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A guide to ski adventures outside traditional resorts. OUTDOORS, SEE PAGE D1



NEW HOTEL IN VALLEY

Mid-priced chain to build at corner of Hwy. 93 and I-84.

NUCLEAR OR UNCLEAR?

Officials doubt company's claim it will build plant in Bruneau.

MAGIC VALLEY, SEE PAGE C1

Good Morning



FRIDAY December 8, 2006

IDAHO LEGISLATURE

Committee chairmanships will be decided today

Magic Valley could end up with four representatives in leadership positions

BOISE — The three Magic Valley legislators in the state House of Representatives are expected to hold committee

chairmanships when the Legislature convenes in

Legislature convenes in January. Today, Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, will find out if he

ins them. After hours of waiting in the

capitol Thursday as a newly elected House speaker and party leaders decided on com-mittee assignments, members in the House were given word at about 4 p.m. to come back

but could be passed over since House chairs typically rely on the preference of the speaker, unlike in the Senate, where

unlike in the Senate, where senitority rules.
Up until Election Day, there was a lot of talk among law-makers as to who would suc-ceed four-term Speaker Bruce Newcomb, a moderate Republican from Burley. The

leading contenders were Rep. Lawrence Denny, R-Midwale, and Rep. Bill Deal, R-Mampa. After the Republicans lost six House seats to Democrats, the tide turned and Denny inched closer to victory. He was offi-cially voted speaker on Thursday during the organiza-tional meeting. It is 'expected the eight standing House chairmen will

stay. Including Reps. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, of the Appropriations Committee, and Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, of the Resources and Conservation Committee. But when the House was allowed to leave Thursday, it was unclear who would lead the committees with vacant

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WILDERNESS ---B-I-I-I-S-

Private rift in congressional delegation goes public

By Jesse Harlan Alderman Associated Press writer

BOISE — A private rift between Sen. Larry Craig and Rep. Mike Simpson over a stalled idaho wilder-ness bill is widening into a public quarrel, straining a long-held posture of unity among the state's all-Republican congressional

among the state's all-Republican congressional delegation. Craig and Simpson wrote side-by-side opinion pieces in Thursday's Idaho, Satesman newspaper out-lining their disaprements over Simpson's bill to desig-nate the Boulder-White Cloud mountains and sur-rounding forest as protected wilderness. To some

"To some degree It's a little bit of a departure departure,
Simpson
told The
Associated
Press of the
decision to
challenge
Craig in
print. "If



Central The Idaho The Central Idaho Economic and Recreation Act would create federai wilderness in Idaho for the first time since 1980. It passed the House in July, but remained stymied in the Senate after Craig enate after Craig iced his opposition

Simpson said Thursday Simpson said inursuay he still hopes to persuade a senator to attach the wilder-ness measure to any bill in the wanting days of the ses-sion, but he acknowledged 'running out of vehicles."

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Lights out in Twin Falls



Squirrel causes 6,500 customers to lose power

Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A squirrel knocked out power to about 6.500 people and a significant number of traffic lights Thursday on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, Washington Street, Addison Avenue and surrounding areas.

The animal landed on a piece of equipment at 10.58 a.m. at the substation at Heyburn and Filer, causing a short and killing the squirrel, said daho Power spokesman Russ Jones.

All power was restored by 12:16 p.m.. he said. The power failure shut down several traffic signals, which created some confusion among drivers during lunch-hour traffic.

Some disabled signals were located in high-traffic intersections such as Blue Lakes Boulevard and Addison Avenue. Before Twin Falls police arrived to direct traffic, drivers turned the Five Points intersection into a five-way stop.

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What the traffic laws say

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"It was kind of funny and scary at the same time to watch people maneuver their way through it." said Valorde Reese, who drove through the Five Points intersection on ther way to the grocery store. "One person would fly through it like they owned the road, while other people just waited not knowing what to do." Staff Sgt. Dan McAtee of the Twin Falls Police Department said about eight officers directed traffic at warious intersections along Addison Avenue West. He said

stop signs were set up in some intersec-tions when officers were not available to

. ions when officers were not available to direct traffic.

"It ted most of us up for a while," he said. "We were mainly concerned about heavy traffic areas such as Blue Lakes," Mike Sullivan, a traffic technician for the cly of Twin Falls, said the signals are not equipped with backup power.

"I power goes down, then the lights go down," he said. "But I would say that the lights that went down came back up pretreatively."

lights that went down came took of pro-ty quickly.

All but one traffic light was restored within an hour of the power failure.

But Reese said some lights should never go out.

"These aren't Christmas lights, you know. If those lights (at Five Points) go out, then it gets really scary to drive through that intersection not knowing if the other car is going to stop."

Rupert attornev disbarred

Raymundò Pena admits to 31 counts of misconduct

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

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Raymundo Pena accepted disbarment and admitted to 31 counts of professional misconduct for scannming numerous clients, the court and the Idaho Bar Association. In return, the IBA dropped a misdementor charge against him of practicing law with a suspended license. Pena had been tricking clients out of their money, and when building evidence caused the IBA to suspend his license Feb. 28, it did not slow his trickery down, according to court documents filed by the bar association.

The violations were serious and the number of violations

"The violations were serious and the number of violations were serious," said Brad Andrews, Idaho Bar counsel, after the hearing Thursday morning in the State Supreme Court building in Boise. "We believe we had clear and convincing evidence for any professional misconduct with 37 counts." The existence of clear and

convincing evidence is the measure the IBA uses to disbar a lawyer. But why 37 counts instead

a lawyer.
But why 37 counts instead
of 31?
The IBA dismissed the
remaining six counts. Several
of them allege he bartered or
attempted to barter sex for
legal services. Those counts
are being charged criminally
in Minidoka County.
The other complaints,

in Minidoka County.

The other complaints, detailed in court documents filed by the bar association.

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Find the right stand to avoid knockin' around the Christmas tree



By John Deiner The Washington Post

I saw Mommy cussing

Santa Claus."
And I saw it more than once. The screaming always commenced about 2 p.m. on the second Sunday in December, when my parents did battle with our live Christmas tree and its stingy, mean-spirited stand. It was a phastly yuledide tradition, as mean-spirited stand, it was spastly yuleidde tradition, as predictable as Dad's annual tussle with the tangled ball of outdoor lights and my little brother counting the presents on Christmas morning to make-sure-he-wasn't-short-

Christmas tree. What squabbling you inspire.
According to the National

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if it's been a writtle since the tree was cut down, rocut the base to put the tree's vascular system in contact with water.
 Be sure to stand the tree in a bucket of water while it's waiting to be brought into the house.

Ghristmas-Tree

-Christmas—iree—Association (NCTA), based in Chesterfield, Mo., and charged with repre-senting the live tree industry, Americans bought nearly 33 year. In doing so, they spent upward of \$1.4 billion for the

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today

Tonlaht

Saturday

6:00

High 43

MINI-CASSIA

Today:Unseasonably mild with a blend of sunshine and clouds. Highs law 40s. Tonight: Increasing clouds and a stiff breezo expected.

Lows 20s.

Torhorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy with a sprinkle of rain

Complete weather report: See page B8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"Inherit the Wind," presented by the C.S.I. Drama Department and directed by Tony Mannen, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Theatre, College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens, 732.

6788.
Sargel Prokoflev's "The Love of Three Oranges," presented by the Twin Falls High School Theater Department, 7:30 ; m. Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls, \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and \$20 for families, 7348-551.
Tchalkovsky's "The Nutcracker," presented by the Centre Stage Studios of Dance and Performing Arts, 7:30 p.m.; the King Fine Arts Center, Burley, reserved seats, \$15 and \$13; general seats, \$10; and \$8 for senior citizens, 678-4117.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Gooding Memoral Hospital Foundation's Festival of Trees, with \$10 luncheon and style show at 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m.; \$2 general admission from \$1 0 s:30 p.m.; and wreathes and swags class, 7 to 9 p.m. Round Building of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, 14th Avenue ~W., Gooding, \$25 for class (includes materials), 934-8678.

CHURCH EVENTS

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CHASAIC Christmas with the Imperials, winners of four Grammy Awards and 13 Dove Awards, 7 p.m., Amazing Grace Fellowship, 1061. Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls, \$12 ticket (Includes dessert buffer), 736-0727.

"Christmas through the Ages" Dessert Theatre, experience the Christmas season from beginning until the present, 7 p.m., Messersmith Building, Jerome County Faligrounds, limited free tickets, (donations accepted for Community Action and Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver, sponsored by the Life Church of the Magic Valley, 324-5876.

Christian Movile Night with "The Very First Nost," 7 p.m., Calvary Chapel, on the corner of Falls Avenue East and the road to Shoshone Falls, Twin Falls, free, 733-3133.

EXHIBITS

Works by Amber Scoon, former College of Southern Idaho art Instructor, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, C.S.I. campus, Twin Falls, free, 7:32-6655.

"Discontinuity," contemporary abstract paintings by local artist Ben Browne in the Galleria Pequena, and new works by member-artists in the Full Moon Gallery, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S., downtown Twin Falls, free, 7:34-ARTS.

GOVERNMENT

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

HEALTH

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 several Magic Valley focations: CSI gym. Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Gym, Biaine County Campus Gym and Filer. Elementary, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, free, 732-6475.

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.

The Comber Star Perty (weather permitting), free telescope-blewing, 6 p.m. to midnight, Centennial Observatory, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, free, 732-6655.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the pryent, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact num-ple to Suzanae Browne by email at submyne@magloxalley.com; by fax, 744-5538; or by mail, Times-News, RDR05;584, Pivin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

COMING THIS WEEKEND

LESSONS IN LIGHT

The Magic Valley Chorale combines with Twin Falls clergy to tell the story of Christmas.

SATURDAY IN RELIGION

Full nest

The fleeting joys of family reunions.

SUNDAY IN FAMILY LIFE

YOUR MORNING

MAGIC VALLEY



Skiers look for adventure outside traditional resorts

outside traditional resorts
For skiers looking for little
more help from gravity but
who don't want to cough up
the 574 for a ski pass on Bald
Mountain, the Wood River
valley offers more access to
backcountry skiing than
most mountain towns
throughout the west. When
conditions permit, skiers can
-access-backcountry powderstashes from Hailey all the
way north to Galena Summit.
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Kimberly principal goes back to school

KIMBERLY — He was the only seventh-grade student who was married and had the authority to suspend his class-

mates.
Jeff Jones, Kimberly Middle
School principal, enrolled in
his own school Thursday to
experience what it's like to be a student.

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Owyhee nuclear proposal appears misinformed

BRUNEAU — A nuclear power plant may be coming to Idaho.

Funny thing, though Nobody here knows it's com-

One year passed since fatal fire in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — More than a year has passed since a house fire killed 4-year-old Eli Davis and his 2-year-old brother, Kael.

And in a y-Kael.

Although still saddened by her loss, mother Angela does-n't want it to be in vain and agreed to allow a fire educa-tion program to be named in honor of her boys.

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Jerome will soon be getting new hotel

JEROME — Crossroads Point Business Center will soon be home to a new 100-

soon be nome to a new 100room hotel.

Wingate Inn will break
ground in the spring on four
acres of the 250-acre planned
unit development on the
northwest corner of U.S.
Highway 93 and Interstate 84,
said Crossroads owner Arlen
Crouch

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OBITUARIES

Omar Eldredge, 81 Helen Alene Hogue, 88 Slim" Ronnie D. Hewitt, 68 Elma Jane McCreary, 82

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with Santa letters

with Santa letters

ANCHORAGE. Alaska — It's a name that needs no address. Everyone one knows Santa Claus lives at the North Fole.

So letters seen to the rolypoly icon always find their way to the small town of North Pole deep In Alaska's interior, including those-simply addressed to Santa. Last year 120.000 letters arrived from 26 countries, not counting the thousands with no return address. Those-that do have return-addresses usually get a reply and a North Pole postmark in a holiday effort that has delighted children all over the world for more than five decades.

SEE PAGE C7

Denver makes case for 2008 convention

for 2008 convention

DENVIRI—As the head of
the Democratic Party moves
closer to choosing the site of
the 2008 convention, 10 senators and senators-elect
from the western half of the
nation said the Mille High
City is a natural choice.

Holding the convention in
Denver would help cement
the party's recent polluteal
gains and 'send a powerful
message that the Democratic
are ready to fight for a
Democratic majority nationwide and for a new direction
for America," said the letter.

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Council opposes gun training for teachers

SANDY, Utah — Teachers who want to bring a gun to ichool won't be getting irearms training from

firearms training from police.
The Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training Council on Wednesday declined to consider the issue, which was brought forward by Attorney General Mark Shurdeff.

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Utah city rescinds door-to-door sales law

LINDON, Unth — The city has rescinded a law restricting door-to-door restricting door-to-door feered a lawsuit by The Kirby Co, which has sued several Unth communities over laws that make it hard to sell cleaning products. SEE PAGE 86

Mine water quality predictions often wrong

BOISE — Conservationists say water quality predictions prepared by, federal land management agencies as part of the permitting process for precious metal mines during the past 25 years were routinely off the mark in concluding the mines concluding the mines would not cause water polmines SEE PAGE C4

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CLASSIFIEDS

NATION/WORLD



Seminole tribe buys Hard Rock business

Hard Rock business
LONDON
The Seminole Tribe of Florida is buying the Hard Rock business, including its massive collection of rock in roll memorabilia, in a \$985 million deal with British casino and hotel company Rank Group PLC. the tribe announced Thursday.
The Hard Hock business includes 124 Hard Rock Lotel Control Hard Rock Hotels, two Hard Rock Casins Hotels, two Hard Rock Ludie Concert vanues.

Rock Live! concert venues.
and stakes in three unbranded hotels.
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Bush, Blair give chilly response to proposals

response to proposals

WASHINGTON

President Bush gave a chilly response to the Iraq Study Group's proposals for reshaping his pollcy Thursday, objecting to talks with Iran and Syria, refusing to endorse a major troop withdrawal and vowing no retreat from embattled U.S. goals in the Mideast.

British Prime Minister Tony Blatr, an unflagging ally in the unpopular war, stood with Bush and whole-heartedly supported his

heartedly supported his determination to fight to victory in Iraq and spread democracy across the democracy Middle East. SEE PAGE, A4

Lofting those special items into space

EXMINICTION, Conn.— UP Aerospace, a privately held rocket company, is bet-ding that your beloved is less likely to say no to a marriage proposal if you blast the engagement ring into outer space before popping the question. UP Aerospace promises to send your stamps, coins, rings and even your Aunt Gerty's ashes on an afford-able four-minute ride through, space and then FARMINGTON, Conn

derry's asses on an anota-able four-minute ride through space and then gently parachute those litems-to-the-ground

Report: Many Saudis finance iraqi insurgents

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CAIRO, Egypt — Private
Saudi citizens are giving
millions of dollars to Sunni
insurgents in Iraq and
much of the money is used
to buy weapons, Including
shoulder fired anti-aircraft
missiles, according to key
Iraqi officials and others
familiar with the flow of
eash.

Saudi government offisaid government offi-cials deny that any money from their country is being sent to Iraqis fighting the government and the U.S.-led coalition.

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. SPORTS



test in SWAC opener

TWIN FALLS - Tonight's

TWIN FALLS — Tonight's the night. It's the first road game, first conference game as the No. 6. College of Southern Idaho mer's baskerhall team takes on the host North Idaho College Cardinals sonight at 8:30 p.m., MST in Coeur d'Alenc. On the line is the legitimecy of the 8-0 Colden Engles' national championist Seepile West Addition to the Seep Southern of promise is seen to the seep of that, just your garden-variety basketball game. SEE PAGE B1

Golden Eagles hope for conference lead

TWIN FALLS — Maria Moore was unquestionably the Scenic West Athletic Conference Player of the Year last season. Tonight she meets the competition for

this year's crown.
It's a battle of the conferrts a battle of the conter-ence's top two scorers as Moore and the No. 13 College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team take on the 6-2 North Idaho College Cardinals and stand-out freshman forward Simone Jordan.

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Twin Falls grapplers upend Kimberly

upend Kimberty

. KIMBERLY — For three years, Salid Dabestani has been planting the seeds. Thursday riight, it was harvest time. In 2000, Jabestani took over a Twin Falls High wrestling programs that couldn't field a full team, couldn't draw new grapplers in, and certainly couldn't compete against Idaho's top programs. Thursday riight's 40-24 team win over perenniala area—powerhouse nial area powerhouse Kimberly showed just how much has changed in three

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Parker sets rushing mark in Steelers win

mark in Steelers win
PITTSBURGH — The
weather was nasty, windy,
niserable, For Willie Parker, it
was a record cold right.
Parker broke the Steelers
single-game rushing record
with 223 yards — a game
better than either Franco
larris or Jerome Bettls
enjoyed — and Pittsburgh
excelled as usual in inferior
weather by roughing up the
offense-less Cleveland
Browns 27-7 Thursdy right,
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hair positions. The chairmen of the Revenue & Taxation and Agricultural Affairs commit-

of the Revenue & Taxation and Agricultural Affairs committees retired. Those on the Education and the Judiciary, Rules and Administration committees, Republicans fack Barraclough and Debbie Fleid. respectively, lost their races. The vice chairwoman behind Barraclough retired and Rep. Sharon Block. R'Twin Falls, a former teacher and third-most senior member, is a prime candidate, but she currently heads the Fleidher and the Bourner of the Sharon Block. R'Ambre Sald she would keep. Another setback Thursday in the House was over the Democrat's representation on committees. The Republicans to the Committee of the Sharon S

bers that included the remain-ing leadership positions: Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, won assistant-majority leader over Rep. Ilm Clark, R-Hayden Lake, Rep. Mike Moyfe, R-Starr, was elected majority leader, and Rep. Ken Roberts, R-McCall, _became__caucus chair.

chair.
Mennwhile, senate committee assignments were fairly
routine: Sen. Fom Gannon, RBuhl, will chair Agricultural
Affairs and serve on the
Education Committee, Sen.
Chuck Coliner, R-Itwin Falls,
will remain wice-chairman on
Resources Committee and will
serve on the Resources and
Environment and Itealth and
Welfare committees.
Sen. Dean Cameron, RRupert, will remain as chair of
Finance and serve on
Commerce and Human
Resources, and Resources and
Environment, Sen. Denton
Darrington, R-Declo, will chair
Judicial and Rules and serve
Sen. Clint Stennett,
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Setcheum, who was re-elected Meanwhile, senate commit-

on Health and Welfare
Sen. Clint Stennett, D.
Ketchum, who was re-elected
minority leader, will remain
on Agricultural Affairs,
Resources and Environment,
and State Affairs.
The Republicans kept their
Senate leadership: Sen. Robert
L Geddes, R-Soda Springs, as
president pro tempore. Sen.
Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, as
majority leader: Sen. Joe
Stegner, R-Lewiston, as assistant majority leader: and Sen tant majority leader; and Sen Brad Little, R-Emmett, as cau-

Brid Little, reminert, as cau-cus chair.

The Democrats chose Sen. David Langhorst, D-Boise, as assistant minority leader and Sen. Kate Kelly, D-Boise, as caucus chair.

Reporter Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at (208) 735-3204 or jhopkins@magicval-

Legislature Misconduct

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date back to 2003 when he date back to 2003 when he took unearned money from clients. He continued to defraud-clients under the pre-tense that he was a practicing lawyer even after the IBA suspended his license.

Among the complaints Penapleaded guilty to are the following.

• He accepted money or col-• He accepted money or col-lateral from clients and provid-ed no services to them. When they would attempt to contact him. he would not return phone calls. When they called the 1BA. Pena would not respond to its letters. • An inmate's father hired Pena for, \$2,500 to appeal his

son's criminal conviction. Pena

did not give the father a refund and never filed the appeal.

• Pena duped clients into informal contracts and then

broke them.

• When the IBA suspended his license, Pena never refunded a \$1,000 retainer to a client, and the client was unable to hire a private actionney. He accepted \$400 from another little and the private action of the property of th

accepted \$400 from another client and similarly performed no work for the man before he lost his license.

Each time the lither asked for more time to either asked for more time to respond or simply did not respond — until the IBA took action Feb. 20.

In five years, the IBA will

allow Pena a second shot at becoming a lawyer. If he reapplies, he will first have to reimburse the Client Assistance Fund for all claims paid to Pena's clients. He will have to pass the bar exam again. And he will have to con-vince the Character and Fitness Committee of the IBA that he has reformed his char-acter.

that he has reformed his char-acter.

Both Andrews and Deputy
Bar Counsel Julia Crossiand
said they could think of only
one case in which a disbarred
lawyer successfully reapplied.

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privilege of sculfing their cell-ings, gunking up their wood floors and soaking their car-peting with scummy, pine-scented water. Mostly, it trans-lated into 33 million argu-ments about whether the tree-tree area for the care.

meet into 35 minuth angu-ments about whether the tree-top angel was asker. And the root of all those tree troubles? That miserable, maddening stand, we need to "As an industry, which is the ineffective stands, because it detracts from using a real detracts from using a real detracts from using a real detracts. From using a real detracts from using a real stands from using a real stands from using a real stands in the stands of the special stands of the stands on the market these days that simplify the process."

The owner of a tree farm in Pearl River, La., Gernon has-witnessed his share of arboreal discord amoi holiday time. ord among customers at y time. "We thought

about having marriage counseling at the exit of the farm, but I've never been able to come up with enough counselors — and counselors when to work weekends."

To allay some of the distress, Gernon — said consumers

To allay some of the distress, offernon said consumers should look for stands that can be readily adjusted and are big enough for their tree of choice. One key component is the water reservoir: You want one that's simple to fill and casy to detach from the trunk, which 'cuts down on the mess sue.' when you're taking the tree down. Some models, such as a three-legged wonder

tree down. Some models, sitch as a three-legged wonder called the Standtastic, don't include an attached basin at all — you have to supply it. That's actually a good thing. My wife and I are on our third stand as a married couple, having firmly established in our wedding cows that wid have a real tree till death do us uart.

We started with the cheapo metal model that defined

those Christmases of yester-year. You know the one: It has Jittle green legs that poke through the sides of a red bowl, with four hard-to-tight-en screws that cause pain when you try to secure the trunk. If I hold one up to my ear. I can still hear my mom yelling.

One of the newest stands on the market was designed by Grant Eckenswiller, president of Omega Plastics in Ontario. Canada. It's red and green tof course), plastic and disassem-bes in about 30 seconds.

"We call" it. a "marriage saver," he says. 'I never had a real tree until I met my wife— and with that came the strug-gles, and stringing the tree up to the wall."

Eckenswiller's design, which look more than six momths to perfect, features a deep square base with clamps that replace the traditional bilister-induc-ing screws. You place the tree on its side, secure it to the base, then prop it upright.

Wilderness

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Craig's opinion piece was a response to a Statesman edi-torial that criticized the sena-tor for his "11th-hour" iorial that criticized the sena-tor for his "11th-hour" demand that Congress pay all ranchers and other stakehold-ers their promised compensa-tion before the wilderness boundaries are designated. The demand is a deal-breaker because environmen-tal groups who helped write the bill have always refused to support such so-called "trig-ger language." In his piece, the state's sen-ior senator wrote, that

ior senator wrote that Simpson did not seek his comments until "just a few months ago" and that months ago" and that Simpson never held public

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Simpson challenged both statements, writing that he met with Craig 'numerous times' to discuss wilderness 'over the years.' He also countered that he sponsored meetings in Challis, Stanley and Ketchum to gather public comments on the bill.

In a telephone interview, he said Craig played polities with his pet legislative project.

"Maybe he just disagrees with what we're doing." Simpson said. What has always troubled me is when you disagree and then creater you disagree and then creater assons to oppose it. If you don't want more wilderness, just come out and say it."

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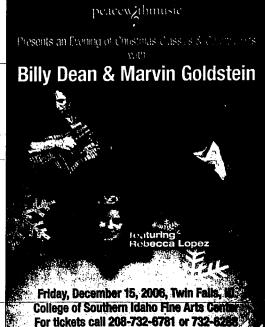


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Bush gives chilly response to Iraq group recommendations

WASHINGTON — President Bush gave a chilly response to the Irag Study Group's proposals for reshaping his policy Thursday, objecting to talks with Iran and Syria, refusing to talks with Iran and Syria, refusing to endorse a major troop with-drawal and vowing no retreat from embattled U.S. goals in the Mideast.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, art unflagging ally in the unpopular war, 'stood with Bush and wholeheartedly supported his determination to fight to victory in Iraq and spread democracy across the Middle East.

"The vision is absolutely correct," Blair said at a news conference where the two WASHINGTON -- President

Lawmakers closely question Iraq panel heads

By Thomas E. Ricks The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress Thursday questioned the plausibility of recommendations from the Iraq Study Group about how to reverse the chaos in Iraq, but they praised the panel's stark assessment of conditions them.

there.

Democrats were guarded in their treatment of the report, especially its call for engaging Syria and Iran in diplomacy. In comments after a hearing Thursday with the co-chairment of the Irang Study Group, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich, suggested that "there could be some kind of effort to generally be controlled to the control of the some kind of effort to generally senter that the country of the controlled to the control support the recommenda

some kind of effort to generally support the recommendations.*

But Republicans and
Democrats alike on the Senate
Armed Services panel quizzed
former secretary of state lames
Baker and former congressman Lee Hamilton. D-Indi.
about specifics. Sen. John
McCain, R-Ariz, was the most
uploided to the state of the
group's decision not to call for
sending more troops to Iraq.
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on a necum. in Iraq. "I thought we would suc-"I thought we would suc-ceed quicker than we did." Bush sald. 'And I am disap-pointed by the pace of suc-cess." When a reporter sug-gested Bush was denying even to himself how bad things are, the president tartly replied. "It's bad in Iraq. That help?" The president and prime

minister met a day after a bipartisan commission, in a bilistering assessment, warned that 'the situation in fraq is grave and deteriorating' and recommended fundamentally different U.S. policies. Its key recommendations called for direct engagement with Iran and Syrla as part of a new diplomatic initiative and a pullback of all American com-bat brigades by early 2008, bar-

ring unexpected developments.
While calling the report constructive. Bush and Blair took an unapologicit, almost defi-ant tone about their decisions and their resolve to keep up the struggle against extremists. The two leaders did not appear to agree with the commissions conclusion that America's ability to shape outcomes was diminishing and time was run-

ning out. "We're going to succeed," the president said. "I believe we'll prevail."

Blair defined the challenge

Blair defined the challenge as a struggle between freedom and democracy on the one hand and terrorism and sec-tarlanism on the other. And it's a noble mission and it's the right mission."

The leaders of the Iraq Study Group — former Secretary of

State James A. Baker-III and former Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind. — defended the panel's recommendations during an appearance before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

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In September, UP Aerospace dunched its first flight from Spaceport America, a state-owned facility in New Mexico whose primary teamt is Virgin Galactic. Carrying a 110-

NASA calls off launch of space shuttle Discovery

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.
(AP) — Low clouds forced
NASA to delay the launch
of space shuttle Discovery
Thursday night, and strong
winds c ild delay another
attempt for a day or two.

NASA managers walted
until the end of the countdown before decling to
cail off the launch scheduled for 9:35 p.m. EST. It
would have been the first
launch at night in four
years.

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"We gave it the best shot and didn't get clear and convincing evidence that the cloud ceiling had cleared for us," launch director Mike Leinbach told Discovery's seven astronauts.

pound payload, the 800pound, 20-foot-tall SpaceLoft
XL rocket rose 44,000 feet. But
it failled to reach an altitude of
62 miles, the threshold for suborbital space, and it crashed
into the desert.
Knight said the company is
awaiting the results of an independent investigation into the
cause of the erash but said it
was not attributable to any
major problem, such as faulty
structural design or engine
failure.

A botched first flight did not

A borched first flight did not dissuade one company from negotiating for cargo space on future flights. If all goes well, UP Acrospace plans to launch a dozen rockets or more in 2007. Knight and his partner, lerry Larson, the company's president, say the sustenses is afterady profitted on a launch-to-launch basis.





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EDITORIAL

Questions grow bigger on new charter school

mericans have long been accustomed to a freedom of choice about how they spend their money for a service or product. If they don't like what they'te paying for, there's usually an option of going elsewhere.

That principle has also applied to public education. But last week, it took a bold leap forward in Twin Falls. The Idaho Public Charter School Commission approved Xavier Charter School Serquest to open a school within the geographic region of the Twin Falls School District. Parents in the Twin Falls district may be able to enroll students in the school as early as this summer.

Our view:

A charter

A charter school can be a positive option, but plans for

Xavier Charter

School remain cryptic. What do you think?

We welcome

students in the school as early as this summer. While Twin Falls already has a charter school in the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition, the opening of Xavier represents a new experience for the area. Many questions remain unan-cuered leve apport them, where the area. Many questions remain unan-swered, key among them, where the new facility will be. But a charter school option can prove to be bene-ficial to the area. Some students could benefit in a smaller atmos-phere like that which Kavier wants to provide. But the new school could also heighten what is good about the existing system in Twin Falls School District. Charter schools are educational

Talls School District.
Charter schools are ducational public school facilities that use more independence than other schools operating under local district control. By shaping their own guidelines for curriculum, personnel, teacher student ratios and extra-curricular activity, charter schools provide an option that parents will seek outside the traditional framework of public education. Idaho currently has about 30 working charter schools spread around the state.

around the state.
But while some parents will be ready to explore a new educational avenue. Xavier is taking a different route of sorts and local residents will need to learn more about the proposed facility before they consider enrollment. In August, Xavier asked the Twin Falls School Board to approve its petition for operation in the district. But the board wisely chose not to reject the petition, but rather to refer it to the charter school commission. Now that—"its approved, the Twin Falls District is not compelled to find its onergations.

fund its operations.
"We felt like the state had better resources at the time to make that decision and to help them along," said Bob Seamon, director of budget and finance for the dis-

to make that decision and to help them along, "said Bob Seamon, director of budget and finance for the district.

The state commission found Xavier's application adequate. The school will emphasize a closer teaching environment with only one class for each grade, and a total of 270 students from kindergarten to eighth grade. The school also described its teaching method as a classical style focusing on core knowledge, and the needs "of the whole child — body, mind and spirit."

Those words have a nice ring to them, but they don't go far to explain the overall approach in the classroom. One key, matter is how test scores relate to the school's—overall mission. Is it more concerned with the adequate yearly progress that most schools are forced to comply with, or will Xavier take the other path toward more critical thinking and learning exercises?

Then there's the location issue, which to this point has not even gone as far as the preliminary stages.

Having so much uncertainty on curriculum and location, it's odd that the state approved a new charter facility with such a bare-bones petition. Xavier officials, who will make more known in January, have only one place to go but up.

to go but up.

LETTER

Cell phone service needs more oversight

Cell phone service for this art of the country is Cell phone service for this part of the country is shamefully outrageous. Travel in any direction from Twin Falls and you will soon not be able to make a call or receive one.

Makes no difference if you're on interstates, U.S. highways or other well-traveled roads. There are more blank areas than serviceable areas.

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This is a failure of government oversight at all levels throughout our country.
Look at the recent tragedy in Oregon. That should have been a simple call for assistance and ald sent immediately.

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If not for the diligence of a single individual tracing

Kim's cell phone ping and triangulating it, most likely the entire family might have

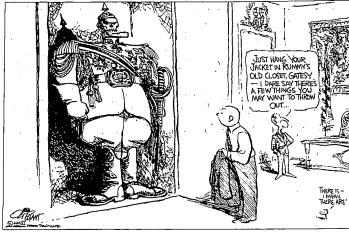
persned.
It is because of greed, profit mentality and lack of government oversight. Our representatives are not representing the common people and their needs and safety.

some cell providers don't honor other providers' services in some areas, such as the Grand Canyon and Lake Hawasu City, Arz. That is eriminal, especially in case of an emergency Those companies should be their licenses or be fined severely. Government has falled us regarding this issue. Shameful! Criminal! Outrageous!

Outrageous! ART COTTON Twin Falls

Times-News

nembers of the editorial board and writers of editorial: Brad Hurd, Chris Steinbach, Steve Crump, Traci Bliss, Bill Bitzenburg and David Cooper.



The truth emerges, finally

Pirst, Junior took over the house with grandlose plans to remodel it and make it the envy of the neighborhood. But then he played with matches and set the house on fire. So now he's frantically trying to stop the flames from torching the

flames from torching the whole block.

The Bush administration has gone from a breathless plan to change the Middle East to a breathless plan to preserve it, from democracy promotion to conflugration avoidance.

That was the cold shower offered Tuesday by Robert Gates, the former CLA chief, on bis way to being unani-

offered Iuesus, — CIA chiet, on his way to being unanimously endorsed as the new defense secretary by a Senate panel craving a cold shower.

He told the Armed Services — He told the Armed Se

-panel craving a cold shower.

He told they Armed Services
Committee, peppered with
wannabe future presidents,
that the U.S. occupation
could lead to a Bughdad as
hostile as Tehran, and set off
Ta regional confingration 'If
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Cates assured that If
America left frag in chaos,
Iran and Syria could encroach
more, and Turkey and Saudi
Arabia might jump in to stop
the ethnic cleansing of Sunnis
by Shittes. Were already see
ing Hezbollah involved in
Teianing fighters for Iran, 'Itsaid, 'I think all of that could
spread fairly dramatically.'
It was the sort of realistic



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ssment that never came assessment that never came from Runnin, except when he privately admitted in a classi-fied Nov. 6 memo that their led Nov. 6 memo that their lrau strategy was "not work-ing well enough or fast enough," offering a silly hodgenodge of wildly tardy or dubious options, like telling the Iraqis to "pull up their socks."

the Iraqis to "pull up their socks."

It was chilling to see in print that the man who spent nearly four years overseeing, the war did not have any idea, what to do in Iraq-his basic he war did not have any idea, what to do in Iraq-his basic plan was not so much to fix the problem as to lower expectations. The memo, reported by Michael Gordon in The New York Times on Sunday, offered the following lame-brained prescriptions to manage perception: "Announce that whatever new approach the U.S. doing so on a trial basis. This will give us the ability to readjust and move to another course, if necessary, and therefore not lose." And this: "Recast the U.S. gullstiny insiston and the U.S. gods the Pentagon decid-

ing whether to Go Big, Go Long or Go Home, Rummy urged the White House to Go Minimalist and simply streamline the spin. Junior took the advice to

manage perceptions by mini-mizing Rummy two days after mizing Rummy two days after he sent the menn. The walls had closed in on W. he could no longer minimize the war, which was escalating, or the perception that it was not going well, which had spread into Republican ranks. Even Gen. Peter Pace, yes man that he is, acknowledged on Monday that "We're not winning but were not losing." The old criticisms of whether Cates-amssaged

whether Gates massaged intelligence were forgotten; the senators would have embraced an ax-murderer if he had seemed sensible abo

he had seemed self-lirag. There was no blathering on Thesday about "known unknowns" or "Henny Penny" pessimists. The soft-spoken, vanilla Gates offered a sharp vanilla from the finger-wagcontrast from the finger-wa ging, flavorful Rummy. In a remarkable shift from the mindless bellicosity and jin-goism of the last few years, Gates said he did not favor military action against Iran or Swia

Syria.
Even though he was a member of the Iraq Study
Group, Gates conceded that there would be no silver bullet. It's my impression that, frankly, there are no new

ideas on Iraq," he said, Asked by Robert Byrd who was responsible for Sept. 11, Saddam or Osama, Gates did not try to fudge, "Osama bin Laden, Senator," he replied.

Laden, Senator," he replied. Asked who has represented a greater threat to the U.S., he repeated 'Osama bin Laden," W. Insisted to Fox News' Brill Hume on Monday that his "objective hadn't changed" and that "were going to succeed in Iraq," Asked by Carl Levin If America was winning in Iraq, Gates answered, "No, sir."

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After lunch, the nominee clarified his remarks, saying he had not meant to criticize the troops, that the reversals in traq were not their fault. They don't lose battles in traq were not their fault. They don't lose battles in traq were not retire and the they have been as they are a countermangency that they can't see and that they weren't prepared or equipped to fight.

Gates' friends from the old Bush 11 gang have been watching closely to see If 33 brought the old Washington hand back for "cosmetic reasons," as one put it, simply to try to change the perception that W. has been stubborn and deaf on Iraq, Or whether 37 really will give his new defense chief the parameters be needs to make real changes in strategy. Will he by him Go Maximalist?

Maureen Dowd's e-mail is liberties@nytimes.com

Gibson is unseen star of 'Apocalypto'

cl Gibson's movie is here—"Apocalypto" now. vie is instructive on

The movie is instructive or many levels: If you have won dered what multiculturalism dered what multiculturalism looks like in prentice, if you have wondered whether environmentaliss can be on the political right as well as the political elfa, and if you have wondered how the American experience will be converted into cinematic legend — this is the movie for you. Of course, you will have to sit through lots of blood and gore, complete with exposed.

sat unough lots of blood and gore, complete with exposed beating hearts and bouncing heads, and you will have to give Gibson your \$10. And many won't.

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But here's a bet: Many will.
Not only in America but around the world.
Why? Because not too many movies these days count as genuline events. Through a combination of genlus, craziness and intemperance.
Gibson has made himself into a story; You love him, you hate him, but you wonder what he's going to do near. That's the real secret of stardom — to get the audiences to care about you as a person and about what you do, for better or for worse. That's what keeps 'em comment of the comment of the comment of the property of t

operas.
So it's in that yeasty context that Gibson'is releasing "Apocalypto," which, it is safe to say, is unlike any Hollywood movie ever released. It can best be described as an epic –

of capture, escape and chase, along with a strong pro-family theme — set in Central America circa 1500 CE, or, as Gibson no doubt would prefer, 1500 AD, And all spoken, of course, in the Mayan hanguage, with subtitiles.

Movie critics will mote some recurring Gibsoniam motifs in Apocalynto. Most obstously, there's the violence, including outright sadem, as seen also, there's the violence, including outright sadem, as seen also, the control of the contr

human sacrifice.
Second, Glbson is clearly a
Green, whether the Greens oreen, whether the Greens want him or not. He has said in interviews that the film is a parable of environmental

in interviews that the film is a parable of environmental, depredation; it shows the jungle as green and fruifful, whale the cities are dried out and jugues are the state of the concern of the control of the control

unseen in this film, the more interesting character is Gibson bimself. Through his own suf-fering, and through the suffer-ing he caused others, he has turned himself Into something markable: a continuing lece of performance art. And lere's more to come.

James Pinkerton is a colum-nist for Newsday,

Slipping Mickeys: Russia sends a message to its enemies

The poisoning of Alexander Livinenko, renegade Russian spy and flerce critic of Valdimir Puthis government, is everywhere being called a mystery. There is dark speculation about unanned rogue elements' either in the Russian secrei services or among ultranationalists acting independently of the government. There are whispers about the indeterminacy of things in the terminacy of the properties of the proper



Litvinenko knew more about his circumstances than anyone else. And on their deathbed, people don't lie. As Machiavelli said on his (some attribute his to Voltairo), after thrice refusing the entreatles of a priest to repen his sins and renounce Satan, 'At a time like this, Father, one tries not to make new enemies.' In science, there is a principle called Occam's razor. When presented with competing theories for explaining a natural

phenomenon, one adopts the least elaborate. Nature prefers simplicity. Scientists do not indulge in grassy-knoll theories. You don't need a convoluted device to explain Litvinenko's demise.

Do you think Anna Politikovskaya, the Journalist who was investigating the war in Chechnya, was shot dead in her elevator by rogue elements? What about Viktor Yushchenko, the presidential candidate in Ukraine and eventual winner, polsoned with dioxin during the campalgra, leaving him alive but disfigured? Ultra-nationalist Russians?

Opponents of Putin have been falling like files. Some jailed, Some exiled, some exiled, some ediled, some ediled, some ediled, some ediled, some ediled. Tue, Livinenko's murder will never be traced direct-

will never be traced direct-

dogged the British police investigation. State-sponsored assassina-tions are almost never trace-able to the source. Too many cutouts Too many layers of protection between the don and the hit-

Some people say that the KCB would not have gone to the world me that gone to the property of in order to blame it on the

Chechens and provoke the second Chechen war. Pretty damning stuff. But even Litvinenko's per-sonal smallness sonal strail sonal smallness serves the KGB's purposes precisely. If they go to such lengths and such messiness and such risk

to kill someone as small as Litvinenko, then no critic of the Putin dictatorship is safe. It is the ultimate in deterrence.

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City greed fuels its expansion movement

My husband and I attended the Nov. 6, 2006, City Council meeting as the property just across the irrigation ditch from our property was being proposed to be annexed into the city.

proposed to be annexed into the city.

I would like to thank Glenda Dwight for being the only council member on the Twin Falls City Council who even begins to understand that the council needs to stop this countual annexing of propersy. What happens when there is no longer any hay for the dairies to feed to the cows or individuals such as ourselves to purchase to feed our cows? What happens when we run out of water? Are more police out on the council needs to feed our cows? What happens when we run
out of water? Are more police
officers and sheriff's deputies
going to be hired to handle
the increased crime and traffic

congestion?
When the question was raised regarding Teton
Wireless and the houses to be built might block any recep tion from the Butte, Shawn rigar's response was "put up

a longer pole so you can get reception." That only shows the mentality of some of the council members.

The only purpose for annexing all the land is to make more money for the city through property taxes. If we had wanted to live in the city herough property in the city! Before you know it. Twh Falls is going to be a mini-Las Vegas with too many people, lots and lots of crime, and even more traffice congestion than what we have now, which is why we left there to come back to Idaho.

The City Council members are going to have to learn to say no! They are ruining Twin Falls.

BEORES A HUMPHREY

alis. DELORES A. HUMPHREY Twin Falls

City turning a blind eye to alcohol problem

Way to go councilmen and comen, voting in liquor by the drink on Sunday. Whoever said that money doesn't drive politics were surely wrong, weren't they?

We can't legislate morality? Other recreational drug use has laws regulating their use, thank God.

Alcohol is the No. 1 abused

Alcohol is the No. I abused drug in our nation. Granted, there are many social drinkers, but then there are social were social wars to the resolution of the resolution.

More crimes are committed around alcohol than any other drugs, yet we look the other way when it comes to dealing with it in that perspective. As for alcohol and morality, isn't morality a factor in most laws?

I worked in the addictions field for more than 20 years,

tor in most alwas Tworked in the addictions field for more than 20 years, and one of the things I learned when studying in become an addictions coun-selor was. If the first thing a preson asked when invited to a party was, "will there be booze there!" They might want to re-evaluate their relationship with booze. Alcoholism is a progressive Alcoholism is a progressive and the properties of consistency of the control of control

job, raise families and appear OK for the most part.

I really don't care if you sell liquor by the drink on Sunday or not. What I care about is the fact few people seem to want to address the alcohol problem we have in our nation.

It should get as much attention as we give to meth and other lilegal drugs. Look around the state of Idaho, and you will see few treatment centers left and those that are struggle to Keep their doors open.

Addiction is a treatable disease. Left care as much

ease. Let's care as much about that as some care about being able to get drunk on New Year's Eve. GAYLE PARISH

Kimberly (Editor's note: Gayle Parish, retired, is a certified alcohol and drug counselor.)

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College of Southern Idaho sophomore forward Kerin Ford (34) goes up between a trio of Yavapai defec Earles open Scenic West Athletic Conference play tonight against North Idaho College in Cocur d'Alene.

CSI men test their road legs

Golden Eagles open SWAC schedule at NIC

TWIN FALLS — Tonight's the night. It's the first road game, first conference, game as the No. 6 College of Southern Idaho meris basketball team takes on the host North Idaho College Cardinals tonight at 8:30 p.m., MST in Coeur d'Alene. On the line is the legitimacy of the 8-0 Golden Eggles' national championship hopes, an early claim to the Seenic West Athletic Conference lead, and CSI's burden of proving it's as good as eight convincing wins claim it is. Other than that, just your garden-variety basketball game.

Eyes game SWAC schedule. If they finish with thest conference record, they will host the region 18 rounnament, starting March 7. CSI season leaders (per game): Points Bard Garrett 17.5; Juan Patillo 17.0. Rebounds – Newin Ford 9.0; Bocar Ba 7.8. Assists – Adris DeLeno 7.7; Regio Guyton 5-5.5: Steels – DeLeno 13.; Garrett, Patillo – 5.5: Blocks – Barndon Stores 1.6; Ford 1.5. Field goal percentage – Ba .704 (19.7); Patillo .628 (49-78). 3-point percentage (Mo Taukluven .667 (3-3); Terry Fields 500 (8-16). MST
on the horizon: The Golden Eagles and
Cardinals meet again tomorrow night before
CSI takes a road trip to Artzona to take on
Mesa College and Phoenix College on Dec. Mosa College and Province 18 and 21, respectively. In the radio: All games will be broadcast on

On the radio: All games will be broadcast of 1270 AM KTFI.

SWAC opener: Tonight's game is CSI's first Scenic West Athletic Conference game of the year. The Golden Eagles have a 20-

the Golden Eagles has faced to date, the fact that CSI head coach Barret Peery is taking his team on the road for the first time this season is enough reason for a little extra anticipation heading into the two-game road swing north.

"I wish we'd had an opportunity to

play on the road before we actually played in an environment like North Idaho, but you don't get everything you want. So it's a challenging place to go play for your first road game with a new

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CSI women seek early SWAC lead

NIC's Jordan poses difficult matchup for Golden Eagles

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Maria Moore was unquestionably the Scenic West Athletic Conference Player of the Year last season. Tonight she meets the competition for this year's

rown. It's a battle of the confer-

It's a battle ot the connerence's top two scorers as
Moore and the No. 13 College,
of Southern Idaho women's
basketball team take on the 62 North Idaho College
Cardinals and standout freshman forward Simone Jordan,
While the lightunis quick
point guard in black and gold
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cent.type. of player, but has,
been just as effective in averaging 17-7 points per game
heading into tonight's SWAC
opener in Coeur d'Alene.

"Maria was the player of the
year. last year, but they may
have the player of the year this
year." CSI head coach Randy
Nogers said. "Sies legit, She's a
big-time player that signed
with Gonzaga. She's going to
be a hard guard for us.
Anytime the phrase 'hard
guard' is utternd around the
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Thompson is sure to folloutions the said of the country
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Eagle Eyes

Tonight: No. 13 CSI (7-1) at North Idaho College (6-2), Coeur d'Alene, 6:30 p.m., MST on the hotbon: The Golden Eagles and Cardinals tangle tomorrow night before CSI files south to Articona to take on Scottsdale Community College and Glendale Community College on Dec. 19 and 21,

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year's trend, as RIC won two of
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3-point percentage - Bratvold .600 (8-10); M. Moore .500 (17-34).

the type of player that hashurt CSI in the past. Add in sophomore posts Niki Scott and the 6-3 Paige McGowan, who are top reasons that NiC is the best offensive rebounding team in the SWAC, and the Cardinals are legit contenders to defend their conference title.

"I thought this team was going to be down a little bit." Rogers said. "They lost four of helf five starters, but he's regrouped. He's got a very good squad."

Rogers will look to his core group of shooters including Brittany Moore. Amy Bratvold and Tera Tremayne to hit big

Bulldogs remain unbeaten

FILER — Good old-fash-ioned in your face man-to-man defense.

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Filler had upset in mind but
Kimberly was able to keep its
record perfect as the Bulldogs
arrowly defeated the
Wildcats 38-35 in Sawtooth
Central Idaho Conference
play on Thursday.
"Our defense has kept us in
ball games usually until we
can get our offense in synch a
little more." said Kimberly
coach Rich Bishop. "Early on,
we let them dictate play. Their
aggress/venerss made us make
some bad decisions. We did a
much better job in the second
half and got some better shots
and layups. Play was a little
rag-tag at times."
Early on both teams



Filer's Kylee White (3) looks for a passi Butter defends Thursday night in Filer.

quarter and 16-12 at the half.
Kimbertly had only two
players registering points as
the two teams went to the
locker room. Alex Pfefferle talled_eight_and_kassie.
Newberry four. Pfefferle
scored a game-high 21 points
for the game including 10-of14 at the line.

Kimberly gained its first lead at 5:32 in the third quarter, 19-18. From there, the two teams traded leads and ties throughout the second half.

With 2:12 remaining.

Brittany Hardy hit a pair of free throws giving the

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Twin Falls upends Kimberly

Bruin wrestlers dominate upper weights in win

By Eric Larses Times-News write

KIMBERLY — For three years, Saild Dabestani has been planting the seeds. Thursday night was harvest

Intustay light was harves.

In 2003, Dabestani took over an embattled Twin Falls High wrestling program that couldn't field a fill team, couldn't draw new grapplers in, and certainly couldn't compete against idaho's tor programs. Thursday night's 40-24 team win over perennial area powerhouse Kimberty showed just how much has changed in 180ex years.

three years.
"Well, the wrestling program
in Twin Falls hasn't been really
good recently, but with the
new coach Salid, he's been



Kimberty's Eli Taylor struggies to brush free from the pressure of Twin Falls' Breet Martinez during their 171-pound wrestling match Thursday in Kimbert Martinez wen by pin in 5 minstes, 33 seconds.

doing a lot with the junior high, helping out as an assistant coach," Bruins senior captain Chris Marquez said, "I think with him doing that over the last couple years, he's brought up a lot of kids who normally wouldn't stay with it."

Marquez, one of the sea-Marquez, one of the sea-soned veterans of an otherwise inexperienced Bruins group, finished with a 17-0 technical fall. over Corey Zapata during Thursday's heavyweight bout. That win capped off a solid run

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Coaches: To report game results, call 1-800-658-3883, exts. 239, 229, 220 or 230, or 735-3239.

Ward leads Bruins to early wins

TWIN FALLS — Football season was n't easy for the Twin Falls Bruins, and it's safe to say that some of the players who are also on the basketball team were in

are also on the basketball team were in need of that winning feeling. Little did anyone know that the quarterback, Junior Bryant Ward, would be the one to put them over the top on not one, but two occasions.

Prior to being upset by Burley on Wednesday, the Bruins boys basketball team scrapped against two Treasure Valley-area teams in Skyview and Nampa, keeping fans on the edge of their seats with Ward providing last-minute heroics. minute heroics.

minute heroics.

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The made sure to take that second chance to
seal the game.

"I think it was a little bit of both," said
Ward, speaking on skill and chance, 'A
good play and a little bit of luck mixed



in."

Both games were won by less than two points, but that was enough to help lift the spirits of a group. that at, th to ift the of that group that couldn't catch a

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on his shoulder, I think."
Ward put up 18 points against
Skyview, and then claimed a doubledouble against Nampa with 16 points
and 13 rebounds.
"After losing all of our games in football, I was just anxious to get out on the

Magic Valley Prep **Athlete of** the Week

court and just win," Ward said. "I hate losing, so it feels nice to win." Following the tough loss to one of the top 4A programs, the Burley Bobcats, it remains apparent that Twin Falls still has a ways to go if it wants to defend the 5A title. Harr and his team have claimed that sentiment many times, yet it's not an improbable goal. "We're doing real well, but we still have a lot of things to work on," Ward

Some early wins are a good place to start.

Idaho Media Boys Basketball Poll

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3. Glenns Ferry (3) 4. West Jefferson

5. New Plymouth

As of Dec. 5

1. Twin Falls (3)	2-0	56		
2. Madison (2)	2-0	50		
3. Lewiston (1)	0-0	44		
4. Mountain View (1)	2-1	30		
5. Centennial (1)	2-0	20		
Others receiving votes: Borah,				
Vallivue, Eagle, Coeur d'Alene,				
Post Falls, Timberline,				

Class 4A		
Moscow (4)	20	48
Burley (1)	3-0	32
Hillcrest (1)	2-0	32

4. Skyview (1) 1-3 5. Century (1) 1-0 Others receiving votes: Middlet Sandpoint, Blackfoot, Emmett Nampa, Minico, Jerome, Kuna

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2. South Fremont (2)	2-0	4
3. Bear Lake	2-0	4
4. Fruitland	1-0	2
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Others receiving votes: Aberde Potlatch, Firth, Parma, Grace, 'Challis, Wondell. Class 1A 1. Lapwai (5) 2. Cascade (1) 3. Troy 4. Idaho City (2) 5. Notus

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Idaho Media Girls Basketball Poll

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Kendrick, Cascade, Lapwai,
Mackay, Clearwater Valley.

Voters Greg Lee, Spokesman-Review (Coeur d'Alene) Mark Nelke, Coeur d'Alene

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Falls) Paul Kingsbury, Idahosports.com

Red Devils host annual tournament

TWIN FALLS — Once again, three area IA teams and a 2A team will gather in east Twin Falls County for the 2006 Muraugh Holiday Tournament. Beginning ton ight, the boys and girls basketball Beginning for some girls of the state of the county of the county

Friday's games gh vs. Valley, new gym, 6 p.m. s. Dietrich, old gym, 7:30 p.m.

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Murtaugh/Valley loser, old gmr, 7:30 p.m.
Championship: Carey/Dietrich winner vs.
Murtaugh/Valley winner, new gmr, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens Student tickets: \$5 without activity card. \$4 with activity card. Tickets for students grades 1-5: \$3

Coming Sunday ... The 2006 Times-News All-Area Volleyball Team and Player of the Year

Pictured: Jerome senior Megan Parrish recently signed with the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team.

Bruins

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by the Twin Falls upperweights that included pins by Chance Regun and Brent Martinez, as well as a 15-0 technical fall over Evan Albright by Grayson Stone at 169 pounds.

The Brulins also got a nice surprise as freshman Zac Slotten scored a 2-1 decision over Kimberly senior Tucker Lierman at 140 pounds. Llerman at 140 pounds. Llerman at 140 pounds the Brulins best shot, which is often the price of wrestling for a program with Kimberly's tradition.

"You know, Twin same ready"

"You know, Twin came ready to wrestle tonight," Bulldogs

head coach Troy Palmer said.

Talked to a couple of their kids this summer and they were getting by for as this time last year. They've been preparing for as for a while and it showed tonight. They wrestled hand. They wrestled their hearts out.

As did Kimberty senior Nick Mulberry at 152 pounds in pinning Shame McMichael in 1 minute. 17 seconds. Fellow Buildogs standout Chris Moody's takedown of Will Keeter with 30 second semanting in their 119-pound match lifted him to a 10-9 decision, while Tucker Mulberry pinned Twin Falls'

Tyler Hash in 1:26 at 130 pounds, Palmer said his team made some strides Thursday night and hopes his team will continue to build momentum heading into their home trian-gular against Filer and Buhl on

rollar against Filer and Buhl on Wednesday.

Mennwhile, the Bruins will head to Boise today to take part in the Boise Duals, which have always given teams a solid indeation of what state tournament competition will took like. While Twin Falls has been able to send a small con-tingent to state over the past couple years, the Bruins are looking not only to show up, but to compete for solid plac-

ing at this year's Class 5A tour-nament. "We have this little white bus

"We have this little white bus that we normally use," Marquez said of the Bruins' trip to the season's final tournament. "We're planning to be able to take a coach or a big yellow bus this year with enough guys inside."

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www.magicvalley.com





SCOREBOARD



uinn beats out Heisman favorite Smith for Maxwell Award

LAKE BUENA VISTA. Fla. — Brady Quinn took this round from Troy Smith.

The Notre Dame quarterback won the Maxwell Award as the player of the year Thursday right, beating out oflo State's Smith, the Heisman Trophy favorite.

Quinn. Smith and Arkansas running back Darren McFadden are the finallists for the Heisman, which will be handed out Saturday night in New York.

"Winning his ward makes me look forward to Saturday night that much more," Quinn said. When you go back and look at it, the so-called rivalry between me and Troy pretty much began with last year? Flesta Bow! Things just kind of went on from there. He and Darren (McFadden) have both had great seasons, and weve done pretty well for ourselves. Well just see what happens in New York.

Smith won the Davey O'Brien Award as the nation's best quarterback at the College Football Awards show and earlier in the day was honored as player of the year by the Walter Camp Foundation.

McFadden, a sophomore who led Arkansas to the Southeastern Conference tide game, won the Doak Walker Award as the nation's best running back. He is the fins SEC player to win the award since Georgia's Garrison leven in 1922.

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Rugers coach Greg Schlauben (1922).

Other award winners were: Joe Thomas, Wisconsin, Outland Trophy (best interior line-



Obio State quarterback Troy Smith holds the Davey
O'Brien National Quarterback Award after it was presented to him at the Home Depot College Football Sports Awards in Lake Buena Vista, Fia., on Thursday.

meni; Calvin Johnson, Georgia Tech, Biletnikoff (best wide receiver); Aaron Ross, Texas, Jim Thorpe Award (best defensive back); Patrick Willis, Mississippi, Butkus Award (best ilin-backer); Arthur Carmody, Louisville, Lou Groza Award (best kicker); and Daniel Sepulveda, Baylor, Ray Guy Award (best punter).

COLLEGE HOOPS Notre Dame upsets No. 4 Alabama

SOUTH REND, Ind. — Bussell Carter scored a

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career-high 27 points, including a pair of key baskets that thwarted an Alabama threat and

career-high 27 points, including a pair of key baskets that thwarted an Alabama threat and sparked a 14-0 run, in Notre Dame's 99-85 victory over the fourth-ranked Crimson Tide on Thursday night.

Alabama (7-1) had used a 7-0 run to cut Notre Dame's lead to 85-92 as the Irish (7-1) appeared to be losing their composure with turnovers on three straight possessions. But Carter hit a 3-pointer and an 18-floore to extend the lead to 88-92 and Luke Harangody converted on a three-point play and it was the Crimson Tide players who lost their composure, turning the hall over on three straight turnovers.

Kyle McManney also had a career-high 20 points and Colin Falls also scored 20. The Irish were 12 of-28 from 3-point range. No team had some their composure against Alabama from the control of the 18-18 of 18-1

it was Notre Danies a ranked opponent. It was Notre Dame's second straight win over

Chubbuck's Shiozawa takes first LAS VEGAS — Chubbuck's Matt Shlozawa took first place in tie-down roping for the second straight round at the National Finals Rodeo Wednesday with a time of 6.9 seconds. Thursday's results from the rodeo were unavailable at press time. See Wednesday's results in Scoreboard.

MAGIC VALLEY

Jerome boosters to meet Monday JEROME — The Jerome High School Boosters will meet Monday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. in Room 101 at Jerome High School.

Bruin boosters to meet Monday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Bruin Boosters will meet Monday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Twin Falls High School faculty room. Winter sports activities will be discussed. Season passes are still on sale. Those interested may see a booster club member for more information, or contact Ed Reeves at 733-2305.

T.F. extends youth basketball sign-ups

TWIN FALLS — Registration for youth basket-ball with Twin Falls Parks and Recreation has been extended through Friday, Dec. 8 at the necreation office (136 Maxwell Ave.), Registration for pighs in grades 7-8 and boys in grades 3-6. A \$10 late fee will be in affect as of Dec. 11. Teams are divided by school and grade and will play each Saturday, beginning Jan. 15 and running through mid-Murch. Youtureer coaches are needed, Call 736-2265 with any questions.

- Compiled from staff and wire reports

T.F. girls continue tear with conference win

IDAHO FALLS — Region Four-Five-Six play began for the Twin Falls Bruins girls basketball team, and they went at the Skyline Grizzlies, 46-39, for the first conference win of the sea-

son on Thursday.

Devan Matkin led the charge with Devan Matkin led the charge with 12 points, followed by Amber Petersen with 10. While the offense produced, it was the Bruins defense that secured the win. Twin Falls held Skyline to 15 points during the sec-ond and third periods, taking a 41-26 lead to being the fourth quarter. The third quarter saw Twin Falls pull ahead as Kelsey Jardine, Markin and Brooke Robinsette all hit 3-pointers to huild the lead. build the lead.

"This was a big win on the road," Bruffis head coach loe D. Shepard said. "We played good defense on their two stud players, (Demi) Dlouhy and (Keisha) Fisher."

Fisher put up a baker's dozen for points while Fisher was held to Just nine. Tierra Lumpkin added 10. The Bruins (7-1,1-0) host the Idaho Falls Tigers at Baun Gymnasium for more conference action on Wednesday.

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Declo 52, Gooding 31

DECLO — Sophomore Sydney Christensen had 11 points and four assists to lead Declo over Gooding 52-31 Thursday in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference play. Declo (5-3 overall, 1-1 SCIC) forced

27 turnovers in the game. McKell Webb had eight points and nine rebounds and Kendra Koyle added eight points and five steals for the

The Senators were led in scoring by Cheyanna Robinson with 10 points. Cheyanna Robinson with 10 points.

"It's tough to go on the road and win in our conference for some reason," said Declo coach Val

Minico 50, Century 48

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RUPERT — Minico fell bebind 10-0
In the first quarter, but rallied for the
non-conference win Thursday.
Dany Tamirez and Brecka Fetzer
paced Minico with 15 points apiece.
"We came out and tried to do too
much right off." said Minico assistant
coach Denny Stimpson. "Then we got
settled in and started playing
defense." acttled in defense."

defense."
The Spartans (5-3 overall, 1-0 Great
Basin West) had a four-point lead
with just over a minute to go. Tianna
Stimpson and Laci Garner leed the
game with free throws in the final

Richfield 50, Dietrich 22

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RICHFIELD — Richfield allowed only 22 points, and rolled to 50-22 victory over Dietrich [2-4, 1-1). Moe I lubsmith had her "breakout game," according 10 coach Steve Kent, hitting four 3-pointners and accumulating 14 points on the night. Also staring for Richfield were Cassie Wood with 12 points and eight boards. Angela Kent with 10 points, Lea Piper with six points and nine boards, and Michelle Kent led in assists with seven.

Tammy Anderson was the leading scorer for the Blue Devils with eight points. Also contributing were Angelina Sorenson with six points, and Lindy Bingham and Jesse Dilt, each with four points.

each with four points.
Richfield's (8-0, 4-0) next game is home on Tuesday against Carey.

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Wendell 64, Castleford 15

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WENDELL — The Trojan defense allowed only 15 points, annihilating Castleford 64-15. Erin O'Brien set the pace for the Trojans scoring 23 points, laci Lancaster contributed another 14 points for Wendell.

Wendell coach Delon Huse said that his girls 'kicked it into gear tonight,' especially on defense. "They matured a little bit tonight. They are a young squad, but getting better."

For the Wolves, scoring was sparse with Gaby Medina and Lindsay Wiggins pacing the team with only four points each.

four points each.

Wendell's (3-5) next outing is at home versus Hagerman, on Saturday

Boys basketball Murtaugh 43, Raft River 34

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MALTA — Jesus Cabral's game-high
21 points led the Murtaugh boys past
host Raff River 43-34 Thursday rilght
in Malta. The Red Devils jumped out
to a 27-12 lead at haif and held off the
Trojans' second-half charge to move
on with the win.
"It was kind of a defensive struggle
both ways." Raft River head coach Jeff
Greenwood said. "We only had 12 in
the first half and it makes it pretty
tough."

the lirst name and the cough."

The Trojans used a 1-3-1 press to narrow the gap in the third, but some key free-throw shooting from the Red Devils kept Murtaugh ahead. Bryant Bishoff added 10 points for while Cody Powers paced Bishoff added 10 points for Murtaugh, while Cody Powers paced Raft River with 12 points. Bridger

Bliss 47, Camas County 34

BISS 41, Uamas County 34
BLISS — The Bilss Bears picked up their flust conference win with a 47-34 victory over Class 1A Magde Valley Northside Conference for Camas Mike Faulkner and Eli Gough paced the Bears with 16 and 12 points respectively, with Gough hitting 8-of-13 from the charity stripe.

"It was a pretty rough, physical game," Bilss head conch Bruce Clark said. "Camas County played hard and but pressure on us. We managed to his some free throws down the stretch to pull away."

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The Bears (3-1, 1-0) travel to Jackpot, Nev., for a weekend tourna-ment. They play West Wendover, Nev., at 4:30 today. Camas County (1-4, 0-2) travels to Dietrich on Tuesday.

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TWIN FALLS — Castleford defeated Magic Valley Christian 67-43. No other details were available.

Hagerman 66. Hansen 40

HAGERMAN — Hagerman bounced Hansen 66-40. Contributions were pretty even bounced Hansen 66-40.
Contributions were pretty even among the Hagerman squad. Jason Brown led the Pirates with 17 points, Mike Billiard added 14 points, and Braulio Carlos tacked on 10 points. We came out from half time and executed well, allowing us to stretch the lead," said Hageman coach Kevin

Hyrum Stanger led Hansen with seven points, followed by Devin Jenks and Jesus Guerrero with six points

apiece.

Hagerman (3-0, 2-0) will travel to
Twin Falls and face Magic Valley
Christian on Saturday.

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Late Wednesday Wrestling Kimberly tops Valley

HAZELTON — KImberly beat Valley 63-18 at a tri-meet Wednesday a Valley High. The host Vikings fell the Aberdeen 63-12 and the Bulldogs also lost to Aberdeen by a score of 48-34. Valley wesstes again Tuesday in a dual with Jerome.

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Lowe, Ohl, Brazile add world titles

LASVEGAS (AP) — Will Lowe, Cody Ohl and Trevor Brazile added more hardware to their Gold Buckle collec-dons Thursday night at the National Elizale Podes Finals Rodeo

Finals Rodeo.
Lowe from Canyon, Texas, clinched his second consecutive world bareback title and third in the leighth round Thursday night with an French Wake, leads the aggregate standings and has \$228,285 in world earnings.

Santangs are carnings.
Lowe, ahead of runner-up Andy Machiez of Payillion, Myo., by about, 588,000, credits his friends, and fel-low competitions, for his success.

Those other guys have put me in a hythm; Lowe said. "Wes (Stevenson) jumped out and won the discovering and the success of the (Stevenson) jumped out and won the first round, and things went well after that. Then, Royce (Ford) jumps out and wins him a round, and you just

keep rolling and feeding off each other.

"If I am in a rhythm, which it feels like I kind of am, then I know that they're the ones who put me there." Tom McFarland of Wickenburg, Ariz., won the round with an 82.5 on Night Jacket.

In the down roping, Old, of Hileo, Texas, won his sixth world title. The aggregate leader, Old Increased his sizable world lead over Brazile, of Decatur, Texas, to just over \$86,000 by tying for first with Clint Robinson of Spanish Fork Utah, with a time of 7.6. in the eighth round.
"You wake up in the middle of the night with a dream like this season has been," Old said. "My season has been," Old said. "My season has been," I couldn't have a better night. Tonight has outdone them all."

In all-around, Brazile increased his lead to just over \$119,000 over Joe Beaver of Huntsville. Texas, and clinched-his fourth world-title. Brazile has earned \$318,812 and is trying to break bull rider Matt Austin's single-year earnings record of \$320,768, so in 2005.

In barrel racing, Brandle Halls of Carpenter, Wyo, placed first in the round with an arena-record time of 13.52 seconds.

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Kelly Maben of Spur, Texas, 13th in the round, stayed in first in the world standings with \$1.47.592, while Marry.
Burger of Pauls Valley, Okla, who placed ninth in the round, remained second with \$146,030.
In steer wrestling, Luk Branquinho of Los Alannos. Calif., expanded his world lead by placing third in 3.8 after winning the previous two rounds and four overall.

Kimberly

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Buildogs: a 34-33 lead and Kimberly
started to run the clock
After Filer intercepted a Kimberly
pass, sophomore Lacle Helmkes was
fouled. She stepped to the line and
ande both free throws giving the lead
back to Filer 35-34.
Pfefferle was fouled with 44 seconds
remaining. She canned both and
Kimberly regained the lead.
A Kimberly furmover with 10 seconds
gave Filer an opportunity for the win
but both Wildcat shots hit off the from.
Kimberly junior Kylee Builer was
fouled, as both reams battled for, the
rebound. She sank both attempts giving the Buildogs the win.
Tt was just a good game to coach,
sald Filer coach Jim Annala. "My girls
played extremely hard and 1 was very
proud of them and the support of the
student body. Kimberly is a good
team."

Helmkes and Haley Ramseyer scored nine points to lead Filer.

"We felt pretty good before the game," said senior Shanae Astle. "We've been working every game to get better." Astle had high hope for the year. She belleves the school needs a banner hanging from the rafters saying "3A State Basketball Champions 2007." Both teams really went after it and wanted to win. Fortunately we were able to come out on top," said Bishop. Filer (4.4, 2-1) plays at Jerome on Saturday, while Kimberly (9-0, 2-0) hosts Valley on Tuesday.

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team like this, but we'll see what we're made of.

All indications show that the Golden Eagles are made of buckets

lots of them. CSI is the top scoring team in the NICAA Division I ranks, averaging 127.9 points per contest and winning by an average of 49.9 points.

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The Golden Eagles' up-tempo style will be mirrored by head coach Jared Phay's Cardinals team that also likes to run and is averaging 86.3 points per game. Brian Morris, a 6-foot-8 sophomore transfer from Southern Methodist University (Texas) is the Cardinals top scoring and rebounding threat, while sophomore shooting guard social sophomore in the mold of CSI's Brad Garret or Derek Lerenzen. Guards Nick Livi and ards Nick Livi and Jamaal Rolle provide NIC with more scoring options.

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The major question the Cardinals must answer is just how fast is too fast. NLC will be playing right into C35 hands if the game turns into a track meet, so Play conder slowing his attack of the conder slowing his attack of the conder slowing his attack was a batte of wills in making sure you get to play the way you wint to play, versus how they, want to play, "Peery said. "So we'll be challenged that way. I'll be Interested in seeing how they want to compete with us, going up and down hard."

"You know, on the road, it's always a battle of wills in making sure you get to play the way you want to play versus how they want to play. So we'll be challenged that way. I'll be interested in seeing how they want to compete with us, going up and down hard."

— CSI coach Barret Peery on his team's SWAC opener at North Idaho College tonight

The Golden Engles are led by Garret's 17.5 points per game, while Juan Patillo, Kelvin Davis, Brandon Stores and DeCarlos Riley are all among the SWAC'S top 15 scorers. Sophomore Kevin Ford and NIC's Morris will square off in a battle of the conference's top two rebounders, while NIC's Livi and CSI's Adris DeLeon and Reggie Guyton are the leagues three top assist men. The Golden Eagles have the numbers on takes more than numbers to win on the road.

the road.

"I want to see us play hard," he sald. "I want to see us compete on the road in a tough environment. You always want to see yourself win, but I want to see us continue to play the ways we're been playing. I know that we'll have to give a great effort to win on the road — especially up there — but if we play the way we've played, I think good things will happen for us."

The Golden Eagles may be with-out the services of freshman reserve post Bocar Ba, who has been banged up during two weeks of practices. Otherwise, Feery has a fairly healthy squad. Sophomore post Brandon Stores is nursing an-ailing left ankle, but is expected to nlaw.

ailing left ankle, but is expected to play.

These two games will be the last two sophomore point guard Paul Wayne has to sit out, while Travis Bunker is out of his walking cast, but is not expected to make his CSI debut until January while rehabing a broken foot.

The game is set for an B-30 p.m., MST tip-off, following the completion of the game between the CSI and NIC women. It will be broadcast on 1270 AM KTFI.

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CSI women

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perimeter shots against a NIC team that will throw a 2-3 match-up zone and 1-3-1 half-court trap at his team. The Cardinals will look to force CSI to the perimeter and limit Maria Moore's dribble penetration, while Rogers will look for his defense to limit open looks for a solid group of NIC shooters and keep the Cardinals off the offensive glass. Rogers doesn't expect either team to be able to break out of this week-end's two contests.

—To be honest, if wc can get a split up on the road against a team that I think is one of the top three in our league, it would be huge. Rogers said. Merry Christmas to CSI fiw ec ang et us will a game up there, because that really puts us behind the eight ball as Intal's familier to go the contest of the contest solid rebounding performances this weekend, and has praised them for their increased aggression and physi-cality-over the last two weeks of prac-

Those two will be instrumental in getting CSI some of the easy points that have thus far cluded the team this sea-son. The Golden Eagles haven't scored

"If we can get a split up on the road against a team that I think is one of

the top three in our league, it would be huge. Merry Christmas to CSI if we can get two. It'll make it a tough, tough month if we can't win a game up there.

CSI women's coach Randy
Rogers on his team's SWAC
games at North Idaho College

on as many lay-ups and uncontested shots as they'd like, which has put pressure on their perimeter shooters to perform at a high level every night.

"I think we've still got to find a way to get those easy buckets," Rogers said.

"Because if everythings perimeter, then you're in a 'Let's hope it goes in ight."

The Golden Eagles and Cardinals will

night:
The Golden Eagles and Cardinals will face off tonight and tomorrow with both games set for 6:30 p.m. MST starts. Both games will be broadcast on 1270 AM KTFL

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Americans rally to stay close at World Cup

Stewart Cink was 105 yards from the pin, circumstances under which hed typically select a wedge, put an easy swing on the ball and watch it nestle relatively close to the cup. Instead, he grabbed a 6-fron, took a mighty swing — and the sull still was short of the green, eventu-ally leading to a bogy for the United States.

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"It was the worst conditions 16 ever played in," Clink would say later about one belf equall.

Yet the periods of rain, fueled by 45 mph wind gusts, eventually let be provided by 5 mph wind gusts, eventually let be provided by 5 mph wind gusts, eventually let be provided by 5 mph wind gusts, eventually let be provided by 5 mph wind gusts, eventually let gust be provided by 5 mph wind gusts, eventually let gust be provided by 5 mph wind gusts of the back inc. Clink and Henry finished with a 5-under 66 Thursday putting a Barbados' famed Sandy Lane

course.

Argentina. South Africa and Sweden all shared the lead at 7-under, with Germany and defending champion Wales both one shot back. The Americans were another stroke off the pace, along with England and South Korea.

"All things considered, I don't think we played our best today." Henry said. "But at the same time, with the conditions playing pretty difficult and hard to get the ball close to the hole, I guess we're a couple shots back and right where we need to be."

Clink and Henry are hidding to deliver their nations 24th World Lup tide—and what would be the lists for the U.S. Since 2000, when Tiger Woods and David Duval prevalent of the property of the

round, before Henry's birdle try on the par-5 ninth stayed on line last long enough to fall into the light side of the cup. The U.S. played bogger-free nine back side.

Think al ot of teams might have folded in there a little bit after beggering the par-5, but we understand how difficult the conditions were. Said Cline, who changed his soggy insoles after that dreadful sixth hole. To make boggy there wasn't exactly the end of the world, especially at this stage of the game."

wasnt exactly the end of the world, especially at this stage of the game."
An early bogey, even in fourball play, didn't doom Argentin's team of Andres Romero and Angel Cabiera, either — who are aiming to claim their country's first golf World Cup since 1953, when Roberto De Vicenza and Antonio Cerda wan it in the world's executive.

They were one of only two teams to make bogey at the relatively easy par-4 opening hole, but recovered

nicely from there, playing the final 17 holes in 8-under, including a stretch of five straight birdies from holes 12 through 16.

"We didn't play well the first nine holes," Cabrera said. "Thank goodness we played well on the back nine holes."

South Africa's team of Rery

nine holes."

South Africas: team of Rory
Sabbatini and Richard Sterne finished their round of 64 by making
birdle at the par-3 finishing hole, as
did the Swedes and Germans, who
finished one shot back at 6-under
along with defending champion
Wales

Wales.
England's Luke Donald and
David Howell also finished 5under, while five nations—
Cotombia, Japan, Ireland, Scotland
and South Korea—were another
also both.

In all, 15 teams, or nearly two-thirds of the field, finished within four shots of the lead in Thursday's fourball format,

Parker sets rushing mark as Steelers win

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The weather was nasty, windy, miserable. For Willie Parker, it was a record cold night. Parker broke the Steelers' single-game rushing record with 223 yards—a game better than either France Harris or Jerome Bettls enjoyed — and littsburgh excelled as usual in inferior weather by roughing up the offense Scleweland Browns 27-Thursday. Parker, the first player in Steelers history to have two 200-yard games in a season, broke John "Frenchy" Fuqua's record of 218 yards against Philadelphia in 1970, two years before Fuqua was the intended receiver on Harris' famous Immediate Reception against Oxidand.

Parker broke and might have a proposable 300 yards if the game had been closer. Because it was a Brownsteelers game in December it wasn!—no surprise there.

The Steelers 6-7) withstood temperatures in the teens a wind chill that was below zero in the second half and

no surprise unere.
The Steelers (6:7) withstood temperatures in the teens, a wind chill that was below zero in the second half and an occasignal snow flake to with their secentil in a row against their flust felt secentil in a row against their flust felt secentil in a row against their flust felt clowland last December and a 24-20 clowland last December and a 24-20 clowland last December and in Clewsland Pittsburgh is one of the NFL's best clubs when the weather gets bad and the games usually are more important, going 21-6 past Dec. 1 since 2001.
For the Browns (4-9), this time of the year simply is a case of going from bad to worse. Assured now of their fourth consecutive losing season, they are 2-



Pittsburgh Steelers running back Willie Parker, left, runs past Cleveland Browns det man Simon Fraser in the first quarter in Pittsburgh on Thursday.

aan Siaoo Fraser in the first quarter in rimase. It in December the last three seasons. Parker went over the 1,000-yard parker went over the 1,000-yard parker. The parker was a little parker to go for the content of the parker on going following up his 213-yard game against New Orleans on New 1.2. He had been limited to 129 yards in his last three games, but there was no stopping him Thursday as he helped lead the Steelers' two longest drives of the season.

Parker, a non-drafted free agent

three years ago, ran for 26 yards on five

that only two weeks ago was limited to 21 yards in a 27-0 loss to Baltimore. Pittsburgh gained 304 yards on the ground for the night — the Browns Just

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Parker also had a 3-yard TD run on a 74-yard drive during the third quarter as the Secters continued to wear down the Browns.

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The trouble with this latest Steelers late-season surge is it apparently comes too late to save a season that was all but over after the Super Bowl champions lost six of their first eight. Entingly enough given Parker's hig

champions lost six of their first eight., Filtingly, enough, given. Patrier's hig, night, it was this week a year ago that Bettis, in one of the most memorable runs of his long career, ran through Bears Inebacker Brian Urlacher during a 5-yard TD run on a snow-covered field. That score keyed a 21-5 Steelers victory that began their drive to the Super Bowl.

Suns take 20T win over Nets

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.—
Steve Nash scored nine of his career-high 42 points in the second overtime and Boris and Boris of the second overtime and Boris law hit ago ahead shot in the lane with 14 seconds left to lead the Phoenix Suns to their eighth straight victory, a 161-157 decision over the New Jersey Nets on Thursday night. The wild shootout in the highest-scoring game in the NBA this season also saw Nets point guard Jason Kidd the Will Chamberlain for third place with his 78th career-triple-double. Kidd finished with 38 points, 14 rebounds and 14 assists, but the point guard dribbled the ball off his foot with 10 seconds left, costing the Nets a chance to the.

Shawn Martion added 33 points, Raja Bell had 24 and Amare. Stundenlie, 23 for the Suns, who made an NBA seanon-high 17 3-pointers, including a remarkable one by Nash at the end of regulation that tied the score and forced the overtime.

Vince Carree had 31 points and Richard Jefferson had 25 for the Nets, Marcus Williams added 16 for New Jersey, which set a team-record for points in a game.

Pistons 92, Mavericks 82

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DALIAS — Rasheed Wallace scored most of his 19 points on five —3-pointers, including back-to-back shots that he emphatically celebrated, to lead Detroit.

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Wallace scored 10 points in
the first quarter and had nike
more in the third, all coming
after a Dallas rally. They came
in a flurry, too — three 3-pointers in a span of four possessions. After banking in the
third one, putting the Pistons
up by 16, he repeatedly
follered, called than!
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Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 29 points and nine rebounds.

N.C. State set to hire Boston College's O'Brien

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina State didn't need go far to find a new football coach. In fact, the chool didn't even have to leave its own division in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

school didfit even have to leave its own division in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

N.C. State Is set to hire Boston College's Tom O'Brien and is working out final details of a contract, a university official said Thursday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because a contract has not been approved by the school's board of trustees, whose personnel committee has scheduled a teleconference for Friday.

Once a deal's complete and O'Brien changes addresses, it will add spice to a division rivalry that began when Boston College became the ACCS 12th member before the 2005 season. This year, N.C. State beat Boston College when first-time starrer Daniel Evans threw the winning fouchdown pass with 85-Seconds left in a 17-15 victory.

O'Briens' move to Raleigh would mark only the second time in league history that a football coach left one ACC school to lead another in the next sea-

son, the league said. The other time came when Jim Tatum moved from Maryland to North Carolina in 1956.

Report: Shannon hired as Miami coach

Longtime Miami defensive coordinator Randy Shannon will replace the fired Larry Coker as coach of the Hurricanes, The Miami Herald reported on its Web site Thursday.

The newspaper, citing an unidentified source, said Shannon accepted the job Thursday and that his hiring would be officially announced by the university Friday.

Shannon and Miami athletle director Paul Dee did not source and the state of the second of th

snannon and miami attiette director ratu Dete did not return calls from The Associated Press on Thursday, and university officials said they were aware of no pending announcements. Players had also not been formally told that Shannon was being promoted, yet many were thrilled by the news.
"It's the guy that I wanted. It's the guy a lot of us

wanted," Mlami quarterback Kirby Freeman told The AP "Randy's been extremely sincere to this foot-ball program. He's been sincere about his feelings toward-everyone-on-this-teâm-and-the direction he wants this program to go. This is de<u>linit</u>ely the deci-sion I wanted."

Report: Alabama offers job to Rodriguez

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama was still without a football coach Thursday night, though Crimson Tide officials were gearing up efforts to fill the vacan-

cy.
Alabama reportedly offered West Virginia's Rich
Rodriguez the job. There was no agreement in place,
but the two sides were still talking, a person with
knowledge of the search told The Associated Press

The presen space on condition on Thursday night. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no official decision had been

Bonds moves closer to deal with Giants as winter meetings end

LAKE BUENA VISTA. Fla. (AP) — Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants worked to close a deal Thursday, highlighting a week at the baseball winter meetings that ended with just one major trade and only a handful of free-agent stemings.

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With most executives already gone, word came that Bonds was nearing an agreement to result the state of the state of



Sen Francisco Giants general manager Brian Sabean talks to reporters during the Major League Baseball winter meetings in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Thorsday,

Free-agent ace Barry Zito wasn't close to signing and Manny-Ramirez remained withthe Boston Red Sox Kansas City made a big move on the final day, agreeing to a \$55 million, five-year contract with right-hander Gil Meche.

Also, backup first baseman Daryle Ward reached a prelimi-nary - agreement - with - the Chicago Cubs on a \$1.05 mil-lion, one-year deal and the Atlanta Braves completed their deal to acquire reliever Rafael Soriano from the Seattle

Mariners for pitcher Horacio

Ramirez.
Houston and the White Sox talked about a trade that would send Jon Garland to the Astros for outfielder Willy Taveras, pitcher Taylor Buchholz and a prospect. But the deal wasn't announced, perhaps because Chicago didn't like Buchholz's medical reports.

nt like Buchholzs meaning reports.

"It was probably more laying the groundwork than in the past," Toronto Blue Jays general manager J.P. Ricciard said. "I think you'll see more things happen in the next few weeks. I think there's a lot of free agents falling in place. I think once those have fallen in place. I think guys will start working some other stuff."

At the podium in the start only one trade

some other stuff."
At the podium in the
Dolphin hotel, only one trade
was announced: The White Sox
sent starter Freddy Garcia to
Philadelphia on Wednesday
night for pitching prospects
Gavin Floyd and Gio Gonzalez.
In the suites upstairs, many

mns were discuss

swaps were discussed.
"I think you're going to see in the next two weeks, there's going to be a way were going to be a look of the board, all the back and forth goes out the window and the goles way. The agents don't want to get shut out. So I stay to want to get shut out. So I expect here in the next two weeks there's going to be a lot of action. Free agents and signings. Everybody seems to be hestiant to do something.
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announced early in the day that infielder-Tony Graffanlno-had accepted its offer. Also, a pair of relievers seemed to be moving toward decisions: Eric Gagne and Octavio Dotel. Cincinnati liked

Gagne and Boston was inter-ested in Dotel.

Gagne and Boston was interested in Dotel.

As team officials headed home, several signings were in various stages of working their way toward final agreements; outfielder JLD Drew and short-stop Julio Lugo (Boston), pitch-rason Schmidt and outfielder Luis Gonzalez (Los Angeles Dodgers), pitcher Greg Middux (Sain Diego) and pitch-revicente Padilla (Texas).

Cubs general manager lin lendry remained behind, hospitalized following an angioplasty. Hendry had ignored several pleas from manager Lou Piniella and special assistant Gary I tughes to see a doctor earlier in the week.

Team physician Stephen Adams sent the 51-year-old GM to an Orlando-area hospital for tests and Piniella drove Hendrythere.

But Hendry kept closing deals, finishing up a \$40 million, four-year agreement with pitcher Ted Lilly on Wednesslay night from the hospital.

Market Watch

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Stocks of local interest

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Dell Inc.	26.42 ▼ .16
Idacorp	38.83 ▼ .27
Lithia Mo.	25.94 ▼ .23
Micron	14:60 V .24
Supervalu	34.33 ▼ .14

Commodities

62.19 tlight sweet crude by barrel)
Live cattle 86,35 ▼ 11.8
For more, see page B7



Ray Maoffer, left, gives a 1994 Hoover Elite vacuum a tune-up All Makes Vacuum Thursday in na makes vacuum I mirsusy in Cieveland Helghts, Ohio, Lppignice maker Whiripool Corp. Plans to sell Its (conic Hoover

Whirlpool to sell Hoover floor-care business

By James Prickard Associated Press writer

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. GRAND RAPIDS. Mich.

— Appliance maker Whirlpool Corp. plans to sell its iconic Hoover vacuum business, acquired 'in its recent purchase of Maytag, to a Hong Kongbased home improvement and construction tools supplier for \$107 million.

The chalrman and CEO of the buyer, Techtronic Industries Co. Ltd., called Hoover 'one of the' most recognized brands in the world" and a welcome

recognized brands in the world" and a welcome addition to its floor-care portfolio that includes Dirt Dewil, Regina and Royal. The companies said in announcing the deal on Thursday that it could close as early as the first quarter of next year following regulatory clearance.

lowing regulatory clear-ance.
"The decision to divest the floor-care business allows us to focus on our core appliance business," leff Mr Fertig, Whitipool's chaltman and chief executive, said in a statement.
Whitipool markets the Mayrag, KitchenAid and lenn-Air brands, among others.

lenn-Air brands, among others.
Techtronle will assume control of the North Caption, Ohio-based vacuum and floor-cleaner menufocturer while What pool will retail pension and post-retirement benefit liabilities for retired Hoover employees.
The addition of Hoover to our existing Royal Appliance and Vax floor care businesses will strengthen our market

care businesses will strengthen our market presence globally, by diversifying our customer buse, expanding our prod-ucr offering and adding scale to our operations, Horst J. Pudwill, Techtronic chalrman and CEO, said in a statement.

Jerome getting a new hotel

JEROME — Crossroads
Point Business Center will
soon be home to a new 100room hotel.
The property of the control of the
point of the control of the
northwest corner of LS.
Highway 33 and Interstate 84,
said Crossroads owner Arlen
Crouch.
"We've home."

Crouch.
"We've been negotiating with a lot of hotels, and I think this one is Just perfect for us," Crouch said Thursday. "It's geared to the business person and people who want truly great service."

Crouch said the hotel will be

across from the site of the future St. Benedicts Family Medical Center replacement

Medical Center of facility.

"We are very eager to come to Magic Valley." Wingate Inn Vice President David Davenport said in a news-lease. "We see tremendous before the fair of the fair Vice President David Davenport said in a news release. We see tremendous potential for the hotel and are excited to be part of the Crossroads Point Business

The hotel will feature:

High-speed wired and vireless internet in all rooms.

Fitness

Fax. copying and printing

services.

• Expanded continental breakfast.

"We see tremendous

potential for the hotel and are excited to be part of the Crossroads Point Business Center."

— Wingate Inn Vice President David Davenport

The luxury hotel, owned by VanDur Properties LLC, will also include three conference

rooms, an executive board room and a sundries shop.
Construction is expected to begin March 1 and be completed in a year.
Wingate Inns International is a new-construction-only, mid-priced hotel chain without [ood and beverage, its first hotel opened in 1996, and today more than 180 hotels are open or under development in the U.S. and Canada.
Crouch expects to announce

the U.S. and Canada.

Crouch expects to announce
more new Crossroads businesses in coming months.

Crews have put in water
lines on the Crossroads property, and sewer lines are
expected 'to be completed
within a month.

Federal Express is already
operating, and negotiations

are under way for a bank, several restaurants, an office building, a service-station/convenience store and two fast-food operations.—Crouch said.

The entire Crossroads property is 480 acres — 250 acres of which make up the planned unit development.

What is Crossroads biggest draw?

iwr Location," Crouch said. "That's the reason we bought it in 1994. It's also the quality of what we're doing. This isn't just going to be a piece of property to put something on."

Times-News Business Editor Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or smiller@niagicval-ley.com.

Semino

Tribe buys Hard Rock Cafe business for \$965 million

By Robert Barr Associated Press writer

LONDON - The Seminole Tribe of MINION — The Seminole Tithe of Florida is buying the Hard Rock business, including its massive collection of rock 'n' roll memorabilia. In a \$965 million deal with British casino and hotel company Rank Group PLC, the tribe announced Thursday.

The Hard Rock

What does

\$965 million

buy these days

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 2 Hard Rock Livel concert ven-ues
 Stakes in three unbranded hotels
 Some 70,000 pieces of rock memorabilia

124 Hard Rock Cafes, four Hard Rock Hotels, tw Hard Rock Casino Hotels, two Hard Rock Live! concert venues, and stakes three unbrand-

ed hotels. With it, the tribe with it, the cribe acquires what is said to be the world's largest col-lection of rock memorabilia, some 70,000 pieces including limi Hendrix's pieces inclus. Jimi Hendrix's Flying V guitar, one of Madonna's

including one of Madonna's bustlers, a pair of Madonna's bustlers, a pair of Madonna's bustlers. Elton John's Jand guilars formerly owned by Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton and Chuck Berry.

This is a proud moment for the Seminole Thie of Florida and for all indian tribes," said Mitchell Cypress, chairman of the elected Tribal Council. "It is also an opportunity for the Seminole Thie to diversify its business operations and help a very successful company to achieve even greater growth."

Cypress and Seminole Gaming Chief Executive James Allen said in a statement that the tribe would work with current I had Rock International

growth plans. In addition to its two Seminole Hard Rock hotels & casinos, the Seminole Tribe owns and operates five other casinos in Florida. More



Members of the Seminole Indian Tribe, including medicine man Bobby Henry, center, celebrate their good fortune atop the Hard Rock Cafe marquis in Times Square Thursday after the tribe announced It had acquired Hard Rock international.

than 90 percent of the tribe's budget now comes from gaming revenue. Nearly 3,300 Seminole Indians live on and off reservations throughout

on and oil reservations throughout Florida.

The tribe was the first American Indian group to get into the gambling business when it opened a bingo half in 1979 in Hollywood, Fla. That led to other casinos on reservations in Florida and sparked the interest of other these across the nation.

U.S. tribes now have more than \$22

With a portrait of Grateful Dead gui-tarist Jerry Garcia

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Oscaola's Hard Rock Cafe Jack

billion in annual revenues from gam-bling, according to government fig-

Peter Morton, co-founder of the ures.

Peter Morton, co-founder of the

Hard Rock brand, sold his interests to

Rank Group in 1986 for \$410 million.

He had retained ownership of the
Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las

Vegas, but sold that to Morgans Hotel

Group Co, for \$770 million in cash in

May.

Rank, which said the sale freed it to

concentrate on gambling, retained

the Hard Rock Casino in London and

plans to change it to the Rank

Gaming brand.

"We have maximized the value of

Hard Rock through this disposal fol
lowing a thorough strategic review

and competitive auction, said Rank

Chief Executive Ian Burke.

Burke said the company would

return \$690 million of the sale pro
ceeds to shareholders in a special div
idend of \$1.28 per share.

Last year, Hard Rock posted rev
enue of \$493 million and profit before

interest and taxes of \$69.6 million,

Rank said.

The sale, which is subject to share-

interest and taxes of \$68.6 million, Rank said.

The sale, which is subject to share-holder approval, is scheduled to be completed in March.

Ogden gaining 700 jobs with dialysis product provider's growth-The Associated Press

OGDEN, Utah — Fresenius Medical Care, a provider of-dialysis products, will be adding up to 700 new Jobs with a \$200 million plant expansion.

The expansion will add up to 500,000 Medicine source feet.

sion will add up to 500,000 Medicini up to the total up to the city. Fresentus already has 1,300 workers there. The Weber school board voted to allow the company to have 126 eres. The school district will move its maintenance and transportation offices elsewhere. In brother-thood between Weber School District and Ogden city, we are willing to make the move. It will cost our taxpayers nothing Said Drew Wilson, the district's facilities director.

wilson, the districts facilities director.

The Governor's Office of Economic Development has agreed to provide financial incentives for Fresenius, including a refund of up to 30 percent of state taxes over 10 years.

years. Fresenius, based in Germany, has 2,085 dialysis clinics in North America, Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa, according to the company's Web site.

ON THE NET: Fresenius Medical Care, http://www.fmc-

Utah city rescinds its door-to-door sales restrictions

The Associated Press

LINDON, Utah — The city has rescinded a law restricting door-to-door sales. City leaders said they feared a lawsuit by The Kirby Co., which has sued several Utah-communities over laws that make it hand to sell cleaning products.

make it had to sell cleaning products.
Lindon's law had required a 5500 bond and unspecified background checks by police. They could easily file suit against us based on our ordinance, cly attorney Brian Haws said. Restic

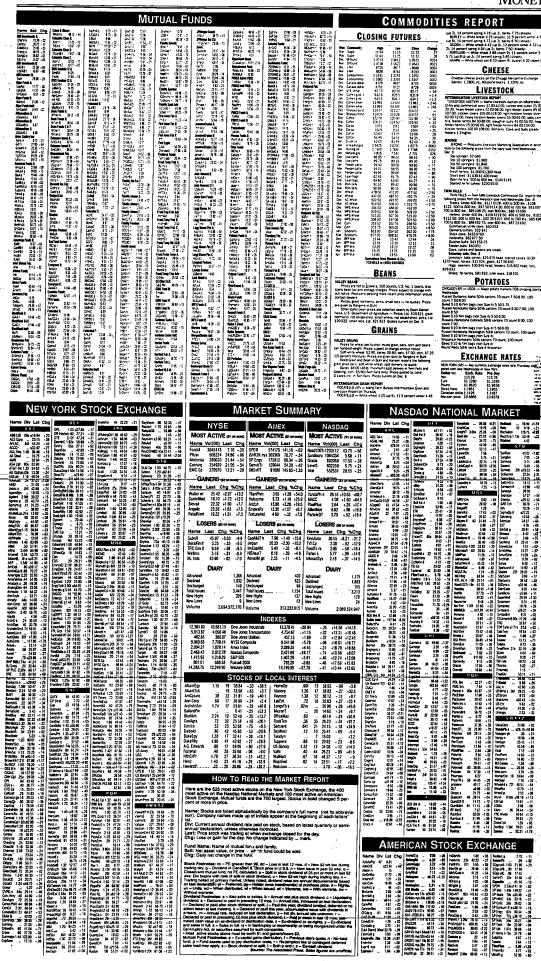
home saying no solicitors are allowed.

"Then we have all the authority in the world to pro-tect that resident." Haws said, noting that unwanted solicita-tion is a misdemeanor.

tion is a misdemeanor.
In the past three years,
Lindon has issued three tickets for illegal soliciting, he

said.
"It is not a major problem,"
Haws said. "We are not citing
them unless we get a call or
complaint from a citizen."





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Patience growing thin as power outages linger on in Illinois and Missouri

By Jim Salur Associated Press writer

and Missouri.

Brent Stubblefield was among a few dozen workers from Tennessee-based Service Electric Co. who made a nine-hour drive to the St. Louis area

Belleville, ill. — Having burned through \$300 on holels and restaurants since her house was plunged through \$400 on holels and restaurants since her house was plunged through \$400 on holels and restaurants since her house was plunged the house house the house house the house house

"I'm broke and fed up. I've had it. Enough is enough."

- Ann Hill, Decatur, Ill., resident



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extra 15% on Crew5"









Idaho

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Nuclear fallout

Company announces plans for nuclear plant in Idaho, officials skeptical

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

BRUNEAU — A nuclear power plant may be coming to idaho.

Funny thing, though: lobody here knows it's com-

Funny tunng,
Nobody here knows it's coming.
Earlier this week, a company called Alternate Energy
Holdings issued a press release
stating the company intends

to construct, own and operate a nuclear power plant near Brunear in Owyhee County. But apparently, the company has not shared this information with the county, the state or the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Owyhee County Clerk Charlotte Shebum says neither she nor anyone cles in the county government office has ever heard of Alternate Energy

Holdings. She also said she knows of no plans by anyone to build a nuclear facility in Idaho.

to build a nuclear facility in idaho.

Neither does the Department of Energy in Idaho. Spokesman Tim Idaho. Spokesman Idaho. The phone number listed on the company's Web site, http://www.alternateenergy.oldings.com, is the Thaxton. Va., home of Don Gillispie, the company's president and chief executive. Calls to that num-

INSIDE: Letters to Santa being delivered to Alaskan town. See page C7

time.
Idaho is one of 19 states with
no commercial nuclear power

no commercial nuclear powersource.

An NRC Web site lists 17 new nuclear power plants across the nation either in the licensing stage or under construction. None is in Idaho — the facility proposed by Alternate Energy is not on the list.

"Let me say in an official capacity, we have received nothing from this company. No letter, nothing," sald commission public affairs specialist Scott Burnell. "If I had a

hrase stronger than 'infor-nation void,' I'd use it."

Alternate Energy's press release said construction on

release said construction on the Bruneau nuclear plant will begin in 2008. Burnell said that's impossible. "I can say definitely that statement indicates a distinct lack of understanding of licensing procedures," he said. Burnell added that even if the

Burnell added that even if the company had already applied for licenses, which it has not, the regulatory commission wouldn't even be halfway through the review process by 2008.

In remembrance

Boys' death leads to safety push

Snowpack Levels

TWIN FALLS — More than a year as passed since a house fire killed year-old Eli Davis and his 2-year-d brother. Kael

A-year-old Ell Davis and his 2-year-old brother, Kael.
The boys died when the family's rented home, at 2160 East 3950 North at the Country Vu Mobile Home Park in Filer caught fire in the early morning hours of Nov 15.

the early morning hours of Nov 15. Their parens, histly and Angela Davis, escaped but were unable to scauce their sons.
Although still saddened by her loss, Angela doesn't want it to be in vain and agreed to allow a fire education program to be named in honor of her boys.

The home had a smoke detector but there were no batteries in it. Being that we rented the home, we hought that it vould have been taken care of when we moved in but it want's, his said. 'Had there been properly working smoke detectors in the home, my boys may very well be alien today.'

The Davis Boys Project is sponsored by the Twin Falls Head Start

For more information on how to donate, call Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition, 737-2432, or the Twin falls Head Start Center, 734-

Center and the Magic Valley Safe

Center and the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalltion and alms to bring smoke detectors and fire education to each of nearly 500 Head Start families participating through the 10 centers in the Magic Valley.

"Ell attended the Twin Falls Head Start center and we were terribly saddened and shocked by his death," said Twin Falls Head Start Center Supervisor Tahna Cooper. We want every Head Start family in the Magic Valley to have smoke detectors.

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THE BIG LESSON



Principal Jeff Jones Ristens to a teacher during his day as a student at Kimberty Middle School, Jones spent the day as a student to get their per spective on organizational skills and other areas of academics that can be improved.

Kimberly principal becomes student for a day

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — He was the only seventh-grade student who was married and had the authority to suspend his classmates.

That's because he was also the school principal.

school principal.
Jeff Jones, Kimberly Middle School
principal, enrolled in his own school
Thursday to experience what it's like
to be a student.

The idea came to him after he saw how disorganized some students were at school, and how it affects

were at-school- and how lar directed their academic performance. But rather than give them guidelines from the sidelines, Jones said he wanted to know firsthand why some students are disorganized and how the school can help them.

"I went into this not just trying to help with organizational skills, but also with everything slee we do as a school," he said. "The closer you are to the people you serve, the better you can serve them."

Students thought the idea of their principal attending class with them—was strange, but they invited Jones to

"I went into this not just trying to help with organizational skills, but also with everything else we do as a school. The closer you are to the people you serve, the better you can serve them.'

— Kimberty Principal Jeff Jones

On the Net

See Jeff Jones as a seventh-grader at www.magicvalley.com,

spend a day in their shoes

spend a day in their shoes.

"With him being my principal: I say this with all due respect," said Tanner leymer, a seventh-gade student at Kimberty Middle School. I'l think he will find that it a little difficult to be organized every day here."

Beymer said he has learned to be more organized after he started losing papers at the beginning of the year. He said it probably affected his grades a little, but he is now a lot more organized.

"The key is to have folders," he said. 'Organize all your math. English and other assignments into folders and things will be where you need

- Kimberty Principal Jeff Jones
them - except for pencils. I still have
a hard time finding my pencils."
Some students said their lockers
have become "amazing trash compactors." They said papers and other
odds-and-ents are piled into lockers
and their reusined town with brooks to
make room for more papers.
By the end of the day, Jones said
the biggest lesson he learned had littie to do with daily class schedule.
"The pace that students have to
endure throughout the school day is
pretty grueling." Jones said. "They are
constantly hurrying from class to
class and there is not really any
downtime for them.

Because Kimberly Middle School
does not have a cateria in the

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cooperation during blaze

Rupert fire chief praises

RUPERT — Fire Chief Larry Pool had a lot of people to thank Tuesday night for helping with the recent Dollar Daze blaze on the

recent Dollar Daze onize on the Rupert Square. Pool said the early morning fire on Nov. 1 demonstrated how the city pulls together in times of crisis.

He told City Council members that almost every department in the city became involved in the effort to fight the fire, which firethen kept contained to a single building.

the city became involved in une refort to fight the fire, which fire-then kept contained to a single building. Pool said the only departments not directly involved were the shop and sanitation. "That was because we didn't have anything broak down and because there was no mess — yet — to clean up." Pool said. Pool said the mayors office came through with phone num-bers for the buildings renter at a

crucial time.
Councilman Todd McGhle and
business owner Charlie Creason
were praised for providing food for
the 59 firefighters who fought the
blaze.

blaze.

Pool said McGhle went to
Creason, owner of the Drift Inn,
who not only agreed to provide Creason, owner of the Drift Inn, who not only agreed to provide sandwiches but donated the food

for them.
Pool praised the electrical department-for-getting-Christmas-lights out of the way of Breflighters and helping with wiring in the area that was compromised.
Wastewater officials helped with a bit of a glitch when some of the water being used to fight the fire began to back up in the streets near Project Mutual Telephone.
One employee, Dennis

near Project Mutual Telephone.
One employee. Dennis
Anderson, assisted with traffic
control around the square. Doc's
Pizza provided coffee. City
employees Terry Andrew and Sheri
Miles helped out with drinks and
snacks for firefighters.

YOUR WEEKEND

Burley ballet What: Centre Stage Studies of Dance and Performing Arts will present Tchalkonsips. Tchalkonsips. Thutcracker. Where: Kling Fine Arts Centler, Arts Centler, Burley, When: Today, 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, 2 p.m. How moch: Tickets, which are \$13 and \$15 for reserved.

which are \$13 and \$15 for resorred seats, \$10 for general seats, \$10 for general seats and \$8 for senior citizens, are available by phoning 678-4117, or at Premier Dancewer from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Tickets are also available at the door or through the cast members.

Darwin and me

Songs of Christmas

What: Magic Valley Chorale will perform its Christmas concerts this 7

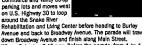
weekend.
Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine
Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.
When: Saturdey, 7:30 p.m., and
Sunday, 4 p.m.
Now much: Tickets, which are \$5 for
adults and \$3 for children and senior

adutts and \$3 for children and senior citizens, are available at the CSI Bookstore, Everybody's Business, Clos Office Supply and Welch Music in Twin Falls, at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, from any Chorale member, or at the door.

Deck the halls What: The Gooding County Memorial Hospital

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A Yule celebration What: The annual Buhl Nigh



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Light Parade will cap a daylong Christmass celevation.
Whee's his parade will cap a daylong Christmass celevation.
Whee's his parade will be a compared to the compared of the compared and valley Coparing lots and mores west on U.S. Highway 30 to loop around the Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center before heading to Burley Avenue and back to Broadway Avenue. The parade will travel down Broadway Avenue and finish along Main Struck.
When: Saturday, 7:15 p.m. Bafore the parade, from 1 to 4.
Dm., there will be a holiday one house and artist's studio tour at the Eighth Street Center, a Kwania chill feed from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the West End Sorior Center, and, after the parade, caroling by the Buil High School jazz and select choirs at the Eighth Street Center.
How much: it's free.

OBITUARIES

Omar Eldredge

JEROME — Omar Eldredge. 81, passed from this life on Dec. 6, 2006, at his home in Jerome, idaho.

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Forest and
Vivian Cross
Sidredge, He
fore up in
Carey, Idaho.
Domar married
Pauline Chapin on Jan. 17,
1951, at the Immanuel

1951, at the immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls, idaho. They started their mar-tied life in Carey. Omar worked for the Idaho

and rworked for the Idaho
Department of Transportation
Department of Transportation
Lor 314 years, retting in 1984.
He was the man who was out
plowing snow in the middle of
the night. After retting, Omar
and Pauline remained in the
Wood River Valley until 2002
yhen they wave to Jerome.
Omar is pils lawn and going
Jouth in the winter months.
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Jouth in the winter months.
Omar is now pauline are the
proud parents of five children.
Omar is survived by his wife
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Bay, Ore., Michelle (Jerry) Beall of Bellevue, Idaho, Brent Eldredge of Richfield, Idaho, and Ruth (Tom) Mattix of Veradale, Wash. He is also surand Ruth (Tom) Mattis of Veradale, Wash. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one due in February; sk sibnigs, Mary Stanger of Idaho Falts, Jeanirre (Red) Keller of Irwin, Idaho, Allen (Ann) Eldredge of Jerome, Buri (Betty) Eldredge of Vendell, Keith (Marie) Eldredge of New Burn, Tenn., and Julia (Kari) Ward of Jerome; and many hieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Kevin Eldredge; his brothers Gall, Willard and Cillion; and his sister, Esther.

his brothers Gall, Willard and Cillton; and his sixer, Esther. The funeral will be conducted at 11 am. Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome. A graveside service will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. following the funeral service, at the Bellevue, Idaho, Cemetery or Chestnut Street in Bellevue. A visitation will be held Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at Farnsworth Mortuary, where cannily and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m., and again Tuesday one hour prior to the service.

SERVICES

David Aaron Steele Hall of Denver, Colo., and formerly of Drome, funeral at 11 a.m. Doday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; Funeral Chapel in Jerome; friends may call from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. today at the mortu-ary.

Catlynn Todd Reed ocatello and formerly Speatello and formerly of Kimberly, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Pocatello LDS West Stake Center. 3444 Hawthorne Road; viewing from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Colonial Funeral Home in Pocatello).

· William "Bill" Winterholler of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Darrell D. Duncan Wichita, Kan., and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Resthaven Mortuary Chapel in Wichita,

John Charley (JC) Orender of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Jack Emmett Sturm of Filer, p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls,

Michael S. Chafin of King Hill, gathering for friends and family at 1 pm. Saturday at the Veterans of Foreign Wards hall in Glenns Ferry; a potluck will follow (Aclesa Chapel and Tribute Center in Boise).

Jill Hitt of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave. (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley)

Richard Matthew "Dick" Oneida of Shoshone, celebra-tion of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel, 404 W. B St.

Michael L. Leonetti of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 3 p.m. Saturday at Tribes Interiors, 203 Fifth Ave. S. in Twin Falls (Payne Mortuary in

James Arthur Hackney of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Ascension Episcopal Church in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Leo E. Watkins of Oakley, memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com.

Helen Aléne Hogue

TWIN FALLS — Helen Alene Hogue, 88, of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006, at the Twin Falls Care

was born April 13, 1918,

In Wolbach, Neb., the youngest of 13 children born to loving imm lg ran to parents who met and married in the United States. The United States of the United States who met and married in the United States who was expected by the United States of the United States who was expected by the United States of the United States o

ness college and, for man years, worked as a bookkeepe Helen had five children, o which one daughter died in infancy. She lived in Virginia for a number of years, where she finished raising her children. She later lived in the Southwest prior to moving to Twin Falls 3 years ago to be with her son. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, raising house plants and word puzzles, but the love of her life was how familio

house plants and word puzles, but the love of her life was
her family.

She is survived by four children, Carolyn McBride of
Jacksonville, Fla., Jerri (Jim)
Haklik of Phoents, Artz., Don
Hogue of Costa Mesa, Calif.,
and John Hogue of Twin Fallis,
nine grandchildren and 12
great-grandchildren and 12
great-grandchildren. In addition to her daughter, she was
preceded in death by her parents and 12 siblings.

A gathering of family and
friends will be held at 11 a.m.
Saturday. Dec. 9, at White
Mortuary. As service and interment will take place in
Vermillion, St. place in
Vermillion, S.D., at a later time.
Friends may call from 3 to 5
pm. today at White Mortuary.

NACTIFICE

'Slim' Ronnie Hewitt

OAKLEY — "Slim" Ronnie D. Hewitt, better known to most people as Slim, died at home with his family at his side on Dec. 5, 2006.
Born Nov. 3, 1938.

1938, to William M. and Gladys L. (Ivie) Hewitt in Mackay, Idaho. They moved to L a b e moved to Labelle, Idaho, in 1947

and resided there until his dad passed away in 1954. Then Slim, his mont and his sister, Tammy L. Hewitt (Stowell)

moved to
Rigby, Idaho. Slim married M.
JoAnn Wilson on June 1, 1957. Their family grew to include Ronnie Joe (Kathleen) Hewitt, Ronnie Joe (Käthleen) Hewitt, Julie Rae Hewitt (Bruce) Norton, Billy Dee (Dell Suo) Hewitt and David Lloyd Hewitt as well as five grand-children, Austin Norton, Tabitha K. Hewitt, Harley A. Norton, Christopher W. Hewitt and Matthew C. Hewitt. The family eventually moved to the Oakley, Idaho, area, where Slim and JoAnn have lived for the past 34 ½ years. Slim was well known around the Magic Valley area and

the Magic Valley area and Rigby-Rexburg area for his work on and with pivots in

nie Hewitt

Idaho, both erecting and repairing them and, in later years, supplying parts for them. Ite lowed to tinker with making things and invented a number of items for the farming and irrigardon industry tille and the state of the sta

Don and Vickie Burron, who were always there whether fishing, pracking in wood or whatever was needed.

Slim was preceded in death by his parents and his sister. A memorial service will be held at 3 pm. Satingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 233W, 3rd. It has Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 233W, 3rd. Nin Burley, Arangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

- DEATH NOTICES -Twin Falls LDS 8th Ward Chapel, 667 Harrison St. A vis-itation will be held on from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave E. in Twin Falls, and from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Saturday at the Church. Burial will follow

Thomas A. Reed

BURLEY — Thomas Albert
"Tom" Reed, 61, of
Lakewood, Wash., and formerly of Burley, died
Saturday, Dec. 2, 2005.
A funeral will be held at 3
p.m., Friday, Dec. 8, in, the
Celebration of Life Center at
the Mountain View Funeral
Home in Tacoma, Wash. A
service for family and friends
will be held at a later date in
Burley.

Ethel A. Loveday

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TWIN FALLS — Ethel Alleen
Combe Loveday, 81: of Twin
Falls, lete IT May, 7,
2006, at St. Lukes Magic Valley
Regional Medical Center,
The funeral will be held at
noon Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the
Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3
857 N. 3500 E. in Kimberly, 4
viewing will be held from 4 to 8
pm. Monday, Dec. 11, at White
Mortuary in Twin Falls, with
family greeting friends from 6
to 8 pm., and one hour before
the funeral Tuesday at the
church.

Eula Brady

RUPERT — Eula Brady, 89, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006, at Countryside Care and Rehabilitation.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert

Florence L. Whitaker

TWIN FALLS — Florence L Whitaker, 83, of Twin falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. A service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the

Thelda L. Gransbury

the Church, Burial will follow at 3.p.m. Saturday at the Garland Cemetery in Garland, Utah. A complete obituary will appear in Saturday's newspa-per.

Theida L. Gransbury
HEYBURN—Theida Lorena
Lowder Gransbury, 90, of
Heyburn, died Wednesday,
Dec. 6, 2006, at Countryside
Care and Rehab in Rupert.
The Gransbury Boe heid at at
Hansen Mortuary Rupert
Hansen Mortuary Rupert
Chapel, 710 Sixth St., with
Doug Myers, Theida's grandson, officiating, Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery, A
viewing will be held from 6 to 8
p.m. Sunday and one hour
before the funeral Monday at
the mortuary.

Blanca Chairez

BURLEY — Blanca Chairez, 53, of Burley, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Burley

Jane H. Berdine

TWIN FALLS — Jane Hafer Canfield Berdine, 65, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Elma Jane McCreary

BUHL — Elma Jane
McCreary, 82, of Bubl, passed
away Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006.
She hadi
lived in Bubl, ldabn, since
2003. Elma
was born April
24, 1924, in
Syncuse, N.V.
the daughter of Etta and Ed
Bond. Elma Bond. Elma

Gouveneur, N.Y. She married and moved to New Modeo in 1955. She has lived in Idaho various times over the years and has always considered Idaho her home.

Her two surviving sons are Chris and Dale Clew. Both reside in Idaho.

A memorial service will be held at 230 pm. Saturday Dec. 9, at the Seventh-day Adventist. Church in Eden. Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.





COMMUNITY EVENTS -

M.V. Duplicate Bridge announces winners

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced weekly winners:

— Nov-27, first, Phyllis-and-Robert Parish; second, Doris Watts and Marcy Kern; and third, Betty Sabo and DeAnna McMahon.

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Nov 28, first, Joye Astorquia and Betty Ganti: second, Veeta Roberts and Betty Sabo; third, Mary Ann Siegel and Madeline Sawaya; fourth, Kathy Rooney and Shirley Tschanners; fifth, Renee Bulcher and Mary Ann Singer Sabo; third, Renee Bulcher and Rueben Tschackofske.
Nov 29, first, Renee Bulcher and Riley Burton, second, Marilyn Boikin and Mary Lee Pfefferle and Madeline Sawaya and Peggy Hackley and Max Thompson; fifth, Bobette Plankey and Beverty Burns; seventh, Robert Parish and Matt Smith; eighth, Joye Astorquia and Sue Skinner; and orinth, Beverty Reed and Eunice Auderson.
Games are held at 7 p.m.

Auderson.
Games are held at 7 p.m. Mondays and 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave. All bridge players are invited. For partners and more information, call Max Thompson at 735-8308.

Kimberty library

plans quilt fundraiser

KIMBERLY — The city of Kimberly's library now has a foundation, thanks to

patrons, city leaders, a volunteer accountant and an investment advisor. The foundation operates independently of the library board and its main function is-to-conduct-fundaisers-to-support a library.

The first is a quilt raffic with tekets 55 each or three for \$10. The quilt, created by

Rosemery Palmer and Dorothy McCreary, is on display in the council chambers at the library, 120 West Madison St. The dawing will take place at 2 p.m. Dec.16.

—The library will receive —The library will receive — The library will receive — Blb of the council of children's books if the library can raise \$500 in matching funds.

Filer humorist plans book signings

TWIN FALLS — Filer humor author Marge Holley will sign her books, "Have I Ever-Told-You-How-Much-I Hate People" and "Granny's Journal" from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Hastings, 870 Blue Lakes Boulevard N.

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hile and Mason Torry of Heyburn drop their letters to Santa Closs into his mailbox at his house on the f sam. Santa will visit from 2 to 4 pm. starnfay, Dec. 16 and 23. Letters can be left in the lox at any ti-smr a rayly, prests most because a full same and mixing address.

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Gov.-elect Otter arrives in Idaho to work on budget

BOISE — Gov.-elect C.L. Butch" Otter said Thursday he won't release his spending plan until the Jan. 8 State of the State speech, though outgoing Gov. Jim Risch has sketched his \$2.7 billion budget propos-

his \$2.7 billion budget proposal for 2008.
Risch's package for the fiscal year that starts in July represents a 12.5 percent increase over the \$2.4 billion package approved by the 2006 Legislature. Armong other changes, it doubles to \$10 million assistance to extend lion assistance to extend broadband internet to rural Idaho.

broadband Internet to rural Idaho.
That increase reflects a \$219 million boost in sales tax revenues approved by law-makers in a special summer session to finance public schools. The Legislature responding to voter complaints about escalating property taxes — slashed those levies and replaced them by boosting the sales tax

to 6 percent from 5 percent.
Otter said he's still evaluating tax revenue projections and other data with advisers including Marry Ferson, who served as budget director for former Democratic Goss. Cecil Andrus and John Evans, and Darrell Manning, a past director of idahos financial management division. The fiscally conservative Otter appears to be taking a cautious approach, despite forecasts of a second straight 3200 million budget and the control of the control of

year ends in June.

"We've still got a lot more vetting." Otter told The Associated Press. "Even though I know some figures in general. I don't feel I'm qualified to advance (initiatives)

yet."
Otter, elected governor after
three terms as congressman
for western Idaho, returned
home from Washington, D.C.,
early Thursday, leaving behind
a national Republican Party in
tatters. Colleagues at the U.S.
Capitol were dodging desks.

chairs and file cabinets in the halls of Congress as Democrats prepare to take over leadership in the new year. The rancher from Star said

he'll likely stay in Idaho to focus on his new job, unless he's called back East for unfin-

ished business. Jasper ЦСalzi, a political sci-Ished business.

Jasper Licalzi, a political science professor at Albertson College of Idaho, says Rischis introduction of a budget—and Otter's reluctance to discuss his own—could mean the two are working to make Otter's emerging plan appear more fiscally conservative to the skeptical lawmakers who approve spending.

A 12.5 percent budget increase—I can't see Butch buying that. LiCalzi said.

Risch, who will resume his role as lieutenant governor in January—he filled in as governor for seven months after former Gov. Dirk Kempthernewas named U.S. Interior secrety—could have other motives, LiCalzi said.

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"Risch clearly wants to make his mark. If Butch proposes a budget that only increases 6 percent, what's the story going to be?" he said. "It's going to be, 'Otter cuts specific programs."

be, 'Otter cano, grams."

Otter says it's not a competition, "What Gov. Risch's budget
"" he said. is, it's a proposal," he said.

Polar Bear Plunge tradition will continue

Police won't stop swimmers from taking a frosty dip at newly private Sanders Beach

private Sanders Beach
COEUR d'ALENE (AP) —
Two lakefont property
homeowners say they have
no plans to call police if people start showing up on their
and on New Year's Day to
participate in an annual
Polar Bear Plunge:

"I assume it's going to go
on an ormal this year." Dick
Barclay, one of the property
owners, told
the Coeur
d'Alene Press, "Were not
goling to complain about it.
They don't bring beer cans to
anything and it's just a oneday event."

Jerry Frank, another homeowner, said he wouldn't pre-

owner, said he wouldn't pre-vent the event from happen-

vent the event from happen-ing.
"None of the homeowners down here have a problem with the polar plunge as far as I know," he said.
In September, the Idaho Supreme Court ruled that Sanders Beach, the longtime public bathing area and sandy waterfront of Lake Court d'Alene, is closed to the public between 12th and 15th streets.

the public between 12th and 15th streets.

The state's high court unanimously settled a long-running dispute involving private property owners and public beachgoers, the city of Coeur d'Alene and Kootenal County.

About 500 people usually gather at the beach for the Polar Bear Plunge.

"I don't think anybody has gotten a permit in the past, said Mike Gridley, city attoring the properties of the properti



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Codined from page C1 departments also have agreed to help with the program by providing on-site education to armilies. "We didn't just want to give the smoke detectors away without the families understanding why they need them and where they need to go." Cseks said. "This was the best way to honor those boys." The Davis filed a complaint and demand for jury trial in the 5th District Court for an unspecified amount over Jones .

Brothers

ed from page C1

Codisused from page C1 building, students have to walk to the elementary school for funch. Jones said students are allowed 30 minutes for lunch, but they actually only have about 15 minutes to eat because the rest of the time is spent walking between the buildings. Students also have three minutes between classes. Jones also said many stu-

Jones also said many stu-dents carry more books and other materials with them than they really need. He said he will meet with teach-ers to discuss how the school can help students be more efficient about what

\$10,000 in February, claiming that the property owners, Rex and Gaylen Norman of California and managers Robert and Coral Diesher of Filer, were negligent in providing and maintaining working smoke alarms in their home. The control of the control

This is what the Dayls brother's house looked like after the fire that claimed

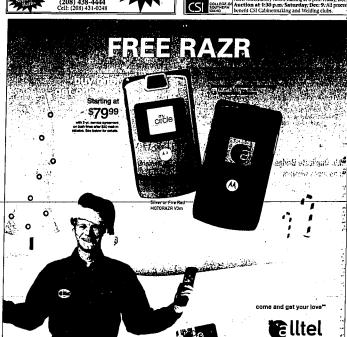
they carry.
"What we're really trying to
do work smarter, not harder,"
Jones said. 'In a lot of ways
we could work more efficiently, so now we're going to
look into it to see how we
can do it.'

can do it.

He said the school might start with something as simple as shelves in the lockers — something that could put an end to the 'amazing trash compactor.'

Times-News writer Joshua Palmer covers education. He can be reached at jpalmer@magicvalley.com or at (208) 420-0526.





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Conservationists: Mine water quality predictions often wrong

BOISE — Conservationists say water quality predictions prepared by federal land management agencies as part of the permitting process for precious metal mines during the past 25 years were routinely off the mark in concluding the mines would not cause water pollution.

would not cause water pollu-tion.

"When we compared the government's predictions with actual water quality reports we found the predictions did not generally agree with reality; said Ann Maest, a water quality geochemist from Boulder, Colo., who co-authored the study released Thursday by the washington, D.C.-based con-servation group Earthworks. Over three-quarters of the mines we reviewed in detail had pollution exceedances over water quality stundards. Mining industry officials said they were still, reviewing the conservation group's analysis, but questioned the inclusion of mines in the study that went

conservation groups analysis, but questioned the inclusion of mines in the study that went bust, were abandoned and may not have been built to agreed-upon environmental protec-

tion standards.

There may be some things in this report that we certainly need to act upon, but I flooks to me like a quarter of the mines they decided to look at are abandoned and that may be a little unfatr," said Carol Raulston of the National Mining Association in

Washington, "There are some mines in their database that are not characteristic of modern

mines in their database that are not characteristic of modern mining."

James Kuipers, a Butte, Mont., mining enginer who also authored the conservationists' study, said the findings that water quality protection predictions seldom hold true should prompt regulators to better scrutinize proposals for new mines, including northeast. Washington state's Buckhorn gold mine, and the gold and copper Pebble mine in Alaska.

"Mines like the Rosemont copper mine in Arizona and the Atlanta gold mine in Idaho, at least as they are presently being proposed, appear to suffer from many of the said. Kuipers compared the proposed Atlanta mine to the closed Zortman-Landusky mining complex in northern Montana, where taxpayers must foot the bill for treating contaminated water for decades to come. Atlanta wants to use eyanide to leach gold from the ore left from old mines

to use cyanide to leach gold from the ore left from old mines on a tributary upstream from the Boise River. Environmental the Boise River. Environmental groups have warned it could pollute the source of drinking water, irrigation and recreation for the state's most populous river valley.

"The Boise River is more precious than gold," said John Robison of the Idaho Conservation League.

Utah police council divided on training teachers to use guns

SANDY, Utah (AP) —
Teachers who want to bring a gun to school won't be getting firearms training from police.
The Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training Council on Wednesday declined to consider the Issue, which was brought forward by Attorney Ceneral Mark Shurtlell. State law already allows teachers to bring guns to campus if they have been supposed to the proper of the country of the property of the country of the cou training to receive a permit?" said Paul Murphy, Shurtleff's

spokesman. Murphy said Shurdeff was

asked by a Utah County sheriff's deputy to bring the proposal forward. The training would have clas-sified teachers as a "special function officer," similar to a school district security officer, a con-stable or a port of entry agent. Members of the POST Council were divided on the idea.

Members of the POST Council were divided on the idea. "If you should have an armed

onfrontation and our officers have to go in, some guy could pull a gun who's a teacher— they don't know that and we're going to have a problem there," South Ogden Police Chief Val Shupe said.

"The Boise River is more precious than gold." - John Robison of the Idaho Conservation League

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Denver makes case for 2008 convention

DENVER — As the head of the Democratic Party moves closer to choosing the site of the 2008 convention, 10 senators and senators-elect from the western half of the nation said the Mile High City is a natural choice.

the Mile High City is a natural choice.
Holding the convention in Denver would help cement the party's recent political gains and send a powerful message that the Democrats are ready to fight for a Democrats are ready to fight for a Democrats are ready to fight for a Democratic majority mationwide and for a new direction for America, 'said the letter. The letter, dated Monday and made public Thursday, was signed by senators and senators elect from eight states. It follows similar pleas made earlier by some of the same senators and by nearly 30 members of

the House of Representatives.
Denver and New York are
competing to play host to the
convention, to be held in late
August 2008.

"We've heard a wide variety of
views from community leaders
in both cites," Democratic
National Committee
spokesman Damien LaVera
said Thursday. "We're fortunate
to have two strong bids from
two great American cities and
we hope to have our decision by
the end of the year."
The letter noted that since
2002, Democrats have won
GOP-held governorships in
Montana, Kansas, Wyoming,
Oklahoma, New Mexico,
Arizona and Colorado. Last
month, Democrats also picked
up a Republican-held Senate
seat in Montana and GOP-held
seat in Montana and GOP-held
House seats in Colorado and
Arizona.

"In 2008, our presidential nominee will have, for the first time in many rears, an excellent chance of winning several water of winning several western states, which would secure enough key Electoral College votes to restore our leadership in the White House, the letter sald, "in short, the West is the Democratic Parry's new frontier."

new frontier."

LaVera has said Dean's deci-

sion will be based largely on which city he believes would give the biggest boost to the party's nominee.

To get the nod, Denver's host committee will have to prove it has the support of organized labor and that it can raise the \$55 million necessary to handle the needs of the party and the estimated 35,000 people who would attend the convention.

LaVera has said Deans deci-would attend the convenuon.

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Spokane honors most famous hometowner Bing Crosby

By Nicholas K. Geranios Associated Press write

SPOKANE, Wash. — He was arguably the most popular entertainer of the 20th Century, and inarguably the most famous person to ever grow up in Spokane.

and Inarguably fur hos-famous person to ever grow up in Spokane. Now Bling Crosby will finally have a landmark in his home-town.

The former Met Theater in downtown Spokane, where Crosby performed as a young man, will be renamed the Bling Crosby Theater at a public cere-mony today.

Crossy Theater at a public cere-mony today.

The "Wing Ding for Bing" culminates an effort by Spokane historian and journal-ism teacher Bill Stimson, who

ism teacher Bill Stimson, who noticed one day that little in the Lilac City was named for its favortie son, and suggested the Met might be a good choice. "Were stepping up and doing what we should have done long ago." Stimson said. "This is where Bing Crosby learned his trade and became Bing Crosby." Crosby was to he had became "Bing Crosby." Crosby was born in Tanana.

Crosby was born in Tacoma in 1903, but his family soon moved to Spokane and he remained a figure in the city's history for the rest of his life.

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to file eight tax returns

SANDPOINT — State tax enforcers want a northern idaho prosecutor to file eight years of his tax returns.

The filaho Tax Commission The file to the tax returns for the period, but it is "a laborious task."

Pastor may withdraw guilty plea in abuse case

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MOSCOW — A former Latah
County church pastor who
earlier this year pleaded guilty
to two-decade-old charges of
child sexual abuse in a
ventura, Calif, court has hired
a new attorney and may withdraw his plea.

Police in California say the
abuse incidents began in the

draw his plea.
Police in California say the abuse incidents began in the early 1980s. Malgren. 52 — who served as pastor for the New Hope Baptist Church in Moscow for four years—pleaded gally Oct. 18 to two counts of lewd acts with a child under 14 and two counts of lewd acts with a child under 16. Authorities say the acts occurred on separate occasions in 1983 and 1989.
Now, Mueve Fox, a senior district attorney for Ventura County, says Malgren has been granted a postportement of his Ian. 16 sentencing hearing to allow more time to prepare a possible plea withdrawal.

Teens accused of killing girl get new trial date

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POCATELLO — A new trial
date has been set for two
Pocatello High School students accused of stabling
16-year-old classmate — a
slaying prosecutors have
described as the first in a
planned killing spree.
Brian Draper and Torey
Adamcik, both 16, are accused
of stabbling Cassile 10 Stoddart
on Sept. 22 dafte terrorizing her
while she housesat at a relatives home.

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The teens' trial in 6th
District Court, originally set for
March 22, will be held April 10. If their cases are split up, as defense lawyers have requested, Draper's trial would start April 10 and Adamcik's would begin May 22.

UTAH Prosecutors: Penalty didn't fit in girl's death

FARMINGTON, Utah — Prosecutors acknowledge the facts are horrible but said the death of a 10-year-old girl at the hands of her father does not meet the threshold for a

not meet the threshold for a death sentence. Police said Shelby Andrews had bites and bruises on 80 percent of her body when they arrived at the Syracuse home. Ryan Andrews, 38, pleaded guity to murder Monday and described—what—happened-

described—wine.
Aug. 1.
He sald he and wife Angela
trapped the girl in a tight space
within a closet as a punishment. He said his wife

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smacked Shelby in the chest so hard the girl was "heaving to catch her breath."

catch her breath.
While the couple watched
TV, the girl called out, saying
she could not breathe and was
vomiting, and ultimately 'her
lifeless body fell to the floor'
when they opened the closet.
'Everybody wants these
people to die and everybidy
agrees the crime was helnous
in nature.' prosecutor Mike
Direda said.

WASHINGTON Rainier access limited until at least March

ASHFORD, Wash. — Officials at Mount Rainier National Park say there should

"The problem was did they intend to kill her? We could establish that they intended to inflict serious child abuse on Shelby for disciplinary reasons, but not that they intended to kill her." he said.

"I'll admit the line is very thin, but we all agreed as a staff, we did not have evidence that they could be said." that they wanted her to die," DiReda said. be limited access to Balnier in time for the Christmas holi-days, but damage from last month's floods will bar vehicle access to Paradise until at least March.

March.
That means the popular Paradise snowplay area will be closed for the winter.
Officials closed the park Nov. 6, when 18 inches of rain fell in 36 hours, swampling roads and bridges, cutting power and sewer lines and forcing park officials to shut the gates to visitors for the first time since nearby Mount St. Helens' massive May 18, 1980, cruption.
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Rainler since all national parks were closed during World War

Park officials have estimated images at nearly \$30 million.

NEVADÁ Court grants 15-day

reprieve on smoking ban LAS VEGAS — A Las Vegas judge has granted a 15-day judge has granted a 15-day restratining order to prevent southern Nevada police and prosecutors from enforcing a yoter-approved statewide smoking ban that was to take, effect Friday. Clark County District Court ludge Douglas Herndon said

Thursday that there was a sufficient likelihood that a group of southern Nevada business owners could persuade him the ban was unconstitutional, and ordered both sides to present their cases at a Dec. 19 hearting.

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Herndon was cautious to note that he was not taking a position on the ban or underning the vote of the people. The terms of the view of entirely indices, this Is not an issue of my telling the voters heir vote is wrong. It's an issue of the constitutionality of the kny they voted on, Herndon said.

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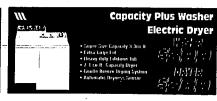
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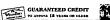


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Alaska town flooded with letters to Santa

ANCHORAGE. Alaska — It's a name that needs no address. Everyone one knows Santa Claus lives at the North Pole. So letters sent to the roly poly icon always find their way to the small town of North Pole deep in Alaska's interfor, including those simply addressed to Santa. Last year 120,000 letters arrived from 26 countries, not counting the thousands with no return address. Those that do have return addresses usually get a reply and a North Pole postmark in a hollday effort that has delighted children all over the world for more than five decades.

Letters trickle in year round at the community of 1,600, where light poles are curved and striped like candy canes and streets have names like Santa Claus Lane and Kris Kringle Drive. Then, around Thankspiving, they start pouring in by the thousands each day as Christmas approaches. Even stampless letters get through, a rare exception for the U.S. Postal Service. "This is special because it has Santas name on it," said Debra Comellus, a supervisor at the main post office in the nearty community the hollday neb. "It's what makes Christmas mage for children," Gobby Goborik is among several dozen volunteers who believe in the Santa cause, opening crates full of letters, as many as 12,000 a day come crunch time. With 6,000 now arriving daily, volunteers are hustling to send off preprinted replies to children who sent return addresses.

"We try to keep the big guy mystical, so we sign off as Santa's elves and helpers," Gaborik said. "Anyone can be

Gaborik said. Anyone can be an elf."

In his 10 years as an elf, faborik has seen every kind of request. There are the children who want the latest toys and gizmos they see on TV. There are the children who ask for miracles, orphans wanting their mother back for Christmas or a father back from Iraq, even though he died there. Many letter writers point out how good they've been. Some enclose a dollar bill to cover postage.

how good they're been. Some enclose a dollar bill to cover postage.

Gaborik still marvels at a missive that arrived three years with a Michigan postmark and no postage stamp. It was addressed to Santa Claus and had no return address either on the envelope or the letter. Inside was a thousand-dollar money order and an anonymous note that said: "If you are who you say you are, you'll put this to good use."

Volunteers bought postage stamps for the effort. "I believe Santa Claus has qualities that represent the good in everybody, and people reach out to that," Caborik said. "Santa Claus represents their validation as a good person, when everything today is so quick; so hard, so bang bang, bang. The fished a random letter out.

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Nordic trails in Blaine County Snowmobiling in Magic Vall ski resorts carve out niches..

Open window backcountry

Skiers look for adventure outside of traditional resorts

By Matt Leidecker Times-News correspondent

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For sklers looking for little

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for help from gravity but
who don't want to cough up
the \$74 for a ski pass' on Bald
Mountain, the Wood River
Valley offers more access to
backcountry skiing than most
mountain towns throughout
the west. When conditions permit, sklers can access backcountry powder stashes from
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Backcountry sklers will encounter a variety of non-controlled conditions that can range from epic powder, to miserable breakable crust, in didition, backcountry sklers need to be savvy avalanche forecasters and first ald technicians. There is no "in bounds" avalanche control or ski patrol to come to the rescue in case of an accident.

Before experimenting with.

Before experimenting with backcountry skling in the Wood River Valley, it is highly advisable to take an avalanche class, check in on current conditions, with local mide services and sh





South Valley (Hailey to East Fork)

While the present snow-pack is not deep enough to offer skiing much beyond Galena summit, there several good access points in the South Valley. Experiment (after checking with local shops and guide services) with skiing out Croy Canyon, Indian Creek, and the East Fork of the Big Wood River.

Central Valley (East Fork to the SNRA)

Again, the current snowpack is very limited at this time and the area needs more snow to fall before skiling will open up in this area. Some common trailhead access points are Trail Creek (to access Sun Peak, Triple Peak, and Morgan/Proctor Ridge), and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area which accesses the extremely popular Durrance Peak area.

North Valley (SNRA to Galena Summit)

North Valley (SNRA to Galena Sammfi)
While limited, backcountry skiing is currently
possible north of the SNNA. This is certainly the epicenter of ski touring in the Big Wood River Valley
with the most popular access point at Galena
Summit (8701) to access Titus Ridge and "The
Cross". Other popular traillheads exist at Galena
Lodge, Owl Creek, and north of the Baker Creek
Parking lot (to access Butterfield).
There are ample opportunities to attend avalanche courses throughout the winter. Another
option for a great ski experience is to tent one of
several backcountry huts and Mongolian yurs in
the area for a relatively comfortable overnight
guided or self-guided ski experience. Remember,
avalanches pose a tricky and very real danger to
backcountry skiers. In the words of the SNF
Avalanche Center. 'Know the snow before you go.'



Women more a presence on the slopes

Boulder, Colo. — The spending power of female skiers and snow-boarders continues to grow, a phenomenon the industry is taking to

week. Roulder-based This week, Boulder-based Mountain Sports Media is launching a new magazine called Women's Skiing, Outdoor Divas, a female-focused gear and apparel store in Boulder, recently expanded with a second outlet in Denver, and ski resorts continue to court the female consumer.

Consumer.

"We feel that there has never been a better time to be a female skier," said Tracy Ross, editor of Women's Skiing.

"There is strong demand now for

women-specific products, and companies have realized it.

"Women have a different build, Theyte looking for something different in their ski geat."

Women ski geat.

Women's Skiing will be mailed as a bonus to the 100,000 female subscribers of Mountain Sports Media's popular Skiing magazine.

In the past year, women spent \$240 million on ski gear and apparel, according to the company.

Since the 2001-02 season, total dollar sales volume has grown by 64 percent, 'according to Boulder-based market-research firm Leisure Trends Group.

roup.

During the same period, men's now-sport equipment and apparel snow-sport equipment and sales declined by 3.4 percent.

"Women are spending a whole heck of a lot more on equipment and apparel," said Leisure Trends presi-dent Jim Spring. "Women are becom-

ing much more of a powerful force." In 2005, 49.4 percent of all downhill skirs were women, up 5 percentage points over 2004, according to Lakewood, Cold's National Ski Areas

Lakewood, Cold's National Skl Areas association. Female snowboarders accounted for 25.8 percent of the sport, down less than 1 percentage point from 2004.

"There has never been a better time for the female consumer," sald 'Usa Voorhees, who opened The Sporting Woman in 1991. Stores from independents to REI understand the growing, Importance of the woman's week the store of the woman's work the store of the supplementation of the su

Voorhees closed her store this sum-mer, citing pressure from chain

stores.

On the slopes, women-only events are also growing in popularity. Telluride Ski Resort started the trend in 1981 with its first "Women's Ski in 1981 with its first Week."

"That year we had one woman sign up, but it has become very successful," said Annie Vareille Savath, who coordinates the program. The whole goal of the program is to keep women skiling, because then they bring their families to the ski resort." Fieluride now sells out three, 60-person Women's Ski Weeks each year. Other Colorado ski areas have launched similar programs -from Mountain to "Betty Fest" at Keystone. Women also now control much of the nation's travel budget. "They are making 70 percent of travel decisions, for the family, for their own getaways or propelle at work." Kimpton Hotels and Restaurant's officer Niki Leondakis ceently told the New York Times. "It's surprising that more people are not including women in their marketing." Count Mountain Sports Media among those that see an opportunity

four issues of Women's Skiling next year.

The inaugural issue features a women's gear guide that tests 62 women-specific skis, along with pra-files of female athletes and an expand-ed fashion section.

"Our women readers charge on the hill, but they want to look hot while they're doing it." Ross said.

The new magdžine has already won advertisers not typically seen in Skilin, including Avecno Moisturizing Lotion. Industry staples like Chevy, Jeep and Grand Marnier also signed up for the new publication.

"It's a great product because we're getting new business; and we're pro-viding a new outlet for our existing partners to speak directly to women, said Stefanie Luciano, vice president of marketing for Mountain Sports said Stefanie Luciano, vice president of marketing for Mountain Sports

Gentle slopes, soaring views

Nordic trails enter a new world in Wood River Valley

Destination ski resorts like Ketchum/Sun Valley are often dominated by the amenities found on the main ski hill. <u>Bald</u> Mountain towers over the two resort communities near the

Mountain towers over the two resort communities near the head of the Big Wood River Valley providing an alluring backdrop to this mountain town. Multi-million dollar snowmaking systems and grooming machines create velvety smooth skiing even when mother-nature chooses not to contribute to the enloyment of valley residents.

For winter confusiants whose skiing proclivities tend to more gentle slopes, there is a world-class network of groomed Nordic trails throughout the Wood River Valley, Beach the LSG4 ski, throughout the Wood River Valley, Beach the LSG4 ski, throughout the Wood River Valley, Beach the LSG4 ski, the over 180 km of groomed state and Nordic skiing trails. He over 180 km of groomed state and Nordic skiing trails. County Recreation District (BCRD), these trails provide a world class Nordic experience to both visitors and valley residents. Here's a quick primer;

Quigley Nordic Trailis

Quigley Nordic Trails

Located up Quigley canyon to the east of Hailey is the most recent addition to the BCRD recent addition to the BCRD network of groomed Nordic tralls. A 10 km loop offers some great skate skiing to south valley residents (including a 5 km dog friendly loop). The Quigley Nordic center is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. A North Valley Trall pass is required.

Wood River Trails

This extensive trail network was built by the BCRD under the auspices of the 'Rails to Trails' program. Over 30 miles of defininct railroad track were converted to a 10 foot wide paved trail system that connects the cities of Bellevue, Hailey, Ketehum, and Sun Valley, When snow cover permits, these trails are machine groomed for skate and classic skiing. The trails are open to the public at no cost and dogs are welcome.

Sun Valley Nordic Trails

The Sun Valley Company 40 km of Nordic trails, Located east of the Sun Valley Lodge and Resort in the scenic Trail Creek Canyon, this is a standamen throughout the winter for skate and Nordie sking, Several loops trails connect to this main arrey at the North Fork of the Big Wook, Prairie Creek, and Billy's Bridge which is nestled at the foot of the majestic Boulder Mountains, Parking, Information, maps, and ally pass collection pillars are located at the various rullheads, There are many dog accessible trails throughout the North Valley Pall Network. Creek Canyon, this is a stand-alone system comprised of several loops that provide a wide array of beginner to expert terrain. The trails are groomed daily and main-tained in immaculate condi-tion. Clinics, rentais, and les-sons are available at the Sun Valley Nordic Center. Sun Valley Nordic passes required.

North Valley Trails

The centerpiece of the North Valley Trail system is the Harriman Trail. Stretching 31km from the Sawtooth National Area north to



Skate skiing contacts

Galena Lodge – 728-4010 or www.galenalodge.com North Valley Trails grooming hotline – 208-578-9754 or

www.bcrd.org BCRD - North Valle, 1984 BCRD - North Valic, 1144
Passes and Pins
(www.bcrd.org or 788.2117)
Sun Valley Company - 6224111 or www.sunvalley.com
2006/06 Pass Prices
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A lone skate skier with her dog beneath the malestic boulder front

Galena Lodge, the Harriman Trail is groomed and main-tained throughout the winter for skate and Nordic skiing.

Trail Network.
Also include is the Lake
Creek Nordic center a stand
along network of trails just
north of the Heulen Meadows

subdivision. These are the training grounds for the Sun

AGUIT SPESON PASS - \$160 Youth Pass (17 and under) \$25; Dog season pess \$25; Day & Week Passes: Adult, \$15; Youth \$7; Dog \$7. One Week, \$60 Sun Valley Nordic Center -

Passes Season: Adult, \$210; Child (6 to 12) \$100; Senior citizen, \$150. Nordic Combined \$350 (Includes both Sun Valley Nordic Center and the North— Valley Trall System) Daily; \$15; Senior citizen \$11; Child (6-12) - \$8

Valley Ski Education Foundation's Nordic Race Team, so skiers will find a wide variety of challenging, hilly terrain. A North Valley Trail pass is required.

Galena Lodge and Trails

Galena Lodge and Trails

If the Harriman trail is the artery of the skate skiling system, then Galena Lodge is surely-the-heart-of-L-sill-Hilbs. Instoric mining lodge located at the base of Galena summit seasoned over the spees by the BCRD. It is a full service destination offering breakfast, lunch, specialty dinners, a Nordie ski and rental shop, and weekly skate skiing clinics tother private and free to the public). There is a wide variety of skiing terrain from relatively flat loops to the Infamous "psy-cho hill." It is easy to spend amentire day exploring the trail network and enjoying a hot bowl of soup on their sunny deck or inside next to a roaring fire (weather depending). North Valley Trail passes required. equired.

Sawtooth Valley Trails

Over Galena Summit in the Sawtooth Valley there are an additional 35 km of groomed skate skiing tralls. A coopera-tive partnership between the BCRD, Stanley Ski Club, the Clus of Stanley the Sawtooth BCRD, Stanley Ski Club, the Clig. of Stanley, the Sawtooth Society, and the U.S. Forest Service maintains the (south to north) 16km at Alturas Lake, 2km at Stanley Park, and 16 km Park Creek Loop trail net-works. These trails are free to the public, though a \$5 dona-tion to help maintain the sys-tem is suggested.



Lee Heider f ground, and Stere Lund, bo of Twin Falls,

S. Idaho boasts of its own snowmobile country

enjoys th freshly

Snowmobiling is gaining popularity as a family winter-time activity. And with hundreds of miles of groomed trails in the Magic and Wood, River valleys, there's plenty of room to zoom.

More challenging terrain can also be found for the mountain riding and deep powder specialists, but no matter the skill or area of interest, this winter

or area of interest, this winter activity is attracting more fami-

activity is attracting more families each winter.
Diamondfield lack Play Area
in the South Hills is a popular
place for riding snowmobiles in
the Wish Falls area. The region
has miles of groomed trails and
open hills for exploring riders.
The Diamondfield parking lot
has two parking lots with space
for 35 vehicles each, with heated restrooms, a warming hut.
Popular destinations from
Diamondfield are the Deadline
Tall to the south and the Camp Diamondfield are the Deadline Trail to the south and the Camp Springs loop on the southwest. From Deadline you can make a wide loop to the east to Piney Cabin, then Trout Creek trail and back to the Bear Hollow

and back to the Bear Hollow trail.

Southern Idaho snambures also love to frequent the Howell Canyon spots that cover seven miles of groomed trails near Pomerelle Skl Area. The rolling hills and high meadows are an attractive feature to skelders in the Mini-Cassia region.

Another popular local snow-mobiling area is Wells Summit, north of Fairfield on the Soldier Mountain road. This site includes well-groomed trails and a well maintained warming hut with new restroom

and a well maintained warming hut with new restrooming hut with new restroomfacilities. The available facilities make it ideed for families. The warming hut is often used for winter picnics or sack tunches and, on nights with good moonlight, some adventious inders even enjoy amidnight snack following the night rich. Wells Summit area has a wide variety of terrain and

The Wells Summit area has a wide variety of terrain and appeals to beginners as well as more skilled riders. County line facility, located on the Gooding-Camas county line, is another popular family ride within easy access for Magic Valley snowmobilers. There is vancy snowmobilers. There is no warming hut, but a covered bowery works well for picnics on sunny winter days. The area is also a popular sleigh riding and rubing location. so. snow. mobilers need to be aware of which areas are off limits to motorized travel. The Trinity Lakes snowmo-

bile site includes 380 miles of groomed trails between the Trinity Lakes area, Lowman, Rocky Bar, Atlanta and more. A Rocky Bar, Atlanta and more. A well maintained warming hut with limited rest room facilities is, available. The area can be, reached from Pine or Featherville and offers a wide variety of terrain including some very challenging moun-tain and powder faiting. White of the second of the con-trained of the control of Maintained of the con-trol of the control of the con-trol of the

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around the area. Forest Service restroom facilities are available at the parking area on state Highway 75 but there is no warming hut at this site.

The Stanley Basin is a nationally recognized winter recreation area and its 200 miles of growthed trails, plus numerous opportunities for off recreation area and Its 200 miles of agrounded trails, plus numerous opportunities for off trail riding, attract snowmobilers from around the country. Snowmobiles are available boasts of over 165 miles of boasts of over 165 miles of the Savtouchus with ample room to drive. A warmine but is set un drive. A warmine but is set un drive. A warming hut is set up

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City of Rocks allows snow
mobiles on hiking trails wher

can be a rewarding way to see Idaho and share time and an exhilarating experience with family and friends.

Finding a niche

Newest resorts lure snow enthusiasts with terrain, 'boarding

By Catherine Tsai Associated Press writer

IDAHO SPRINGS, Colo.— When Echo Mountain Park opened for the first time last spring, an employee donned a monkey suit to greet sklers and snowboarders in the dirt parking lot as tunes from Blackaliclous, Of Montreal and the Red Hot Chili Peppers blared from nearby loud-sbeakers.

speakers.

Besides irreverence, the freestyle terrain park is banking on something else to lure young snowriders: It is just 35

young snowriders: It is just 35 milles from Denver, a much shorter drive for the masses than resorts like Breckenridge, Vail or Aspen. "All the analysis I did said if you want to be successful now in this industry, build a suite park on snow near a metropolitan area, "general manager Doug Donovan said." There were 727 U.S. ski areas in the 1984-1985 season, but that number has dropped

areas in the 1984-1985 season, but that number has dropped but that number has dropped steadily — to 499 in 2000-2001 and 478 last season, according to the National Ski 'Areas Association. Many smaller mom-and-pop areas shut down because they couldn't afford to set up snowmaking operations.

Today, some of the entrepreneurs opening areas are recluding snowmaking and looking to youth as baby boomers start heading for the hot tubs. They are also looking at rilches.

"The growth in the industry

The growth in the Industry is in 'boarders and the terrain park.' said Echo Mountain owner Jerry Petitt, a longtime hotel Industry executive. 'The old-fart skiers like me, our knees are going bad.' Echo Mountain, which made a \$700,000 investment on the same ground where the same ground where the source of at least four ski areas popening or in development in Colorado alone. The Ginn Co. Ans submitted blueprints for a has submitted blueprints for a nearly 4,500-acre development.



A snowboarder slides over a rainbow rall at the Echo M near Bergen Park, Colo., last spring

ment in Mintum, near Vall, with a private ski resort. Michael Coors is developing Eclipse Snow Park on 350 acres near St. Mary's Glacier. On the plains of northeastern Colorado, the golf course community Water Valley is toying with a beginner slope or sledding hill.

Breaking from traditional ski areas makes sense, since season passes for access to referentially colorador-resorts-for around \$400 have made it pointless to compete on

for around \$400 have made it pointless to compete on price, said Kent Sharp, a prin-cipal at the resort planning firm SE Group, which has worked with Echo Mountain

and Eclipse.
"It needs to be something a little more unique to compete," Sharp said.
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pete, 'Sharp said.
Elsewhere, Whaleback
Mountain, which has had a
string of owners in New
Hampshire, is undergoing a
transformation, this time
hoping to cater not just to
skiers and boarders but also
skateboarding, BMX and
inline skading.

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as a called core action sports
fans, ages 10 to the late 20s,
are the future of sking and
snowboarding.

"If you're going to survive in Whaleback

winter business, it may do you good today to attract 40to 660-year-olds because they have more disposable income and all the rest of it, but the young people are dictating what's going to happen in the future. Sparrow said. Established resorts have paid attention by upgrading or adding terrain parks with music, while also upgrading iterrain. Took at the national trends, aging demographics, said Sharp, the resort planning expert. "It's something the resorts absolutely got to develope are dropping out of the popular and proper at all increasing and."

rate."

Echo Mountain has far less terrain than 5,289-acre Vail Mountain, for example, but kids who spend all day on just a few jumps don't need thousands of acres, Donovan sald. While bleger resorts may

sands of acres, Donovan seid.
While bigger resorts may
embrace baggy pants and
punk music, they also must
cater to owners of high-end
condos, families, baby
boomers and first-timers.
Sparrow said smaller resorts
have more fietbillity to build a
culture just for their core customers.

At Echo Mountain, one main building with corrugat-ed metal walls is modeled like a teenage basement, where kids can play Atari games. Graffiti art hangs from the

wall.

The kitchen eschews \$12
burgers in favor of selling
microwave meals from Hot
Pocket or Jimmy Dean.

Staff members mingle with
riders and compliment them
on humns.

on jumps.
"It's pretty cool. It's an awe-"it's pretty cool, it's an awe-some mountain just dedicar-ed to the park," kyle Danaher, il, of Littleton, Colo, said-during, a. wisht this, spring, "There's a lot of local riders. There's no beginners. Everyone is out here just to ride the park. We all have something in common. We all love riding." Deer initiative sees progress

Question: "A year ago I heard nd saw lots of promotional iformation about the Mule eer initiative. Nearly a year as gone by What's been done or mule deer in the Magic has gone for mule Valley?"

wer: Quite a lot actually. Answer I'll summ

Answer: Quite a lot actually, 211 summarize our activities in four basic areas: Habitat, Populations, Enforcement, and Communication.
Department habitat biologists, conservation groups, high schools, Individual volunteers and students from CSI planted over 40,000 bitterbrush seedlings on multi-der violates. and students from CSI planted over 40,000 bitterbrush seedlings on mule deer winter ranges in units 45, 52, 53, 54, and 56. Conservation groups included: the Mule Deer Foundation, Idaho State Bowhunters, Deer Hunters of Idaho, and Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife. Eleven area High School FFA chapters were also involved.

In 2007 biologists expect to plant over 56,000 seedlings. More than 10,000 bitterbrush seedlings are now being deliv-

More than 10,000 bitterbrush scedlings are now being deliv-ered to high schools through-out the Magic Valley. Over the winter students In local high schools and at CSI will be rais-ing the plants in one gallon containers to be planted in the sprine.

containers to be planted in the spring. Aspen rehabilitation and planting winter range seedlings was the focus at several loca-tions in the Sublett area in unit 56. Biologists also worked with local Farm Service (FSA) and National Conservation Service Offices (NRCS) to assist farmers with

(NRCS) to assist larmers with habitat projects on idle land to benefit mule deer and other wildlife. Population biologists have involved sportsmen in the Sawtooth National Forest travel planning process to help them curb unauthorized off-road while use and deer habitat vehicle use and deer habitat degradation. In addition to degradation. In addition to their traditional aerial surveys, blologists are analyzing high-way deer-vehicle collision data to identify road sections and times periods when mule deer are most vulnerable. Future efforts to impact highway con-



ASK THE OFFICER. Gary Hompland

struction or modification may result in saved lives; humans

and deer.
Population biologists are also
surveying mule deer hunters to surveying mule deer hunters to help focus the Department's management efforts. A project to monitor predation and mule deer fawn survival is also con-

to incurrent present a continuing.

Conservation Officers have worked diligently on illegal hunting activities, especially on mule deer transition and win-transition and win-transition and vinier ranges. Officers in uniform and plainclothes have detected hunting and off-road violations in units with off-road violations in units with off-road violations in units with off-road violation in units with off-road hunting restrictions. Conservation officers have worked in their communities and written several popular articles to educate the idaho public about mule deer and their habitan needs.

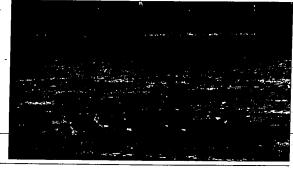
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The Department's commu-nication program has develnication program has devel-oped numerous information and education programs such as: the Mule Deer News Letter, several brochures about mule deer and the importance of habitat, as well as the ethical and lawful use of OH's when hunting. Additional efforts to inform the public about mule deer have occurred at

deer have occurred at Damanus have occurred at Damanus sponsored booths for country fairs of creat sports of the country fairs of creat sports of the sports

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- Ready for liftoff -



Panama hotel is imperiled frog's lifeboat

EL_VALLE_DE_ANTON, anama — The guests in Panama — The guests in Rooms 28 and 29 at the Hotel Campestre here in this lush vol-cano-crater town get the full spa treatment. spa treatment.

Daily cleansing rinses. Exotic lunches. Even 24-hour room

strictures. Detail to the service of the service of

darling little Panamanian gold-en frogs of El Valle de Anton. The frogs, considered so lucky in Panama that their images appear on lottery tickets, are in appear on tottery ucces, are in-big trouble. They're on the run from a vicious fungus that has already wiped out as many as 120 species of amphibians in Central America.

The Hotel Campestre might be their last hope. If the golden frogs make it, this crambling backpackers' hangout could very well provide a nevolutionary new model for handling one of the worlds' most endangered species.

More than 300 frogs ended up at the Campestre, which sist in the shadow of steep mountains at the edge of a dormant volcano's crater about 50 miles southwest of Panama City, because of an audacious and quickly confected plan. In March, a Panamanian biologist named Edgardo Griffith's potted out, and its skin was peeding. He scooped it up, went home and cried, Griffith, a sleepy-eyed Zayear-old who wears suffer's sunglasses, said he suspected a dead frog in a stream near El Valle. Its limbs were splayed out, and its skin was peeding. He scooped it up, went home and cried, Griffith, a sleepy-eyed Zayear-old who wears suffer's sunglasses, said he suspected a deadly fungus called chyridic and this fears who was suffer's supplemental of the control of the co

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Biologists had been watching
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proved that it had arrived in the
ecological wonderland of
Panama — which means 'place
of abundant fish and butterlies' in the indigenous language here — far faster than
anyone expected. The naturally
occurring fungus Instades the
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Biologists, environmentalists miologists, environmentalists and employees from more than 20 U.S. zoos started hopping our planes bound for Panama. They pored through streams in the misty nighttime rain forests of El Valle, collecting specimens of 40 threatened species of frogs and toads. The frogs besides being beautiful and prized as national symbols, also are considered critical con-The frogs, utiful and

prized as national symbols, also are considered critical consumers of mosquitoes and many crop-lestroying pests.

Each night, the collectors came back to the quarantine zone of the Campestre, where a stud book? is kept to track breeding. The hotel had become the frogs' own Hotel California, a place where they could check in but could never check out. The volunteers found glass frogs with skin so translucent that their organs are always on fall display. They picked up frogs that look like rocks and eat freshwater ends, aggressive tree frogs and shy, nocturnal toads.

But the golden frogs are the stars. Panamanians have loved them for centuries. Ancient.

them for centuries. Ancient, indigenous peoples are said to have come each year to El Valle to collect the frogs, which were considered symbols of prosper-lty and virility.

High Desert Nordic club to meet

TWIN FALLS — Dave Burgess, director for the TWin Falls Highway District, will meet with the High Deservation of the Twin Falls Highway District, will meet with the High Deservation of the Twin Falls Highway at Idaho Joe's Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard Morth.

Burgess will discuss proposals for clearing snow on the Rock Creed Road leading to the South Hills ski trails and other recreational areas.

Dan Cress, president of the High Desert Nordic Association, said Burgess was invited to meet with the association members after information was circulated earlier inducial concerning-the continuous control of snow electring and extent of snow electring and control of snow electring and control with the said future withers.

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Other topics for the evening include demonstration of win-

ter survival skills and equip-ment and planning possible future outings for the associa-tion, including dates for moonlight skilng, Johning the Ski the Rails event from Ketchum to Sun Valley in late January and a possible trip to the Craters of the Moon. Plans for carrying out the annual Idaho Free Ski Day on Jan. 13 at the Magic Mountain Resort will be completed, Cress said.

The High Desert Nordic The High Desert Nordic Association includes members from throughout the Magic Valley whose interests and skills cover a wide range. Anyone-interest-in-cross-coun-try or back-country skiing is welcome.

For more information about the organization or its activi-ties, call 326-3172 or 733-1882.

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Expect a flurry of activity, Sagittarius

IF DEC. 8 IS YOUR BIRTH-DAY. February. May and October are fine months to launch important plans, begin a new job or start a new study. If you ask for advice or guidance, you can trust it to be sound advantageous. Since Uranus is sending some vibrant energy your way throughout the year — especially during March. April and September — you may after your objectives in life or feel compelled to make important changes. Meeting but you with a new set of people from different backgrounds and exploring urusual ideas will explore the control of the

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TAURUS (April 20-May 2p): Sick with true-blue partners and a steady financial plan.

Don't get carried away with new passions, but use bridapower to reassess your options. You are smarrer than you think GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get out the fine-toothed comb.

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Hand-and-eye coordination is your best friend today. Because you can sift through the details in record time, you might end up with valuable information

up with aduable information or ideas.

CANCER (lune 21-July 22):
Siny on your toes your ability to take action and make practical decisions is at its best level during the daytime hours. Handle your finances as though you wined Fort Knox.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 221; Keep your backbone straight. A true professional never forgets a favor or forgives a slight. If you are busy with business, act businessike. If you are out your depth, swim to shore.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 21): Prepare to put thoughts into action: Recent inspirations could provide guidelines for a new project or foint venture. Gather necessities during business hours.

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ess hours. LIBRA_(Sept._23-Oct. 22):

__LIBRA_(Sept._23-Oct._22): Knowledge is power. You don't miss a trick. No one will ever accuse you of being a few twigs short of a bush. The facts you don't possess are easily

obtained by industrious dig-

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21): Expect a flurry of activity.
When the dust settles, you will
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care of something you overlooked. A significant other
might seem like an angel in disguise.

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guise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can't cut corners. Being meticulous about minor details will ensure that there is a sense of security where your finances are concerned. Concentrate on long lasting success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): No need to watch your beach, when your heart is in the right in place. Be thonorable in business dealings and don't ask for more than your fair share.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): "The romance is looming on the horizon. Your significant other will provide the means to your ends. Thus that others will provide the "right stuff" to achieve peace and screnity.







The Born Loser

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Classic Peanuts





The Wizard of Id

THIS MAN HELD UP THE SODA FOUNTAIN



Dennis the Menace



LIKE IT'S TIME FOR US TO START BEING OR CHRISTMAS."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Kenne 'That's the best wake-up soun is! Snow being shoveled

Housework suffers as single dad grapples with kids' schedules

DEAR ABBY: I would like your opinion about something. I am a single dad with two kids. I work 60 hours a week to support them. I'm involved with the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, soccer, their school, etc. I am often on the go, to the point that the vaculming, mopping and dusting are postponed. Personally, I feel that being involved with the children is more important.

tant.

1 have a lady friend I have been seeing for a few years, and our relationship is at a standstill. She is a very near and tidy person, and the mod-crate clutter in my house is a bone of contention. She feels I should cut back on some of the activities, perhaps just drop off



DEAR **ABBY** Jeanne **Phillips**

the kids and leave so I would have time to clean the house to her standards. That would mean the Girl Scout troop would fold, and many of the activities of the Boy Scout troop would be curtailed, but her feeling is that the housework comes first. I feet that being involved with the kids comes first. What do you think?

—SLIGHTLY CLUTTERED,

- SLIGHTLY CLUTTERED, WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR SLIGHTLY CLUTTERED: The investment you are making in your children will reap untold benefits in the future. You seem to be a man whose priorities are in order. However, it appears there are some important tessons you are not teaching your children—and one of them is how to share the housekeeping chores.

If they are mature enough for scouting, surely they can make their own beds, clear the table, load the dishwasher and the control of the control of their control this important part of their education, it will help them to be Independent latter, and frankly, you could use their help now.

Ben Franklin helped open country's first public library 275 years ago

In 1731, the first public library in America opened its doors, thanks to the work of Ben Franklin. This day in-history: During a hockey game against the Boston Bruins on Dec. 8, 1987, Philadelphia Fiyer Ron Hextall became the first National Hockey League goalle in history to shoot a puck into the other team's net. Two years later, he'd of it again while Washington Capitals. You think today's drugs are expensive? During medieval times, gold was mixed into the 'drinks of arthritts sufferers.

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Here are Egyptian queen
Cleopatra's beauty secrets:
Lead ore on her eyebrows and
around her eyes; blue Lapis
Jazuil on her upper lids, and
green copper ore on her
lower; red ochre on her
cheeks; and henna on her
palms.



KINDS OF FACTNESS & Jack Mingo

Mark Twain not only was born on a year Halley's Cornet flew past, he predicted accu-rately that he'd die the next time the comet passed by 76

time the comet passed by, royears later.
English people have long believed that black cats are lucky—especially for brides. The word "robot" came from a 1921 Czech play titled "R.U.R. (Rossum's Universal Robots)." Its author — Karel Robots — Robots

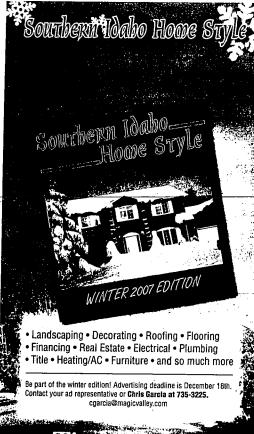
"working."

How about this for an unlucky coincidence? The Secret Service was established

by President Abraham Lincoln on the morning before he was assassinated on April 14, 1865.

Some Latin scholars have sassumed the famous singing bird got its name from "ennere," which means "sing" in Latin, But really there's no connection — canaries are named after their mative Canary Islands, which in turn are named for their mative Canary Islands, which in turn are named for their wide dogs the Canary Islands, which in turn are named for their mative Canary Islands, which in turn are named for their mative the Lelands — Beaver, and the Lelands — Lelands

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ARIZONA Police: Man who shot nine people caught

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PHOENIX — Police said
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Base shootings 'committed on street at night.

Goudeau was arrested three Goudeau was arrested three months ago in two sexual assaults that were attributed to the Baseline Killer. But at the time, police stopped short of pronouncing him the Baseline Killer while they built a case against the exception.

killer white they bunt a case against the ex-convict.
Cmdr. Joe Klima, who oversaw the investigation, said investigation said investigation shave collected forensic evidence—including DNA and ballistics—and other evidence implicating foudcau. He would not elaborate.

OREGON-Autopsy: Missing man died of hypothermia

died of hypothermia

CENTRAL POINT, Orc.—
Lost in the snowy wilderness and secking help for his stranded family, James Kim probably traveled more than 10 miles on foot before he died, believing he could find a nearby town, authorities said Thursday.

An autopsy released Thursday showed that he died alone of hypothermia. His body was found in a creeks shallow water, about a mile away from his family's car.

Tames Kim did nothing wrong, He was trying to save list family, said Li. Gregg Hastings of the Oregon State Police said a Thursday news Police said a Thursday news for the could get in the mere, he could gut to the mere, he

conference. "He thought that if he could get to the river, he could make it to the town."

NEW JERSEY. Chewable birth-control pill goes on sale

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TRENTON, N.J. — Looking
for a contraceptive that's convenient — and tasty? The first
chewable — birth-control
method, a tiny, spearmint-flamored tablet that also can be
swallowed without chewing,
has hit pharmacy shelves.
Ferncon Fe, which contains
the same hormones as standand oral contraceptives, offers
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want to take their birth control
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Warner Chilcott, which
makes prescription dermatology and women's health products, officially lnunched the
product Thursday aimed at
women who sometimes forget



earl Harbor surrivor Warren Coligny, 85, of Laurel, Md., salutes as the co rs are presented during a corressory to boose Pearl Marbor Day on the U.S. asst Guard cutter Taney Thorsday in Baltimore. Coligny was serving on the estroyer USS Zane in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

to take their pills.

W. VIRGINIA Investigators: Lightning caused Sago explosion

CHARLESTON, W.Va. —
Nearly a year after the disaster, state investigators have
concluded that the Sago Mine
explosion that killed 12 miners was caused by a lightning
bolt that ignited methane gas
underground, a union official
said.

The mine's owner.

side. mine's owner, International Coal Group Inc., has argued since March that lightning was to blame for the Jan. 2 blast, a theory critics of the company have disputed. The report is to be released Monday, but United Mine Workers officials who helped in the investigation have been briefed on it, Dennis O'Dell, the union's health and safety director, said Wednesday.

CALIFORNIA Scallions pulled in E. coli outbreak from California

FRESNO, Calif. — The scal-lions suspected in the E. coli outbreak linked to Taco Bell came from a Southern California grower, an official with the company that washed, chopped and packed them for the restaurant chain

washed, chopped mu passementen for the restaurant chain said Thursday.

Ready Pac Produce, the sole suppiler of green onions to Taco Bell restaurants in the New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia areas, stopped all production of scallons at its Florence, NJ., plant, which was visited Wednesday by federal food inspectors.

"As soon as we heard news from Taco Bell about the positive yet inconclusive results, we took immediate action to do everything we could," said Steve Dickstein, marketing vice president for trwindale saced Ready Pac, one of the nation's leading produce packers.

FLORIDA Liberian man pleads not guilty to torture charges

MIAMI — The son of former Liberian President Charles Taylor pleaded not guilty Thursday to torture charges stemming from his years as chief of a violent paramilitary

unit in his father's govern-

ment.

A few hours before that, he had been sentenced to 11 months in prison for passport fraud. McArthur Charles

uel's court-appointed Miguel Caridad, lawyer. Miguel Carldad, entered the plea during a brief hearing, a day after Emmanuel was indicted on U.S. charges

was indicted on U.S. charges of torture and conspiracy involving acts believed committed in Liberia in 2002. Emmanuel did not speak. Emmanuel did not speak. Emmanuel did not speak to a man in 2002 in Monrovia. Liberia. He and others are charged with torturing the man with methods including a bot iron and electric shocks.

NEW YORK tranian photographer wins

Pulitzer for chilling photo

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NEW YORK — After more
than 25 years of anonymity the
Iranian photographer whose
conic, chilling picture of an
execution won the Pulitzer
clonic, chilling picture of an
execution won the Pulitzer
prize will formally be recognized as the winner of the prestiglous journalism award.

Jahangir Razmi, whose tdentity was intially kept secret for
his safety but revealed last
weekend by The Wall Street
Journal, will be given \$10,000
and invited to New York for an
award ceremony, the Pulitzer
Prize — Board — announced—
Thursday, The photo depicted
a line of 11 biladfolded men
executed by a firing squad in
1979, after Islamle radicals
overthere whe shah of Iran.

It was published by the Iranian newspaper Ettela'at, but Razmi's editor chose not to credit the photo out of concern

for the photographer's safety. 0110

Ohio woman indicted for putting baby in microwave

DAYTON, Ohlo — A woman suspected of killing ber month-old daughter by putting her in a

microwave oven was indicted on a charge of aggravated mur-der Thursday, and the prosecu-tor said he would, seek the death penalty. The indictment against China Artuold, 26, does not pro-vide details on the death of Paris Talley.

Paris Talley.
Investigators have said evi-

dence that includes high-heat internal injuries and the absence of external burn marks on the baby were consis-tent with a microwave oven; The baby died on Aug. 30, 2005. Her mother was arrested last

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Officials: Saudis major financer of Iraqi insurgents

Associated Press witter

CAIRO. Egypt — Private
Saudi citizens are giving mililons of dollars to Sunni insurgents in iraq and much of the
money is used to buy
weapons, including shoulder
fired anti-aircraft missiles,
according to key Iraqi officials
and others familiar with the
flow of cash.
Saudi government officials
deny that any money from
their country is being sent to
their country is being

ment and the U.S.-led coalition.

But the U.S. Iraq Study
Group report said Saudis are a
source of funding for Sunni
Arab insurgents. Several truck
drivers interviewed by The
Associated Press described
carrying boxes of cash from
Saudi Arabia into Iraq, money
they said was headed for
insurgents.

Two high-ranking Iraqi officials, speaking on condition
of anonymity because of the
issue's sensitivity, told the AP
most of the Saudi money
comes from private donations, called zaqat, collected
for Islamic causes and charities.

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Some Saudis appear to know the money is headed to lraq's insurgents, but others merely give it to clerics who channel it to anti-coalition forces, the officials said. In one recent case, an Iraqi official said \$25 million in

of rich eccent see, an frade official said \$25 million in Saudi money went to a top Iraqi Sunni cleric and was used to buy weapons, including Strela, a flussian shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missile. The missiles were purchased from someone in Romania, apparently through the black market, he said.

Overail, the Iraqi officials said, money has been pouring into Iraq from oil-rich Saudi Arabha, a Sunni basiton, since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq toppled the Sunni-controlled regime of Saddam Hussein in 2003.

Saudi officials vehermently

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Saudi officials vehemently deny their country is a major source of financial support for the insurgents.

"There isn't any organized terror finance, and we will not permit any such unorganized acts," said Brig. Gen. Mansour al-Turki. a spokesma for the Saudi Interfor Ministry. About a year ago the Saudi government set up a unit to track any ment set up a unit to track any a year ago the Saudi govern-ment set up a unit to track any "suspicious financial opera-tions," he said. But the Iraq Study Group said "funding for the Sunni

Bombings and shootings kill at least 23 in Iraq

By Thomas Wagner Associated Press writer

PAGHDAD, Iraq — Λ series of hombings and shootings killed at least 23 people in Iraq on Thursday, including a 7-year-old girl and two college professors.

gy. The soldier was shot while

The soldier was shot while makining a machine gun ness on the roof of an outpost in Randi, capital of volatile Anhar province, according to an Associated Press reporter on the scene.

Ten other U.S. troops were killed in four separate incidents in Iraq, a major blow our the day the high-level bipartisan panel recommended gradually shifting U.S. forces from combat to training roles.

Arabia and other Gulf states

Several drivers interviewed by the AP in Middle East capiby the AP In Middle East capi-tals said Saudis have been using religious events, like the hail pilgrimage to Mecca and a smaller pilgrimage, as cover for illicit' money transfers. Some money, they said, is car-ried into Iraq on buses with returning pilgrims. Saudi Arabia is a key U.S.

ally in the Middle East. The fraq Study Group report noted that its government, has assisted the U.S. military with intelligence on least

intelligence on Iraq. control — an-But Saudi citizens have Iraq's Shiites.

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close tribal ties with Sunni Arabs in Iraq, and sympathize with their brethren in what they see as a fight for political control — and survival — with



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LONDON Ex-Russian spy buried, investigation continues

LONDON - Whistleblower.

LONDON — Whistleblower, exile, soldier, spy.
Former KGB agent Alexander Litvinenko, whose life was shaped by the twists and turns of modern Russian history, was buried Thursday in Londons historic Highquate cometery.
As cold rain splashed on Victorian-era tembs and mauseleums, some of the Kremlin's contractions and mauseleums, some of the Kremlin's

most prominent and powerful foes lowered the dark oak coffin into his grave. Karl Marx, the father of communism, lay close

Lirvinenko's casket was sealed on the advice of Britain's Health Protection Agency to Prevent the spread of the radioactive substance that killed him — polonium-210.

He had served 'in the Red Army, the KGB and the Federal Security Service, or FSB, before accussing his bosses of plotting bornbings and assassinations. He ended his life as part of a small but vocal community of Russian critics of the Kremlin living in London.

Tornado damages NW London neighborhood

LONDON — A tornado Thursday ripped off a section of a wall of a northwest London house, damaged several nearby homes and injured at least six people, authorities said

people, authorities said.

'A man was taken to a hospital
with a head injury, and five
other adults were treated at the
scene for minor injuries and
shock. London Arnbulance
Service said.

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"It came from nowhere, the sky turned dark, hall started falling and then within 10 minutes it was gone," said resident Perrin Sledge.

"A police officer told me he had a report of the tornado on his radio, turned the corner and saw the wind whip a garbage can into another car. He said it was like a scene from the movie "Twister," Sledge said.

The freak storm hit just after It a.m. on a day of unsettled weather, as high winds, bursts or rain and occasional hail and thunder swept across southern England.

I C P A E I

ISRAEL

Olmert rejects Study Gmun's Israel conclusion

IBRUSALEM — The Iraq Study Group's call for a broad Middle East peace conference put Israell Prime Minister Ehad Olmers's government on the defensive Thursday, while Palestinian officials praised the recommendations as a possible 'turning point' for U.S. policy in the region. Speaking at an annual con-vention of Israeli newspaper editors in Tel Aviv, Olmert reject-ed the reports contention that

editors in Tel Aviv. Olment rejected the reports contention that "the United States will not be able to achieve its goads in the Middle East unless the United States deals directly with the Arab-Israel condilict."

The U.S.'s problems in Iraq are entirely independent of the problems between us and the Palestinians," Olment said. "No one needs to encourage Israel to move forward with a peace initiative."

initiative."
Olmert also ruled out recom-mended peace talks with Syria, which supports two radical-Islamic movements at war with the Jewish state.

Muslim's Holocaust museum seeks peace

NAZARETH, Israel —
Attorney Khaled Mahameed opened his modest Holocaust museum a year and a half ago, tacking up 80 historical photographs, with captions that he translated into Arabic, at his law office in downtown Nazareth.
Attendance has been sparse.

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Autonament a sparse Mahameed, a 44-year-old Muslim, says the exhibit aims to break down what he describes us a tendency among Arabs to avert their gaze from the Holocaust – at the cost of understanding a defining experience of their leyish neighbors.

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- Only when Arabs understand the dimensions of the Holocaust is real peace possibile, he argues.

Holocaust is real peace public he argues.

They don't want to know, Mahameed said in English, surrounded by black-and-white photographs of crumped lewish ghetices, scowling Nazi soldiers and ghastly stacks of emaciated bodies.

"It's not that they don't understand — they under-stand. They don't want to talk about it."

AROUND THE WORLD

LEBANON Hezbollah says mass protests will continue

BEHUT Lebanon — Hezbollah leader Sayyid Hassan Nasrallah vowed Thursday that mass protests would continue until they topple the U.S. backed Lebanese government. backed Lebanese government, but he pledged that the Shia militia would not take up arms

against other factions. In a fiery, hour-long speech broadcast-live on two large screens to thousands of protesters gathered in downtown Beirut, Nasarullah leveled his most provocative accusations yet against Prime Minister Fuad Saniora and his cabinet. Nasrallah charged that government leaders conspired with the United States to have Israel datack the millia this summer against other factions. attack the militia this summer after Lebanese talks on disarm-ing Hezbollah failed.

SOMALIA Islamic militants warn resolution will cause war

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MOGADISHU, Somalla —
Islamic militants in control of
most of southern Somalla a
warmed Thursday that war will
erupt over a U.N. decision
authorizing an African force to
protect the country's virtually
powerless government.

The, U.N. Security Council
unanimously approved the resolution Wednesday, hoping to
restore peace in Somalia and
avert a broader conflict in the
region. Prime Minister Ali
Mohamed Gedis welcomed the
decision and urged its immedidecision and urged its immedidecision and urged its imm

e implementation. The U.S. resolution, co-spon-The U.S. resolution, co-spon-sored by the council's African members, also partially lifts an arms entbargo on Somalia so the regional force can be sup-plied with weapons and mili-tary equipment and train the government's security forces. In a possible indication that countries may be hesitant to

countries may be hesitant to contribute forces. Uganda the only country thus far to vol-unteer troops — said it may

hold off until the security situa-

PHILIPPINES Nations warn of possible attacks at Asian summit

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CEBU, Philippines — The
U.S., Britain and Australia
warned Thuxday that terrorists
may be plotting attacks in the
central Philippines, the site of
next week's summit of Asian
leaders.
Australian and British officals used identical language in
separate advisories, saying they
believed 'terrorists are in the
final stages of planning attacks."
'All three countries warned
their citizens to avoid travel to
Cebu province, a tourism and

their citizens to avoid travel to Cebu province, a tourism and industrial hub 350 miles souther cast of the capital, Manila. Australia upgraded its warning for Cebu to the highest level. "We .continue to receive reports that terrorist groups are planning further attacks and believe that they have the capacity and the intent to carry out attacks," the British adviso-ry said.

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Distinctive style, invative features

By Ken Chester, Jr. Motor News Media Corporation

The all-new Nissan Sentra sedan was designed to exist in two worlds - weekdays and weekends. Staying true to the traditional Sentra values of good fuel economy, durability, quality, reliability and safety, the all-new Nissan subcompact adds a completely unexpected level of style, roominess, re-sponsiveness and versatility.

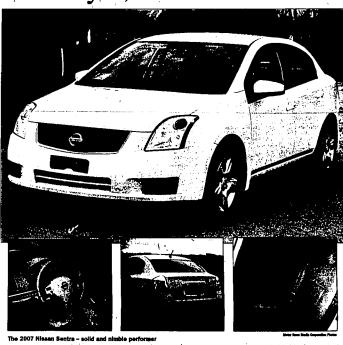
Much larger than the previous generation, the new front-drive Sentra has one of the largest interior volumes in the compact car class. The sixth-generation Nissan sedan has a wheelbase that is 5.9 inches longer than the previous model. It is 2.3 inches longer in overall length, 3.2 inches wider and sits an impressive 4 inches egress with enhanced head

The biggest change in the new Sentra is in concept, moving from 'entry level' to 'aspirational,'" said Bill Bosley, vice president and general vice president and general manager, Nissan Division, Nissan North America, Inc. "The addition of the new Nissan Versa hatchback and sedan allows us to move Sentra up in terms of both size and style. As a result, the new Sentra is a much stronger match for the image and usage needs of its active target buyers who lead highly social, morning-toorning lifestyles." Available in 2,0, 2,0S and

2.0SL models, the Sentra sedan is powered by an all-new MR20DE 2.0L four-cylinder en-gine designed to combine responsive acceleration with good fuel economy and efficient operation, Bolted to the standard six-speed manual gearbox, the Nissan Xtronic CVT (Continuously Variable Transmission) is an available option (standard 2.09L).

On the road, the Sentra edan is a solid and nimble per former that is very responsive at speed. The small Nissan is ntrolled and balanced, com rtable and settled, inspiring

driver confidence. Built on Nissan's new "C" vehicle platform, Sentra's



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ENGINE:
2.01. four-cylinder — 140 hp at
5,100 rpm arid 147 lbs-ft of
torque at 4,800 rpm.
FRANSAUSSION:
Six-speed manuel, Xtronic CVT.
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responsive handling is due in

part to the design of its control hardware. The front suspension is an independent strut design

with coil springs and a stabiliz-er bar. The rear features a

torsion beam with integral sta-

bilizer bar, with the rear shock

2007 Nissan Sentra by the Numbers

Price: The base Manufacturer's Sugasstad Retail Price
(MSRP) for the 2007 Missan Sentra sedan starts from
\$14,1750 for the 2.0, \$15,650 for the 2.05 and \$18,400 for the
2.051. Destination charges add \$415.

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trunk floor for improved trunk roominess. The sedan's ride comfort has been enhanced through use of special "ripple control" shock absorbers, an insulated front cradle-type subframe with a pendulum engine mount system, roller-type intelligent key ignition and entry system, Bluetooth hands free phone system and vehicle secur y system. Optional safety features include fog lights. WARRANTY: Basic: 3-yea/36,000 mile, bumper-to-bumpux. Powertrain: 5-year/60,000 mile, Corrosion: 5-year/unlimited.

tuned rear beam isolators

Inside the spacious high quality materials, large es and a voluminous, flexible center console greet the driver. The new Sentra boasts an interior space that is 9.2 cubic feet larger than its prede cessor. A new 60/40 split

double-fold rear seat (the cushion folds forward, allowing the seat back to fold flat), facilitate storage that is both flexible and

functional The trunk itself is designed to accommodate long, bulky and "unexpected" items with a and unexpected thems with a larger trunk pass-through opening. A unique Divide-N-. Hide trunk divider allows the trunk to be used for short term and long term/hidden storage. A removal divider wall can be positioned flat on the trunk floor when not in use, or can be raised into a vertical position, creating two separate compart-ments. The durable polymetric material divider (carpeted on one side, waterproof on the other) also includes hooks mounted on the outer surface to help secure items such as grocery bags.

Camshafts, what are they?

Q. Please forgive this dumb question, but I'd really like to know more about camshafts. I believe my engine has one camshaft, but I have seen ads camshaft, but I have seen ads and articles about engines having as many as four. What is the advantage to having more than one? Is four better than two? Can additional 'cams' be added to an existing engine? Why do some cams offer better performance than others? How does variable-cam timing work?

-Paul S.,

-Paul S., Venturs



UNDER THE HOOD Brad Bergholdt

A. There are no dumb questions - only the occasional dumb answer. All four-stroke piston engines contain one or more canshafts. Imagine a metal broomstick about 15 to 20 inches long with eight or more egg-shaped tobes along its length. Camshafts are driven by a belt, gears or chain at one-half cranishaft speed, and operate the engine's intake and exhaust valves via a rod and/or lever arrangement.

operate the engine's intake and exhaust valves via a rod and/or lever arrangement. Older-design engines typically house a single camshaft in the engine block and operate the valves through a valve lifter, pushrod and nocker-arm mechanism. Newer engines contain the camshaft atop the cylinder head(s) and employ a lighter and much simpler valve-lifting system. High-performance engines often have two camshafts percylinder head – one for the intake valves, the other for the exhaust valves. Many recent engines employ variable-valve timing and /or variable-valve timing and /or variable-valve timing and performance. These strategies allow greater engine power over a wider RPM range, smoother low-speed operation, and reduced emissions in significant control of the contr upon command. A popular variable-valve-lift system envariable-valve-lift system en-agaes the rocker arm to a high-lift cam lobe at higher engine speeds. Imagine having a handitud of differing camstant profiles – one for every operat-ing condition – and being able to switch between them in the blink of an eye.



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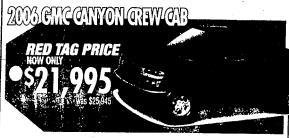












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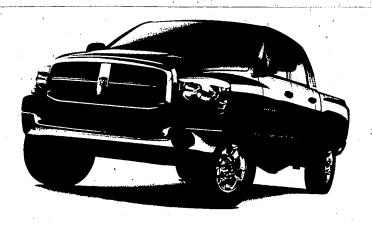
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nesse.
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This was nice defense, and as a result declarer suddenly found himself at an unexpected cross-roads. In dummy for the last time, he had to decide what to discard on the other top diamond. Aware that six outstanding cards in a suit break 3-3 only about one third of the time and that a simple finesse would be right half the time, he chose to discard his small club and take the spade finesse, going two down.

Declarer was worried about testing the clubs before the heart ace had gone, since if an opponent had four clubs along with the heart ace, the contract would fail at once. But that might still have been the right approach, I suppose. That way, declarer gets to play on both black suits in time. This was nice defense, and as a

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The bidding

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↑ 10 6 3 2 ♥ 5 4 2 ♦ 6 5 3 ↑ J 9 7 West North East
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ANSWER: There are two calls you should not make here. The first is "pass" — the sequence is absolutely game-forcing. The second is "three no-trump," while would get any key suit declared the wrong way up. Instead, on this auction you should use a bid of three diamonds as a second negative. (Three no-trump would promise a scattering of values.)

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