But even with the chains, stopping distance by about 30 in 150 percent. But even with the chains, stopping distance by about 30 in 150 percent dimes greater in the supplied of the

than on dry pavement with ordinary tire. Black ice is most common at night and very early in the morning, when temperatures are lowest and traffic lightest. It is thin enough that it often melts soon after the sunlight hits it, but it can persist much longer on a shaded stretch of road.

road.

Highway crews often spread sand to provide better traction on ice, but the stopping distance on ice treated with sand is still almost triple that on wet pavement.

# Three sent to hospital after head-on collision near Jerome

Gooding man suffers severe leg burns after van caught fire

By Joshua Palmer Times-Nows writer

JEROME — A man suffered severe 'burns to his legs Saturday night after his van

collided with an oncoming vehicle and then burst into

flames
The crash occurred just
after 6 p.m. Saturday at the
intersection of 470 North and
west 700 North near Jerome.
According to Idaho State
Police, Pablo Sanchez,
approximately 40 years old,
of Gooding, was westbound
on 470 North in his green

Plymouth Voyager van when he failed to yield to a maroon

he falled to yield to a marcon Chevy pickup being driven by Casey Brunson, 35, of Bilss.
Sanchez crossed the cen-terfline and hit Brunson's vehicle head on, causing Sanchez's van to become fully engulfed in flames. Sanchez was taken to Magic Valley Regional

Medical Center before being taken to the University of Utah. Officials said that Sanchez suffered burns to his

legs.
Brunson and his passen ger, Jasmine Harris, 22, of Shoshone, were taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Their condi-tions were unknown Monday night.

Officials said alcohol was not a factor in the crash. Brunson and Harris were not wearing seat belts. It is unknown if Sanchez was wearing a seatbelt. The investigation is ongo-ing by Trooper Garcia of the

ing by Trooper Garcia of the Idaho State Police, with assis-tance from Trooper Glenn, Trooper Nalder and various other agencies.

# LulaMae Freeborn

TWIN FALLS — LulaMae Freeborr passed away Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley, Regional Medical Center after a long Illness. LulaMae was preceded in death by her husband, John Freeborn; mother, Elsie Sartin; Index, Sartin;

sisters, Agnes Davis, Ruth Sisters, Agnes Davis, Ruth McClure, Kate Medlock and Lucy Martin; brothers. Herman



Sartin; and one son, Charles Sartin; She is survived by a sis-ter, Mary Lester of Michigan; children, Larry (Cathy) Freeborn, Elsie (Terry) Freeborn, Elsie (Terry)
Shearer; Patricia Fahrenholz
and Betty McClimans, all of
Twin Falls. She leaves 12
grandchildren and 16 greatgrandchildren.
LulaMue worked in orchards
and bean and beet fields until

Gary V. Bishop

WENDELL — Gary Vern Bishop, 68, of Buhl, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006, at Magic Valley Manor Assisted Living

**Edward Kelly** 

BUHL - Edward Kelly, 84, of Buhl, died Sunday, Nov. 26,

2006.
Rosary will be at 7 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 30, at the
Immaculate Conception
Church in Bubl. A funeral
Mass will be recited 11 a.m.
Friday, Dec. I, at the church.
Viewing will be from 2 to 5

idell. in Wendell.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

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all of her children were in school, then she worked in bean warehouses until the time of her retirement. LulaMae also enjoyed sewing, crocheting, gardening, fishing and being with family, She was an anchor to all who knew her, and she will be greatly missed by all.

A service for LulaMae will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, at White Mortuary Chapel, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls. With the Rev. Jerry Kester officiating, Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. A visitation for family and friends will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary Memorial contributions may be made in LulaMae's name to Friends of Hospice, 326 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls. 10 B3301, or may be given to the mortuary staff for forwarding.

Services are under the direction of White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls.

on of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls.

p.m. Thursday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

John Trevino

RUPERT — John Trevino, 90, of Rupert, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Ronald G. Ball

MOUNT VERNON, Wash.— Ronald Glenn Ball, 56, of Mount Vernon, Wash., ded Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Kern Funeral Home in Mount Vernon, Wash.

# Kathyleen M. Wortman

WEST MAGIC — Kathyleen M. Wortman, age 59, died on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006, at her home in West Magic of

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006, at her home in West Magic of cancer.

She was born April 7, 1947, in Yakima, Wash., the child of Carl and Donan Hull. Kathy attended school in White Swan, Wash., until her junior year, when she moved to New Meadows, Idaho. It was there that she graduated from high school. Kathy attended Kimman Business School in Spokane after graduation. She married Tom Wortman on Feb. 1990, in Iterome. They have the standard of the Spokane after graduation. She married Tom Wortman on Feb. 1990, in Iterome. They have the standard of the Spokane after do and cook at Magic Lake Resort. She liked to ride the TAV and anowmobile with her friends at Magic. Kathy was a member of West Magic Lake Recreational Club, where she was a director and was

manded a plaque for outstanding service. Kathy and Tom followed the construction industry all over the western United States until Tom retired in 1996. She made numerous friends wherever they went to the state of the state of

New Meadows.
A gathering of friends and family will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at West Magic Resort. Memorial contributions are suggested to the ributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society. Cremation took place under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey.

# - Services

Ruth Anderson Walters of Boise, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at the Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 N, Cloverdale Road in Boise.

Rosa Elizabeth Nelson Taylor, formerly of Burley, viewing for family:and friends from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Saturday at the Hansen Mortuary Burley

Craig H. Nellsen of Las Vegas, Nev. and formerly of Twin Falls, visitation from moon to 7 p.m. today at Palm Mortuaries and Cemeteries, 6701 N. Jones Blvd., Las Vegas, New; public celebration of life and reception at 5 p.m. Wednesday in Ballroom E at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas. Funeral and burial services will be pri-

Sharon R. McKee of Glenns Sharon R. McKee of Glenns Ferry, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Glenns Ferry VFW Hall; viewing from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the Rost Funeral Home McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

Robert D. Riggen of Hailey, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Hailey (Wood River Chapel in Hailey).

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monda nough Saturday, Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.cor Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obluaries online, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obluaries."

# IDAHO'S UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS

# BSU's Kustra touts school's connection to city

BOISE. Idaho Bob

BOISE, Idaho — Bob Kustus speech on the eve of the school year lasted less than half an hour, but the politician-turned-Boise State University president repeated University President repeated the phrase "metropolitan university" 18 times.

It's become a mantra and all university decisions revolve around Kustras signature aim: transforming the commuter transforming the commuter transforming the commuter school with a large junior-tol-lege component into a nation-lege component into a nation-lege that anchors the Boise metropolitan area. metropolitan area.

versity that anchors the Bolse metropolitan area.

"As Boise grows and becomes more nationally prominent in so many ways. Soise State will grow along with it," Kustra said at a student-run fine-dining resident-run for heavily (University Chentant-run fine-dining resident-run feren fine-dining resident for heavily (University Chentant-run fine-dining resident for heavily fine-dining resident for heavily fine-dining resident for heavily fine-dining resident fine

research efforts.
"If you take apart the \$24
million in research expenditures we do, at least half of
these relate directly to issues



Boise State University President Bot Kustra addresses the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee on the issue of funding community colleges,

issue of funding community colleges, Nov. 6 in Botse.

In our own economy so Micron (Technology Inc. based in Bolse) comes in here and gets help." Kustra said. That's what I mean when I talk about a metropolitan research university.

Selfing Bolse State's transferred to the list of the list of

said.
Following a stint as president of Eastern Kentucky University, Kustra took over at Boise State in 2003 and he brought with him the back-

slapping energy of a consummate pollitician.
It's been said that dogs most resemble their owners and Kustra's Brittany Spaniel that he says bounds wildly through the Boise Footbills on morning loss wildly through the Boise Footbills on morning loss wildly through the Boise Footbills on morning loss wildly through the advances. ing jogs might prove the adage

If Kustra's not interviewing a university botanist on his weekly public radio show, he's shaking hands with workers

weekly public radio show, he's shaking, hands with workers building a new research lab or standing on his toes to review plans for new campus buildings with architects.

Kustra concedes that his goals for the university are ambitious. The school has started a scholarship program aimed at attracting national merit scholars have enrolled in each of the past two years.

Still, selectivity is an important criteria for judging universities. But Kustra says Boise State willingly lags behind. The 18,675-student school rejected just 815 students and velcomed a 2006 freshman class of 2,261.

'I don't think a university in a region like this should be so selective to leave behind students whose parents are paying the taxes.' Kustra said.

But Kustra walks a tightrope—he told a legislative panel tiles summer that Boise State could offer a "\$43 million intubator" to launch a community college in southwesterniator.

To that end, the president.

To that end, the president wants to unload Boise State's associate degree programs,

professional and technical

professional and technical education programs, remedial and basic college classes, plus a \$10.4 million academic building and the school's 150-acre campus in Nampa.

"We can't serve two masters as we change our mission," has asid. "Take a diesel tech program and a Ph.D in computer and electrical engineering, can we do both simultaneously? The answer is we can, but we shouldnt."
Whether the academic

by The answer is we can, but we shouldn't:
Whether the academic changes come as quickly as Kustra hopes, Boise State's nationally ranked football team and the stadium's distinctive blue turf are likely to remain the school's most famous features.

"Any time a university is going to move forward, the athletic program becomes a window to view improvements," Kustra said. "Our athletic program has become a tremendous tool for recruiting faculty and students. I'd never say we should sacrifice one for the other." say we sho the other.'

shy was not as a strike offet or From political science Ph.D and professor to politician to president of Boise State, Kustra says changing the entire mission of a university is just his newest goal. And he doesn't mind if he has to repeat himself to reach it.

it. "We should regularly ourselves of where "We should regularly remind ourselves of where we're headed," he said. "If you want to get to a goal, you've got to get up each morning and tell yourself where you want to be."

# UI chemists trying to create more efficient solar cells

LEWISTON (AP) — A University of Idaho professor is devising a new form of solar cell she says could lead to a breakthrough that would make solar energy commer-cially feasible.

breaktrough that wouse make solar energy commercially feasible. Chemist Pam Shapiro, her graduate students and her colleagues at the university are working on creating better materials and combining them in new ways that could more than double the efficiency of present solar cells. If successful, she sald the new technology could help the U.S. break its old dependency. People are trying to make solar cells that are more effi-

Cient." Shapiro told The Lewiston Tribune. But it's so much cheaper to use fossill fuels, despite all the obvious advantages of solar cell technology.

So far, Shapiros team has created a compound called a quantum dot' that is made of elements that include copper, indium and selenium. Shapiro said that the quantum dots said that the quantum dots indium and selenium. Shapiro said that the quantum dots would be embedded between layers of a solar cell and would absorb energy that is other-wise wasted due to overheat-ing.

ing.

These solar cells based on quantum dots aim to make better use of that excess ener-

gy," Shapiro said.

She said her team has created the quantum dots, but that a working prototype is years away and completion will likely require the combined skills and knowledge of her colleagues at the school.

"Collaboration is a big hing," she said, "Funding agencies are encouraging it. You have to be a jack of all trades, and a master of none."

Some of the research money

Some of the research money Some of the research money for the program comes from a federal and state partnership called Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. Federal money must be matched by state money. Don Evans is the outreach specialist for the program and has asked state lawmakers to visit the university so that matching funds from the state can be approved and research on the solar cells can continue.

on the solar cells can continue.
Sen. Joe Stegner, R.
Lewiston, and Rep. Shirley
Ringo, D'Moscow, have both
visited the school. Ringo, a
member of the Joint Housesenate appropriations committee, recently visited UI
materials scientist Eric Aston.
"It was enormously interesting for me," Ringo said. Titling it underscored for me the
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it underscored for me the importance of keeping those research dollars coming."

# COMMUNITY EVENTS -

### 4-H program Is holding cell phone drive

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County 4-H is seeking donations of inactive cell phones to help the program. Cell phones can be taken to the Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 3rd Ave. E.

For more information.

Ave. E. For more information, call 734-9590, ext. 23.

### Singing Janitor to present concert

RUPERT — Thom Stimpson, "The Singing Janitor," will present a benefit concert for the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Minico High School auditorium. Santa Claus will also make

santa claus will also make an appearance at the event. Money and item donations will be accepted. For more information, call 436-0407.

# Magic Valley bridge club announces winners

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its weekly

winners: Nov 20, first, Nancy Strand and Cathie Dollett; and sec-ond, Douglas Strand and Mike Etcheverry. Nov 21, first, Joye Astorquia and Betty Grant; second,

Mary Ann Siegel and Bonnie Aspliarte: third, Doris Finney and Joyče Johnston: and fourth, Sue Skinner and Patricia Cooper. Nov 22, first, Betty Grant and Joye Astorquia: second, Riley Burton and Joe Blackford: tied for third, Max

Thompson and Sue Skinner and Beverly Burns and Mary Kienlen; and fifth, Beverly Reed and Edna Pierson. Games are held at 7 p.m.

Games are heta at / p.m. Mondays and 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Avc. All bridge players are invited. For partners and more information, call Max Thompson at 735-8308.

### Rupert bridge club announces winners

RUPERT — The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club has announced Nov. 21 results. North/south: First, George

North/south: First, George and Nancy Gibson: second, Faun and Warren McEntire; and third, Shella Hubsmith and Mildred Wolf. East/west: First, William Goodman and Dot Creason: second, Katherine Carson and Marie Price; and third, Dona Kunau and Peggle Payne.

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elis. For partners and more information, call Steve Sams at 878-3997 over Men Mildred Price Market 1436-4163.

CITY OF ROCKS WORKSHOP



Fifth-grade students from Bliss, Fairfield, Gooding and Wendell attended the 16th annual Little City of Rocks Workshop, sponsored by the Gooding Soil Conservation. The workshop is designed to provide an educational superince and give Basic understanding and appreciation for the entryine ment. Presenters included representatives from Idaho Fish' aird Games, Hagerman Forsil Beds National Moment, Noth Side Canal Company, Three Island State Park, the US Forest Service and U.S. Bareau of Land Management.



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# N. Idaho cancer center to offer experimental drugs

COEUR d'ALENE (AP) —
The Kootenal Medical Center's
North Idaho Cancer Center will
begin offering some patients
the option of taking part in trials of experimental cancer
drugs, starting in January.
The phase i clinical research

The phase I clinical research trails are generally for patients with advanced cancer who have already the strong enough to handle possible side effects of the new drugs.

The cancer center has offered phase 2 and phase 3 trials of drugs that have already been tested. Phase I trials are the earliest that new drugs can be used, and help determine afee dosages, side effects, and how the body details with the drugs.

drug. Dr. Haluk Tezcan, an oncolo-

gist at the canter center, said the sees one or two patients a week who might be helped by trying the phase I drugs. Previously, those patients would have had to go out of the state for such ure a difficult choice for a patient to travel away from family for treatment that might not work. Tor those patients we don't have a program like this in the community. Tezzan told the Coeur d'Alene Press.

He said the center will select He said the center will select drugs that have some record of safety, but testing of phase 1 drugs is to first find out how safe they are, and then whether they're effective in treating cancer. "There is a very high risk of there being side effects that we're not aware of," Teyzan said.

WASHINGTON — Federal and managers will issue a long-awaited report Tuesday detailing how much of the country's onshore oil and gas are available for drilling — data that could shape the debate over land-use restrictions on energy companies seeking access to prized reserves.

The report comes three years after a study commissioned by a 2000 energy bill found that more than 80 percent of the reserves is already available for development.

That assessment was popular unitary the statement of the second of the seco

with environmentalists. who use it to argue that the industry does not need special breaks to get access oil and gas under federal lands, some of it locked beneath pristine Rocky Mountain wild lands. But energy companies said the earlier study didn't tell the full story, and they lobbled for an updated tally, which was mandated by the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

New BLM report may alter debate on federal land-use rules

Environmentalists Environmentalists and industry advocates expect the new inventory to show that energy companies face more restrictions than the Bureau of Land Management previously reported.

The updated study exam-

reported.
The updated study examines a wider geographic area, including regions east of the Mississippi filver and a northern Alaska basin that includes the Arctle National Wildlife Refugé, said Matt Spangler, a BLM spokesman. Lawmakers have battled for 25 years over whether to tap vast oil whether to tap vast oil reserves on the 19-million-acre Alaska refuge.

The new study also consid-

deer.

Industry lobbyists have long argued they face troublesome bureaucratic hurdles to get access to domestic oil and gas resources. The new report resources. The new report could give them added ammunition when talking to lawmakers and agency officials about streamlining the permitting process.

cials about streamlining the permitting process.
"It will absolutely help in giving policy makers a better understanding of what (drillers) are facing," sald Dan Naatz, an Independent Petroleum Association of America vice president. But environmentalists, who have worked to stave off drilling in areas proposed for protection, fear the report will be slanted toward industry.

"I hope we won't have an example of the Bush administration interfering with science for political reasons, but I'm afraid that's what we're going to be seeing here." said Dave Alberswerth of the Wilderness Society.

BLM 'Director Kathleen Clarke will unveil the new properties of the Wilderness and the Wilderness Society.

inventory in a conference call with reporters Tuesday after-

with reporters Tuesday afternoon.

The 2003 study focused on
resources in Western states
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# Special prosecutors to look into Boise police shootings Ada County coroner rejecting public coroner inquests

BOISE (AP) — Rather than having public coroner inquests, Ada County Coroner Erwin Sonnenberg says he plans to work with special prosecutors from outside the county and a public report on two fails shootings involving police officers this fail.

"My main issue is for all the facts to be put out for the public, so if doing something different serves the same purpose, we want to try it." Sonnenberg told the idaho Statesman for a story published Mondy. On Oct. 11. Ada County On Oct. 11. Ada County Sheriff's Sgr. Ron Santucci shot and killed Jonathan DiPaola. 35. after Dipaola allegedly approached police with a handgun in the back of his waistband.
On Nov. 6. three Boise police officers and three Ada

County deputies shot and killed Tyler Lowery, 40. The shooting ended a standoff in a Fred Meyer store parking lot and came after police said Lowery pointed a handgun at

them.
The county's Critical Incident Task Force Is investigating both shootings.
Sonnenberg's decision comes about a year after a coroner's inquest into the death of Matthew Jones, 16, who was shot outside his parents home by a Boise police officer in December 2004.

Officer Andrew S. Johnson was cleared by a county coroner's inquest jury in November 2005, but the process was harshly criticized by Jones' family and friends, who said it was one-

friends, who said it was one-sided.

The objectivity of county prosecutors also was ques-tioned because they work closely with local police. After the inquest. Ada County Prosecutor Greg Bower called the system archaic and said it would hurt public confi-dence.



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# Utah jail inmates knit for the needy

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Jail inmates are spending hours knitting caps, blankets and bootles for children around the world.

the world.
"We might all be criminals,"
said David Evans, 25, of
Blackfoot, Idaho, "but some of
us have big hearts."
The pastime at the Cache
County Jail in northern Utah

began about two years ago. The handmade crafts go to a group called Save the Children or to

called Save the Children or to called Save the Children or to consider the construction of the constructio

Jal officials said they were wary about putting kritting needles, a potential weapon, in the hands of inmates. But there have been no incidents. The needles are counted and collected before 30 to 40 prisoners return to their minimum-security blocks.

"Anytime you are doing something good for someone else, you are improving yourself," said Capt. Kim Cheshire, jail commander. "That isn't just for the immates; that's for the rest of us."
One man created a large hat

One man created a large hat

that resembled the one worn by the cat in Dr. Seuss' "Cat In The Hat." It stretched more than 3 feet, with broad red and white stripes and a braided

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IF NOW. 28 IS YOUR BIRTH-DAY. Cosmic guidance or just pure luck could brighten your world in the year ahead. You may hook up with others in January who share the same vision, who will champion your causes, or who seek to explore similar knowledge. Starting new studies or travels can widen your horizons and open important doors for you. Between June and September cosmic conditions will be clavorable for launching your most heartfelt plans or important initiatives. Since you will partner with benuched and in the partner with perfect of the partner with grant pool advice and make decisions that will leave you with an improved situation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Fight off fatigue and try to keep your own eyes open until late evening when romantic fires might smolder. Purchase slik underwear or lacy things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): IF NOV. 28 IS YOUR BIRTH-

fires might smolder. Purchase silk underwear or lacy things. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get it while you can. Sensuous feelings and cozy moments are in the spotlight this evening. Your favorite playmate won't be able to resist relentless pursuit and amnorus overtures. GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

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Put your value system on dis-play. Discuss your beliefs or opinions. You might be happi-est in the public eye or lectur-ing at the podium instead of working quietly behind the scenes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take it easy and don't force issues. A significant other could be pressed for time, but still be arudious to give you the attention you deserve. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You could be thrown into a situa-tion where someone isn't will-ling or able to give you a help-ing tand and you're completel-ly your own. You can man-age.

WIRGO (June 23-Sent. 22): A

age. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A mechanical bull has but one mechanical bull has but one purpose and that is to relem-lessly try fo buck you off. A challenging situation could be to the motion that is controlled from behind the scenes. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pherömones are working over-time. A special someone could have a hard time keeping his or her hands off of you this

evening. Buy pretty things but stay well within the household budget. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
People find you attractive and a lover might have a sweet tooth aching for you. Buy clothing or jewelry. Take time out from a heetir schedule for amorous R&R.

SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If a loved one wants to shower you with attention, you sknow just what to do with it, so, spend time with that special someone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Complaints and griping will only cause further irritations. Get your famous patience out in the forefront to help you weather delays.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb., 18): Past commitments could, 18): Past commitments could singuish the singuish of the past commitments could singuish the singuish of the past commitments could singuish of the past commitments could with a singuish of the past commitments could with a nongoing PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Who's afraid of the Big Bad Wolf Remember the story of the Threet Little Stuntons might not be quite as daunting to handle if you have built your foundations well.



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# By Bil Kenne THE FAMILY CIRCLS

"My friend Robin is Canadian, Mommy. Where is Canadia?"

# Widow wades through guilt after unplanned office tryst

DEAR ABBY: The short story is, I slept with a married co-worker. I paid him to come to my houses to hook up my computer, but when he arrived, everything but that happened. He had been flirting with me for months, and when he got here one thing just led to another.

here one thing Just led to another.

He is a complicated mess, and it knew that going in, but I allowed myself to do it anyway. Now when were at work, he acts like nothing ever happened. Gullt is not his thing, he has other women in the office on the line, as well as several others I have heard about through the grapevine. I am confused by my need to be around this man and wonder what I was thinking. I feel hollow, sick and lonelier than I did before. I have been widowed 10 years and have never slept with anyone else until now.

now.

How do I handle, first, my feelings, and second, the work relationship? I am beginning to wonder if he did this out of pity for my being lonely. If that's the case, I feel even

worse.
Please help me deal with the guilt and understand why I did this, and come out of this with some self-respect.
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thinking how nice it felt that
someone made you feel
attractive and special after 10



**DEAR** ABBY

years of widowhood. That kind of a "high" can be pretty intoxicating. You feel "hollow, sick and more honely than before you really wanted, and you know you sold yourself short. Rather than continue beating yourself up over this, use if to spury yourself into getting out and meeting eligible men so you can find what you need in a relationship that has a future. As to how to handle things at work, keep your communications with the office Romeo short and strictly business-related. He appears to have already put this behind him, and so should you.

you. P.S. If you paid him to hook to the second of the second of

DEAR ABBY: I come from a mid-Adantic state. I recently met a woman named "Diana" from New England. When Diana introduced herself, she pronounced her name "Di-

When I address her, should I pronounce her name as she

does? Or should I pronounce it "DI-ann-a" in my normal manner? I don't want to seem

Di-ann-a in my normal manner? I don't want to seem like I'm mocking her by minicking a New England accent, but I also don't want to mispronounce her name.

My friends and family are spill on what is more courteous. What do you think?

—BETH IN PERH NOT QUESTION TO BETH IN DEAR BETH: Your question brought to mind the old song lyric. You say 'potato' and I say po-tah-to. You say 'tomato' and I say 'po-tah-to.' You say 'tomato' and I say 'to-mah-to.' I'm your case, the polite thing to do Is also the safest.'

Fronounce Diana's name as 'Pronounce Diana's name

won't get into trouble.

DEAR READERS: This Saturday, Doc. 2, the Italimatk Channel will air a made-for-television movie, "The Christmas Card," that features a romance strikingly similar to the ones that have resulted from Operation Dear Abby.

As you know, many romances, marriages and chilf-dren have "spring" from Operation Dear Abby, which supports our men and women in the millitary stationed-worldwide. So, tune in, sit back and enjoy it with me!

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# Oil and water can mix?

Another metaphor gets destroyed by hard evidence: a scientist in Australia has reported that if you remove the gases dissolved in water, oil and water do mix.

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taking speed of 1.5 mpn. Urup one other car made it to the finish line.

After the 1880 census results took eight years to tabulate, a U.S. Census Bureau employee named Herman Hollerith went to work inventing the first puncheard driven adding machine. It worked like a charm, reducing the tabula-tion time for the 1890 census to a mere six weeks.



KINDS OF FACTNESS Eria Barrett & Jack Mingo

computers are discarded.

By the end of the Civil By the end of the Civil War, between one-third and one-half of all paper currency in the United States was counterfeit. That was why the Secret Service was begun in 1865—to stop counterfeiters. Protecting the president wasn't added to its duties until 1901 after William McKinley was assassi-nated.

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The Incas Invented freezedrying. They stored their potatoes and other food crops at high altitudes. The cold temperatures froze the food, and the high altitude slowly vaporized the water away.

Yard trimmings make upabout 18 percent of municipal
solid waste, when they could
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millistconds every day to cormilliseconds every day to cor-rect for what's called "gravita-tional time dilation."

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It was illegal to play pinball
in the city of Chicago up until
1976. This was somewhat frontes since most of the major pinball manufacturers operated,
out of the Windy City.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo an be reached at factmon-ers@mingo-barrett.com.

# Man grows record arm hair

JACKSON, Wis. — Jon Sanford takes good care of his hair, washing it regularly and conditioning it occasionally. Now he might break a record for that hair — on his arms. One particularly long strand measured 4.1 inches, if the measurement is ruled official by Guinness World Records. Sanford will have topped the previous record of 3.96 inches. topped the 3.96 inches

"It's my mutant hair," said

Sanford, 37.
Sanford is from Jackson, a town about 30 miles northwest of Milwaukee. He downloaded the necessary forms from Gulnness, faxed them back and received further directions.

directions.
"I need two witnesses
whom I do not know and they
have to be respected in the
community," he said of the instructions

So he turned to Jackson patrol officer Shane Wrucke and fire chief John Skodinski.

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"We're not always samily
lives and protecting property.
Wh also do other things."
Skodinski said.
To comply with Guinness
regulations, Wrucke and
Skodinski accompanied
Sanford to the bathroom
before the measurement to
watch him wash the arm hair.
"I condition it sometimes." "I condition it sometimes, Sanford said.

Poker machine ensures certain amount of plays

# Odds & ends

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comes to gambling in Las
Vegas, nothing is guaranteed.
Except for this: A new video
poker machine ensures a certain amount of playing time,
no matter how bad your luck.
The video poker slot
machine is called
"Guaranteed Play." It was conceived not in the back room of
a casino or at a slot machine
laboratory, but at inventor Jay
Walker's office in Stamford,
Conn.

Walker's office in Stamford.
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The device, which is expected to be offered in Las Vegas
casinos within six months,
allows players to buy a certain
number of video poker hands
up front for a set price.

For example, Walker's
games can offer 150 hands of
lacks or Better' for \$20 and
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number of games in the
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# Bottle of perfume goes for \$216,000

LAMBERTVILLE, N.J. — A bottle of perfume that was originally purchased for \$50 has been auctioned off for

\$216,000. And that doesn't

\$216,000. And that doesn't include the perfume itself. An elderly woman who wanted to remain anonymous received the bottle of Tresor de, in Mer from her husband in 1939. He had bought it at Saks Fifth Avenue store. The woman, who is now in her 90s, held onto the empty-bottle — designed by Rence Lallque — and the box it came in for years, before deciding to auction it at the Rago Arts and Auction Center on Nov. 17.

— The Associated Press.



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# U.S. jet crashes in Iraq, mortar fire sets huge blaze By Amy Teibel at oil facility in north

Associated Press writer

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refinery to the southwest,
according to an official at the
North Oil Co., who spoke on
condition of anonymity
because he was not authorized
to talk to reporters. The flames because he was not authorized to talk to reporters. The flarenes erupted at 6:30 p.m. and burned for several house before they were extinguished, the U.S. milliary said.

The facility is 15 miles northwest of Kirkuk, a city which sits amid some of Iraq's richest crude oil deposits.

Earlier Monday, a bomb

exploded beneath an oil pipeline south of Baghdad and set it on fire, and Irnqi and American forces were deployed to secure the area, police said. No injuries were reported in the 7:30 a.m. blast near Mahmoudiya, about 20 hilles south of Baghdad, said police 1st Lt. Halder Satar. The fire was put out by about noon. The pipeline carries crude oil from storage tanks in nearby Latifyah to the Dora refinery in Baghdad.

Lauflyah to the Dora refinery in Bagistad.

Since the U.S. led war top-pled Saddam Hussein in Mauric 203, the country's oil industry has suffered many such attacks on its pipelines.

The F-ISCG jet that crashed was supporting coalition ground forces when it yent down at about 1:35 p.m. in Anbar province, about 2:3 miles northwest of Baghdad, the military said in a brief statement. The statement had no information about the suspected cause of the crash or the [ate of the pilot.

# Palestinians urged to return to negotiating table

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ehud Olmert reached out to the Palestinians on Monday in one of his most con-

Minister Enud Oumer reacused to the Palestinians on Monday in one of his most condition to speeches yet, saying he was prepared to grant them a state, release desperately needed funds and free prisoners if they choose the path of peace. Of they choose the path of peace. Of they choose the path of peace. Of they choose they are they choose they continued they cannot change the past of the continued they cannot change the past of the content of the continued they cannot change the past and we will not be able to bring the cannot change the past and we will not be able to bring the cannot change the past of the content of the conte



Israeli soldiers pray on top of a tank at a military staging area near Kibbertz Meratsim in southern israel on the border with the Gaza Strip, early Monday.

Once such a government was established. Olmert said, he would call for an immediate meeting with the moderate Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas, To have a real, open, honest, serious dialogue between us. Palesdinal registator Saeb Erekat, a top Abbas aide, said the Palestinians were ready to negotiate a final peace deal. Ti believe Mr. Olmert knows he has a partner, and that is

he has a partner, and that is President Abbas. He knows that to achieve peace and security

for all, we need to shoot for the end game. Erekat said. But the Palestthlan Cabinet, led by Hamas milliants who reject Israel's right to exist, accused Olmert of posturing. "This is a conspiracy, This is a new maneuver. Olmert is speaking about the Palestinian state without giving details about the borders," said Ghazi Hamad, —a government spokesman.

olmert's speech raised the diplomatic stakes ahead of President Bush's scheduled trip

ers.

Erekat said it was possible

Abbas would meet with Bush ould meet with i but there, but Israell officials denied that Abbas and Olmert

might meet on the sidelines of the Bush visit. the Bush visit.

Olment was elected in March promising to set Israel's flaal borders with the Palestinians by uprooting isolated communities dotted all over the West Bank while holding on to risjor setdement blocs. Israel, Olthert said, would act unflaterally without a Palestinian peace partner — something it appeared inclined to conclude because of Harmas' violently anti-Israel ideology.

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But a summer war with
Lebanese guerrillas, which
many Israelis blamed on their
unilateral pullout from southern Lebanon six years ago, left
Straells cool to ceding more territory, and Olmert shelved that
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His speech Monday signaled a final break with that program — and an attempt to entice the Palestinians back to the negoti-ating table by outlining likely Israeli concessions under a ratesumans back to the nego-ating table by outlining like Israeli concessions under future peace deal.

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# AIDS set to become one of leading causes of death worldwide

By Maria Cheng Associated Press writer

LONDON — Within the next 25 years, AIDS is set to join heart disease and stroke as the top three causes of death worldwide, according to a study published online

death worldwide, according to a study published online Monday. When global mortality projections were last calculated a decade ago, researchers had assumed the number of AIDS cases would be declining. Instead, it's on the rise. Currently ranked fourth behind heart disease, stroke, and respiratory infections. AIDS is set to become No. 3, say researchers in a new

say researchers in a new report in the Public Library of Science's Medicine journal. It accounts for about 2.8 million

deaths every year. But the researchers estimate a total of nearly 120 million people could die in the next 25 years. Overall, the researchers predict that in three' decades, the causes of global morality will be strikingly similar world-wide—apart from the prevalence of AIDS in poorer countries. Most people will be dying at older ages of noninfectious diseases, like cardiovascular disease, stroke and cancer.

The paper by Dr. Colin

The paper by Dr. Colin Mathers and Dejan Loncar of the World Health
Organization estimates that at
a total of least 117 million
people will die from AIDS
from 2006 to 2030. In an optimistic future projection, if
new HIV Infections are curbed

and access to life-prolonging antiretrovirals is increased, 89 million people will die from the disease. "What happens in the future depends very much on what the international com-munity does now," Mathers

munity does now. Patturers said.

These marked differences should spark changes in current approaches to controlling AIDS now. say some experts.

"It will be increasingly hard to sustain treatment programs unless we can turn off the tap of new HIV infections," said Dr. Richard Hays, professor of epidemiology at London's School of Husiene and Dr. Richard Hays, professor of epidemiology at London's School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, who was not linked to the study. "These AIDS numbers point to a need

to do more in prevention."

Simply focusing on treatment or politically uncontroversial prevention methods will not suffice. "You can't put

versial prevention methods will not suffice. You can't put all your eggs in the abstinence basket." said Hays. "We need a menu of strategies for real people." he said, adding that condom distribution as well see new methods, such as a vaccine, are needed.

Mathers and Loncar analyzed data from more than 100 countries. The authors looked at the links between mortality trends and income per capita, as well as factors including education levels and tobacco use. Their research also used LIN. estimates for projected AIDS infection rates and the World Bank's numbers for future income per capita.

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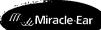
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# Simple invention saves fuel

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It sounds too good to be true.

A simple device that gives better fuel mileage, extends the life of an engine and improves emissions.

You can add that the device can dramatically increase horsepower. And it couldn't come at a bener with gasoline prices

skyrocketing.
Add that it's been manufactured for about 10 years in a remote shop in western Sanders County. It's called the Condensator, and

inventor Elmer Bush has had a

patent on the device and its principle, since 1975.

Inspired by a poorly performing boat motor, Bush, who was living in California at the time, recalled I the new motor was performing sluggishly and when he took the engine apart he found where it had been accumulating sludge, varnish

and erankease oil. An experienced inventor, he pondered what might

se the trouble and even more so,

waste materials and cause the engine to run better. After many nights of thought, he said it came to him and he set out to design his separator. His idea was

good, but he needed a media that would do the fuel separation. That

would do the fleet separation. That he finally found in Germany, had two pounds shipped over and after a few nights in his shop, his first "Condensator" was born.

He installed the device on his

wife's car but didn't tell her. Then she went to the store and when she returned, she complained there was something wrong, that when she pressed on the gas, the tires would

amazed at the additional power the vehicle had.

He removed his device, and as expected the ear's performance returned to normal.

He was convinced and began manufacturing the devices in his

shop.

He said at first, it was strictly word of mouth but as the word spread, he was overwhelmed. He sold about 200 of the devices the rst month and then the sales oubled for several months after

that.

Bush secured a patent and Bush secured a parametering commissioned some manufacturing

companies parts, which he then assembled. A iar, attached to the that collected the oil and water that dripped oil the media heads.

all time, both to device, and so brelp folks save sure that it would be revolutionary confident in the

(Ledger photo) be revolution; in its effects on fuel consumption engine life and emissions, that he approached the California Air approached the Canfornia Air Resources Board for certification of the device for endorsement and use on California vehicles where some of the nation's strictest air quality

laws are in place.

That opened a can of worms and a virtual nightmare for him that he is still fighting. Although the state smi righting, vandagit the state eventually approved his device, their reports were less than glowing. He challenged those results, eventually got the agency to recant their earlier assessment, but the damage was done.

More misfortune struck. He and interest in the device found interest worldwide and arranged for every vehicle in fran to have one installed, but before that could happen, the Shah of fran was overthrown and

the deal was quashed.

Bush recalled, and his record

interested and tested the device factors and tested the device exhaustively, but he didn't get very far there either.

So eventually he moved to Sanders County and a quieter life.

Still marketing and manufacturing.

Still maketitig and manufacturing, for years the devices have been produced in his shop and marketed on an informal basis.

The picture changed recently, when neighbor Tiom McDowell emered the picture he asked Elmer for help with his 1966 pickup and Elmer helped him install a Condensator. The texths were dramatic, With a smoother running enemies, better complex forces and the content of the content of the content of the content of the condensator.

commission. The genits were demandle, With a smoother mining engine, better engine response and sastly improved acceleration. His mileage went from 14 to 20, almost a 50- percent uncrease. "With a limited income, it gave me the freedom to make longer trips," and McDowell. "I was hooked."

With experience in Internet marketing, Tom wanted to try-stfling the deveces, by making calls on companies that could really benefit, from the savings and improved performance. Add in Asynocketing oil and gas prices and McDowell has a winning founda. With two models available, one for gas and one for deset, he's found no shortage of customers.

Recently he has concentrated on frucking companies and hit the mother lode with Missoula tracking companies. With fuel being a major cost, a big company can save hundreds of thousands of dollars per year by outlitting a fleet with the Condensator, One company, who keeps detailed records of fuel use, has documented a 12 percent increase in mileage in its first

McDowell said his sales are doubling every month and he will probably sell over 5000 units this

An experienced welder and machinist, Bush said he was born and raised near Sacramento. Caltionna, and served as a crew chief for a B-24 bomber in World War B.

with a keen talent for niechanical devices, he was the only one of the squadron-that was placed in charge of two planes. He emerged from the war with 10 battle stars and with 10 battle stars and then went on to achieve journeyman status as a journeyman status as a carpenter, bottermaker, steaminger and plumber. INVENTOR He worked in the business model Comb of agricultural equipment, and

of agricultural equipment, and invented several pieces of equipment that helped make it ssible to better use Californ farm lands

farm lands.

Now 80 years old, Bush has had several challenges with his back and is not nearly as flexible or mobile as the once was. But on good days he can still get out to the shop and work on his projects.

Over the part decade or as the

Over the past decade or so, he has employed several youth in putting together the Condensators form parts manufactured both in his sloop and in other parts of the nation Most recently, be explained, he has Most recently, he explained, he has contracted for a company in Ohio to manufacture—and assemble—the devices, mostly because they can to the necessary injection molding of the plastic housing and then the company is closer to markets where Locals say they believe in the Condensator

they expect the device will really take off. It's no secret that Montana is a long way from the markets where hundreds of thousands of vehicles could be installing the fuel saving device.

With a twinkle in his eye, Bush recalled numerous examples of



testing the device in various equipment. For example Australia, they installed one in a Volkswapen Beetle and the mileage went from 28 to over 40 miles per gallon. Later in a pub he and some gamon. Laner in a purp ne and some friends were talking about the accomplishment and a man nearby questioned the claims saying there was no way those results were possible unless they had a Condensator. They all then shared a cond lamb?

good laugh.

The Condensator name came from another company Elmer purchased after he obtained a patent. He said the name fit better. and it stuck

Ellmer loves to talk about his invention, and although be feels its acceptance has been impaired by companies that stand to loose with lower fuel and parts sales, he's still mighty proud. He lives modestly with his wife Fefonina, and they haven't sought publicity, preferring

But there are certainly times when his interest is engaged and he tells the whole story and when he looks back on the invention, its potential to improve the potential to improve the environment and help-mankind, he has to smile. With over 200,000 Condensators installed, and not one person who has asked to have it removed, no one can say he hasn't

200,000 Condensators installed

# cause the trouble and even more so, what he might do to correct it. He came upon the idea of collecting the "blow by" gases that collect in the crankcase of an engine and which are normally recycled back into the fuel system. Then he theorized that if he could separate on the more and oil in the content. out the water and oil in that system, and forward just the unburned fuel to the carburetor, he could eliminate

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Mike Brimon of Brimons Valley Lumber of Thompson Folk 'was so
impreved with the Condension that he not only ustalled them on two of the
vehicles he uses, but he put them on the dieft for sale.
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catedy there. On my boom truck, I was two gallon of asy on a 50 mile round
trip to Truct Creek, 'said Brimson.
'With experience as a mechanic, Brimson said he's sold on the device and
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Londo Vandeley of Montana High Espresso in Plants, said she had me motabled on about a year ago on het 1993 Chevrolet Saburban. "Where I have really noticed an improdement is with going up hills. My Suburban now has more power." Manichey told the Ledger.

Landa and she thirly teep very good track of gas influence on the condition are really noticed as a varying three. But he send she had not repertied the motablation for a minute. "Fin in believer," she, said, "and I think they are really on to something."

# Actual Testimonials - From People Like You

Gary and Liz are comp hosts at Avista campground at Finley Flats near, Thompson Falls,

Montana, When the initial article titled, Simple

the initial article littled. Simple Invention Saves Fuel, appeared in The Sanders County Ledger, it was a hot topic around the campfire. The usual old school scoffing over how "nothing actually works", quickly dismissed any validity to the idea of actually trying a Condensator, and the matter was a Condensator, and the maner dropped. Dropped that is until Gary and Liz returned to their cabin up at Savage Lake. There Liz urged Gary to sit down with her and actually read the article. She also reminded Gary his 1997, 3/4 ton, four wheel drive, Ford pickup with a 460



enging, was getting around thirteen fourteen miles per gallon, ar - they ought to give the

sator a try.
more than a little

skepticism Gary agreed and called to arrange to have a Condensator to arrange to have a Condensator installed that day. According to Gary: During the installation, Tom warned me that

mileage gains can vary, yet he'd had

it off again. The tank would barely take two gallons (1.94) of fuel for

a circle of friends. Since June, over twenty Condensators have been installed for just his friends and over forty miles. No matter how you figured, it is what it is over twenty miles a gallon. A seven mile per gallon gain. I was amazed! For



It Sure Pays to Listen to Mama!

pretty good results, and, to be prepared for anything. After 20 minutes the installation was done.

Tom asked me to take it for a drive and I did notice it was a bit snappier. I could even tell the difference

well we then went up to the Bull River junction and completely topped off the tank. We then drove as usual back up to Troy, and topped

a big Ford pick up with a 460 cubic inchengine. I was floored. We then drove around for some city type driving tanked up again, and figured it up at a five mile per gallon gain. I then decided to ask Tom to install a Condensator on Liz's 94 Jeep Grand Cherokee, and our motor home. I'm now a believer.

home. I'm now a believer.
Well the story does not stop
there, Gary as it turns out has quite

stopping at the Dori Skeels campground. There we installed Condensators on two motor homes belong to two friends of Gars. One belonged to Dale K., from Bonnes Ferry, Idaho Dale later reported, not only does the engine start easier, run smoother, the RV has a noticeable increase in power.

Grades he used to struggle with were much more manageable. Same

story for Carl B. From Moyie Springs, Idaho. According to Dale, "Carl is enjoying the added performance so much he can't keep his foot out of the earburetor." Unfortunately neither keeps track of their mileage. Date now plans to install a Condensator on his pickup

Our next tale comes from Irvin P. of Thompson Falls, MT

Irvin drives a 1998 Dodge Ram 1500, Heavy Half Ton 4x4 pick-up.

powered by a 318 engine, Initially Irvin didn't want to install a
Condensator
and due to Gary's success, he reflectantly agreed. Like a dozen

others he stated, "if it

You'd Better Believe f was Skeptical! wasn't for Gary
I flat wouldn't
be doing this. One reason he
decided to give it a try is the truck decided to give it a try is the trute had always seemed slightly underpowered. After installation he took it out for a test drive and came back graining from ear to ear. All hed say was, "it's got more power." Later after several tanks of gas he's now very impressed. Turns out before

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### True Tales, Continued

installing the Condensator he was getting eighteen miles per gallon, now, he's getting a little over twenty three. A gain of over live miles per gallon. Last report from lry is, he's well pleased with the

Condensator, and, we need one for



Back to Gary and Liz:

We decided to buy a brand new 2004 Dodge Durango. The first thing 'we decided was to install a Condensator right away, if nothing else to protect the engine. We first made sure it would not void our warranty, we then brought over to Tom with 74 miles on it. We'd asked the salesman in Libby what to



22 AIPG & Climbing on a new Dudge Braungo! expect for mileage as the EIPA stricker shows 18 to highway. He said he'd not heard of anyone getting that on the 4.7 Magnum engine, ownally 18 is about the best to expect. Well, after several broassand mikes roonlar highway or expect. Well, after several thousand mides regular highway speeds. 70 mph plus, we're now getting 22 mides per gallon on the highway, there's no doubt it's due to the Coudensane. Even towing the hoat with the overdrive locked out, mountain driving, the whole bit, we're still getting 15 miles per gallon. Pretty good for towing!



22 Miles Per Gallon with a Car Carrier!

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Gary and Lie have since sold the 1994 Jeep Grand Chriotwe. After installing the Condensator the first thing they noticed was the substantial increase in power. The next thing was they found that regular gas would run the engine as well as premium did before installing the Condensator. The savings from Premium to Regular alone made for a quick return on the investment. With a 318 full time four wheel drive, automatic framewhere. We have a force automatic transmission, it is faurly thirtyy rig. four wheel drive, automatic transmission, it's a fairly thirsty rig. 18.5 mpg. Now the new owner reports it's getting over 22 mpg highway.

### Another Tale

From Our "Mail Lady" Gracie S., Noxon, Mont. I deliver the mail in Noxon. I was never happy with the mileage we were getting with our 1999 Subaru



4.5 mpg Gain on A Subaru What a Good Investment!

Legacy. I drive the same route every day, day in and day out, you know - rain, hail, sleet and snow. I deliver mail to Elmer Bush, and remember a few years back his telling, me a Condensator would help with my mileage. I forgot all about it until I read the article in The Ledger. Later, after Tom installed Ledger, Later, after from installed the Condensator I gained four and a half miles per gallon! Even running the AC. I get still two miles a gallon better than before. I sure wish I d installed one sooner - Thanks Elmer!!!

Joanne W. Of Thompson Falls, Montar writes in from Michigan:

1999 Honda CRV. Driving from Thompson Falls to Gladwin, Michigan - 1980 miles, 80-85 mph, running AC, a gain of two and a half miles per gallon. The most amazing thing is the power, without hardly

pressing the gas pedal, this Honda is a four cylinder car! Very Impressed with the Condensator.

Now I have to put one on my Motor Home

### Rob Janes... Condensator Delivers!

Rob Janes has been a professional driver for 26 years. After a stint in management for City Parcel in Spokane Wash, he's now on the road full time. Each day he makes the long runs from Spokar to Seattle, Helena, Great Falls viston, averaging roughly 600



niles a day. His mechanic showed him the flyer on the Condensator him the Hyer on the Condensator and asked him what he thought. After reading it over he figured, it couldn't hurt so he decided to give it a try. Any gain in mileuge, would be worth the investment. He installed one on his 93 Ford Aerostar delivery van with a 3.d liter engine. The results were immediate. He said, "in one day I was a believer." The said jumped 2.6 miles more per gallon. Driving up the Lewiston Idaho grade, the transmission used to kick down, with the Condensator it

down, with the Condensator it cruised up in overdrive - at 70 miles per hour!

Rob recently gave the van to his daughter, and to satisfy his curiosity he transferred the Condensator to his new 2006 Toyota Scion, with a 1.5 liter engine with 6000 miles on the odometer. Again the results were immediate, on the Pullman run the new Toyota never kicked down, it new roysta never kicked down, it now runs smoother, and the engine even quit chattering at stops. Rob was surprised to see black chunks of carbon at the bottom of the collection jar, and is happy knowing the Condensator will be working to

the Condensator will be working to keep the new engine cleaner. Topping it off, the Scion is getting a solid Ampg gain! "Don't be surprised if you call me five years from now and find I've moved it to another car, I'm keeping it!"

Ross Bennett Underwater Timber Salvage Corp., St. Helens, Oregon

Condensator Sales: 1 am writing this, to thank you, for introducing a product that keeps making your engine run and perform better. In the last 3 & 1/2 years I have been amazed at the crud stripped from the crankcase gasses increased power and better fuel efficiency created by the Condensator. It has paid for itself many times over in fuel savings and my engine looks new inside and without the normal earbon deposits on the valve train. My truck has shown the effect of the condensator while additionally required hear all while pulling my research boat all over the country by hurning any gas. I have to put in it, and by extracting the power out of the gas on those long mountain grades. I'm very pleased the exhaust pipe is visually



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hurning cleaner and lacking in black carbon deposits. Owning a "Green" company and doing more than just company and dong more than just what is required makes me and my company viable. Those that I tell about the Condensator and my environmentally correct company know that I walk too You keep up the good work and know you and your crew are helping to keep the Planet Green. Thank You Again!

# Does The Condensator Work?...



Not two to be trifled with, Jim Bolin and Chuck Garvin of Spokane Wash, have covered a lot of ground and seen a lot of micks come and go

These two men have been best friends for some 30 years, working together in the construction trades together in the construction trades and labor unions most of their adult lives. When they recently read about the Condensator, they each decided to have one installed. Chuck, originally from Columbia Falls, Montana, was initially a bit skeptical. After looking it all over he decided it made sense and it would likely

work. He decided to have installed on his work truck, a installed on his work truck, a 2000 Chevy 2500HD with a 6.0 engine. Jim, originally from Yakima, Wash., wondered if installing a Condensator on his 1989 Dodge Dakota, with a 231 V-6 would give

the little pickup more power. After each installed After each installed a Condensator on one vehicle on the same day, both were extremely pleased. The first thing Chuck noticed was the truck ran smoother and now needs to have his foot resting on the brake pedal at stop signs, as the truck wants to creep forward. From his perspective,

ne look at the gunk collected the Condensator's collection jar, that's more than enough benefit, mileage is irrelevant. Everything else is a bonus." Even so Chuck figures he's getting two to three miles per gallon better

on in-town driving on the Chevy. Chuck was so satisified with his results he later scheduled a second install on his 99 Dodge Caravan. He's very happy with the Caravan as it's showing more pep and getting around a four to five mile per gallon gain.



lim's amazed with the power.



Jim is delighted with the performance gain on the Dakota. 'I could notice the difference within 50 miles. The increase in power was more important to me than the mileage gain. 'The pickup is used for hauling and is usually overhoaded.' loaded. "Before the Condensator, while

"Before the Condensator, while climbing the Sunset Hill out of Spokane it'd have to shift down; now it just sails up in overdrive. Better yet, the mileage increased from 12 to 18 mpg!" Jim says, "we're putting a Condensator on the motorhomes next!"

### Thanks Everyone, for Sharing Your Stories We're sure there are more unwritten tales of the Condensator

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laking into consideration that every engine is unique, as w y driver, mile per gallon gains are unpredictable. However ing the engine is in proper working order, in all cases engin icy, and horsepower, are increased by installing a Condense

Save On Engine Wear!

Stopping the damage caused by the PCV system in Gasoline engines thould be a high priority. What does not turn instead it found relder in the engine in the one of carbon deposit. Carl distribution exists a first engine in the one of carbon deposit. Carl all levels. Stopping the fine cutty and hamper engine efficiency all levels. Stopping the fine cutty of the other carbon black principles will allow the engine to legal to side carbon black principles will allow design. "On the carter do not mix." In expect mixtures are the carbon design." So when the carbon design is the carbon design." In the carter do not mix." In expect mixtures are carbon design.



on V-10 after 500 miles—Trapped contaminates! Without the idensator, a great deal of this waste would be in our ale!

### Other Benefits:

•Will Not Void Warranty.
•Easy Installation.
•Easy Maintenance.
•Cox Effective Pays for itself.
•System Lasts the Life of Your Engine with no additional addous. -Makes both Good Economic, and, Practical Sense. -Saving Fuel, Reducing Emissions, and, Prolonging the Life of Your Engine Will Allow You To...

Breathe Easier!

# Frequently Asked Questions

### OUR MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION: DOES IT WORKS

The answer is a resounding yes! We have stacks of testimonials and personal handson experience with hundreds of satisfied customers. We conclude the only way a Condensator will not work on your vehicle is offered and hundred. - if it's not installed

### IS THERE A GUARANTEEP

Condensators are backed by a 90-day, 100% customer satisfaction guarantee!

# HOW MUCH MILEAGE GAIN WILL INSTALLING THE CONDENSATOR GIVE ME?

The simple answer is "use don't brown" There ample answer is "we don't know." There are too many variables to consider to be able to accurately predict what a specific vehicle and driver will achieve. We will share with you the results of our customers and our with you the results of our customers, and our own personal experiences. We have seen a nile or two per gallon all the way to the mileage actually dombling. We tell fleet managers to expect a reduction of fuel consumption of around 15% on average. This is due to some vehicles and drivers over performing and some under performing.

### WILL A CONDENSATOR WORK ON MY CARP

This is a good question as there are several hicles we can't install a Condensator on at is time. The reason is they have either an ternal PCV system or do not have one at all, ness are the 8.1 and 3.8 GMC / Chevrolet, and Dodge 5.7 Hemi track envines what we've seen so far these are the only

### DOES THE CONDENSATOR WORK ONLY OR BEST ON OLDER VEHICLES

It's for certain the Condensator will breath new life into your older vehicle, at the same time we've seen many impressive mileage gains on newer vehicles too! In addition to getting a mileage gain on a newer vehicle you'll be protecting your investment from engine damaging carbon. This alone is a great reason to install a Condensator on a new



When I read the insert in the [Kalispell]
Daily Interlake on the Condensator, I was a
bit skeptical. The fact there was local people
from the area telling their stories influenced me a great deal. These were people I could contact myself if I wanted to. I have a new 2004 Nissan Titan with a V-8 and about 4000 2004 Missan Titan with a 9-8 and about 4000 miles on it. The first thing I did was to check on the warranty issue, after being satisfied and since the call was a toll free. I decided to give them a shot. Tom came out to the house and spent some time showing me some of the documentation he had on other vehicles. We discussed installation and since he was running late I decided to install the Condensator myself. It took around twenty minutes to install. So far I'm getting 175 better mileage for my in town driving. I've seen the computer go up to 20 miles per gallon on the highway where before it was never above 16. It's too early to tell since I've not had a good opportunity to see what the highway mileage will pan out to be. All in all I'm quite satisfied. Would I'd oit again? - In a heartbeat!" Bill Lelngang, Kalispell, MT.

### WILL INSTALLING A CONDENSATOR ID THE MANUFACTURES WARRANTY ON A NEW VEHICLE?

The answer is no! In order for a car manufacturer to void a warranty, they have to prove that the Condensator has or will do



ranty is "NOT" affected!

lamage to the engine or vehicle. Installation on a gasoline powered vehicle will not void

"I find the Condensator a very interesting purchased a new vehicle, read the insert in the

Interlake & decided to put one on. Boy was he pleased! The Condensator increased his fuel economy, horserower and performance intertage & decided to put one on. Boy was the pleased! The Condensator increased his fuel economy, horsepower and performance and IT DOESN'T AFFECT THE NEW CAR WARRANTY at all! So I too put one on my personal vehicle. I'm very excited to see my personal venicle. I'm very exercic to see my improved fuel economy, horsepower and performance. There's very little maintenance, and best of all, it, reduces emissions for the betterment of our environment!"

G.J Hensen, General Manager Simpson Motors - Nissan, Mazda, Subaru - Kalispell, Montana

### I'VE READ INSTALLING A CONDENSATOR WILL GIVE MY VEHICLE MORE POWER. IS THAT TRUE

It sure is true. After the engine is no longer choking on heavy oil from the crankease, it'll be running more efficiently. In addition to the unspent fuel contained in the blow by gasses are higher more volatile gasses ranging from Methane to Toluene, these higher aromatic gasses act as to increase the octane ratine of our fuel fuel. Combined together these lead to an increase in power.



Since I have an extensive background in the automotive field, I can tell you for certain the automotive field, I can fell you for certain that installing a Condensator in my 1994 Mazda B-4000 plekup gave it more power. In addition to an appreciated boost in passing gear, I was able to tell with more certainty by setting my cruise control at 65 while driving north up Evaro Hill. Before installing the Condensator the cruise would kick out about halfway up. Now the cruise control remains halfway up. Now the cruise of engaged all the way to the top.

Although my mileage gain was fairly modest, I'm well pleased with the results...



accumulation heavy hydrocarbons, varnish on the walls of the manifold. The one section has been cleaned to show what it should look like.

# I'VE HEARD A CONDENSATOR WILL INCREASE THE LONGEVITY OF MY VEHICLES ENGINE.

It's true! Once the flow of heavy into the air intake is stopped, so does the reintroduction of carbon into the combustion chamber. It's well known earbon is one of the channer. It swell known carron is one of the most abrasity elements known - contributing to engine wear, and is the leading cause of engine failure. By stopping this self destruction process your engine will last longer. We've had letters from people

destruction process your engine will last longer. We be had letters from people reporting in excess of 500,000 miles with a Condensator installed. Unfortunately the rest of the vehicle wears out before the engine. "In 1992 Diane and I purchased a 1988 Ford Tempo with 110,000 miles. It had a Condensator installed, but we didn't know what it was, nor did anyone fees. Well Diane logs a whole lot of miles driving to Superior, Plains and Missoudia: a whole lot of miles. This summer we were at the campground where Tom was installing Condensators on where Tom was installing Condensators or where form was instaining Condensators on motorhomes and later figured it out, that's what was in the Tempo - a Condensator! Now here's the kicker, the Tempo ran until 2002 with 611,000 actual miles on the odometer at



Larry Roberts Frenchtown, Montana

# WILL CONDENSATORS LOWER THE EMISSIONS FROM MY TAILPIPE INTO THE ENVIRONMENT?

Ron's an ASE certified master technician with 20 years of automotive repair experience and he was skeptical at first about the Condensator's claims of better gas mileage. improved performance and lowered vehicle

emissions. He tried one because he was getting poor gas mileage on older Ford pickup. It didn't take him long to experience first hand the benefits. After installing one on his pickup, Ron said it felt like his throttle spring was

responsive. A co-worker (another ASE master tech) installed one and found his Chevy S-10 now no longer bogs down with the AC operating



ınd Deb, Spokane. WA.

Ron then installed a Condensator on a 1990 Olds Cutlass Ciera and mileage improved from 22 MPG to 28 MPG. He tested the emissions before and after and found they were reduced 50 percent!\* Ron then installed one on his flance's, Deb, car, a 1989 Ford Taurus and found the vehicle went from 13 MPG in the city to 19 MPG. On the highway, the ear's fuel efficiency improved from 19 to

We're real pleased with the acceleration and performance, the car no longer bogs dowr as we go over the 1-90 pass east of Coeu

Ron said he was so impressed technically with the Condensator's performance that be recommends them to others and belos with the stallation

Asked if the performance improvements he experienced could be discredited. Ron said "I understand the science behind Condensator, I have seen it work and know they work."
"I'm a believer." said Ron.

For a copy of emission test results, go to condensatorsales.com

### HOW ABOUT GOVERNMENT VEHICLES?

"I contacted Tom about getting Condensators installed on a few of our City Buses in Kalispell. During the installation special we were able to get the Condensator installed on three buses. Was I pleased with the results? I mirmostly! It gives lots more power making for safer starts. It's too early to tell what the figures are on the gas savings, but I've got a hunch there will be substantial savings. I was so impressed I even had one installed on my personal vehicle."



Betty Kemp, Lead Driver Eugle Transit, Kalispell, Montana WHAT ABOUT PROPANE POWERED

ENGINES, CAN WE INSTALL A CONDENSATOR ON THEM?

You'd better believe you can, and is it ever a good idea. Propane powered engines are supposed to run cleaner and to some degree they do, however they're usually underpowered and somewhat inefficient. underpowered and somewhat inefficient. They still have a PCV system and by running



Even With Propane There's a 30% Savings!

Even With Propose There's a 20% Savings! the crankcase gases through the Condensator you can find a remarkable improvement in mileage, power and ensistons. "I work at the largest lumber yard in Missoula. During one of our busiest months we installed a Condensator on my forklift. Each day I would unload around 20 semi trailers. Before the Condensator of duse a tank and a half of propane everyday. After installing the Condensator we decreased to just out eaths a day with the same workhoad. That's a 20% reduction! At peak we were saving three full tanks a week on just one furklift!"

### Tim DePuydt, Missoula, Montana

"I had the privilege of meeting Elmer Bush several years ago when he came into my shop to have me build some stainless steel cases for Condensators. At the time I was driving a 94 Mazda which I had for 3 months. I installed a wards which I had not 5 months. I institled a Condensator and to my amazement I started squealing my tires taking off at a stop sign!! The added power was awesome! I now drive a 98 Ranger. Same story! I took it back to the dealership to show them and the head mechanic said with a frown. "I spent over troops over the control of the control of the properties." \$1500 on power improvements for my Ranger and it doesn't have the re wer this has you are waiting at a stop sign in traffic this is

a real advantage as you can safely merge in places you couldn't before. Let's talk about extended engine life, it stops the bad stuff from getting into your stops the bad stuff from getting into your upper engine, tespecially around the mozele of the injectors). After emptying the collection container 5 or 6 times you'll start to notice sandy grity stuff in the bottom! Want that in your engine??? The mileage increase is nice, but I especially like the added power you get! With the black lines going into the intake you



can't see what goes into it....just manufacturer would like! Wi With the Condensator you can see all that harmful stuff Condensator you can see an man nammer some in the collection jar! You would have to be brain dead not to see the value in installing a Condensator on every rig you own!"

Lou Baribault - President, SWHIFT Systems, Inc. , Sandpoint, ID.

# WHAT DO MECHANICS SAYS

"From the first day Tom walked into the shop I've thought, "it's a no brainer." Removing the oil from the fuel to air mixture lowers the flash point, creating more efficient and more powerful combustion. It's very simple and elegant.



It Just Makes Sense! Several of my friends now have Condensators installed on their vehicles, and

Condensators installed on their vehicles, and all are repoliting increased power. On my shop truck, a 1-ton Chevy 4a4 with a 454 engine, and loaded with a compressor, welding & cutting setup and osdles of tools, I'm now getting 6.9 miles per gallon. Plus, less earbon mean; less maintenance. Like I said to Tiom, It's a no brainer.\*

Curf Fitzgerald, Shop Foreman - Johnson Brothers Recycling - Missoulu, Montanu

# CAN LINSTALL A CONDENSATOR MYSELF?

If you can change your own spark plugs and oil, perhaps. If you have any reservations, it's best to have a mechanic install the Condensator.

### WHAT MODEL CONDENSATOR DO I NEED FOR MY CAR OR PICK UP?

We have three models for gasoline engines. The general rule is Model A for 1984 and older: Model C for 1985 and newer and Model B for smaller engines, 1984 and older.

### IS THE CONDENSATOR A NEW PRODUCT?

Not exactly. It was invented in 1976 by Elmer Bush and shire then over \$200,000 Condensators have been sold worldwide

### ARE THERE ANY FILTERS NEEDING REPLACEMENT OR ADD ON COSTS?

There are no add on costs or filters to replace. It's one time investment and then that's it! The Condensator will last for the life of your vehicle. A periodic cleaning of the separatur basket may be necessary every 30,000 miles or so, however that's just a simple cleaning in parts wash. Any oil change technician will be able to perform this resimple cleaning.

# WHAT MAINTENANCE IS REQUIRED AFTER INSTALLING A CONDENSATOR?

Maintenance is a snap. At every oil change make it a practice to empty out the collection jar on the Condensator.

"It's no problem at all to empty the collection jar. Just do it at oil change time!"



Linda Vandehey, Montana High Espresso, Plains Montana

# Frequently Asked Questions

### WHAT IS THE STUFF THE CONDENSATOR COLLECTS:

a combination of motor oil, ca ater, acid, metals, and some really smell aff. The point is it's not what you'd like to smells



Typical Condensator collected gunl after 1000 miles on a new engine.

have sent back into the engine with the fuel and clean air. Once again dispose of as engine waste oil Let's not send it back into the engine or worse, into our air!

### DOES THE CONDENSATOR INSERT INTO THE FUEL LINE?

No. On almost every gasoline powered engine is a PCV valve, and normally a tube



### W COME THE AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURERS ARE NOT ALL OVER THIS?

In the past it was not in the manufacturer's corporate best interest to support a device that extends the life of an engine. Things have nged in recent years and manufacturers are taking a second look at the Condensator

# FIT'S NOT NEW HOW COME I HA NOT HEARD ABOUT IT BEFORE

In one word, California. Elmer had to battle California in the courts to prove the Condensator works as advertised. It took from 1976 to 1982 to force the California Air Resonices Board (CARB) to admit the device

oos not create pollution.

To some degree this battle is ongoing, opporation with CARB is at best dismal. It's our position at Condensator Sales, that California and CARB have been grossly negligent in their duties to the people of California and by extension, the nation at

Since the Condensator article first appeared in the June, 2004 edition of the Sanders County Ledger, over 7,500-Condensators have been installed in whiches in Montana, Washington, Idaho and Oregun. Sales are increasing daily, Recently our neighbor, Mr. Buth pasved on and he will be missed greatly. Einer Bush was proud of his greatly. Einer Bush was proud of his will a practical clement of all ledgers of the sales of fuel and contribute to a cleaner environment.

### Elmer Bush Inventor

simple\*



# Condensator Sales, a Montana Made Company OK, HOW DOES A CONDENSATOR

HELP THE ENVIRONMENTS If, you've read the testimonials and information, now we get down to the meat and

First, we've barely touched on tailpipe emissions, hi our opinion, it's something we need to spend time on.

One of the tailpine emissions is Monovide (which we all know can kill) along with other barmtul gasgs.

After installing a Condensator, in addition

After installing a Condensator, in adultion to getting better indicage, more power, and extending engine life, you'll greatly reduce unto emissions into the all. Test after test after test, over the last 20 years, proved this conclusively. Installing a Condensator reduces emissions by up to 75% on gasoline victors.

By installing a Condensator you'll save money and help-everyone breathe easier.

### WHO WE ARE

We're small and growing. Condensator Sales employs nine people in Montana and we're growing. Located 150 miles northwest of Missoula near Novon, Montana on Highway 56, we're in the beautiful Bull River

Valley. I'm Tom McDowell and I sell and install Condensators.

install Condensators:

Betore Elmer died late in 2004, he entrosted me with carrying on his vision.

Elmer saw the immense benefits of the Condensator for making our world a better

### **MADE IN MONTANA**

Condensators are hand assembled at a facility along the scenic Bull River.

By now it should be clear the Condensator

not a grunnick, or, toy, but lately, some skeptics have questioned the validity of our

claims.

We want you to know we stand by our products and continue to helieve our customers are the best testimony and validation for what a Condensator can do. We variation for what a Contensator can do. We feel if you've taken the step to install one you're contributing in a way to help keep the costs of fuel down, keep our air cleaner and benefit your community at farge

ar production is limited and demand is eketing, but we want to control company growth to assure a quality product, personal service and careful, professional installations.

. We're sure that if you give the Condensato try, you'll join the thousands of our satisfied

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In Helena: J-4 Automotive

In Butte: CJ'S Performance Parts & Accessories

in Billings: Mountainside Auto Repair

Oregon

In Ontario: Precision Automotive Washington

In Pasco: Columbia River Transmission & Auto Repair

In Spokane: Aarons Automotive

In Wenatchee: E&T Performance and Auto Repair

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Call the number below to schedule an install or to order a Condensator!



Our production is limited and demand is skyrocketing!

is connected to the air intake. It's really that

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