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BOBBLED AWAY

Seahawks slip past Parcells and the Cowboys on the first day of the NFL playoffs.

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Who's going to Canyon Ridge?

Twin Falls school

officials

ponder new enrollment policies

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TWIN FALLS — Money, students, sports and academic programs are the ingredients of a lively debate.

grams are the ingredients of a lively debate. But a debate is not what the Twin Falls School District wants when it opens the doors to a new high school in 2009. The school district will soon begin more than a year of plan-ning for new policies that will

what programs will be offered.
And if you think that dividing
the town in half might seem like a
simple solution, consider this.
The two high schools will not
offer the same specialized-exademy programs — Canyon Ridge
High School will be equipped with
affailties for a nursing carderny,
while Twin Falls High School will
be the only school equipped with
agricultural science facilities.

ecross the street from the College of Southern Idaho, so students will of Southern Idaho, so students will also be able to entroll in some college courses during the school day. The location of Twin Talls Iligh School makes it difficult for students to travel to CSI during class changes.

One high school will have an established sports program, while the other will start from scratch.

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"We have looked at how other districts have added additional schools and we know there have been problems." Dale Thornsberry, Twin Falls School District director of plant facilities

COLORADO-AVALANCHE



Huge avalanche buries cars in mountain pass

By Robert Weller Associated Press writer

DENVER — A huge ava-lanche knocked two cars off a mountain pass Saturday on the main highway to one of the state's largest ski areas, shortly after crowds headed through on the way to the lifts, authorities said.

Eight people were rescued from the buried vehicles and

from the buried vehicles and all were taken to area hospi-tals, said state Patrolman Eric Wynn. Details of their condi-tions were not available. "Our crews said it was the largest they have ever seen. It took three paths," Stacey Stegman of the transporta-tion department said of the massive slide on U.S. 40 near 11 207-foot Renthoud Poss. 11,307-foot Berthoud Pass about 50 miles west of about 50 miles west of Denver on the way to Winter

Denver on the way to Winter Park Resort. Wynn sald crews were probing the area for other vehicles but they believe all have been found. Members of an lowa church on a ski tip were among those swept away by the avalanche, including Darren Johnson, sald his father. Don Johnson. Darne Johnson was travel-ing in a four-caravan with

Darren Johnson was truveling in a four-carrayan with members of the Oakwood Road Church in Ames, Iowa, his father said. He said his son was hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries and was unsure whether other members of the church group were injured.

The avalanche hit between 10 a.m. and 10:30 and was

Avaianche described as 100 feet wide

Detail

COLORADO

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about 100 feet wide and 15 feet deep, Stegman said. The area usually has slides 2 to 3 feet deep because crews trigger them before more snow can accumulate, said Spencer Logan of the

Spencer Logan of the Colorado Avalanche Information Center. Information Center.

Three snow storms in as many weeks have dumped more than 4 teet of snow on parts of Colorado and authorities haven't had time to test all side areas. Logan said.

"This is a tremendous amount of snow to come down the mountain for us," Stegman said.

GYMNASTICS ICEBREAKER



a level 10 grammet with Hagic Yalley Cymmestics, performs on the balance beam figs the 2007 Icebreaker infrational at CSL Martinez, a seventic grader, carmed on 2. In beam, white carming first in both the bears and the rest's on be my to second place Utah's Candice Smith teah first place. FOR COMPLETE ESSUITS, SEZ PIGE CZ.

Rising death toll in Iraq complicates Arlington tradition



lington Lady thanks Christine Brown, whose It or Brown, served in the Wemen's Army Corps.

By Brigid Schalte The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — On a winter day when the rows and rows of white headstones were shrouded in a band of low-lying mist at Arlington National Cemeers, and Reman took her place in the white-gloved military honor quard. As the sahes of the latest fallen soldier arrived, she place in the rehand over her heard in the

ner name source her head in the civilian salute.

She didn't know this soldier or the family that shuffled behind his urn, shoulders stooped in grief. As usual, she knew only his name.

Keith Fiscus. His age. 26. His years of service in the Army, four, and the names of his newness of his new through the paperwork that morning, she felt a pang. He was a monounce one more soldier killed in Iraq.
When she was invited fibe years as a monounce and the paper she was a morning to the paper she was a morning to the paper she was a morning to the paper she was a morning for the paper she was a morning to the paper she was

When she was invited five years ago to become an Army Arlington Lady. Newman, the wife of a 50 year Army arillery officer and herself a retired Army murse, was drawn to the groups mission: that no soldier is ever

buried alone. Every fourth Tuesday of the month, she spends the day at Atlington, standing gravestick, hand over heart, at up to six funerals a day. When she started, most of the soldiers she was burying were World War II veterans or soldiers who had lived long lives. Handing a condolence card on behalf of the Army chief of still and saying a few kind words from the 'Army family' to a grieving widow was never easy. But these days, as the death toll from the Iraq war has topped 3,000 and many of the buried are young soldiers, Newman and other Arlington

Ladies are finding it difficult to do their solemn duty. Some have asked to be excused.

"Ifind myself saying," Stiff upper lip, lane, "she said after a funeral. "Stiff upper lip, lane," she said after a funeral. "Stiff upper lip," An Arlington Lady is not a professional mourner. She is not a gried counselor, according to their stick Standard Operating. Procedures. She is there simply so that across-body is. Since 1973, when the Army chief of staffs with some a wearth funeral with no one simulating an Army Arlington Lady, in

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

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High 40

Low 23

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MINI-CASSIA

Today: Cool with clouds and showers moving away from the Highs upper 30s

Highs upper 30s.

htt: Becoming partly cloudy and windy. Lows low 20s

prow: Breezy and mostly dry with a mix of sun and

Complete weather report: See page C8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Genter dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, 5.4, 734,5094.
Auditions for "The Wizard of Oz," for actors of all ages sponsored by the Dilettante Group of Magic Valley, 2 to 8 p.m., First Bapist. Church, 910 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, 734-5511 or 736-7136.

CHURCH EVENTS

Pizza Party, Saiad and Dessert Lunch, hosted by the Wendell Methodist Church, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the church, 175 E. Main, Wendell, free-will offering, 536-6583.

FAMILY

PARILLI Agoless Senior Center monthly Sunday dinner, with over-fried chicken breast, noon to 2 p.m., Agoless Senior Citizens Center, 310 N. Main, Kmberly, 56 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12, 423-4338.

FESTIVALS AND BAZAARS

Indoor Filer Floa Market, with over 30 vendors, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Twin Fulls County Fairgrounds, Filer, 5.50 admission and one can of chila for local Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, 312-4900.

FOUR-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Jan. 8 Auditions for "The Wizard of 02," for actors of all ages sponsored by the Dilettante Group of Magic Valley, 6 to 9 p.m., First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, 734-5511 or 736-7136.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Jan. 11 Booksale, conducted by the Friends of DeMary Memorial Library, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the back room of DeMary Memorial Library, 417 7th St., Rupert, 436 3874.

BUSINESS

Jan. 10 Ribbon cutting and open house for St. Luke's Magc Valley Sieep Institute, with featured speaker Dr. Richard Hammond and refreshments. 1 to 6 pm., 480 Sfalls &e., Suite 202, Eagle Crest, Twn Falls, 737.2943 or 933.0040.

Jan. 11 Ribbon cutting for Rest America Suites, noon, 1377 Blue Lakes Blvd. 11, Twin Falls, 736.8000.

CLUBS

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Jan. 8 Narie (National Active and Retired Federal Employees
Association) monthly meeting, 11:30 a.m., speaker Kins Campos
of Weis Fargo Burks speaking on Reverse Mortgage options, Long
Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road, Tian Falls, 7:39-9477.
Jan. 8 Safe Nathor's Board Meeting, with several elections and
updates on Saturday Meal schedule and homeless shelter plans,
B.p.m., First Christian Church, Twin Falls, public welcome, 735
-8787.

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Jbn. 9 The High Desert Back Country Horsemen monthly meeting Tjopen to the public. 7 Dm. Jerome Public Library, 100 1st Are. E. Jerome, 2344 754.

Jan. 9 The American Laglon Post 7 and Auxilliary meeting for vet-ferans, week, widows of veterans and new transfers from 9st No. 85, 5:30 p.m., (doors open) and 6:30 p.m. polluck dinner followed by separate Post and full meeting. 7330962 or 7344 135.

Jan. 9 Twentleth Century Club, open to the public with a presentation by Curris Johnson on the history of the Sticker Ranch, noon, fur Club. Tan Tails, cost of the meal, (reservations required), 732-2552.

2552.

Jan. 11 The Jerome Historical Society meeting, with "show and Jell" about an antique or cherished memory, 7 p.m., City Library, 200 1st Ave. E., Jerome, 324-4185.

EDUCATION

Am. 8 Wendell High School Flancial Ald Night, for parents of col-lege-bound sensors featuring Color Randolph from the College of Southern Idaho and Wendell High School courseld Gelazine Choate with bigs and information on federal aid programs (FAFSA), scholarships and college admissions, 6 p.m., in the high school auditorium, 750 c. Naui, Wendell, 536-2100. Jan. 9 The Hagerman Valley Historical Society's program, featuring and demonstration by Magic Valley resident Mark Farmer

Jan. 3 The Hagerman Valler Historical Society's program, returning a lecture and demonstration by Mapp Valley resident Mark Famer on Store Age techniques and materials used by Mathe Americans of some fixed by Mather Americans of some fixed community Centre (140 E. Lake St., Hagerman, no cost prefersorments served), (208) 837 6650.

Jan. 9 Wendell School District's Latino Parent Involvement Group, a bingrapid presentation featuring special guest Sam Byrd, 6:30 B, p.m., Wendell High School District's Latino Parent Involvement Group, a bingrapid presentation featuring special guest Sam Byrd, 6:30 B, p.m., Wendell High School Rooms 17 and 37, 750 E. Main, Wendell, no cast Child care for children age 3 and older), 536-6571 or 961:1056.



Diet pills won't melt away pounds

This is into since it was reported on the day the Food and Drug Administration approved a weight-loss drug for dogs.

Eat less. Exercise more. What works best for people will also take weight off their pets.

--- Chris Steinback, Editor

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MAGIC VALLEY



give it away

TWIN FALLS — Be bur-tened no longer by that inwanted stuff. We've found willing recipi-nts for the bath towel that just its fluff, the board game

tree's tollink wange, days, and the bailt towed as lost its fulfile to load garden so the fulfil

passed.

Here's how to address both at once: Give away used stuff.

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Who will go to the new Twin Falls high school?

TWIN FAILS — Money, stu-dents, sports and academic programs are the logredients of a lively debate. But a debate is not what the Twin Falls School District wants when it opens the doors to a new high school in 2009. SEE PAGE A1



7th annual Cabin Fever Day held

TVNIN FALLS — The cold winter weather didn't stop people of all ages from gathering Saturday across Twin Falls to participate in the Seventh Aunual Cabin Fever Day. About 22 businesses and groups gave the public a free taste of different things to do in Twin Falls.

Wendell could face higher water rates

MENDELL—Its been just six months since Wendell raised its water and wasterwater user fees. To up the chances of the city getting low-interest loans and possible grants to pay for the construction of a new \$12.5 million wastewater treatment feelity eitheaders are looking lion wastewater treatment facility city leaders are looking at again raising the rates. SEE PAGE B1

Blaine County changes snowplowing routes

EAST MAGIC ROAD

When Nate Norris and fellow
residents of East Magic Road
asked for county snowplowing
service on their rural route,
they were persistent, claiming
their tax dollars went to suptheir tax dollars went to sup-port county services they were not receiving and that although East Magic is deemed a recreational road, many residents live there year-round.

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OBITUARIES

Arthur D. Haycock, 82
Josiah Jenner Beers, infant
Leona M. Porter Black, 68
Kristy LeAnn Hood French, 37
Atton C. "A"—Enoch, 59
Raiph R. Eaton, 87 Raiph R. Eaton, 67 Agnes Elizabeth Messmer Wills Short, 84 Gary Dale Tongish, age 68

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THEME

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FEMALE HAIR LOSS

Women deal with a difficult issue.

MONDAY IN IMAGE LAVA LIVING



Inhabiting those old rock houses.

TUESDAY IN COUNTRY ROADS

LINGERING LIGHTS

How long is too long to leave them up?

WEDNESDAY IN FOOD & HOME

Wn!

Nintendo is winning the game over Sony

THURSDAY IN THT

Moose Movers

Moose from Utah are moved to Colorado.

FRIDAY IN OUTDOORS

INTERESTING TIMES

of change for

Episcopalisans. SATURDAY IN RELIGION TEENS TALK

Library's young advisers want welcoming spot.

SUNDAY IN FAMILY LIFE



IDAHO/WEST

Ranchers brave weather to attend Denver stock show

DENVER — Ranchers from the across the country braved roads left icy and snowy from a recent series of storms to make it in time for opening day Saturday at the 101st edition of the National Western Stock Show, one of the country's premier live-stock showcases. SEE PAGE B5

Boise producing a lot of hip-hop artists

Of hip-hop artists

BOISE — "Everyhody
wants to be a rapper," says
Big Fub of Beat Down
Productions, and he's pretty
much right. Even here in
Boise, there's everything
from underground rappers
to Top 40 wannabes to a
band playing hip-hop on
live instruments.

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NATION/WORLD



numbers down in U.S.

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NEW YORK — After
tripling over the pass 15
yeas, the number of fortogg, children adopted by
Americans oftopped sharply
in 2006, the result of multiple factors which have polied adoption advocates and
prompted many would-be
adoptive parents to reconsider their options.

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Bush weighs

new Iraq policy

MASHINGTON —
President Bush is putting
the final touches on his new
traa policy amid growing
skepticism inside and outside the administration that
the emerging package of
extra troops, economic
assistance and political
benchmarks for the
Bashdad econometus will benchmarks for the Baghdad government will make any more than a mar-ginal difference in stabiliz-ing the country. SEE PAGE A7

SPORTS

Minico cruises to title at Buhl Invitational

at Bull Invitational
Bulli. – Led by four
wrestlers that took home
individual championships,
the Minico Spartaus took
the top spot in the 33rd
annual Bull Invitational
that finished on Saturday
afternoon at Bull High
School.

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CSI men rally to blowout win

RANGELY, Colo. — Once gain, it was only a matter

again, it was only a matter of time.

The No. 9 College of Southern Idaho men's bas-kethall team used one of list trademark rallies to run past the Colorado Northwestern Community College Spartans 131-91 Saunday night in Bangely, Colo.

olo. The Golden Eagles The Golden Eagles improve to 13-1 on the sea-son and 3-1 in Scenic West Athletic Conference play with the win.

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Colts eliminate Chiefs from playoffs

Chiefs from playoffs
INDIANAPOLIS
Peyton Manning knows all about Idling apart in the playoffs. Though he study gled early Saturday, the Indianapolis Colts' still-ningly stingy defense carbe to the rescue.

Manning and the Colts heat the inept Kansas City Chiefs 23-8 Saturday, and while the star quaterbacks aumbers were good — 30-01-38 for [28] yards — his performance was mediore. At least it was for the most rollife passer of his generation.

SEE PAGE CI



Robble wins it for the Seahawks

the Seahawks

SEATILE — All Tony
Romo had to do was put the
hall down and let Martin
Gramatica make an easy
kick — just 19 yards, even
closer than an extra point.

He couldn't do it. And just
like that, it all slipped away
from the Dallas Cowboys.

Romo's bobble on the
field-goal try with 1:19 left
led to a scramble that
ended 2 yards shy of the
end zone and a yard short
of a first down, preserving a
21-20 victory for the Seattle
Scalawaks in the wildest of
wild-card games Saturday
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an. You coach long enough you end up seeing just about everything. Seattle's Mike Holmgren said. SEE PAGE C1

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Arlington

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muted civilian dress and often
muddy pumps, has stood
graveside at every funeral at
Allington as the personal representative of the chief of staff.
Occasionally, she is the only
one there

one there.

She is part of a society open only to military wives or widows and then only to those invited to join. The Navy indies formed in 1985. The much smaller Air Force had Arlington Ladles as fair backs as 1948. Now.

Gie Navy, Air Force and Army have about 50 Arlington Ladles as fair backs as 1948. Now.

Gie Navy, Air Force and Army have about 50 Arlington Ladles cach. The Marines do not want to participate. The Marines take care of their own, the groups have been told.

groups have been told. Arlington Ladies adhere to a Arlington Ladles adhere to a strict dress code — no slacks, no bright colors, Sunglasses are permitted at all times. They stand at attention with the honor guard. Their role in the ceremony is brief: When the flag has been presented to the giveing family, they approach, offer a few words of comfort

and a handwritten note and back away, never once turning

and a handwritten note and back away, never once turning back backs on the Bog.

"We said a little more person-little was a little was a l

need some human touch."

L. Col. William Barefield.
Aflington's sehior Army chaplain, says hie sees Aflington
Ladies as healers. "I watch the
families. After we present the
families. After we present the
flag you sense allide bit of sadness, like 'Ch, it's ower, he sald.
And thar's open after Arlington
Ladies walk into what he safet
the 'cyg of the storm; the unbelievable sornow for a death in
war. They represent someone
at the highest level of government. It's an acknowledgment
that this life was one of a sind."
Their duty days are still filled
with the funerals of old veterans. Of all the troops killed in
Iraq and Afghantistan, fewer
than 300 are burled at
Arlington National Cemetery.
Some are so young. Mensch
said, 'the families want then
closer to home."

Mensch has been attending
funerals, stoic and tearless, for
nearly 30 years. But the young
ones killed in combat are difficult. When one of the dead on
er schedule one day turned

cult. When one of the dead on her schedule one day turned

ing. The Army is just so much bigger — and soldlers make up the majority of those killed in Iraq and Afghanistan — so the Army Ladies can't, Mensch

your husband or your son, they'll know he was a good and

honorable man. They'll know he served his country," she sadd.- Some of them nod, and some of them are hitter. Only the Navy Arlington Laddes will meet the families before the service and send fol-low-up notes several months later to see how families are far-ing. The Army is het so much

said. Nor does she want to intrude on familles. "We're strangers to them."
At their desks bytween funerals, the Adington Ladies keep their politics to themselves. They are military wives. They do their duty, And sometimes, and everyone comes out alive. Having been wives or mothers of soldiers, pilots and sailors, the Adington Ladies know what it means when a commitment is made to serve.



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students will begin taking classes at one high school, until they decide what (program)

they're interested in." said Ben Allen, principal of Twin Falls High School. If what they're interested in is offered at the other high school, then they would transfer there to take their capstone (final) classes." The Twin Falls School Board will organize committees of school district begins the process.

"There will be a lot of unknowns within the next Ia months, and those are things we will have to answer."

Thornsberry said. will organize committees of educators and community members to help in the plan-College of Southern Idaho

ning process. More informa-tion about the organization of the committees will be pub-lished in the *Times-News* as the school district begins the

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"It's amazing. These people are really into it."

Saddle up and ride

Devoted Japanese country fans hold annual hoedown

By Eric Taknadge Associated Press

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Associated Pross writer

KUMAMOTO. Japan —
Yoshinao Tsuji has just one regret in life. He wanted to be born a cowboy.

He has the gear. The black leather chaps, order-made by Navajos in Arizona. He's got the turquoise accessories. The boots, the big Setson hat. For one month every year, he lives on a dude ranch.

"I love everything about horses," he says, insisting on being called "Johnnie." "Il only lwasn't a city boy from Kyoto. Johnnie isn't alone. Cowboys and covegirs from across Japan turned out by the thousands recently for "Country Gold," an annual event in the foothills of Mount Aso. a Southern Japan land-anark, that has become probably the biggest homage to the Wild West this side of lucson. The show had all the fixings of a real hoedown. Miss Montana Rode had her own tent, where she spent the day signing autographs.

ing barbecue and beans on un plates, an advertisement for recently un-banned American beef imports. And there was enough Jack Daniels flowing to fill a pool. "It's amazing," Chris Wormer,

nil a pool.

"It's amazing," Chris Wormer,
a guitar player with the Charlie
Daniels Bank, said as he looked
out from the stage into a sea of
cowboy hats and bright bandanas. "These people are really
into it."

danas. These people are really into it."

Japan's country crowd is decidedly older bunch.

The music is a big draw, but many of Japan's Western wannabes say they were captured by country because they grew up on Western movies when they were kids. which places the demographic firmly in the 50-plas range.

T just couldn't get enough of the Westerns. Johnnic, who is 63 and wears a long gray goates, said well as addled up his ride for a tot around the venue. T knew that was the life for me.

for me."

Another factor in the lapanese country scene's small but devoted following is the tireless effort of one man—



"Charlie" Nagatani, who founded the Country Gold fes-tival 18 years ago and, with his band, the "Cannonballs," is this country's top country singer. That isn't really saying much. Nagatani Isn't exactly a household name. Though he's been playing country since 1956, he only has one CD, and it didn't make much of a dent in the charts.

the charts.
"I think it sold maybe 5,000 copies," he sald. "That's total."
But Nagatani knows how to

But Nagatani knows now to throw a good shindig. This year's Country Gold event, held in an open-air arena 560 miles southwest of Tokyo, drew about 20,000 peo-

rform a line dance Oct. 15 during the 18 ple.

"This isn't just a Japan thing anymore." Nagatani said at a welcoming party in his "sailoon," called — what else?

— Good Time Charlies, where he regularly plays shows before a few dozen fans, on a good night. This is now a major country-music event.

Despite his obscurity in the mainstream music scene. Nagatani is about as close to the real deal as a Japanese country singer can get.

He has played 16 shows at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, toured the U.S. numerous times, done shows for American troops fighting in

Vietnam, performed Japanese royalty and w named the 1998 Internation

Japanese royalty and was named the 1998 International Promoter of the Year by the Country Music Awards.

He claims to be an honorary citizen of 33 states.

"He just blew us away when we saw him the first time," said the legendary country singer and fiddle player Charle Daniels, who headlined this year's Country Gold along with the girl band Cowboy Crush and the Grascals, an up-and-coming bluegrass troupe. "He came up on stage and bowed and looked very Japanese, and then he jumped right into 1 Walk the Line' and sounded

Runando, sodinestera Japan.

just perfect.

Of course, no hoedownwould be complete without,
line dancing and several hundred line dancers — many wellinto their 705 — converged onCountry Gold.

"I love the music, I love
turquoise, and I love the look,
said Chihiro Hall, who broughs
at earn of line dancers halfway
across Japan from Yokohama,
which is just south of Tokyolier American husband.
Eugene — a civilian contractor
in iraq — made a point of the
ira from the could be
there, too.

"It's a great time," he said,
beer in hand.

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Ford, Microsoft unveil high-tech dashboard

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DEARBORN, Mich. — CD Blayers in automobiles could go the way of leight-track tapes with in-dash systems like one Ford Motor Co. and Microsoft Corp' are jointly producing to link cars with cell phones and personal masic players.

The "Sync" system being unveiled Syady at the North American International Auto Show connects popular iPods and all other digital music players — including Micropilayers — includi

softé-nascent-Zune to indash software through a USB
port. Drivers will be able to
pick songs, artists or genres
using voice activation or controls on the steering wheel.

The system also links
Bluetooth-capable smart
phones and personal digital
assistants to the ear's electronles, allowing the ear's spectru nopick up larnere broadcasts.

An electronic voice even will
read inhound text messages
through the sound system,
complete with a vocabulary of
slang abbreviations such as

"LOL" for laughing for loud."
Sync ratchets up the car
electronics war as the struggling Ford tries to compete
with General Motors Corp.'s
OnStar system. DalmierChrysler AG's MyGIG in-dash
hard drive storage system and
similar devices offered by
other manufacturers.
It gives Ford leadership, at
test for now, in what is becoming an increasingly competitive race in cabin electronics, said Kevin Reale, an AMR.
Research line, automotive ana-

Microsoft on the Sync system.
"It's going to give them some competitive differentiation in the ship to provide capabiliars going to give them some tompetitive differentiation in being able to provide capabilities of personal electronics in the vehicle." said Reale, who predicted that other manufacturers will catch up quickly with other electronics suppliers.

Just last week Hughes Telematics and Dalmier-Chrysler teamed up to develop a new system.

The whole race places the venerable CD in danger of extinction.



This is a prototype dash display on a Ford Focus rehicle in Dearh Ford Motor Co. planned to on Sunday unveil this new system, des Microsoft Corp., that integrates IPods and cell phones with staert and voice controls.

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Mercury 'hot spots' identified

: WASHINGTON — Two
mewly published scientific
reports suggest that mercury
contamination has created at
least five 'hot spots' in New
England and Cannda, places
where the neurotoxin has
accumulated in fish and
wildlife to such an extent that
it could harm human health
and local ecosystems.

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The 11 stephitus who work at a statement in the lang Syracuse University and Vermont's Department of Environmental Conservation, analyzed how mercury has accumulated in two indicator species in the northern United States and southern Canada. In both cases, they were able to identify several regions where mercury in yellow perch and common loons was above acceptable levels. David Evans, who beads a Maline-based nonprofit group.

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Maline-based nonprofit group called the BioDiversity Research Institute and is one of the papers lead authors, said the study shows that some areas of the country are more susceptible to mercury pollution than others.

"You need to look at the fish and wildlife to understand what areas are problematic." Evans said. "A coal-burning plant in a wetland area would have far greater impact on human health and wildlife than a coal-burning plant in a dry, grassy area.

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Taken together, the two papers, published in this month's edition of the peer-reviewed journal BioScience, represent the most compresent ecological analysis of mercury accumulation ever conducted in the United States. They are significant because the Environmental Protection Agency has created a system requiring electric utilities to cut their mercury emissions 70 percent by 2025 but allowing power plants to reade pollution credits in reaching that target. Under the Clean Air Mercury Rule, power plants in some regions may emit more mercury than others, which has prompted some to question whether the new system will result in mercury hat spots across the country.

One EPA official, who spoke on the condition that he not to be identified because of agency rules, said the two papers raise questions about the system, which will begin to take effect in 2010. In the 2005 federal notice announcing the take, the agency write that it

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federal notice announcing the federal notice announcing the rule, the agency wrote that it would evaluate and take appropriate action if more information emerged about nearcusy hot spots.

"There's a growing body of eyidence that there are places where mercury deposition is a serious problem," the official said. This is something that needs to be looked at very carefully before putting in a cap-and-trade system.

But EPA spokesyoman lessica Emond said the agency remains committed to the rule.

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"U.S. mercury air emissions have dropped by 45 percent since 1990." Emond said.
"Under the Bush administration, the U.S. is the first nation in the world to regulate mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants."

Scott Segal, a lobbytis who represents electric utilities, noted that when the nation adopted a cap-and-trade system for sulfur dioxide, the largest polluters cleaned up fastest.



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Oil feeds rush to Canada's 'Fort McMoney'

By Dong Struck The Washington Post

FORT McMURRAY, Alberta

The plane from Calgary
touched down as a cold dawn
cracked the sky, and Rob
Smaldon, a compact man
wearing a baseball cap, sighed,
"Ah, back in paradise." He was
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wearing a basemal cps, saguet, Ah, back in paradisc, 'the was joking, Smaldon was feeling blue. As he does every 16th day, he had just left his wide and two young children in Olds, Alberta, 400 miles to the south. He would work for the next 13 days straight befree going home to see them for another three days. Then he would leave again. "It's hard, You're like a stranger to the kids,' he admit-ted." I really need to get home more."

more. Smaldon, 43, a heavy-equip-ment operator, was one of an army of workers drawn to this oil boomtown by fat paychecks and abundant jobs. So many have come to Fort McMurray in recent years that towns in the test of Canada have voiced

alarm. "Newyhody's going out there for the money. Were losing some of our best, brightest and most experienced people," said Bieser Paul, an economic development expert nearly 3,000 miles away in New Prunswick, one of the Adante prowinces bit lard by the exodus to Alberta's giant oil sands fields.

fields.

Alberta's oil sands reserves are the world's second-largest, behind Sandi Arabia's, and have helped make Canada the beiggest oil supplier to the United States. That export has reaped billions of dollars for the oil companies and filled government coffers with tax money. With revenue from oil coroked out of tarry black sand, once-poor Alberta has paid off its debt, embarked on a spending spree and still had enough left over last year to send each of its residents a \$400 check.

But building and muning the giant machines that carve the earth and extract the oil requires a huge workforce. But building and muning the giant machines that carve the earth and extract the oil requires a huge workforce. Nearly 10,000 new workers have streamed finto Alberta each of the past two years, and plans for new oil sands projects are takely to keep them coming. Many arrive in this town, a work-weary place crawling with muddy pickup tracks and plastered with "help wanted" signs. Those who have committed to stay, moving their families into tight new valuaties into tight new valuaties with the punited of a lew months or a few years, licing in camps or jaunnet into Aharde workers who come for a few months or a few years, licing in camps or jaunnet into Aharde wooms, but all are here for the

camps or jammed into shared rooms. But all are here for the same reasons big money. "We're just chasing the bucks," said Richard McNahls, 50, who lives in a 1962 Edmonton city bus in a trader park outside the town. The master electrician had paneled the interior of the bus and set up a computer room, a bedroom, kirchen and lounge. It is comfortable.

"I'm looking for a goal of puting 250,000 (Canadian) dollars in the bank," he said, about 2515,000 in U.S. money. "I'm almost there." McNahls makes 555 an hour and porkets most of an extra \$3,000 a month living allowance. So thany people have come from the hards-rabble Maritime Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswel, and





Prince Edward Island that the oil companies now run regular charter flights from there directly to Fort McMurray. The produces are feeling the Joss.

"Tradespeople are hard to find here," grossed Barry Butler, 33, who runs a troufing from the control of the produces are feeling the Joss. Tradespeople are hard to find here, grossed Barry Butler, 33, who runs a troufing from work. "You train them, give them some experience, and they pick up and go west." Worried by the exodus, provinces have sponsored Job fairs in Fort McMurray and taken out advertisements in a bid to convince former residents that life is better had keen at taken and advertisements in a bid to convince former residents that life is better that when the latter of the first the first the first produces a fill the produces of the first that the latter of "Fort Canada, driding even families." If I was 20 years younger, I'd go. Hood White, 62, who runs a construction company, said over a lunch at the Red Lantern Ion, a workingman's har in Fredericton that where the money is."

"You couldn't pay me enough to leave," countered

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Sunrise over Fort McMurray, Alberta, shows houses thrown up date an influx of oil sands workers. Fort McMurray is experien uses thrown up to ac growth as workers flock to high-paying lobs in the province's oil sand fields.

his son, Trevor White, 30, who works in the company with his father. Money isn't everything, You work seven days a week. What hind offlife is that? It can be a profitable one. 'One of the smartest derisons we ever made was to move here,' said Cliff Needle, 29, Ite and Holly Hooper, 34, were roasting hot dogs New Year's Day on a wood fire in the snow outside their Fort McMurray home, a mobile McMurray home, a mobile

trailer with insulation taped onto the outside walls.

The couple moved from New Brunswick more than a year ago, when the salmon-processing plant where they worked was sold and their wages were slashed. Needle's pay for driving a truck was cut to \$11.50 an hour. Two days after he arrived in Fort McMurray, he was working as a driver at \$16 an hour. Now he is a crane operator making up to \$132,000.

"We'll be able to sit back and retire in five or six years," he said, "We still have a house in a said, "We still have a house in New Brunswick." Or maybe, the couple mused, they will move to Mexico. Without counting the 10,000 to 20,000 men in mine camps on any given day, Fort McMurray has doubled in size in a decade to 65,000 official residents, with uncounted oth-ers in basement apartments. residents, with uncounted others in basement apartments and illegally rented rooms. Housing prices have soared, Newhomes are snapped up for \$500,000 cach: modular homes can fetch up to \$300,000. The new owners rent out rooms for up to \$850 a month to help pay the mortgages.

month to help pay the mort-gages.

Tlousing clearly is at the apex of the city's needs, said Melissa Blake, 37, the mayor of Wood Buffalo Municipality, which encompasses Fort Micharray, She has a long list of strained resources: Fort McMurray needs new water and wastewater treaturent plants and a new landfill, Roads are rough and heavily used. New bridges are needed over the Athabasca filver, and

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staff.

But city officials wince at the boomtown image, which one surns up as "too many single men, too much time, too much money, too much trouble." They want to focus on the growing permainent population and perks like the huge new recreation facility being built on the edge of town.

"Feople get their fill of money in short order, and then hey start to see families as more important," said Blake, mother of a 3-year of a strength of the mother of a 3-year of the mother of a 3-year of the mother of a 3-year of a strength of the start of the sta

Idaho's dairy farmers are pleased to recognize

SUSAN LEE

on her induction to the IDAHO DAIRY HALL OF FAME.



Susin Lee, with Inisband Marty, on her selection to the Idaho Dairy Hall of Fame at the 2006 United Dairymen of Idaho Annual Meeting in Boise.

She has been a member of local, state and national breed associations since 1980, including the Magic Valley Holstein Club, the Idaho State Milking Shorthorn Society, the Idaho Holstein Association, the American Milking Shorthorn Society, and the Holstein Association of America, Lee has received many Milking Shorthorn awards including Highest Producing Milking Shorthorn Herd in the United States. She bred and developed two all time breed production leaders and bred and developed the highest lifetime production

Lee has served in many capacities for the American Milking Shorthorn Society, including six years as a director. She has been chanman of both the Breed Outlook Committee and the Milk Production Committee and currently is chairman of the Type Classification Committee for the society.

Lee has been active in the National Conference of Interstate Milk Shippers and served on the organizing committee for the 1999 National Holstein Convention held in Idaho. She was also a delegate to the National Holstein meeting. Lee also was named the first Idaho Holstein Dairy Woman of the Year in 1990.

She has served as local Dairy Herd Improvement Association President as well as DHIA interim manager. She earned the distinction the first woman to serve as a national DHIA board member and president.

Long active in the United Dairymen of Idaho organization, Lee has been on the board of

since 1986, was chairman of the Idaho Dairy Products Commission from 1989 to 2002 and served on numerous other committees,

Lee lives in Jerome with husband Marty. They have a daughter Laurie and a son Marty John. CONGRATULATIONS, SUSAN!



Avalanche

Continued from page A1

Michael Murphy and his friends were heading up to the backcountry and to Winter Park ski resort Saturday when their path was blocked by the avalanche, which he estimated avalanche, which he estimated came down minutes before they got to the scene. One friend's father was about 10 minutes ahead of them, caught on the other side of the avalanche.

"Initially we couldn't get in cell phone contact with him so

cell phone contact with him so we were pretty nerous." said Murphy, 20, of Boulder.
Murphy's party and other motorists used avalanche probes and shovels to search for any cars that might have been trapped but didn't find anyone. It is add the two cars that were swept off the road were pushed down about 150 to 200 feet into trees off the highway.

highway. Mile Cikara, who was head Mile Cikara, who was head-ed to Winter Park to ski, told KMGH-TV in Deriver that he Joined others furiously digging out victims. "I along with 30 other people grabbed shovels and started digging to get peo-ple were using their hands, skis, ski poles, whatever, to dig

out," until rescue teams arrived, he said.
The liming meant most traffic headed to the said are had already passed through.
Good thing it didn't happen acupie of hours wither, afrak apokesworman. On an average hanner weekend day, the resort draws more than 10,000 skiers and snowboarders, with lifts opening at 8:30 or 9 a.m. Wynn said the pass was closed and would not reopen mult Sunday at the earliest.
Colorado has been digging out for the past three weeks after back-to-back blizzards and more snow falling Felday. The Denver area was blanketed with up to 8 inches of snow Friday, while nearly a foot fell in the foothills west of the city before the storm moved into New Mexico.
Crews in Colorado have worked around the clock to

Crews in Colorado have worked around the clock to clear roads so residents could get to stores for food and medicine.

icine.

Agriculture officials also were trying to determine how to deal with the carcasses of thousands of livestock that were killed in last week's bliz-

AROUND THE WORLD

SOMALIA

Protesters rage in capital, won't disarm

Capital, won't disarm:

MOGADISHU — Hundreds of furlous protesters crowded the streets Saurday, burning dires and smashing car windows while denouncing the presence of Ethiopian forces and shouting defiance at the interim Sonali government scall for disarming Mogadishu. At least two people died in the violence, which exposed discontent in a city seeing its first legitimate governing force in years. Soldiers loyal to the U.N.-backed government and Ethiopias military drove out a radical Islamic group last week that had been in control six months.

out a radical Islamic group last week that had been in control six months.

"We are protesting against the disarmament and the Ethiopian presence in the country. We cannot accept disarmament under occupation." Haeyle Abdulle Hussein, 23, told The Associated Press. "We will wage a holy war Instead." It was not immediately clear what prompted the bloodshed or who was responsible. A 13-year-old holy was killed by gunfire and at least 17 people suffered bullet wounds, said Dr. Dahir Mohamud. a physician at Medina Hospital.

An Ethiopian soldier diewhen his hand grenade accidentally exploded, according to a nurse at the hospital who did not want her, name published for fear of rentriskal.

did not want her name pub-lished for fear of reprisals.

GAZA STRIP

Hamas won't let Abbas disband paramilitary

GAZA CITY — Hamas defied President Mahmoud Abbas' decree Saturday that its paramiliary unit is illegal, saying it will fight any attempt to disband the force in an Increasingly bloody faceoff between the Islamic militant nd Abbas' Fatah party group and Abbas' Fatah part Three more Hamas sup

porters were killed in the fac-tional fighting that is threat-ening to plunge the Palestinian territories into

The two groups have been wrangling over power since Hamas defeated Fatah in par-Hamas defeated Fatah in par-liamentary elections a year ago and gained control over most Palestinian government functions. However, Fatah conduned to dominate secu-rity forces and last spring. Hamas formed its own securi-ty unit known as the Executive Force, recruiting many former members of its military wing. Tensions between the rival

many former members of its military wing.

Tensions between the rival security forces crupted into large-scale fighting last month. Since then, more than two dozen people have been killed.

Abbas outlawed the

Abbas outlawed the Executive Force on Saturday, two days after Hamas gun-men stormed the home of a top pro-Fatah security com-mander and killed him and seven bodyguards. It was the deadliest battle yet during the recent wave of infighting.

CHILE

American sailor says all is well following rescue

PUNTA ARENAS — An American sailor attempting a non-stop, round-the-world voyage headed toward land Saturday after three days adrift, saying 'everything is going well' following his res-cue by a fishing vessel a day earlier.

earlier.

Ken Barnes, 47, said by radio that he had "a very accommodating welcome" on the Pesca Polar I trawler, which "helps tremendously to

which neuprochassing to recover."

A driving storm off the up of South America rolled Barnes' 44-foot yacht, Privateer, and snapped the masts. He was picked up Friday some 500 miles from the western entry to the Strait of Magellan.

Amid doubts and criticism, White House weighs new policy for Iraq

By Michael Abramowitz, Robin Wright and Ann Scott Tyson The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush is putting the final touch-es on his new Iraq policy amid growing skepticism inside and outside the administration that outside the administration that the emerging-package of extra troops, economic assistance and political benchmarks for the Baghdad government will make any more than a margin-al difference in stabilizing the

country.

Washington's debate over Iraq will Intensify this week as Bush lays out his plans, likely on Wednesday or Thursday. and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and other administration officials face tough questions from Democrats in congressional

Denocrats in congressional teatings and the state of the

fire.
"There is a lot of concern
"work," said one

fire.

There is a lot of concern that this won't work, 'said one military official not authorized to speak publicly about the dehate at the Pentagon.

Meanwhile, the political are consideration all appear to be variations on initiatives that U.S. and Iraqi authorities have proved unable to implement successfully since the 2003 invasion or have tried and found wanting, according to former U.S. officials and experts on reconstructing warron countries. Many officials at the State and Defense departments also doubt that the government of Prime departments also doubt that the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is capable of making the neces-sary reforms, given a track record of promising but not delivering since taking power last May and despite Maliki assurances in a speech Saturalay than the would hold Iraqis accomtable for imple-menting a new Baghdad vecu-rity plan. A sense that the White House is preparing more of the same

rity plan.

A sense that the White House is preparing more of the same is generating deep skeptiesin among Democrats in Congress, many of whom have signated strongly in recent days that they would resist sening additional troops to Iraq. And although Republicans say they are open to what Bush proposes this week, they are also asking much more pointed questions than they have before about the premises of the White House Iraq policy.

Administration officials are pushing lawmakers and the public to withhold judgment until they see all the elements of the new Iraq policy. Bush consulted with advisers Saturday, and White House speechwriters were working on this week's address. There are signs that there could be some surprises as the administrations debate moves from the

Militants killed in

sweep of Baghdad

The Iraqi army reported it killed 30 militants in a Surnal insurgent stronghold during a new operation to tame the violence in the capita on Saturday. The battle occurred just north of the heavily fortified Green Zone.

Sun. - The U.S. military announced the death of two soldiers, pushing the number r to at leas. ... on. – Six Iraqis were led in a U.S. led raid killed in a U.S.-led raid on the Baghdad offices of a top Sunni politician. The U.S. military and Iraq police said they suspected

Tue. - The Iraqi gov-ernment ordered an investigation into Saddam Hussein's ex-ecution to determine footage of the event.

Frl. - Iraqi forces backed by U.S. troops to begin an assault on militants in Baghdad over the weekend to

qual the engoing violence there.
Sat. - In Mosul, Baghdad and south the capital, 80 assi

man that all the Iraqis will coalesce around. Inquis are too divided among secturian, ethnica and tribab loyalties, he said, and their loyalties are reglonal, not national. Leon Panetta, a member of the Iraq Study Group, which recently delivered a vide-tranging set of recommendations about the way forward in Iraq, said in an interview that the test for him of the seriousness of the president's proposal will be whether flush, in fact, conditions continued U.S. involvement on tangible progress from the loaqi government.

"There has got to be some prospect that we are not just going to continue an open-ended commitment," said raneta, who served in the Clinton Whitel Buse as chief of said.

As of Saturday, the president and universal of the ISE, 200 U.S. nonya slicedly in Iraq officials said. Senior unifary and administration officials privately admin their deep concerns that the troop increases will have deep concerns that the troop increases will have selected to the U.S. selected to U.

Army has one fully ready brigade of 3,500 to 4,000 troops on alert to deploy at any time



staff level to the final delibera tions of the president and his

tions of the president and his closest advisers. Responding to skepticism about Maliki within some parts of the administration, the White House may make a deeper involvement in Iraq contingent on Maliki cracking down on militas and death squads while also undertaking hold militizes, and squads while also undercosons bold political initiatives and

One senior White House offi-cial said Stantaday that the pre-ident considers the skepticism of lawmakers and the public "warranted" and that husb will not "commit resources to a strategy that is not working." But the official said Bush was heartened by recent promises and plans from Maliki, citing the speech in Baghdad yester-day in which the prime minis-

ter pledged a crackdown on sectarian militias, with U.S.

sectarian mutuas, wun assistance.

The official said U.S. and Irades have been refining a new Iraqi security plan, first discussed when Bush and Maliki met in Jordan in November, in which Iraqi forces would take the lead with Americans in support. Tit is not "bus official said forces would take the lead with Americans in support. "It is not just rheuric." the official said of Malik." He is actually pur-ting forward specific plans and making different commit ments than be has in the past. Speaking on the condition of anonymity because the presi-dent has not settled on a final plan, the official said Bush expects. "a different result" from previous security plans. Others have doubts. "I don't know that the Iraqi

Others have doubts.

"I don't know that the fraqi-government has ever demonstrated ability to lead the country, and we shouldn't be surprised," said retired Army Lt. Gen. Jay Garner, who was the first U.S. official in charge of postwar Baghdad. "You'll never feet him to be suffered in the country of the c postwar Baghdad. "You'll find — in my lifetime ~

Times-News will be publishing a special section on Babies born in 2006. It will be published on March 17, 2007. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends can purchase a photo announcement. Simply fill out the order form below, send it with a clear p of your baby.

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"My life unraveled. The publicity changed my life. I didn't want it to. I had my 15 minutes of fame and I was yesterday's news. I didn't care, but it took me four or five years to get my life back."

When their 15 minutes of fame are past, some heroes struggle with changes it brings

By Verena Dobnik Associated Press writer

NEWYORK — Daniel Santos became an instant hero in 1996 when he jumped 130 feet off a bridge into the Hudson River to rescue a young woman trying to commit sui-

ae. Then came the national TV

Then came the national IV interviews, the fant mail from strangers, the ollers to do commercials, the free trip to Disney World. Then came the nightmarse resulting from bis near-death plungs. He returned to work after the Disney World trip only to get harseed about his absence, and quit. He lost his health insurance, the money ran out, and he started drinking heavily.

ran out, and he started drink-ing heavily.

"My life untraveled. The publicary changed my life 1 dulut-want it to." Said Santos, who said occasionally heave the words "the bridge jumper" from strangers on the street, "I had my 15 minutes of fame and 1 was yesterday's news, 1 didn't care, but it took me four or live years to get my life back."

back.
Santos recalled his experi-ence Friday as New York crowned a new horo—the man who dowe in front of a Manhattan subway train luesday in save a teenager, one of the city most amazing acts of bravery in recent mem-ory.

ory.
Since then, lame has accompanied subway rescuer Wesley
Autrey everywhere he has

me. The 50-year-old construc-The 50-year old construc-tion worker won accolades such as "the hero of Harlem" and "Subsay Superman," appeared on David Letterman and accepted money and other gibs—including attript Disney World. Mayor Michael Bloomberg bestowed him with the city's highest civic award, the Bronze Medallion, past recipients include Gen. Durolas MacArthur

the Bronze Medallion, past recipients include Gen. Douglas MacArthur. As Santos can attest, though, there are dangers in becoming an overnight hero in a media-saturated society. They go one of two ways: They go one of two ways: they either recognize that their act was a mument in time they can enjoy temporarily, and the rest of their life is a consequence of everyday routhey can enjoy temporarily, and the test of their life is consequence of everyday rontime—or they get stuck in their deed or action, feel entitled dead or action, feel entitled and lose perspective. That's the danger," said Alain Biller, chief psychologist at Brooklyris Maintonides Medical Center, loseph Dunwald was only 17 when he did about the sainting as Autrey Beleaped off a Manhattan subway platform to rescue a man who had fainted and fallen onto the tracks. "Been there, done that," Dunwald, now 81, said while watching Johnty on 1V.

Dunwald, a retired New York friefighter who lives in Lake Mary, 14a, said the moment and the public attention "changed my persons, It was a new level of responsibility, a ptep course for what was about to happen — ducking



Wesley Autrey stands with his two daughters Sysbo, 4, left, and Shuqui, 6, at the Broadway and 145th Street sub-stop in New York shortly after be saved the His of a teenager who fell onto tracks in front of an oncoming train Yoreday. At first, be tried to pull the young man up, bot he was straid be wouldn't make it in time and they would be killed. "So I just chose to drive on top of him and pin him down," he said.

German submarines in World War II."

war ii.

It was, he said, "a great preparation for life" — a happy, healthy life far from the spotlight.

omgnt. For his efforts, Dunwald also

For hix efforts, Dunwald also got a gold Bulova watch as reward, and "haby, did I ever get lots of dates."

Another overnight hero who succeeded and the glow was Feln Vasquez, a New York Caight an infant thrown from a burn-ing apartment in December 2001.

"I just went back to work like nothing happened. But people kept calling, said Vasquez, who also received the Bronze Medallion from the mayor.

Medallion from the mayor.

At the time, he was in the middle of a disoree and under stress. "and I became a better person. People started noticing me, and saying hi — appreciating me," said the 40-year-old father of three, speaking from the stairsed of a Broux housing development where he supervose juntors.

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calling his act the only decent thing to have done. "How are you going to walk by someone who's dl and just look — Oh, well, I'm busy, I've got to go to work?" Autrey said. Rewind a decade.

of him ado pin lim down," he said.

"When you see somebody in
the water like that, hopeless,
and you're afraid they're going
to drown, you're going to do
something to help them so
hat's what I did, "Santos, then
a volunteer firefighter, said in
the days after his plunge from
the Tappan Zee Bridge.

Santos' troubles piled up
quickly, however. On top of
losing his job, a TV network
threatened to sue him, accusing him of not sticking to his
"exclusive" interview contract.
Everyone wanted him on the
air.
"My nersonality changed."

air. "My personality changed," he recalled.

Tay personality changed. be recalled. Santos, now 31, still lives near the bridge, north of New York City. He works as a plumber and is engaged. One afternoon when a job ell through, he visited the old firefighter friends he credits with helping him get back to normal. They're the guys who were there for me when I went from being a superstar to being nobody, and they're still there for me now," he said, speaking by phone from the firehouse. To this day, he is "petrified of

firehouse.

To this day, he is "petrified of heights." Still, he climbs the 110-foot ladder of a fire truck, reven if I'm nervous." The woman he rescued still occasionally calls him from Connecticut, where she lives.

He had some advice for

Autrey: "It's going to take time, but try not to change, try to continue doing the same thing as before."

Investigators found no evidence to support Marines' claim that Iragis were fleeing bomb scene

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. criminal investigators found no evidence to support the claim of Marines charged in the deaths of warmed Iraqi civilians that five were shot after trying to line the scene of a roadside bumbling that killed one Marine, a senior defense official said Saturday. Investigators determined that all five Iraqis were shot within arm's length of each other and no more than 18 fee from the white tand they were official said Saturday. Investigators determined that all five Iraqis were shot within arm's length of each other and no more than 18 fee from the white tand they were official, who is familiar with reports produced by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to publicly discuss details of the killings on Nov. 19, 2005.

Two Marines are charged with murder in the five deaths. They are Staff Sgt. Frank D. Putterfeh and Sgt. Sanick D. Butterfeh and Sgt. Sanick D. Two other Marines — Lance Cpl. Isstin L. Sharratt and Lance Cpl. Isstin L. Sharratt and Lance Cpl. Isstin L. Sharratt and Lance Cpl. Stephen B. Tatum—face murder charges in connection with the deaths of other Iraqi civilians shot shorty after the killings by the taxi. Through Phis lawyers, Stuterich has claimed the acted appropriately and within milltary rules governing the use of deadly force in formbat. Tatum's attorney. Jack Zimmerman, said he got the report the day after Christmas and has not 'even begun to reach it let called disclosure of details from the report a serious, serious violation and said he may ask the military to investigate the source of the leak.

Attempts on Saturday to reach lawyers for Wutterfich. Dela Cruz and Sharratt were unsuccessful.

These details about the deaths were first reported in Saturday's Washington Post, which said it obtained a copy of a lengthy government investigative report. The Post published photos from the investigative file that had not previously been made public; one shows the five Iraqis sprawled near the tad.

ousy ocen mate punie; one shows the five Iraqis sprawled near the taxi.
One of the five may have been kneeling at the time he was shot, the defense official told The Associated Press. In addition to the four Marines facing murder charges, four other Martines who were not at the scene were charged with dereliction of duty for failing to report or properly investigate the killings. In all, the case involves the deaths of 24 Iraqi civilians.

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The Haditha investigation is the biggest U.S. criminal case involving civilian deaths so far in the Iraq war.

Members of an explosive ordnance disposal team that was summoned to the scene scoured the taxi and found no scoured the taxi and found no weapons or evidence of bomb-making materials, the defense official said. At least two, and possibly four, of the five Iraqis were students; the other was the taxi driver, who was taking the students to school.

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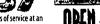
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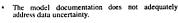
236 Washington St. South. Thank you, Billie, for your dedication and service. We will miss seeing you every day but hope to see you often on the golf course.

Water Debate Has Stirred Inaccurate Min You Deserve the Timuth mii 1948

The Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) model that projects how surface and ground water are related can be used to administer water rights in Idaho.

The model currently used by the Idaho Department of Water Resources is the most sophisticated representation of the ESPA to date. The model can be used to evaluate aquifer responses and effects on river reaches from changes in aquifer recharge across large areas. The model is sufficient for use in developing an aquifer management plan. The model is not yet suitable for use in water right administration because:

- The model cannot adequately model spring and river flows during critical summer time periods;
 The model has not been updated to current
- conditions:
- The model does not include conditions prior to 1980; The model cannot predict flows in specific springs below Milner Dam; and,



Once sufficient funding can be garnered to address thissues, ESPA model improvements can be rapidly ma Clear Springs Foods, Inc. supports efforts to improve model so it can be reliably used for all of its intendent of the control o





Parlors are plentiful, but is there enough business to go around?

By Candace Baltz-Smylle Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — In the last two years the Twin Falls tattoo industry area has experienced an infestation.

an infestation.

We've got four stores in Twin Falls and one in Elio," said Fat Ratt Tattoo owner Allen Nagel.

Nagel said there were only the cattoo shops in Twin Falls when he opened his first one two years ago in December.

Things have changed since then.

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Things have changed since then.
"Now there are nine tattoo stores in Twin Falls, and we're four of them," Nagel said. "I think we've filled the Magic Valley as full of tattoo shops as It can hold."
Gustomer volume is seasonal and depends on location, said Manager Shane Pilant, who operates the Fat Ratt Tattoo parlor on the corner of Washington Street and South Fark Avenue. It's a purple building and hard to miss. "In the winter, I tattoo for a couple hours a day on average, but in the summer, after people get their tax rebates, it gets busy." Filant said. I sustant and leave at 10 pm, but I've worked until 6 a.m. before.

Pilants store isn't the



MALT MEMORIAN
Shape Plant, manager of Fat Ratt Tattoo and Body Piercing located on Ramage Street in Twin Falls, stands next to a collection of some of the art customers ose from. Fat Ratt owns four of the nine tattoo parlors in Twin Falls.

can choose from. Fall kit was four of the alls busiest location, though. Most a great time to be a tattoo stores rely on walk-in business. The Fat Ratt on Blue Lakes Boolevard has the highest number of walk-ins each day.

"Probably 50 or better," said Stephanie Nagel, Allen's wide Yat this strop we have four artists and one piercer and a counter person. Most of them come in the late afternoon to early evening.

According to Pilant, this is which offers a mags, tomer base, "It's an expanding business," Pilant said, "You look up tattoo on the Internet and 11 billion things come up, it's not just bikers and sailors anymore, it's acceptable these days — businessmen, collège

students, preppy girls — peo-ple that socially before would have been looked down on for it. Grandmas in the 80s are even coming in because who

even coming in because when they were younger, they wouldn't have been able to do it, but now it's OK.— Rod Kinney, owner and manager of Warm Art in Iwin Falls, agreed.— It's the popularity of the whole thing. Kinney said. With the shows like Miami

Ink, it has become more mainstream."

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Still, there's a lot of competi-tion for business.
"In business, every once in while, the pie gets a little thin whenever somebody opens a new shop." Kinney said.
At the end of 2006, one tat-too store closed in Pwin Falls. Nagel said he expects a few more to shut down before the end of 2007.
"Tattoo shops aren't like

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McDonald's, Nagel said.

"When you lose an employee, there aren't 20 others just waiting to take their place. There is a limited amount of cleent in the Magic Valley, I've kissed a lot of frogs to get the princes I've got."

Nagel said a fair portion of his business is actually handling unhappy customers from other shops.

There are some other good shops in town, Nagel said. "Warm Art is good. Slave Dragon is very well-known and does a good job, but there are a lot of baid ones. There are too many shops in town now, and shoultely, because everyone thinks they can make a fortune at it. They'll run themselves out of business.

selves out of business. Nagel said the most impor-tant thing someone consider-ing a tattoo can do is look at an artist's portfolio carefully. Sometimes from a dis-tance, it will appear fine, but when you really look at it the color fades might not be what they should be or the lines might look patchy. Nagel said. And if someone has only got two or three pictures. I wouldn't let them touch

I wouldn't let them touch me."
Nagel said it is also important to look just as carefully at the store.

"Look and see how clean and sterile it is." he said. "Make sure they are using brand new needles and open it up in front of yor."
And, Nagel said, a tattoo artist should change gloves every time they change customers.

Times-News correspondent Candace Baltz-Smylie can be reached by e-mail at CandaceBaltz@gmail.com.

Getting good insurance is elusive even for healthy

By Lisa Girion Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Scott Svonkin joined the Lus Angeles County Commission on Insurance 10 years ago because the was concerned about an emerging problem; people losing health coverage. Since then, the ranks of uninsured Americans have swelled to more than 46 million. Svonkin almost became one of them.

of them

of them.
It happened after he left a
comfortable government job
see a legislative chief of staff to
start his own marketing and
public affairs consulting business. Late last year he started
stopping around for health
insurance for himself, his
expectant wife and his young
daughter.

He knew he'd pay more without an employer picking up most of the tab. And he knew he'd have to fill out a up most of the tab. And he knew he'd have to fill out a medical questionnaire because, unlike Job-based coverage, individual insurance in California is contingent on an applicant's health. But that didn't concern him because, he said, "I'm healthy as a horse, newer smoked and have ado no major surgery."

- As it turned out, Nonkin was rejected by not just one but tirree of California's biggest health insurers, which cited his listory of ashtma, among other things.

- I couldn't buy it at any price." said Svonkin, 40. "I remember thinking, "This car't be happening to me."

- & vonkin is a part of what experts any is a largely hidden dispect of the U.S. health laturance crisis; the uninsurables, people whom it ouch, even

people whom insurance companies won't ouch, even though they can afford to pay high permitants. Some, such as Svonkin, pay steep rates for lean coverage from the state's high-risk insurance pool. Others simply go without. Insurers have wide latitude to choose among applicants for individual coverage and set premiums based on medical conditions. Insurers say med-



ical underwriting, as the selec-tion process is known, is key to keeping premiums under con-

"Our goal is to extend afford "Our goal is to extend affort-able coverage to as many peo-ple as we can," said Cheryl Randolph, a spokewoman for Paclificare Health Systems Inc., a subsidiary of Minneapolisased UnitedHealth Group Inc. "But because of the med-ical underwriting, we do not accept everyhody."

'Cherry-picking' legal discriminatation

Consumer advocates see the Consumer advocates see the practice as cherry-picking — a legal form of discrimination that is no longer tolerated in schools, public accommodations or workplaces — and a way to guarantee profits. —The idea is to avoid all risk." said Biryan Llang, director of the Institute of Health Law Studies at California Western School of Law in San Diego. Jerry Flanagan, an advocate with the Foundation for Consumer and Taxpayer

with the Foundation of Consumer and Taxpayer Rights, said it wouldn't take much to be left out of the primer incurance market. "A

Rights, said it wouldn't take much to be left out of the private-insurance market. "A minor asthma condition or a surgery 10 years ago that requires no further medical care is enough to get you backlisted forever," he said.

As a result, some people fongo treatment so as not to tarnish their health records. Others withhold information from doctors or ask them to leave details out of their records. For those who are uninsurable, health care often is the chief reason they stay in or take a certain job.

Uninsurable individuals pose a significant challenge for the state, which expects to spend more than 310 billion this year on people who lack adequate coverage.



"I'm healthy as a horse," says Scott Svonkin, 40, chairman of the Loc Angeles ice, who was rejected for private health co age late last year, insurers cited a histo his rejection. Here, he plays tannis in B ry of asthma a erhank, Calif.

egger, preparing to announce a proposal for expanding cov-erage in his State of the State address, has said he favors a mandate on individuals to buy health insurance — just as drivers must carry auto insur-ance.

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Democrats, who control the Legislature, have favored expansion of employment-based insurance and have signaled their opposition to a mandate on individuals.

Consumer advocates say such a mandate is unworkable unless insurers are required to sell coverage to all comers, as they are in several states, including New York and Massachusetts.

Rejection raises with age No one knows how many

Californians are uninsurable. Blue Cross of California, which dominates the market, declined to disclose its rejection rate, as did its chief competitors. A 2004 inclustry survey found that health plans said they turned away about 12 percent of all applicants but the rejection rate rose with age to 30 seement for neonle 59 and to 30 percent for people 59 and

older.

A consumer survey this year found that 1 in 5 people who applied for individual coverage was turned away or charged a higher premium because of pre-existing conditions. Experts say it is hard to know how many of California's more than 6 million uninsured residents are uninversely because the contract of the c dents are uninsurable becaus many people with medical problems don't even bother applying in the belief that they

These ills may be too risky

By Lisa Girion Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Health insurers in California have been allowed to keep secret their underwriting guidelines that determine who receives individual coverage and at what premium.

But a law that took effect Sept. I required them to report their underwriting guidelines to the Department of Insurance and the Department of Insurance and the Department of Managed Health Care. It also required regulators to post the guidelines on the Internet, but without identifying which rules are used by which command.

also required regulators to post the guidelines on the Intermet, but without identifying which rides are used by which company. Health plans also reveal a portion of their underwriting guidelines in letters notifying applicants why they were rejected, as well as in communications with brokers who sell their coverage. According to regulators' postings, rejection letters and interviews with brokers, conditions that can lead to out-right rejection or a higher premium include. AIDS, allergies, arthritis, asthma, attention deficit disorder, auditum, bed-wetting, breast implants, cancer, cerebral palsy, chronic bronchitis, chronic fatigue syndrome, chronics insusits, circhosis, cysitis, dabietis, ear infections, epilepsy, gender reassignment, heart disease and hemochromatosis (a common genetic disorder that causes the body to absorb too much iron). Other conditions are hepatitis, heapes, high blood pressure, impotence, infertions, hups, mild depression, muscular dystrophy, migraines, miscarriage, pregnancy, 'expectant fatherhood,' planned adoption, pooriasis, recurrent tons-list, renaf failure, ringworm, severe mental disorders, sleep apnea, stroke, ulcers and varicose veins.

would be rejected.

The industry contends that individual coverage is widely available. But experts say a wave of consolidation has reduced the number of insurers offering individual coverage, leaving a marketplace that shuns all but the ostensibly healthiest consumers.

Insurers say they are nicky

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Insurers say they are picky
because they have to be.
Kaiser Fermanentes fairly
generous benefits require that
the health maintenance
organization be restrictive to
remain solvent, spokesmai
jun Anderson said. We have to
be very careful to not enrold a
bunch of people who are going
to spend all the money on their
care.

Insurers declined to disclose the underwriting guidelines that lead to rejection or higher premiums. But a review of public records, as well as rejection letters sent to individuals, shows that California carriers turn people away or charge them higher premiums for conditions that range from the catastrophic to the common. Cancer, epilepsy and AIDS make the list, along with breast implants, ear infections, varicose wins and sleep apnea. Jeffrey Miles, a vice president of the California Association of Health Underwriters, a trade group for independent insurance agents, said one of his clients — a 27-year-old woman "in perfect health with absolutely nothing wrong"— was rejected because she had seen a psychologist for three months.

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MILESTONES

Local campground recognized for outstanding customer service

Oscar and Kimberly
Carranza of the Twin
Falls/Jerome KOA were recentyear and the President's
Award by Kampgrounds of
America Inc. for their-outsanding customer service and
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solf to denote their status as a
KOA President Award winner.

Recycler to add new

warehouse, equipment
TWIN FALLS — The Twin
Falls branch of Pacific Steel and
Recycling amounced the addition of a new steel warehouse
as part of its plan to continue

providing optimal customer service. Pervequipment will be housed in the new structure, including a high-production saw, larger shears, a press break and other future processing equipment. The building will be expandable in anti-pation of future growth.

The new warehouse will have room for the additional inventory Pacific's customers are requesting to meet their ever-changing needs. It means a wider-selection of items available with an improved will-call and delivery system.

The addition of the new warehouse and equipment will help in improve the efficiency of our services not only for our customers, but also for our employees, "said branch manager fluss Taylor. Our new equipment will help us remain competitive in our industry and reduce our costs."

LONG SERVICE AWARDED



Mel Krieger was recently recognized for his 40 years of service with Skaggs Furniture in Burley, Skaggs Furniture awarded Mel with a travel voucher from International Travel, From left are Florence Skaggs, Mel Krieger, Chuch Skaggs Jr. and Delta Skaggs.

\$1,000 PRIZE WINNER



Barbara Austin was the winner of the Burley Area Merchants Association Modify Blackout promotion with the South Idabo Fress. She was \$1,000 in prizes from BAMA merchants by taking her BAMA card from a Toesday edition of South Idabo Fress in December and editing it validated at every merchant to the card. Austin is shown here with BAMA President Mike Searle.

CONTRIBUTIONS

MEALS ON WHEELS



Golden Heritagn Senior Conter Director Sharon Hardy-Mills tells Mr. Cas owner lins Lynch, second from Hrl. what his douation of \$200 a month for a year in gas will mean to the conter's Meals on Wheels program, as Burley City Mankelstrater Mark Milton, left, and Burley Mayor lon Anderson, right, look on.

Burley businessman helps seniors program

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BURLY — Alocal businessman stepped up to the pump
to help facel the Golden
Heritage Senior Center's Meak
on Wheels program for anotherywar.

Mr. Gas owner firm Lynch
donated \$200 a month in gas
for the next year to help keep
the struggling program solvent.

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"This is fantastic. We are so

regulary loa Raderson, right, look on.
excited," said Sharon HardyMills, director of the senior
center in Burley,
Burley Mayor Ion Anderson,
who is also president of the
senior center's board, said the
center has been struggling to
keep the program afloat.
"We have been dipping into
the reserve funds for a year,"
Anderson said.
The reserve fund was put
into place to cover final closing
costs if there was the need to
shut down, he said.

EXIT REALTY OPENS



Exit Really Concepts held a ribbon cutting along with the Trin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's ambassadors at 378 Falls Area, Trin Falls. They are a new member of the chamber as well as an are rathy company in the community. They can help customers with their real state needs. For more information, call 933-4444. Pictured from left are owners Earl Gray and Ellen Gray, and Gery Turner, Kim Esparza, Cindy Pittigrew, Lisa Haney, Beth Briterley and Darid Rice.

BANNER BANK MOVES



Banner Bank Commercial Banking Center held a ribbon cutting with the Twin Banner Bank Commercial Banking Center held a ribbon cutting with the Twin Falls Area Chanher of Commerce's ambassadors at Heln rest location at 746 N. College Road, Suite E, Twin Falls. Visit them and let them assist you with your commercial banking needs or call them at 735-8057. Pictured from left are Ruth Beebs, sented loss specialist; Randy Andru, commercial loan offi-cer/vice president; Jed Roeser, commercial loan officer/vice president; Shane Jenkins, commercial loan officer/vice president; and Verna Prince, senior

EMPLOYEES GET LICENSES



Water Department employees were recently recognized for saccessfully com pipfing the requirements for Idaho Department of Water Resource Rennes. Nyan Baumann received his Class IV license and Jerry Wheeler received his Class I Rennes. The requirements for a Class I Rennes include one year of Class I Recense. The requirements for a Class II Recense include one year of acceptable experience at a Class I or higher water system and passing of I Class I cana. The requirements for a Class IV Recens include four years of port high school education in the enrinomentatic north field, engineering, related science and four years of acceptable operating experience at a Cla-III or higher water system, including two years of experience in daily on-self-charge, supervision of personnel or management of a major segment of a tem. Pictured from left are Nyan Baumann; Mike Schroeder, water departm supervisitement. and herry Wheeler.

NEW RE/MAX LOCATION



Re/Max American Dream Realty hold a ribbon cetting at their new location at 155 Second Jev. M., Twin Falls. The Twin Falls Jeva Chamber of Commerce's anhassadors assisted with the ribbon cutting. With thom for your real estate needs or call them at 713-500B, Picturel from left are lockshoper Domain McKentle and agents Chris Welch, Missy Schleninger, Sara Weber, Leura Pitzparid, Amp Hinger, Janis Wesser, Tami Shirly, Holes Venendaal, Jason Hutchinson, Lisa Otson Rodrignez, Many Roed and Faye Emerson. Agents not pictured include Cryle O'Berg, Rom Bean, Pitting Cathout, Rich Beart, Chuck Turley, Domy Tyler, Melhas Sathu, Cary Gorsanna, Janie Midstead, Patricia Havbins, Dave Schlesinger, Kip Thompson and Harvid Morgan.

LIFE FLIGHT AWARDED



Saint Alphonsus Life Flight received an award by the Bureau of Land Management stemming from an incident that occurred June 21. Saint Uphonsus Life Flight craw members James Pennington, Shelly Robinson Alphoness life Flight craw members James Pennington, Shelly Robinson and Free Mids were on a scheduled landing zone safty class at the Big Snockey Guard Station when the Burvau of Land Managament pot word that one of their biologists had fallen in a remote location and hurt his andle. Life Flight was able to get to the patient in a 'tem minutes, As a result, the patient did not have to be brought out of the remote area, which could have taken sever- al hours. EMP sevented the award to the Life Flight ream d'Saint 'Alphoness, Fictured from left are Adam Humba, Life Flight Marketing Coordinator Poll Buroin, and Jennifer Humb, James Pennington, Devin Huhm, Shelly Robinson, Fred Mire, Mike Dettori and Tef Ryan.

INTER-WEST'S NEW STORE



Inter-West Equipment Sales Inc. held a ribbon cutting with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's ambassadors at their new location at 21318 Historia chamber of Commerce 3 management at their own sections at 2.13.6 regime 30, filer. They can asked you with your trucking eighneeth needs. For more information, call 733-3003. Pictured from left are Char Walker, office mana-er; Lynn Robinson, sales representative; Dean Tuley, president; Linda Tuley, secretary; and Danae Tuley.

NEW STATE FARM OFFICE



State Farm insurance opened a new office at 2271 Overland Are., Sec. x, m. Barley. The humbers, wowed and operated by Adams Raynes, pictured at center with actions at a recent ribbon cutting, offers insurance and financial archives and products, including home and auto insurance, vehicle loans and x and x archive through Fidder. services and products, incrusing nome and auto instructor, reflects loads ale methal funds. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Evenings and Saturdays are available by appointment. For more information, call 678-8700.

Vail Resorts still shopping for properties, CEO says

The Associated Press

BROOMFIELD, Colo. — Vail BROOMFIELD, Colo. — Vail Resorts Inc. continues to shop for new properties smid an industry consolidation, although the timing of any pur-chase is critical, the chief exec-utive of the nation's largest ski area operator said Thursday. Vail Resorts is in a good posi-tion to expand as the number of skiers and snow riders con-tinues to grow, if slowly, Robert Katz said.

Acquistions remain "very much a priority" he said, noting that some companies participating in a merger or acquisition process can spoul it by getting too icky' to finish.

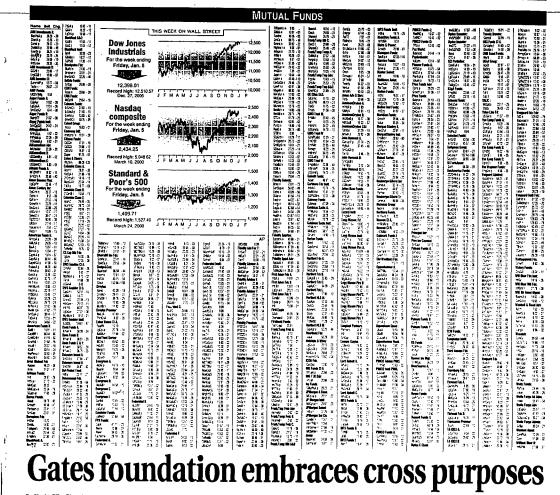
Katz spoke after the company varpped up a brief annual meeting, approving a state of directors and amendments to a 2002 incentive plan. The gathering, which was postponed by last mouth's blizzard, drew one shareholder.

In recent years, the ski industry has consolidated as large travels and resort-oriented companies have snapped up-levely properties with real estate development opportunities.

Nolan Rossall, president of Boulder-based consulting firm RIRC Associates, said he believes resort companies are coulting again by pushing to build year-round businesses—with sking, golfing and beach properties.

I think you'll see increasing diversification with the consolidating companies starting to look at higher-end leisure time destinations, he said.

Intravest Corp. of Vancouver, British Columbia, last month agreed to buy Stearnboat Ski de Resort Corp. from American Sking Co. for \$265 million in cash. The acquisition, if approved by regulators, would increase Intravest's Colorado holdings to three and overall resorts to 11.



By Charles Piller, Edmand Sanders and Robys Dixon Los Angeles Times

EBOCHA, Nigeria — Iustice Etu, 14 months old, held out his tiny thumb. An ink spot certified that he had been immunized against polito and meades, thanks to a vaccination drive supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. But polio is not the only threat Justice faces. Almost since birth, he has had respiratory trouble. His neighbors call it 'the cough.' People blame fumes and soot spewing from flames that tower 300 feet into the air over a nearby oil plant. It is owned by the Italian petroleum giant Eni, whose invectors include the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. BIII & Foundation.

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The makeshift clinic at a church where lustice Eta was vaccinated and the flares spewing over Ebocha represent a head-on conflict for the Gates Foundation. In a contradiction between its grants and its endowment holdings, a Los Angeles Times investigation has found, the foundation reaps vast financial gains every year from investments that contravene its good works.

that contravene its good works. In Ebocha, where Justice lives, Dr. Elekwachi Okey, a local physician, says hundreds of flares at oil plants in the Niger Delta have caused an epidemic of bronchitus in adults, and asthma and burred vision in children. No definitive studies have documented the health effects, but many of the 250 toxic chemicals in the fumes and soot have long been linked to respiratory disease and cancer.

"We're all smokers here." Okey said, but not with cigarettes."

The oil plants in the region

Okey said, 'but not was con-rettes.'

The oil plants in the region surrounding Ebocha find it cheaper to burn nearly 1 bil-lion cubic feet of gas each day than to sell it. They deny the flaring causes sickness. Under Pressure from activists, how-ever, Nigeria's high court set a deadline to end flaring by May 2007. The gases would be injected back underground, or trucked and piped out for sale.

But authorities expect the flares to hum for years beyond the deadline.

The Gates Foundation has poured \$218 million into polio and measles immunization and research worldwide, including in the Niger Delta. At the same time that the foundation is funding inoculations to protect health. Including the Niger Delta \$423 million in Eni. Royal Dutch Shell, Exxon Mobil Corp., Chevron Corp. and Total of France — the companies responsible for most of the flares blanketing the delta with pollution, beyond anything permitted in States of Europe.

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Indeed, local leaders blame oil development for fostering some of the very affictions that it is deal for mosquitoes that spread malaria, one of the diseases the foundation is fighting. Investigators for Dr. Nonyenim Solomon Enydah, health commissioner for Briver State, where Boech as is located, cite an oil spill clogging rivers as a cause of cholera, another scourge the foundation is battling.

The bright, sooty gas flares — which contain toxic byproducts such as benzene, which contain toxic byproducts such as benzene immunity, Enydah said, and make children such as Justice Eta more susceptible to polio and measles — the diseases that the Gates Foundation has helped to inoculate him against.

Investing for profit
At the end of 2005, the Gates
Foundation endowment stood
at 335 billion, making it the
largest in the world. Then in
June 2006, Warren E. Buffett,
the world's second-richest
man after Bill Gates, pledged
to add about 331 billion
in installments from his personal
oforture. Not counting tens of
billions of dollars more that
Gates himself has promised,
the total is higher than the
gross domestle products of 70
percent of the world's nations.
Like most philanthropies,
the Gates Foundation gives
away at least 5 percent of its Investing for profit

The investments

EBOCHA, Nigeria — A sampling of the Gates Foundation's largest investments:

ABOVE \$1.5 BILLION

Berkshire Hathaway Inc.
 Canadian government

BETWEEN \$1 BILLION AND \$1.5 BILLION

Fannie Mae German government

- BETWEEN \$100 MILLION AND \$1 BILLION

- AND 31 BILLION

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 Archer Daniels Midland Co.

 British Petroleum

 Canadian National Railway

 Exon Mobil Corp.

 Freddie Mac

 French government

 Japanese government

 Merck and Co.

 Schering Rough Corp.

 Tjeco International Ltd.

 Waste Management Inc.

- MIGHT INCLUDE STOCKS, BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES

Warren Buffett committed his first installment of Berkshire Hathaway stock in June 2006.

- Los Augules Times

Sources: Gates tax and Securities and Exchange Commission filings

worth every year, and thus avoids paying most taxes. In 2005, it granted nearly \$1.4 to 1005, it granted nearly \$1.4 to 1005, it granted nearly \$1.6 to 1000, it granted nearly \$1.6 to 1000,

continued funding of founda-tion programs and grant mak-ing." Bill and Melinda Gates require the managers to keep a highly diversified portfolio, but make no specific direc-tives

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By comparing these invest-ments with information from for-profit services that ana-lyze corporate behavior for murual funds, pension man-agers, government agencies and other foundations, the Timer found that the Gates Foundation has holdings in many companies that have falled tests of social responsi-bility because of environment tal lapses, employment dis-crimination, distegard for worker rights, or unethical practices.

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Microsoft Corp., which Bill
Gates leads as board chairman and which is among the
companies endorsed by
Calvertis rated highly for its
overall business practices,
despite its history of antitrust
problems.

The Times found the Gates
Foundation endowment had
major holdings in:

Companies ranked among
the worst U.S. and Canadian
polluters. Including ConocoPhillips, Dow Chemical Co.
and Tyeo International Ltd.

Many of the world's other
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have been in companies
that countered the founda-

tion's charitable goals or socially concerned philosophy.

This is 'the dirty secret' of many large philanthropies, said Paul Hawken, an expert on socially beneficial investing who directs the Natural Capital Institute, an investment research group. Foundations donate to groups trying to heal the future. Hawken said in an interview. ** but with their investments, they steal from the future.*

Moreover, investing in destructive or unethical companies is not what is most harmful, said Hawken and other experts, including Douglas Bauer, senjor vice president of Rockefeller Phalanthropy Advisors, a non-profit group that assists foundations on policy and ethical issues. Worse, they said, investing purely for profit without attempting to improve a company's way of operating. Such blind-eye investing, they noted, rewards bad behavior.

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At the Gates Foundation, blind-eye investing has been enforced by a firewall it has erected between its grant-making side and its investing side. The goals of the former are not allowed to interfere with the investments of the latter.

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With the exception of tobacco companies, asset managers do not avoid investments in enterprises whose activities conflict with the foundation's mission to do cond.

foundation's mission to do good.

"Because we want to main-tain a focus on the program-matic work," Harrington said in a written response to Times questions, "we have made it a policy to not comment on individual investment hold-ings."

Finally, the foundation does not invest any portion of its endowment in companies specifically because they advance its philanthropic

mission.

Much of the rest of philanthropy, however, is beginning to address contradictions between making grants to improve the world and making investments that harm it.

According to recent surveys, many foundations, including some of the nation's largest, have adopted at least basic policies to invest in ways that support their missions.

Major foundations that make social justice, corporate governance and environmental stewardship key considerations in their investment strategies include the Ford Foundation, worth \$11.6 billion, the nation's second-largest private philanthropy; the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur foundation; the Hockfeller foundation; the Hockfeller foundation; and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

Moteover, nearly one-third of foundation participate directly in shareholder initiatives, voting their proxies to findence corporate behavior. A few have become shareholder activitis. In recent years, for instance, the Nathan Cummings Foundation, with an endowment of \$481 million, has sponsored proxies to force corporations to address revitonmental sustainability and political transparency.

Hartington sold the Gates Foundation's investment manager wore proxies, but declined to give any specifies. The foundation's univestment manager work proxies but declined to give any specifies. Hartington sold the Gates Foundation's michael chartington told the Chomicae of whilanthropy would be 'seismic.'

The foundation did not respond to written questions about whether it might change its linvestment policies.

Sanders reported from Nigeria, Dixon from South Africa and Piller from San Francisco Times staff writer Doug Smith, data analyst Sandra Poindexter and researchers Maloy Moore and Robin Mapper contributed to this report.

Social, religious funds could fit with some New Year's resolutions

NEW YORK — Wall Street presumably isn't a place where those hoping to mend their ways in the new year might turn for inspiration. But some investors, looking to better align their social or religious convictions with their invest-ments have found sizable returns.

mutual funds that incorporate such principles range from those that invest with an eye toward helping the environment to those that avoid companies that extend health benefits to unwel couples. And while some investors are predisposed to invest in funds whose agendas match their own, even investors who dorn necessarily share a fund's beliefs can still find value. Conjudier the Annana Funds, which invest according to Islamic principles. The funds avoid companies that sell or promote liquot, pornongalpy. aurus. Mutual funds that incorpo

avoid companies that sell or promote liquor, pornography, gambling and pork products. In adhering to Islamic law, the funds also exclude companies such as brokerages that make a business of charging or receiving interest or compa-nies that carry excessive debt. While the restrictions could amount limiting the funds

appear limiting, the funds have flourished. The Amana Trust Income fund, a large-

capitalization value fund, saw a return of about 19.3 percent in 2006. The fund, which has assets of about \$111 million, carries a five-star rating from Morningstar Inc., which evaluates funds

untes funds.
Nicholus Kaiser runs the
Amana funds, which like
Amana funds, which like
many other funds that incorporate social or religious principles, seek unside advice on
what types of investments
aren't permissible. The funds
follow broad recommendations by a group of experts
that interprets Islamic law in
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North America.

While Kaiser notes, for example, that the prohibition on investments within the financial sector could make it harder on the Amana Funds in years when Wall Street favors such stocks, the discipline imposed by the fund has also proven fortuitous.

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imposed by the fund has also proven fortuitions.

The funds had invested in Euron Corp. When the debt numbers got to be such (as they were), we sold it. Kaiser said, noting the sale allowed the fund to sidestep losses from the energy company's implosion.

Another group of funds that apply religion to investing are the Ave Maria Mutual Funds, which follow Catholic principles and prohibit investments in companies that draw profise from pronography, abor-

in companies that draw prof-its from pornography, abor-

Planned Parenthood. The parameter that trips up most companies, however, is one requiring that they don't offer benefits to unmarried cou-

George Schwartz who over-sees the funds, said an ample number of companies man-age to merit consideration under the fund's principles. This not a theologian. The a portfolio manager, said Schwartz, adding the restric-tions still allow him to assem-ble a robust portfolio. Weve got to have the investment performance.

ble a robust portfolic. "We've got to have the investment performance."

The Ave Maria Catholic Values Fund, with assets of about \$258 million and a four-star Morningstar rating, posted a return of about 14.2 percent last year.

While investors ordinarily rely on the cold calculus of a fund's returns when evaluating where to put their money, others supportive of a fund's social bent are likely to be more patient should returns lag, observers say.

"There's a thirst among some Catholics that truly have found a home among these funds, it's almost like they don't even care about our investment" performance."
Schwartz said. Ite said the approach Isn't swayed too heavily by dogma, however.

Immigrants a driving force behind start-ups

By Krissah Williams The Washington Post

The Washington Post

Washington — About
25 percent of the technology
and engineering companies
launched in the past decade
had at least one foreign-born
founder, according to a study
released Wednesday that
throws new information into
the debate ower foreign workers who arrive in the United
States on specialty visas.
The report, based on teleplone surveys with 2.034
companies and projections
by researchers at the

companies and projections by researchers at the University of California at Berkeley and at Duke University, found that immigrants — mostly from India and China — belped start hundreds of companies with estimated sales of nearly \$50 billion.

estimated suces to meany serial billion. Technology-industry lob-byists have already cited the study in a push to persuade Congress to increase the annual allotment of 11-1B visas, which allow U.S. com-panies to sponsor temporary workers in specially occupa-tions, such as computer pro-gramming and systems analysis. The companies say they cannot find enough Americans to fill jobs; other proponents contend that proponents contend that globalization requires U.S. companies to import talent-

ed workers.

This research shows that immigrants have become a significant driving force in the creation of new businesses and intellectual property in the U.S.—and that their contributions have increased over the past decade," wrote



nformation Management Co ultants, of Reston, Va., also has offices in

levels of immigration. That report says most specially visa holders come to the United States to do low-level professional jobs for relative-ity low pay. Ward wa's study looked at founders of engineering and technology companies start-ed from 1995 to 2005, and analyzed the World Intel-ectual Property Organization Patent Cooperation Treaty database. About 25 percent of international patents filed of international patents filed in the United States in 2006 were submitted by immi-

grants.
Scott McNealy, chairman
and co-founder of Sun
Microsystems, is among the
advocates for an expanded
visa program, writing editorials, calling members of

Information Management Constitants, of Restony, a, also has offices is Pune, India (shown), with 125 employees. Softshare Shenoy, an Indian Inmigrant, bounded IMC in the early 1980s.

the study's author, Vivek Madlawa, and Shenor technology executive who immigrated from India with his family as a young man.

Another study will be released next month by the Teleased next month by the Center for Immigration. That released for supports also whose propert says most specialty of the Westerland of the Westerland of the Propert says most specialty careful dillorated with the propert says most specialty careful dillorated in the propert says most specialty careful dillorated for the propert says most special careful dillorated for the propert says most special careful dillorated for the propert says most specialty and the propert says most special careful dillorated for the propert says most special properts and the propert says most special properts as the p 589. and supporting political action committees.

McNealy noted that immigrates Yinod Kosla of India and Andy Bechtelsheim of Germany co-founded Sun. The company "created tens of thousands of jobs that have generated billions of dollars in corports and have deliars." have generated billions of dollars in exports and has created thousands of patents and intellectual-property positions." MrNealy said 'Why would you have any arbitrary number on smart people?' Last year, the industry raised the issue in the nation-al debate over immigration reform, but Congress ended its session without acting on

reform, but Congress ended its session without acting on the Securing Knowledge, Innovation and Leadership Act. The bill would increase the annual quota on the 11 B vias to 115,000 from 65,000, eliminate green-card caps for some advanced-degree looklers and streamline the processing of employment-based green cards, leeh lobbyists want to review it.

Healthy

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after breaking up with a
boyfriend.
"I call it hangnail underwriting." Miles said. "If a person
has taken virtually any medication, they are going to be
turned down. If people hase
had any psychological counseling at any time in recent
history, they are going to get
turned down."
Consumer advocates say
out-of-date, ambiguous and
even erromeous medical information can render people
uninvotable. Sometimes the
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reasons can seem absurd. In a recent let er to an otherwis recent letter to an otherwise healthy college graduate, for instance, Blue Cross listed among the reasons it denied coverage a past hour of jock itch, "successfully treated with cream."

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A last tesort for people turned away by the private market is the state's high-risk pool, in which the state assumes the financial risk but pays private insurers to administer coverage. administer coverage. Enrollees spend as much as one-third of their income on monthly recommendations. one-turn in their income on monthly premiums that range as high as \$796, Yet annual benefits are capped at \$75,000.

benefits are capped at \$75,000. High-risk enrollees include people like Soonkin, who makes time for at least one tennis match each week. On a park court after more than an hour of play one recent evening, he scrambled for a ball so far out of reach most more than an hour of play one recent

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also have cost him his health coverage.

Blue Shield declined to dis-cuss Swonkin's case, citing patient privacy laws, as did the other insurers that subse-quently rejected him, Blue Cross and PacifiCare, Although the rejection notices

Cross and Pacificare.
Although the rejection notices pointed to various problems — "expectant fatherbood" and swelling from a spider bite — all three blamed his history of asthma. a condition that affects more than 4.5 million Californians.

Svonkin was able to enroll his wife, daughter and baby son in a private plan. But with nowhere else to turn, he reluctantly enrolled himself in the state's high-tirk pool. In an ironic twist, the pool assigned him to a plan administered by Blue Shield. His premums are \$479 a month— far more than the figures he has cost the plan. The only medical expenses he has submitted in his first year

on the plan have been his prescriptions, which retail for
about \$100 a month.

Blue Shield 'wouldn't take
me at their risk, but they took
me at the risk, but they took
me at the state's risk,' he said.
The reasons they won't sell
me insurance are ludicrous
because they can sill make a
profit providing me with
bealth care.

The ordeal has been an
object lesson for Svunkin, who
is now chairman of the county
commission on insurance, an
advisory panel to the Board of
Superviors. He uses his post
to focus on the problems of
the uninsured as well as the
uninsurables. The county
does not regulate insurers, but
its clinics, hospitals and emergency tooms are overflowing
with uninsured residents who
have nowhere else to turn.

"Insurance companies are
offloading sick people onto
the county system." Svonkin
said.

"Real Estate Corner CHOOSE HOW TO PAY ^{by} Laura Fitzgerald Re/Max American Dream Realty

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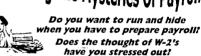
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TOP AGENTS

After years of growth, foreign adoptions by Americans drop fast

NEW YORK - After tripling er the past 15 years, the

NEW YORK — After tripling over the past 15 years, the number of foreign children adopted by Americans dropped sharply in 2006, the result of multiple factors which have jolted adoption advocates and prompted many would-be adoptive parents to reconsider their options. The consequences could be profound for the ever-growing numbers of Americans interested in adopting abroad Aiready, some have had their hopes quashed by tightened eligibility rules in China: adoptions from Africa, where miltions of children have been orphaned by AIDS and wars, could increase if those from China and Eastern Europe continue to decrease.

Declines were recorded last

China and Eastern Europe continue to decrease.

Declines were recorded last recently have been the top sources of adopted children—China, Russia, South Korea and Ukraine among them. Increases from less familiar alternatives — Ethiopia, Liberla, Haiti and Vietnam—partly offset the drop, but some experts believe the era of constantly singling foreign adoption has ended.

"The huge growth rates you saw in the "90s—I think that's over," said Thomas Diffilipo, president of the foint Council on International Children's Services.

Services.

He urged Americans considering international adoption to "reassess any preconceived notions they have ... and get educated on the myrlad options that are available."

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State Department figures,
international adoptions by
Americans dropped to 20,679
In the 2006 fiscal year from

Foreign adoptions



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22.728 in 2005 — the first significant decline since 1992.
Adoptions from China, the No. 1 source of children since 2000. fell 1B percent, from 7.906 to 6.439, while adoptions from Russia, the No. 2 source for the previous six years, dropped about 20 percent to a 10-year low of 3.766. Both are among many nations trying to reform their child welfare systems and increase domestic adoptions.

and increase connecta-connectation and adoptions. In some cases, reform campaigns are compled with skep-ticism toward foreign adop-tion, including concern about occasional cases of abuse. Romania has banned adop-tions by foreigners, except for relatives. Ukraine and Kazakhstan invist that foreign parents submit regular reports on their adopted children. Thomas Atwood, president of the National Council for Adoption, said the drop in for-

Adoption, said the drop in for-eign adoptions is both under-standable and worrisome. "There's always been the

issue of national prace, where the country of origin wants to take care of their children themselves," he said. "But there are so many orphans that an increase in domestic adoptions shouldn't result in a decrease of international adoptions. We urge these countries to be enthusiastic toward both."

Atwood sees potential for increased U.S. adoptions from Brazil, Mexico and India. He also says more African governments should be urged to overcome their traditional warinents should be urged to overcome their traditional warinents of international adoption. For many would-be adoptive parents in the United States, however, China is by far the country of choice. Its government-run adoption system to considered honest and efficient, and its orphanage population — mostly abandoned baby girls — is considered honest and efficient, and its orphanage population — mostly abandoned baby girls — is considered healtheir on average than those in many other countries. Now there is widespread-concern over last year's drop in adoptions and China's recent announcement of new rules, to take effect May I, regarding who can adop. They give pri-ority to stable married couples between 30 and 50. Single peopie, and those suffering from obesity or depression, will lose out.

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Among those dismayed by
the rules is Ann Freeman, 42, a
travel agent from West Valle
City, Utah, whose longitme
dream of adopting a Chine
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the word on single parens.

Tim hearthroken, 'she said.

This child would have been
the world to me.

Her menarations, included

the world to me."
Her preparations included learning Chinese and studying child psychology, She eventually may consider adopting from elsewhere in the Far East, but worries that other coun-

tries' programs aren't as reli-able as China's.

The same new rule against single parents would have pre-vented Anna Spitz, a

The same new rule against single parents would have prevented Anna Spitz, a University of Arizona research coordinator, from adopting her two thriving Chinese daughters — Bachel, 14, and Sarah, 9.

Spitz credited Chinese authorities with seeking the best homes possible for orphaned children, but finds the new rule "a little insulting." I recognize it's nice to have two-parent families." She said. "But it makes me said that a for Single parents whold create great families would be to adopt now." Chinese officials say the new rules will shorten the waiting time — now around 15 months— for well-qualified couples. China also wants more children with disabilities to be adopted overseas; criteria for oppele willing to adopt special-needs children is slightly more lax than for other adoptions.

more lax than for other adop-tions.

The number of orphans and abandoned bahies in China remains substantial, though authorities say it is dwindling. About 51,000 were adopted in 2005, according to the govern-ment — 11,000 by foreign fam-ilies, the rest in China.

Anna Spitz plays at the computer with her adopted Chinese daughters Sarah, center, and Rachel, at their Tucson, Ariz., last month.

Randal Wraalstad, DPM

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range from shoe changes and padding to surgical straightening of the toes. Contact your foot specialist if you have additional questions or need help.

Toys'R' Us under fire over New Year baby prize

NEW YORK (AI') — Toys 'R' Us Inc. has come under fire for denying a Chines-American infant a \$25,000 savings bond prize in a context for the New Years first bally because the company-said the grifs mother is not a legal U.S. resident. The company's devision — which came less than a month after it opened Its first main-land China store, in shanghal — has infuriated some Chinese-American advocates.

 mas infuriated some Chinese-American advocates. Yuki Lin was born at the stroke of midnight at New York Downtown Hospital, accord-ing to hospital officials. She won a random drawing held to break a tie with two other

babies, entered in the contest. Toys "R" Us spakessoman Kathleen Wangh said.
The Wayne, NJ, bassed company had said the prize would go to the first American baby born in 2007. Although promotional materials called for "all expectant New Year's mothers' to apply for the contest. Wangh said elighbility radas required babes' mothers to be legal residents. Many sweepstakes have such

requirements, Wangh said.

Although Yuki was born an
American citizen, Wangh said

United States."
Attempts to reach Yuki's parents, Yan Zhu Liu and Han Lin,
22, for comment were unsuc-cessful early Saturday. Their immigration status was not

the prize went instead to runner-up Jayden Swain, born 19 seconds after midnight at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville, Ga.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the regular meeting of the Stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on Tuesday the 9th of January, 2007. The meeting will be called to order by the Directors at 9:00 a.m. in the Rick Allen Room of the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Directors from District 2 (Twin Falls and South of Kimberly) and District 4 (Buhl) are running unopposed and will be elected for three-year terms.

Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports concerning operation and maintenance efforts, 2007 water supplies, water call, and other matters of interest.

The corporate books will be closed for the transfer of stock effective December 29, 2006.

Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company Office on or before January 5, 2007.

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EDITORIAL

Haste serves no purpose for critical water ruling

t was in the final moments of last month's water lawsuit hearing before the Idaho Supreme Court that the justices offered a key revelation.

Speaking to case attorneys as they were wrapping up, lustice Wayne Kidwell asked what would happen if the court took longer than usual—say, a full year—to issue a ruling on conjunctive management of water rights. ter rights.

some observers reacted like they'd just heard sometheorem cushion.

Our view: The Supreme Court

has no obligation

to make a quick water rights deci-

sion for the benefit of legislators. What do you

think? We wel-

come viewpoints

from our readers

one sit on a whoopee cushion.
But Kidwell's suggestion
rings as loud as a proclamation
from Solomon's throne.

We think his wisdom is wor-thy of the justices' action. The court should have the liberty to consider this case as long as to consider this case as long as necessary. Rushing a Supreme Court ruling, just to satisfy the interests of the Legislature, irri-gators, or state government, would be as self-defeating as it would be foolish. Idaho legislators begin a new session Monday starting with newly elected Gov. Butch Otter's first State of the State address. Otter has appointed

newly elected fow. Butch, Ottor facts State of the State address, Otter has appointed new state agency leaders, including a new director of Water Resources, and his abilities to work with the Legislature are still an unknown quantity. The Legislature also has a large contingent of freshman lawmakers and a new flows Speaker in Midvale Republican Lawerence Denney. New lawmakers in their first session usually need time to make allies. Their allegiance to voters can sometimes overwhelm the rallying cry for consensus. Given the testy start that began with House Democrats and Denney weeks ago, more contention may be ready to boil over. And yet, many lawmakers say this should be a short session that ends by mid-March. They also expect the justices to make quick work on the water case, so they can put their own stamp of approval on it and send it off to the state for enforcement.

off to the state for enforcement. If legislators expect a tidy job and a quick return home, they're fooling themselves. Ridwell's remarks indicate the court is thinking the same thing, Legislative turnover in recent years has croded some institutional memory of water issues, while the Supreme Court has grown richer and deepen in the towering.

in that expertise.

Justice Roger Burdick has his handprints all over the in that expertise.

Justice Roger Burdick has his handprints all over the Snake River Basin Adjudication. Justice Jim Jones was attorney general and a critical force during the critical Swan Falls disputes, which led to the creation of the SRBA. Chief Justice Gerald Schroeder, Justice Linda Copple Trout and Kldwell talso a former attorney general) were all involved with the contentious 1999 ruling that gave the federal government "reserved" water rights in three wilderness areas. An angry outcry on that ruling led to a reversal on eyear later.

The Legislature isn't in the dark on water issues, especially with figures such Reps. Bert Stewnson, Rupper, Dell Raybould, R-Rexburg and Sen, Chuck Coiner, R. Twin Falls, But if you stack up the collective water wisdom of the Legislature with that of the courts, the pendulum has swung to the justices.

By taking their time, the justices can avoid many political implications with this ruling. Perhaps Kidwell's question serves as a warning in that regard. Why should they be buffaloed into an early decision, when their work could be broken apart by hungry water lobylets and irrigation interests.

Idaho'S supreme Court doesn't like to tell legislators.

their work could be broken apart by hungry water lobbyists and irrigation interests.
Idaho's Supreme Court doesn't like to tell legislators
how to do their job. Yet legislative efforts haven't always
upheld senior water doctrine through the years. The
court's challenge is to provide leadership — both legallyand politically — in charflying the law. That can't be
done if legislators demand quick work from the courts.
Our advice — take as long as needed to give the state
clear direction on the management of surface water
and ground-pumping water rights. With high snowpack and a good water forecast for Idaho, there's no
urgent need to cut corners. If the ruling comes after the
session — so be it.
Let the last word from the Idaho courts on this issue
be the message we need to hear.

Times-News

Brad Hurd Publisher

Where is the polite wealthy class?

have a dream, my friends.
I have a dream that we are approaching the day when a ranch-owning millionaire Republican like George Bush will make peace with a vineyard-owning millionaire Democrat like Nancy Pelosi.



I have a dream that Pelosi. no was chauffeured to hool as a child and who school as a child and who, with her investor husband, owns minority shares in the Auberge du Soleil resort hotel and the Cordevalla Golf Club, will look over her famous strand of South Sea Tabitian pearls and forge bonds of understanding with the zillionaire corporate barons in the opposing party.

Furthermore, I dream of a great harmonic convergence

Furthermore, I dream of a great harmonic convergence among the obscenely rich — between Randlan hedge fund managers on the right and helipade environmentalists on the left. I dream that the hig-money people who seem to dominate our politics will put ascener the class solidarity aside their partisan fury and discover the class solldarity that Karl Marx always said they shared, and their newfound civility will trickle down to the rest of us. I dream that Berkeley will make peace with Buckhead, Streisand with DeVos, Huffington with O'Reilly.

I have my dreams, but of course, I am realistic too, for I am aware that at present there is no peace among the sectuded is Isand villas. I look out across the second homes of

across the second homes of America and its surrounding America and its surrounding tropical regions and I see polarization among the Kate Spade devotees and bitterness among the Rolexes. And I know that both Bush and Pelosi are part of an upperincome whithwind of strife. Some people believe that Pelosi is an aithead, but that is

wrong. Some people believe she is a radical San Francisco she is a radical San Francisco librend, but shat, too, is wrong. The main fact to know about Pelosis is that she is a creature of the modern fundraising system. Some politicals mise because they run political machines. Some rise because they are great communicators. Pelosi has rise because she is a master of the thousand-dollars-plate fundraising circuit. Living anild a web of investors, venture capitalists.

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Living amid a web of investors, venture capitalists and West Coast technology tycoons, she raised heroic amounts of money for the Democratic Fary before steever thought of running for anything herself. In 1984, she was the state party chairwoman. In 1986, she was the national fundraising chairwoman for the Senate Democrats. Democrats

Democrats.
Since coming to the House, she has discovered what many a savy pol has discovered—that the fastest way to ascend in Congress is to raise a lot of money and give it to your neers.

peers.
She paid her dues selecting narty favors, arranging seatin party favors, arranging seating charts (after that, legislation is easy), and laying thick dollops of obsequiousness on cranky old moguls and their helmet hair spa-spouses. She has done what all political fundraisers do: sell rich people things they already believe, demonize the other side, motivate the giving with Manichaean tales of good ver-sus evil.

as eva. It is no wonder *The Lo*s It is no wonder The Los Angoles Time calls her a "rabid Democrat" or that Time magazine calls her a "rabid Democrat" or that Time magazine calls her 'hyperpartisan." It is not a surprise, as 'The Wazhington Post reported this week, that despite campaign promises about changing the tone in Washington. Pelosi has decided to exclude Republicans from the first bust of legislation — to forbid them to offer amendments or alternatives.

alternatives.
She is part of the clash of the rival elites, with the dollars from Brookline battling dollars from Brookline battling dollars from Dallas, causing upper-class strife that even diminutive dogs, wherat welvets and petite salades can't fully soothe.

It pains me to see plutocratic fight, because it sets such a poor example for those of us in the lower orders who fly commercial. It pains me even

more because politicians from the rival blueblood clans go to embarrassing lengths to try to prove they are most authenti-cally connected with working Americans.

Americans.
Think of John Kerry visiting a Wendy's or Bill Frist Impersonating a Bible thumper. This week, witness Pelosi going on her all-about-me inauguration tour, which is designed to substant bur as a regular tour, which is designed to rebrand her as a regular Catholic grandma from Baltimore. Members of the middle classes never have to morne how regular they are, but these upper-bracket types can't help themselves, and they always lay it on too thick. So I harbor my dreams of reconciliation, but in the meantline, why oh why can't

reconciliation, but in the meantime, why oh why carit we have a decent overclass in this country — a group of highly attractive dimwits who spread bland but worthy stability over our political seene. Why oh why do we have to have this endiess canape war — the people of the vineyard against the people of the ranch.

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So far, so good in Somalia after regime change

A radical Islamic regime bites the dust in Sonalia, regime change works smoothly without much cost in America. There are some lessons there. Last summer, the Union of Islamic Courts took over the Somali capital, Mogadishu, as well as much of the rest of the country, it displaced what had passed for the formal government of that country, which

passed for the formal govern-ment of that country, which has been wracked by (visil war for the past 15 years. The UIC was the real Taibhan-like deal, formal women into vells, banning movies — it even outlawed watching World Cup soccer games on television. In addi-tion, the UIC was accused of establishing links to al-Qaida terrorists.

Chalolbana, mass to arcacacteriorists.

So America was conforned with a situation far worse than that of 1992, when President George H.W. Bush sent U.S. troops for "humanitarian riele!". As everyone remembers, under President Clinton that mission soon "cerp!" into a more warlike endeavor, which in turn led to the "Black Hawk Down" Mogadishu debacle in 1993 that ended in the deaths of 18 American soldiers.

ers. During that time,



that the combat presence of our forces is, in and of itself, our forces is, in and of itself, inflammatory to many in the Third World. As the Duke of Wellington once observed about Unitain. For a great power, there is no such thing as a small wat. And so today, conflicts always grow big and controversial if Uncle Sam puts his boots on the ground. America has had to relearn that lesson periodically. The nation went in with a light footonic in Mehanistan in

mation went in with a light footprint in Afghanistan in radion went in with a light footprint in Afghanistan in 2001 but heavied up its presence in the years since. The result was predictable: a significant guerrilla war. And. of course, America went in even heavier in Iraq, and the results speak for themselves.

Happily, the latest Somlie separate in Iraq, and the substantial and the substantial separate of the substantial separate in Iraq, and the results speak for themselves. Happily, the latest Somlie separate a valuable lesson about dealing with Muslim radicals.

Specifically, using surrogates, as opposed to U.S. troops, to

do the fighting works better.
Not only is the cost to America
lower, but prospects of success are better — because, as
we have seen, the American
flag is a red flag in many parts
of the world.

The strategies the sample HIC

Predictably, the Somali UIC found itself in border skirfound liself in border skir-mishes with its mostly Christian reighbor. Ethiopia. On Dec. 20 the Ethiopian mobilized their air and armored power against the Muslims and in just nine days drove all the way to Mogadishu. How did Ethiopia get to be such a powerhouse? Ler's put it this way. Americans and Israelis — who have their own reasons for seeking to check the power of Isamic radicals.

israeus – who have their own reasons for seeking to check the power of Islamic radicals – had a lot to do with beefing up the Christians of Africa. And, as the fighting raged, Americans provided diplomatic help too. Washington insisted that Ethiopia was fighting merely in self-defense. In addition, Americans and Ethiopians did something else that was smart: They put a Somali face on the operation. As noted, the Somali government had been defeated and exiled, but it had not entirely disappeared. So when the peared. So when the Ethiopians took Mogadishu,

they were sure to pu Somalis out front.

And these "good" Somalis have been good to us in return: The restored prime minister, All Mohamed Gedi, has pledged to eliminate the UIC and turn ower to the United States any al-Quida types he catches—including those linked to the 1998 bomblung of U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya that killed 257: Sweet. Meanwhile, other African countries and the European Union are stepping forward to provide peacekeepers and reconstruction aid.

There's no guarantee that

peacekeepers and reconstruc-tion aid. There's no guarantee that the Somali mission will be a success in the long run, but so far. so good. More fighting is certain, although world opin-ion' is not likely to worry much, so long as the 82nd Althorner's not involved. Nor is there much chance that Somalia will emerge as a democracy. But, for the time being, America has succeeded in climinating a hostile Muslim regime while suffering zero casualities. Of course, some CIA types no doubt suffered sunburn.

James Pinkerton is a colum-nist for Newsday.

Insulting colu oon warranted

a full response

On Dec. 1, the Times-News published a 750-word column by Katharine DeBrecht ("Why liberals loathe Christmas holi-day," seen at madisonvillemeteor.com/arti-cles/2006/11/28/news/opin-ion/editorial02.txt) attacking sizeable class of people in dehumanizing terms. And why? Simply because of our affiliation with the human-

dignity movement called liberalism. The column was a cheap attempt to gain political advantage by stirring up divisive passions. In reply, I submitted a genule call for understanding (sawtooth homestead comit nater than rancor between peòple who disagree politically. The editor rejected the submission as a column, staining that, als response to a published piece, my reply had to be limited to a 300-word letter. When I coop-

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crated, rewriting the piece to

600 words, making it eligible for "Reader Comment" status, you rejected it again. You said my call for a more humane dialogue "added nothing worthwhile to the dis-cussion."

cussion."

But then tell me, sir, what was "added to the discussion" by the baseless insults you did see fit to publish.

Sir, you have an editorial page at your disposal. You can have the last word, but nothing you can say can change

the facts. You gave column-level prominence to mean-spirited attacks but refused it for a call for unity and under-standing. What, then, is the Magic Valley to believe about your commitment to the pub-lic dialogue to which you are entrusted? Some first follows:

ntrusteur Some of us told you personally how designating we had found that column. The regret you expressed privately is appreciated but easy. Are you willing to use your last-word

privilege to express your regret publicly? The many local people who felt demeaned by the column you published would like to know.

DOUG RICE Twin Falls

Twin Falls
(Editor's note: For purposes
related to news space, the
Times-News' policy for local
responses to syndicated
columns allows for 300-word
letters to the editor rather than
600-word Reader Comments.)

Clicking on death Taking bets for the '07 office pool

pimistic predictions took a beating in 2006 (except for the stock market), but today—in my 33rd annual office pond in this space—is my chance to recoup, in these multiple choices, pick one, all or none.

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decide.
(a) without reversing Roe v.
Wade to uphold laws restricting late-term abortion
because they do not impose
an "undue burden" on wome:
(b) that public schools in

(b) that public schools in eattle and Louisville, in their

Seattle and Louisville, in their zeal to prevent re-segregation, have gone too far in using race in selection of students (c) to reject Massachusetts' case to force the Environmental Protection Agency to raise auto emissions standards, holding that 'global warning' gives the state no standing to sue without new law.

out new law

Dow Jones industrials

Downones managed 2 will:

(a) reflect 4 percent economic growth to rise in 2007 to close above 14,000 (b) fall our of bed to 10,000 in what the Republicans will claim is the Democratic reces

(c) soar to 15,000 before

(e) soar to 15,000 before ending the year around 14,000 (d) change from a horing numerical index to lively prose opinions in the with-it Wall Street Journal 3 Bipartisan achievement 3 of 110th Congress and Bush White House will be: (a) blue-ribbon Social Security panel providing cover

for those now under 50 (b) passage of Leaby-Pence shield law permitting whistle-blowers to expose corruption to reporters without fear of being ratted out by runaway

WILLIAM SAFIRE

prosecutors
(c) immigration reform
allowing earned clidzenship of
current illegals and installing
1,700-mile fence named after
the nativist Millard Fillmore
(d) substantial minimumcurrent increase with activities

wage increase with reduction but not elimination of "death

4 Congress will override
Bush veto of:
(a) to expect the congress of the congr

(a) reticion any pro-cell research (b) federal negotiation of

drug prices
The word most often
heard in 110th Congress

Cheara in 1 conwill be:
(a) sellout
(b) compromise
(c) subpoena
(d) civility
(e) payhack
The Oscar for best picture
sin a year of great pictures
will go to:

will go to:
(a) Martin Scorsese's
"Departed"
(b) Paul Greengrass' "United

(c) Clint Eastwood's "Letters som Iwo Jima" (d) Stephen Frears' "The ucen"

(e) Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris' "Little Miss Sunshine"

The level of American

7 The level of American 7 The level of American 4 troops in Iraq at year's end will he: (a) over 100,000, down from surged 160,000 (b) under 100,000, down from today's unsurged 1.10 (00)

(c) under 80,000 with announced timetable for downsizing in 2008 to 40,000

in secure Iraqi Kurdistan 8. Iraq will be: (a) in full-scale civil war (b) on the road to shaky democracy with insurgency

democracy with massing weakening (c) split three ways with Kirkuk as capital of Kurdistan 9 and 19 ara 19 a

(b) more reasonable after plunge in oil income, anti-terrorism boycott, labor-stu-dent unrest and global sauc-tions

plunge in oil income, anti-terrorism boycoti, labor-stu-terrorism boycoti, labor-stu-dent unrest and global sanc-tions
(c) red-faced it double cross from Anti- Iral Shilise 10 Publishing sleeper-seller will be: (a) "Sacred Games" by Vikram Chandra, a gangster novel like an Indian "Godfather" (b) Jim Lehref's novel "The Phony Marice" and in non-fiction (c) "Spy Wars-Moles, Mysteries and Deadly Games," by a retired spook, Tennent Bagley, which refutes CAA groupthink about the molechanter, fames Angleton

CDs good molehunter James rouge being paranoid (d) "Father's Day," by Buzz Bissinger, about his twin sons, one exceptional and the other damaged Internal party struggle will be:

Internal party strug will be: (a) John Edwards' laborappealing protectionism ver-sus Hillary Clinton's champi-oning of NAFTA-style free

(b) John McCain as pro-life versus Rudy Giuliani as pro-choice

(c) cognitive dissonance of anti-bias liberals at bias toward a conservati Mormon candidate

12. Scientific news will be in: (a) neuro-circuitry (b) deep brain stimulation in treating depression (c) sequencing the genor of higher apes in studying

evolution (d) vaccine approaches to (d) vaccine approacnes to treatment of Alzheimer's as ... well as eradication of malaria (e) gene duplication to detect mental illness (f) commercial hype about cranial calisthenics

13. Year-end polls of likely primary voters will have in the lead among

democrats:
(a) Clinton
(b) Obama
(c) Edwards
(d) Gore
(e) Richardson-Biden-

Dodd-Dean

Dodd-Dean and among Republicans (a) McCain (b) Romney (c) Giulian (d) Gingrich-Rice-Brownback-Hagel 14 Time and chance will 4 shappeneth to all predictions if: (a) McCain scampily blows

his stack
(b) Clinton freezes over
(c) Romney is brainwashed
(d) Obama loses his cool
over press interest in
"Rezkogate"

15. Veter choice of next
president will be:

(a) experience (b) freshness

(c) character (d) name recognition (e) seizure of health-care

(c) Seizine or (f) Internet organization My picks are: 1 (all); 2 (c); 3 (b); 4 (both); 5 (c); 6 (d); 7 (a); 8 (b); 9 (b); 10 (c); 11 (a); 12 ; 13 (a), (a); 14 (all); 15

William Safire, a former ew York Times columnist, is the chairman of the Duna Foundation

There's no stopping the footage anymore, whether it's the sex life of a celebrity or the death of a tyrant.

. voveurism that passeth The voyeurism that passeth all understanding may have climaxed Saturday with the execution of Saddam Hussein at the end of a hangman's rope. Within hours of his death, video of Saddam's last moments and the death-chamber celebration that fol-

chamber celebration that fol-lowed was posted on the Web and viewed by untold thou-sands, if not millions. Thursday, it was the No. 1 item on Technorati, the Internet search engine that indexes more than 55 million bloes.

indexes more than 55 million blogs. Just as pornography has become a click away for one's secret pleasures, death is now at our disposal. To click or not to click, that is the emerican

To click or not to click, that is the question.
Who hasn't been tempted? It's right there for any to see: the platform, the masked executioners, the nose, the trap door. That much we've all seen on TV without going to the full the patie's person. the full clip, which was cap-tured on a cell phone by one

of the witnesses.
There's something vaguely familiar about those grainy familiar about those grainy images. Where have we seen it before? The footage has the amateurish feel of "The Blair Witch Project," the horror film that was made scarier synchologies, bit in results described. somehow by its pseudo-docu-mentary style. But that's not

mentary synctom.

it.

Where we've seem it before was in the hortor movies Islamist terrorists staged when they butchered hostages such as Nick Berg and Daniel Pearl, knowing that the world would watch.

The differences are obviour.

The differences are obvious of course. Berg and Pearl were innocents, and Saddam was a innocents, and Saddam was, lawless monster indiced, tried and convicted under a civilized code of jurispru-dence. If anyone deserved ultimate justice for crimes against humanity, Saddam did. In death, he joins that foul fraternity of other tortur ers and murderers for whom death was parky death was tardy. Nevertheless, watching



someone die – especially at someone die – especially at the hands of the state – takes us several steps backward into a darker time when people gathered in the public square to watch a man swing thought of a rone.

square to watch a man swing at the end of a rope.

The history of human bar barity is long — and not at all long ago. For reasons that bear examination, human beings have not needed much rencouragement to swarm to the gallows. Or, as now, to click.

We seem drawn to death by a We seem drawn to death by the same morbid fascination, that makes us slow our cars to view an accident. What do we, hope to see? Is the sight of a severed limb the best or worst case? Who hash flet vaguely disappointed when a traffic-clogging accident is only a fender bender?

Perhaps we're curious to witness death because we know it awaits us all. We're curious about hanging curious about manging because we've never seen or heard it before—the sounds of a trap door dropping or a human neck snapping. Who, knew the knot would be so big? It wasn't like that on "Gunsmake."

"Cunsmike."
With someone like Saddam, we feel justified in our prurience because he was a murderer and deserved to be punished. Justice and closuro permit us immunity from the guilt we might otherwise feel from such a forbidden satisfaction, if not precisely pleas-

But then what? We've stood But then what We've stood by and watched a man die. Not in the heat of battle or the throes of passion, but pas-sively, dispassionately. That is, to say, with the cool detach-ment of an executioner. We are all executioners now.

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Historic Downtown officials deserve due credit

Mr. Goodman, do you not have anything better to do with your time? I have a sug-gestion for you. How's about if you spend some of your "spare" time, volunteering on one of the Historic Downtown committees rather than sit-ting and complaining and causing trouble?

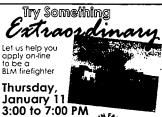
iusing trouble: It seems that all of those It seems that all of those who spend so much time criticizing Ms. Williams would be much more effective if you actually gave some of your time and actually helped. If when Ms. Williams has been deeply concentrating on Historic Downtown Twin Falls matters and it has been quiet, you still compolain.

matters and it has been quiet, you still compiain. The truth is, no matter who held the position of executive director or how they operated, someone would compiain. Isn't it about time that Ms. Williams gets some recogni

accomplished and a bit of support? I have spent some time in the downtown office and ha the downtown office and have seen the daily operations. Ms. Williams doesn't have an easy job. She has accomplished more than any other execu-

tive director in past years. So, Mr. Goodman, maybe it is time you get off of your high horse and give credit

where credit is due. Would you want the job? I think not. PAM WRIGHT Walnut Creek, Calif.



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Court was once cloistered; now its chief does 'Nightline'

WASHINGTON — The "rare public address" by a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Isn't Isn't

trait, institue antonitis scalan has turned up at a solid-out breakfast meeting of the Northern Mirghia Technology Council and mixed it up with the American Civil Liberties Uniton, and he has publicly debated the Constitution with fellow justice — but not kinded spirit — Stephen G. Breyer. Breyer has promuted his book "Active Iberty" on "Fox News Sunday" with the other television interrogator named Wallace. Chris. And this week, the court's longest-serving justice joined the crowd, as John Paul Stevens said in what was grandly billed the crowd, as John Paul Stevens said in what was grandly billed as his first network television interrogator has been considered the crowd as John Paul Stevens said in what was grandly billed his most considered for the country scilable liberals.

"I don't really think I was considered for the count's reliable liberals.
"I don't really think I was considered for the court seed and the count's reliable liberals.
"I don't really think I was referring to the growing consoldered may be a solid of changes in the court." Stevens presumably was referring to the growing conservation of Republican appointees to the rourt. But here has also been a change in the way justices, now led by Chief Instice John G. Roberts It, 51, see their role both in solitering a public conversation about the judiciary, according to those who most carefully monitor the court.

"Even five years ago, it would have been a stonishing" to see justices. Interviewed an

have been assumabling to see justices interviewed on Sunday-morning news talk shows, said Thomas C. Goldstein, a Supreme Court practitioner who started the popular Scottsbig, com. The dam has broken on the justices to the popular scottsbig, com. The dam has broken on the jus-tices are Goldstein, says the change has been building since the courts, contraversal 5-4 birds, S. Gore decision, when jus-tices 'realized they had to do a better job explaining them-sphys."

better job explaining themselves."

Others say that Roberts, now in the middle of his second term, has become a more visible symbol of the court, especially because his predecessor. William H. Behnquist, was in potr health for his final years on the court.

"There's a new chief justice and a new event for the first and a rower great for the first."

"There's a now chief justice and a new court for the first time in a long time," said Orin S. Kert, a George Washington University law professor and former Supreme Court clerk who frequently comments about the court. Roberts is "making himself open and present in the legal world," Kert said, "It may be that he has an effect on the other justices."

Roberts seems comfortable:

other justices."
Roberts seems comfortable with reporters. In the wideranging, Nightline" interview with Greenburg before controlling the control of the con

noticed and sometimes notBut those who follow the
court closely say they have no
doubt there has been a change.
"This court is more open and
accessible in terms of interviews and public conversations
than the court has ever been in
its history," said University of
Chicago law professor Dennis
J. Hutchinson.
Hutchinson.

and others Hutchinson Hutchinson and others think the change they see is born of individuals: Justice Anthony M. Kennedy pro-motes citizen involvement in democracy; Scalia's and Breyer views of constitutional inter-pretation; and even the quiet Sievens has a new tendency to Sievens has a new tendency to sievens sievens said in the courts decision that found lag-burning to be protected free speech, even though he was on the losing side of that case more than a deede ago. And, Hutchinson said, Tustice Roberts in my time?

And, Hutchinson sata,
"Justice Roberts, in my view, is
trying to put a human face on

Part of the perception that justices are speaking out more

can be attributed to the vitalityof blogs and other publications by lawyers, professors
and others that take note of
almost any utternace from a
justice and provide instant
analysis.

Some things don't change.
Justice David It. Souter limits
his remarks almost exclusively
to the chambers, and justice
Clarence Thomas is averse to
media interviews. Scalia has
always spoken frequentify outside the court, but the change
is that he now is open to media
coverage of the events.



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Triple-A guy will pretend you never met

had a flat tire the other day, and I almost succumbed to tempsation. I almost adied AAA. My wife bought me an American Automobile Association membership a Association membership at travel a lot between Twin Falls and Boise, and it's brought real peace of mind. No matter how Godforsaken the stretch of highway upon which you find yourself or how wretched the weather, some guy with "Armie" stitched above his shirt pocket will come out and rescue you from the side of the road.



He'll even change your tire, but what would that do to one's rugged sense of manli-

one's rugged sense or incess?

The changing is — if you'll forgive the bad metaphor — the rubber-meets-the-road test of testosterone. The very potion of rescue conjures up thages of men with no-polish inanicures, or worse, driving bloves.

injanicures, or worse, driving gloves.

As a man, it's your place—and your responsibility—to damage your sacrollale by trying to leverage a 1344-ton whilele off two square feet of pavement, whether or not the lug nuts are stripped.

But in the interests of safety (and you know how obsessed us guys are with safety) I'm proposing a couple of tire-changing corollaries—you know, rules about when it's acceptable to call AAA.

1. Gravel. The shoulder of interstate highways nowadays are covered, in many places, with jagged-edged pebbles. Since it's virtually impossible to change at the without a some point putting either your knees or you but him the gravel, is aggest letting the III-2. The strip of the property of

ate their own weather as they roar past you at 87 mph at a distance of about 18 inches. Call me a coward, because I

am.

3. Rain. Dangerous tire-changing conditions, what with the risk of slippage and

4. Snow. See above. 5. Sleet. See above. 6. Overcast sky. See risk of

6. Overcast asy, see that of the above.

7. Equipment malfunction. I was changing a tire in the Times-News parking tot a few years ago when the jack — it came with the car, and it was an old car — simply collapsed after I took the flat tire off,

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Snowpack Levels

n fever cures



Twin Falls Parks & Recreation hosts 7th Annual Cabin Fever Day

Times-News correspondent
TWIN FALLS — The cold
winter weather didn't stop
people of all ages from gatheering Saunday across Win
Falls to participate in the
Seventh Annual Cain Fever
Day.
About 22 businesses and
groups gave the public a free
taste of different things to do
in Twin Falls. The activities
included antique appraisals,
dancing, martial arts, sewing
music, archery, crafts, fitness
and much more.
At the YMCA/City Pool,
people lined up early contable diving and kayaking,
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Statety ward, director or any outdoor program at the College of Southern Idaho, headed up the kayaking. While some came to play around or get a feel for the paddles, she said, others wanted to get more comfortable in their nown skills such as the hip-snap, a technique of pushing a kayak up from its side and rolling tech-

its side and rolling tech-niques.
On the other side of the pool, children 10 and older were learning the basics of scuba diving. Mike Branchflower of Dive Magic said all the instructors at the event were volunteering their time to give participants a chance to try it out.

"Most kids don't have pre-conceived notions about claustrophobia or fear of water." he said. 'This is just an introduction to scuba div-ing to give them a taxte of whether they really want to breathe underwater or not." "I'm's Seagan of Twin Falls

breathe underwater or not."
Tami Spaziano of Twin Falls
brought her 10-year-old son
Jordan Lattin to the class, a
long awaited adventure for

Jordan Lattin to the class, a long awalted adventure for the boy. "He's been waiting about four years until he was 10 to do this." Spaziano said. "He's fish he's just been really excited to dive so who know where i'll take him." This year's events also included several filmers activities. One of the more unique classes was held at Body IQ where Kaylan Vialpando gave an introduction to belly dancing. One of the things she likes about her class is that in doesnifeel like exercise. "It's fun to be able to let people know that there are alternatives to spinning and other things." Vialpando said. In a filendly, non-competitive atmosphere, she said, belly dancing is a very fermine class where people are not trying to do better than someone cles — they're just doing it for themselves. Janet Keegan of Ivin Falls, a member, says that belly dancing uses all of the muss-

cles.
"It's a good exercise and a
different form of exercise,"

cles.
"It's a good exercise and a different form of exercise." she said.
Begarding Cabin Fever Day, organized by the Twin Falls Parks & Becreation Department. Kevgan said the whole aspect is a good idea to bring people into things they want to try.
Down the street at the Twin Falls City Park, several people came to the Wilderness Institute of Leadership Development Education to participate in a geocaching race. Using global-positioning system units, people were able to test their skills using latitude and longitude coordinates.

dinates.

LeRoy Dunford of Twin
Falls brought his son Bear LeRoy Dunford of Twin Falls brought his son Beau and his friend Colton, both 11, to the event to teach them some skills to compliment their Scouting endeavors. The more you can teach these young ones the better off they'll be when they're older. Dunford said. He added that there had been a few times having a GPS unit would have been mice to help him out of scary.

nice to help him out of scary

nice to help rum out of scary situations on foggy days or when losing his bearings. Organizer Jake Cowden gave people their first coordi-nates and sent them on their way to that location where another set of coordinates

told them where to go next until they reached the ninth location where a prize of a snow-shoeing tip for two was waiting. He was happy to participate in this year's activities and helping people get up and get out. Anything that gets people interested in being outdoors' regreat, he said of the commans popular was held at Saareland where for the third year in a row, a free skate session was held. "We've seen a lot of new people who hadn't been here before," and Anita Parrott, manager." People that move here may not know thirty, he was the work of the control of the contr

Scott Parrott, Anita's son, is a manager and part owner of Skateland and sald that a lot of adults had come to skate with their kids, or as he put it, the next generation of skaters.

"It's great to see that," he said. "We try to promote a family atmosphere."

Said Ward: "This is a great community those We lost

community thing. We just want to get people more aware of getting out and active."

Higher water rates on Wendell's horizon

Utility cost expected to rise as city prepares for wastewater project

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — It's been just six months since Wendell raised its water and wastewater user fees.

To up the chances of the city getting low-interest loans and possible grants to pay for the construction of a new \$12.5 million wastewater treatment facility city leaders are looking at again raising the rates.

Residents pay \$9 per month, plus \$1 for every 1,000 gallons of water and \$20 for their wastewater.

We don't yet know how high the rates heed to go to be the property of the prop

\$20 for their wastewated "We don't yet know how high the rates need to go to hay back the bond." Gily Treasurer Mickey Walker said. "We are still trying to get all the information together."

Pat Munyon, Wendell's public works director, explained during Thursday's council meeting that policies could be implemented that would give the city a better chance of securing special funding through the Idaho Department. We have also of competition out there. Munyon said. They would like to see that we are building a reserve fund. Over the next three years we need get the rates us to meet those trates up to the meet those trates up to those trates up to the meet those trates up t

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three years we need get the rates up to meet those needs.

The DEQ would also like to see Wendell put a limitation on the number of wastewater hookups until the new system is complete. Munyon said. He said the city can get even more preference points by getting a handle on the amount of chlorine making its way though the current treatment points. Munyon said that samples taken from a business' wastewater registered 25 partyper million of chlorine the points of the current treatment points.

The level was still 3 ppm in the sewer. Munyon said 1 would like to see levels below I ppm. Besides the element.

Blaine County revises road policy, adds five miles to snowplowing list

EAST MAGIC ROAD — When Nate Norris and fellow residents of East Magic Road asked for county snow plowing service on their rural route, they were persistent, claiming their tax dollars went to support county services they were not receiving and that although East Magic is deemed a recrational road, many residents live there year-round.

year-round.

They also voiced the opinion that the area provided some affordable housing in a county struggling to provide even

in a county surggoing to year.

Their determination proved essential in the creation of Blaine County's first resolution of 2007, adopting a road and bridge funding and maintenance policy. The issue was explored in three key meetings, beginning in November and culminating at emeeting held Jan. 2.

The been resistant to this Commissioner from Bowman said. The changing my mind on this. I'll support Priority 3.1 just wanty to be responsive to

"I've been resistant to this." Blain County Commission Tom Bowm

the public.

the public."

According to Dale Shappee, county road and bridge supervisor, the resolution adds approximately filty miles to the current, list of Priority 3 roads, including 3.6 miles for East Magic.

There's probably 35 miles of Priority 3 roads that we currently do." he said. Priority 3 roads that we currently do. The priority 3 roads receive second-day plowing after Priority 1 and 2 roads are plowed and sanded, according to the resolution.

Nate and his father, Rick, have

resolution.

Nate and his father, Rick, have plowed East Magic Road for four years and will continue to plow the last mile and a half.

and a half.

He also agreed to pay \$200 to install a sign at the end of the 3.5-mile stretch the county has agreed to plow. The sign will inform motorists that the road is a dangerous, steep hill with no winter maintenance beyond that point and chains are required in winter, Norms sald.

Walls of Burley bank show past in paintings

BURLEY — Want to take a walk through yesteryear? Just go to the South Overland Branch of First Federal in Burley.

Twin Falls artist Judie Reeder painted the nostalgic photos that adorn the walls of the business depicting the city of Burley and surrounding areas. Hours of research went into each of the six paintings, which include downtown Burley. Scotty's Service Station, Nelson's, Pomerelle, the Snake River and the City of Rocks. Each painting is done on fabricated metal.

1 up to make the paintings inter-

on fabricated metal.

I try to make the paintings interesting and alive, 'Reeder says, 'Each one tells a story.'

The entryway mural is painted on fabricated sheet metal and is a recreation of downtown Burley in the mid 1950s. The painting is a collaboration of old photos and memo-

nies of Burley residents. Some of the businesses such as Ifusion's Shoes and Cassia County Abstract Co. are still there, but most have changed hands several times sare the urnerratine of the painting, Stamp older residents would probably remember buying furniture at Rambo's Therestone or enjoying an tie cream socia at Readil Drug. Thirthway Drug. Glabo Department Store and Roper's are also fond memories of a town and time gone by. Scholar's lewelty was painted from an original picture leveler located for sale on ellay. The business became on ellay. The business became newesters in 1986.

Another painting features Nelson's Cale and Pilot Louige, complete with a page from a 1950 ment from the business.

"It's nostalgic. This is the American Retro that people all over the

Please see BANK, Page B3

Leona M. Porter Black

HEYBURN — Leona M. Porter Black, 68, of Heyburn, passed away Friday, Jan. 5, 2007, at Mintdoka Memorial Hospital. Leona was

born Oct. 1, 1938, in 1938, in Pittsburg, Kan. to Alvin and Faye Porter. She attended in Pittsburg and later received



her GED. She married Jessie I Black on March 1, 1959, whil Black on March 1, 1959, while he was serving in the Air Force. They lived in Nebraska, Spain, Texas, Michigan, Alaska and North Dakota, finally se-tling in Heyburn, Idaho, in 1977. Leona worked at the Burley Processing Plant and owned her own answering

service and then worked as a dog groomer at Top Dog and also at home Leona was a member of the Burley Foursquare Church.

While married to Jessie, she had three children, Jessie LeRoy (Lort) Black, James Dean (Trish) Black, and a daughter, "Suzy" Leona Faye Black, Sho also has five grand-daughters and four grand-sons.

sons.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and her daughter, "Suzy" Leona Eaye Black.

A memorfal service will be at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the lattler of the chart.

at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Burley Foursquare Church, 1819 Albion Ave. in Burley, Idaho, with Pastor Jason Van Buskirk officiating, Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Josiah Jenner Beers

GOODING - Josiah Jenner Beers, infant child of Ben and Melanie Beers, was born on lan. 3, 2007. He then went from his monung and daildys arms in Joseph Control of the Jesus arms on Jann. 4, 2007.

1 E v e n though God only gave him

only gave him
to us for a
hort while he
still touched
our hearts and all those
around him with love. He will
he forever remembered and
missed asour son and brother.
Surviving are his patrents.
Ben and Melanie Reers of
Gooding grandparents. Fed
Gooding

ents. Beers
ents. Betty Helms of Twin Falls,
Josephine Murphy of Burley,
John and Ruth Brown of
Gooding, Charles and Emma
Beers of Lakeside, Calif., along
with numerous aunts, uncles
and cousins.
Viewing will be Tuesday, Jan.
9, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Parke's
Magic Valley Funeral Home,
2551 Kimberly Road, Twin
Falls, Idaho, Funeral services
will follow at 2 p.m.
The family would like to
thank their church family and
many friends for all the prayers
and support during this difficult time. It is our prayer that
God is glorified for every way
and that foshals short life has
made an eternal difference.
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Compassion International of St. Luke's Children's Hospital

Kristy LeAnn Hood French

ARBON VALLEY — Kristy LeAnn Hood French left this life Jan. 5, 2007, of natural

CHUNCO, She was hom in Burley, Islaho, on Dec. 11, 1969, in Man and Daisy Fisher Hood. Krisy married Matthew Anthony French on Aug. 18, 1991. She was a lowing wife and mother who adored her two hows, looking, i.e., and Bandon, a

and Brais.

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She worked for Albertsons and ISI in Parley: J.R.

tor Albertons and 184 m Burley 1R supplet Co in Burley 1R supplet Co in Hesburn-Neadso worked as a cashier in Aurora. Colo. But most of all, the empoyed staying home with her sons. She was a former cross-country and track runner who placed in several state events. She empoyed sking, horseback indug, reading and beading, prunarily for holy moccasins. She also enjoyed going to Powwws and would run in Competitions, over the Sum-Processes and would run in competitions over the summers. She feelly enjoyed and had lan with her sons, nicees and nephews this past summer at Lagoon in Urah. Her childhood years were spent going to church she was an active member of the Pentecostal Church. Kristy is survived by her husband, Matthew Anthony French, formerly of Ipowich, Ingland, now Arbon Valley, two sons, Joshua Alexander

Leon French and Brandon Matthew French, also of Arbon Valley, her father and mother, Alan and Dalsy Fisher Hood of Heyburn; two brothers, Travis D. Hood of Heyburn; and Alan Brian (Melissa) Hood of Fort Hall; sister, Elaine M. (Rudy) Hood-Goria of Kuna, Idaho; and uncles. Hilbert W. (Diana) Fisher of Arbon Valley and Leo 1. Fisher of Fort Hall; She is also survived by many uncles and aunts in Idaho, New Mexico. California, Montana and North Dakota and She was also adored and loved by her nicees and loved by her nicees and nephews.

Kristy was preceded in death by her grandfathers and grandfuothers. I fanote (feerald) and Doris T. Fisher, Dan and Mae H. Hood St.; and limmic S. Hood.

Her funeral services will be conducted consistent with her short, Lawring with a wiewing at 10 am. Sunday, Jan. 7, at her residence on Arbon Valley Road, Bannock Creek District (Arbon Valley East, Jan. 1966, proceed youth approximately 6.5 miles, green home on the right). The viewing will continue until Iusady, Jan. 9, when her burial will be completed at 1 pm. at Bannock Creek Contents with her conducted at 1 pm. at Bannock Creek Contents will her completed at 1 pm. at Bannock Creek Contents will her completed at 1 pm. at Bannock Creek Contents will her completed at 1 pm. at Bannock Creek Contents will her completed at 1 pm. at Bannock Creek Contents will her lawring will continue until Iusady, Jan. 9, when her burial will be completed at 1 pm. at Bannock Creek Contents will her lawring will continue until Iusady, Jan. 9, when her burial will be completed at 1 pm. at Bannock Creek Contents will her lawring will continue until Iusady, Jan. 9 when her burial will be completed at 1 pm. at Bannock are of Colontial Funeral Ilome, 2005 S. Fourth Ave. in Pocatello.

Gary Dale Tongish

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FILER — Gary Dale Tongish, age 68, deed bet 27, 2006.

Ile was born Aug. I. 1938, in of Clarifice C. and Sadie Tongish for received his education in Clarence C. and Sadie Tongish for received his education in Collowing graduation. He callisted in the United States Marines. Upon his honorable discharge, he worked various jobs related to the Jumber business.

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He is survived by his sister. Funeral Home of Burley

-DEATH NOTICES -

Thomas J. Upton

TIVIN FALLS — Thomas J.
Upton, 58, of Twin Falls, died
Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, at St.
Luke's Magic Valley Regional
Medical Center in Twin Falls.
Arrangements are pending
and will be announced by
Parke's Magic Valley Funeral
Home of Twin Falls.

Raymond F. Davis

MENDELI. — Raymond
Ray' E Davis. 74, of Wendell,
died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, at
his home.

Arrangements are pending
and will be announced by Demaray Funeral
Service in Gooding at a later
date.

Raiph R. Eaton

TWIN FALLS
Eaton, 87, of
passed away
Tuesday, Jan.
2, 2007, at
Woodstone
Retfrement
Center. — Ralph R. Twin Falls,



Center.
Ralph was born June 25.
1919. in Bock Creek, Idaho, the son of Roy and Alice Hart 1 e y Eaton. Ralph served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was stationed in Pearl Harbor during the attack. He received two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart. He was stationed on the USS Henley, which was sunk at sea in 1943. After the war, he married Flora Hamby in Gooding. She preceded war, ne married Flora Hamby in Gooding. She preceded him in death. In the early '70s,

he married Mary Haye. They later divorced but remained very good friends. Ralph worked as a barber in Filer and later drove a Star Route for the U.S. Postal Service. He loved hunting, fishing, gar-dening, traveling with Mary, and spending time with his family.

and spending time with his family.

Ralph is survived by his sons, Randy of Boise, Reger and Lyndon (Gwen), both of Twin Falls, one stepson, Sam Haye of Elko, Nev; seven grandchildren; and one sister, Wanda McClain of Eden, Idaho. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, one brother and his first wife, Flora.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. B, at Herlaga Milance Church, 401 Sixth Ave. N., Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunse Memorial Park, A viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

Alton C. 'Al' Enoch

IEROME — Alton C. "Al" Enoch, 59, of Jerome, passed away Jan. 3, 2007, in Twin Falls.

away jan. 3, 2007, in Iwin Falls.

He was born April 11, 1947,
in Burley, Idaho, the son of Leonard C. Enoch and B. Pauline Stephens Enoch. He was raised in the Magic Valley and attended schools there. He married Linda Clem on Feb. 3, 1967, in Burley, Idaho. They made their home in Hansen and them moved to Boise, and settled . in Lerome.

settled in 2003. Al spent most of his working contraction. He enjoyed bowling and camping. Mostly, he loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. His four granddaughters always brought a sparkle to his eye. Al is survived by his wife of 39 years. Linda Enoch of 19 years. Linda Enoch of 19 years. Linda (Handy) McKellip of Boise and Candy (Benjamin) Gossman

of Seattle: four granddaugh-ters, Kayla, Kirstyn, Jasmine and Lily: siblings. Grace Scofield of Eagle, Idaho, Leonard (Karen) Enoch of Wendell, Clifford (Barbara) Enoch of Hollister, Milton (Eyleen) Enoch of Ontario, Orre, and Jeannie, (Brian)

Enoth of Hollister, Militorio Hydron Lighteen Enoth of Onation (Eyleen Enoth of Onation (Eyleen Enoth of Onation) Ore, and Jeannie (Brian) Smith of Boise; sister-in-law, Mary (Bandy) Stiles of Portland, Ore; and many extended family members and riends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Cathy Enoth; and his brother, Pete Enoth.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. Funeral Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. State Hydron, Jan. Hydron, Jan

Arthur D. Haycock

BUBLEY — Arthur D. Haycock, 82-year-old Burley resident, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

vin raus. He was born lan. 4. 1925. in Burley, the son of George Harry and Teresa Lottie Grover Haycock, He attended

Grover Haycock. He attended B u r 1 l e y schools. He married Alic Lila Peterson on June 14, 1944, in the Salt Lake LDS T e m p l e shortly after their marriage. Art joined the U.S. Army, where he verved for one month prior be verved for one month prior



riage. Art principles of the U.S. Army, where he served for one month prior to being severely wounded and spent one year in the hospital recovering. Art and Alice then operated the Unity Service for 14 years. Art latter began working full-time for the J.R. Simplot Co. and in his spare time he operated an mechanic shop and ran the family farm and dairy. Art and Alice owned and operated the Dairy Queen in Burley from 1970 to 1986, when they retired. Following their retirement, they enjoyed traveling to St. George, Utah, for the winter. In 1999, Alice passed away and Art married Luella Peterson Morgan on March 26, 2001, in Burley.

- SERVICES

Mary Jean Kuhn Johnston of Tremonton, Utah, and former-ly of Gooding, funeral at 11 am. Monday at the Gillies Funeral Chapel, 634 E. 200 S. in Brigham City, Utah; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and 10 to 10-45 a.m. Monday at the funeral chapel.

Bessle Ann McFarlin of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N. in Buhl; visita-tion from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday at the chapel.

Harold LeRoy Gibson of Twin Falls, viewing from 2 to 2:45 p.m. Monday at White

Throughout his life, he loved to train and race horses. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandkids and all little children. He was a member of the 1DS Church and served as the scoutmaster for many years. Survivors melude his wefte, baella of Burley; two sons, Dee (Helen) Hayock of Jerome and Con (Vicki) Hayock of Burley; a daught hayock of Burley; a daught.

Survivor michale his wife, Lucila of Buffey, two sons, Dee (Helen) Haycock of Irone and Lon (Vicki) Haycock of Buffey, a daughter. Colleen Jones of Rimberly, a brother, Harry Haycock of Centerville, Utah, hree sisters, Mrs. Jay (Dornday) Kidd of Declo, Mrs. Jay (Dornday) Kidd of Declo, Mrs. John Margaret Nogle of Buffe and Mrs. LaVar (Shirley) Johnston of Arizona; 11 grandchildren, in addition to his wife, Alice, he was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Gary and Jimmy, two brothers, Box and George, and two sisters, Beth and Buth.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Huesday, Jan. 9, at the Unity LDS Ward Chapel, 275, 250 E. of Buffey, with Bishop Boyd Baggert official-tury nites by the local veterans, Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Buffey, on Monday from 10 to 10-45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Ruesday.

Mortuary: graveside service will follow immediately at Subset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Faye Albin Rude. of Twin Falls and formerly of Filer, funeral at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Dorothy Ellen Machacek of Buhl, celebration of life from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday in the fel-lowship hall at the Buhl First Christian Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Agnes Elizabeth Messmer Wills Short

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RUPERT — Agnes Elizabeth
Messmer Wills Short died
Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at
Sunbridge Care Center in
Meridan, Idaho, following a
lengthy illness.
Meridan Labo, following a
lengthy illness.
Messmer. She was the eldest
daughter in a Iamilty of eight
children. After griduating
from St. Joseph's parachial
from the Joseph's parachial
from the ware
effort by working at
Doernbecker's Furniture
Factory in Portland, Ore. She
gave birth to her first daughter.
Lorraine, in March of 1942. She
married Charles
Wally Willis in South Carolina
in the early 1940s. They had
one daughter, Shaanon Wills,
born in May of 1944. After

essmer Wills Short

Wallys death in March of 1955,
Agnes moved with her daughters to Ernmett, Idalts to 1955,
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Agnes moved with her daughters to Ernmett, Idalts to 1955,
Agnes Walls, She married Alvin was
employed by the Bureau of 1956 in Nevada. They lived in several
mestern states while Alvin was
employed by the Bureau of
Land Management. They
retired in Rupert, Idalho, in
1978. Alvin died in 1985.
Agnes was preceded in
death by her parents, three
brothers, three sisters, both
husbands and parents-in-law.
She is survived by one slster,
Josic of Columbia Heights,
Minn; daughter, Shaaron-Wills
of Portland, Orre; daughter,
Lorraine (Bill) Melntosh of
Portland, Idalho; five grandchildren; six great-grandchidren; numerous nieces and
nephews; and members of the
Short family.



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Edward Jones



The Burley High School Marching Band received a third-place award in the 4A division at a competition at Vialle High School in Caldwell. This competition boasted the highest attendance from Idaho schools and categorizes in the same manner as the sports divisions. The Burley band also took first place in its division at a competition



On behalf of the Snake River Corvette Club, President-elect Chuck Breault presented the staff and board of directors on behalf of the Crisis Center of Magic Valley with a \$1,000 check to ald the center in providing sup-violence. From left are Chuck Breault; Cindy Lohmann, vice president of the Crisis Center of directors; and Andrea Woody, administrative assistant for Crisis Center of Magic Valley.

SERVICE NEWS

T.F. solider graduates combat training

combat training
TWIN FALLS — Army Pvt.
Justin M. Hofland has graduated from basic comban training
at fort Sill. Lawton, Okla.
During the nine weeks of
training, the soldier studied
the Army mission and received
instruction in drill and ceremonies, rifle marksmanship,
weapous, map reading, tactics,
armed and unarmed combat,
military courcesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid,
Army history, core values and
traditions, and special training
in human relations.

He is the son of Toni K. Hofland of Twin Falls.

Local Airman is deployed to Southwest Asia

to SouthWest Asia

TNIN FALLS — Air Force
Airman 1st Class Cody A.
Goodnight has been deployed
to Southwest Asia in the
Persian Guif region to support
the mission of Operation
Enduring Freedom as a member of the 379th Air
Expeditionary Wing. The service
member is normally
assigned to the 72nd Security
Forces Squadforn, Finker Air
Force Base, Oklahoma

City, Okla.

Wing members provide support for the U.S. Central Command's Air Forces mission, assisting in the full spectrum of fueling and aerial refueling operations to U.S. and coalition aircraft.

Goodnight, a security forces member with one year of military service is the son of Danny and Kay Goodnight of Twin Falls and a 2004 graduate of Iwin Falls High School.

Buhl grad finishes up Army combat training

BUHL - Army Reserve Pvt.

Shawn D. Carter has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson. Columbia, S.C.
During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, 'military weapons, chemical warfare weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifler marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field nectes and more. Carter is the son of Richard Carter of Buhl and a 2006 graduate of Buhl High School.

uate of Buhl High School

Two die in explosion at Salt Lake City gas station

SAIT LAKE CITY (AP) —
Ivo people died when the
sport-utility vehicle they
were in exploded at a gas
station Sautraday.
Winesses told fire investigators that a fire appeared to
start near the back of the
Ford Explorer around 3 panand spread toward the tront
of the vehicle, which was
engulfed in flames after a

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Thank you for the kindness shown to us the passing of our mother Thelda Gransbury. The cards, food, kindness and prayers were very much appreciated. A very special thank you to Countryside Care for their love and taking such good care of our mother. The Gransbury Family

Rates

Confined from page B1
killing off needed bacteria for
treatment is corrosive nature
could bring about unwanted
repairs to the system. The
business was given a notice of
noncompliance and Munyon
said that something needed to
be done to keep the chlorine
out of the system, perhaps
pretreating the waste.
Councilman Don Burn
called on the business to fix
the problem.
"That's flut our problem
anyway." Burn said.
Tkeplacing the lift stations is
something that we can't
afford."

afford."
Over the next week Munyon will finalize the structure of the rate increase so it can be approved during a special needing to be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday in the Council Chambers at Giy Hall.
The changes can then be presented to the DEQ by the Feb. 5 detailler.

Artist Judio Reeder, center, explains some of the detail in one of her paintings on display in First Federal Bank o South Overland Avenne in Burley. Left is branch manager Kevin Welch and Twin Falls bank representative Brend.

Crump_

Continued from page B1 and the adde landed on top of the spare time, pinning it securely to the pavement. So I had no jack and no spare, and it was II o'clock on a Sunday night. In landary In Twin Falls.

night. In January In Twin
Falts.
What do you think were my
odds of finding a cab?
8. Incompetence. When I
was 16, I had a fat on a
stretch of Interstate 15
between Pocatello and
Blackhot. There was no lug
wrench in the trunk, but an
Idaho State Police officer happened by and Tished a spiderwrench— it has four prongs
with a different socket size on
each end— out of the back of
his partor car, but then he got
a call about an accident down
the road, and said. 'Go ahead
and use the wrench: I'l come
back and rettieve it when I'm
clear.

ear." I struggled for half an hour our the lug puts off the flat I strugged to that art to get the lug nuts off the flat tire, but the wrench kept slipping. When the state cope returned, I shrugged and explained, "I couldn't get it to work."

The officer took the cross-

shaped wrench in both hands, turned it over and handed it back to me.

"Try the size that fits."

Can I have that Triple-A number again?

Bank .

Continut two page 81 country want to find to remember back them. "Reeder spent countless hours researching on the Internet, at the Cassia Grouny Historical Society Museum, in old high school yearbooks and visiting with local people. She also fook numerous photos of her own, sometimes biling to find a unique view of a given subject.

find a unique view of a given subject.

The best part of the project was coming and talking to people. Receder said.

Painting is not Reeder's only talent. Nee did all of the decorat the bank. She created the large metal sun sculpture, six metal sconces with unique Borals and a large wreath, in addition to designing the color combina-tions of the walfs and flooring.

Twin Falls artist Julie Reeder

Kevin Welch was probably a ittle, shall we say concerned when we wrapped him in a pumpkin-colored room." Reeder said. "But the color sets him apart from the other offices." Reeder says she has found

offices. Receder says she has found her 'true voice' in painting. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Utah State University. She worked at the Imnes-Neus for a tilme as an artist and has taught art classes for children and adults. Her designs were sold through the 'Made in Idaho' chain and her limited-edition Santas were sold though 20 boutique stores

"The best part of the project was coming and talking to people."

Twin Falls artist Julie Reeder in Southern California in the 1980s. She designed the 1980s. She designed the livin Ealb flag logs, designed the cover for the holiday book. The Christmas Angel," and has designed metal sculpture for Twin Falls and Sun Valley properties. She was selected as Idaho Artist for the Portlandbased. Pacific Northwest Booksellers. Association in 1991.

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Special thanks to the staff of St. Luke's Magic Valley spital 2nd North and Dr. Fullmer, Dr. K. Smith, and

Fern Gardner, Larry (Anna) Gard Debbie (Ron) Young, Karla (Wayne) Mathis Dee (Pee Wee) Silver, Kathy (Mike) Balley Nancy (Sean) Harwager

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Rap and hip-hop artists try to keep the beat in Idaho's capital

BOISE — Everybody wants to be a rapper," says Big Fub of Beat Down Productions, and he's pretty much right. Even here in Boise, there's every-thing from underground rappers to Top 40 wannabes to a band playing hip-hop on live instruments. For a small, non-coard leith, Baise produces.

instruments. For a small, non-coastal city, Boise produces a surprising amount of hip-hop, but is there a true scene? That's a point of debate. If there is a scene, some rappers say it's an incestuous one with little support outside rap cir-cles. Others say Bobe is get-ting flooded with new rappers looking for a quick path to the top. Many say there's no sense of unity. Walls go up quickly. Trash talk is common.

of unity. Walls go up quickly, trash talk is common. Allegiances, are made to be broken. They call it the rap game because that's what it is. "Id like to see it blow up and really do something, but there's not a lot of networking going on," says leass I. "Ito many gutys are competing and not getting allong." Despite the competitive nature, within the Bolse rap scene there exists a shared mission to put the city on the map, which heretofore has not happened. Opportunists aside, many local rappers take a yout-wash-my-back, I'll-wash-yours approach, hoping that if one of them reaches the next level, they can take other Bolse rappers along for the ride. Not everyone making him-

ride. Not everyone making hip-hop in Hoise subscribes to that philosophy, but if enough people do, the loose sense of a scene could develop beyond city limits and make a name for itself. It's a process that takes time, says Dice One, who has been playing the game for eight years.

eight years.

"Right now, there are a lot of people headed in the right direction, but a lot of people



skip steps," he says. "People are going out and buying a PC and a hundred-dollar program and talking about making platinum his. They rush too quick to put out an album or get on stage. Nobody does this overnight. You have to take your time, pay your dues and make it right, or you won't be taken seriously."

For years, various criews in and around fown have pounded the pavement promoting shows and selling mix tapes, while scattered bedroom-producer types have quietly kept to themselves, posting occasional tracks on MySpace or MP34daho.com. For all this activity, Boise is still lacking a home base for hip-hop, says Art Hodge, a Grammy-winning producer and recording artist living in Boise.

"Younger aritist are now coming out with material, and they have a MySpace presence, but they don't perform in town very much because the says of the product of the post of the post



Boise rappers, from left, Tim Hammes (aka Timbuk2), Stephan Hagstrom (aka Big Bwoy), Justin Ro Backbons), Marcus Kunter (aka Origin), and Todd Beicher (aka Rudi), pose in Boise Nov. 14,

hop world: A signature sound.

"I like to think we mesh pretty well with what's going on in the rest of the Northwest, Seattle, Portland and Spokane," says Dice One.
"But as far as a distinctive sound, I don't know if there is one yet."

Arcturus of Mad Ro, be of

one yet."

Arcturus of Mad Ro, he of 'Ampit Up' fame, is one of the most successful hip-hop artists to come out of Roise. As a performer and promoter, he has been around long enough to know what works and what doesn't, and what's going on around town right now list' taking the scene forward, he says.

taking inc. says.

"A lot of local hip-hop artists have talent, but we're selling ourselves short when we put 12 of these local acts on the same show," he says.

"Promoters are telling them they can rap for 15 minutes if they sell 25 tickets or pay them 2500. I wish everyone would look at that and say. That cheapens what we're doing.' They should be paying us. I try tell people it's OK to do a show for free, but understand you're doing the promoter a favor."

History has shown that other landlocked citles they have been shown that other landlocked citles (Atlanta, St. Louis, Houston) have become hip-hop meccas through sheer perseverance. Even if that never happens for Bobs, the scene is not going to

stop trying.
"I'd really like to keep pushing and reach that next level,"
Dice One says. "I'd hate to think it was all in vain."

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Ranchers brave the elements to attend National Western Stock Show in Denver

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Associated Press writer

DENVER — Ranchers from the across the country braved roads left icy and snowy from a recent series of storms to make it in time for opening day saturday at the 101st edition of the National Western Stock Show, one of the country's premier livestock showcases.

As cattle producers from Oregon to Tennessee were scooping snow out of pens in the stockyards at the north-Denver-stock show complex, ranchers in southeast Colorado, northern New

Desires at the north-power stockyarus at the north-power stock show complex, runchers in southeast Colorado, northern New Mexico and western Kansas were still digging out from under several feet of snow. Despite back-to-back biz-zards that crippied parts of the plans, the number of animals registered for exhibits and cortests at the National Western was running near last year's record-high of more that the number of the plants of the plants of the number of the high and the number of the plants of the number of the plants of the side of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the number of the number of the side of the number of the number of the number of the number of the side of the number of the nu

cancellations.
"But in the overall scheme of things, the barns are still going to be full, the stalls are going to be full," Anderson said.

to be full, the stalls are going to be full, "Anderson said. Participation in the quarter horse show that started at the end of December dropped about 50 percent because of the bad weather. Anderson said while overall attendance likely worn reach last years record 726,872, ticket safes were fairly close to last year's level at this time. Pat Grant, National Western President and chief executive, said maintenance crews and private contractors have been vorking since the first of two last years are gown days before Cheistanas. "Today were back on track, were open for business. Were doing welf," Grant said.

That doesn't lessen the con-



day of the 101st as

that produced the phrase "stock show weather." "If it got to freezing, that was warm," Douthit said of earlier

on Sabrulay.

cern for the farmers and arachers still trying to locate cattle stranded by deep snow and drifts, Grant said.

About 3,500 cattle are believed to have died on the open range in southeast Colorado. Feedlot owners were still calculating their losses. Grant said the National Western supports an emergency relief faund set up for the ranchers by the National Cattlemens Foundation, which is accepting cash dona thousand offers of hay, equipment and other help. He said the stock shows is trying to publicize the fund, which will give the stock show? Steve Doubth! of St. Francis, Kan., responded when asked if the weather had made him reconsider this year's trip.

Douthit said this is the 64th

made him reconsider this year's trip,
Douthit said this is the 64th year that his family, which raisses Herefords in far northwestern Kansas, has attended the National Western. He said unlike the mild weather of the past few years, this year is a return to the cold and snow

will host the International Livestock Congress, which will bring together agriculture rep-resentatives and college stu-dents from at least seven

countries.

The congress, sponsored by the International Stockman's Educational Foundation, previously was held at the Houston Livestock Show, Julie Bryant, the foundation's executive _director, said the Houston event has become more focused on the rodeo and the move to the National Western made sense because of its focus on the beef industry.

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Bryant said another plus of the move is that the Denver stock show draws a more national audience. The congress Tuesday will feature a panel of the country's top meatpackers, who will talk about market trends, and a second panel that will respond to the packers.

Another first for the National Western will be the std-horse hitch world champlonship starting Jan. 18. The compedition features six draft horses hitched to one wagon.

tion features six grait norses hitched to one wagon. The National Western rodeo, one of the top five professional rodeos in terms of prize money, has about 700 com-petitors seeking a share of the \$500,000 reward.

Food Items/cleaning supplies — Hospice Visions is in need of nonperishable food Items, paper products or cleaning Items to be used at Visions of Home hospice home, east of Jerome. The group provides hospice care for anyone in the community regardless of ability to pay. To donate items, bring them to the office at 209 Shoup Ave W. in Twin Falls or call Flo Statter at 735-0121 to arrange a pickup time. pickup time.

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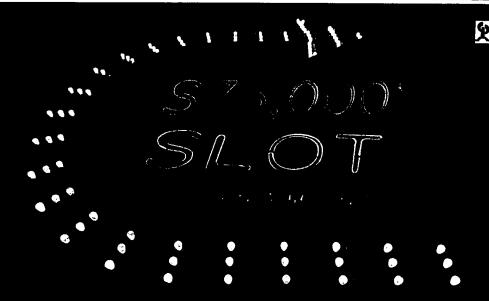
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Rupert woman offered compassion and goodwill to all

Siblings remember sister that helped raise them. understood their needs as children

RUPERT — Ora Banner Whitiaker exemplified charity in everything she did and always offered goodwill and compassion to all who knew her.

She died Oct. 24 at the age of

. Ora was born Feb. 25, 1925, Ora was born Feb. 25, 1925, the second of nine children born to Leo and Chlory Silcock Banner. This was during the Depression and the family lived in a three-room house consisting of a kitchen. family room and one bedroom.

room.
"She had running water from the time she was born 'till

"She had running water from the time she was born till the time she was born till the time she was born till the time she was married." Said her brother Melvin. "Meaning you took the bucket, ant to the pump to fill it and ran back in." When she was 9 years old, her family moved to a house in the View area, which was near a canal, Her 2-year-old brother Melvin ventured into the canal for a swim one day and it was rora who noticed him missing and pulled him out. She was a natural caregiver and always helped to care for her younger siblings, especially when her mother became ill.
"Ora understood the emotional needs of those younger than her and did her best to help them." said her brother Sam.

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Her parents were farmers and she learned early the meaning of hard work. She would help on the farm and could 'our pick' her brothers when they were picking potators in the fields. The younger ones would lament that they hoped to grow up to be ast Sam said. Whatever we did together as kids helped bond us for life. Those experiences and interactions became the basis for how we relaxed life and the people in it. It shaped how we relaxed to our spouses and our children. It study to that we can work through almost anything if we work together."

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"Ora understood the emotional needs of those younger than her and did her best to help them "

-- Whittaker's brother Sam Banner

Minico honors Renaissance students

RUPERT — Minico High School honored Renaissance students of the month, and teachers of the month. The staff member of the trimester is Michelle Gilchrist. Freshmen Zach Harman, Garth Crane, Cody Lopez and Brecka Fetzeri.

Sophomores Jilee King, Jake Hruza, ndrew Wheeler and Cristina

Silva. Juniors Brady Cooper, Barrett Dayton, Nicole Rogers and Samantha Halbert. Seniors Ashley Robinson, JD Cameron, Sarah Branaum and Erasmo Castro. Teachers Gary Middlesteadt, Terril Catmell, Tamra Gregory and Karen Konrad.



nily posed for a family group photo in 1973. From left in the back row: Seth, Melvin, Sam, Curtis and Golden; and front row: Ora Banner Whittaker and her fai Ora, parents Chioey and Leo, and Reva

Ora Banner Whittaker Born: Feb. 25, 1925

remembered 1925 pled: Oct. 24.

Survivors: Her Children Dwright Highly Mithtaker of Ammon; Sandy (John) Satulia of Gooding; Susan Limp) Thistensen of Mess, Antz, Donna Whittaker of Scottsdale, Anz, and Steven Whittaker and Larry Tanner, both of Salt Lake Cliy; 22 grandchildren, 48 geatgrandchildren, Edward Cliy, Ular, Curtis (Mary Lou) Banner of Boewlle, Calif.; Me (Charlene) Banner of Bouthal, Litah: and Seth Path Banner Taylorswille, Utah; and one sister, Reva (Howard) Mitchell of Burley.

The children played together as well as worked together.
They couldn't afford to buy skis, so her father fashiomed skis from the stays of 55-gallon wooden barrels, whitting the ends to shape them like skis.
Ora met Hugh M. Whittaker at one of the dances at the Y-

Dell Ballroom.
They were married on July 26, 1943, in Iwin Itals. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. They had five children: Dwight, Sandy, Susan, Donna and Steven.
They continued to dance

They continued to dance

after their marriage, learning to square dance together. They were members of three square dance clubs and traveled to Twin Falls. Jerome and Hazelton to dance. Their favorite song was "Could I Have This Dance" by Anne Murray.

Ora was very optimistic, and always saw the best in everything.

"She saw a silver lining on almost any cloud." Melvin said.

id. One of her favorite things One of her favorite things was spending time with her grandchildren. She was always interested in what they were doing and how things were going for them in school. She would also relate stories to them about her childhood and about their parents growing up.

up. "She gave that feeling tha

the world can be a pretty great place and that you can have great adventures in it," said Christina Caldwell, one of her

married Hugh Whittale here after 18 years of marriage in 1961.

1961.
She was tenderhearted, but she also had very strong ways. She was the type of person who told you what she thought, even if you were reluctant to hear it, 'Sam said. Ora was an expert homemaker and excelled at cooking, cauning auditing and earden.

maker and excelled at cooking, canning, quilting and garden-ing. It seemed the only thing she enjoyed more than these activities was sharing the fruits of her labors with ther family and friends. Melvin sald, "When I think of her in the full context, the word that always comes to my heart is charity, she had a pure heart of churity."

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Montana agency considers allowing the capture of falcons

HELENA, Mont. — Offspring of a swift, crow-size raptor removed from the (ederal endangered-species list in 1999 could be captured in limited in mibers for the sport of falconry, under a proposal the Montana wildlife agency is considering.

lationry, under a proposal the Montana wildlife agency is considering. The state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is taking public comment until Jan. 15 on the proposal to let fallones take ledgling peregrine falcons from nests — perhaps removing about half a dozen birds a year. In falconry, trained birds circle above the falconers, take high-speed dives at flushed prey such as grouse, then try to capture the prey.

The Montana Falconers Association wants this state to join six others in the West that allow removal of peregrines from the wild, within a federal allow removal of peregrines from the wild, within a federal framework. If the proposal advances, Fish, Wildlife and Parks will prepare an environmental assessment.

Parks will prepare an environmental assessment.
The peregrine population
has recovered and estimates of
active nests now exceed recovery goals, the agency said.
Numbers are growing, distribution is increasing, said Jeff
Herbert, a wildlife administrator for the department. It is
verseen by a five-member
board that ultimately would
decide whether to allow
termoval of wild peregrines,
decision making that would
include a new call for public
comment.
The Montana Peregrine
Tystitute finds the bird's recovery margins relatively narrow

ery margins relatively narrow and the capture proposal pre-

or an animal that just "For an animal that just eight years ago was on the endangered species list, wed like to see a little more fore-thought," said Byron Crow, field projects coordinator for the institute.

"We're taking baby steps," said Tom Mutchler, president of the Montana Falconers

of the Montana Faiconers Association. The federal framework lim-its removal of young pere-grines to no more than 5 per-cent of the number observed. Based on a 2006 Montana sur-vey that documented about 65 active Peregrine nests and 147

On the Net:

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks: www.fwp.mt.gov U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: www.fws.gov

Redged young, the maximum that could be removed would be seven birds. If the observed number rose in later years, so could removals. Fish, Wildlife and Parks said Montana may well have had more than 147 fledged young last year. Peregrines typically mest on cliffs and the count likely missed some remote sites.

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The state agency said the 2006 productivity rate was 2.3 young peregrines per nest. In 1994-2001, the rate was 1.7.

Some falconers have prac-ticed their sport with birds from breeding programs, as regulations kept wild pere-grines off limits. Falconers have been instrumental in the country's peregrine recovery, chiefy in two ways, said Tom Cade, founder of The Peregrine Fund in Boise, Idaho.

"First of all and most critical was the fact that many of them donated or loaned birds, that they held in captivity, to breed-ing projects such as the one we

operated at Cornell University." Cade said.
He also said many of the techniques that falconers developed for handling and training peregrines were applied in bird releases that the tecame part of the recovery. Making wild birds available to Montana falconers would "close a circle," said falconer alapin Rogers of Winiffeed. Montana Audubon has not aken a position on the proposal. If falcons are to be removed from the wild, "we want to make sure they Istate officials develop a program that won't impact the population and that is enforceable," spokeswoman Jamet Ellis said. Peregrines in the United

States were harmed by indis-crimlaate shooting before World War II, and afterward, by the insecticide DDT, the U.S. fish and Wildlife Service sald, Now banned, DDT accu-mulated in raptors via the food chain, thinned eggshells

and reduced reproduction, according to the service. Other Western states that allow captures for falconry are Arizona. Colorado, Wyoning, Utah, Idaho and Washington, the Montana wildlife agency said.





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BOISE Gore speech moving to bigger venue

After about 1,500 tickets were snapped up in 10 min-utes for former Vice President Al Gore's speech later this month, Boise State University

month, Boise State University has moved the speech to a larger venue and is offering more tickets.

Gore is now scheduled to appear at Taco Bell Arena to give the keynote speech of a conference sponsored by SSUS Frank Church Institute. The speech is set for 7 pm. Jan. 22 and is titled "Global Warming" Beyond the Inconvenient Truth."

Taco Bell Arena is typically used for sporting events. How

Taco Bell Arena is typically used for sporting events. How many tickets will be made available for Gore's speech has not been decided.

"They're keeping it flexible because they want to get as many people in there as they can," said BSU spokeswoman Kathleen Craven. "There are several ways they can set it up."

COEUR D'ALENE County has a new mobile command center

Kootenai County has unveiled a new *mobile com-mand center' to replace a 1981 converted school bus law enforcement officials have

enforcement officials nave been using.

The 40-foot trailer has high-tech communications that include radio, phones, Internet and television. The \$350,000 needed to buy the trailer came from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Kootenal County, and private donations.

"The bus served its pur-pase," said Sandy Von Behren.

director of the county's Office of Emergency Management.
"But it was way past overdue to be called out and sometimes we'd make it and sometimes we'd make it and sometimes we wouldn't."

The trailer includes a conference area, kitchen and bath-

room.
Kootenai County sheriff's
Capt. Ben Wolfinger said the
raider is equipped with a satellate phone that will make it
easler for him to send out faces
and e-mail, from remote locations.
Money to buy the truck to
haul the trailer came from the
Sheriff's Department and the
county's Office and Emergency
Management.

POCATELLO

ISU suspends professor facing federal charges

Idaho State University has suspended with pay Thomas Hale, a history professor and director of the Oral History Project at the school, who was charged in federal court last month with falsely claiming that he mailed out a dangerous substance.

month with falsesy camming that he mailed out a dangerous substance. Hale, 61, was arrested in Salt Lake City and faces three felony charges for mailing a substance he claimed was hantavirus to a trustee overseeing his bankruptcy case. He has pleaded not guilty. Hantavirus, which is carried by rodents and can cause acute respiratory problems or death, has sickened at least 317 Americans and killed at least 93 since 1996. Hale is also an attorney, and he filed a motion Friday saking U.S. Judge William T. Thurman to recuse himself from Hale's bankruptcy case. In that motion Hale included three memos, one of them

ed three memos, one of them concerning his suspension from the school.

"Pending resolution of these charges, I believe it is in the best interests of the university



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to relieve you of your teaching responsibilities for the spring semester and until further notice," wrote John Kijinski, Hale's superior and dean of ISU's College of Arts and Sciences

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Army regrets urging dead and wounded officers to return to service

WASHINGTON (AP) — The computer mix-up for recruit ment letters mistakenly sen out over the holidays to the families of 275 officers killed or wounded in action in Iraq. "Every Army leader is just

sick that this happened," said Gen. Richard Cody, the Army's vice chief of staff. "This is an inexcusable mistake. Five years

into this war, the Army can do better than this — and we will." Senior Army leaders were frustrated and disappointed by

their blunder, Cody said. The Armyused the wrong database, he said, when it generated a mass-malling of letters mass-malling of letters between Christmas and New Year's Day to more than 5,100 Army officers who recently had left the service. Included were letters to 75 officers killed in action — more than one-third of all Army officers who have died in Iraq since the war began — and 200 more wounded in action.

The letters encourage the officers to consider returning

to active duty.

Cody said the Army immediately began contacting each family to offer a personal apology. T can't imagine how these soldiers and family members felt upon receiving those letters," he said. "Army senior

leaders also plan on personally contacting them in writing to apologize and let them know that the Army is still a family made strong by caring leader-ship and strong Army families." The reason for the mistake has been corrected, Cody said.

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Minico cruises to title at Buhl Invitational

Four Spartans earn individual titles

BUHL—Led by four wrestlers that took home individual champi-ouships, the Minico Spartans took Mg top spot in the 33rd annual Buhl Invitational that finished on Saurday afternoon at Buhl High

School. — Standard at Buhl High — School. — Stinico trailed the Shelley Russers by a single point as Day 2 began Sanarday morning. By the time the championship and consolation finals were about to begin. Minico had long since passed shelley and held a 32-point margin over the Russers.

With the competition complete and all points totaled, the Spartans

garnered 191.50 points. Shelley fin-ished second with 150.50 points and Challis was third with 14050 points. Mintco Junior Nate Crane, the state's top-ranked wrestler in the 112-pound division, was the first individual winner for the Spartans. Crane picked up a hard-fought deci-sion over Harold Bishop of North Fremont. 7-5. With five seconds remaining in the

sion over Harold Bishop of North Fremont, 7-5.
With flve seconds remaining in the match and the score teld at 5-5, Crane picked up two points on a reverse to win.
"He (Bishop) was good and showed no quli," said Crane. "He had a forearm to my throat and I was able to reverse it and take him down." David Burgara 1125 pountis), josh Clapler (145) and Josh Ramirez (275)

2007 33rd Annual Buhl Invitational results

were the other Minico champions. Andrew Uhl (103) finished third and Colby Andersen (152) and Brady Cooper (189) had fourth-place fin-ishes for the Spartans. Blair Gerratt took second for Gooding in the 130-pound division

as he lost to Justin Baker of Challis, 7

as he lost to Justin Baker of Challis, i-4. In the championship match. The Senators finished in 11th place. The was a good wrestler and in good shape. I had beat him at the Bear-Cat in Jerome and I think he wanted to get even," sald Gerratt.

Corbin Bowers of Burley defeated Byan Henry from Valley in the 189-pound championship match to help the Bobcats finish seventh. The key to his wim: "I thought I lought off his throws very well and the big key was my takedown," said Bowers.

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SEAHAWKS 21, COWBOYS 20

PLAYOFFS

COLTS 23. CHIEFS 8

Romo's blunder saves Seattle

Botched field-goal try gives Seahawks 21-20 playoff win

SIAITLE — All Tony Romo had to do way put the ball down and let Martin Granatica make a short lick. He couldn't do it — and the Seattle Seahaws are still alive in the NTL playoffs. Romos bottched hold on a 19-yard field goal try with 1:19 left forced the Pro Bowl quarterback to seramble left, but he was tarkled at the 2 and the Seahawsk scaped with a 21:20 victory in the wildest of wild-card games Saturday night.

cacted at the Seatawase escaped with a 21:20 tettory in the wildest of wild-card games Saturday night.

The looked like it was a pretty good snap. He was the holder all year. Cowboys coach till Parcells said. We were in position to win if we could just execute the extra point.

Seattle trailed 20:13 after getting stopped on fourth-and-good with about 630 to go, hut ralkied thanks to a Dallas fumble-turned-safety on the next snap and a 37-yard touchdown pass from Matt Hasselbeck to Jerramy Stevens on the ensuing drive.

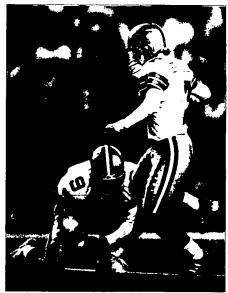
Romo moved the Cowboys from their 28 to the Seattle 2, where a pass to Jason Witten was initially ruled a first down before a replay showed the Cowboys were short. Dallas still had its offense on the field after being told it was fourth down, then sent in Grannatica — who already had made kicks of 50 and 29 yards—to win it.

Afteast day was the plan.

Bonto was stopped on a shoesting ackle by Jordan Babineaux. The Seathwaks still had to get away from the shadow of their goal line to protect the victory, but tild so right away with Shaun Meanader running through the middle for 20 yards.

Seattle milked the clock to 8 seconds

for 20 yards. Seattle milked the clock to θ seconds before a punt that gave Dallas one last chance from the 50.



o an Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tory Romo, left, bobbles the snap as kicker Martin Gramatica steps in for the kick with 1:19 left in the game against Saattle Seahawks in an NTC wild card playoff football in Seattle Saturday. The Seahawks won 21-20.

Romo scrambled, wearing right then left, and beaved it into the end rone. The ball bounced away, with lened Owen-among the Cowboys who failed to grab it. "Some unusual things happened. That's the playoffs for you," sechawis coach Mike Holmgen said. Scattle's rabid fans smacked together the Shrek-colored gloves they'd been

given for their loudest cheer of the night, already dreaming of another long playoff run like the one that lasted all the way to the Super Bowl last season. Bomo, meanwhile, walked off by him-self, head down. His storybook rise from unknown backup to starlet-dating Pro

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Colts eliminate Chiefs

Beleaguered defense comes up stingy for Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning knows all about falling apart in the playoffs. Though he struggled early Saturday, the Indianapolis Colté' stunningly stingy defense came to the res-

Manning and the Colis beat heinepi Kansas City Chiefs 23-8 Saturday, and while the star quarterback's numbers were good —30-of-38 for 268 yards-his performance was mediocre. At least it was for the most prolif-ic passer of his generation. He threw three interceptions, didn't complete a deep pass and,

didn't complete a deep pass and, ultimately, was bailed out by his

defense.
You have to keep playing-said Manning, who improved to 4-6 in the playoffs. Every time you drop back to throw, your gad is to possess the ball on the ext play Three times, I was very poor on that. As soon as it gets you second-guessing, as soon as it gets you gend-squessing, as soon as it gets you gen-shy, that's when you have problems.
The beleaguered Indianapolis defense was so good — or perhaps more accurately. Kansas Culy's offense was so bad — that Manning's miscues didn't stop the AFC South champions from advancing to the next round at Baltimore on Saturday.

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CSI men rally to blowout win

Victory never in doubt for Golden Eagles women

RANGELY, Colo. — Once again, it was only a matter of time.

The No. 9 College of Southern Island men's backet hall team used one of its rademark rallies to run past the Colorado Nor it it we extern a Community College Spartans 131-91 (and the compensation of the community College Spartans 131-91 (and the college of Eastern Unda 19-8) in overtime, while Snow College Gratern Unda 19-81 in Section Unda

season and 3-1 in Secriti West.
Athletic Conference play with the win.
The Golden Eagles looked like they were in for a struggle as the Spartans took a 29-26 lead midway through the first half. The folden was considered though as CSI forced the game into its favor, rattling off an amazing 40-12 run to end the half up of 6-40. Starting shooting guard Brad Garrett was a major cog in that run. He pumped in 21 into-half points to lead CSI into the break.
You have to play on some of their weaknesses and I think we did, CSI head coach Barret Peery told 1270 AM KTEI. We played on their depth a little bit, even though we were huring a bit with eight or nine guys.
Garrett finished with a game-high 33 points, while reegie Guyton added 14 for a

Garrett finished with a game-high 33 points, while Reggie Gayton added 14 for a balanced CSI scoring attack that saw every player that lut the floor score at least seven points. Houston Power led CNCC (6-7, 0-3 SWAQ) with 21 points, while Jordan Ragan added 17.

While Derek Lorenzen returned to action to score 13 points after sitting out last night's game while under the weather, freshman point guard Adris DeLeon sat out of the game with flur-like symptoms.

"It's hard for me to complain about two 40-point wins, but there's still things we've got to work on, no doubt about it," Peerly said. "We have to pick up our defensive intensity against

Salt Lake next week

Women No. 20 CSI 99. Colo. Northwestern 46

Colo. Northwestern 46
Same old song and dance.
The No. 20 Golden Eagles
got up carly, extended their
lead throughout the game and
demolished the host Sparmas
199-46. Saturday night in
Rangely, Colo. The win puts
CSI at 12-2 on the season and
3-1 in SWAC competition.
A 23-4 run to start the game
put CSI up comfortably and
that lead kept extending
toward the hallfithe break as
Brittany Moore's old-fashioned 3-point play with secouds left put CSI up 35 points
at intermission, the score 3217.

Obviously, you hold a team

"Obviously, you hold a team to 17 ta thallitime, that prenty good no match to good not match good not the services of sophomore guard Annasia Johnson, who parted ways with the team after last night's loss to CSI. Complete individual statistics for the Golden Lagic werent available after Sturday night's game. Brittiney Whiteman was the only CNCC player to some more than 10 points finishing with 13 on the night. CNCC drops to 5-8 ft0-4 SWAG with

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Mat men take stage at TFHS

unior varsity wrestier Zac Trujo, left, tangles with Burie rday during their 171-pound match at the Twin Falls Jy



Hagerman girls stay perfect in Southside play

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IIAGERMAN — A rough secund quarter put the Hagerman girls on the ropes Saturday afternoon, but the Pirates battled back to defeat visiting Hansen 50-42 in Hagerman.

The win keeps Luanne Ackson's 11-47 Pirates perfect in Magie Valley Southside Conference play at 7-6. Hagerman trailed 27-24 at the Ilmost provide the Conference play at 7-6. Hagerman trailed 17-24 at the Magie Valley Southside They should be supported by the Conference play at 7-6. Hagerman trailed 17-24 at the Ilmost provided and twe were drown a bit, Ackson said of Hamsen's 19-11 second-quarter scoring advantages of the Conference of the C

Breecia Mangum worked her Brecia Mangam worked her magle in the post for a game-high 16 points, while Shambray Pendley added 12 for the Pirates, Harsen was led by Charlotte Freestone's 13-point outing, while Shylane Hagains chipped in nine. The Pirates travel to Murraugh on Treesday.

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WENDELL — The young Wondell roins worked their was to a 20-point advantage midway though the diard quarter of Saturday aftermoon game out to see a more experienced. He wildeas team come tooring back for a 56-53 win in Wendell.

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EARCHELD — Gody Currans
18 points helped life the
Community School Cutthroas
past host Camas County 45-35
Saturday afternoon in Lairfield.
Caroline Lurchild added 10
ce the County at 5-35 tor the Cutthroats, while Alyssa Peters 10 points led the Mushers

Mushers

We were running them
pretty hard and seemed to have
some intermittent success with
the running game. Mushers
head coach Mait McLam said.
The Mushers fall to 4-11 and
0-7 in Magic Valley. Northside
Conference play with the loss.
Canna Gourny will look for an
investable over conference.

TWINTALLS — The next-best thing winning your home invitational is

to winning your home invitational is finishing second at it.

Magic Valley Gymnastics put together a strong showing at Saturday's 2007. Ice Breaker invitational at the College of Southern Idaho gymnastum, finishing second, less than nine points behind first-place Bronco Elite Magic Valley first-place Bronco Elite Magic Valley first-place Bronco Elite Magic Valley for second for the cent featured over 140 of the top youth gymnasts from Idaho and Utah. Among Magic Valley's top finishers was severith-grader Markenzey Martinez, who placed second in the Level 10 Open division, which is the highest division of the invitational.

Utah high school upperclassman

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Carey 67, Oakley 27

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CAREY — Carey exploded to a 25-3 first-puarter lead and continued the route over Oakley 67-27.

Carey coach Lane Durtschi said "We are playing much better now than earlier in the year, especially defensively. Foulful was a total team effort. The especially defensively foulful was a total team effort. He girls busstled and worked hard. As proof of Carey's Improved defense, the Panthers held Oakley to nine baskets onight. Jessica Parke had a nice effort with 18 points, along with Amy Ellsworth with 13. And Allison Shaffer added 12 more points for the Panthers. Carey's record improves to 7-7 merall, and 3-4 in conference. Käley Lierman put down eight points. Cortney Bell bad seven points, and Anna McBritde finished with six points for the Hornes.

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much for Minico.
The Indians jumped ont to a
15-1 lead midwae through the
first quarter. Minico was able to
cut the deflect to 36-30 in the
third quarter, but after a
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took off on a 10-0 run and
Minico newer recovered.
Suphomore Laci Carner
scored a season-high 19 points
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Minico 16-16 overall, 2-2 Gren
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Boys basketball Camas County 66, Community School 54

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FABRIBLED — Chase Lee's senior leadership was the difference for the Carme Gounty Mushlers in Saturday's 16-31 home win over the Community School Cutthrinas in Laidfield. Tee scored a tourn-high 12 points, snatched 12 cebounds and dished out six assists to help the 236 (1-4) Mushlers to their first Magic Valley Sorthside Conference win. The observed a heavy of a

lon Botz said of Lee "We played good defense all the way through." Spenier Harris scored a game-High 23 points for the Cutthroats heiore foiling out, while Mac Whitington added 13. Trever Dalin scored 14 for the Mushers, while Botz praised Andy Oberis defensive effort against Whitington. The Mushers are back in action Thurisday night against Richfield.

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KIMBERLY — Larly defensive pressure set the tome Sounday aftermoun in Kimberly as the bast Bulldags opened a 15-point first-quarter lead or mote to defeating the visiting. Wood River Wolverine 57-42.

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Mitch Dame and Evan Jerke both added nine. The Wolverines were led by Eric Jacobson's 12-point outing. The 4-4 Bulldogs head to Declo on Tuesday for a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference showdown.

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Buhl 62, Firth 52

FIRTH — The Buhl Indians avenged their only loss of the season, defeating host Firth 62-52 Saturday night. The 8-1 Indians used a 25-13 scoring

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Carey 69, Oakley 52

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CAREY — The Carey Panthers bonneed back from Fridays loss to Richfield with a solid 69-52 win never the visiting Oakley Horners. The 10-20 Fauthers short 50-percent from the field and picked up their defensive pressure in the win. "We had a lot more intensity rought." Fauthers had coach Dick. Simpson said. "... The kids were just sharper."

Brad Huan scored a game-high 19 points, while Tyler Parke added 15 for Carey. Oakley was ted by nine-point efforts from both Mitch Brokken and Cole Washburn.

The Panthers are back in Magic Valley Northside Conterence play. The Carey inmor varsity also won Saturday night.

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MIRIANGH — Castleford
ked out a win over Murtaugh
45-44. Murtaugh had a chance
to the the game, only needing to
convert a free-throw attempt.
Despite the shot missing,
Murtaugh then had several
opportunities for the put-back,
but failed to find the basket.
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the team put a lot of effort into the game. Castledind gets cred-it for holding on to their lead," started Mutraugh coach Adam Johnson. Spencer Vulgamore scored 55 points for the Wolves, fol-lowed by teammate Zach Kline who had eight points. The Ide Devils were paced by Jose Sauredo with 15 points. Bryan Bishoff added another nine notins.

Murtaugh (5-3, 4-2) plays host to Hagerman Tuesday night.

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Shoshone 46, Valley 38

SHOSHONL -- Shoshone splurged for 19 fourth-quarter spunger for 19 nonn-quarter points, allowing them to neet-take Valley 46-38. Topher Dayton was instrumental in the Shoshone win, with seven points scored in the final quar-ter. Dayton fluished with 13 points, Togan Sant added eight points, and Zach Shull had six

points and seven rebounds for the Indians. Shoshone coach Larry Messick was thrilled with his team's fourth-quarter perform-ance.

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"We were trailing 33-27
going into fourth quarter. We decided to start attacking the basket and were able to get to the line. We were then able to shot 9-11 from the line, allowing us the whil' stated Messick. The Shoshone defense hed Valley to five points in the final metion.

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Glenns Ferry 55, Filer 45

FILER — Glenns Ferry outpaced Filer for a 55-45 victory. Cody Darrington, with 17 points, and Chase Bitterman, with 15 points, and Chase Bitterman, with 15 points, did the heavy lifting for Glenns Ferry.
Filer coach Daren Gatery was disappointed with his teams first-half effort.
"We played a lot better in the second half after giving Glenns Ferry a big lead. They Glenns Ferry lead of the forth of the fort FILER -- Glenns Ferry out-aced Filer for a 55-45 victory. Odv. Darrington, with 17

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Richfield 55, Dietrich 26

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RICHIBELD — Tight debruse helped Richfield overcome a poor night at the foot line in a poor night at the foot line in 55-26 win over Dietrich Saturday. The Tigers went just 10-for-26 at the line in the game, but shot 58 percent in the second half.

"We played good team defense, which caused stand intruvers and we converted on most of those in the second half," said Richfield casel and intruvers to 42 overall and 5-0 in Magic Valley Northsode play. Shayine Buckner's Iti pounts led the figers while LukeWood pulled down a team-high 12 rebounds.

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Burley girls top Indians

By Ryan Howe For the Times-News

BURLEY — The Burley High girls' basketball team

BURLEY — The Burley. High girls backehall team had too much for Pocatello Saturday, and the Bobcats could have won by a lot more than the already, gaudy 51-25 margin, had it not been for a load of uncharacteristic turnovers. "Tonight we had more turnovers than we've had in a long time," said sophorimore guard Kassi Kerbs; who led Burley with 10 points. "We put that behind us and didn't let it effect us and just played our game." Burley committed eight turnovers in the games first four minutes as it tried to push the transition tempo. Once the Bipocrat seriled down and executed their halfcourt offense, they were unstoppable. Meanwhile, Burley domited eight Meanwhile, Burley domited.

halfcourt offense, they were unstoppable.
Meanwhile, Burley domi-nated on the defensive end, allowing only two Indian field goals in the first half en rome to a 22-6 halftime

lead. .
Burley held Pocatello's most dangerous player, Reagan Snow, to 12 points, nine of which came in the fourth quarter when the Bobcats led by as many as

29. "We needed to come "We needed to come together as a team and play as a team, and that's what we've been doing all year." Kassis Kerbs said. Nicole Tolman scored 10 points for Burley and McKel-Baker added seven. Burley (12-2 overall, 3-0 freat Basin Conference West) travels to Century Worlnesday.

Jerome 64, Declo 30

IEROME — The Jerome boys basketball team improved to 6-4 on the season with Saturday nights 64-30 home win over the visiting Deelo Hornets. David Prescott scored a canned high. 16 points, while

David Prescott scored a game-high 16 points while Kevin Williams added 15 points to the liger's cause. Declo was led by Matt Jones' 10-point effort. The ligers will look to improve on their 1-0 fortat Basin Conference West mark Juesday night in Burley.

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"I thought the energy level was high again tonight," Rogers said. "I was really proud of our kids on this trip."

proud of our kids on this trip.—
The Golden Eagles host Salt-Lake near Friday and Saturday,
with both games slated for
5:30 pm. stars. The Bruits
beat Eastern Ulah 77-74 in,
Friday's late action. while
North Idaho dropped Snow
65-61. also on Friday.
Saturday's other SWAC scoreswere not available at presstime.

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Martinez shines in Level 10 Open division

the beam with an 8.50.

Martinez wasn't the only area gymnast to fare well, as Ciera Hawkins took third in the Level 7 division for

iook third in the Level 7 division to ages 13.
Magic Valley had a strong showing with its seven- and eight-year-old Level Four gymnass, as Brianna Myers, lannah Seller and Brookelyn Herman finished first, second and hird, respectively. Nine-year old Gabrielle Borrayo of Magic Valley took first in the Level Five group, while Rachael Glaze took third in the Level Five group for Ages 10-11.

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Johnson's agents still discussing contract extension with D'backs NEW YORK (AP) — Randy Johnson's agents were still negotiating with the Diamondbacks on Saruday, trying to work out a contract extension that would dear the way for Knizona to acquire the five-time Cy Young Award winner from the New York Knakes. The teams reached a tentative agreement on a 4-for-1 tract Funday, and the Diamondbacks were given a 72-hour window to negotiate with Johnson. The window closes at 5 p.m. EST Sunday. Those wishing to organize a team that are likely being the specific organize and the likely being the specific organize with the likely being the specific organize and the likely bein

Johnson. The window closes at 5 p.m. LS1 Sunday.

"We are making progress. Were optimistic." aid Alan Nero, who represents Johnson along with Barry Meister.

The Yankees would receive reliever Luis Vizcaino, minor league right-handers Ross Ohlendorf and Steven Jackson, and shortstop Alberto Gonzalez. New York also would pay \$2 million of Johnson \$45 million salary this year. If Johnson and the Diamondbases agree to an actension for 2008, physicals for all players involved in the deal would be the final step for the trade to be finalized.

The Big Unit would likely take his physical on Monday. The 6-foot-10 left-hander had back surgery in October after going 17-11 with a 5.00 ERA and 172 strikeouts for the Yankees last season. He is 20 wins sty of 300.

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Bruins boosters to meet Monday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Bruin Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the

Jerome boosters to meet Monday

JEROME — The Jerome High School Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in room 101 at Jerome High School.

Kimberly boosters to meet Monday KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Booster Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the media center at Kimberly High School. For more infor-mation, contact George Piew at 423-4987.

Adult Indoor Soccer meeting planned

TWIN FALLS — An organizational meeting for the Twin Falls Adult indoor Soccer League will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Ian. 17, at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Office (138 Maxweld Ave.) in the upstairs meeting room. Items to be dis-cussed include rules, fees and serup. All teams wishing to participate should have a representa-tive at the meeting. Eight teams are needed in order for the league to run.

Jerome offers Kindergarten

Basketball Clinic JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District is offering a Kindergarten Basketball Clinic Jan. 18-26 with sessions Thursdays and Fridays from 4-5 pm. The cost is \$15. Contact Becky at 324-3389 for more information or to register by phone.

Soldier Mountain offers free ski day FAIRFIELD — Soldier Mountain has announced a Castomer Appreciation Day for Saturday, Ian. 20. Full day lift takets will be free for everyone in attendance. In addition, the PLAC Certified Soldier Mountain Winter Sports School will offer free clinics at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

T.F. Youth baseball seeks umpires

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County Youth Baseball is seeking umpires for the upcoming 2007 spring Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth baseball seasons. An informational meeting will be held

at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 18 at Twin Falls High School, room G-2. Anyone interested is encour-aged to attend. For more information, contact Bill Merritt at 280-0802.

Cap in June 18 sign-up's Scheduler TWIN FALLS.— Twin Falls County Youth Basehall will hold Cal Bipken baseball registration from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9 and Monday, Jan. 22. at the Blue Recreation Building at Harmon Fark. Players must be between the ages of 9-12 as of April 30, 2007, and must reside in Twin Falls County.

A birth certificate is required at registration. The cost is 580 per player and fundraiser participation is required. For more information, contact Abby Greenfield at 308-7042 or Bill Merritt at 280-0802.

Elks Hoop Shoot scheduled

RUPERT – The local Elks Chapter will hold its annual Hoop Shoot free-throw contest at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 at the Civic Center in Rupert. The event is open to boys and girls ages 8-13 in Mint-Cassia. This will be the only contest held locally as the Burley and Rupert Elks have combined. Contestant age groups will be determined by their age as of April 1 and birth certificates are required to verify age. For more information, call Kevin Butcher, at 878-9800 or 312-5441.

— Compiled from staff and wire reports

No. 21 Wolf Pack throttles Vandals

RENO — Marcelus Kemp scored 22 points and Nick Fazekas added 19 points and 11 rebounds to lead No. 21 Nevada to an 81-55 victory over Idaho on Saturday night. Kemp made 16-of-13 from the field and Fazekas 7-of-8 for the defending Western Athletic Conference champion Wolf Dack (13-1, 1-10), who went on a 20-6 run late in the first half and shot 57 percent on the game enroute to their sixth straight victory-since their lone loss to

enroute to their sixth straight victory-since their lone loss to rival UNIM.
Keoni Watson was the tone scorer in double figures with 19 for the Vandals (2-12, 0-2), who were outrebounded 45-26 and shot only 31 percent from the field.

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and by as much as 32 — 80-48
on JaVale McGee's slam dunk off
a pass from Lyndale Burlesow
with 4 minutes remaining.
Fazzkas, a 6-foot-11 sertion,
moved past Josh. Grant (Udah
1988-93) into eighth place on
the WACCS-41-time rebounding
list with 1,072. It was his 11th
double-double of the season
and 52nd of his career.
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Brandon Fields and David Ellis
each scored seven points for the
Wolf Plack.

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SACHAMIENTO, Calif.
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and 11 rebounds and Nicholas
Rhodes scored 13 and grabbed

11 rebounds to lead Idaho State
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13 points and a career-high sky
blocked shots for the Congars
(11-4, 1-9 Mountain West),
— The Rasockited Press



Nevada forward Nick Fazekas, left, blocks a shot by Idaho Watson during the first half in Reno, Nev., on Saturday.

Williams scores 28 in Jazz win

DENVER — Deron Williams tied a career high with 20 points and Carlos Boozer strugged of a slow start to finish with 24 leading the Otah Jaz Lo 36-84 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Saturday night.
Williams also had 12 assists and Boozer grabbed 12 rebounds. The Jazz are now 21-3 when Boozer records a double-double.

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Mehmet Okur and Derek Fisher each scored 10 points.

Widhs awa 19-point lead in the first half cut to 68-67 with 9:30 remaining in the game. However, the lazz went on a 10-0 tun to restore some breathing room and send the Ninggets to their season-high fifth straight low.

Allen leves on finished with 22 points after scoring jurs five in the first half. Earl lookins also had 22 and Linas Kleiza scored 17.

Boozer, Utals's leading scorer and rebounder, had just four points and one rebounder. Bad just four points and one rebounder, bad just four points and one rebound at halftime. He scored 14 points in the fourth quarter, including a basket and a free throat to start the lazz's fourth-quarter run.

Denver came into the game averaging 106-7 points — third-hest in the league—Int failed to score 100 for the fourth time in five games.

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Ningers coach George Karl spoke highyo Williams before the game—calling
han an All-Star—and the point ghard
haved up to the complinent. At one point
in the second quarter. Williams was
almost beating Denver by hinself. 24-22.

Uah went with a different lineup, as
coach terry Shoan started Gordan Gineck
over Tisher, preferring Fisher's spark off
the bench. Fisher played more nimites
than Gineck, who had nine points.

Cavaliers 96, Nets 91

CIENTEAND — LeBron James scored 19 points and addred a season-high 13 rebounds helping Cleveland cap its most successful week in nearly 14 years with a victory over New Jersey Nets. By beating San Antonio, Boston, Milwaukee and New Jersey since leaved, at the Cavaliers have won four games in five nights for the first time since left 2-6, 1993. By just the streak they were looking for before departing on a seven-game, two-week road Aydrunas second 21 points apprece and Zydrunas Biganskas addred 16 as the Cavaliers Improved to 15-3 at home this season —

improved to 15-3 at home this season — and 26-3 since March 5 at Quicken Loans

Arena.
Vince Carter and Mikki Moore had 18
points apiece and Richard Jefferson 17
for the Nets, who puffed within 93-91 on
Jefferson's 3-pointer with 17 seconds left.



er Nuggets forwa Linas Kleiza, center, and Eduardo Najera in the

Hawks 86, Clippers 74

ATLANTA — Joe Johnson scored 27 points, Zaza Pachulia added 22, and the Hawks snapped an eight-game losing

Hawks snappeu an eigen-point com-streak.
Atlanta won for the first time since a Dec. 15 victory at Memphis. It won at home for the first time since beating Charlotte on Nov. 29.
Elton Brand led Los Angeles with 26 points, including 12 in the first quarter, and Bin Thomas had 14.
The Clippers fell to 0-11 on the road when trailing after three quarters.

Bulls 106, Pistons 89

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CillCAGO — Luol Deng cored 30. Ben
Wallace finished with 12 points and 14
rebounds in his first game against his former team, and the Bulls beat Detroit.
Ben Gordon wored 23 and Andres
Notioni added 27 points for Chicago.
It was a good ending to a tough week
for the Bulls, who lost 97-96 to Phoenix
on Leandro Barbosa's 3-pointer with 1.5.
New Jersey on Firday after scoring the
first 1B points. Chicago had dropped 14
of 16 overall to the Pistons and 12 straight
at home.

Brown back in Philly as exec

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The only Hall of Fame coach the Philadelphia 76ers have is going to spend his days in the front office instead of on the

76crs have is going to spend his days in the front office instead of on the bench.

Larry Brown was rehired by Philadelphia as an executive vice president on Saturday, a return to the organization the coached to its last MBA finals. The move stocked speculation that he'll eventually replace coach Maurice Cheeks.

And this time, Brown won't have to deal with Allen Person.

Nearly three weeks after Philadelphia traded away the player who tormented Brown during much of his with years with the team, Brown is back at a familiar stop in his sagabond career. He will assist team president Billy King and the baskethall operations department, and work on special projects.

Thilly came to me and asked if I would be interested in getting involved with the organization again. Brown said. 'Obviously, Billy has been a clove friend for more than 20 years and I respect his work immensely. I am flattered that he asked more to working with him again and doing whateve man to help him bring a winner to this city, a city that my family and I low.

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Pacers 100, Hornets 93

OKIAHOMA CITY — Al Harrington and Stephen Jackson each scored 27 points and Jermaine O'Neal made two key layups in his first game since issuing a challenge to his Indiana teammates.

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O'Neal hit back-to-back layups from the left block to break away from an 83-all tie and spark a 10-3 run that gave the Pacers control of the game in the final 4

O'Neal finished with 22 points in his first game since calling the Pacers "a very average tearn."

No. 1 UCLA falls to No. 16 Oregon

EUGENE, Ore. — Aaron Brooks scored 25 points, including the game-winning jumper with 13 seconds left, and No. 16 Oregon handel No. 1 UCLA its first loss of the sea-

LUCIA its first loss of the sea-son, 68-66 on Saturday. Darren Collison Init a 3-pointer to bring the Brains (14-1, 3-1 Pac-10) into a 66-66 fit. Brooks, who had 31 points on Thursday night when the Ducks (14-1, 2-t) lost for the first time this season, bit the baseline jumper to give Oregon

baseline jumper to give Oregon the lead.

UCLA worked the ball around over the final seconds and instead of going toward the basket for a chance at tying it, Josh Shipps 3-point attempt at the huzzer was shot was short, setting off a celebration on McArthur Court.

Shipp and Aron Alllalo both finished with 14 points for the Bruins, while Collison had 11.

Maarry Luenen had 18 points and seven rebounds for the Ducks.

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GANESWILLE, Ha. — Corey
Brewer had 19 points and 10
rebounds to lead Florida in the
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opener for both teams.
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in the game gase Florida (14-2)
a 55-44 lead.
It was Horida's seventh
straight win, sixth in a row in
an 8EC opener and sixth consecutive over Georgia.

No. 4 Wisconsin 68. Minnesota 45

MADISON, Wis. — Alando Tucker scored 14 points to help Wisconsin open its Big Ten sea-son with a 68-45 victory

Virginia Tech 69,

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No. 5 Duke 67, OT

DURILIAM, N.C. — Jamon
Gordon's basket with 31 seconds left in overtime gave
Virginia Tech the lead, and
Deron Washington blocked
Greg Paulus 3-point shot as
time expired to gave the Hokies
the victory.

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DeMarcus Nelson had 22 points for the Blue Devils.

No. 6 Ohio St. 62. Illinois 44

CHAMPAIGN, III. — Daequan Cook scored 13 points to lead Ohio State. Jamar Butler had 12 points and Ron Lewis added 10 for the Buckeyes (13-2, 2-0 Big Ten)

Arkansas 88, No. 8 Alabama 61

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FAYETTEVILLE. Ark. —
Patrick Beverley. Gary Envin
and Sonny Weems scored 18
points each for Arkansas,
which raced to a 25-point firsthalf lead.

No. 11 Texas A&M 69, Kansas St. 65

COLLEGE STATION, Texas

— Acie Law scored 18 points, including two late free throws, to lead No. 11 Texas A&M in the teams' Big 12 opener.

No. 12 Oklahoma St. 81, Baylor 77

STILLWATER, Okla. — Mario Boggan overcame foul trouble



UCLA's Darren Collison pulls his j sey over his head after being call for a foul late in the seco against Oregon In Eugene, Ore.

to score 26 points and grab 13 rebounds — his fourth double-double of the season — for Oklahoma State.

No. 13 Butler 73, Wright St. 42

INDIANAPOLIS — A.J. Graves scored 19 points and stretched his streak of copyec-utive free throws made to 52 in leading Butler.

No. 14 LSU 66. No. 18 Connecticut 49

BATON ROUGE, La. — Glen Davis and Tasmin Mitchell each scored 16 points as No. 14 LSU overcame a sloppy start to defeat No. 18 Connecticot,

Georgetown 66, No. 17 Notre Dame 48

WASHINGTON — Roy Hibbert scored 18 points on 8-for-9 shooting, and Georgetown won its seventh straight game.

No. 20 Air Force 56, UNLV 50

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.

— Nick Welch, Matt McCraw and Dan Nwalele all scored 13 points to lead Air Force to its

points to lead Air rose in 11th straight win. Wendell White had 20 points for the Runnin' Rebels (14-3, 1-1 Mountain West), who had a winning streak 10-game snapped.

No. 23 Clemson 75,

Georgia Tech 74
CLEMSON, S.C. — James
Mays had 16 points, including
the game-winning layup with
2.2 seconds to go, and Clemson
became Division 15 only
unbeaten team.

No. 24 Washington 64, Arizona State 53

SEATTLE — Ryan Appleby made six 3-pointers and fin-ished with 20 points to lead No. 24 Washington.

No. 25 West Virginia 73, St. John's 46

MORGANTOWN, WVa Darris Nichols scored a career-high 20 points and West Virginia opened the Big East with a 3-0 record for the second time ever.

— The Associated Press

Singh seizes control at season opener

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — Vijay Singh is poised to make PGA Tour history. It starts with rewriting recent history, especially at Kapalua. The 43-year-old Fijian seized control

The 43-year-old Fijan seized control Saturday at the Metredet-Benz Championship, driving the ball with authority and letting his belly putter carry him to 3 -under 70 in gusty conditions for a three-shot lead over Adam Scott and Trevor Irumelman. A victory would give him 18 tour victories since turning 40, one better than the record held by Sam Snead. But that requires Singh, to finish Sunday aftermoon with the winner's led draped around his neck, and that hasn't come easily for him.

draped around his neck, and that hasn't come easily for him. He has been runner-up twice in the last three years and has finished a comhined four shots behind three-time defending champion Stuart Appleby. And the last time Singh had a three-shot lead going into the final round, Tiger Woods chased him down at the Deutsche Bank Championship last September outside Boston.
"If I succeed in striking the ball the way want to I, think the results are going to be there." Singh said.
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arnon Course during the thir ades Benz Champions lits. Marries Kapaina, Hawall, Saturday.

which to him is like giving a shot away to the rest of the winners-only field. "Hopefully, tomorrow I'll get that right," he said. Singh was at 11-under 208, a remark-able score given the strong trade winds

asternoon.

Scott made birdie on five of his last seven holes for a 69, while Immelman birdied the par 5s on the back nine for a 72. . Will MacKenzie (73) and J.B. Holmes

will MacKenzie (73) and J.B. Holme (71) each recovered from slaky moments to stay in the mix at 212.

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Saints' Sean Payton named AP NFL Coach of the Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Sean Payton might have had the toughest coaching job in football this season, making his selection Saturday as The Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year that much more impressive. Payton, in his first year as a head coach, didn't payton, in his first year as a head coach, didn't just lead the New Orleans Saints to a 10-6 record, the NFC South championship and a first-round playoff bye. He helped revitalize a battered city's snirit.

playoff bye. He helped revitatize a batterea cuy spirit.
With New Drieans ravaged by Hurricane Kartina in list august 2008, the Saints became nomads that year, winding up 3-13 under Jim Haselt. Payton, an assistant cooch in Dallas, was bired to revive one of the NFLS historically unsuccessful franchises.
Payton and his team gave the city — indeed, the entire Gulf Coast — something it desperately needed: a reuson to smale.
And hopes for the Saints first Saper Bowl appearance.

appearance.
"It's just been the right mix of guys who believe in each other," said Payton, who ran away in the halloting by a nationwide panel of 50 sports writ-



The New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton talks on the sidelines during a game with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at the Superdome in New Orleans on Oct. 8, 2006. Payton is The Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year.

ers and broadcasters who cover the NFL *Players putting the team ahead of everything else. I think that's the biggest thing that we've

see ousessom: carareter, foughness, those are things you with with."

Payton received 44 votes in a season when there were a half-dozen outstanding goaching performances. Eric Mangini of the NewYork lets, another first-year head coach, got three votes, white San Diego's Marty Schottenthedmer, the 2004 winner, received two. Jeff Fisher of Tennessee got one. "I'm honored and somewhat humbled. This is a dine in our league right now where there are probably seven or eight Islal of Fame coaches currently coaching in our league." Payton said Saturday after learning of the award. "I still have tags hanging out of my Rechok gear on the sidelines."

Payton became the third Saints coach to win

hines." Payton became the third Saints coach to win the award, joining Haslett (2000) and Jim Mora (1987). Last years winner was Chicago's Lavie Smith.

nth. So coach ever was faced with rebuilding a ros-while, his community was recovering from

such devastation. Football might seem trivial under such circumstances, but Payton and his players understood how uplifting their success could be to those struggling to put together dieli lines with

could be to those struggling to put together their lives again.
"Your have to trust your gut a lot and follow your heart." Payton said. "There certainly were going to be some challenges coming into this region at this time. But I think the city is very committed to this team and its really an amazing fan base we have, not just in New Orleans, but in this whole Gulf South area. And I'm excited we can provide a little luice for these people during the course of the week, get them excited about football."

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Payton began with a tough training camp of
two-a-day practices in the heat of Jackson, Miss.
Many players called it one of the most demand-

Matty prayers control in gramps.

"Ite wanted to put his foot on the ground and establish that this was a new beginning," veteran wide receiver Joe Horn said. "In our profession, football, you don't sart a new beginning by coming in and making it easy. It has to be hard.

Patriots vs. Jets: Belichick's influence on Mangini clear

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) Eric Mangini spent quite a few late nights at the office helping Bill Belichick draw up

nelping bull betichtek draw up helping bull betichtek draw up blans during six years as an assistant coach with the New England Patriots.

The rookie head coach is running bils own bleary-eyed meetings these days with the New York Jets, but Belichick's influence is clear.

Anytime that you go into a new position, there are a lot of things that are borrowed. Mangini said, And I borrowed a lot of information from great people along the road.

The lets and Patrions arent exactly carbon copies of each other, but from the 3-4 defensive scheme to the no-non-sense approach by the coaching staff, the teams have lost in common. And for good reasyn, New England has won three of the last five Superson. New England has won three of the Patriots formula for success is an easy blueprint for ride-hungry teams.

There are definitely similaries defensively. Belichick said. The bottom line is the lets are a good job with them. They have a lot of great players.

And some of them are players.

And some of them are play off-rested former Patriots such as done a good job with them. They have a lot of great players.

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And so we we got a dot of played experience, but where you half their team here, so we've got a lot of played experience, too, lest receiver Laverames Coles.

said.

Belichick and Mangini will match wits for the third time this season when the Patriots (12-4) host the Jets (10-6) in a first-round playoff game Sunday. It's the second time



w York Jets coach Eric Mangini speaks to reporters before a team practice at the Jets training facility in Hempstead, N.Y., Thursday. The Jets will play the New England Patriots today in an AFC wild-card playoff matchup in

Two been fortunate with the guys that I have been able to work with, and you're always going to draw on experiences to handle situations that you've never had to handle hefore, said Mangini, New England's defensive tooks coach from 2000-01 before becoming defensive coordinator last season. The important thing was taking what I liked from those experiences and then pulling it all together and trying to put together the best program for the Jess. "Eve been fortunate with the

the Jets."

The most obvious similarity between the teams is their use of the 3-4 defensive scheme, something Mangini brought with him. The Patiots Letter the thrived in that system, especially this season while allowing a franchise record low of 14-81 points per game, but it took some time for the Jets of adjust before winning three directions. adjust before winning three straight to earn a surprising

playoff berth.

We've gotten more comfortable with it as the weeks progressed, and the coaches progressed, and the coaches got more comfortable with us, inchacker Victor Hobson said. That gives people a lot more freedom to do more things and gave different looks.

Tom Brady knows that first meeting at home in Week 2, the lets stepped up the pressure against New Englands quarterback eight weeks later. The result was a 17-14 victory, and the lasding image was a muddied Brady stitug on the turf as the lets echebrated around ham.

The was a big confidence booster, but that was just one game, defensive end Shaan Ellis said. This is a totally different game, hereis a lot more prepared than the last game.

Brady, uncharacteristically ordered into mistakes in the last meeting, surely relishes the chance to boome back in the playoffs, where he's 10-1 in his career.

Eagles would rather be underdogs against Giants

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — No matter the point spread, records or oppo-nent, the Philadelphia Eagles consider them-selves an underdog every

selves an underdog every week.

The New York Gants seem to have embraced that role.

It's no surprise these division tivals can't even agree on the simplest point.

"Don't pick us." Eagles cornerback Sheldon Brown sald. "We enjoy proving people wrong. Were still an underdog." For the record. Philadelphia (10-6) is a touchdown favorite over the Giants (0-6) is

the Giants (8-B) in Sunday's NFC wild-card game at Lincoln Financial Field.

Field. A month ago, it produces a passes during practice A month ago, it produces the first and produced able to see the Eagles in Section 1997. They were counted out after a kine injury ended Donnovan McNabb's season in Week II and a 24-point loss in Indianapolis a week later left them at 5-6.

Led by left Garcia and a repiversate defense, Philadelphia-worn five straight to capture its fifth NIC fast title in six years and earn the No. 3-seed in the conference.

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Meanwhile, the Giants now are the ones being written off after losing six of their last eight games. Their defense has been awdid down the stretch, their offense is inconsistent and they've been a dysfunctional earn.

The fixe to be the underdog. Giants running back This Habers said. You get to fly under the radar a fittle bit, have some extra motivation. Exceptionly, advanced that they have can we attain it individually and as a team? As the underdog, that plays heavily into your game plan and your motivation for the week.

Both teams were 7-6 when they met a the Meadowlands just three weeks ago A 36-22 victory validated Philadelphia's status as a legizimate threat in a mediorer NIC. The Lagles followed with a dominating 23-7 som at Dallas on Christinas Day, and got some much-needed rest when Detroits' wan over the Costhoys assured them first place and allowed coach Andy Reid to rest his statures in the regular-sea-



Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jeff Garcis passes during practice in Philadelphia Thursday. The Eagles take on the New York Glants in an NFC wild-card playoff game on Sunday in Philadelphia.

son finale.

The Giants needed a career performance from the retirement-hound Barber just to beat Washington last Saturday and prolong a disappointing wason. Barber had a franchise-record 241 yards rushing and three touchdowns against the Redskins. An outstanding effort in Philly could extend Barber's career at least one more game, and crement coach form Couphilm's return to New York next season.

"So much is at slake because you realize that there are no more," Barber said. "If you lose, you come home, pack your bags and you're done. So, there needs to be better urgency and hetter attention to what it fakes to win."

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But the punch to the gut of that loss was nothing compared to this one. This one will haunt Dallas at least until next season and likely until the longest postseason drought in franchise his-tory ends — whenever that is. And Romo will have to live with one of the most memo-

with one of the most memo-rable blunders in playoff histo-

ry.
That's about as automatic a play as a coach, as you have, it's unbelievable." Holmgen said. "And then, he's a good athlete. He started running. I thought he might get in, but we got

him."
Hasselbeck was 18-0f-36 for 240 yards with two touch-downs, both to Stevens, and two interceptions, both of which resulted in Dallas field

which resulted in Dallas field goals.

I didn't play very well in the first half. I was trying not to take sacks. Hasselbeck said. At halftime they said. Thust your protection more, step hito your throws. The guys up front played really well.

Alexander ran 24 times for 69 yards. His 20-yard burst at the end was his longest of the game. Home was 17-of-28 for 189 yards and a touchdown He didn't have any turnovers after a spurt of them in recent weeks, although he did fumble once. And, of course, there was the botched snap that mattered most.

Colts

"Our defense was awesome today." Manning said. "We made some mistakes and the defense made sure we didn't pay for it."

A defense that yielded 173 yards rushing per game this season allowed only 44 to Pro Bowl back Larry Johnson and the Chief.

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Kansas City's initial first down came with 334 remaining in the third quarter. Indianapolis had four sacks, two by Dwight Freeney, and two Interceptions. The Chiefs managed 126 total yards are considered to the constitution of the constitution of



City Chiefs in the first quarter of a wild-card playoff ga

Gonzalez with 8 seconds remaining in the third period. Then the Colts went 71 yards on nine plays, mostly victimiz-ing the Chiefs' linebackers underneath. Reggie Wayne caught a 5-yard TD pass to make it 23-8. When Rob Sanders inter-

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When Bob Sanders intercepted Green's desperate lob with just more than 6 minutes remaining, the Colts could start making travel plans for Baltimore — the city they left

23 years ago.

This is hig challenge.

Manning said. Playing Baldimore is tough enough, but to ge othere—I think it's one of the play. Any to go there — I think it's one of the tougher places to play. And they've been off a week and are fresh."

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"All falling behind 16-0, the
Chiefs looked like a team surprised to have made the playoffs, which they did last Sunday
with a lot of help from other
clubs, Johnson, who rushed for

1,789 yards and 17 IDs this season, was never a factor. He had only 32 yards on 13 carries. "If we can't do what we do best, it amps them up," Johnson said. "And they certainly got amped up."

And while Manning's favorite receiver. Marvin Harrison, also had little impact, upit end Dallas Clark, in just his second game back from a kinee injury, had nine catches for 103 yards. "The way Kansas City's defense was, there were very few times wed get a true single coverage outside on Marvin and Reggie." Manning said. "Play action to get the ball and Reggie." Manning said. "Play action to get the ball and Reggie." Manning said. "Play action to get the ball and Reggie." Manning said. "Play action to get the ball and Reggie." Manning said. "Play action to get the ball and Reggie." Manning said. "Play action to get the ball and Reggie." Manning said. "Play action to get the ball and Reggie." Manning said. "Play action to get the ball and Reggie." Manning said. "Play action to get the ball and Reggie." Manning said. "Play action to get the ball and Reggie." Manning said. "Play action to get the ball and Reggie." Manning said. "Play action to get the ball and Reggie." Manning said. "Play action to get the ball and Reggie." Manning said. "Play action to get the ball and Reggie." Manning said. "Play action to get the ball and Reggie." Manning said. "Play action to get the ball and the said of the get the said." He was a said of the said. "Reggie and the said of the game." He was a said of the game. He was a said of the gan

BCS TITLE GAME

Contest could be a bag of tricks

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — The hook-and-ladder was great. The Statue of Liberty was tremendous. The flanker passes, onside kicks and fake field goal



against Arkansas. Later that day, receiver Andre Caldwell threw a touchdown pass. Those tricks seemed to start off a whole slew of hood freats.

Georgia and Georgia Tech recovered surprise onside kricks. Louisville gen a TD pass from a receiver in the Orange LSU ran an option play off a fake field goal for a first down in the Sugar.

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You know it's in there, and that it's a

Tou now it's in there, and that it's a play designed for you, 'said tight end flory Michol, who caught Ginn's tow. You're hoping they call it, but you're kind of shocked when they do.' Asked whether the Buckeyes had anything planned this time. Nichol gave a decitish smile and shrouged. Ohio State came out with a five-wide look against Michigan, and Tresvel has a way of opening up in big game, Bolinan also said it's sometimes worth running something wild simply to loosen the defense.

The Buckeyes' defense has been real

defense.

The Buckeyes' defense has been real busy this week. They've simulated the hook-and-ladder in practice, along with other kookiness Horida might try.

You try to anticipate what will be the



Florida head coach Urban Meyer talks to reporters Saturday following practice in Scottsdale, Ariz. Florida will face Ohio State in the BCS Championship football game on Monday.

BCS matchups: Ohio State vs. Florida

When Florida has the ball

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FLORIDA WR/RB PERCY HARVIN VI.
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The freshman Harron might be Florida's
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new writhle, and man,
Trevsel said.

Think you have to be aware of who is in the game at every position, he said.
You better know where 81 is and 5 is and 8 is and 42 is. You better know where all the guys are.

the guys are."

As defensive coordinator Jim Heacock said. "They do a lot of different things. They are very multiple."

"They do a lot of misdirection plays, a lot of option, a lot of reverse, a lot trick plays," he said.

HALL vs. FLORIDA DES RYAN SMITH, REGdie LEWIS, RESQIE NELSON, TOY JOHER
and TREMANE MECCULIM.
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team's leading receivers, combining for 108
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8for-11. Hetland is 4for-13 with a long field
goal of 33. Rorida can't rely on its kicker,
and Ohio State can, which means Meyer will
have to take more chances offensively.

The goal, Horida offensive coordinator Dan Mullen said, is 'making sure that we are getting the ball into our best playmaker's hands as much as possible. For the Gators, that means the likes of laker, Cornelius, Caldwell and speedy receiver Percy Harvin, more than quanterback Chris Leck and Tim Tebow or any of the running backs.

We like to keep the defenses on edge by running those trickly little plays. Our entire offense is kind of tricky. Baker said.'

Plus-one could be next step for BCS

But major hurdles must be cleared

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Thanks to Michigan's Rose Bowl loss, the new and

improved Bowl Championship Series finish-es Monday with a legitimate No. 1 vs. No. 2 title game. The question is how to make sure it happens next year, and the seasons after that.

at. The BCS added a fifth game The BCS added a fifth game in this its intith season, with top-ranked Ohio State and No. 2 Florida meeting the week after the Sigar, Rose, Orange and Flesta bowls have been played. The Gators were a controversial choice until Southern California soundly defeated No. 3 Michigan in Pasadena, Calif. Now, those who want a major college football playoff are lohbying for what's called the plus-one model, considered the logical next step for tho 4CS.

the BCS.

Under one scenario the plus-one would look a lot like a playoff, with teams seeded into the various bowls. The other would restore the traditional bowl lineups, and the final BCS standings to set the final game would come out after the bowls.

Sounds like fun to fans? Yes.
Sounds like a good idea to
administrators? Not really.
The idea got batted around

administrators Not really.

The idea pot batted around a bit two years ago, when BCS officials decided to expand, and college football's decision-makers gave it a cool reception.

I think there's a willingness to talk about the plusness to talk about the plusness to talk about the plusness one more, but still I don't sense overwhelming support for it, Big East commissioner Mike Franghese. I think that the Far-10 and Big from in particular are pretty strong in their opposition for it.

I think to get to the plusness will be a struggle.

Both Pac-10 commissioner

Tom Hansen and Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany said the schools they repre-sent have no interest in fursaid the schools they represent have no interest in further tampering with the relationship between the two conferences and the Rose Bowl, their longtime and lucrative partner.

The Rose Bowl is the most important external relationship we have. Dedany said. "It's more important than the BCS. We're going to honor it. We're going to salue it."

A system that further devalues the Rose Bowl just.

We're going to salute it."
A system that further devalues the Rose Bowl just isn't going to get their support, he said."
The BCS came into existence eight years ago when the Big Ten, Fac-10 and Rose Bowl agreed to join the four other major conferences (Atlantic Coast Conference, Big 12, Southeastern Conference and Big East), Notre Dame and three marquee bowl games (Sugar, Games

conterence and thig East). Notre Dame and three marquee bowl games (Sugar, Ficista and Orange) in an effort to match the top two teams in the country in the final game of the season. Delany said it's unfair to characterize the lig. Fen and Fac-10's loyally to the Roso Bowl as the major obstacle to a plus-one.

Tim not going to agree with the proposition that we're the stumbling block when in fact we're the final blocks that allowed this to come into the perspective to improve everybody's lot." he said.

said.

Hansen agreed.

We believe the BCS as currently constituted was good for the overall health of college football. That's why we joined up in the first place, "Hansen said. "We fee we've made one sacrifice, and we're not necessarily interested in making artother for something we don't see any great advantage from."

Buckeyes and Gators want cut of BCS cash

GLENDALE. Ariz. (AP) —
Playing in a bowd is no longer reward enough for some college football players: Some Buckeyes and Gatots want act of the millions being generated by the championship game.

"We all deserve more money. Ohlo State senior guard T.I. Downing said. "We're the reason this money's coming in. We're the pays out there sayn from the guys out there shall gour bodies. We're taking our bodies. We're taking our bodies. We're taking our bodies of our lives out here bitting each other, and we're not the being compensated for it.

Instead, players from top-ranked Ohio State and No. 2 Florida received portable satellite radios and com-memorative wristwatches, first-class meals and VIP treatment at posh resorts. The got to admit, some-times I look in my hand and

look in their hand." Horida defensive tackle loe Cohen said, referring to the Bowl Champjonship Series." I believe players should get a little grant what they're getting, I don't wan to be the grant players should get paid, because I'm broke." Cohen chuckled when he said it, but it's no laughing matter for the NCA, which has steadfastly malmained that players show soutdens and cannot be paid, it's constitution of the NCA which has steadfastly malmained that players the sociation at players the sociation at the said it, but it's no laughing matter for the NCA, which has steadfastly malmained that players the sociation at the said it, but it's no laughing matter for the NCA and an actual said that players the sociation at the said it. But bowls have become increasingly, commercial. Fourteen different commercial logos appeared friend inside University of Phoenix Stadium, where media day was held.

Solich leads Ohio versus Southern Miss in GMAC

MOBILE. Ala. (AP) — Frank
Solich went from a program wou
incarly always goes to a bowl game
to une that almost never does.
The former Nebraska coach
leads the Ohio Bobcats into their
first bowl game since 1966, facing a
Southern Miss in the GMAC Bowl
tonight.
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Using Nebraska as a model wouldn't be realistic for Ohio (9-4), which is O-2 in bowl games, both in the 1960s. Southern Miss (8-5) might be a better example.

The Golden Eagles are playing in a bowl game for the fifth consecutive year and ninth time in 10 years.

Southern Miss has a great dead of bowl exposure. said Solich, who was 4-7 in his stress year at Ohio. They'te where we want to get to We want our program to get to that level.

want our program to get to that level.

"Were just going to have to line up and play our style of football and not get too caught up in the fact that we're in a bowl game."

The Bobeats are still overshadowed by Ohio State, which plays for a national championship against Florida on Monday night.

Cincinnati wins International Bowl

TORONTO (AP) — Nevin Lovells 33yard, fourth-quarter field goal lifted Cincinnati to a 27-24 victory over Western Michigan on Sautuday in the International Bowl — the first college bowl played in Canada and first outside the United Sates since 1937. Lovell's kick with 849 left came after a 7-yard touchdown run by Western Michigans Brandon West uted it. The Bearrasts led 24-0 early in the second quarter, and barrly heid on. The Bron-cos had a chance to force overtime with 121 renaining, but Nate Meyer's 51-yard field-goal attempt was wide. Bran Kelly enjoyed a winning debut as Bearrasts cach, Kelly began the season at Central Michigan before going to Cincinnati on Dec. 4 to replace Martine, Kelly led Central Michigan past the Broncos 31-70 no No. 10, making him the first NCAA coach to earn beat a school in the same season with two teams.

teams.
Dominick Goodman, the game MVP with seven catches for 109 yards, had two touchdowns for Cincinnati with John Bowie scoring the other. Lovell added two field goals. Jamarko



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Simmons and Herb Martin scored touchdowns for the Broncos. Meyer added a field goal.

Cincinnat (8-5, 4-3 lig East) made is filth bowl appearance in seven years and first since beating Marshall 32-14 in the 2004 Fort Worth Bowl.
Western Michigan (8-5, 6-2 Mid-American Conference) made is find and in school history. While the Broncos have yet to win one, they've made improvements under coach bill Cubin, who took over a program that lost 10 games in 2004.

The game was played before a Rogers Centre crowd of 26.717.

T am absolutely restatic, bowl director Don Lodding said, "We had a great football game, a great crowd and great energy in the building. We've brought NCAM Gootball acrows the border. Now we look to come back bigger and better, we keep building and growing."

ing." Bowle opened the scoring, returning an interception 25 yards for the touch-down at 3.28 of the first pass to Goodman 48.28 of the first pass to Goodman at 8.23 put Circinnati up. 14-0. The two combined on a second 21-yard touchdown just 30 seconds into the second quarter.

Twin Falls Hunter/Jumper team wins Idaho state championship



Members of the Twin Falls Hunter/Jumper Equine team, from, left, and Resu Christiansen, Taylor, Margo Saunders and Leslie Taylor. Below, Saunders Jumps with her horse Artie. Bott



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TWIN FALLS — Years of hard work and dedication paid off this year for the Hunter-Humper Equine state champlonship team from Twin Falls. The foursome of Margo Saunders, Alecce Christiansen, locey Taylor and Leslie Taylor not only took most of the individual age category championship at the Idaho I hunter/Iumper Association championships, but also snagged the top team score.

Leslie Taylor not only took most of the individual age category championship and the Idaho I hunter/Iumper Association championships, but also snagged the top team score.

Leslie Taylor, who is the trainer for learn trains, said success often comes down of "making sure the trainer, rider and brists are all having a good day on the same days at the same time."

That came together for this area quarter. Saunders, of Albion, was the champion in the 18 and older Long Stirrup Hunter competition and was grand champion in the same event. She also took hume to Buise Saddle and hump Chils; Fossil, Over Feinces Perpetual Award, which hunors outstanding performance-by a rider over age 40. She rides a Chesmut throughbred named Artic.

Christiansen, as Suphimmore at Kimberly High School, won titles in the Modified Children's American Illing for the Category in Immiort/Amareur Equine Over Fences and Humi Scat

equine 14-17. She was also the lumint/Annateur Hunters grand champlon and won the Boise Saddle and Jump Clüb's Darlene Trout Memorial Award for outstanding performance by a rider ages 14-17. She rides a dark bay thoroughlired named Journeys End.

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TFHS grad named to national scholar list

TWIN FALLS — Iwin Falls ... High School graduate. Brandon Fjeld was recently named a 2006 Daktronicson NAIA All-American Scholaron

NAIA All-American Scholars-Athlete team.

Fjeld, who is listed a defens, sive back, receiver and rung, ming back, was one of three players on the Minot State—University (N.D.) named to the

list.
The 5-foot-10, 190-pound junior is majoring in radiologic technology.

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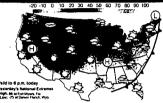


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TAM JAHOHAH STYAGOT

Broncos turn out to pay respects to slain teammate 4-year-old daughter, Jaelyn. Broncos running back Tatum Bell, who played with Williams at Oklahoma State, broke down as he spoke at the service. "I'm just glad D was in my life," he said through sobs as Wilson comforted him by his side. The Broncos flew in for the funeral on a chartered flight that dld not Include wide receiver Javon Walker, who was with Williams when he lost his life.

running back running back Yatum Bell paus-es while speak-ing at the funer-al service for



CANADIAN FORECAST

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) —
Darrent Williams came home
Saturday to the tough streets
he embraced and escaped,
where he first flashed his awesome athletic skills and infectious smile.
Thousands of friends, family
members, teammates and fans
attended the funeral for the
charismatic Denver Broncos
cornerback who was tilled in a
drive-by shooting on New
Year's Day.
The never seen a little man
with so much heart and so

much fire," Broncos linebacker Al Wilson said at the three-hour service at Great Commission Baptist Church. Tle touched my heart and always will." When Williams' longtime girlftend, Tierria Leonard, walked past his open casket, Williams' 7-year-old son, Darius, dressed in a navy pin-stripe suit, cried uncontrol-lably just as he had at the memorial service Friday night, where he wore a T-shirt that read. Tilove you Daddy," Williams is also survived by a

life.
"Javon is struggling," coach

Mike Shanahan said after the service. 'He's going through some very heavy grief right now and I talked to Champ (Bailey) about him. He's been with him for the last couple of days. He's going through a tough time. But I'm sure with everybody's support, he'll make it through it all right. 'Williams was struck once in the neck and two other passeigers were wounded when at least 14 shots were fired into the stretch Hummer that had

the stretch Hummer that had just left a New Year's Eve party.



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"You know, this was an unbelievable game. To have that feeling that you pulled it off, your guys believed in you all the way to the end, it's just unbelievable.

d Zabransky, Bolse State's QB, after a 43-42 overtime victory over Oklahoma to win the Flesta Bowl.

"I'm not necessarily saying it's going to be nuclear. The Lord didn't say nuclear. But I do believe it will be something like that."

— Religious broadcaster Pat
Robertson on his prediction that
a terrorist attack on the United
States would result in "mass
killing" late in 2007.

"You can honor a fallen teammate in traditional ways with a moment of silence or a helmet sticker But one way to remember him is to live life as he would have lived it, without a care in the world, not letting anybody or anything get you down or pull you down. We all should be so full of life like he was. That would be the best memorial of all." DEST MEMOTIAL OF AM.
Brancos safety Nick Ferguson,
about teammate Darrent
Williams, who was killed in a
tve-by shooting on New Year's
Day.

"Democrats are back and that is cause for celebration, and we are back after 200 years with the first woman speaker. Thanks to you, working moms in this country know there's a mom in the speaker's office who understands their challenges.

— Rep. Nancy Pelosi after assuming her duties as the country's first female speaker of the house.

"Every American wants foolproof protection against terrorism. But history has shown it can and should be done within the confines of the

Constitution. This lastminute, irregular and unauthorized reinterpretation of a duly passed law is the exact type of maneuver that voters so resoundingly rejected in November.

Sen, Charles E. Schumer in crit-leizing President Bush's signing statement allowing the govern-ment to open mall without a

"There is nothing political about finding a policy to end the war in Iraq, raising the minimum wage, achieving energy independence or helping kids afford college. In fact, politics has prevented progress on these issues for too many years."

— Sen. Harry Reid, set to me the new Senate majority er, in response to President s challenge that Democrats t pass "bills that are simply political" statements.

INSIDE: Classifieds, D2-20

After week of jubilation, Democrats face reality of governing

St. Louis Post-Oispatch

WASHINGTON — Sen.
Dick Durblin had a new
bounce len his step last week
as he navigated the Senate
corridors, going from one
Democratic swearing-in celebratdon to another.
Across the Capitol, Rep.
William Lacy Clay Ir., grinned
as he contemplated his newfound clout.

'I'm looking forward ... to
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would that opportunity. Both have pined for this moment, when Democrats would wield a majority in Congress. But even as they were savorining, their victory. Semocratis began to face the force the force of the same of the s Democrats began to mee unreality of governing.

They made big promises before the November elec-

before the November elec-tion, wowing to clean up Washington, restore civility, and chart a new course on everything from procketbook issues to the war in Iraq. How much they can actually deliv-er remains to be seen. As newly electred Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., put it: "The euphoria of winning will wear off quickly and the frustration of getting some-thing done will be front and center."

House Democrats started out of the gate last week-with a bang, passing an ethics reform bill that bars lawmak a nong, passing an ethics reform bill that bars lawnishers from accepting meals and gifts from loblysis, probibits the use of corporate Jets, and requires better disclosure of pet projects put into spending bills.

This week, they will turn to a full plate of meany items, inclūding a minimum wäge like, enacting recommendations from the Sept. 11 commission, and expanding feed

uons from the Sept. 11 com-mission, and expanding fed-eral funding for stem cell research — all part of the House Democrats' promise for an initial 100-hour legisla-ties blaz.

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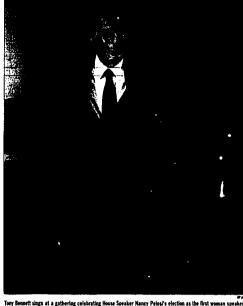
But it's unclear how many
of those bills will actually
become law.

"Expectations are high, and
the reality of the politics is
not so good," said Julian
Zelizer, a historian at Boston

Zelizer, a historian at Boston University. Rep. Todd Akin, R-Mo., noted that no matter how much lawmakers truly want to cooperate, they will inevitably be pulled in differ-ent directions by their own party constituencies.

party constituencies.

"People in general want to work together and be cooperative," Akin said, "But the country as a whole is quite



resentatives Jan. 4 in Washington. The spotlight wan in U.S. history to stand at the head of the H

concrete obstacles of a system designed to provide checks-and-balances.

"Governing is very difficult. The Democrats are going to find that qut." said Rep. John Shimkus, R-III. who has known only a Republican majority during his 10 years in the House.

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majority outring his 10 years in the House.

Although the Democrast' sizable House majority and iron-clad rules will allow Speaker Nancy Pelost. Do Calif. to produce a rapid-fire procession of hilb, they're likely to get gummed up in the Senate, where the Democrast have a one-scat mappin and one senator can put the brakes on a bill. At the end of the line is a veto pen wielded by President George W, Bush.

Thomas Mann, a congress-

W. Bush.
Thomas Mann, a congressional expert at the libera Brookings Institution, sai there's at least one initial pos itive development from new Congress: Pledges I ss: Pledges for a

new Congress: Piedges for a five-day workweek. Under Republican rule, especially in the House, the first votes were typically held after 6 p.m. on Tuesday and the last votes came Thursday

Washington." Mann said at a panel discussion last week on the new Congress. There was little deliberation and instead GOP leaders were "deciding in advance what to do and then ramming it through." Mann said he hopes the new Democratic leadership will all least lead to more thor-count delayer. Washington," Mann said at a

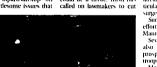
ugh debate. Boston University's Zelizer

predicted 'there would be "selective bipartisanship" on a few nettlesome issues that

On the minimum wage, for example, Democrats want an accomplishment and Republicians won't want to obstruct one. The same goes for ethics reform, he said, which waters cited as a major concern when they went to the polls last November. But even on ethics, there could be a tuste. Bush has called on lawmakers to cut

both parties want to take oft the table before the next elec-

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Vice President Dick Cheney, right, administers the Senate acts to Sen Hillary Rofsham Clinton, D-H. V., as her heakend, former President Bill Clinton holds the Bible during a re-enactment swearing-in ceremony, Thurnday in the Old Senate Chamber on Capitol Hill.

the number of earmarks in half, a proposal likely to be met with stiff resistance from members who relish their ability to steer federal dollars back home.

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One is Sen. Christopher 'Kit' Bund, R-Ma, who noted his success in using earmasts to win many spending projects for Missouri. If they want to talk about things that save money they ought to look at tach blick, the said.

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Some issues will be a mine field even it both parties want to achieve sucress, such as the Democrats' promise to reinstate budget rules that tequire tax cuts or in reased spending to be paid for by other offsets.

other offsets. "That purs Democrats in a serious bus," said Alice liveling who served as budget direc-tor in the Clinton administra tur in the Clinton administra-tion. They are going to have to figure out how to pay tor things," at a time when domestic and war spending has spiraled. Perhaps no testic will test the willingness colf origies to cooperate more than the v.a. in Iraq.

That's the 1800 pound griffly to the course.

gorilla in the room," said Bruce Riedel, a Brookings scholarwho also spoke at last scholar whin also spide affects weekly panel. Twe can see a major clash coming between the president and Congress tene the war, said Rendel, whin has served in Democrane and Republica addition/stations. The president is set to out line a new strategy for frag this week, and lawmaders are already guiding for bande particularly if Bioth calls for a single of US truops. Such a mowe "could poison efforts across the board," said Mann.

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Several Republicans are also unhappy with the prospect of sending more troops to fraq.

Many want to distance themselves from the war before the next election, Zeller said, so there may be more possibility for compo-nise on fraq.—at least within Congress.

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Congress train on more sware.

They realize that if fraq is where it is today in 2008, they're in trouble. They have much more of an incremive than the White House to do something dramatic," such as setting a timetable for withdrawal.

Ethicists decry commercial embryo brokerage

The Washington Poat

A Texas company has started producing batches of
ready-made embryos that
single women and infertile
couples can order after
reviewing detailed information about the race, education, appearance, personality
and other characteristics of
the egg and sperm donors.
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LLC of San Annola, the first
commercial dealer making
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"We're just trying to help cople have babies," said nnales Rose "

for an egg donor to start medical treatments to produce a second batch of embryos. For me, that's what this is all about helping make babies. But the embryo brokerage, which calls listed "the world's first human embryo bank," raises alam among some fertilly experts and bioethicists, who say the service marks another disturbing step toward commercialization of human reproduction and "designer babies." "Were increasingly treating, children like commodities." said Mark A. Roithstein, a bioethicists at the University of Louisville in Kentucky. Tils like you've ordering a computer from Dell' you give them the spees, and joey put it in the mail. I don't think we should consider mail-order

computers and other prod-ucts the same way we consid-er children."

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Prospective parents have long been able to select egg or sperm donors based on ethnicity and other traits. Couples can also "adopt" embryos left over at fertility clinics, or have embryos created for them if they need both eggs and sperm. But the new service marks the first time anyone has started turning out embryos as off-the-shell products.

Before contracting for the embryos, clients can evaluate the egg and sperm donors, and can even see pictures of them as bables, children and sometimes adults. A fertility speciality will then transfer the embryos into a client's womb or lino a surrogate.

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Some fertility doctors and ethicists are undisturbed by the Ahraham Center because the service does not differ markedly from what already happens routhelp at fertility claints.

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This is shocking. Embryos made to order, "sad John A. Robertson of the University of Texas at Auxin, who advises fertility specialists on ethical issues." But I you step back a little bit, you realize that people are already choosing sperm and egg donors in separate
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But others condemned the process as the unsertling culmination of recent objectionable developments, including the payment of egg and
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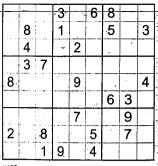
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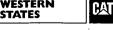
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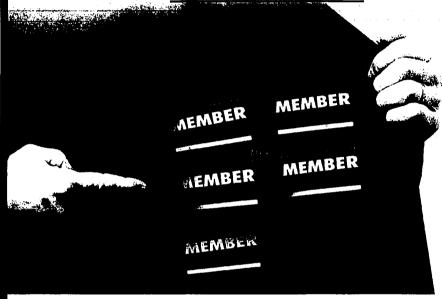
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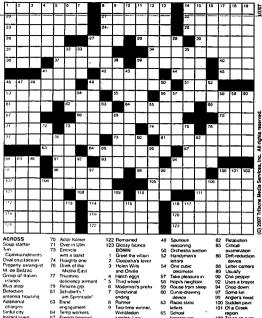


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queen.

Dear Mr. Wolff: What bid do you recommend with this hand? Holding ▲ Q-7-2, ▼ 2, ▼ 3, ♣ A-K-Q-10-8-4-3-2. I gambled to open two clubs, and rebit three clubs. My partner used Blackwood and drove us to six notations with the same and the same properties. trump, which made on a finesse. Was I out of line to do so much?

ANSWER: Your idea is not a bad one, but the problem is that when partner has scattered values, he will assume you own more quick tricks than you have. Here is a good rule: With a long strong suit, open two clubs if all one-level resource for head of the suit open two clubs if all one-level re-sponses from partner would leave you without a bid. Open at the one-level unless you have at least one and a half quick tricks outside your long suit.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Are honors counted if four or five of the top honors are held in an opponent's hand? This happened in our game when the final conin our game when the final con-tract was four spades. Declarer had six spades to the ace and his partner had a small doubleton, but one of the opponents had K-Q-J-10 of spades. Who gets the hon-

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ANSWER: Yes, an opponent who holds honors scores the bonus. Once, on an unopposed auction in which my partner had bid hearts three times and I had given preference once, I conceded 900: a penalty of 800 plus 100 honors to an opponent who had six(!) hearts.

Dear Mr. Wolff.
Holding & Q.4-2. ♥ A.2.
♦ A.J-9-3. ♣ Q.4-3-2. you open one diamond and partner responds one spade. What should you do? Is two clubs acceptable? What if your LHO had overcalled one heart and partner had bid one spade. guaranteeing only four spades?

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ANSWER: In both cases a call of one no-Irump defines the basic nature of the hand — a minimum opening, balanced, without four spades. I would raise the response if it were known to be five, but would never bid two clubs, which guarantees nine cards in the minors.

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ANSWER: It is not so unusual that ANSWER: It is not so unusual that when you have enough high cards, you can afford to gamble. Even if the opponents bid a suit, you might play no-trump without a stop if you can infer that they have no more than four tricks in that suit — less common but not unsuit — less common but not un-known after, for example, a Flan-nery opening.

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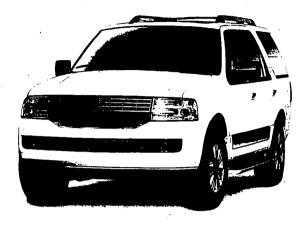
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These groups are happy to put your castoffs to use









Times-leven wither

TWIN FALLS — Be burdened no longer by that unwanted stuff. We've found willing recipients for the bath towed that lost its fluff, the board game your children outgrew, your eyeglasses with the outdated prescription.

Maybe the clean-out-and-start-fresh urge hit your household this month. And perhaps you worry that your family will forget about general-type fluff, and the start of the s

### Books, puzzles, learning toys

Books, puzzles, learning toys

Dos the toy room at your house
look neglected and forform?
Those books, puzzles, blocks, dolls,
art supplies and educational toys your
own children outgrew can find new
life in the hands of youngsters at
South Central Head Start centers.
Notice, however, that everything on
lead Start's wish list contributes to
learning, So, do some sorting as you
clean out the toy box.
And don't expect to see anything
too fragile added to the array at a
Head Start center.
'A lot of things at a home aren't
quite tough enough for a school setting, 'said Charyl Jester, Head Start
operations manager for Magic Valley's
eight counties.
Some bigger-kid stuff — like 100piece puzzles — won't be appropriate
for the Head Start crowd, mainly 4and 5-year-olds from low-income
families. 'If we get it, we'll take it, and
we'll just past it on to a family,' lester
said.

said. So if in doubt about your stuff, go ahead and offer it. Head Start's staff knows many families in need of used beds, mattresses, dressers and other household furniture for both children and adults—and will gladly pass on those donations. too.

lord mate Call Jester at 736-0741.

### Magazines, paperbacks, vam

Time can dag for hospital patients

and their families, so volunteen

at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional.
Medical Center welcome up-to-date
magazines for patient rooms and
waiting areas.
"We try not to get those that are too
old." said Loraine Devey, the hospi-



ABOYE: Balley Curzon, 4, left, and Morgan Adams, 5, play with an alphabet puzzle Doc. 20 in Her Michael's Unit Turo of used puzzles and games for children. TOP LEFT: James Mayfield, 5, left, and Styfer Fiscus, 4, play with blocks Dec. 20 at a Head Start contar in Twin Fals.

tal's director of volunteer service. The exception is outdated issues of Reader's Digest, whose patient appeal seems to be timeless. Wolunteers distribute magazine adaly, along with paperback books. (Hardcovers can be too heavy for a reader lying in bed.) Especially in demand is reading material for men, such as Westerns and hunting. (Babling, or western-themed magazines. Also, the hospital auxiliary makes quilts and caps for newborns and for children on the pediatric floor. So auxiliary members want yams—especially pastess and and bright colors. And one volunteer is looking for fleece to make comforters for families stuck waiting for lowed one's medical stuck waiting for loved ones' medical procedures.

. Call first, 737-2006.

### Eyeglasses

Your used eyeglasses can find new life on the face of someone in a developing country, thanks to an international effort of the Lions Club. The Twin Falls Lions Club maintains more than two dozen drop

boxes to collect glasses. — yes, even compty frames, frameless lenses and drugstore reading glasses.

It seems like there's a demand for about everything, said Floyd Miller, a Twin I talls Lions Club board member and past international direct.

Donations are sent to a Lions recycling center where they re washed and machines read the lens prescriptions. Recycled glasses are packaged and catalogued, ready for the optometrists who visit other countries, taking along loads of glasses. For the control of the property of the optometrists include some optometry offices, major retailers, thrift stores, funeral homes, churches and a couple of barber shops, among others. If you don't find one of them on your regular rounds, use the drop boxes at the Twin Falls County Courthouse or Twin Talls High School. Or give the glasses to any Lions member. to any Lions member

### Bedding and towels

T o care for a constant flow of dogs and cats that need new homes, People for Pets Magic Valley Humane



gh reads a suagazine Doc. 25 in her re or in Toln Folls. The hospital can alway n at St. Lake's Magic Vi

Society needs old blankets and towels.
"Always in short supply," said ken-nel worker Tiffany Pitz.
Think used blankets, throws, com-

forters, towels, washcloths, rubber-backed bathroom rugs and afghans of

Please see CASTOFFS, Page E3

# Class aims to help baby — and you — get more sleep

TWIN FALLS — When Amber Patterson puts 11-month-old Sara in her crib, the baby tosses and turns, tries to play and generally fights

tries to piay and solution she'll get fussy and she'll yell — I mean like a piercing scream, not even a cry." Patterson said. "She doesn't want to go to sleep."

sleep."

Patterson has a lot of experience coaxing babies to sleep, after running a day care in her Twin Falls

home since 2001 and caring for foster children for two years.

"Some cry a lot more and are harder to get to sleep," she said. "Some are real easy and will go to sleep if you just rock them or put them in a swing."

Lack of sleep is a common complaint pediatricians hear from exhausted parents. But help is on the Happiess Baby on the Block. Shelley Bounes. a registered nurse at St. Like's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, is certified to teach an innovative approach developed by pedia-

About the pediatrician: Dr. Harvey Karp explains how to caim a fussy infant.

See page E4

trician and child-development spe-cialist Dr. Harvey Karp. He stresses what he calls the 5 S's: swaddling, holding baby in a side-stomach position, shushing and sucking.

cause colic is an old wives' tale.

\* Why keeping the house quiet is often upsetting to newborns.

\* Why most bables get more upset in the evening.

\* An easy way to help infants sleep a few hours more at tight.

\* Why fathers are often the best bably calmers in the family.

Bonnes said that by using Karp's methods new parents can learn to soothe their infants and avoid excessive crying. The class aims to give them tools they can use to help

Please see MARES, Page E4s

### **Happy babies**

"The Happiest Baby on the Block" class es will be held at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center's downtown cam-

When: 6:30 to 9 p.m. Jan. 16, March

Where 6:30 to 9 p.m. Jan. 16, March 6 or June 5.
Where: 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, in the facility's main waiting area. Fees 320. Perticipants will moothe a movie, plus a CD with calming sounds, valued at \$40.
Call: Class size is limited, and prenegistration is required. Call 732-3148.

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# Summer camp:

### It's getting too late early

By Margaret Webb Pressler The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — So now that you're finished with the shopping, returning, family-visiting and New Year's celebrating, here's something else you should do: Plan your child's

should do: Plan your child's summer.

Acording to the summer camp industry, if you're not thinking six months out, you're already behind. Now, about 31 percent

"Now, about 31 percent of the camps we work with start signing kids un as early as September," said Peg Smith, chief executive of the American Camp Association, "One, it's never too early, and two, it's getting earlier."

It's almost too much for some marins to thear.

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hes up earlier each year.
Directors say camp is gaining popularity for a variety of reasons. Working parents need child care once school is out, camps have diversified to offer more specialized pro-grams, and adults are eager grams, and adults are eager to see kids get the kind of old-fashioned outdoor play they themselves had grow-ing up.

they themselves had growing up.

"One of the things that's happening is childhood is moving undors." said David Elkind, a professor of child development at Juffs University and the author of the just-tecleased book. The Power of Play." Summer camp is a place where kids can be out of doors. It begins to reacquaint them with the natural world, which is so important.

ortant: maller camps with spe-inal offer Smaller camps wim specialized programs that offer instruction in activities such as basketball or horseback riding or have a particular academic or religious focus are especially in demand.

particular academic or religious focus are especially
in demand.

You have some camps,
some lewish, some in the
private sector, that frankly
are filled on Aug. 31 for the
Foundation for Jewish
Camping.
The nonprofit and less
expensive programs also
are booked early, said Gary
Forster, camping specialist
for the YMCA of the United
States. The YMCA operates

for the YMCA of the United States. The YMCA operates 265 residential camps nationwide, many of which have been full for a while. The 2,000 day camps run by the YMCA have

The 2,000 day camps run by the YMCA have increased enrollment by about 4 percent in each of the past two years. "Our population is not growing in that perfect camping age of 8 to 14, but camping is," he said. Yet camp is not cheap—and some fees can rival college tuition. Nonprofit day camps can star at just \$100 a week while the average cost for private camp is.

 week while the average cost for private camp about \$300.
 Nonprofit resident profit residential run \$250 to \$600 a camps run \$250 to \$600 a week, but at the upper end, parents could spend \$2,000 a week to send a child to a scuba-diving camp in the Caribbean.

### Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St. W.

Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested domation is \$3.50 for seniors. Cost is \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12. Pool room open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading, Bargain Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Menus:

Monday: Chef's salad, soup, roll, strawberries and

ananas Tuesday: Burritos, Mexican orn. Spanish rice, refried eans, salad, cookie, apple-

sauce
Wednesday: Ham and
beans, stewed tomatoes,
coleslaw, corn bread, fruit

constant, con-cobbler

Thursday: Barbecue ribs on a bun, potato salad, fruit salad, roll, cake

Friday: Fish or chicken, fried potatoes, corp. carrot salad, muffin, fruit cake

Activities Today: Ballroom dance, 2

to 5 p.m. Monday: Monday Bridge Club

lub
Quilting
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Exercise class
Blood pressure
Wednesday: Elks Card Club
Quilting
Foot clinic

lackpot trip Thursday: Pinochle Exercise class Friday: Blood pressure

Quilting Lunch bingo Texas cards New neighbor cards Saturday: Super bingo

### Richfield Senior Center

Fruit juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Mentus: Monday: Baked potato bar, steamed broccoli, chill, fruity Jell-O, hot dinner rolls Thursday: Split pea soup, grilled cheese sandwich, peach pie

### West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl

Menus: Today: Pork roast dinner, I

Today: Pork roast dinner, 1 p.m. Monday: Soup and sand-wiches Tuesday: Baked chicken tortilla, Spanish rice, refried beans, fruit, dessert Wednesday: Cook's choice Thursday: Hot pork sand-wich, bread, vegetables, fruit, salad, dessert

Activities:

Activities: Today: Buffet, 1 p.m.; \$4 for seniors. \$5 for people under 60 and \$3 for children 12 and

inder Monday: Silver Sneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m. Cards and dominoes, 6 to 9

p.m. Wednesday: Silv Sneakers exercise program Silver gram,

neakers exercise program, 0:30 a.m. Thursday: Blood pressure heck, 11:45 a.m.

eneck, 11:45 a.m.

Bingo, I to 3 p.m.

Friday: Silver Sneakers
exercise program, 10:30 a.m.

### Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.

All dinners served at noor

Monday: Beef stroganoff over noodles, carrots, fruit,

over noodles, carrots, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Salisbury steak, totatoes and gravy, broecoli, lell-O with fruit, cake
Wednesday: Swedish meanballs over potatoes, fruit medley, shorteake
Thursday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, corn, green salad, applesauce, cake
Friday: Chicken salad casserole, peas and carrots, fruit salad, garlic bread, strawberry shortcake

Activities: Monday: Silver Sneakers fitness class, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday: Plnochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 6 p.m.

Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 45 p.m. Wednesday: Board meet-

Speakers fit.

Wednesday: Board meet-ing, 10 a.m. Silver Sneakers fitness class, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Friday: Silver Sneakers fit-ness class, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Gem State Fiddlers, 1 p.m.

### Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly

Milk, coffee, juice and tea

served.
Full-serve salad bar, 11:30
a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday,
Wednesday and Friday; takeout available; \$4 for seniors
60 and above, \$5 for people
under 60, \$2.50 for children
under 12.

Menus:
Monday Cook's choice
Wednesday: Ham and
beans, corn bread, pudding
Friday: Sweet and sour
chicken over rice, Oriental
vegetables, gingerbread

Activities

Today: Sunday dinner Monday: Exercise, 10.30

a.m.
AA meeting, 8 p.m.
Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.;
ceryone over 18 welcome;
chance to win \$100 Jackpot
every week
Wednesday: Nu-2-U Thrift
Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7
p.m.

Friday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store

pen 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 11:50 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

### Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave., Gooding

All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Menus:

Menus: Monday: Meatloaf, pota-toes and gravy, baked squash, green salad, mixed fruit, french bread Tuesday: Barbecue ham, scalloped potatoes, corn,

Jacobay, Barroccue ham, calloped potatoes, corn, bleslaw, custard, bread Wednesday: Teriyaki chick-n over rice, stir-fry vegeta-les, cottage cheese, Jell-O, read

Thursday: Turkey, potatoes and gravy, green beans, penny carrot salad, rolls, pumpkin squares

Activities: Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Plnochle, 12:30 p.m. Glenns Ferry pottuck, 6

p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m.

Bridge, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Board meeting, 1 p.m. Shuffleboard, 6 p.m. Thursday: Quilt social, 9

a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m. Annual membership meeting and election of 6:5feers Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday. Bridge and duplicate bridge, Lp. m. Bowling, 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Saturday night pinochle, 7 p.m.

### Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake

Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; lunch is served at moon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12. Thrift shop open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday a.m. to 2 p.m. M Wednesday and Friday

Menus:
Monday: Deli wraps, potatoes, vegetables, fruit, salad,
bread, dessert
Ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables,
fruit, salad, bread, dessert
Friday: Salad bar with fajita
salad, broccoli salad, fruit
salad, bean salad, etc.; bread,
dessert

### Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden

Suggested donation for

### SENIOR CALENDAR-

seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookle and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinna-mon roll and maple bar bake

Menus:
Tuesday: Fried chicken,
mashed potatoes and gravy,
vegetables, fruit, salad
Thursday: Baked cheese
sandwich, tomato soup,
coleslaw, fruit
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Activities: Wednesday: Bake day Bingo, 7 p.m.

### Golden Years Senior Citizen Inc. 218 N. Rall St. W., Shoshone

Fruit Juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Menus. Menus: Tuesday: Sausage gravy over biscuits, California mixed vegetables, mashed potatoes, gingerbread Wednesday: Split pea spup, tuna fish sandwich, coconut

Friday: Fried fish, french fries, five-way mixed vegeta-bles, cookies, peaches

Activities: Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilters, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday: Board meeting, 10:30 a.m. 3:30 a.m. Pinochle, I p.m. Wednesday: Scrapbooking,

Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.

Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. **Biaine County** 

### Senior Center 721 Third Ave. S., Hailey

Menus: Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic cheese bread, spinach salad with bacon and egg, chocolate crinkle cookies Wednesday: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, hot rolls,

en beans, pineapple-eese salad, cheesecake

ars
Friday: Baked cod with
auce or baked chicken
reast, oven-roasted potares, corn bread. English
eas, coleslaw, cherry pie

Activities: Monday: Twin Falls shop-ping trip, 8:30 a.m. Tuesday: Foot clinic, 10

a.m. Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.

Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Exercise, 1:15 p.m. Wednesday: Red Hatters recting, 11 a.m. Yoga, 5:45 p.m. Thursday: Massage thera-y, 9:30 a.m.

Exercise at American Legion Hall (Ketchum), 1:30

p.m. Winter Fest party, 6 p.m., with prime rib dinner Friday: Board games, 10:30

a.m. to noon Hearing counselors, 10:30

# a.m. to 2 p.m. Sing-a-long, 11:45 a.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave.,

Glenns Ferry

Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; beverages with meals, Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for chil-dren under 12.

Menus: Tuesday: Spaghetti with meatballs, peas, baby carrots, whole wheat bread, cake Thursday: Taco lasagna, green beans, corn, Texas toast

Activities:
Monday: Potluck, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Birthday
bingo, 2 p.m.
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
Cards Activities:

### Senior Center 127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield

**Camas County** 

Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Suggested donation for the meal is 54 for ages 10-59; \$3 for 60 and above; and \$2 for children under 10.

Tuesday: Taco salad, chips adusla. fruit, dessert Wednesday: Shepherd's ple, salad, fruit, dessert Friday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetables, fruit, dessert

Activities

Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos and visit-ing available 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

idays. Wednesday: Board meeting, 7 p.m. Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m.

to 1 p.m.
Saturday: Fundraising breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m.

### Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center 702 Lith St., Runert

Meals are served at moon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Menus: Monday: Chili, corn bread, assorted salads, cinnamon

us Tuesday: Sweet and so

Tuesday: Sweet and sour chicken over rice, Oriental slaw, muffins, pudding Wednesday: Enchiladas with rice and beans, salad, fruitcake Thursday: Potato bar, broccoli, salad, rolls, cobbler Friday: Smorgasbord

Activities Activities: Monday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3

p.m. Sidewalk seniors on the bike trail, 10 a.m. Strength training with istitute on Aging, 10:30 to

10:45 a.m. Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m. Tax aid, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; call 436-9107 for appointment Sidewalk seniors on the

Sidewalk seniors on the bike trail, 10 a.m. SHBA and Medicare assis-tance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwindeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 878-9127 for appointments Strength training with Institute on Aging, 10:30 to 10:45 a.m. Friday: Medication assis-tance by pharmacists, 11 a.m. to noon

### Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley

Monus: Monday: Spaghetti, mixed vegetables, french bread, green salad, apricot crisp Tuesday: Fish burgers, clam chowder, fruit cup,

spice cake Wednesday: Birthday and

Wednesday: Birthday and anniversary dinner Thursday: Beefy tomato macaroni. Mexi-Cali corn, roll, cottage cheese with fruit, cheesecake Friday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, vegetables, roll, fruity Jell-O, assorted desserts

Activities

Monday: Pool Pinochle, I p.m. Eyeglasses check Exercise Exercise Tuesday: Pool Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Radio show, 9:06 a.m. Exercise Community bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise Thursday: Pool Exercise Board meeting, 1 p.m. Community pinochle, 6 

### Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St.

Dinners served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each meal-time.

Menus:
Tuesday: Chicken breast,
rice, broccoli with cheese,
peaches, coleslaw, bread,
crispy rice treats
Wednesday: Smorgasbord
Meatloaf,

Thursday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, carrot and raisin salad, applesauce, bread, brownies

Activities: Monday: Walking club, 10

Bingo, 7 to 8 p.m.

Bingo, 7 to 8 p.m.

\*\*Tuesday: Exercise, 9 a.m.

Puzzles, 1130 a.m.

Bingo, noon

Foot clinic, 1 p.m.

Wednesday: Walking club.

10 a.m. Puzzles, 11:30 a.m

Cards and games, 1 p.m. Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Bingo 1 p.m. Friday: Walking club, 10

SINUSITIS or COLD Because the symptoms of sinusitis son mimic those of colds, you may not realize that if you need to see a Sinus Specialist. If you suspec that you have sinusitis, review these signs and symptoms. If you suffer from three or more symptoms, Sinus Center-Idaho can help!

| SYMPTOM              | SINUSITIS           | COLD                  |  |  |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Facial pressure/pain | Yes                 | Sometimes             |  |  |
| Duration of Illness  | Over 10-14 days     | Under 10 days         |  |  |
| Nasal Discharge      | Thick, yellow green | Thick whitish or thin |  |  |
| Fever                | Sometimes           | Sometimes             |  |  |
| Headache             | Sometimes           | Sometimes             |  |  |
| Pain in upper teeth  | Sometimes           | No                    |  |  |
| Bad Breath           | Sometimes           | No                    |  |  |
| Coughing             | Sometimes           | Yes                   |  |  |
| Nasai Congestion     | Yes                 | Yes                   |  |  |
| Sneezina             | No                  | Yes                   |  |  |

TWIN FALLS• 191 Addison Ave

John A. Boyajian, MD

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# Baby cuddlers fill neonatal

In this perhaps the sweetest, safest spot in this wing of beeping machines and hurried nurses: the warm nook of Susan Falvo's sturdy embrace. Here in the neonatal intensive care unit of Connecticut Children's Medical Center, where tiny coss hold fragile babies born too sick or too soon to head home. Falvo is crading the precious, if impatient, Keira Smith, She and twin sister Kayla arrived in the world 17 weeks early—barely within the threshold of survival.

Their mother, Stacy Bowen, visits daily to feed and bathe and hold her little girls. But the and hold fer tittle gith. But the reality is she has a full-time job. And the reality is the busy nurses of the NICU carn (possi-hly stop to hug and soothe the 550 babies that come through their wing every year. So volunteers such as Falvo give their time as one of the medical center's 16 official baby cuddlers, dispensing the tender human touch science shows is needed for healthy development.

development

development.

Nobody would like to be in a box all day.' says Falvo, eased into a reclining chair with a skeeping Keira, her little face pecking from beneath her yellow cotton hat. Ilhythmically stroking the baby's back as the morning sun streams through the window, Falvo explains

why she has given three hours of her time every Wednesday for the past 10 or so years.— It's a nice feeling to hold these innocent little babies," said the retired grandmother from Wethersfield, Conn. They're nice and warm and quiet. It's a peaceful thing to do."

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She looks down at the little ody crumpled against her beer

chest, "Right, tootsle" she coos, "Right, tootsle" she coos, It's a plum position, the most sought of the medical center's 11 volunteer programs, says Marisol Rodriguez-Colon, vol-unteer services coordinator, And once they're in, few volun-teers stray.

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"Maybe their children are grown and out of the house, or they don't get to see their own gradubables very, often," Bodriguez-Colon said, "To be able to hold these balties and provide that affection and warmth can be very satisfy-ine."

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Such programs are not uncommon, existing in some variation at children's hospitals around the U.S. They data back to at least the 1980s, rooted in evidence from a host of ed in evidence from a host o studies that show the develop-mental benefits of skin-to-skir mental benefits of skin-to-skin contact between a parent and child, says Peggy Gordin, director of neonatal nursing at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where about 40 people volunteer their cud-dling services.



Baby cuddler Susan Falso, a volunteer at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center's newborn intensive or one of two twin sirls born press

"What these programs do is provide some sort of substitute for what would be the ideal, which is the mother's touch," Gordin, president-elect of the National Association of National Association of Neonatal Nurses, said. "Although they're not getting the same volunteer everyday ... at least they're getting cud-dling and warmth, and not just

play and will give them the instruments. One local Salvation Army volunteer offers free guitar les-sons, she said. In domair. Call 7:33-8720 or drop them off at 348 Fourth Ave. N. in Iwin Falls.

Almost everything

And that miscellaneous Astuff that ended up on your give-it-away pile? It's a good bet that St. Benedicts

Jerome can put it to use. "We use everything from shoes, slippers, clothing items, hats, gloves — you name it — socks, slipper socks, coaxt, 'said shauna Donabedhan, unit secretary and activities director. Used, of course, is fine. The LHC Unit washes everything with sandizer.

smitzer. In long-term care, she said, people wear street clothes and want to look as they would at home — not in the hospital. Also on the wish list. Unoperated indicentes, Used cutding froms, shawers and hair diyers fa mantenance worker cheeks them over to be surethey in in working conditions. Carli (term seven stray buttons can find a home on a homemade picture frame) Secsonal devor. Framed pictures and other wall art. Unique things to post on bulletin boards.

"Anything to frilly-up their rooms," Donabedian said. Plus items for the unit's "bingo store": cards, rubber

ong Term Care Unit in Jerome can put it to use the clinical touch of nurses starting IVs or drawing blood." At CCMC, the volunteers come from all backgrounds and ages, for all sorts of rea-sons, says NICU manager Marla Booker, College Marla Booker, College druits and retirees, work-a-day professionals, men and professionals, their and women. They come to remem-ber what it was to hold their

own babies, to feel the steady breath and heating heart of the babies they might never have. They come to make a little dif-ference in what is not an easy time for these habies and their forsition. familie

Like all the medical center's volunteers, the cuddlers are screened and go through extensive training. They learn about safety and cleanliness, the various circumstances that led these babies here, how the NICU functions and what their role is in it? They know the unress are the bosses. They know to step back when the parents arrive. They know their only task is to provide a nurring human touch, that all medical information remains confidential. They'll serve 10 training hours before cradling their first babi. They'll serve both thandle the sicker babies who require specialized care; they luteract only with those on their way to gaining strength and heading home.

they luteract only with those on their way to gaining strength and heading home. Like the Smith girls. Weighing just over a pound at birth, both babies required surgery. They suffered from respiratory infections, gastroe-sphoged reflux and chronic lung disease, among other allments. Their mother wishes she was

Their mother wishes she was the one there, giving them the hugs and love that only a mother can. But knowing a doting volunteer like labot is giving the girls daily affection gives her some peace of mind, she says.

"Just knowing that they're protected, so to speak. knowing that someone is taking the time to sit with them, to stroke their hair, pet their faces and just hold and cuddle them. If I'm not able to do it, at least someone else is able to," she said.

### Castoffs

Continued from page E1 any size — as long as they're washable or bleachable. Dog toys and ropes, too. But no electric blankets.

But no electric manaces. Animals "tend to ear the cords out of them," Piltz said. Io donate Just drop them off, at 420 Victory Ave. in Twin Falls.

Your clothing and house-hold donations to Mustard Seed, St. Vincent de Paul and Deseret Industries thrift stores can indirectly help the families and individ-uals in crisis who get assis-tance from South Central tance from South Central Community Action Partnership. How three share splendidly with SCCAP—which doesn't have much storage room for used stuff—when the partnership finds someone with a need, said Leaune Trappen, SCCAP's community services director. But there's something the partnership need hadly enough that it wants direct donatons; men's coats.

donations: men's coats Women tend to have more

coats and go through them because they're tired of them. Men wear them out," Trappen said. "Men's coats are harder

said. "Men's coats are harder to come by."

The partnership also has storage room for blankets and other bedding. Indonate. Call first, 733-9351.

### Books, videos, music

You might never see them on the shelves of the Twin Falls Public Library, but one way or another your donated books, videos and music will help build the library's collec-

The library welcomes hard-covers, paperbacks, movies and instructional videos (both VHS and DVD), music and VIIS and DVD), music and audio books (casvette and cub) in amed art. sheet music and board games ("I'dl the pieces are there"), said Diame Van Engelen, director of the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation. But no magarines, And. If you please, no neader's Digest condensed books. Ilbrarians evaluate the donations, putting some into circulation. The rest are sold at the library's annual book sale in April, which rales money for building book collections and otherwise improving the library.

lections and otherwise improving the library. "Nonpaper Items are big sellers; they go fast." Van Engelen said. In donate: Simply drop items in the donation box at the library, 201 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls. If it's a large

donation, call the foundation at 736-6205 to make arrange-

### Fabrics and threads

he Hearts and Hands The Hearts and Hands quilling group, associated with Our Savior Latheran Church in Tskin Ealls, gave away over 200 full-size quitts and 100 baby's and child's quitts in 2006. The quitts got the Hed Cross, the Office on Aging, Child and Family Services, a homeless shelter, a crisis center, a hospital inconatal unit and a rescue mission, said Hearts and mission, said Hearts and Hands member Dorodhy Kerbs, Volunteers — who do the quilting at home and dur-

the quiting at nome and during get-togethers — welcome threads and good cotton fabrics. No polyester knits. 

Io donate: Drop off at 464 Carriage Lane N. in Twin Falls, or call Kerbs at 733-8470.

### Board games and art supplies

S ometimes people take their junk to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley, said Robyn Lowe, branch director in Twin Falls. For

director in Ivini Falls. For instance, magazines and out-dated computers. She doesn't want any more of those. "And actually, we're really good on books, too, 'she added. Elementary school libraries have given books to the Boys and Girls Clubs. But the Boys and Girls Clubs. But the Boys and Girls Grogarns in Twin Falls and Buhl do have certain wishes." We try not to be too picky, but we like board games or puzzles.' Lowe said. Pool cues, foosballs, construction paper. balls, construction paper, crayons and art supplies, too Io donate. Call first, 736-

### Clothing, blankets, dishes

Victims of domestic vio-lence and sexual assault often flee to the Crisis Cente of Magic Valley with no pos-

of Mage, Valley with no pos-sessions.

"When they leave here, they normally don't have anything to start a home with," said Connie Heston, legal advocate for the Crisis Center, a shelter for victims and their children. The shelter needs women's and children's dothing and shoes—in good condition— plus blankets and dishes.

"Things that arm'th neode."

"Things that aren't in good shape we can't keep," Heston To donate: Call first, 733-

### Musical instruments

The Salvation Army would love to have used musical

# instruments in working con-dition, said Becky Bonnett, business manager in Twin Ealls. With the help of a local music store, The Salvation Army will find children in need who want to learn to play and will give them the

software.

Prices have dropped, and it's often cheaper (for a charity

Prices have dropped, and it's often cheaper (for a charity as well as for you) to buy new than to fix the old. So how do you get nd of old computer equipment?

Telt me when you figure it out, will you? said Luther Malone, co-owner of The Computer Place, and confidence in Twin Folls. Some local dealers, including The Computer Place, accept selective tradeliers to sai-vage parts, then use them to repair other customers' older computers for which parts have disappeared from the supply chain. But no guarantees on that old surf.

guarantees on that old stuff. "We've got it running out of our ears at this point," Malone said.

### No takers here

Notice that nobody — from Head Start to the Humane Society — is asking for old computers. "They go out of date so quickly," said Robyn Love, a branch director for Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley. "Old computers aren't very helpful," Nether is outdated software.

stamps, envelopes, stationery (sure, an opened box is fine), wreaths to put on graves. You name, two pretty much can find a use for it. Donabedian said. Indonate Call first, 324-4525, If Donabedian can't use it, she'll have ideas about who can.

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# No rest for the weary, Aries

IF IAN, 7 IS YOUR BIRTH-DAY Expect smooth saling in the year to come and a chance to come face to face with original thinking. You will have more than your latt share of energy in February when you can start a new exercise program or compete more successfully in the career arena. People will be more apt togrant favors or offer a helping hand favors or offer a helping hand favors or offer a helping hand have been successfully in the career arena favors or offer a helping hand have been successfully in the career arena favors or offer a helping hand favore or offer a helping hand have been successfully in high and October—and those are months when helping hand have been successfully and the material world may be a successful to a higher plateau in the material world may care to handle or proposed to the successful handle can be a successful to the successful handle or the care to handle for the next few days, you will be able to recharge your such barreits late to the world handle handle handle handle handle had been been successful to the content with your current of the make a ping splash in business, career or as a lover, and your unswell residual to the proposed of the world handle had been successful to talk things over until lue-sday or world sear can please some of the

You can please some of the people some of the time. Communication is the key to

Communication is the key to making a relationship work, lount efforts might make an old financial problem vanish.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Spare the root and spoil the finner child Self-discipline and attention to routine will whip a pile of tasks into order. Dream quietly behand the scenes and you may find a congenial playmate later in the week.

### HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Children are usually happy because they aren't afraid to use their imagination. To find contentment, concentrate on

contentment, concentrate on an engrossing passime. LiBib (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Laved ones might be demanding or overly utred for the next few days. Some endearing touches such as flowers or chocolates may win approval. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Find your way through the ins and outs. Old obligations may need resourcefulness. Keep dreams alive by sharing them with loved ones even if the time isn't quite from the content of t

isn't quite ripe. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put your knowledge.

SMGTLARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Par your knowledge, caperise and experience to the text. Drive and determination will get you over the hump and a partner might; give you a bright financial idea. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Plan your work and work your plan. Self-discipline will do wonders to get you through the next several days. By midweky you will be able to spend your hard-earned cash on something rice. AQUARIUS (lan. 20-Feb. 18): Work had to create extra time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Work hard to create extra fine to play hard. If romance rules your heart, you might find ample opportunity for the exquisite expression of tender feetings by Wordnesday.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Plut business before pleasure. A puntanical work ethic added to some street smarts will give you the edge over the competition or the next two days. Plan intimate dinners for the middle of the week.



# The Tooth Fairy tale doesn't hurt bravery. She cries when they give her the shot but quickly collects herself, allowing for the pilers. She yelps and monars toward the end of the years, then holds her mounts oward and sobs. Dr. Barb moves away and allows me to put may arms around my courageous gift. I tell her it's all over; she did it it is all over; she did it it is all over; she did it it is all over; she did it is all over; she did it is all over; she did it is all over; we go for ice cream and again, and in the recelling she has herself crying at all; nope, she was a soldier, a warrior, a hero. She has a tooth in a little box, and share the tooth in a little box, and share the share should be all the has, somehow made a deal with the Tooth Fairy so that the tooth, her badge of honor, will not be taken. Instead, the Tooth Fairy will leave the tooth under the pillow undisturbed and will kindly place a gold coin in an envelope thoughtfully provided. This all plays out beauffully until the second night.

The question is how much information you give your kid about what, exactly, is involved in the pulling of a tooth. You probably don't tell her, for example, that a woman wearing a mask is going to come at her with an enormous needle that will be inserted with some force into a branch of the fifth cranial nerve, and that thai's just the owerture. You don't tell her that the you woman with the mask is then going to wield a set of sharp pilers with which she will toggle, twist and yank, until one entire molar, root and all, has been extracted from the

"No, not that, Mommy," she says.
"Ice cream?" I say, guessing again. I have promised her a cone of fudge swirl immedi-ately following the big pull. "I never heard of chocolate ice cream hurting anybody."
"No, Mommy, the tooth!"

she says.
"Oh, the tooth!" I say. "Are you still thinking about that silly tooth?"



PERSONAL FILE laanna Maria Laskas

"Yeah ---"
"Well, the tooth won't feel anything," I say, speaking technically. And remember I told you they're going to put the tooth to sleep first? I say, speaking technically. And remember I told you they're going to put the tool, the sleep first? I say, speaking metaphorically. I'm working every angle here, but the toold, hard truth: This is gonna hurt like hell. Do I ease my child into this fact of life? Will it help her to know, in advance, that today is the day she will cross over from the age of innocence to the age of ... dental hell?

Dr. Barh, the pediatric dentist, told me not to shame my daughter, not to use the hard tactics of the good old days when dental pain was punishment for sugar-related crimes. In those days, one skipped brushing could result in torrure, sandelived by your parents and delived by a specialite with a lot of reeny, timy shifting drills. Dr. Barb said Sasks cavity was a weird anomaly — a huge lock hat probably started out as a chip, then went without delay to decay, and oddly resulted in no pain. All of her other tech are in tiptop shape, so this was not a case of poor hygiere. Don't blanne. Don't pour hygiere. Don't blanne. other reetri are in tipiop shape, so this was not a case of poor hygiene. Don't blame the child. (Or the mother.) Sometimes bad cavitles hap-pen to good people.

We park the car on Level 4, and I let Sasha push all the buttons to all the elevators leading to the dentist's office. A nurse wearing a paper yellow smock grees us, fawns all over Sasha about her pretty coat. Soon Dr. Barb appears and fawns all over Sasha about her coat. Administrators come out to Administrators come out to Administrators come out to look at the coat, and soon enough another nurse appears with a bag of goodies — princess toothbrush, plastic cat, stickers, rings — which she hands to Sasha while everyone fires questions at her about kinder arter. It is a suppossible to the comment of the comment

tions at her about kinder-garten. Has anyone in her Class been visited by the Tooth Fairy yet? Sasha shakes her head no, and one of the nurses says sive going to go dial 1-800-Toothrairy, to schedule the Fairy's arrival, and then she hands Sasha a special tooth box and a magic sparkle sticker, to put on her paja-mas, that will 'Heel pite Tooth Fairy with directions." We are standing here, my daughter my daughter Fairy with directions. We are standing here, my daughter and I, hormbarded with all of this. No idiot, my daughter says: "Mom, I think this is going to hurt a lot more than we thought." Us vs. them. That's how we proceed. I tell her I'll hold her hand the whole time. I tell her Dr. Barb seems like a nice lady, and I think she'll make it suick.

'I don't want to do this,' she says, finally. "Me, neither, Sweetle," I tell

her. I'm impressed with her

**Babies** 

Continued from page E1 infants sleep longer — and to calm unhappy bables almos as easily as turning off a light.

Fussy baby, exhausted parents

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exhausted parents

There is a real need, Bonnes,
said, for such a class,
"We've been seeing the
numbers on the rise on less
people breast stilling and
postpartum depression," she
still "The said the class is supposed to help decrease."

It also cuts down on marital
stress a fussy baby helps creatte, class organizers say.

Bonnes, who works in the
hospital's labor, delivery and
postpartum departments and
facilitates the childbirth class
ses, later runs into parents who
say they're not getting much
rest and breast-feeding isn't
going well.

"I think its one of the most
common things that we hear
with a new baby," she said.
Parents need to learn how to
keep their bables content, she
said, and know the difference
tween a fussy baby who
needing calming in another
way.

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needing calming in another way.

"If it isn't started right away with a baby it might take longer for the baby to get used to it." she said. "But if it's something that's initiated right away, it can be successful from the beginning.

Twin Falls pediatrician Dr. Barr Adrian said that how you sleep at night is a learned behavior. Parents often teach their babies they can go to sleep only if they're rocked or fed to sleep, he said, which sets

up bad patterns. Then the baby cries, causing parents lost sleep because they

up bad patterns. Then the buby cries, causing parents lost sleep because they have to settle him down.

"And then they come in to see the pediatrician — they're unhappy, they're tired and cranky and nobody's happy at night," he said. It leads to martial stress, because with any unhappy baby the whole family is unhappy."

### The night routine

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These bables Adrian callstrained night feeders and 
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trained night tockers."

"Of course they wake up at 2 in the morning — as we all do. 
Nobody sleeps through the 
night," he said. "They findthemselves in their bed and 
they say, 'Ah, I don't go to sleep 
here. I go to sleep in the rocking chair out there. I'll call mymother and go back to sleep.

And mom does what he 
expects her to do. Then when 
he is about 10 months old, shewonders why she is depressedand tired. She hasn't sleptthrough the night for 10 
months.

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ionus. Adrian said it is natural th**a**t Adrian said it is natural that newborns tend to go to sleep when they're being fed. But by about 4 months he encourages parents to start breaking the association between being fed at night and going to sleep. The goal is to get the child to his mother's arms.

"Putting yourself to sleep at night is a good life skill to-acquire, and it has to be taught," he said. "The kids don't know it naturally."

# Transsexual talking marriage owes his boyfriend the truth

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of two years, "Mare," has been talking a lot about marriage lately. I love him and want to spend the rest of my life with him. There Is, however, one fly in the ointiment: I was born a biological male.

I have never felt like a man, Abby, I have lived as a woman since high school, and when I was 25, underwent suggery to change my sex. I have never regretted my decision and, up until now, my family has always been supportive.

As I have always been a woman in every way that matters, I have never seen any reason to tell any man I've dated that I was born with male genitalia. My brother recently asked me if I had told Marc about my surgery and was shocked to learn that I had not.

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He implored me to tell Marc.
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He that my past is completely irrelevant to our relationship today. My brother
thinks that I am obligated to
confess to Marc, and he has
threatened to tell him if I don't.
Marc lows may are under

threatened to tell him if I don't.
Mare loves me very much
and would support me no
matter what, but I have left my
past behind me, and I feel no
reason to needlessly disturb
our relationship. How do I
convince my brother to let this
go?

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go?

—AT A LOSS IN NEW YORK
DEAR AT A LOSS: Although
you may not think that the fact
that you are a transsexual is relevant, it is presumptuous to
think that you can speak for
Marc. He needs to know the
whole truth, and to keep it
from him could constitute
fraud. whole from fraud.

from him could constitute fraud.
You did not mention whether he is planning on having children with you, and, loving him as you do, you need to be fair to him.

A marriage that is based on a lie is no marriage at all. It would always hang over you, and surely there are many others besides your brother who know about your sex change. My advice is to tell Marc everything before someone else does. Your future with him could depend upon his hearing the news from you — and nobody else but you.

DEAR ABBY: 1 have read your column since I was in high school, and I want to



ABBY leanne **Phillips** 

one of your columns from the past.

I remember reading on Mother's and Father's Day that the best way to honor your parents is towrite them a letter telling them why you love them. My father passed away suddenly last week from a heart attack. He was 59 years old. My father had saved a letter that I, write him in letter that I write him in letter. old. My father had saved a lei-ter that I swore him in 1936 telling him why I bored him, which I found late last week. I read it at the memorial service as a tribute to what a wonder-titul person and parent he was. I want to thank you for that advice, Abby, as reading that letter was the most difficult thing I have ever done. However, it was the best way possible to honor my father. —JIM R. PIESANT HILL CALIE

— JIM R. PIEAGAST IIIL CALIE DEAR IIM: Piease accept my decipes: sympathy for the unexpected loss of your father. Thank you for writing to rein-force for me and my readers the importance of saying what is nour hearts while the peo-gle of the control of the control is not present while the peo-ple we loss are still around and all the control of the control of the are saying. Carpe diem!

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I spent a long weekend at a hotel with a number of other a hotel with a number of other incends and acquaintances. I found out later that he had allowed one of his male friends to use our room for a tryst with someone else's wife. Should I continue to trust a man who would aid and abet another couple in committing adultery?

—WONDERING IN

- WONDERING IN MOBILE, ALA. WONDERING: DEAR WONDERING: Wonder no more. A husband who would turn his hotel room over to another man so that man could engage in illic-it sex would have no hesitation about asking for the favor to be

(P.S. 1 hope they were considerate enough to have had the sheets and linens changed afterward.)

### Saying farewell to a beloved pet can be difficult for all

By Denise Flaim Newsday

The biggest haddest about the biggest haddest about in our society is death, says folum fluzer-Jardiner.

a psychotherapist from lidgesmod. Al, Her new book. When a family probable to the book. When a family part of the book. When a family part of the book o

omnipotent and immortal that they want to show everyone that they're not going to deal with it." And because of busy social and school lives, they don't see their parents dealing with the loss themselves. Younger children, however, are attuned to your emotions, much as you might like to think that you can hide them. Even if they cannot understand the death of a companion animal on an a companion animal on an

a companion animal on an intellectual level, "they do feel the loss, and also sense

feet the loss, and also sense what their parents are feed-ing, "Ruzeo-Jarolmen says." They look at your eyes, face and expression," and they just know.
This truth-seeking radar should give parents license to express their own grief.
"It's OK to cry with and in front of your children because you are their role model," Tuzeo-Jarolmen stresses. Parents who deny

because you are their role model. Tuzeo-larolmen stresses. Farents who deny a child the freedom to express their grid can sometimes compound it. 
Case in point is the patient whose story prompted Tuzeo-larolmen to begin studying how children grieve for the animals they love. Battling a deep depression in her 20s, the young woman recalled that her parents had surreptitiously given away the family dog because he had grown too large. A couple of tiously given away tre nati-ly dog because he had grown too large. A couple of weeks later, she discovered he was killed by a car. "She was guilt-ridden for 10 years," Tuzeo-Jarolmen recalls. "The parents hadn't told her that they were giv-

dea. This all plays out beautiful-

This all plays out beautiful-ly until the scoon dight, when Sasha wants to put the tooth under her pillow again, for another round of loot. 'Uh, no," I say. 'Why not!' she says, hav-ing landed on a perfectly inspired scheme.' It doesn't work like that," I say. 'It just doesnt'. 'That,' she declares, 'is not fair.''

Jeanne Marie Laskas writes her column for The Washington Post.

ing the dog away, and she fantasized that dog was running back to her. Confronting those unresolved feelings helped her overcome her depression. One reason the death of a pet is underplayed is that 'society doesn't look at it as significant loss,' Tuzeo-Jarolimen says. 'But it depends on attachment, obviously the worse the response to the bond being broken.' An 'outside' dog wholives chained to a doghouse might not prompt as strong a grieving response in a child as one who lives as a true family member in the home. Conversely, she notes, handicapped, isolated or depressed children get very attached to their animals and with the child saying a prayer or some kind words. 'Sometimes I ask tids to draw a time they enjyed with their pet,' she says. 'Or have lids made a memorals words.

the truth on a level they can understand." Tuzeo-larolmen advises. That favorite cop-out, the cuphen some often cop-out, the cuphen some often become tangs. Kids think such incredibly concrete things." Tuzeo-larolmen says, noting it's no coinci-dence that children who lear that a bedowd animal has been 'put to sleep' have difficulty going to bed. "Or they might think! If I'm bad, are they going to put me to sleep!" — Sent to the farm' is soother, one. That is proposed to the control of the monter one. That is soother, one. That is to sent and the sent sent sent sent sent properties.

are they going to put me to sleep?" "Sent to the farm' is another one. 'That's a euphemism for killing the dog, no question,' she says,' I think that most children accept what parents say and don't challenge that, but they know in their hearts what's happened.' The answer is simple, if draining Give your children credit for being emotionally capable of handling what life brings, whatever the short-term upheaval or upset. "Kids are very resilient." Tuzeo-larolmen says, 'and parents don't realize how much so."

# About the pediatrician

Dr. Harvey Karp, a Santa Monica, Calif., pediatrician and child-development specialist. is an associate professor of pediatrics at the UCLA School of Medicine. In his book The Happiers Bay on the Block. The explaint how to calm a fussy infant. Karp describes how inside the womb fetuses are continually feel, shushed, figgled and cutdician and the second state of the sounds they hear 24/7 are louder than a vacuum cleaner.

Once they're born, he said, they're loft alone in stillness for hours a day; many bables have truible adjusting during the first three months. In almost 30 years working with families and studying other cultures, he found the "calming reflect" which parents can learn to turn on by recreating the continent, sounds and rhythmic motions of the womb.

Source: http://www.thehapplestbaby.com/story.h

# Probes will return a flood of data in 2007

This should be an exciting year in space exploration, with an armada
of advanced probes returning
a wealth of limages and data.
Three space-raft will use
planets igravity to shape their
paths toward their final goals
in 2007. Rosetta, bound for a
comet in 2014, will swoop
just 150 miles over Mars on
Feb. 25, then race past Earth
on Nov. 13.
Expect to see some spectacular close-ups of Jupiter
on Feb. 28 as New Hortzons
uses the largest planet to

or Feb. 28 as New Hortzons uses the largest planet to boost its speed toward its Pluto flyby in 2015. Closer to home. MESSEN-GER will use Venus to after its trajectory on lune 5. sending the probe on to the first of three flybys of Mercury in 2008-09, in preparation to become the first Mercury orbiter in 2011. The European Space Agency's Venus Express orbiter is scheduled to end its primary mission in September, but if scheduled to end its primary mission in September, but it should continue to image the planet's atmosphere until its onboard resources are used up in a year of two

planet's atmosphere until its onboard resources are used up in a year or two. Cassini will make a dozen passes by Saturn's largest moon. Titan, to shift its orbit higher and higher above the planet's equator, providing dramatic views of the rings and pole.

damade views of the rings and pole. July and August will comprise the I/cy satellites' phase of Cassinis primary mission, followed by its final, two-year phase of operations from highly inclined orbits. Personally, I'm looking forward to Cassini's closest pass by the strange, two-toned moon lapetus on Sept. 10.



Sky calendar through Saturday

A number of spacecraft are slated to launch this year, including the Chinese lunar orbiter Change-1 (April 18), Dawn asteroid orbiter (June Dawn asteroid orbiter (June 20), Japanese lunar orbiter SELENE (July or August), Phoenix Mars lander (Aug. 3) and GLAST gamma ray telescope (Oct. 7), as well as three Earth-observing satellites and five shuttle missions to the International Space Station.

to the amendation of the amendation of course, details of many of these missions will appear in this column throughout the year.

Next week: The brightest and dimmest planets pair up.

Chris Anderson is produc-tion specialist and observato ry manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaha

## - ENGAGEMENTS

### BROUGH-BASTOW

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TAVIN FALLS — Kendall and
Corrie Brough of Star Valley.

Wye., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lacle
Kendral Brough, to Jacob Aaron
Bassow, son of David and
Tamie Bastow of Twin Falls.

Brough is a 2003 graduate of
Star Valley High School and
graduated from Brighan
Young University-Jdaho with a
degree in preschool education.

She is a lead teacher at Little
Wonders Learning Center in
Nildey, Utah.

Bastow is a 2003 graduate of
Twin Falls High School and
served in the England
Magchester Mission for The
Charch of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Salinis, He is a soph-



Lacle Brough and Jacob Baston

omore at the College of Southern Idaho majoring in social work and will transfer to Utah State University in the fall. He is employed by Swensens inc. in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for Friday, March 16, in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah.

Keiso, friends of the bride and groom, were witnesses.

The bride is a graduate of Wendell High School and Boise State University. She is employed by the Forest Service in Fairfield.

The groom is a graduate of Fontana High School in

MUFFLEY-ALLGOOD

WENDELL — Jill Leontine fuffley and William Edward

WENDELL - III Leontine Muffley and William Edward Allgood were married Dec. 27 at the Twin Falls County Courthouse. Officiating was Judge Randy Stoke. The bride is the daughter of Bob. and Mari Muffley of Wendell.

The groom is the son of Bill and Janice Allgood of White Hills, Artiz. Karen Steppard and Bryant

Karen Sheppard and Bryant Kelso, friends of the bride and

William and Jill Allgood

Fontana, Calif.

Fontana, Cain.

He owns and operates
Allgood Exteriors — Siding,
Roofing and Windows in Twin

Angood Mandows in Twin Falls.
The couple resides in Twin Falls and will honeymoon in Thailand in February.
A reception will be held in April.

### KING-PATTON

WEDDINGS -

Church.

SANDERS-JONES

BURLEY — Kortnie Sanders nd Traig Jones were married lec. 30 at the Pella LDS

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Samaria Sanders of Burley.
The groom is the son of
Steve and Shelley lones of
Burley and Larry and LaDonna
Andrews of Filer.

A reception followed at the

GOODING — Heather Kathryn King and Joshua John Patton were married Dec. 30. The bride is the daughter of Brenda Roberts of Blackfoot and the late Terry Roberts. The groom is the son of Mike and Julie Patton of Gooding.

Mike and Jan... Gooding. An open house was held Jan. 6 at the LDS Church in

Arroy.
6 at the LDS cam.
Gooding.
The bride graduated from
Blackfoot High School and
attended Idaho State
University, majoring in dental

hygiene. The groom graduated from Bliss High School and attend-ed Brigham Young University-





Joshua and Heather Patton

Joseph and Heather Patton Idaho. He served in the Donetsk Ukraine Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is employed by Sawtooth Cautle-Co. in Gooding, where the couple will reside.

### CRAWFORD-BARKER

BUILL — Patrick and Annie Phillips of McCall and Jim and Elizabeth Barker of Buth announce the engagement of their children. Maryse Crawford and Michael Barker. Crawford is a 2003 graduate of · McCall/Donnelly High School.

School She is pursuing a degree in

She is pursuing a degree in environmental science at the University of Idaho and will graduate in May. Harker is a 2003 graduate of Bull High School. He is pursuing a degree in business and economics at the U of I, where he will graduate



Michael Barker and Maryse Crawford

in December 2008.

The wedding is planned for July at the Barker residence in Buhl.

Darci DuBois and Dustin Sears

# WARD-AMELANG

BURLEY — Aubric Klisa Ward and Jeffrey Scott Amelang were married Dec. 28 in the San Diego LDS Temple. The bride is the daughter of Douglas and Julie Ward of Burley.

Douglas and Julie Ward or Burley.

The groom is the son of Dr. Lawrence and Susan Amelang of Walencia, Calif.

The bride graduated in 2005 from Burley High School and attends Brigham Young University in Prove, Utah, majoring in education.

The groom graduated from high school in Valencia and served a mission in Paraguay for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He

YOUNG-TURPIN

RUPERT — Carrie Young

RT — Carne nt Turpin were married the Mount

# Jeffrey and Aubrie Am

BYU, majoring in

attends BYU, majoring in mechanical engineering. A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Ambulatory Surgery Center, 1344 Ililand Ave.,

attends

Burley.
The couple resides in Provo.



Brent and Carrie Turpin

Riverside Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He attends Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He attends Boise State University, major-ing in construction manage-

### -- Anniversary -

### THE BATESES

THE BILLS — Bailey and Mildred Bates of Iwin Falls celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Jan. 2 Bailey C. Bates and Mildred Wake were married Jan. 2, 1937, in Oakley Basin. They have lived in the Oakley Basin. Eureka, Calif.; and Twin Falls. He werked on a ranch in the

He worked on a ranch in the He worked on a ranch in the Oakley Basin and at a lumber mill and retired from the Twin Falls School District. She worked at Woolworths in Eureka and JC Penney in Twin

Eureka and JC Penney in Twin Falls.

They have been active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Salnts.

They have four children, Lalkae Brown of Sacramento, Calif. Gary Bates of Eureka; Gale Bates of Redding, Calif. and Linda McMurdy of Winterhaven, Calif.



### **DUBOIS-SEARS**

WENDELL - Howard and WENDELL — Howard and Diana DuBois announce the engagement of their daughter, Darci Ella DuBois, to Dustin Reed Sears, son of Jeff and Margo Sears of Wendell.

Margo Sears of Wendett.
Dulbois is a 2003 graduate of Gooding High School and spent three years in Alaska as a retail manager at the Alaska Sealife Center. She is employed at IF Design in Gooding.
Sears is a 2001 graduate of Wendell High School and served + erwo-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the Russia St. Petersburg Mission.
He is employed on a ranch in Bliss.

# The wedding is planned for Friday, Ian. 12, in the Logan, LDS Templic in Logan, Utah. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Ian. 13, at the Wendell LDS Church. The couple will reside in

### MUNDORF-NEALE

TWIN FALLS — Terence and Marina Mundorf of Scattle announce the engagement of their daughter, Gretchen Mundorf, to Ryan Neale, son of John and Diane Neale of Twin

John and Dian'e Neale of Twin Fally,
Mondorf is a graduate of the University of Washington with a major in history and a minor in "women's studies. She eather a juris doctorate in 2004 from Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, Ore., and is a law clerk for the Honorable Ronald Casifeberry in Snohomish County Subjector Court, Washington stabt.

Neale is a graduate of the University of Idaho with a degree in environmental sci-ence. He graduated in 2004

**JUDD-EVANS** 

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BURLEY — Gloria and Steve
Hernandez and Jim and
Debbie Judd, all of Burley,
announce the engagement of
their daughter, Jessica Dawn
Judd, to Chris Evans, son of
Debbie and Perry Bulstrode
and Mike and Nancy Evans, all
of Bugby,
Judd is a graduate of BurleyHigh School and is employed
with At Home Care in Boise.
Evans is a graduate of Sugar
Salem High School in St.
Anthony and Boise State
University, He served a misston in San Bermardino, Calif,
for The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-dwy Salins, He is

of Latter-day Saints. He is employed at Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello.



ogan nease and Gretches Blundorf from Lewis and Clark Law School with a juris doctorate. He is an associate with the law firm of Climeth's Mikin & Davis in Bedlingham, Wash. The wedding and reception are planned for Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Lake Union Cafe in Seattle.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Jan. 12, at the Burley West Stake Center. A reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

The couple will reside in Pocatello.

### Cassia Regional Medical Center

Kaden Jay Gammon, son of Dan and Krista Gammon of Burley, was born Nov. 6, 2006.

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

Medical Center
Riley Lewis Williams, son of
Cindy Bailey and Jerad
Williams of Hailey, was born
Dec. 11, 2006.
Aurora Mekarae Clark,
daughter of Leah and
Jeremiah Clark of Gannett,
was born Dec. 12, 2006.
Baby Boy Mann, son of
Tilney Stewart and William
Mann of Ketchum, was born
Dec. 12, 2006.

Mann of Ketchum, was born Dec. 12, 2006. Kendyl Maryn McNeill, daughter of Hayden and Joshua McNeill of Hailey, was born Dec. 13, 2006. Wyatt Charles Crego, son of Jacki and Brandon Crego of Bellevie, was born Dec. 14, 2006.

006. Janett Hurtado, daughter of idia and Francisco Hurtado f Hailey, was born Dec. 18.

2006.
Jesus Avila-Rodriguez, son of Edith J. Rodriguez and Fidel Avila-Salinas of Hailey, was born Dec. 21, 2006.

### St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

insposes incured Lefter Franado Ayala, son of Maria Guadalupe Garcia and Leonardo Ayala of Jerome, was born Dec. 13, 2006. Joshua David Griffith, son of Apryll Marie Nesmith of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 15, 2006.

Slade Willard Fisher, son of risten Lea Collins and Steven

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Slade Willard Fisher, son of Kristen Lea Gollius and Steven William Fishor Ir. of Twini Falls, was bom Dec. 19, 2006. Daulel Peter Galswyk, son of Sarah Jo and Donald Lee Gaalswyk of Buttl, was born Dec. 19, 2006. Kaden Almle Henderson of Eden, was bom Dec. 19, 2006. Samantha Jo Rebollozo. daughter of Diana and John Javier Hehollozo of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 19, 2006. Karson Bavid Thompson, son of Jennifer Amanda and Chad Juel Hompson of Wendell, was born Dec. 19, 2006.

2006.
Brinlee Ann Yore, daughter of Mindi Lee and Peter John Yore of Rupert, was born Dec. 20, 2006.

Yore of Rupert, was born Dec. 20, 2006.
Samuel Gene Bauer, son of Katie Lea and Wesley Gene Bauer of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 20, 2006.
Regle Rebecca Cederberg, daughter of Amber Nicole and Gary Gleinn Cederberg of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 20, 2006.
Zaclynn Jewell Pruett, daughter of Christina Emmaline Pruett of Jerome, was born Dec. 21, 2006.
Kamren Robert Pearson, son of Meggan Lea Eggleston of Buhll, was born Dec. 21, 2006.

Angus Lavar Boyles, son of

Angus Lavar Boyles, son of Kara Dawn Thompson of Bliss, was born Dec. 21, 2006. Cameron Michael Losser, son of Kara Lynn and James Nathan Losser of Filer, was born Dec. 22, 2006. Jace Tyler Olsen, son of Tanille Marie and Tyler Aubrey Olsen of Twin Falls,

was born Dec. 22, 2006.

Bella Reader, daughter of Mikala and Stephen Andrew Reader of Kimberly, was born

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Gontreras, son of Lizette Jacquelline Bosales of Jerome, was born Dec. 24, 2006.
Allison Marie Shockey, Idanile Historie and Bradley Cartis Shockey Jt. of Hupert, was born Dec. 24, 2006.
Luis Carlos Acuna, son of Lilia Teodura and Marcellino Acuna of Wendell, was born Dec. 24, 2006.
Shyan Hope Berlin, daughter of Crystal Nicole and Daniel Eugene Berlin of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 28, 2006.
Berhamy Evelyn Knudson, daughter of Richel Expinose and Craig / Aan Knudson of Hansen, was born Dec. 25, 2006.

Hansen, was born Dec. 25,

Braydee Lou Beebe, daughter of Akysia Kay and Chad
Neal Beebe of Twin Falls, was
born Dec. 26, 2006.

Gabriella BenavidesGonzalez, daughter of
Graciela Gonzalez and
Refugio Antonio Benavides of
Buhl, was born Dec. 26, 2006.
Lentrie Rose Tog, 2006.

Justin Drew Hoagland of
Wendell, was born Dec. 27, 2006.

2006. Wanuel De Jesus Lopez-Stipe Jr., son of Tiffany Dawn Stipe De Lopez and Manuel De Jesus Lopez Jr. of Filer, was born Dec. 27, 2006. Plper Marie Pierce, daughter of Elisa Rene and Travis Gerald Pierce of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 27, 2006.



# Zoey Paige Heffelfinger, daughter of Kelley Rae and a Nathan Paul Heffelfinger of a Twin Falls, was born Dec. 27...

Jovin Lalls, was born Dec. 27, 2006.
Andres Hernandez-Magana, son of Maria Sannanta Magana and Andres Hernandez Japia of Jerome, was born Dec. 27, 2006.
Nyles Shea Heath, daughter, of Stacey Tulynn and Brent, Charles Heath of Shoshone, was born Dec. 28, 2006.
Cale Lee Carpenter, daughter of Jessica Lee and Randy, Greg Carpenter of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 29, 2006.
All Terziqi and Anlla, Terziqi, son and daughter, twins of Fathne and Nazznj. Terziqi of Twin Falls, were born Dec. 29, 2006.



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## TEENS TALK

Library's young advisers want a welcoming spot for their peers.

Next week in Family Life

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# The appeal of snow is crystal clear to scientist Ken Libbrecht

You've seen snow, but have you ever studied a snowflake? That is, have you looked hard at a falling crystal and seen its unique design up

t's not easy to glimpse something so thry that it often melts or blows away as soon as it lands. Imagine try

awing as soon as it lands. Imagine trying to photograph on But that's what ken Libbrecht has spent much of the past four years doing ratching snowflakes duting them under a microscope and taking pletures. He loves doing it for the same eason he loves birdwatching; He gets to spend time in nature looking for something has hard to find. that's hard to find

"Snowflake-watching is just as much fun," he said. "You can't do it

much fun," be said. "You can't do it on a nice, warm, sunny day; but, hey, there are no mosquiroes." Libbrech is a scientist who has written four books about snowflakes. You might have even seen some of his snowflake photos: Four were featured on U.S. postage stamps. Libbrech didn't do anything sneed to anything sneed to any the same

anything special to get his work turned into stamps — he was working in hls lab one

in his ha one
day when the
U.S. Postal Service called. "It's
very exciting," he said.
Ilbbrecht is interested in
snowliskes because they are fairly
complicated and because scientist
don't fully understand
them. He goes on
snowliske-hunting
tries from his horne. trips from his home in Southern California, Yes, there

California, its, there is snow in the mountains in California, but Libbrecht's favorite hunting ground is in Canada, in northern Ontario. His wife and two kids, now I 4 and I7, usually go with him, but 'this year lam going alone,' he said, 'My family's gotten kind of tirred of it. In his latest book. 'Ken Libbrecht's Field Guide to Snowflakes,' he answers lots of questions about snowflakes in a way that's easy to understand. Their beautiful crystal structure is mainly the result of two things: conditions in the sky and the structure of water molecules. A water things conditions in the say and the structure of water molecules. A water molecule is the smallest unit that can be recognized as water. A snowflake starts as a nearly invisi-ble speck of dust. Thry bits of water

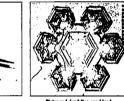


Ken Libbrecht of California has spent four years chasing so books about the frozen water crystals.

Become a snowflake watcher







### No two the same

The beauthst petterns on some enoughaless come from the weather. As a snowfake fails, the humidity and temperature determine its shape. Each patch of dry or humid air has a differ-ent effect on how a snowfake forms. Because no two fakes take exactly the same path to earth, each flake has a unique design.

Snowflake fact

in the air creates fleices with long anches, or dendrities, en a snowfiake falls through mostly When a snowlater this through mostly dry air, it grows more slowly and becomes a simple crystal plate. Snowfates that hit both dry and humid patches on their journey may have characteristics of plates and dandrises. There are many other typus of snowflates, as well, including needles and capped columns.



Wilson Bentley was the first, person to photograph snowflakes, in 1885. You can read his story in the book "Snowflake Bentley," by Jacqueline Brigge Martin,

the weather seems ideal for creating them. Twe been in places where the temperature is 5 degrees and the wind is calm—and the snow still looks like sand. he said.
Libbrech has had some success growing snowflakes in his lab, but if not the same, he said. They not as pretty, and it's a lot of work.

No, the best way to enjoy snowflakes is the old-fashioned way, he said: "too just go outside, and they fall from the sky by the billions."



# vapor (the gas form of water) attach to the dust, then freeze. These mole-cules are triangular, and as more of them attach to the dust they eventu-ally create a hexagon, or six-sided observe.

shape.
Some snowflakes become flat hexa-

some snowhase become hat hexa-gons and say that way, sometimes with broad "petals" forming at the six corners, making them look like flow-ers. Other snowflakes turn into hexag-onal columns.

But if the changes in temperature

and humidity are just right, thin branches may sprout on a baby snowflake as it tumbles in the air, ating six-pointed starbursts called dendrites.

dendrites.
These are usually the pretilest flakes and are most likely to form when the weather is either just below freezing (32 degrees Fahrenheit for water) or amount 5 degrees. Brrnt Perfect snowdlake specimens—those lace-like flakes that Libbrecht lows—are hard to find, even when

# Talking with actress Haylie Duff

lay reporters, Newsday

We interviewed actress Haylic Duff in Manhattan recently after a performance of the Broadway show 'Hairspray.' Question: What got you interested in singing and act-ing?

g: Answer: When I was a little Answer: When I was a little girl, my mom, my sister and I used to dance around the house and sing to the oldies and stuff. I also did ballet when I was a kid. My dance instructor suggested that I go to acting classes. So I did.

Q: Do you prefer to work on stage or in front of a camera?

era?

A: They are totally different. I like each of them for different reasons. I like steep the cause I like steep the audience and having them enjoy the work that we are doing. With film, you don't really get to see that. On TV

watching in their living rooms. so you never get to see them enjoy all the hard work you do. That is the thing that is so that is so wonderful

wonderful with stage — you get to enjoy it with the audience. Q: Of all your roles, which one is your favorite?

A: I don't know! I low them all for different reasons. I low being the mean girl, and I get to do things that I don't normally do in real life. I get to say things! wouldn't normally say to people.

I love playing Sandy Jameson on "7th Heaven" because, in a weird way, she weird way, she weird way she

because, in a weird way, she is a really great role model for teenagers because she has made some really big mis-

### Did you know?

- Haylie Duff wrote two songs for her sister Hilsany's album, "Metamorphosis."
- She appeared as cousik Arny in Hilany's Disney Channel TV show "Lizzie McQuire."

takes and she has a baby way too young. But she is a good role model because of the way she handles herself and takes care of her life. Q: Do you prefer to work with your sister Hilary or solo?

solo?

A: I like both! People kind of gave us a hard time when we did commercials together. I think people are too Judgmental sometimes.

We love working together and we loved making "Material Girls," and we are both interested in doing different things, too, In a perfect

world, we would like to work on separate things and then work together.

work together.

Q: If you weren't acting or singing, what job would you do?

do?

A: I would either be a speech therapist and work with kids or work with ani-

O: You were in the movie

mals.

Q: You were in the movie "Napoleon Dynamite." Did you think it was going to be such a big hill.

A: It is a funny movie! When I read the script I thought it was really funny, and I loved it. I thought it would just be the greatest movie. When everyone else read it, I tooks much different than it appears on screen. Nobody really wanted me to do it.

My manager told me it was so weind that I wanted to go to Idaho to do this movie. My favorite movie is "Drop Dead Gorgeous", and this movie had the same type of campiness to it.

# YOU

Healthy Living





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# INSIDE: Study on jet lag study raises some red flags about your health, F4 The lodge at

Isolated Canadian lodge offers cozy hideaway in the Rockies

By William Kronbolm For The Associated Press

For The Associated Press

WATERTON LAKES

NATIONAL PAIK, Alberta —
My dilemma: Should I trudge
through shin-deep snow to
the side door at the Kilmorey
Lodge library for should tuse
the front door, shooling away
the doe and her fawn that
have taken shelter there front
the falling smowl
I opt for the library door,
The deer, after all, are one reason we chose this foolated
todge in the almost-deserted
village of Valerton Lakes in
the Canadian Bockies. This is
their home; we are merely vistions.

their nome; we are merely vis-fors.

In summer, Waterton Lakes
In summer, Waterton Lake
National Park is a popular
mountain destination for
canadian vacationers, smaller
and less crowded than the
better known Banff and Jasper
national parks to the north. It
also receives thousands of visfors who come north across
the U.S. border as part of their
visit to Glacier National Park,
which aburs it.
Together, they form the
Waterton-Glacier
International Peace Park, a
International Peace Park, a

Together, they form the Waterton-Galacier International Peace Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. But in winter, Galacier is essentially shut down. Its hotels and restaurants are closed and boarded up, its high mountain roads buried by deep, drifting snow. The border crossing that is the summer shortent from the U.S. to Waterton I about the form of the Canadian park, comes of the Canadian pa

willing to make the offseason

willing to make the offseason trek.

We are here this weekend because the Kilmorey Lodge tops our list of place where we most want to be snowed in. Our cross-country sks are strapped on the car, and our snowshoes are in the trunk. We seek a blend of adventure and solitude, but also a commonstable bed, a warm fire, and gournett meals evered by cheerful and attentive staff. Kilmorey offers it all.

Adventure isn't far away. Waterton plows a road eight mules up from the village into the high country of the



Rockies. From there the ternaming two indes of unplowed road lead cross-country skiets or snowshners to Cameron Lake, nested in a crique at 5.450 feet, hard against the Commental Divide

It is one of the easest and safest was for writer (softwar) for writer (softwar) of the Canadhan Hockes in winter. Later in the easen, when the ice is thicker and safer, Cameron Lake itself becomes a thoroughtare for skers Am dal around are forcest and mountains, invaling explorers on stoods loss. Back down in the townsitie Cameron Lake a spec routing a specific property of the control of the It is one of the easiest and

wilderness. Deer are common here, and they often bed down in the shelter of trees near the kalmorest. As wall herd of Ro ky Mountain bighorn sheep also frequents the townsite. In ky visitors may even carb a glumpse of a mountain hori, search ling for winter prej. His also is sertious grazify bear country, but they are hibernating this time of year and pose no threat

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# **Hot destinations in 2007**

By Beth J. Harpaz Associated Pre

Destinations in Asia and river cruises in Europe are among the hottest new trends in travel as 2007 begins, while changes in pass-port regulations and a growing awareness of environmental issues may also affect where and how people vacation in the new year.

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Caribbean National Rain Forest Naguabo, Puerto Rico



80-foot Buddha statue Bodhgaya, India



**Biltmore House** Asheville, N.C.

### **Trends**

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ASIÀ

Is Asia the new Europe? China was No. 1 on Lonely Planet's annual list of hot des-tinations for the new year, and China also placed first for the

mations for the new year, and Chita also placed first for the country representing the best value for the dollar in a survey of members of the U.S. Tour (peraturs Association, The U.S.T.O.A. picked Southeast Asia as the Intitest up-and-coming area for packaged trav-ci, with the No. 2 sput going to China, India and Croatia in a three-way tie. "China and India are off the charts," agreed Saudi Hughes, vice president of AAA Travel, the automobile associations travel services division. She autimited the growth in travel to the region to a continuation of business travel spirred by U.S. Investment; immigrants of the region to a continuation of business travel spirred by U.S. Investment; immigrants interested in culture, history and monuments.

leisure travel by Americans interested in culture, history and monuments. The continued weakness of the dullar against the euro and the Brush pound may also be leading some American travel-res' 'si look like alterial testinations,' said Rick Garlick, diector of stategic consulting for the Martz Hospitality for the Martz Hospitality Research Group, Places like Hadland and Singapore have gained a new appeal.'

The first rime months of 2006 charved air travel to Asia by U.S. citizens was up? per cent over the same period in 2006 charved are travel to Asia by U.S. citizens was up? The commerce the same period in 2006 charved and travel to Asia by U.S. commerce and the same period in 2006 charved and the same period in 2006 charved and the same period in 2006 charved and the same period in particular growth in travel to 1 turppe.

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Industries, compared to a 4 percent growth in tracel to Europe.

The United Kingdom, I fainer, Itali and Germany remained among the top 10 occesses destinations for tracel by U.S. residents in 2003, which was the most recent full year for which data was available. Home the Commerce Department. But tracel to Japan, No. 7 on the top 10 list 10 2007, was up 34 percent from 2004 travel to China. No. 10 on the list, was up 21 percent, travel to Ko. 12 Hong Kong was up 25 percent, and travel to No. 15 Indiawas up 33 percent.

### RIVER CRUISES

The new craze in European vacations? Tover cruising You stop in vidiages, towns and vineyards along the wax." said Boh Whitley, head of the U.S. Tour Operators to mland areas of countries in the Boltus Leance and

Association for nave acress to mland areas of commers in the Balties. Trance and certinary that the big ships carry get to his equivalent to an escorted four without the unpacking? He added that the trends of the single among tourists to China as well, with crises on the Nangare River. Highes, of AAV, added that Putopean river cruses are also more attractive to the because some frips bar simoking and offer more American than they used to be because some trips bar simoking and offer more American cuissine And a ship with just 90 cabins is far more minimate than one with severy and thousand passengers.

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### PASSPORT RULES

In the past, U.S. citizens could go to Canada, Mexico or most Caribbean countries and re-enter the U.S. using a dri-vers license and birth certifi-

Cate, But beginning Jan, 23, you'll need a passport to re-enter the U.S. by plane. For now, you can still return to the U.S. from chismittonions by land or sea without a pasport, but iscentially—and as early as January 2008—mad-inpers and crinsers will also need pasports under the new rules from the Department of Bonneland Security Only—27 percent of Americans hold passports and the change in require-ments may affect travel pat-terns. "There will be an increase in travel to places like those destinations by land of



ong line snakes in front of the new Guthrie Theater, in this June 25 photo, which was part of the opening weekend the new home for the theater was the Michigan Control of the opening weekend for the new home for the theater near the Mississippi River in Minneapolis.

Puerto Rico and the 11.8. Virgin Islands among places in Common and the U.S. Virgin Islands among places in the Caribbean because people who did not get their jast together and get their jast ports, they fill healtherteel by the new rules." predicted Amy Ziff, editor-in-chief of Iravelocity, She said the changes will be must more cable once people start planning their spring break tupis. The new regulapons could be particularly hard on travel to Canada, according to the particularly hard on travel to Canada, according to the Maritz Hospitality Research Group, which provided statistics indicating that by the calculation and the control of 2008, trew passport requirements will lead U.S. residents to make 7.7 million fewer visits to Canada.

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bad heard of environmentally correct vacations when asked about them in a recent

Internet-based survey conducted by Main's Hospitality.

There's a lot more awareness than I suspected, he said. Then we asked people who do head of them. Would you consider taking this type of vacation's two out of three said they would consider it. Some trackers have statted offsetting the carbon emissions from then their breast of the said offsetting the carbon emissions from them their highes or cartiflys by domaing to organizations that preserve forests or support remeable sources of energy like solar power. RT Mycentines

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### SPAS

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ayo While you can find a day spa in just about any mall or hotel, the newest spa trend for 2007.

according to Travel + Leisure magazine, is a "longevity retreat" with a locus on med-ical testing and advice at a desucal testing and advice at a des-tination spa. Among the place-tination spa. Among the place-othering wellness and health-care along with massages and soaks are Camon Banch; the California WellBeing Institute; and the Center for Life in Balance at Miraval, in Tueson, Miz.

### HOT DESTINATIONS

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Lonely Planet markets its guides to travelers around the sould, but its annual list of moreports foor the very even unlined at somewhat surprise more than the control of the U.S. as No. 2 (alter China in the top spot). The U.S. entry mentions Lawran, New Orleans, and New Orlea

Ethopa, Fortland, Ore, Virgin Corda, in the Bittish Virgin Islands, Okanagan Valley, Bitish Columbia, Canada, Glen Carivon, Diab, Zurich, Switzethani, and Portland, Maine (The list including Huippia was compiled before an outbreak of fighting between Ithiopia and Soundar)

### Kilmorev

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Cannada first protected
Waterton as a park in 1895, in
1910, it became forever linked
to its sjant neighbor to the
south — Glacier Park Is eight
times bigger in area — when
James 1101, president of the
Grean Northern Bailway in the
U.S., decided to make Glacier
and Waterton "the playground a
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chaics eageing weaming to consists who would raived on his national. Illis son, Louis Hill, chose a knoll overlooking Waterion as the spot for a new grand hotel, linked on a circuit to three others in Glacier park. The Prince of Wales Hungerschilder, again alpine chalet, opened in 1927. It still overlooks the village of Waterton, and staying there is a highlight for many sumer visitors. It is chosed in winter, and few even venture there because of the fierce and frigid winds that can hogd down Upper Waterton Lake. Those that do visit the Prince of Wales can see the thick of Wales can see the thick steet Cables that literally keep the huge hotel from blowing

the buge hotel from blowing away.

At the townsite below, the wind is buffered by trees, and it is calm when we return to Jihe kilmorey after our adventure on skis. It makes for a pleasant evening stroll through the snow around the shore of the partially iced-over Emerald Bay, listening to the honking of hundreds of Canada grese.

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Evening comes early in win-ter, and the glow from the lodge windows is an invita-tion, first off the lobby is a

tion. Inst off the lobby is a small, cheere pub where we can sit by the fiteplace and look out over the snowy wilderness. As in many old lims, the rooms are each unique and range from cozy to spacious. But all have antique furniture, plump mattresses and thick condurters that resize your to plump mattresses and thick comforters that invite you to

Evening comes early in winter, and the glow from the lodge windows is an invitation. Just off the lobby is a small, cheery pub where we can sit by the fireplace and look

snuggle in and sleep late. The rooms have no televisions, telephones or dataports, and there is no cell phone service; this is not the place for such interesting.

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their is an cell plaine service, this is not the place for such incrusions.

Dining at Kilmarey is a restar ally of Ganadian restairm awards over the last few years filled half page of the guest directory, and plaques fill a wall in the Lamp Post dining room. The mean and wine list led the solation of the small bodge. This night we op for an appetiture of black tiger prawns saured with impleinfused Canadian whisky and a lint of crubbed gairle. For a main course we choose pescature — scallops, clams, mussels, shriping crath, calaman, and and prawns saured with gairle, thalian berbs, and onion and linkhed with sawignon blane and cream, then tossels with inguine. Then we head to one of sharoncy most place, but can choose to take your cuffee and dessert there after dimer. But it's always a quiet redge, the parfect place to curf up with a good book.

ance dimer, but its always a quiet refuge, the perfect place to curl up with a good book, listen to the crackle of the lire and watch the softly falling snow deepen outside the door.

Perhaps we'll be snowed in. Ve cansilways hope.



# **Counting Sheep**



Some of the great menon manuarit times were in the sheep husines. Moses and Almiham, to name just a couple Anyone who have very conveil a rack of lamb knows who lies or founding fathers of the wood growers assess from were in Eq. on fent thinkers who emoved the of the properties and ast way of the

be fare the above streets must the once wild and woods shorp makes as much sense as ever. It still provides society with a much appreciated triple benefit. We utilize the steep's wool for Jothing its malk for choese and its me at to celibrate special occusions

Believe it or not, we have over 27(0.88) head of sheep in Idaho I nough to rank us 5th in the nation for sheep and himb production. Not bad considering Idaho is home to only about 2 of the nation's sheep farms and ranches.

For the most part, Idaho's wool growers are third, fourth and even titth generation ranchers. These men and women place a premium on the environmental health or the state. They work hard to strike a healthy balance between the care of their herds and that of the land

The next time you pull on those toasty wool gloves to shovel your sidewalk, remember the families that raise the sheep that provide the wool to make your comfort possible. These families appreciate your support and understanding of their way of life.



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# Surfers, turtles ride the waves of Nicaragua

It was pitch-black and pushing past midnight on a designate beach when I more or less gave up on spotting a sea nurshed. My two brothers and I had braved a brumpy hour cranimed in the back of an old Jeep as it rumbled across graved and muck to La Flor, a wildfife sancturary on Micaraguat's Beriffic coast. He week before, we were told, more than 10,000 of the surcase-size reptites. Bad landed in the darkness to lay eggs, the urtle equivalent of the Normandy invasion.

But for two furtle hours, we had resvering heat, flashlights with the standard of the hour of the Normandy invasion.

But for two furtle hours, we had resvering heat, flashlights drawn, with nothing to show for it. Even so, we had less complaints. It was 10 degrees warmer than the brisk New Jones and Marketter of the hour of

to the sea, as slowly as it had

come.

It was the rare sort of scene for which travelers have long ventured to better-known destinations in Mexico or, more recently.

Costa Rica. mations in Mexico or, mor-terently, Costa Brea, Nicaragua's southern nogh-bor for creaturies, most for-ogn visitors to Nicaragua came to meddle in its politics, including the American indi-tary advisers who worked with courts guerralise during the 1990s cred war. Bur in recent very, waves of hourists bare docovered that the beautiful country has treasuries to offer and working to bury its from-bled past.

country has treasures to effer and is vocking to bury is strombled past. He Western Heimspheres second-poorest—mation. Neadagaa is at something of a crosstroads. In a pivotal presidential electroal last month, as voters backed Daniel Oftego. leader of the Stondmisst Form, which controlled the government during the erol war US officials, adong with foreign unvestors in Nearaspia, whose numbers have surged in recent years, are concerned that Oriega, who was backed by the

Soviet Union during the Cold War and remains close to Cuba's Fidel Castro, will impose market-unfriendly policies.

"Tourism and foreign investment are what is driving this part of the country," said Jon Thompson, who moved to Unions of the Cold Castro, will also the Cold Castro, will also the Cold Castro, and the Castro Castro, which was a considered and the Castro Castro, which was a considered and the Castro Castro, and the Cast

My brothers, an arrist and a college student, and I wanted to give surfing a try, though we knew it wouldn't be easy florn and rarsed in Vermont, the choest weed gotten to water sports was the frozen kind-sking and to bookey. A company called Arena claimte (Hot Santo offered lessons, board rentals and



Visitors to San Juan del Sur come for an authentic Central American experience though U.S. influences are growing

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transportation to and from a removated nearly beach called Madera for \$35. We heard the busted muffler on its displayed and the busted muffler on its displayed and a manue before a rarved, just after 10 o'clock one morning when the back and went barreling through town with the ward of the back and went barreling through town and the fadio blaring reggacion. a Latin American Inson of rap, rock and reggae. The driver, a 19th varied blaring reggae, the driver, a 19th varied blaring reggae and blaring hard blaring for the same was kelving the same was kelving the same was kelving to the same was kelving the same was been same was kelving the same was the same was kelving the same was a beautiful to same was a beautiful bung nearly was a beautiful bung nearly was a beautiful to same was a beautiful to sa

n authentic Central American experience stracks and reuts a lew spat-char rooms for less than \$5 a right — the surfing was a bit of a straight — the surfing was a bit of a straight — the surfing was a bit of a straight with a straight was a surficient out from 5 here. We lay flat on the boards as the was exceed under us, and tried to proped unselves to our feet in one motion, as the board stance with the rushing water.

Most of the time, we wiped our walling seed out failings, the instruction were tireless and good-natured, oldering advice or well-deserved — ribbing. "Proximo: Kestim kept safeive or well-deserved — ribbing with a smile. "Almost." But a smile "Almost." But a smile "Almost." But a swith begranning golfers who spend most of their time in the rough but go home crowing about one great drive, we agreed at the end of the day

the rough but go home crow-ing about one great drive, we agreed at the end of the day that the less times to coasted smoothly along the surface made us want to try surling again later in the week. Tot travelers, San han del Sur is a cheaper alteritative to Costa Rea, but a labo offers a more authentic Central American experience, locals say. This hard to lind Costa Ricans in some of those Costa Ricans in some of those Costa

Rican resort towns," said Thompson, the magazine Jounder, There people louk at you for who you are, rather Lounder, There people louk at you for who you are, rather than seeing you as just another tourist."

But the rise of foreign tourism has led to a string of new and surprisingly tasty and affordable. Americansyle restaurants, including lig Wave Dave's, which boasts whe has a little and the properties of the best burgers in town, and the Canadian-owned Pizzeria San Juan. The town's first English-language bookshop and cafe, 11 Gato Negro (1 He Black Cat), opened this you and maintains a vast collection of books on Nicaraguan and maintains a vast collection of books on Nicaraguan instory and culture, along with the standard set of hest-sellers. A Subway restaurant opened there this fall.

There is concern that all the development could upset a deficate balance. "All the money coming into town has a positive side and a negative side," said the Rev. Roberto Alvator, 32, one of two priess who run the town's large catholic chauth. It means better jobs for many people, but al tot of people are selfing their faind and moving into the tourial areas. We have to make sure we hold on to our culture."

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# Study sends up red flags about severe jet lag

It's the caged-mouse syn-drome of air travel: You feel crammed into your seat on a long-distance flight with little to munch on except a bag of

to munch on except a bag of protzeks.

But you better hope, you beat jet lag better than a mouse.

A study at the University of Virginia released during the height of Thanksgiving and Christmas travel seasons showed that a majority of eld-erly mice died while being subjected to the equivalent of a Washington-to-Paris flight once a week for eight weeks. More intense forms of jet lag sped up the death rate in the elderly rodents, the study found.

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found.

For decades, flyers have sto-ically battled the modern-age problem of jet lag, viewing its problem of jet lag, viewing its burning eyes, headaches, insomnia and fatigue as more of a nuisance than a potential health issue.

insomnia and fatigue as more of a nuisance than a potential health issue. The study has focused new attention on the problem and raised questions about whether severe jet lag can harm health (also has drawn attention to work by other researchers looking into ways to help vacationing families and business travelers awoid jet lag. The study is one of the first hard seituitile looks into the health effects of jet lag, experts said.

The condition has become such a common scuuge of the jet age that an entire industry has emerged on the Internet, offering such solutions as acurpessure kits, homeopathic pills and light-enhancing cisers. Mayn its celes have increased their own treatments, sharping down reatments of coffer, dupking heads in ice-cold water, taking 
researchers say lew of those remedies are backed by science.

In the study younger micr seemed to rebound more quickly and were not ammediately harmed by the jet lag Simulated jet lag conditions were created by advancing and delaying the rodents exposure to light.

Researchers aren't sure what conclusions to draw from the results

Gene Block, the report's conductor author, said older mice might be more susceptible to suffern light changes than younger mice. Or, he said, jet lag might be a health problem that builds up in younger vuljects, causing future maladies.

lag might be a health problem that builds up in younger sub-plexts, causing future maladies. To further explore the issue, his researchers have launched another set of tests to determine whether jet lag causes long-term health consequences in younger and middle-age rodents. Block said minutes before boarding a 14-hour flight to Japan from Washington.

hour flight to Japan from Washington.

"I feel like a subject in the experiment," said the 58-year-old, who recently returned from a conference in Italy. "Like many people, I am find-independent of the control of the

Jet lag is caused when p

ple fly across time zones. Many factors, including day-light, sleep cycles, hormones and other natural rhythms, play a role in how humans' complicated internal clocks handle it.

handle it.
Researchers say the only
way to truly avoid jet lag is for
travelers to gradually prepare
before leaving on their trips.
Charmane Eastman, a professor and director of the
Biological Rhythms Research

Lab at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, believes flyers can more easily cope with jet lag by adjusting their sleep schedules before traveline. traveling.
If headed east from the East

If headed east from the East Coast, for example, travelers should go to bed an hour ear-lier each night and wake up an hour earlier each morning for several days before leaving town.

When travelers wake up,

they should get sunlight or use a "light box" to help trigger changes in their biological elocks. Travelers should also consider taking small amounts of melatouin, a horizone. five hours before going to sleep to help them adjust to heir foure time zone. Eastman said.

The only other way to avoid jet lag on overseas trips: "Take a hoat," she said.

There are also ways to miti-

gate jet lag once you land. If heading to Europe from the East Coast, most people should wear dark sunglasses after landing until about 11 a.m. Exposure to too much light too early can delay

adjustment to new time zones. Eastman said.

After 11 a.m., travelers should try to get as much sunlight as possible to help kickstart the body's clock, she said.

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