

Skunk romance

Why you can expect things to get smelly at this time of year.

COUNTRY ROADS, SEE PAGE D1



SCIC SHOCKER

Filer girls upset previously unbeaten Kimberly in SCIC title game.

FUTURE VISIONS

City Council, library discuss long-range plans. MAGIC VALLEY, SEE PAGE D3

Good Morning

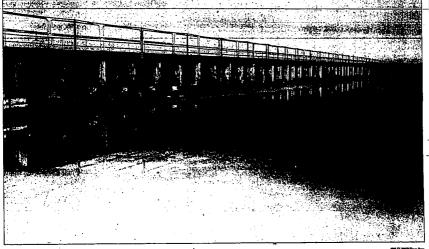


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Water outlook blea



Below-normal precipitation, snowpack worry irrigators

TWIN FALLS — With snowpack levels half of what they were this time last year. Irrigators need wet weather between now and April — when irrigation season begins — to ensure a fruitful water year.

The forecast, however, calls for anything but

thing but.
Southern Idaho will experience pre-cipitation levels in the next 90 days more below average than anywhere else in the United States, said Les Colins, lead forecaster in the National

Weather Service's Bolse office.
"We are going to get our first chance of rain in about three weeks in the nate few days, and that will be an Improvement," Colins said, "But the long-term outlook is very diy,"
Temperatures, he said, will be high-

er than normal for at least the next 90 days.

Compounding the problem, snow-

Compounding the problem, show-pack levels are meager compared with levels this time last year. As of Feb. 5, snowpacks at watersheds that influ-ence Magic Valley irrigators were at 69 percent of average. Last year on Feb. 5, that figure was 139 percent.

Farmers rely on runoff from the snowpack and stored water each irrigation season. It's not all bad news for water users, however. Thanks to leftover water from last year modstronger facilities the Upper Snake River Basin are well above average, said Mike Beus, a Bureau of Reclamation hydrologist. But without more snow and fail in

nureau or rectamation hydrologist. But without more snow and rain in the next few weeks, trigators will have to tap that stored water earlier than they'd like.

"If it's going to be dry for the next 90 days, we're screwed," sald Vince Alberdi, director of the Twin Falls

Canal Co.
Irrigators use snowpack runoff at the beginning of each season, Alberdi said, Later, they rely on a combination of runoff and spring flows from American Falls Reservoir. Storage water is a last resort.

Any precipitation now may be too

late.
"A change in weather now will help
us keep up," Beus said. "Not catch up."

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County to decide next step in feedlot request

Commissioners won't hold hearing, but will meet

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

IEROME — A county com-missioners' hearing to decide the fate of a proposed 18,555-animal feedlot has been can-

annual rection has celled and celled and sheet care-celed. An already scheduled feed-lot meeting, lated for 10 this morning, however, will still happen. At today's meeting, which was supposed to be the hear-ing, commissioners will decide if the permit's appli-cant, Don McFarland, must resubmit his application after his attorney, Robert Williams, asked commissioners last week to 'vacate' today's hear-ing.

ing.

This is the latest stumbling block in an application process the county has wrangled with for months. In January, commissioners met to discuss whether to allow testiments from people out. january, commissioners met to discuss whether to allow testimony from people out-side of a-none-mile-radius around the site. County ordi-nance limits testimony to those inside the one-mile radius.

That's angered some — including the National Park Service, which operates the Minidoka Internment

New bill keeps wolf permits under \$10

BOISE — Two Magic Valley legislators introduced a bill Monday that would keep the price of hunting tags for gray wolves — which are expected to be delisted within the year — the same as those for mountain llons and bears.

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Rep. Bert Stevenson, RRupert, and Rep. Fred Wood,
R-Burley, presented to the
Senate Resources Committee
legislation that would ensure
the price of tags for wolves
stays at \$3.75, the same as for
mountain lions and black



bears. The Idaho Fish and Game Commission last Game Commission last month set the tags at \$26.50. Wood is a former chairman

Wood is a former chairman of the commission. The legislators said that the deliberations between the commission and law-makers, it was agreed to keep the price at \$9.75 for Idahoans. Nonresidents still

would pay \$150.

Both lawmakers said they juggled with raising tag prices for some animals and lowering them for others and, in the end, decided to leave every-

end, decided to leave every thing as is.
"We realized we had to make some changes." Stevenson told the commit-tee. There was some thought that we might treat them dif-ferently."

The about the House floor 105 ... reading.
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced a proposal last month to remove the gray

ferently."

The legislation will now go to the House floor for its first

wolf in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming from the endan-gered species list. Wolf recov-ery started in Idaho with the release of 35 wolves in 1995; there are now more than 650 in Idaho and nearly 1,200 in Idaho and nearly 1,200 in in Idaho and nearly 1,200 in the three-state region.

The legislation would leave open a date for when tag prices could be raised, but would neave the country of the count

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Local man dies of gunshot wound at trout fishing spot

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

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ROGERSON — A Twin Falls
man was shot and killed
Monday when his pistol discharged while he was fee fishing with a freed at Salmon
Falls Creek Reservoir.
Troy Harry Gudgell, 46, suffered a single gunshot wound
helow his chin before 10:40
a.m. Monday at Gray's
Landing at the reservoir.
Gudgell was born over trying to make a fishing hole in
the Ice when his pistol sild out of
10 its shoulder holster, hit the
ice and fired a single from the
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young Tallic County Sherfff's
spokenownan Nourcy Howell.
Gudgell's Ishing friend was
booking aworm when the pistol went off, Howell said,
Numerous other fishermen
heard the gunhost from the
nearth by shorn. Gudgell's friend
called for help. It remajins
unclear whomade the 911 call.
The news hit close to home
for the sheriff's department.
Tryo is the younger brother of
Undersheriff Ed Gudgell, who
has been Sheriff Wayne
Tousley's second-in-command and dojoe friend ever

Tousley's second-in-com-mand and close friend ever since the sheriff took office in

the early 1990s.
"The family is very clos

knit," Tousley said. No family members could be reached Monday for com-

ent. They are all together in an

meat.

They are all together in an area where they don't want to be reached. Tousiey said.

Troy was one of two party and Calvin.
Clarence Gudgell of Kimberly.

Calvin, himself an tice fisher-man who also enjoyed harding the composition of t

Preda.

Troy like his father, fished regularly and also hunted, Tousley said.

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"He did have a gun permit," Tousley said. "I remember, he recently had put in for it. I have no idea why he carried the gun with him today (Monday)."

The Gudgells have been grieving all day he said.

"They re asking questions of why" he said. "It's under investigation at this point."

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Making good: Super Bowl kickoff touchdown wins local residents rebates from pool and spa store

TWIN FALLS — Clint Kidd rooted Sunday for the Indianapolis Colts in Super Bowl XLI, but he cheered anyway when Beats rookle Devin Hester took the open-ing kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown

ling kickon of your touchdown.
The historic play means Kidd will get a full rebate for the ... \$4,000 he recently shelled out on a new pool

& Spa.
"I'm still in shock," the shock," the Rupert man said Monday, "I never win anything. After the

After the opening kick my phone was ringing off the hook. Everyone wa me."

excited fo

From Ian. 22 through Friday, the pool and spa outfitter lured in customers with a special promotion. In adds in the Times-Neus, the Twin Falls business promised: "When the opening kickoff of the Super Bowl is returned for a touchdown, your purchase price is rebated back to you."
Store Manager Gary Asher said it was too early to determine how much money will be given back to customers.

"I know we had about a dozen or so customers that bought pool tables and spas," he said. "I know that spas," he sald. It know that we have even more people that came into the store and decided not to buy that are now kicking themselves."

The store won't be hurting financially over the promotion, Asher sald, because special insurance will cover



TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

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day: A mix of clouds and patchy sunshine. Highs upper

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Indight: Parity cloudy and mostly dry. Lows 20s.

morrow: Increasingly cloudy during the day. A few owers possible overnight. Highs 40s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Performance by planist Alexandre Moutouzkine, 7:30 p. King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley, season t ets only: \$40 for adults, \$20 for students and \$110 for familles, 678-9799, 678-1798 or 678-7447.

- CLUBS

Mary Time Club meeting, 2 p.m., at the home of Rose Marie Crawford, 1412 Northern Pine Dr., Twin Falls, 735-5213.

EDUCATION

"Let's Talk About It" Adult Book Discussion Group, Studs Terket's "Working," 7 p.m., Filer Public Library, 219 Main St., Filer, no cost Dook available for check-out), 326-4143. A Speech and Debate clinic, 6 p.m. for debate-judging clinic and 7 p.m. for speech clinic, Room D5, Twin Falls High School, Twin Falls, 246-247.

Wendell School District's Latino Parent Meeting, with special guest Sam Byrd, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Wendell High School, Rooms 17 and 37, 750 East Main, Wendell, no cost (child care will be available for children ages 3 and older), 536-6318.

EXHIBITS

Opening reception for "Dimensions," an exhibit exploring the interface between art and mathematics, 7 to 9 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, Jean B. King Gallery, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.

FAMILY

"Baby and Me" class, focusing on "Stretching Your Food Dollars" for young parents with their babies or toddlers, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Jerome Recreation Department, 2032 S. Lincoin, Jerome, no cost, 324-7262. "Godly Financial Budgeting," taught by Rocky Hanchey, 6 p.m., Milace' valley Counseling Centre, 213 3rd Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free-will offering accepted), 734-9603.

GOVERNMENT

Biaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206
First Ave. S., Hailey, 788-5500.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N.
Lincoln, 644-2700.
Albion City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 124 S. Main, 673-5352.
Burlay City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall 4004 G. Lincoln, 681-681-681.

Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224.

lerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 726-3841.

A, 729-3641.
Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center,
120 Madison W., 423-4151.
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600.
Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030

TWIn Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W, 733-3974. Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main, 326-5000.

HEALTH

The MiniCassia LapBand/Weight Loss Surgery Support Group meeting, for anyone who has been banded, is waiting to be banded or is considering the procedure and gastric bypass patients, 6:30 pm., Heyburn Police Department, 1800 J St., Heyburn, 431:9596.

Road 2 Recovery, a 12-step program, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., (next to Goode Motors across from First Federal Savings Bank), Burley, 670-2578.

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Calebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821. H Ave. E., Jerone, 734-0557, 324-7237 or 326-7222.

College of Southern Idan's Over Sixty and Botting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Fiter Elementary, 9:15-10:15 a.m. at Hagerman High School Gym and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl Middle School, no cost, 732-6475.

Twin Falls-Arthritts-Foundation Exercise Program for senior citizens, 130 to 2:30 p.m., Vin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, free for all senior citizens, 737-5446.

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's dis-ease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.

HOME AND GARDEN

A Burley Nitrate Groundwater Project meeting for all Interested land owners, presentation of project about soil sampling, irrigation efficiency and nutrient management, 11 a.m., the Burley Masonic Hall, 1519 Overland Ave., Burley, a.m., the Burley Ma 678-1225 ext 109

MUSEUMS

"Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett
Center rain forest, Herrett Center for Aris and Science on the
campus of the College of Southern Idaho, no cost, 732-6655.
Fradiner Planafratium, "Far Ott Space Places," 7 p.m.,
Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the
College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults,
\$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families
(children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

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YOUR MORNING

MAGIC VALLEY



Skunks are waking

up for mating season

TWIN FALLS — As Valentine's Day approaches, love is in the air. And not just for humans. It's skunk mating season, when reluctant females fend off suitors with a females fend off suitors with a stinky spray. Lucky for you, skunk breeding season lasts only a few weeks, and getting doused is easily avoidable. Skunks go into a semi-hibernation state in the fall. congregating in groups in warm places — often under homes. When they wake up ready for love, usually in early February, cramped quarters incite spray-offs.

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Men found with records from Wood River Valley

TWIN FALLS — Credit cards, checks, mall and med-ical records belonging to at least one hundred Wood River Valley residents have been seized from a Twin Falls motel SEE PAGE D3

'Speaking up' won't become law for parents

BOISE — A freshman law-maker was unsuccessful Monday in persuading his col-leagues that a law is needed to encourage parents to speak up when they are upset with their children's math skills.

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School counselors lauded all week

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TWIN FALLS — The job
description of a school counsclor is not very appealing.
And that so one more reason to
show your appreciation for
your child's school counselor
this week during National
School Counseling Week.
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Dry winter bodes ill for valley's farmers

TWIN FALLS - With snow-pack levels half of what they were this time last year, irriga-tors need wet weather between now and April 1 — when irrigation season begins — to ensure a fruitful water

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Man killed while ice fishing at Salmon Dam

ROGERSON — A Twin Falls man was shot and killed Monday when his pistol fired while he was ice fishing with his friend at Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir.

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OBITUARIES

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CORRECTION Wrong phone number given for Miracle Valley

The contact number for Miracle Valley Counseling Center was incorrect in the Feb. 5 Five-day Planner and in the Feb. 2 and 3 Today's Happenings. The correct number is 734-3603. The Times-News regrets the error.

IDAHO/WEST

Grocery tax vote this morning

Panel kills plan to close primaries

BOISE — Four Republican Lawmakers crossed party lines Monday, tolking five Democrats to kill a measure aimed at closing Idaho's open primary election system, even though the plan was backed by House GOP leaders.

by House GOP leaders.
The legislation died in the
State Affairs Committee on
a 9-8 vote at its first "print
hearing," normally just a
formality. It's protocol for
the GOP majority, regardless of personal opinions, to-clear such leadership-backed measures for fur-ther debate.

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Not all in House support human

BOISE - Northern Idaho lawmakers led a contingent of nine House members who opposed a resolution reaffirming the state's comrealizining the states com-mitment to human rights. One said the measure dredges up his region's past a time when the white-supremacist-group-should-be relegated to history's dusthin.

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theft charges

BOISE — The former idaho Falls prosecutor who stole weapons from the city's police evidence locker now faces up to 84 years in prison, after pleading guilty to six more felony charges Monday. SEE PAGE D5

this morning
BOISE — Gov. C.L.
Flutch' Otter, who ran in
November as a fiscally conservative Republican, is
winning support from liberal groups in the contest
among four competing
plans to give ldaho residents relief on the 6 percent
sales tax they pay on food.
Testimony, on, the plans
continued Monday in the
House Revenue and
Taxation Committee.
Chairman Dennis Lake, H

Chairman Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot, scheduled a vote Blackfoot, Sure for this morning. SEE PAGE D5

— Four

rights resolution

Former prosecutor pleads guilty to gun

NATION/WORLD



Iragis take first steps toward Baghdad crackdown

crackdown
BAGIIDAD, Iraq —
Bombings and mortar
attacks killed dozens across
Baghdad on Monday as
fraqi troops set up new
checkpoints and an Iraqi
general took command —
indications that the muchawaited operation to
restore peace to the capital
is gearing up nearly a
month after it was
announced. month and announced.

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Death toll from Indonesian floods rises

INDORESIAN TOOGS TISES

JAKARTA, Indonesia —
Filthy brown water flooded large parts of Indonesias capital Monday, forcing 340,000 people from their bomes and cutting off power and clean water in the city, where at least 20 have died after days of torrential rain.

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Bush unveils budget. Pentagon rewarded WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON
President Bush unveiled a
\$2.9 trillion budget Monday
that rewards the Pentagon
with a record \$50 billion
budget hike but pinches
programs cherished by
Democrats, including
health research and heating
-subsidies for the poor
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Senate debate on Iraq buildup resolution blocked

WASHINGTON

Republicans blocked a fullfledged Senate debate over inq on Monday, but Democrats vowed they still would find a way to force President Bush to change course in a war that has claimed the lives of more than 3,000 U.S. troops.

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SPORTS



Filer girls hand Kimberly first loss

Kimberty first loss
TWIN FALLS — The Filer
Wildcast did Monday what
no other team has done this
sesson defeat the Kimberty
Bulldogs.
The Wildcast pulled off,
the upset of the season in
area girls baskeball, dropping the Bulldogs 55-46 to
win the Class 3A Sawtooth
Central Idaho Conference
Tournament champlonshir,
game at the College of:
Southern Idaho gymnasium. SEE PAGE B1

Burley girls take Great Basin West title

BURLEY — The favored Burley girls basketball team took care of business Monday night, defeating rival Minico 52-38 to claim its second consecutive, Great Basin Conference West title.

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Valley girls advance by beating Glenns Ferry

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IIAZEITON — The Valley
Vikings girls basketball
team is headed to Wendell
on Thursday after staying;
alive in the Class 2A Canyon
Conference Tournament
with a 42-35 victory over the
Glenus Ferry Pilots.

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Mo Taukiuvea leaves CSI squad

TWIN FALLS — The No. 8 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team will have to keep on winning without one of its fan

favorites.
Golden Eagles head coach Barret Peery announced that sopho-7 more power forward Mo 7 Taukiuvea parted ways with the team after Saturday's win over North Idaho

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WEB READER REACTION

On the story, 'Fifth District Court Judge Hohnhorst dead at 55'

JEREM FERCH: 'I have worked at Twin Falls County in the Court Services department for a lit tie over 5 years now and during that time I grew to know Judge Höhnhorst. I Just want to sey that he was both a great Judge and a wonderful person and he will be greatly missed by all. My prayers go out to his family.'

On the story, 'Catholics deliver message about Roe v. Wade'

PETE ESPIL: *Laws are passed in order to make society safe for all people. Some laws are restricthe in nature, others are passed to guarantee the equality of all citizens and to protect fundamental human rights. The minute that a society passes a law or a piece of legislation that denies a group people a fundamental right (in this case that to life) that same society is denying the

equality of all people before the law. This is dan-gerous to a democracy. Bables in the worn deserve the same protection under the law that we all deserve. A parent would find no sympathy from the laws of the land if they filled their child-right after it was born because we all recognize this as murder. Abortion is no different. A short journey down the birth canal does not magically make that baby a real person. Abortion is the tak-ing of an innocent life. This cannot ever be justi-fied in a childred society. A good lest for how well a society is functioning is how well it takes care of its most visuolerable members. I'm not sure of its most vulnerable members. I'm not su on its most winerable members. I'm not sure how anyone could be more vulnerable than a baby in the womb. The very fact that we allow abortion upon demand says that in our society, we do not believe that all people are equal before the law."



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Wolves

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Idaho has never had a hunting season on wolves.
Gow. C.L. "Butch" Otter has
said he wants the wolf population down to 100 wolves, or
lation wolf wolf wolf wolf
ments have been criticized by
some wildlife organizations.
Because it is the middle of
the hunting season, it was not
necessary to raise the togs.
Stevenson said. Legislation, as
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Stevenson sould not go Into
effect until July 1.
The commission has
\$720,000 in federal money for
an ongoing wolf management

an ongoing wolf management program. Stevenson said that money might dry up when the current hunting season is fin-

Sharon Kiefer, a legislative liaison-for-the-commission said final plans for wolf hunt ing are expected November.

"The bottom line is the intent all along was bears, lions and wolves would have similar tag prices rather than trying to bring bears and lions up," Kiefer said.

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Report: Anti-immigrant fears fuel supremacist revival

NEW YORK — Huge street protests made millions of immigrants more visible and powerful last year, but they also seem to have revived a hateful counter force: white suprema-

cists.
Groups linked to the Ku Klux
Klan, skinheads and neo-Nazis Klan, skinheads and neo-Nazis grew significantly more active, holding more rallies, distribut-ing leaflets and increasing their presence on the Internet— much of it focused on stirring anti-invariant configuration. anti-immigrant sentiment, a new report released by the Anti

report released by the Anti-imation League says. Extremist groups are good at ing on whatever the hot

the message to get new mem-bers," Deborah M. Lauter, ADL Rights director, said lay. This one seems to be taking hold with more of main-stream America than we'd like

to see. Old Klan chapters have be Old Klan chapters have been revived and new ones started throughout the South, histori-cally the heart of the group, and in Michigan, Iowa and New Jersey, says the report, which was scheduled for official release today

was scheduled for official release today. Last May in Alabama, an anti-immigration rally included slo-gans such as, "Let's get rid of the Mexicans!" according to the document, titled "Ku Klux Klan Rebounds."

cooperating with other extremist groups and Neo-Nazi groups," Lauter said. "That's a

en 2000 and 2005, hate

tracks hate crimes.

Precise data are difficult to pin down, but Potok's group counts as many as 150 Klan chapters with up to 8,000 members nationwide. More than 800 tracks are supported by the support of the support hate groups exist around the country. Southern Poverty research shows. In the late 1990s, member-ships in such groups was crum-

bling as they lost leaders and struggled to organize, said Brian Levin, director of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State

Extremism at California State
University, San Bernardino,
Many hit bottom around 2000.
"Whenever you think the
Klan is down and out, they find
another way to reinvent themselves," he said of the recent

esurgence.
Historically, the Klan's focus Historically, the Klan's focus had been to terrorize African-Americans — through race riots, lynchings and other killings — but it reached peak membership at more than 4 million in the 1920s by focusing on immigration.

Newcomers from Ireland and Germany were portrayed as

United States, taking jobs from native-born Americans and undermining national fabric,

undermining hattonal morte, Levin sald. Sald Potok: "It's remarkable to look back at the nativist senti-ments toward Catholics — it's very similar to what we're seeing with Mexicans now."

Today, many white sperma-tists blame limitigrants, particularly Hispanics, for erhor-struggling school or sperman properties of the struggling school or sperman large schoo

Criminal charges filed in boat wreck that killed 20 elderly tourists

The Associated Press

QUEENSBURY, N.Y. contensions, N.Y. — The captain of a boat that capsized on a lake in the Adirondack Mountains, killing 20 elderly tourists, was charged Monday along with a cruise company with not having enough crew members aboard.

The charge is a misdemeanor punishable by no more than 15

days in jail and a \$250 fine.

The prosecutor in the case said there was insufficient evidence to support more serious charges.

Capt. Richard Paris and Shoreline Cniese were indicted in connection with the capsizing of the Ethan Allen on Oct. 2.

2005. The tourists aboard were spilled into the chilly water of Lake George during a cruise to

see the autumn foliage.
Paris was the only crew
member aboard. State law
required at least two crew
members for the 47 passengers.
Investigators from the
National Thansportation Safety
Board believe the 40-foot vessel was rocked by the wake from a passing boat or boats. The board concluded last summer that the boat had been modi-

fied over the years in a way that made it less stable and should have been allowed to carry only if passengers. District Attorney Kate Hogan said the law did not support a more serious charge of criminal negligence because there was not enough evidence to show that appearence howe the host that operators knew the boat which had sailed on the lake since 1979, would capsize.

TUESDA



MONDAY-SATURDAY 10AM-5PM DAILY

Rebates

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As we get the money back from the insurance, cus-omers can expect their noney back, he said. Kidd had planned on pur-

Kidd had planned on pur-chasing a pool table regard-less of the rebate promotion. "My stepson and I took out that Saturday, looking for a pool table. We started in Burley and made several

stops. Snake River was the last place we stopped," Kidd said.

said.
"The girl helping us said,
'I'ley, I need you to sign this
form in case you get a rebate.'
I signed it but didn't think it

I signed it but didn't think it would happen."

This was the first year the store has sponsored such a promotion. And even though it now has to make good on its promise, customers may

have the chance to see if lighting will strike twice. "We don't know for sure but I think the promotion may be back next year," Asher said. "After what happened this year it should get interest-ing."

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Feedlot

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National Monument, located just outside the one-mile

radius.

Essentially, the county is unsure how to proceed in the matter, and commissioners will receive legal advice as to the permit's status from county attorney Mike Seib.

"The official status as of right now is that it's in limbo," said Commissioner Charlie Howell on Monday morning. "That's what we're meeting to discuss."

discuss."
Howell said that from what he understands, the hearing has been vacated, but that doesn't necessarily mean that the application has been with-On Jan. 30 - when com-

sioners received Williams' missioners received Williams; letter requesting the hearing be vacated — planning and zoning administrator. Art Brown told the Times-News the application had been withdrawn.

withdrawn.

Later that day, Williams told the Times-News he disagreed, and he said his client wanted to postpone the hearing until he could amend the applicaon. The commissioners aren't

The commissioners aren't sure if that's allowed under law. The permit application has been bitterly contested by resi-dents near the proposed site.

and from officials from the National Park Service, among others. The site is near the Minidoka Internment National Monument, where Japanese-Americans were imprisoned, during World War II.

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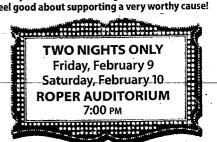
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Boise suburb **Eagle** booming

EAGLE (AP) — The Boise bedroom community of Eagle appears to be awak-ening

ening.
The city of about 20,000 residents has nearly doubled in size since 2000, and has seen booming business growth offering an array of strvices and products to residents.

"Commercial construction is up 21 percent (over 2005)." Mike Mongelii, Eanle's building official

2005)," Mike Mongelii, Eagle's building official, told the Idaho Statesman "This is where:

told the Idaho Statesman.
This is where the action is really happening. Uneres, a tot of buildings coming on line, and we've seen a lot of tenant improvements.
In 2006, the city Issued 38 building permits for projects valued at more than \$36 million. And many new returnes have popped up, including a pancake resturant, a toy store, and a bakery and cafe.

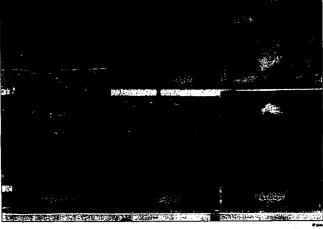
Some bigger projects in the works include a Winco Foods and a St. Luke's Eagle Medical Center.

At a proposed project by Cornerstone Group LLC Cornessione Group LLC called Eagle Gateway South, a 10-screen movie theater will help anchor shops and restaurants within walking distance of hundreds of townhouses and condos that are planned as part of three residential developments.

"The goal is to have it be a neighborhood theater and to have fit fit in with the neighborhood feel," said Walter Lindgern, principal

Walter Lindgren, principal architect at the firm representing Cornerstone Group. "There's a desire for Group. "There's a desire for people not to have to drive 20 to 30 minutes."

Barbie and her boss under pressure



Mattel to roll out new doll line amid slumping sales

Play time Is over for Barble's boss.
Fifteen months ago, when Neil
Friedman was promoted to president
of Mattel Inc.'s boys and girls brands,
he cautioned that reversing the sagging fortunes of the world's most
famous doll would take time.
With the opening this weekend of
the American International Toy Fair in
New York, when companies from
around the world show their wares to
thousands of buyers and reporters,
time's up.

thousands of buyers and reporters, time's up.
"It was a rehearsal before — now the curtain is up and it's real, it's time to perform." said toy industry analyst Sean McGowan of Wedbush Morgan Securities in New York. "It's very important for the 2007 product line to show some improvement or new direction."
That's not to say that Wall Street is expecting all of Barbie's problems of the past several years to vanish, McGowan said. Mattel and its analysts way that years of declining market

say that years of declining market share won't be reversed overnight

· And Barbie continues to face tough competition in MGA Entertainment's competition in MLA. Entertainments uptily-lipped Bratz dolls and still straggles with a customer base that is growing up—and out of the toy market—faster than ever.

Mattel's 2007 toys, the first full product line from Friedman and girls division president Chuck Scothon, offer a window into the new leaders' nilans.

plans.
One large gallery in the company's
Toy Fair showroom will be dedicated
to boys: more racing sets, new toys for
measuring speed and competition
and remote-control airplanes, mon-, trucks and cars.

sters, trucks and cars.
Other areas will be set aside for
Mattel's Fisher-Price infant and pre-school division, jammed with a new
Elmo who sings about making pizza, a

"You never want to predict the future in the volatile toy business, but I think we're doing the right things."

Nell Friedman, president of Mattel Inc.'s boys and girls brands

toddler arts and crafts computer sys-tem and every kind of little kid-sized animal, truck and action figure imagi-

there will be a space for the compa There will be a space for the compa-ys Radica electronic toys, one for Martel games, one for movie toys and another for gifs toys, including a new Polly Pocker racing set with glittery cars and a pink and pumple track. But the most elaborate room will be set aside for Barbic, the company's biggest and most troublesome brand, with jazzed-up Barbic basics and showpiece dolls with new features. And none of that will include Scothon's top-secret Barbic idea, which won't come until Spring, when Mattel unveils what it calls Barbic Gif. the next generation of fashlon doll.

the next generation of fashlon doll.

Scothon would say only that the toy melds traditional fashion doll play chnology and the Interne

with technology and the Internet. Along with the other higher-tech dolls, the new concept is a bid for girls older than B, who have long since considered themselves too cool for Barble. "I'm really excited to see what they're going to do." said Stephanie Oppenheim. He co-founder of the Oppenheim Toy Portfollo guide for parents, who will visit Martie's show-room at the end of the week. They need to do something and I've been curious about what new direction Barble would take and whether it will Barbie would take and whether it will

capture the imagination of girls."

Technology will be a bigger part of even moderately priced dolls.

Chat Divas, \$30 talking and singing Barbies, come with a working speaker

Confusion leads to Hispanic immigrants

designed to look like an amplifier. The doll's mouth moves so smoothly that she seems to lip sync to the three built-in songs. Barbie takes calls on her cell phone and her speaker can broadcast music from an iPod or proadcast music from an iPod or other player. Another new Barbie tech toy: DVD game Rainbow Adventure Alina

ame Rainbow Adventure Alina, which includes a Barbie doll that doubles as a remote control for the on-screen adventures, "Fly" the doll to the right and the character on the

screen
follows along.
And Fatryoke Wings — a combination Barble dress-up toy and karaoke
machine — is a \$30 wearable set of
wings that come with a microphone/mirror so the gift can see the
lights on her "wings" flash along to the
music.

music.
In an attempt to add new features
to more traditional fashion dolls, two
Pom Pom Divas' Fly Girls will sell for
\$20. The pair connects with a clear
plastic rod that flips one cheerleader
onto the other's shoulders.

lust as important as the line's latest

has a important as the line's latest work top's, however, are the classic, inexpensive Bathie tops, Scothon said. If Diva does really well for us but my basics fail apart, I'm no better off, Scothon said. "We would be worse off because we've lost the core, every-day purchases." So the team also has spent the past year refining evergreen items such as the \$15 Bathie Bride, who now sports a light-up ring, and the \$10 Bathie Baby Horse, which nibbles at sugar cubes that store in its saddlebag. If Friedman is nervous about the

If Friedman is nervous about the 2007 debut, it doesn't show

"I'm excited," he said last week, icaning back in his chalf at the conference table of his El Segundo, Callí., office. "You never want to predict the future in the volatile toy business, but I think we're doing the right things."

Service sector growth up in **Ianuary**

NEW YORK — Weakness in the manufacturing sector, especially the auto industry, may be damp-ening the nation's economic prospects, but the bigger services sector appears to be more than

prospects, but the bigger services sector appears to be more than making up for it.

The Institute for Supply Management, which is based in Tempe, Ariz, said Monday that its index of business activity in the

Tempe. Arkz., said Monday that list index of business activity in the non-manufacturing sector advanced to 529.0 in january from 56.7 in December. Wall Street analysis had expected a reading of 57 for the latest month. A reading above 50 Indicates expansion, while one below that indicates contraction.

Mark Viner, senior economist with Wactiovia Securities in Charlotte, N.C., noted that the trade group's report last week on the manufacturing sector indicated that it was contracting in January in contrast to the services sector, which grew for the 46th consecutive month.

"Manufacturing is weakening as domestic autor manufacturies cut mark and as residential construi-

montestre duto manufacturers cutt hack and as residential construction declines," Utre said, but noted that this makes up just about one-quarter of the economy, Meanwhile, the service sector, which represents about three-quarters of the economy, continued to grow.

"The message to take away from the two is that economic growth will slow, but there will be growth," Vitner said.

Most economists are looking for the non-manufacturing sector to be a driver of growth in 2007.

Scott Brown, chief economist with Raymond James & Associates in St. Petersburg, Fla., said the headline figure was stronger than the details," suggesting that the survey — like other recent economists. back and as residential construc-tion declines," Vitner said, but

the details," suggesting that the survey — like other recent eco-

the details," suggesting that the survey — like other recent eco-nomic data — wasn't sending clear signals about the near-tern. Still, he added, "the economy cernainty is still exanding," the projects economic growth in the 2.5 percent 10-3 percent range. There was little reaction in the stock and bond markets to the report.

stock and bond mon-report.

The Dow lones industrial aver-age rose 8.25 to end at 12,661.74.

Broader stock indicators were lower—the Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 1.40 at 1.446.99, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 5.28 to 2.470.60.

fell 5.28 to 2.470.60.
Bonds rose slightly, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury nate down to 4.81 percent from 4.82 percent late Friday. Anthony Niewes, chairman of the group's nion-manufacturing business survey committee, noted that new orders and employment increased at slower rates in January than the previous month and that the price index also eased.

eased.
Still, he added, "The overall Indi-cation in January is continued economic growth in the non-man-ufacturing sector at a faster pace than in December."

The new orders index weakened slightly to 55.4 in January from 55.6 in December, while the backlog of orders strengthened to 49.0 from 48.0 the previous month.

Prices increased at a slower rate. with the prices index registering 55.2 in January, down from 59.7 in December.

Lost in translation Confusion leads to Hispanic Immigration being duped by 'notarios publicos'

By Travis Lotter Associated Press write

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — When Salvadoran Immigrant Irma Volanda Membreno-Aleman Wanted to apply for temporary asylum, she did what she would have done for any legal matter back home: She went to see a "notario publico." It was a lost-in-translation mistake that cost her thousands of dollars, a rejection of her petition and loss of her work authorizestion and her job, a lawsuit claims. In much of Latin America, most notary publics are also lawyers. In the United State a botary public is not a lawyer and cannot give legal advice: NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- When

otary public is not a lawyer and cannot give legal advice; a can administer oaths and

The difference has allowed scam artists to prey on immi-grants with limited English skills and little understanding of the American legal system by misrepresenting themselves as lawyers, immigration lawyers

Inwyers, management and the fact and the fac

cases in which notaries passed

es off as lawyers And the problem affects fore than just the immigrants and interrest documents mee by notaties add up to "an unbe-lievable" waste of taxpayer money," Kuck sald. "It makes it harder for judges

"It makes it harder for judges to wade through the real say-lum cases when you've got to wade through so much garbage, Kuck said. "Instead of 200 applications they have 2,000."

Ceja Enterprises Inc. in Spanish as an office that provides legal aid, Including help with Immigration papers. But Carmen Ceja is only a notary public, and her business card refers to her as a "notaria publica."

Nashville lawyer Sean Lewis, who is suing Ceja on behalf of

Membrerio, said many notaries advertise services they are unqualified to perform, such as tax preparation and divorce. (Membreno has since gotten her case reopened, and is living in this country under temporary protective status granted in cases of civil war and natural disasters back home.) In Georgia, the Colombian wife of state Sen. Curt Thompson was almost deported recently after her dealings with a notary whom the said sib believed was an attorney. The wife, Sascha Herrera, came to the U.S. on a visitor visa in

The wife, sascha Herrera, came to the U.S. on a visitor visa in 2003. She applied for an exten-sion through a "notario," Tomas Vilela, but she said he filed an asylum application without her knowledge.

Licensing rights for Apple go to computermaker

By Jesus Sanchez Los Angeles Times

Apple, the computermaker and seller of the IPod, and Apple Corps. The Beatles' record label, on Monday agreed to settle a trademark lawsuit.

The London-based music company had sued the technology company over the Apple name on its online Thunes music store, a move that it claimed violated a 1991 agreement ed a 1991 agreement between the two compa-

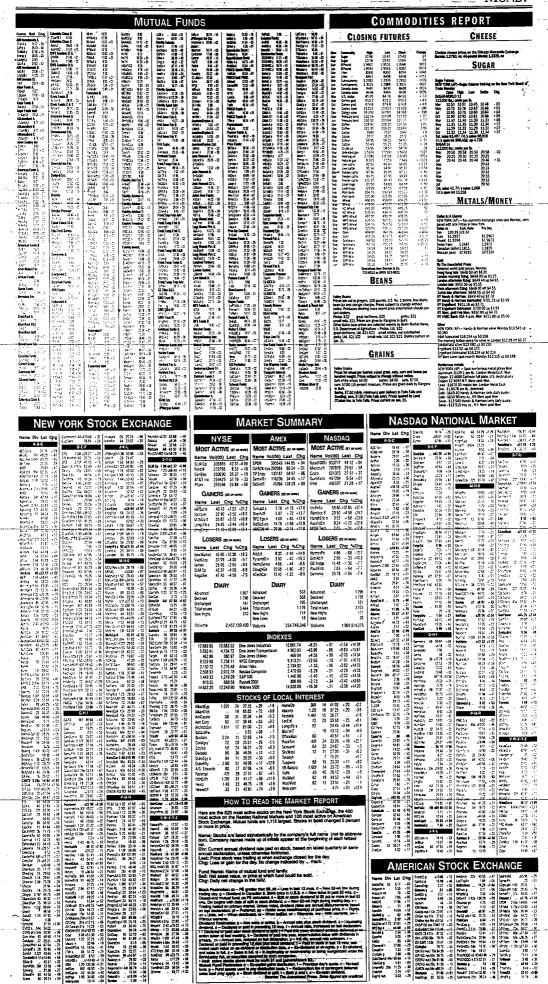
nies.
Under the settlement announced Monday, Cupertino, Calif.-based

Apple (formerly Apple Computer) will own all of the trademarks related to "Apple" and will license certain of those trademarks back to Apple Corps.

The companies, which agreed to end the lawstit and pay their own legal costs, did not say how much Apple would pay for the licensing rights or whether Beades songs would be sold through Thunes.

In a separate statement,

through flunes.
In a separate statement,
Neil Aspinall, manager of
Apple Corps, said: "We wish
Apple Inc. every success
and look forward to many
yeaß of peaceful cooperation with them."



EDITORIAL .

Letting retired teachers teach makes sense

f senior citizens can work as greeters at Wal-Mart and serve burgers at McDonald's, we think many retired teachers still have much to offer in Idahos

classrooms.

A bill being prepared in the Legislature would make it easier for school districts to rehire retired administrators and teachers. And it would allow the educators to work more than 20 hours a week.

Teachers or administrators can come out of retire-

Our view: The Idaho Legislature faces an. easy decision regarding a possible bill that

would

enable

retired. teachers to teach more than 20

hours per week. What do

you think?

We welcome

viewpoints

from our readers on

this and

other issues.

Teachers or administrators can coment to work, but are limited to 20-hoir weeks. In Idaho, a teacher is required to retire either at 62 or when his or her age and combined number of years teaching equal 90. The proposed legislation—a combined effort of southern Idaho legislators, the Cassia County School Board and the Idaho School Boards Association—stems partly from difficulty meeting the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, which mandales that instructors have specific certifications. cettifications.

cetifications.
To us, the legislation offers a wife fog retired educators who want to work part time and school districts that can't find qualified teachers.
This is a problem especially in smaller and more-rural districts. Students might be the bill's biggest beneficiaries because of the education they would receive from experienced teachers who have demonstrated rapport with young pebple.
Those involved said the bill is

Those involved said the bill is incended to keep districts free of financial problems from the Internal Revenue Service and other byermment agencies. If the pro-osal becomes law, those returning work would receive a salary but -because they receive pensions—

no other benefits. Some retired teachers have already figured out how to do this

already figured out how to do this on their own by moving to other states and teaching part time. It's time to let them work more than 20 hours per week if they want to without making them leave Idaho. For now, this bill appears to be a better option than the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence. The Washington-based organization is committed to recruiting, certifying and supporting people who pursue teaching as a second career. By offering a teaching credential, ABCTE opens pathways into the classroom, helping states, districts, and communities meet the requirements of No Child Left Behind. People who have a bachelor's degree can become teachers without going back to school by completing ABCTE.

While we also support this idea for putting new teachers in many Idaho classroom. He represents a much bigger change than allowing already certified.

teachers in many Idaho classrooms, it represents a much bigger change than allowing already certified, but retired, teachers back into classrooms. The doct-sion faced by logication in sion faced by legislators in Boise as they consider the bill regarding retired teachers seems like a no-brains

Times-News

The members of the editorial board and writers of editorial are Brad Hurd, Chyla Steinbach, Steve Crump, Traci Bilss, Bill Bitzenburg and David Cooper.

- Letter

Does anyone have the guts to go after Exxon?

In March 1989, Exxon Valdez ran aground, empty-ing 11 million gallons of oil into Prince William Sound, fording 1,200 miles of Alaskan shorelme and killing hundreds of thou-sands of sea birds and mayine animals. It was pure negligence, decided by the court. The skipper was drunk, his affliction known

drunk, his alluction known to Excon.

It destroyed the lives of many Alaskans who derived not only their income from failing but their lifestyles in general.

Excon was ordered by the federal jury to pay \$5 billion in unresolved punitive dathages by 1994. Since they. Excon, arguably one of the biggest and richest coriporations in the world, had, in the 9th District Court. continued every year to app64 the decision. In December 2006, on another appeal, the court ordered Street is a reverse of the programment of the progra appeal, the court ordered Exten to pay \$2.5 billion in compensation to fishermen

and others affected. Again, Excon asked the court to reconsider the decision. In other words, Excon is just going to keep appealing and the feds keep buckling until all of the fishermen and the rest of the wildlife

Does anyone in our federal og oa firer Excon? Excon must have a big bed because a lot of people (elected ones) are in have friends who were fishermen there, and their lives were destroyed. In a conversation today with an Alaskan, I was told that Excon will just keep appealing. No compensation for the fishermen, and the spill is still killing the fish, birds, seals, etc. Does anvone in our feder-

fish, birds, seals, etc.
Experts claim the contamination is still killing.
I know President Bush
has a plateful right now, but
Exxon "scientists" are his
environmental "experts";
yeah, right on. Stop the big
corporations from killing.
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Edwards, Richardson shine at weekend DNC conference

The good news for the nation's Democratis is that neither of the supposed front-runners for the party's 2008 presidential nomination, Hillary Rodham -Cilinton and Barack Obama, stole the show when all 10 of the likely contenders spoke last weekend to the ist weekend to the ternocratic National

Both Clinton and Obama got good receptions from the crowd at the Washington Hilton, having filled many of Hilton, having filled many of the spectator seats with their young supporters. But they didn't blow away the fast which will help keep things -louse for a while, allowing-more grass roots activists time to weigh the strengths and weaknesses of all the entrans. This campaign is starting ridiculously early, for both Democrats and Republicans. The only thing worse would be to have it end early because all but one or two people have been eliminated on each side. That is now less likely to

That is now less likely to happen to the Democrats. happen to the Democrats. The stars of the weekend, Judging from reactions in the ball-room and the lobby, were not Obama and Clinton, but former Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina and Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico. Both of them played to the and-war sendments of this liberal-leaning audience by demanding that those now in



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Congress do more than pass resolutions decrying Presider Bush's decision to send more

troops to Iraq. Edwards wants to pull out

Edwards wants to pull out 44,000 soldiers now. Relichardson said, fraq "Is not worthy of one more lost American Ric." Their view, which was e-choed-by former-lowa-Gaw.—Tom Vilsack, left Obama, Clitton and Sen, loe Biden of Delaware — who have to deal with the realities of a 51-49 Senate where nothing can pass without significant Republican support — In the uncomfortable position of seeming to be less fervent about the war. Only Sen. Chris Dodd of Connecticut and Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio, among those with votes to.

Dennis Kucinich of Ohio, among those with votes to cast, Johned the call for early withdrawal. Edwards combined his Iraq message with a version of his stump speech from the last presidential campaign, evok-ing the plight of anonymous forgotten Americans like the "8-year-old little gift (who) will go to bed hungry ...

because her father lost his job." Edwards almost never mentions his own political history — especially not his 2004 race as John Kerry's run-ning mate. This time around, he is even more a populist, and he closed his speech with a two of solidarity with organ-ized labor that drew thunder-ows enablasts. ous applause. Unlike Edwards, Richardson

dwells on his varied experiowens on ins varied experience as a member of
Congress, ambassador to the
United Nations, energy secretary, diplomatic troubleshooter and now a re-elected
governor. Others may talk
about extending health care,
improving schools, creating
jobs, he says he's already done
it. Vilsack made a similar
claim about this eight years as
governor of Iowa, but
Richardson could give him
lessons in speech-making.
One of the losers in the
weekend orantical marathon
was retired Gen. Wesley Clark,
who repeatedly Invoked the ence as a member of

was retined Gen. Wesley Clark, who repeatedly involved the West Point motto of "Duty. Honor, Country," forgetting that few in this particular addince have much experience with, or sympathy for the military. The larger disastic was the long harangue of former Alaxak Sen. Mike Gravel, a strident critic of almost everything and promoter of a folly — in autional initiative process— not even a deranged biogger could low

egin. Obama delivered a lofty Obama delivered a lotty address, decrying negative campaigning — a speech the put him squarely on the record against cynicism and in favor of hope. People listened intently, but at some poly, the man from Illinois. ech that point, the man from Illinois is

cened meeting, but at some polioti, the man from Illinois is going to have to put some policy meat on the bones of that compelling personality, lest the feed the susplicion that he doesn't have much to say. By comparison, Illilary Illinois to love dilke what as list and the standard feed for the standard and the standard feed for the standard feed from giving voice to her own ideas. She stole the headlines for the weekend by pledging that if the current Congress does not find a way to end the war in Iraq, and the way to end the war in Iraq, a president, I will. Of course, she also said that if she hore president in 12002, the she also said that if she had been president in 2002, she wouldn't have started the war in the first place — a state-ment which invites Obama and others to ask, "Well, then, why did you vote for it as sen-ator?"

ator?"

Oh, it's going to be fun, and, with luck, it will keep going for a long time.

David Broder's e-mail address is davidbroder@wash-

Joe Biden is just a barrel of gaffes

elaware Sen. Joe Biden has been telling people for months that he's going to run for president, as if nobody actually could believe it. Even when he formally announced has tweek, I still didn't believe it. I'm not quite sure what it would take to make me believe it. If turned or the television and watched biden formally accepting the Biden formally accepting the nomination at the Democrat

nomination at the Democratic National Convention, I might believe it then, (On the other hand, I probably would figure I was suffering some halluctuatory episode and check myself into a hospital.) Tra not saying Biden shouldn't be president. I have tons of respect for him, and I think he would do a terrific job if he could get it. I just find it amusing that he thinks there's some chance he actually could become president. It's a case study of that bizarre mental become president, it study of that bizarre affliction that affliction that strikes so many senators. They see younger, less-experienced Senate colleagues — who are far less esteemed than they are unning for president, and ey're offended. If the 100

JONATHAN CHAIT

bly would beat Hillary
Rodham Clinton or Barack
Obama. Unfortunately for
Biden, that's not how it works.
Biden's charming cluelessness was on display in a recen
ABC news interview. The

ABC news interview. The famously verbose senator was asked to state in 25 words or less why Democrats should nominate him. His response was 45 words. I suppose that, by Biden's standards, coming in at just under twice his allotted length counts as a victory of sors. Biden then explained why he could win: "If people learn my story, learn my record, I hink it can compete. The question is, can I mise the money?" This is sort of like me saying that I think I can compete for as starting NFL quarterback job, but the question is, can I navda lightieff it's a question, but it's certainly not question, but it's certainly not designed.

is, can I avoid injuries? It's a question, but it's certainly not the question.

In addition to his uncontrol-lable verbosity, Biden is a gaffe machine. He ran for president 20 years ago but had to aban-don his campaign when it was

discovered that he had plagfa-rized speeches from a British politician, substituting in key details to make the story his

own.

In his latest effort, Biden
wasted no time subverting his
already microscopic chances.
On the day of his announcement, he mused about Illinois
-Sen-Obama: "I mean, you got
the first mainstream African-American who is articulate and bright and clean and a

ce-looking guy." In Biden's defense, the quote In Biden's defense, the quote was widely mistunderstood. Having listened to it, it's obti-out that Biden was not saying Obama is the first mainstream African-American candidate who is also articulate and so n. He was saying he's the first mainstream candidate — meaning ideologically mainstream, unlike Carol Moseley Parun. Al Shartton or Jesse un, Al Sharpton or Jesse kson — and that he's articu Jackson — and that he's articu-late and so on. He wasn't call-ing Jackson or the others inar-ticulate. To be sure, this is still a pretty cringe-inducing way for white people to talk about African-Americans. There's a famous Chris Rock routine in which he complains about how people describe Colin

Powell as "articulate," as if it were a surprise that a secretary of State can speak wear. And, of course, last summer Biden attempted to endear himself to an Indian-American supporter by telling him that in Delaware, "you cannot go to a 7-Eleven or a Dunkin" Donuts unless you have a -slight indian accent." Not only was this an offensive line, it as this an offensive line is didn't even make any sense: The observation, familiar to anybody who watched a comedian on cable television 15 years ago, is that Indian-Americans are the only ones

Americans are the only ones who work in convenience stores, not that they're the only ones who shop dure. The man cant even keep his condescending cliches straight. Biden looks as if he's the product of a laboratory experiment designed to create the world's woost president candidate. If the Oblama gaffe doesn't knock him out of the moc, something dies will. I doubt he makes it to Iowa. Yes, Biden's wey knowledgeable and dedicated. But to win the presidency, you actually

the presidency, you actually have to be good at mass poli-tics. Why is Blden not smart enough to recognize that?

Invocation at Democratic meeting is full of hate, religious doublespeak

In the race to the bottom for yotes to win office, or to preserve themselves in office, it would be difficult to out-run Republicans as they pander to the Hispanic vote by refusing to control our southern border against an Invasion by millions of illegal allens. Democrats are trying and they may soon pass Republicans in their cynical pursuit of political power. At the Democrats "winter meeting" (they used to call it a "retreat," before that word conjured up negative implications about the war), a clergy, man was asked to deliver the invocation. He was thus ham Al-Hussiny of the Karbalaa Islamic Education Center, a Shi'te mosque in Dearborn, Mich.

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According to a transcript
published on the Website
HotAli.com, Al-Husainy
HotAli.com, Al-Husainy
Greed a prayer with antiAmerican and anti-Israel
undertones: We brank you
God, to send us your messages through our father
Abraham and Moses and
Jesus and Mohammed.
Through you, God, we unite.
So guide us to the right pathThe path of the people you
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bless, not the path of the people you
liberate and fill this earth with
justice and peace and love justice and peace and love and equality. And help us to stop the war and violence. and oppression and occupa

tion..."
To the untrained ear and uniformed mind, the first part sounds kind of ecumenical, a type of universalism and religious correctness, in which everybody's biblical or Koranic figures get equal billing, so as not to offend. But Muslims see all of these religious leaders as Muslim prophets. Their view is that Abraham, Moses and Jesus



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taught Islam and that the lews and Christians perverted the Islamic faith and, accord-ing to some, deserve death for doing so.

Al-Husainy was engaging in omething more dangerous Al-Husainy was engaging in something more dangerous something more dangerous than prayer. He proclaimed religious superiority and triumphalism. Surely Democrats do not subscribe to his not-so-subtle religious' doublespeak, which places the United States and Israel among the people God "dooms." Neither do most Democrats believe that all of Israel is occupied and that "oppression and occupation" applies to the Jews who live there and must be evicted. So why Invite a clergyman who leads them in such a prayer? I soft than the subscription of th something r

Hezbollah supporters on the streets of Dearborn and Detroit, swarming with swastikas and anti-Semitic swastikas and anti-Sentine, anti-American signs. Later, I watched him ... at an anti-Semitic rally of 3,000 Hezbollah supporters at Dearborn's Bint Jebail Cultural Center, He was among several who delivered hate-filled, anti-American hate-filled, anti-American rhetoric. I watched him cheer others on when they called for the hastened destruction of the Jews and when they said Americans are dis-rased." On the Website "Jihad Watch" (a good place to keep up with what the Islamofascists are planning for us). Robert Spencer writes, "...the West is facing a concerted effort by Islamic jihadists, the motives and goals of whom are largely ignored by the Western media, to destroy the West and bring it forcibly into the Islamic world — and to commit violence to that end even while their overall goal remains out of reach." A clergyman wibo advocated with supremacy and the inferiority of all other falths would never have been invited to 10 feet the tops of the property of the

inferiority of all other falths would never have been invited to offer the invocation at a DNC gathering, Vet Democrats got the equivalent of such a person in Alliusainy. Democrats have been tryling to get back in the religion game since Republicans connected most of the Ewangelical Christian vate in the last several dection cycles, but

Christian vote in the last several election cycles, but choosing Husham Al-Husainy as their instrument to put them in closer touch — if not with God, than with Muslim voters — is more outrageous and shameful than Sen. loseph Biden's remarks about Barack Obama, and far more dameerous. angerou The Mu

The Muslim vote went largely to Democrats in last year's election. In Virginia, Democrat Januss Webb received 92 percent of the Muslim vote, compared to Republican George Allen's 8 percent, according to the Muslim American Society and the Virginia Muslim Political Action Committee. Was Inviting Al-Itusainy to pray for the destruction of America and Israel paylack to the Muslim slim vote went Israel payback to the Muslim community? If so, the price is too high and the potential consequences are too great.

rus pointes come to fits, that some politicians would sell out their, own and other free countries for a voting bloc that contains elements committed to our destruction (Democrats), or pander to illegal immigrants who break our laws and then get Social Security cheef. Security checks (Republicans)? Have politi-clans no shame?

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Is not quite the hurricane-force blow to septies of global warming that many climatologists would have preferred, but for a document drafted by hundreds of scientists representing II 3 governments, the latest report from the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, released Friday, is nevertheless full of frightening evidence and, we hope, policy-inducing conclusions.

Here are some of the more notable conclusions: There is no doubt that the planet is warming, according to all sorts of measures, from rising air and ocean temperatures to widespread melting of snow and ice. Increases in global temperature are "very likely" the result of higher concentrations of greenlouse gastes, which are far higher now than they have been over the past 50,000 years. Policy-makers should expect global temperatures to continue to rise, even if greenhouse gas concentrations stay at the levels of the year 2000. Continuing to rise as greenbouse gases at current rates would warm the Earth even more and would be "very likely" to yield much more severe conse-

quences during this century than those we saw in the previous one, see levels will rise, heat waves and droughts will stike longer and more often, hurricanes will become more intense, and It will rain more in high latitude. Many climate scientists say the report duesn't go far enough. Michael Mann, a leading climate logist at Pensylvanial State Unitversity, welcomes the assessment, but he says that it probably understimates how high oceans could rise over the next century or so. He may be right Recent research on melting ice caps suggests that cracks in the ice will speed up the melting process.

This assessment's value does not lie in its innovative approach to describing global eliminate change. On the contrary because so many individuals and organizations signed on the report's strong language is vitually unassalable. Even the Bush administration hailed it, which makes the president's continued neglect of the issue particularly troubling. Now that leaders in the United States and abroad have agreed on the basics of the problem and the seriousness of the consequences, sound policy should follow. cosment's value does not lie in its

LETTER

Safety should be priority when dropping off kids

I drive my daughter 10 miles to school in Buhl every day. Despite the fact that I have to drive the canyon and constantly dodge gravel trucks, farm equipment and the occasional deer. I never

the occasional deer. I never have a problem until I drop her off at Poppelwell Elementary.

Don't get me vrong; most parents obey the speed limit and use the drop-off lane. However, there are those who think the rules are for every-one else to follow. I have come close to getting hit more than once, and I've seen drivers cut off in both the turn-around and at the stop sign by the old high stop sign by the old high school. I've watched a few

fingers fly, too (and, admit-tedly, flown my own once of twice).

I am not the only parent grumbling about this: I've heard several comments about the person who insists on flying up the road to the left of the drop-off lane. The vitably curting off the par-ent grounds usine said lane. ent properly using said lane, only to stop dead in the mid-dle of the turn-around so no one can get by, and then spend five minutes of our time kissing and loving on a little precious bundle of joy before sending him off to

little precious bundle of joy before sending him off to school for the day. People, there is a reason for the speed limit, the stop sign and the drop-off lane — safe-ty. My kids are my world. If something happened to my daughter because someone

parents.

The world is dangerous enough without the reckles contribution of a few sense less people.

ss people. HEATHER PILKINTON

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was too lazy to leave home a few minutes earlier, my life would be destroyed. Furthermore, when it comes , to safety, kids that age have the common sense of newts. However, as parents, we have a responsibility to protect our kids, their teachers and other naments.

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Devlin charged with molesting two boys

By Christopher Leonard Associated Press writ

CLAYTON, Mo. Missouri man accused of kiddrapping two boys and holding one for more than four years was charged Monday with molesting them nearly 70 times.

The charges were the first time authorities have openly accused Michael Devlin of molesting the children. Devlin, at 41-year-old pizzeria manager, was charged with 69 counts of forcible sodomy, all felonies and each punishable by up to life in prion.

punishable by up to life in prison.
St. Louis County prosecutor Rebert-McGulloch-sid-I-7-of-the counts related to 13-year-old Ben Ownhy, who disappeared Jan. 8, and the remaining counts were related to Shawn Hornbeck, now 13, who was abducted in 2002.
McCulloch said the evidence includes interviews with all of the people involved. 'Devlin acknowledged committing these acts.' McCulloch said.
Both boys were found

McCalloris said.

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Inside velians apartment in
Kirkwood on Jan. 12.

The charges allege that
Devlin forced Ben to have
"deviate sexual intercourse"
four days he was held.

The charges also allege that
after kidnapping Hombeck in
October 2002, Devlin kept
Shawn isolated in Devlin's
apartment for the first month.
The boy was forced to have apartment for the first month. The boy was forced to have intercourse with Devlin throughout that month and at ieast once a month until Shawn and Ben were found in

Shawn and Ben were rounc us January.

Authorities refused to discuss other details of the allegations beyond what was described in the charges.

Less than a week after the boys were found, Shawn's parents appeared on Oprah—Winfrey's talk show, asying—they believed he had been sexually abused during the ordeal.

In a written statement, defense attornevs Privadefense attorneys Ethan Corilja and Michael Kleity said they have explained the charges to Devlin and that he understands they are "very

understands they are 'very serious."

"We have also told Mr. Devlin that we have received no evidence from any of the prosecutors about any of the charges," the statement said. "Common sense and the Constitution would suggest that everyone should wait to hear any evidence before reaching any final judgment."

Devlin has pleaded not guilty to the Mdnapping charges.

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Authorities have said Devling threaten Shawn tued a gun to threaten Shawn when he was abducted in 2002.

Bush budget plan would boost Pentagon, pinch domestic spending

Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush unvelled a \$2.9 trillion budget Monday that rewards the Pentagon with a record \$50 billion budget hike but pinch-se programs cherished by Democrats, including health research and heating subsidies for the poor.

In control of Congress for the first time in a dozen years, Democrats accused Bush of trimming domested programs, using smoke and mirrors to predict a balanced budget in five years and ignoring a hidder tax threat to middle-class families. His \$245 billion request for Iraq and Aghanistan has given law-makers sticker shock.

Despite common agreement

makers sticker shock.
Despite common agreement
that something must be done
soon about the spiraling cost
of benefit programs such as
Social Security and Medicare,
Bush recommended mostly
modest steps — while refusing

to consider tax hikes that could draw Democrats into negotiations. There's a lot of skittishness

from Medicare and Medicaid, while sending \$240 billion more in American taxpayer dollars to Iraq," sald Rep. Rahm Emmanuel, D-III. "This is not a tradeoff the American

people want."

Bush touted his fiscal blue Bush touted his fiscal blue-print as "protecting the home-land 'and fighting terrorism, keeping the economy strong with low taxes and keeping spending under control." He said after meeting with his

Cabinet, 'Congress needs to listen to a budget which says no tax increase, and a budget, because of fiscal discipline, that can be balanced in five years'.

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Bush said \$245 billion is needed for military and diplomatic operations in Iraq and Afphanistan over the next year and a half, bringing total Pentagon funding for the wars to \$662 billion. But his budget sasumes, at least on paper, that no additional war funding will be needed after 2009.

Bush also proposed modest cuts to the rapidly growing. Medicare and Medicald health-care programs, but failed to

Medicare and Medicaid health-care programs, but failed to address chronic shortfalls in future years that would force painful sacrifices on benefici-aries. Instead, Medicare providers such as hospitals,

ised to lobby hard to kill the proposals again.

"Today's buffeet is devistating news for children, seniors and the disabled who depend on the Medicare and Medicald programs," said Rich Umbdenstock, president of the American Hospital Association. "They are being unfailty singled out to carry the burden of achieving a balanced budget."

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Republicans block Senate debate on Iraq buildup resolution

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Republicans blocked a fullBedged Senate debate over
Iraq on Monday, but
Democrats vowed they still
would find a way to force
President Bush to change
course in a war that has
claimed the lives of more than
3,000 U.S. troops.
"We must heed the results of
the November elections and
the wishes of the American
people." said Majority Leader
Hary Reid.
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measure copressing disagreements with Bush's 2000.

siderracked a nonhinding measure expressing disagreement with Bush's plan to deploy an additional 21,500 troops to Irac.

The vote-was 49-47, or 11 short of the 60 needed to go ahead with debate, and left the fate of the measure funcertain. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky described the test vote as merely a bump in the road and added that GOP lawmakers 'welcome the debate and

are happy to have it."

The political jockeying unfolded as Democrats sought

The political jockeying unfolded as Democrats sought passage of a measure, supported by Sen. John Warner, R-Va., that is critical of the administration's new lura policy, it was the first time Democrats had scheduled a sustained debate on the war since they won control over Congress in last fall's midterm elections. McConnell called for equal treatment for an alternative measure, backed by Sen. Judd Gregg. R-N.I.I., saying Congress should neither cut nor eliminate funding for troops in the field. That measure takes no position on the war or the president's decision to deplay additional forces. Democratis launched a withcring attack on Bush's war policy in the run; in to the vote.

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icy in the run-up to the vote.
The American people d "The American people. do. not support escalation. Last November, voters made it clear they want a change of course, not more of the same," said Reid. The president must hear from Congress, so he knows he stands in the wrong place; alone."

Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois,

Nothern Plains to Northeast pummelled by cold weather

Arctic blast closes schools, contributes to heavy snowfall

By Roger Petterson Associated Press v

A bone-chilling cold wave with temperatures as low as 42 below zero shut down schools below zero shut down schools for thousands of youngsters Monday, sent homeless people into shelters and put car bat-teries on the disabled list from the northern Plains across the Great Lakes. At least four deaths were linked to the cold weather.

weather.

The cold was accompanied by snow that was measured in feet in parts of upstate New-York.

"York." Anybody in their right mind wouldn't want to be out in weather like this," Lawrence Wiley, 57, said at Cincinnatis crowded Drop Inn Center homeless shelter, where he has been living, Monday lows were in the single digits.

With temperatures near zero and a wind chill of 25 below, school districts across Ohio. canceled classes. "We have a lot of kids that walk to school. de didn't think it was worth the risk." said Sandusky City Schools Superintendent Bill Pahl.

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its outdoor ice rink. The irony is not lost on us," said city spokesman Brian Schwartz. With a temperature of 12 below zero and wind chill of 31 below. Wisconsin's largest school district, Milwaukee Public Schools, also shut down, idiling some 90,000 chiren. In upstate New York, 34,000 kids got the day off in Rochester because of temperatures near zero. Schools also closed in parts of Michigan and closed in parts of Michigan and

tures near zero. Schools also closed in parts of Michigan and Illinois. A few Schools closed even in Minnesosta, where February cold is the norm and people are accustomed to coping.

Temperatures dropped below zero in Minnesosta on Saturday morning and were expected to remain there until-sometime-Twosday, the weather service said. Subzero temperatures blanketed the Minneapolis-St. Paul area for 63 straight hours — the longest stretch since 2004 — ending 63 straight hours — the longest stretch since 2004 — ending Monday afternoon.



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Bruins continue chase for the championship

TFHS girls vie for region title

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To Win FALLS — One more win will complete the sweep.

The Twin Falls Bruins girls basketball team is on a 10-game winning streak against conference opponents and No. 11 will net them the Region Four-Five-Sic hampionship.

They won't know their Thursday-nght opponent until Tuesday's Skyline-Highland game wraps, and for the most part, they dun't really mind who it is. All they know is that it's a team they've beaten at least wice during the last three months. The odds are on their side.

Whether they face the Grizzlies or ne Rams, look again for another the Rams, look again for another strong game from senior Kelsey

Jardine, who averages 3.6 points per game. Other girls that can put up double digits for another wide lead are sophomore Devan Makiki, justion Amber Petersen, sophomore Megan Crist or junior. Kelly Vriesman. No matter who's hot from the field, turnovers must be kept to a minimum.

With the berth to the Class 5.4 state tournament already in hand, the fittle game will allos determine whether the Bruins take the top-seed from the region or the No. 1 all seed will begin the contrament at 3 lace.

Boys

With conference play done for the regular season, the Bruins will have a week to warm up before the region

This week: The 7-11/2A Region Four-Five-Six) Bruit street fo Rupert to face Minloo on Wednesday before taking on Jerome on the road Fidday. On the hortzom Next week, Twin Falls takes the No. 4 send in the Region Four-Five-Six tournament. The Bruins travel to idaho Falls to battle the Tigers on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Season leaders: Elyant Ward 9.2 points per game; Covy Dook 7.7 ppg; Marcus Schaal 5.7 ppg.

Girls

Schaal 5.7 ppg.

Girls

This week: The 19-3 Bruins host the winner of Tuesday's Skyline-Highland

tournament gets underway.
Twin Fall's faces both Class 4A
Minico and Jerome on the road, and
they'll need quality wins to get their
confidence back up. The road has not
been kind to the Bruits, and they'll
face that problem again during the

bound winner for the Region Four-Five-Six championship on Thursday, A victory earns the Bruins the region's top seed to the Class SA state fournment at the Idaho Center in Nampa. A loss means a second championship will be played Fiddly or Saturday. On the hortox: Saturday's win over the Siydine Gritziles put Twin Falls in the state tournament, no metter the out-come of the championship game. The tournament begins on Thiursday, Feb. 15.

tournament begins on Thursday, Fel 15. Season leaders: Kelsey Jardine 9.6 points per game; Devan Malkin 7.9 ppg; Amber Petersen 7.3 ppg

first round of the tournament.

The Bruins took the No. 4, seed, which places them in Idaho Falls on Huseday, Feb. 13, to face the Tigers.

Twin Falls split with Idaho Falls during the regular season, winning 60-52 and losing 60-46.

No more

Mo.

Sophomore forward leaves No. 8 CSI team

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

Times-Nows writer
Tivin FALIS — The No. 8
College of Southern Idahomen's basketball team willhave to keep on winning without one of its fan favorites.
Golden Eagles head coach
Barret Peery
announced
that sophomore power
forward Mo
Taukiuve a
parted ways
with the
team after
Saturtiay's
win over
Taukiures
College.
Taukiures, 25, averaged over
five points and four robounds.

Taukiuvca, 25, averaged over five points and four rebounds in 19 appearances for the 20-2 Golden Eagles this segson. Peery said Taukiuvea cited personal reasons for his departure from the team. "We like Mo and we're going to miss him," Peery said at Monday's CSI booster hundred, which was the said of the control of the

Valley advances to 2A title

By Diane Philbin Times-News writer

HAZELTON — The Valley Vikings earned their way into the Class 2A Canyon Conference Tournament

the "Class 2A Canyon Conference Tournament championship game and will get a second shot at the Wendtell Trojans after the Wendtell Trojans (and Wendtell Trojans Canbridge India of India of Policy Trojans (and Wendtell and redeem ourselves. We just want to go and play, it will be a fight."

Hardy's pre-game philosophy to winning against the Pilots was simple — outscore them-in-very-quarter—and-the Vikings followed the game plan by doing just that.

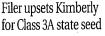
The Vikings were never able to pull away as the Pilots within reach the entire of the pull way as the Pilots within reach the entire of the pull way as the Pilots within reach the entire of the pull way as the Pilots of the pull way as

stayed within reach the entire game. Glenns Ferry finally closed the gap to three points at 37-34 with 1:30 remaining as jun-ior Ashlea Granskow lit-10²2 at the free throw line. Valley sophomore Kaite Hall was fouled with: 37 ticks remaining and hit 2-of-2 at the, charity strip giving the Viklags a 10-34 lead. Glenns Ferry senior Cavit

a 40-34 lead.
Glenns Ferry senior Carli
Noble followed Hall to the foul
line twice and was only successful in 1-of-4 attempts to
cut the Valley lead to 40-35.
Hall and Cauhorn added the
final Valley points with each

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Wildcats scratch out SCIC title



TWIN FALLS — The Filer Wildeats girls basketball team wasn't able to beat undefeated Kimbery all season. That is, until the championship. In a stuming upset, the Wildeats won the Sawtooth Central Idaho, Conference Tournament championship and a berth to the Class 3A state tournament with a 55-16 win over the now 19-1 Kimberly Bulldags at the College of Southern Idaho grown Monday.

"We really wanted this," Filer juntor Baley Bamseyer said, "This is not a surprise."

The No, 2 Wildeats had downwell.

Haley Bamseyer said. "This is not a surprise."

The No. 2 Wildcats had dropped both regular-secon games to the No. 1 Buildogs, but went on a three-game tear through the tournament that resulted in a freuzierd on-court celestration arter the pame. Confettipoppers and red-and-white shaker bits filled the air before falling upon a jubilant Filer fan base, shouting ower and over, "Statel Statel Statel."

Not more than 10 feet away, former Filer standout Lindsay Heinikes looked on, who junior Jill Haney called the tearns inspiration.

"Were going to state for her," Haney told the crows did the trown that the state states statel. Greated the tearns inspiration.

"Were going to state for her," Haney told the crows did the crows the similarities in each team's stats—each with more than 30 rebounds, 16 turnovers, three players scoring in double digits, nearly 20 buckets, one player recording a double-double, the intangible of pure desire put Filer over the top.

Ranjesyer led the Wildcast with 20 points while Ill Haney thad a double-double with 17 points and 2 chounds with the work stop of the work of the final points and Kandouble with the work the on a least point in the work the on a least series, man phenom Alex Piefferle was held to 13 points before fouling upt.

"She's the X factor on defense," Annala said of Hughes. "She's soy the best work ethic, and she guarded (Piefferle) so well."

For the senior, it was all about keeping her head.

"I was nervous all day," Hughes admitted. "Had to keen her finistra-The No. 2 Wildcats had dropped

For the senior, it was someting her head.

"I was nervous all day," Hughes admitted. Thad to keep her frustrated, and I knew I had to keep my attitude up.

The lead changed eight times before Filer claimed it early in the fourth quarter and didn't let go from there.

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for Class 4A district title



Burley claims second straight Great Basin West title said. "This is exactly where we wanted to be. We got it done. It was a bat-de. It wasn't easy." McKenzi Baker turned in nine points while Kassl Kerbs scored eight Bobcats top rival Minico

basketball team won its second con-BY Ryan Howe security Great Basin Conference
For the Times-News West Tournament championship
with a \$2-38 victory over rival Minico
points as the Burley High School girls
"That was really big for us," Baker

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Mekentzi Kasal Kerhs scored elight for the Bobcats, who Improve to 20-3 overall. Burley will host Great Busin Conference East champion Pression in Thursday to determine seeding for the state tournament.

"I'm proud of our kids," sald Burley coach Gordon Kerhs. "Minico played well. Even when we played bad, I

think part of it was because of what they were doing."

Dani Ramirez led Minico's scoring with 15 points and Tianna Stimpson scored nine.

with 15 points not according to the Spartans jumped out to an early 4-0 lead, but Burley then went on a 13-0 run. Burley also finished the first quarter with a 6-0 outburst, capped by McKel Baker's buzzerbeating jumper to put her team up

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Jazz top Bulls, sweep season series | LeBron is new king of clang



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Kirk - Hinrich - led - Chicago with 26 points and Luol Deng added 23 for the Bulls.

Suns 113, Nuggets 108

DENVER — Amare Stoudemire scored 36 points and Phoenix withstood Carmelo Anthony's first career triple-double and the loss of Steve Nash to beat ailing

Steve Nash to beat aump Denver.
Leandro Barbosa added 20 points for the Suns, who had lost two of three after winning 17 straight. Shawn Marion (19 points) and Raja Bell (19) each sank two free throws in the final 12 seconds.
Anthony had 31 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for the buseness who were without

rebounds and 10 assists for the Nuggets, who were without All-Star Allen Iverson (ankle) and Marcus Camby (groln), the league's No. 2 rebounder and top shot blocker.

Rockets 105, Timberwolves 77

Imberwoives 17
HOUSTON — Tracy
McGrady scored 16 of his 32
points in the third quarter to
lead Houston.
Luther Head went 5-for-7
from 3-point range and had 20
points, and Juwan Howard had
20 points and eight rebounds
for the Rockets, who've wen nor the Rockets, who we won nine of 13 games since an overtime loss to the Timberwolves in Minnesota on Jan. 7.

Heat 113, Bobcats 93

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade scored 27 points and Shaquille O'Neal had his best scoring performance since returning from knee surgery to lead the Heat to a 113-93 victory over the Bobcats.

O'Neal, who missed 32 armes, hit his first four shots games, fit his first four stots and scored 19 first-half points on 9-of-10 shooting. He fin-ished with 22 points and was one of six players in double fig-

ures.

The Heat played without point guard Gary Payton, suspended by the league following his ejection for arguing with officials during Saturday's win at Milwaukee, Rookle Chris Quinn made his first career start and fisielihouth Membrish Membris



Jazz forward Andrel Kirilenko (47), rejects Chicago Bulls guard Ben on (7) during the first quarter of Monday's game in Salt Lake City.

points, and Emeka Okafor and Gerald Wallace each scored 19

Warriors 113, Pacers 98

INDIANAPOLIS — Siephen Jackson scored a season-high 36 points against his former team, and Golden State beat Indiana.

Indiana.

Jackson was a key part of the eight-player trade between the teams on Jan. 17, and this was the first meeting between the s since.

Al Harrington, another player wolved in the trade, had 16 points, 10 rebounds and five assists. Andris Biedrins added 10 points and 15 rebounds for the Warriors.

the Warriors.

Jermaine O'Neal led the
Pacers with 24 points and 10
rebounds, and Jamaal Tinsley
added 22 points and 10 assists.
Mike Dunleavy, traded from
Golden State, had 11 points and
13 rebounds for Indiana.

76ers 100, Nets 98, OT

PHILADELPHIA — Aufer Iguadala had 23 points, 15 assists, and sever rebounds to lead Philadelphia over New Jersey, the Nets' second overtime loss in two days. Samuel Dalembert of the Doints and grainbed. 17. rebounds, and Andre Miller had 18 points to give the Sierscheir fifth win in eight games. Vince Carter had 23 points and 10 rebounds, Eddie House

CLEVELAND (AP) — His royal image is being tarnished with almost every trip to the foul line. From 15 feet, LeBron James has become the King of clang. In his last 10 games, Clevialand's All-Star forward has made just 59 of 98 free throws. Shaqlike statistics that have dropped his average from the-line to 68 percent — 7 points below his career average. Right now. he said. "I'm in Strugglesville." This is a disturbing trend for James and the Cavallers, who have been the NRA's worst free-throw shooting team (68 percent) most of the season. Until the team starts making more fouls shots they will continue to blow leads and give away victories. Not exactly the stuff of a title contender.

title contender. James is determined to fix the biggest flaw in

James is determined to fix the biggest flawin his otherwise imprecable game. "I'm just trying to make them." he said. Twe shot In the light 70s my whole career and in the 80s in high school. It has never been a problem now. I just his've to go in't here and make them." Easier said than done.

James, just 20-for-38 in his past five gaines, has spent extra time after practice working with Cavalliers assistant coach Chris Jent on bis noor foul shoother. Jent so made such some content of the practice working with Cavalliers assistant coach Chris Jent on bis noor foul shoother. Jent has made some

with Cavalliers assistant coach Chris Jent on his poor foul shooting, Jent has made some fundamental adjustments to James' shot, but so far the results aren't showing. "We're just rying to change how much time he is at the line, make it more of a rhytim shot," Jent said. "We haven't done much more than that, It's him trying to find a comfortable routing.

routine.

Free-throw shooting is so much mental that the routine part of it is important so your body feels comfortable. Right now, we're trying to find that comfort level and sometimes when that happens, you regress before you progress. For him, it's kind of a hard time right now."

James' misses are magnified because of how from he gets to the line, and when he gets

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Of the 16 players who had attempted 300 free throws entering Monday's games, he ranked 13th in free-throw percentage, ahead of only San Antonlo's Tim Duncan (64) percent), Orlando's Dwight Howard (62) and New Yark's Eddy Curry (61)— all big men.

And among the league's superstars and possible MYP candidates, James ranks far behind Dirk Nowitzki (91). Steve Nash (88), Kohe Bryant (86), Gibbert Arenas (84) and Dwyane Wade (81). Even 7-foot-6 Yao Ming (87) percent is shoots his free throws better than James. If he doesn't improve, teams may be more inclined to foul him late in games, knowing the pressure might shake his already wibhly confidence.

When he steps to the line, James said he

When he steps to the line, James said he doesn't think of anything other than making his shots. There are no meditation or relaxation techniques "I just want to get up there and make them and hurry up and get off the free-throw line,"

he said.

Part of James' problem could be that he's



Cleveland Cavallers guard LeBron James shoots a free throw in this Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006 photo.

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His foul-line ritual is to kiss one wristhand, then the other — a tribute to his mother, Gloria, and girlfriend, Savannab — before focusing on the basket and shonting. Lady, more often than not, he smacks the ball off the

more otten than not, he smarcts the bail of the fin.

"I'm trying to flud a groove," he said. I just have to stick with the routine I've been doing lately and get better.

The lack of accuracy has nothing to do with physical limitations. His hands aren't too big—an excuse offered for Shaqille O'Ned—and he's not coming off an injury like Ohio State center Gerg Oden, who has had to shoot free throws left banded following surgery on bis right wits:

his right wrist.

The problem, James admlts, has crept into

The problem, pames assumes and right now its, "he said. At practice, I don't miss," I get in the game, and I miss." In a nationally televised loss hast week at Manii, James missed three free throws in less than 18 seconds during a trucial juncture of the fourth quarter, including one that would have tied the score with 44.8 seconds remaining.

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the finished 3-for-8 from the line, a bad night the linished 3-tor-6 from the me, a oad thigh made worse because it came in the same game that Wade made 23 of 24 free throws, dropping his first 21 in a row.

Lent is confident that once James gets his routine down, his free throws will go down.

too.
"He's got touch. He's got perception and he has the ability to shoot the hall," he said. "It's just being comfortable at the line. Right now, he's not comfortable."

Lakers 90, Hawks 83

ATLANTA — Kobe Bryant, mostly quiet through three quarters, scored nine straight fourth-quarter points to lead to Appeller. Los Ana

scored 15 points and Jason Kidd 14 for the Nets.

SuperSonics 108

WASHINGTON — Caron
Butler scored a career-high 38
points to help Washington
overcome Gilbert Arena's
mediocre night and beat
Seattle, the SuperSonics' franchise-record 15th consecutive
road loss.

Arenas was both 11.

Arenas was held to 16 points

on 4-for-14 shooting, But Brendan Haywood added a season-high 20 points and 11

season-high 20 points and 11 rebounds, second-year for-ward Andray Blatche con-tributed a career-high 14 points, and DeShawn Stevenson added 15 points.

Wizards 118

SuperSonics 108

Bryant scored 27 points, including 11 in the final period, as the Lakers swept the Hawks for the first time in

Hawks for the first time in seven years. The Lakers improved to 3-2 on their eight-game road trip with their sec-ond straight win. Joe Johnson led Allanta with 27 points but made only 10 of 26 shots, Josh Smith scored 20 points and Zaza Pachulia added 14. — The Associated Press

Bobcats

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19-7. Minico never got closer
than eight points after that.
The game was physical, but
under control. Minico was
whistled for 22 fouls to
Burley's 20. The Spartans,
however, were called for several travellag volations,
which seemed to snuff any
spark they could create.
"It was not a fair fight," said
Minico coach Clint
Straatman. "I don't want to
take anything away from
Burley hecause they played
hard and they are a good
team. They closerve to be the
champions, but we were hoping for a fair fight."
Minico fell to 10-14 overall
and will play Pocatello on
Thursday at Burley High
School in a must-win game to
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Minico's Jerica Saith (15) grabs a rebound away from Burley's McKenzi Baker during the Bobcets'-52-38 victory Monday in the Great Basin—— Conference West tournament championship game.

Hamilton takes district bowling title Magic Bowl in Twin Falls while

Minico standout wins to kick off District IV postseason action

FILER — Minicos John Hamilton took the District IV bowling singles title Monday aftermoon at Cedar Lanes in Filer, bowling a 648 to roll away with the Individual champi-onship, Filer's AJ, Ridgeway finished second at 574, while

Zach Black of Twin Falls came in third at \$71.

The district's top 36 boys competed in the event. The boys team event will be held at 4 p.m. tomorrow at Snake River Bowl in Burley. The girls singles will roll at 4 p.m. Friday at

Magic Bowl in Twin Falls while the girls district team competi-tion will be held at 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 12. The state tournament will be held from 9 a.m. 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 20 at Snake River Bowl in Burley.

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Wildcats

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For the Bulldogs, a loss during the regular season would
be negligible, but this one
could be tought to bounce back
from. Head coach Rich Bishop
has faith that they can do it.

"Filer played well and wanted to win, and we played on
our heels. We've got to
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bertin is still in ront of us, the said. Kimberly plays Declo at the CSI gym Wednesday for the SCIC runner-up and the second area seed to state. —Filer-(11-9) opens play at the state tournament on Thursday, Feb. 15.

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The Decid horners glist, basketball team lived to fight another day after defeating the defending SCIC champion Gooding, Senators 52-37, in loser-out play at the CSI gmin Twin Falls on Monday. The Horners advance to face the Kimberth Buildogs at the CSI gmon Wednesday for the SCIC runner-up and the second area seed to the Class

3A state tournament at Middleton next week. Macey Jones led the Horners with 20 points on nine buckets while McKell Webb put up a dozen and Emily Hamsey 10 points. For the Senators, Nici Abramowki also hit a dozen points before fouling out. Gooding is done for the sea-son.

Valley_

Confused from page B1.
hitting 1-of-2 free throws.
Valley was led by Hall's game-high 22 points. Hall pulled down some big offensive rebounds and scored on numerous put-backs. Cauthorn and senior Sarah callen each added six points.
Despite coming up on the short end of the score. Glenns Ferry — especially seniors.
Alisha Crane, Rachel Anchustegui. Noble and Leticia Mesillas — worked extremely hard and played cough until the final buzzer.
The Pilots ended their season

at 11-11.
"I think there may have been a little-bit of a Intimidation factor early," said Glenns Ferry coach Kelli McHone. But the girls played hard until the end. And the seniors left it all on the court and gave it their all."

their all."

Crane scored 10 points for the Pilots, followed by Anchustegul and Gramkow, each with seven.

"We knew tonight would be a hard game because Glerns Ferry has a lot of seniors that battle hard, said Hardy.

Asked about Wendell and

the championship game to be played Thursday at 7 p.m. at Wendell, Hardy knows the Trojans are excited and have a lot of momentum. "We just have to go in and fight for our season," he said.

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Colts-Bears Super Bowl ratings on par with last year's numbers

NEW YORK — The Indianapolis Colts were a winner in the ratings, too, with preliminary measurements showing the Super Bowl was/ watched by roughly the same number of view-

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The Colis' 29-17 victory over the Chicago
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Final viewership estimates for the country as
a whole were due latter Monday.

The Steelers-Seahnaks matchip was seen by
an estimated 90.7 million people last year, the
largest Super Bowl audience in a decade.

A ratings point represents 1.114,000 households, or 1 percent of the nations's estimated
111.4 million TV homes. The share is the percentage of in-the televisions tuned to a given
show.

This year's game was seen on CBS, a division
of CBS Corp.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Coroner: USC kicker drunk when

LOS ANGELES — Southern California kicker Mario Danelo was drunk when he plunged over a cliff to his death, but the coroner's office Monday was unable to say why he fell.



oils Coits fan Keille Nowacki cheers while watch ing Super Bowl XLI at Jillan's in downtown Indianapolis.

A toxicological report accompanying Danelos autopsy report found he had 0.23 blood-alcohol level, nearly three times the legal limit in California. No drugs were detected in his body,

the report said.

The autopsy report said the cause of death was multiple traumatic lajuries; but "because of the unanswered questions, we are stating the manner of death as undetermined." Deputy Medical Examiner leffrey Gustault of the Los Angeles Caunty Coroner's office wrote in the report.

Sports Shorts

National and Magic Valley briefs

The 21-year-old player was found Jan. 6 more than 100 feet down a rocky cliff in San Pedro. Police said from the outset that foul play was ruled out and his death was either an accident or a snicide.

or a suicide.
Following Danelo's death, several Southern California players said they were convinced the kicker did not take his own life.

Oregon, Bellotti agree to five-year contract extension

five-year contract extension
EUGENIE. One. — Oregon forbial coach Mike
Bellotti has agreed to a five-year contract exten-sion, the school said Monday.
Bellotti, 5ti, gets a salary of \$150,000 a year,
with a guaranteed base of \$550,000 in compen-sation that includes such things as car, country club membership and TV contract, a university spokesman said.

The contract also includes incentive pay-ments that could boost his annual take to \$1,1
million

million.

"Hed have to win a national championship to max out at the \$1 million figure," sald Dave Willford, the university's media services director.

MAGIC VALLEY

Kimberly hosts fundraiser for Glenn

KIMBERLY — Kimberly High School will lead a fundraiser for Idaho State Patrol Trooper Chris Glenn at the Kimberly versus Filer boys basket-hall game tonight.

hall game tonight.

All proceeds from the game will be donated to the Glenn family. Also, a 1985 Lincoln Continental, provided by retired officer Larry Polit, will be railled. The cost per ticker is \$20, and the winner does not need to be present to collect. Anyone wishing to purchase tickers or make a donation should mail checks to Kimberly athleigt director George Arrossa, 141 Center St. W. Kimberly, ID 83341.

MVTA holds singles tournament

MVIA holds singles tournament
TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Tennis
Association will hold its 2007 Indoor Singles
Tournament on Feb. 21:24 at the Twin Falls
WACA. The tournament is open to all MVIA
members.
The entry fee is \$30, with entry forms available at the VMCA or at Elevations Sports.
Alternatively, entry forms are available at
http://www.mvianet.com. The entry deadline is
Feb. 14. For more information, call Bill Fowler at
312:3925 or Mike Sato at 731-1633.

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to reassess what constitutes true happiness.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There may be catches in a current plan or scheme. Although you might be wildly popular with co-workers this week, someone could be a bit jealous of your success.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): An attractive path might have some pitfalls. You might gather more than your falz-share of avid admirers under these celestial conditions, but don't

be tempted to dive into a new relationship.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
Romantic entanglements begun under these stars may not make it to the finish line.
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put business ahead of pleasure and avoid irrevocable stups. More-preparation-and-tweaking might be needed before you launch a fresh ini-

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep the bad news to yourself. If truths are naked, people might feel embarrassed unless things are covered up. Put extra effort into being as thoughtful and diplomatic as possible.

possible.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your caution or hesitation might be well founded. It is not that there is anything really wrong, but you need sincere reassurances from others before commitment.

reassurances from others before commitment.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):
The trip uplil lalways takes the most effort, but going downhill—is a breeze. Too much pity for the underdog of a request for sympathy can create a difficult situation.





By Art Sansom, & Chip

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AND WHAT DO YOU GET FOR IT?

















Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

"No, you may not keep a snowball in your room."

Flags draped on caskets are to be treated with respect

DEAR ABBY: You advised "Wondering in Concord, N.H."
(Dec. 29) that "as long as the flag is treated with respect—
taken down at night, and not allowed to become tattered and finded because of exposure to the clements— it would be in loving tribute to their friend if it were displayed.

Although I could not find it in any flag etiquette site, it is customary that a flag used on a casket never be unfolded. It was folded and presented as an honor to the deceased solder/Marine and should be unfolded only by God. This is a sentimental tradition, not a rule or law.

My husband has the flag that draped his brother's casket. He would probably kill before he would be someone unfold it.

—DAWN IN
ILMNITION, ILL.

DEAR DAWN: If I was incorrect in my reply, thank you for correcting ine. However, you are not the only reader why wanted to weigh in on this subject, and the suggestions I have received are varied, Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I belong to DEAR ABBY: 1 Delong to three veterans organizations. Most veteran posts, American Legion, AMVEIS, Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars will take a memorial flag and either fly it or dispose of it properly. —ROBERT O. RICE LAKE, WIS.

DEAR ABBY: A better answer to "Wondering" would



DEAR ABBY

be to buy a triangular display case and place the very important gift of the American flag from the friend American lag from the mental on the mantel or a table in his/her home. What a topic of conversation it would become in memory of a dear friend.

— RESPECTFUL IN OHIO

DARA BBSY: "Wondering" could, if she so desires, donate the flag to a military cemetery, in Battle Creek, Mich., we have Fort Custer, a veterans cemetery, and I donated the flag given to me at my grand-rather's funeral to it. There is an "Avenue of Flags," as you enter the cemetery, and it's a very moving sight to' see all these flags flying in the breeze, knowing that people gave their lives for them.

—SANDY E.,

— SANDY E., KALAMAZOO, MICH.

DEARABBY: After my father died, my mother donated his flag to a local memorial ceme-tery. Every Memorial Day the flags are brought out, pressed, and hung on flagpoles lining the driveways and walkways. Friends, family, and the community are invited to a memorial service wor all of our fallen men adverse words. Some come alone; others have fami-

by gatherings under the flags.

My father's flag has flown
every Memorial Day for the
last 23 years. It's a great way to inc.
pay tribute and very reassuring to know his flag is beling
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—VETERAN'S DAUGHTER
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be like using someone's tomb-stone because' you' needed at-big rock for something. Although the flag itself is just club, it symbolizes that the individual made a huge scriftice of him — or herself that everyone in this country benefits from. If all they need is a flag, twill gladly buy them one in exchange for the bonor of caring for the flag of a fallen brother.

— DEVLIN B.,, SNEADS FERRY, N.C.

Hacky Sack invented as way to rehab knee

In 1972 in Oregon City, Ore, John Stalberger was recovering from knee surgery and looking for some good rehale exercise. His friend. Mike Marshall, made a small beanhag, which they started kicking around to keep it from touching the ground. They dubbed the game "Harkin file Sack" and finally "Harky Sack." A sport was born.

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This day in history: On Feb. 6, 1952, Princess Elizabeth, was wisting Kenya with ther husband Philip. It was there in the Trectops I totel, a huxurious treehouse built next to a widdlife watering hole, that she was notified that her father had died and that she was now Queen Elizabeth II.

In Medlewal times, ams in the house were considered a sign of good lack and aburdance.

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running If your stop is going to he less than 15 minutes. Is this true? Nope. More like 30 sec-onds, says the U.S. Department of Energy. If 145 multion passenger cars idle for even fifteen minutes, they'd waste 12 million gallons of easoline.

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King Krum, the leader of the Bulgars in the ninth century, had an interesting sense of diplomacy. After his troops killed Byzantine emperor Nikephores I in a battle, Krum had his skull made into a sil-ver-lined goblet. Whenever Byzantine ambassadors visit-ed his court after that they were forced to drink a toast

from it.
In a similar note, gout suf-ferers from the Middle Ages were told by doctors to swal-low "scrapings from a hanged man's skull."

low "scrapings from a hanged man's skull."
Want to go where no man has gone hefore? At the fastest rocket speeds available today, it would require 60,000 years to reach the nearest staff (Alpha Centauri, 3.4 light years away). In the English sport of lawn bowling, the ball a player targets a Take, with his woods. Woods are the four balls each player starts with in a game of singles. However, they are most often plastic, not wood. Granger is just another name for a farmer.
In deference to Leonardo da Vinci's request, 60 beggars were hired to follow his casker after his death.

Brin Barrett and tender.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factmon-gers@mingo-batrett.com.

College putting year of tuition, room and board up for sale on eBay

BARTLESVILLE, Okla.— One student next term at Oklahoma Wesleyan University may have paid a lot less for tuition than his or her classmates. The university on Saturday kicked off an etlay auction of a vear of tuition, room and

kicked off an ellay auction of a year of tuttion, room and hoard at the private college. The hidding had reached \$1,425 by 11 p.m. Bidders can buy the tuition for themselves or someone else. Among the bidders will be current students at the school, which has an eurollment of about 1070 students. about 1.030 students.

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A year of tuition, room and board an Oklahoma Wesleyan costs about \$23,000. The bidding will be open through Saturday.

It think it's a really neat idea," junior Emily Wright said.

I don't know why anybody wouldn't bid.

Mike Colars the microscopic.

wouldn't bid."

Mike Colaw, the university's special assistant to the vice president, said the school is looking to "create a buzz" suizrounding the auction.

The tuition recipient must meet the university's admission requirements,

Woman gives birth on New Jersey casino floor

ATLANTIC CITY, N.I. - A woman playing the penny slots Saturday morning left the Resorts Atlantic City casino with her own little Jackpot — a

Odds & ends

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new baby boy,
Eight-mouths
Nyrec Thompson, 32, went
into labor on the casino floor
about 9:30 a.m.
Thompson said she mistook
labor pains for gas at first, but
after going to the restroom
told a security guard that she
might be giving birth.
Thompson said the guard
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Four security guards helped Thompson deliver the baby, wrapping the child in a lacket antill paramedics arrived at about 93:00 a.m., said Steeket antill paramedics arrived at about 93:00 a.m., said seve Callender, vice president of operations at Resorts.

Callender, who has worked at Resorts since it opened in 1978, said the birth was a first for the cashion as far as the knew. "We've had people die iere," he said." but we've never lad people born here."

Newspaper gets mail delivered eight years late

More than 400 pieces of mail addressed to the newspaper have been delivered eight years fau. The 435 pieces that were to have been delivered on fan. 16, 1999, reached the newspaper. Thursday, included were checks for Iribune subscriptions. "This was truly a case of the check was in the mail," said Iribune Publisher Iim Strauss, who accepted the mail delivered by Postmaster Jeanne Downey and Jacque Stingley, a customer service representa-

ered by Postmaster Jeanné
Downey and Jacque Stingley, a
customer service representative for the U.S. Postal Service.

We are truly sorry. Stingley
said. T'm sure people have
been wondering where their
mail went.

When a postal clerk was distributing mail on Jan. 16, 1999,
the Tribune's was placed in the
wrong locker, one that Is used
rarely. Stingley said. On
Thursday a customer who was
assigned the locker opened it,
and saw the mail.

Strauss said the delay may
have caused frustration forTribune customers who were
called about payment of bills.
Now the checks will be
returned to customers, he
said.

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ia. I credit Jacque and Jeanne for being very up front about this and personally delivering the mall to us and offering their assistance," Strauss said.

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Colts return to rally in Indy

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) —
The RCA Dome never felt so good to, the Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts. After a rain-soaked victory in Mamil the night before and then a frigid, bone-numbing homecoming parade through the streets of downtown Indianapolis on Monday hight, the Colts Indianapolis on the Indianapolis on In

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Once the team arrived, still wearing their parkas or hood-ed sweat shirts from the below-zero wind chill out-side, it was the Colts them-selves who delivered all the

thank yous.

"You says are awesome,"
coach Tony Dungy told the
crowd. "For the last 16 or 18
hours, we've been enjoying
this championship. We had a
team party (in Miami) last
night, but we were looking
forward to coming home.
This is more than we could
have ever expected. Thank
you for this turnout."
Two giant Inflatable balloons resembling colbs play-

loons resembling Colts play-ers flanked a stage that was

set up on the floor of the Dome, Amid a barrage of camera flashes from the stands, many of the Colis players — and Dungs, too — brought out their own cameras to record the moment. "Wow," Colts owner Jim Irsay said. "This is just unbelievable." I couldn't be rumer excited. ... You guys are what makes it go. I love you, and Go Coltst".

Colts president Bill Polian called the fans "the voice that

called the fans 'the vote that propels us... Thank you for your support. Thank you for what you do for us. Be proud. You're the world champions.' Most of the fans had waited inside the Dome, although hundreds went back out onto the streets as the parade approached. Many of them shared triumplant shouts and high-fives with wher players who were riding anop the slow-moving trucks and floats.

Some of them had braved

"We want to see the Colts go by," said Misty Beil of nearby Monrovia. "It's worth

Dungy is in everything for the long haul

hortcuts never interested Tony Dungs.
Sacrifice, though, well that was another
story.
"You're not going to win every game, every
season is not going to end the way you like."
the Colts coach said after one finally did, with a

Tourie not going to win every game, every "Tourie not going to win every going every to the Coles coach said after one finally all with a 28-17 win over the flear's in the Super Book of the Coles coach said after one finally all with a 28-17 win over the flear's in the Super Book of the Coles coach said the test of fight when things don't go your way? They didn't for what seemed like forever, yet Dungy's in everything for the long hand. It did to matter whether it was perfecting the defensive scheme he learned two dozen years ago from Steelers coach Chuck Noll, volunteering in the community or advancing the cause of African-Americans on the field and off.

Winning, to bim, was always going to be the byproduct of doing things the right way instead of the other way around. If there's a lesson to glean from Steelers he gold the product of doing things the right way instead of the other way around. If there's a lesson to glean from Steelers and principles of the continual to the co

do you feel? the only answer yon ever hear is. "Great."

There were plenty of times when other men would have answered otherwise. Instead, Dungy bit his lip when lesser qualified assistants jumped over him in time for head coacting jobs, their rolled up his sleeves and went towork when the only team willing to grant thim a stort was a sory Tampa frauchise that seemed beyond rescue. Ruther than complain, he assembled a staff of like sminded assistants, guys who like him, didn't fit the NFI. help-wanted ads, then challenged them to help him break the mold. Already, four members of that staff have followed Dungy into the head coaching ranks, including towe Smith, his counterpart on the Bears' sideline Sunday night. Together, they made those Bues better than respectable. More important, Dungy did it by teaching players instead of cursing them out, showing them that cheating him with their effort meant they were cleating themselves. And even when the Buest urmed around and fred him, handing the Super Bowl-ready



patiently built to Jon Gruden for the final step, Dungy left town with his head held high. "Tony was

Moses, 'Bues linebacker Derrick Brooks recalled last year. 'The fed us out of the dark-mess and right into 16th promised land.'
Dungy went Moses one step better, flough, and found other work soon enough. Nothing almont thin was different on the sidelline in Indianapolis, save the color of his outfit and the caliber of falein that was waiting for him. He had the Colts in position to take the final step last season, when his 18th/zare-did son, James, committed saicide in December 2005. Refusing to be broken by the tragedy, he taught

lames, communed suicate in December 2003. Refusing to be broken by the tragedy, he taught his players yet one more lesson, treating the blow more as a test of faith than a testament to

had fortune.

What happened to Dungy on Sunday morning, as he prepared for yet another find exam, was hardly worth mentioning, except to illustrate the way he deals with every other seback that has confronted him in life. He and a friend had set out from their hotel for a walk and lost their way. They planned to do a mile loop and wound up wandering for 2½ miles or so instead.

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Rather than get angry, he used the extra time

"I just thought about the journey," Dungy said, "where we were and how the Lord had kind of set this up with some struggles, some ups and downs, some hills and valleys. And I thought about the way our team had perse-vered and how it would be a shame if we didn't

wered and now it would ne a state it we don't win it.

"I thought about how the game was likely to go the same way, how it would have some hills and valleys and it did. And that gave me the message I wasted to give to the team, the last thing I was going to say. I told them there was going to be some storms out there and we've goi to get through those and hang together." Drings said, and we'd be Ci.

"There were real storms Sunday night, of course-the-ballegan and shirt Drings worces he spoke in the Interview room were still soaked. But he was on the other side now, home safe and dry. Yet Dungy reached back to acknowledge all those men and all those sacrifices that made his journey possible, but couldn't be there to holst the trophy alongside him.

couldn't be there to use a live student before on the podium being the first African-American to win it, and I really have to dedicate this to the guys who came before me ... Jimmy Raye, Sherman Lewis, Lonel Falyor. great coaches who could have done this," he said, "If they would have gotten the opportunity."

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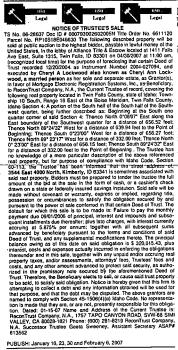
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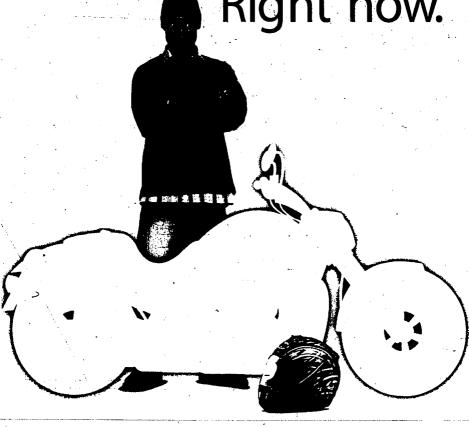


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TWIN FALLS — As Valentine's Day approaches, love is in the air. And not just for humans. It's skunk mating season, when reluctions with a stinky spray, lacky for you, skunk breeding season lasts only a few weeks, and getting doused is easily avoidable. Just ask literat Kinstather, a professional skunk trapper from Ywin Falls. He's made a career of capturing foul-odor pests.— and he's yet to be sprayed. You've got to be calm about it, that's for sure,' he said.

sprayed.

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Kinsfahre rakes a subhe approach: He creeps toward the animal, and if it test feisy, he sits down cross-legged until it ealms down. His method down't always work.

When they got those hormones going, look and, 'he said.

Skunks go mto a semi-libbernation state in the fall, congregating in groups in warm places — often under homes, he said. When they wake up ready for love, usually in early tebruary, crampied purners sincite spray-offs.

That's why Kinsfather responds to more skunk calls in Tebruary and March than any other time of year. Late last month, he took his first skunk assignment of the season: a pack of amorous criters under a building near Gooding.

Gooding. It's not unusual, be said, to find a It's not musual, he said, to find a duzen skunks, under-one house, Once, he found 17 stinky critters beneath a single mobile home. That's enough to frighten any homeowner.

Unfortunately, skunks often get a bad rap from war'y residents because of their foul-ofter traits.

"Skunks are gentle, non-aggressive creatures with have wrongly carried a bad reputation because of that pungent often," said Laura Simon, field director of urban wildlife programs for

gent olor, "said taura Simon, field director of unkan wildlife programs for the Humane Society of the United States. "People don't appreciate the benefits they provide by eating grubs, inserts, nice and bally rats." But it's hard to convince folks those benefits outweigh the recking stench, Kinsfathur's advice to lay people Avoid skunks, especially the rounaine, mind-ed ones that are more likely to be ageressive.

aggressive.

It's easier than you might expect.

Teeple do not realize how difficult
it is to get sprayed by a skimk slace
these animals give a warning when
darmed by stamping their front feet,
Simon said. "I'you take heed of that
warning they won't spray."
Feat Crahtee knows this le-son well.
Last spring, a surfeit of skimks (that
what a group of skimks is called
found warnith under a barn near his
Twin I'alk bunder.

Ovin Falls home

Making sure to keep his distance, Crabtree was able to trap and remove



Ivan Crabtree of Twin Falls shows the barn on his property where a family of skunks made its he last spring. Crabtree says he doesn't know how long the skunks were there or how they got in because at the time they were discovered, 'they weren't stinking.'

Skunked dog?

The Humane Socioty of the United States has the cure for a sprayed dog: Mix a quart of Indogen peroxide with 1/4 cup of baking sode and a leasenon of liquid dish soop.

Bathe the dog in the mixture, then a finse. The odor should disappear in a minutes.

them without incident.
"Addart ges sprayed," he said, "put
you could still smell them."
Crabtree knew to avoid a riled
skink, Dogs, however, are mostly
oblivious to the warmings and often
fall vicin to the malicious mist.
But don't worry, experts say the
mating season ends in March, when
skinks return to their normally soliture lifestyles. tary lifestyles,
Until then, put on the Barry White
tunes — and plug your nose.

Single B&W skunk seeks loving pa Sunks are a misunderstood animal. Most are a the Une of year, simply searching for a special mater, the fort to spray anything and everything in their paths. It solitary animals, skunks become social each Februar, mating saason. Here are more skunk facts, provided by the Humane of the United States:

of the united States:

Shainks are cat-sized or smaller; all of the five sp
Journ throughout North America can be identified t
distinctive black and white coloration of either strip

· Skunks are extremely hearsighted, yet they have Skunks den in natural cavities like woodchuck

Sow logs and brush piles, as well as crevices in store gard under buildings.

A den is used for a brief period, because skunks at normadic by nature.

Once classified as members of the Mustelld family, that includes weasels, martens and badgers, skunks now placed in a family group all their own.

Poor pruning can damage or kill trees and shrubs

Workshop teaches proper techniques

Pierce outside

where they found they

GOODING — Here is your opportunity to learn good pruning techniques for deciduous and evergreen trees, shrubs and foses.

A "Hands On!" Ornamental Pruning Workshop will be held from 1 to 4 pm. Monday at the Gooding Fairgrounds, 203 Lucy Lane in Gooding spansored by the University of Idaho's Jerome and Gooding county Extension offices.

The program is for master gardeners, homeowners and landscape professionals. Bring your favorite prun-

and landscape professionals. Ifring youls favorite pruning tools.

Jo Ann Bobbins — a lecture County Extension educator and horticulturist who has been helping Iddinerstdents care for their trees and shrubs for 15 years —
will stress proper pruning techniques to improve the beauty and health of landscape plants. She will cover the principles of woody ornamental plant pruning, and will, demonstrate tree, shrub and rose pruning. Then there will ple hands-on pruning on the fairgrounds. Drsss for cold, windy weather. Hot cider and hot chocolate will be available throughout the afternoon, compliments of Green Magic Co. of Goodlag. Peregistration is required. The cost is \$10 per person, due by Friday, Call Candy Kinder at \$94-4417 or Hobbins at 324-7578 for information.

Midtown cowboy, riding bulls in Manhattan

By David Segal The Washington Post

NEW YORK — Brian Canter is a few months from his 19th birthday, but if he showed up to play at a Lintle League game, nobody would cheek his ID. He is-feet 2 and wheeligh: 115 pounds with his boots on. It's Friday afternoon and Canter is a mere 24 hours from a rendezvous with what is arguably the world's makes bull. Big Bucks — a name that seems like one of those troute jokes of arguably the worlds makest bull, Big Bucks — a name that seems like one of those ironic jokes of indicated as the seems like one of those ironic jokes of the seems of the see

"I ain't got no plan or nothing." Canter is dressed in a black pwboy hat and denim Wrangler control is dressed in a black cowboy hat and denim Wrangler jacket. After every sentence, he turns his head and makes a spit-ting noise. As nervous habits go.

setting.

Canter is sluting in the bar of the Marriott Marquis in Times

swarming with men in suits from for some annual meeting. A few floors below, a line is forming for

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Cowbovs

Codinated from page 01.
the eventing's performance of
"The Drowsy Chaperone," a
Broadway-musical about a guy
who loves Broadway musicals.

A few years ago, a scaled-down version of the PBR showed up in Manhattan. But on a recent weekend, for the first time, the league brought it all: 5f riders, more than 100-biglis and three renounds—of competition over two days. The spectacle looks: and sounds pretty much the same her? in Madison Square Garden as it does when televised in other ties, although

vised in other cities, although cultural chasms yawn open now and then. Each show now and then. Bach show starts with a prayer that includes a call for God to preter the livestock in the building, which might be a Garden first. A camee by the former mayor prompts the PBR announcer to thank Rudy 'Guillano' for turning up. And the booling gets particularly ugly Saturday night, when Flint the rodeo clown fires a balled-up 'Fshirt out of a bazooka-like gun and accidentally hits a New York Rangers -champlonship banner hanging from the raffers. ner hanging from the rafters.
The crowd is furious.
"Oh, like a guy from

ine crowd is furious.

Moh, like a guy from
Montana intentionally shot
the Stanley Cup flag. Film
thowls through the microphone strapped to his head.
Not until he dances an
absurdly frantic jig to "CottonEyed Joe" is the audience won
back.

The attendees are over-whelmingly white. Many have seen built riding on cable; oth-ers just heard about this show

seen buil riding on caue; outers just heard about this show
and bought tickets.

"I like John Wayne," says
David Rosenfeld, in a dark suit
and yarmulke, who says he
was born and bred in
Brooklyn, "He Is my man."

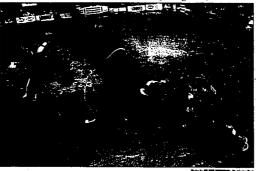
"Got to introduce them to
new experiences," says
Jonathan Schindel, a lawyer by
training, gesturing to his two
sons. You never know what
will carch on with these bops;

"They are not becoming buil
riders," counters Carolyn, his
wife. "You've got to be kildding."

part of the PBR's attempt to mainstream bull riding, which seems to be working. The sponsorship money soared from \$360,000 in 1994 to \$24 -from: \$380,000 in 1934 to \$24* million projected for 2007, according to PBR head Randy Bernard, much of if from companies like Ford and Jack Daniel's and US. Smokeless Tobacco. For the upper third of the leagues indiers, there is a \$45 figure living to be made, and the top guy—a Brazillan named Adriano Moraes, the only man to win the PBR world title three times — is rich.

"The first three-quarters of my career didn't pay much," says Moraes, who at 36 is pretsays Moraes, who at 36 is pret-ty,much a geezer for this sport. The first time I won, in '94, I took home \$35,000. The last time I won, in 2005, I took home \$1 million. I'm lucky to be around for the new money."

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Moraes is a phenomenon, not just because he is almost certainly the greatest built rider ever, but because he's ridienlously charismatic, articulate and hunky in a Jean-Claude Van Damme kind of way. Moraes has been in New York all week, doing Imus, TV, ringing the opening bell on the stock market. He has patiently corrected everyone who has called this a "ordeo." A rodeo has a bunch of different events. This, he explains, is



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Three-time Professional Bull Riders world champion Adriano Moraes, left, gets thrown by bull Evil Forces but not until Moraes stayed on for eight seconds, giving him a scoring ride at Madison Square Garden in Hew York. Evil Forces got some revenge, chasing Moraes and knocking him down again.



Brian Canter gets his gloves ready before he tangles with bull Big Bucks at the Professional Bull Riders event in New York. Big Bucks added Canter to lasted the requisite eight seconds on Big Bucks.

just bull riding.

riders are in their early 20s and hail from small towns in states like Oklahoma and Louisiana. For many, it's their first look at

Manhattan.
"I have relatives who told me to be really careful here," says Cody Whitney, "like I was going to get stabbed in the stomach when I walked off the

plane."

The riders didn't get to mingle all that much with New Yorkers, given their schedule. When they did hit the sidewalks, they were gawked at a lot more than gregted.

"We had a contest on the walk here to see who could get anyone to say hi to us." says rider Dusty Lalleth. "We said hi to 200 people and just two people said hi back. We're not counting the homeless guy who shouted, 'Yiliii, cowboy!"

Drawing a rank bull from the random lottery that pairs animals to riders falls into a tiny niche of life experiences that could be labeled both terthat could be labeled both ter-rifying and lucky. Each ride is scored by judges, with a maxi-mum of 50 points for the rider and a maximum of 50 points for the bull, with those sums tallied for the final score. Riders are judged on their control and balance. (Unless they're bucked off in under they re bucked on in under eight seconds, in which case they get no score.) The bull is judged on the ferocity of its light, the height of its leaps, etc. If your bull doesn't rumble

a rank but and ride hin, you can't lose. —So for Brian Canter, drawing, the rankest of em all is a golden opportunity and a good reason to double-check his health-care coverage. A rank bulb has speed, agilty, strength and something that sounds an awful lot like cunning. Big Bucks has all that, plus a superlative amount of raw aggression. One of his owners, from Tengue, calls him a freak, which he means as a compliment.

Treak: which he means as a compliment.

The bulls buck, everyone here says, for the same reason lumting dogs hunt — they're breet do do so. This is no doubt true, but there is a strap wrapped around their binduparters, and though it doesn't come near the delicates, the bulls clearly hate it. They want their chowloy-less, strap-free lives back, pronto.

And often that's what they get. Saturday afternoon, the first six riders are bucked off so quickly that momentarily this sport seems like a revenge drama that bulls dreamed up. They lunge out of the gates, ribbons of mucus streaming from their nostrils, in spasms of race.

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When they've shaken off the rider, many of the bulls wheel around with a "You want some of this?" glint in their eyes. Others take what appears to be a victory lap.

Cowhoys are tossed like popcorn, spun sideways and dumped on their heads. Some are slammed against the ineal agates that line the ring, a few are trampled or speared with horns. About one in 10 needs a hand leaving the arena. Eventually, riders start to post scores, though even for the winners there is the perennial dismount problem. Bull ding must here is the perennial dismount problem. Bull ding must here is the perennial dismount problem. Bull and run for your life— and win. When Moraes rides a bull named Evil Forces, he stays masterfully onboard for all eight seconds until hes flung to the earth. Mr. Forces, per haps sensing runmiliation-chases Moraes for abour 15 feet, eventually catching him and knocking him over.

In Sunday's championship round, Moraes is in first place.

Annazingly, "he draws Big Bucks, setting up a best-of-species showdown. This confrontation lasts exactly 1.2 seconds and looks more like a

frontation lasts exactly 1.2 sec-onds, and looks more like a chop than anything

else,
"I tip my hat to Big Bucks,
"the growd after

else.

"I tip my hat to Big Bucks,"
Moraes says to the crowd afterbeing offered the arean microphone. Moraes nonetheless
stands atop the leader board
until J.B. Mauney conquers a
bull named The Boogerman.
At the end, Mauney accepts an
oversize check for \$24,500.
Asked latter what held to
with the money, he says held
use some to plump his Chevy
Duramax pickup truck.
"I'd like to that the glass, put
a sound system in it," he says,
grinning. The rest is going in
the bank.

As for Canter's matchup
with Big Bucks, the slowmotion replay shows the bull
opening with his trademark,
nearly vertical buck, a lurch
that will prevent you from
smirking about the phrase
animal athlete" ever again.
Canter lands on the bull's
head, is shot back into the air,
and then into the dirt, where
he lies motionless for about 10
seconds. he lies motionless for about 10 seconds.
"I saw stars," he said afterward. "That's all I remember."

Sawdust won't hurt, coffee may help azaleas

By Joel M. Lerner Special to The Washington Post

Question: We recently took down a tulip poplar with about a 14-inch diameter. down a tulip poplar with about a 14-in-th diamater. This resulted in a lot of saw-dust in the azalea bed. Will the sawdust hurt the azaleas 32 meterial and will break down quickly in the soil. The azaleas will probably do Ck with no extra measures if sawdust sint piled too thickly over the roots. Rake the sawdust around the plants into as thin a layer as a leaf rake will allow. Compost the excess sawdust. To ensure proper nutrients, spread a high-nitrogen fertilizer, with an analysis of about 28-6-6, used according to labeled directions. For additional insurance, broadcast iron sulfate onto the azalea bed at sulfate onto the azalea bed a

sulfate not the azalea bed at about five pounds per 100 square feet. To decay sawdust faster, apply about a half-inch layer of compost. Q. I have moss growing on my brick driveway. How can! climinate this problem without causing any environmental damage?

A. Rent a power washer and spray I scout the moss from your driveway. Commercial-quality machines do an impressive job. You can also use a scrub brush. Make this an annual garden task — moss returns.

Moss can be killed with iron sulfate, but that's in lawns. Do not be tempted to use it on paving; it can leave rust stains.

on paving: It can leave rust stains.

Q. I heard that putting seed coffee grounds around araleas and other acid-loving, plants: Is a good fertilizer/mulch. Are there benefits to its user

A. Coffee grounds make satisfactory mulch for all plants. They add nutrients as they break down in the soil. According to research at Purdue University, they are slightly to highly acidic and would be excellent around your azaleas.

Q. I have a blac, and it appears to have borers. They look white with little brown heads, I thow do I get rid of them?

A. You describe what the

1? \ You describe what the filac borer larvae, also called ash borer, looks like. If you are seeing emergence holes are seeing emergence holes in the older wood, it is likely in the older wood, it is likely
that your diagnosis is correct.
Keep borers from infesting
by cutting down the trunks
that have become thick (two
inches or more) and are
starting to show furrowed
bark. Do this right after flowering.

ering.
Continue to cut down the oldest like wond every year after flowering and your plant will stay borer-free. Likes renew by shoots that grow from the roots. Flower buds form on them this year and room out.

Be diligent about keeping morning glory in check

Question: I once planted morning glories in my veg-etable garden-Now, I cannot get rid of them. They come up every year and twine around my tomato plants. Also I planted an unknown Also I planted an unknown plant in my flower beds. It is a vine that spreads under-ground and has taken over the entire bed. In trying to battle it, I have killed several azaleas. One tactic was to cover the bed with plastic for several years to try to smoth-er it. Can I defeat this vine without, killing any more shruls?

shrubs?

Answer: The morning glories are annual, and the key to their control is frequent cultivation of the soil to destroy seedlings as they germinate. Your boe is your best weapon in this battle. You must cut the vines before they flower and set seed. If you are diligent for several

years, the problem should diminish. If you are not able to hoe the seedlings, use a pre-emergent herbicide such as Preen right after you plant your tomato plants in spring. He aware that pre-emergent herbicides also prevent the gormination of vegetable seeds. You will have to grow your vegetables from seedlings if you use this her-bicide.

your vegenances of the plant that you ldentily the plant that has infested your azaleas. Bindweed, a perennial relative, looks a bit like morning glory but is much harder to control because it may lawe hizomes as deep as two feet. For identification, take a sample to a master gardener clinic in your comby of your deather center. You may be able to apply a selective her-bicide that will kill the plant without harming the azaleas.

Scott Aker is a horticultur-i at the U.S. National

Timely tip for winter pruning

Use loppers or hand pruners for winter pruning of deciduous shrubs and small trees. Shape the plants by removing entire stems, Look for suckers, aerial suckers

(water sprouts) and branch-es that are rubbing, damaged or dead.

Go easy because you may be removing spring flowering buds. Delay any pruning of hydrangeas until after sum-mer flowering.

Get a head start on a new fall bed for asparagus

By Scott Aker Special to The Washington Post

Question: I need to use an existing asparagus bed for another purpose but would like to save the asparagus plants, which are established and producing well. Will they transplant successfully, and when is the best time to do

this?

Answer: A new asparagus bed is usually established in early spring; that's when the crowns are still dormant and easily shipped by mail-order nurseries.

nurseties.
Existing plants, however, abould be moved at the end of the growing season as the foliage is dying, in October or early November.

Because your bed will be productive for many years, think long term: Spend this growing season getting the soil into top shape. You will need a sunny location and a site that drains. An area of approximately 8 by 10 feet should provide enough spears for the average family. Dump lots of organic mater on the average family. Dump lots of organic mater on the area. In addition, add ground dolomitic lime to the bed to meet asparagus' preference for soil with high pil and ample supplies of calcium.

clum.
The organic matter also will help smother any weeds that might inhabit the area.

In spring, till the area and lant a cover crop to keep the reeds away until falt.

Soybeans work well and will add nitrogen to the soil. Dig them into the bed a few weeks before the transplanting. If you do a good job of soil preparation, your asparagus bed will improve each year and will remain productive and will remain productive for 10 years or more with little care except weeding, water-ing, mulching and the period-ic application of more lime.

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Appreciation for their dedication

District observes National School Counselors Week

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Job description of a school coun-sclor is not very appealing. And that is one more rea-

And that is one more rea-son to show your apprecia-tion for your child's school coffusior that week during National School Counselling Week.

The Magic Valley area has many counselors to be proud of—six in the past seven years, to be exact.

Each has been recognized as an Idaho School Counselor of the Year for their efforts to help students

their efforts to help students reach their potential, and for

reach their potential, and for their willingness to perform a job with gowing demands. School violence, drug addiction, family problems and poverty are a few of the Issues school counselors -address — and that is only at the elementary-school level. Anne Jensen, a school counselor at Harrison Elementary School, said one of the greatest challenges is finding the time for all the kids.

kids.
"One thing people say I need to learn is the word 'no," she said. "But how do I say no to a child who has been molested, or whose parents are getting a divorce, or who is being builted in school?" school?

Many school districts cut school counseling positions due to lack of funding, but retain other positions such as math and science teachers

as math and science teacher that help schools meet state and federal requirements. But states like Colorado, Oregon and California have re-evaluated their need for counselors after experienc-ing some of the bloodlest school violence in the

lensen said Twin Falls is

Jensen said Twin Falls is fortunate because adminis-trators recognize the impor-tance of counselors. Counselors in the Magic Valley area also have recently taken on a larger role as social workers. They keep plastic blus full of winter clothing in their offices for students whose

families cannot afford to buy

coats and gloves.

Counselors also try to work with families to support their children's education and their social abilities.



Counselor Anne Jensen calls on a student during the 'Good Values Class' Thorsday afternoon at Harrison
School in Twin Falls.

School Counselors of the Year ~_from the Magic Valley

Steve Wills – Perrine Elementary School
Jeff Jones – Kimberly Middle School
Jemes – Vera C. O'Leary Middle School
Anne Jensen – Harrison Elementary School
Angela Hoope – Buhl High School
Erine Erickson – Robert Stuart Middle School

The families really play a most rewarding experience is big part, Jensen said. We when a parent recognize, a can try to teach kids not to positive change in their chil-

hit, but what if mom and dad tell them it's OK to hit someone back? Then we But the job isn't all struggle

and strife, Jensen said. She said th

en because of Jensen's

help.
"Hove it when parents say something like, 'My kids said you taught them how to resolve an argument without you taugut them now to resolve an argument without fighting. Thanks," Jensen said. "But, unfortunately we don't hear that very much."

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City approves contract for Auger Falls park design

By Joshua Palmer

Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Hikers stay tuned: The city is one step closer to beginning work on a 500-acre welland park.

The TWIN Falls City Council approved a contract with 1-12 B Engineers Inc. on Monday night to provide engineering and consulting services for the Auger Falls Heritage Park project four miles west of the Perrine Bridge.

Under the contract, the city

Under the contract, the city will pay the firm more than 000; that money will be used by the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency's State and Tribunal Grant program.

The Auger Falls project, which began in 2002 when the city purchased the 500 acres for \$1.3 million, will cost another \$1.1 million to com-plete. Most of the funding will come from the Department of Environmental Quality and congressional appropria-tions.

tions. In McCracken, project manager for J-U-B Engineers, said construction could begin as early as November. The city is still trying to buy the property it needs to con-

struct a pipeline hetween the city's wastewater-treatment facility and the park.

facility and the park.
City Manager Tom
Courtney said the city has
been working with a
landowner whose property
intersects the proposed
pipeline's pathway. But the
city has not found "comparable properties" to compensate the landowner.
The pineline would numy

sate the landowner.

The pipeline would pump treated wastewater from the facility to the park, where the wetlands would soak up more waste such as phosphorus, suspended solids and nitrogen.

The pipeline was a key piece to the project." Mayor Lance Clow said.
If the city can resolve the land issue and begin construction in November.
McCracken said, the park could be completed by lane 2008.

The proposed wetland park would include trails for bicy-... proposed wetland park would include trails for hicy-clists and pedestrians, wind-ing through the parks marsh-es and meadows. The mead-ows would be drained period-ically to prevent dors and mosquitoes, while the marsh-es would remain wet year-round.

Bill to encourage parents to speak up on education fails tors at an early age and to h y p a s s traditional " m a t h facts" like

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE — A freshman lawmaker was unsuccessful Monday in persuading his colleagues that a law is needed to encourage parents to speak up when they are upset with their children's math skills.

The proposal by Rep. Steven Thayn, Remment, a former teacher, died in the House Education Committee.

"It's empowering the parents," he said, "Today's society discourages parents from participating in their children's education."

Thayn said that through conversations.

cation."

Thayn said that through conversations with friends, former colleagues and his children's teachers, he learned that students are being taught to fely on calcula-



memorization.

Rep. Pete Nielsen, H-Mountain Home,

supported Thayn.
"If the kids don't learn what's going on

"If the kids don't learn what's going on nisde of the computer, they don't know what's going on and they will not be suc-cessful in math," he said. But the committee ultimately voted 10 to 7 against Thaytis proposal. Most committee members agreed parental involvement is important but could be better addressed through a res-olution. Unlike a bill, an adopted resolu-

tion is unenforceable and essentially

tion is unenforceable and essentially operates as a declaration.

Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, agreed both that approach.

"You just can't legislate that kind of thing" she said.

Some Republicans, including Rep. Richard Wills. It-Glenns Ferry, also opposed it and said a resolution would be 'easier' to get the same message across, Ite said Thayth's proposal 'borders on the absurdness."

on the absurdness.

Lawmakers were not the only ones opposed to the measure.

Clifford Brown, executive director of the Idaho School Boards Association, told the committee he guaranteed his organization would oppose any such law for a myriad of reasons, but said it would likely support a resolution.

Cache of stolen records recovered

Two men arrested after personal records, credit cards, checks, mail recovered at Twin Falls motel

By Cassidy Friedman

TWIN FALLS — Credit cards, checks, mail and medical records belonging to at least 100 Wood River Valley residents have been seized from a Twin Falls motel room.

Drug paraphernalia also was seized.

The arrests happened about 8 p.m. Thursday at Monterey Motor Inn. 433 Addison Ave.

West,
Lucas Busby, 27, of Twin
Falls was charged with misdemeanor possession of paraphernalla and is free on a \$300
bond. Cole Brodoski, age
unknown, of Hailey, also was
arrested but was released
sythout charges

unchrown, or rainly, also was arrested but was released without charges. Twin Falls police will investigate the cache of private records separately. Police have not arrested either man for identity theft. However, an investigation will be opened when the case is turned over to the detective division. "He (Officer Clinton S. Doern's said the list is quite extensive" said Twin Falls police Staff Sgt. Craig Stotts. There were credit cracts durid didth have the arrested party's names on them (and) infor-



mailon on how to reactivate a closed credit card account. Receipts showed the cards were recently used."

Most of the names on the seized material belong to

said.

Bilaine County Sheriff's Sg.

Jay Davis said there has been
no surge in Identity thefi
reports from local residents.

Ite also said most residents
receive their mail through post
office boxes.

Stotts said Doerr was not
able to link the documents be
discovered to theft reports in
Blaine County.

"Officer Doerr asked our dispatch to check with Blaine

"Officer Doer asked our dis-patch to check with Blaine County to see if any reports had been taken in regards to stolen mail, stolen records, etc., "Stotys said. "Whoever our dispatch contacted in Blaine County said something to the effect that they could not access their reports at that time."

time."
That was the last contact Twin Fall police had with the Blaine County Sheriff's Department, Stotts sald.
Lavis said he had not heard about the case but that it was possible another deputy had.

City Council, library officials discuss vision for library

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Imagine checking out a book from the library without being there. Better yet, imagine that the book reads to you. Does any of this sound appealing? Actually, these services are already available at the Twin Falls Public Library, and they might be only the beginning of what the library offers in the future.

want the furlary offices at the future.

The Twit Hab Els City Council met with the library foundation and board of trustees Monday aftermon to discussite library's hume.

"We are starting to work on a new five-year long-range plan, and were kicking around a lot of ideas for the library. Ranee Haight, chairwoman of the library board, told city councilors. But at this point in time we are not looking to increase the size of the building: instead, we are looking at increasing the size of the building: instead, we are looking at increasing accessibility to the library.

Haight said the library is using new technologies.

In December, for example, it began using NetLibrary, an online service which allows users to download audiobooks to their digital music players—and it can all be done from home. More recently, the library updated its computer database to be more appealing and user-friendly.

Susan Ash. the library wants ocypand those offerings.

"We would like to adm more computers, and we would even like to go wireless," Aeli and we would even like to go wireless," Aeli and we would even like to go wireless," as they are focusing on maintaining current services.

City councilors commend-ed the library's service to the community and praised its foundation, which donated more than \$118,000 to the library for books and furniture last year. But they also can-tioned the library not to depend on city funds to expand services.

depend on city funds to depend on city funds to appand services. City Councilman Trip Craig said the city is facing several costly projects such as utility and street regales. "I think in the coming year that the city's hunger is going to be pretty tight," he sald. "And these typicets work go away, so that is the competi-tion that you (library leaders) are dealing with. "Mavor Janee Clow said the

are dealing with.

Mayor Lance Clow said the library's greatest challenge is getting the community to support what it card see.

"If we have a problem with the streets then people want! fixed right now," he told dibrary leaders. "But you do a good job with what you have, on most people don't see what you need."

Last year, Twin Falls was a common the people of the see what you have. Last year, Twin Falls voters said no to a \$5.32 million bond

said no to a \$5.32 million bond referendum, which would have added 20.000 square feet to the library. Haight said the library does not have Immedi-ate plans for another bond election. City councilors and library officials agreed community input, would be essential to creating a vision for the library.

library.

Tithink it would be interest-

ing to see how the community would like to see the city and the library in the future," Haight said.

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



Thomas Beitia

BOISE — Thomas Beltia, of Boise and formerly of Shoshone, Idaho, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, at a Boise hospi-tal at the age of 89. Thomas Beltia was born

Thomas Be Sept. 22, 1917, in Shoshone,

in Shoshone, Idaho, the third of five children to Manuel and Fernanda Jayo Fernanda Jayo Beitia. Tom grew up in Shoshone and - E.S. graduated

from Shoshone High School. He was an avid hunter, fisher-man and sports enthusiast. He man and sports enthusiast. He enjoyed playing, coaching, and shing all sports — espe filing all sports — espe filing all sports — espe filing all sports — he sport filing all sports — he sport filing the Navy during Wor Var II. He served in the Sout Pacific and returned to Shou he after the end of the worked for the Shoshone Highway District until his retlement. He married Phyllis Thomas in Elko, and they raised their five children in Shoshone.

Torn was preceded in death

by his wife: his parents; his brothers. Tony and Lee his sister, Mary: sister-in-law. Dornhea: and brother-in-law. George. He ls survived by his brother, John and sister-in-law Jessie of Caldwell, sister-in-law. Dornhea: Sally Pena (Rudy) of Pocatello, Dr. Laura Serpa (Terry Pavils) of El Passo. Sue Beltia (James) of Dulhanny. Homodary for Ken of hecomenists. Dr. Dornhe G. P. Georgia and J. Dornhe G. Georgia and J. Do

children: and many nicees and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the staff of the Idaho State Veterans Home, especially the nurses and aids of Two West for the tremendous care and love they showed our Dad. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Shoshone Education Association.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Shoshone, Idaho, Graveside

in Shoshone, Idaho, Graveside inurnment will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery, Arrangements are under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

Gae Nielsen

BURLEY — Pearl Gae Fellows Nielsen, 91-year-old Pacific Palisades, Calif., and residen longtime Burley

passed away Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, in her sleep of 30, 2007, in her sleep of natural caus-

Mont., the daughter of Charles B. and Henrietta Benson Fellows. She married Gordon E. Nielsen on April 19, She married on April 19, le preceded 1941, in Declo. He p

her in death on Aug. 3, 1966, Gae taught speech, drama, debate and English at Burley High School before moving to California in 1967. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

- DEATH NOTICES -

Robert J. Barnes

RUJETT J. DATHES
HAGERMAN — Robert J.
Barnes, 89, of Hagerman, died
Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007.
A funeral will be at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the
Sundberg Olpin Mortuary, 495
S. State in Orem, Utah. A
graveside service and interment will be at 11 a.m. Friday,
Feb. 9, at the Ioplin Cemetery,
Feb. 9, at the Ioplin Cemetery, Feb. 9, at the Joplin Cemetery 4700 E. Chinden in Meridian A full obituary and celebration of life information will follow at a later date.

James Christ

RUPERT — James Christ, 50, of Rupert, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, at his home. The funeral will be at 11 a.m.

The funeral well be at 11 a.m. Thus funeral well be at 11 a.m. Thus funeral fu funeral Thursday in the Rupert Cemetery.

Dorothy M. Cutler

ITALEY — Dorothy May Cutler, age 87, of Isaley, died on Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at the Blaline Manor in Isaley, Amemorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at the Wood River Chapel in Isaley, with the Rev. Harvey Lipskoch officiating, Interment will fol-low in the Halley Cemetery.

Gary N. Masoner

Masoner, 69, of Heyburn, died Feb. 2, 2007, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center. A funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tiday, Feb. 9, at the Heyburn LDS 1st Ward Church, with Bishop Frank Peterson officiating. Burial will follow at the Ebesteld Constead of America Windsia. aung, Burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St.

Brian J. Schmidt

FILER — Brian J. Schmidt, 4, of Filer, died Saturday, Feb. 3. 2007. at his h

The funeral will be at 10 a.m.

Jesus Chiras of Education Saints.
Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Bernier and Gennell Jones: one sister, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, Friends may call from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley. A graveside service will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery.

Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Filer LDS Church. Family will greet friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Frlday, Feb. 9, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park. Robert D. Webster

PAUL — Robert Dean Webster, 84, of Paul, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, at Countryside Care and Rehab

Countryside Care and Rehab in Rupert.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Faul United Methodist Church, 127

W. Clark St., with Pastor Elaine Steele officiating, Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery, with mil-itary rites provided by the Paul Amelican Legion Post No. 77.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 pm. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St.

Burley, and one hour before in Burley, and one hour before the service Saturday at the

the service Saturday at the church.
The family suggests memo-rials be directed to the Paul United Methodist Church Stained Glass Window Fund, the West Paul Volunteer Fire Department, or to the Paul American Legion Post No. 77, in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

John C. Hohnhorst

TWIN FALLS — John C. Hohnhorst, 54, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

George A. Oswald

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Orville V. Freeman

BURLEY — Orville Valentine
"Vic" Freeman, 82, of Burley,
died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at
Parke View Care and
Rehabilitation Center.
Arrangements are pending
and will be announced by
Rasmussen Funeral Home of
Burley.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday to Saturday, Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The er-diress for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.

Homeless shelter moves closer to exemption

BOISE — The state Hoise approved Monday a sales-tax exemption for a homeless shelter in Twin Falls County. The Valley House Homeless Shelter, which operates on a budget of nearly \$130,000, spends about \$40,000 a year on supplies and equipment. Under the bill, the shelter would save about \$24,000. This will be the shelters first sales-tax exemption, said flex.

sales-tax exemption, said Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, the

Leon Smith, Re Iwin Falls, the bill's sponsor. That's flust the same as going out and them working hard for a really good dona-tion. Smith said last week. Smith's colleague from District 24, Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, who is chair-rooman of the House Health and Welfare Committee, said she supported the bill. Majority Cancus Chairman, Ken Roberts, R-McCall, acknowledged that while the amount of money was fairly

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small, the organization's relief might be better suited as income-tax credit. "This exemption's not a lot of money, but they all add up," he said. "It all comes down to, do we want to continue these types of sales_tax exemp-tions?"

tions?"

By law, all tax bills must originate in the House. The bill, which passed 5B to 10, now goes to the Senate.

Bills would affect charter schools. community colleges

BOISE — The Senate Education Committee will

send two-bills to the Senate floor that could affect sec-ondary and higher education in the Magic Valley. The floor floor floor floor Monday by Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, would allow for the creation of a professional-technical char-ter school.

Advanced Regional Education Technical Education
Coalition, a professional
charter school in Twin Falls,
was founded in 1997 and
received a \$4.8 million grant
in 1999 from the J.A. and
Kathryn
Faundation

in 1999 from the J.A. and Kathrym Albertson Foundation.
The school's budget, how-ever, needs to be replenished. Cameron said.
Cameron said.
Cameron said there is no financial Impact yet. The bill allows school districts to join together and form a school and then look for ways to pay for it.

for it. "It's all about giving kids the

Twin Falls man to

celebrate 80th birthday

opportunities to be able to

opportunities to be able to get the education and go in. the direction they want to go in. 'Cameron said.

The second bill, introduced by the committee's chairman, John Goedde, R-Coeur D'Alene, will bring formal discussion to a number of topics discussed by the state's interimental community colleges, including adjusting term limits for school board trustees and dissolving the community college districts.

There are two community colleges in Idahn — the College of Southern Idaho in Youn Falls and North Idaho College in Coeur Idahen — and legislators have been trying to determine If, and how, the Treasure Valley could build one.

Compiled by staff writer Jared S. Hopkins, He can be reached at (208) 343-0901 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS Princeille, Ore. She has eight grandchildren, 15 great-gran-children, and one great-great-grandchild.

Gooding woman to celebrate 80th birthday

GOODING — Rosle Arross of Gooding will celebrate her 80th birthday during an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at DeSano Place, 545 Nevada

She was born Feb. 7, 1927, in Jerome. She grew up family farm and attended school in on the

school in Jerome. She married Pete

Arrossa on April 8, 1944. They raised their family in Shoshone and later moved to Wendell. She

moved to Gooding after her husband's death in 1977. husbands death in 1977.
Arrossa worked at 84.
Beneditets Family Medical
Center, Ida Gem Greamery,
Clear Springs Trout and
Gooding Elementary-School,
where she still Volumiere's daily.
Her children are Pete Arrosso
of Twin Falls. Gina (Doug)
Pendleton of Pocatello and
George (Molly) Arrossa of
Kimberly, She has six grandchildren and eight great-

Arrossa



JEROME — Eathel Dexter will celebrate her 80th birthwill relebrate her 80th birth-day during an open house from 167 Jun. Saturdayat the home of Steve and Patty Gorrell, 108 E. 273 S. Dexter was born Feb. 11, 1927 in Seattle, Wash. She has lived in the Magic Valley area for 77 years and currently resides in Pivin Falls, She

resides in Twin Falls, She has traveled

extensively throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe, and is a member of the Good Sam's Twin Falls

Travelers.
The event is hosted by her children, Laura (Mike) Bay, Cornellus, Ore.: Cynthia (Terry) Prescott, Eller; Patty Steve) Gortell, Jerome; and Glenn (JoDeen) Ridgeway.



has ten grand-children and one great-grandchild.

Falls, 1D 83301.

'Love, logic' parent classes start up today

BURLEY — "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" classes will be held at 7 p.m. each

will be held at 7. pm., each through March 13 at White Pine Intermediate School. 1900 Illiand Ave. Classes are free and participants need not attend every class. An optional workbook is available for 59 with English and Spanish versions available, For more information, call Matt Seely at 878-6632 or Julie Greenman at 678-4794. Love and Logic is a philosophy of raising and teaching children that allows adults to be happler, empowered, and more skilled in the interactions with children. The classes have

more skilled in the interactions with children. The classes have been offered in Burley for four years. The classes are informal and provide a stress-free environment for participants to learn and share their experiences, organizers say. Videos are shown each week and bandours are given with information on that week's tople.



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An employee of Marky's Saper Tow beigs clear a two-car collision Monday afternoon at Fairfield Street and Addison Avenue West. About 2 p.m. Monday a 16-year-old by off-wiring on Fairfield Street pulled in front of Joil Gyra, who was eastbound on Addison. The boy, unidentified because of his age, was cited for failure to yield all a stop sign, according to Trein Fails Police Officer Dave Weigt. No one was hurt. The collision blocked the center lane of Addiso for about an hour.

SERVICES

Donald Wayne Rodeman of Donald Wayne Rodeman of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St; friends may call from 10 to 10:40 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Flora Hainline of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in

Raiph Franklin Schnell of Rogerson, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Reformed Church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Vera Shaw Reddick of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

Timothy Darren Buster of Twin Falls, service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Thomas J. O'Halloran of Dayton, Ky., and formetly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Edward's Catholic Church in vin Falls.

Dorothy E. Ratcliff Rose of prome, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A (Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory in Jerome).

Terrell Gean McCaskill of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall, 2628-Whispering Pine Drive in Iwin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls),





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IDAHO LEGISLATURE

Committee continues grocery tax debate; vote today

BOISE - Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, who ran in November a fiscally conservative Republican, is winning sup-port from liberal groups in the

port from liberal groups in the contest among four compening plans to give idaho residents relief on the 6 percent sales tax they pay on food.
Testimony on the plans continued Monday in the House Revenue and Taxation Committee. Chairman Dennis Lake, B-Blackfoot, scheduled a vote for this informing.
Otter wants to give income tax credits of as much as \$90 per person to families of four who earn up to the property of the property of the property of the present of a miller of four who earn just \$25,300 annually. Those who earn up to be earn up to the present of the present ly. Those who earn up to \$50,300 would receive the tax

break on a sliding scale; above that amount, no break would be available. All seniors would get at least a \$15 redtl; on 100 of any relief for which they qualify based on income. Currently, the income tax credit is \$20 for mest ladho residents and \$35 for seniors. That costs the state about \$26 million per year in revenues; Outer's plan would reduce revenues by an additional \$22 million.

enues by an additional \$22 million.

Inity Brown, an economist and director of the Idaho Center on Budget & Tax Policy, said the advocacy group favores his plan because it gives people who have the least money the most relief. It's also the cleaying more money in the budget for other programs,

she said.

"We like the way it's targeted, and we like the price tag," Brown said.

The four competing plans emerged after lawmakers' in August raised the state's sales tax to 6 percent from 5 percent in order to make up for \$260 million they granted in property tax reductions. Under another proposal, 15 lawmakers, including sponsoring Rep. Cliff Bayer, R-Bolse, want to increase the existing income-tax credit on grocery taxes to \$50 for most ladato residents, and \$70 for seniors. Bayer's plan would cost \$475. million more than the current tax credit — more than twice the pricetag of Otter's plan.

Still, Bayer said his as farest because it hikes the x credit

for everybody without choosing winners and losers.

"Every single person needs food," Bayer sald.

Some lawmakers say the stiffest competition is between Otter's and Bayer's proposals, in part because they cost less than the two other proposals and may be simpler to execute. House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, would cut the 6 perceit food tax on in half, to just 3 percent, And in their plan, Reps. Jim Clark, R-Hayden, and Phil Hart, B-thoth, aim to phase out the sale tax on food completely by 2011.

The state estimates ellimiting the 6 perceit tax on

ly by 2011.

The state estimates eliminating the 6 percent tax on food would reduce Idaho's annual tax revenue by \$180

Former E. Idaho prosecutor pleads guilty to gun theft

By Alicia P.Q. Wittmeyer Associated Press writer

BÖISE — The former Idaho Falls prosecutor who stole weapons from the city's police evidence lobker now faces up to-84 years in Jorson, after pleading gullty to six more felony charges Monday.

Kimbali Mason, 52, Is

Kimball Mason, 52, is already serving a one-to-five year prison sentence for two counts of grand theft and one count of falsifying a public document related to the gun thefts.

He is currently being held in the Bonneville County Laii

He is currently being held in the Bonneville County Jail.

Mason pleaded guilty last Mason pleaded blin immunity from further prosecution, and potentially out of prison by January.

But Mason was hit with 13 new charges in September, including the six he pleaded to Monday, following a raid of his home that led to the

illness — say they want the surviving animals back.

discovery of more stolen' guns and additional weapons, including some hed told prosecutors hed destroyed.

Mason initially pleaded not guilty to the additional charges in October.

He pleaded guilty the fore in 7th District Senior Judge. William H. Woodland on Monday to two counts of grand theft and four counts of forgers, for using the sign. grand their and four counts of forgery, for using the sig-nature stamps of judges on, phony orders to forfeit evi-dence to the prosecutor's office, according to Attorney-General Lawrence Wasden's office.

office.
In exchange for the guilty plea, Wasden's office agreed not to file any additional charges against Mason and to drop the other 7 charges against him.

Fach of the six counts carries a maximum sentence of

14 years.
Calls to Mason's attorney, Jim Archibald, were not returned Monday.

Not all in House support human rights resolution

By John Miller Associated Press Writer

BOISE – Northern Idaho lavmakers led a contingen of tine House members who opposed a resolution reaffirm-ing the state's commitment to human rights. One said the measure dredges up his region's past ties to the Aryan Nations at a time where the white-suprements group should be relegated to histo-ry's dusblin.

rys dustbin.

The resolution, sponsored by Rep. Tom Trail, R-Moscow, passed 59-9 on Monday. It now

passed 59-9 on Monday It now goes to the state senate. Such resolutions have only symbolic significance, not the rule of law. They ordinarily pass with little fanfare. Socient the modest dissent showed day state's rap as ratics haven continues to inflame raw nerves a half deeded after the Aryan Nations left Idaho. "We already have human rights in this state." said Rep. Bob Nomin, Roceur d'Alene. "We already have churan

There are a group of people who like to keep sore wounds opening up. Those people (the Aryan Nations) have gone away. We don't talk about them anymore. I just think Rep. Trall's resolution was unnecessor."

Sary. Others

sary."
Others opponents were
Reps. Dick Harwood, R-St.
Maries; Phil Hart, R-Athot; Cill
Bayer, R-Boise; Lenore Barnet,
R-Challis; John Wood, R-Rigby;
Dean Mortimer, R-Idado Falls;
Paul Shepherd, R-Riggins; and
Pete Nielsen, R-Mountain
Home

Pete Nielsen, R-Mountain Home.
Begjinning in 1981, racists from throughout the United States and Canada gathered every July at the Aryan Nations compound near Hayden Lake for the three-day Aryan World Congress. The group's leader, Richard Butler, Jost the compound after he was bit with a Sc3. million civil judgment in 2000. Two members of a family who had heen attacked by Aryan Nations members in 1998 wom the judgment in a lawsuit, and Butler was forced

to sell the property following

to sell the property following bankenprey.

Dospite Butter's 2004 death, there have been other inclusive the property following a forest burning in Spirit Lake last summer.

Trail, who said his lamily helped a lapanese American avoid being taken to an internment center during World War II. said his resolution was meant to revive lawmakers' attention on such issues. Idaho residents should enjoy 'freedom from discrimidation for disability in connection with employment, public accommodations, and real property transactions, discrimination hecause of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in connection with employment, and real property transactions, discrimination hecause of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in connection with education, discrimination because of age in connection with employment, "according to the resolution."

Herzfeld, of the Boise-based Herzfeld, of the Boise-based labo Human Rights Education Center, "Bep. Trails resolution was crafted to reflect on our human rights bistory in the state and to neaffirm our commitment to protecting human rights for all labhons."

Among those who opposed it, Nielsen said he objected to its reference to age discrimination. In House debate, he said there were likely instances.

tion. In House depart, he saw there were likely instances when age should be consid-ered when an employer makes

hiring decisions. State law prohibits age dis state taw prohibits age dis-crimination, countered Rep. Les Bock, D-Boise and a lawyer, after the vote. "We have laws on the book," Bock said. "Til have a discus-sion with him (Nielsen) about that."

that."
Rep. Nicole LaFavour, D-Boise and the Idaho Legislature's only openly gay member, voted for the meas-ure, although she said a pas-sage referring to the Aryan Nations was too vague.

BLANCHARD, Idabo (AP)

— The owners of a northern
Idabo cat sanctuary where
over 400 cats were found declining to admit guilt but acknowledging they would be convicted if the matter nore than half of which vere euthanized because of

Cat sanctuary owners want seized animals returned

surviving animals back. "I walk through empty units that once were full of love and foy and its fortune." Cheryl Perkins told the Bonner County baily flee. However, as part of a plea agreement on animal neglect and cruelty charges last. Criswell are forbidden from having more than 20 domesticated animals in their care. They have 16 currently.

acknowledging mey would be convicted if the matter went to trial.

Criswell and Perkins were each charged with 20 counts of misdemeanor animal cruelty after the Humane Society selzed the cats that were living in squalite thousand the control of the 20 charges cut faced were dismissed in exchange for the pleas. They were each faced were dismissed in exchange for the pleas. They were each fined styling on the probation for two years, and received suspended 180-7 and received significant suspended 180-7 and received 180-8 and received 18

Panel kills plan to close primaries; resurrection likely

By John Miller Associated Press Writer

Associated Press writer

BIOSE. — Four Republicanlawmakers crossed party lines:
Monday, joining five
Democrats to kill a measure
aimed at closing Idaho's open
primary election system, even
though the plan was backed by
Bouse GOP leaders.

The legislation died in the
State Affairs Committee on al8 vote at its first "print hearing", normally just a formality.
It's protocol for the GOP
majority, regardless of personadoptions to clear-such leadership-backed measures for
further debate. further debate.

The Republican dissenters

the republican disserters said this wasn't insurrection; they just forgot to look at whose names were on the bill. Afterward, however, furious Republican leaders organized

Republican leaders organized a private emergency meeting. They now aim to muscle through renewed legislation to require Idaho voters to register with a party before they can vote in a primary election. Under Idaho's current system, any voter, fegardless of affiliation, can choose a Republican. Democratic or Libertarian ballor

lot.

The likelihood that a new bill will quickly resurface is a sign of the influence wielded by House Speaker Lawerence Denney, R-Midvale, and other

Iason McCurdy

Republican leaders. This was also a rare public example of a flub in a party with a normally insurmountable—advantage over Democrats. Rep. Mark Studigrass, It-Merdian, and leps Mast Black. ReBoise, conceded they hadm's seen the leaders' names on the measure before voting against it.

it.
"It's a courtesy to the speak-er to at least print the hill," Black told The Associated Press. "I let myself go up there without adequate informa-

without adequate informa-tion." Said Snodgrass: I probably didn't pay as much attention to the spinnosis' names) as I probably could have. Should it come back. I would vote to print the bill."

Ken Roberts, R-McCall and the GOP caucus chair, declined to describe discus-sions or the atmosphere at the emergency meeting.

In June, state Republican Convention delegates in Idaho Falls overwhelmingly backed a plan to end Idaho's open pri-mary. General elections wouldn't be affected.

Some fear crossover voters can skew primary election out-comes, such as during last May's beated five-way primary in Idaho's 1st Congressional District, eventually won by now-U.S. Rep. Bill Sail, It-Idaho.

Bonnie Ross

Canyonside Realty

Rep. Marv Hagedorn, RMeridian, argued Monday that
Idaho's current open system,
in-place-sine-1972, husn't ledto larger primary turnouts. It
could also be in violation of a
11.S. Supreme Court decision
in 2000 that ruled California's
similar system was unconstiuntional, he said.

More than 30 states have
closed their primaries; it
would be nothing new if labo
followed suit, Hagedorn said.



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Deaths from Indonesian floods at 29. 340,000 homeless

By Anthony Deutsch Associated Press writer

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Filithy brown water flooded large parts of Indonesia's capital Monday, forcing 340,000 people from their homes and cutting off power and clean water in the city, where at least 29 have died after days of torential rain.

In scenes reminiscent of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, residents of Jakarta waded through poor neigh-borhoods in water up to their wadca (nrough pow neigh-borhoods in water up to their necks, or floated on makeshift rafts hearing, fothes, and other salvaged possessions. Some scrambled onto rouds to await rescue from soldiers and emergency workers in rubber diaphies from flood-waters as deeps as 12 feet. Rising along with the water was the threat of diseases such as diarrhea and dysen-tery. Also increasing were complaints and anger about the response to the floads by local officials.

The government is awful."

"The government is awful," and Augustina Rueli, who spen four days on the second floor of her suburban house with her 10-month-old balk, "We have a neighbor who is sick with cancer, but no one has come to rescue her." Authorities — estimated between 40 percent of the city, which covers an area of more than 25 square miles, load been sub-merged.

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merged.
Skies cleared Monday and floodwaters receded in some parts of the city of 12 million. Residents of some districts were able to begin cleaning

were able to begin cleaning out their homes, witnesses and media reports said. But Indonesia's meteoro-logical agency predicted more rain in the coming days, and officials warned that more floods were possible because river levels were still high.

Treally hope the forecast is wrong," said Jayeng, 45, as volunteers handed out cups of hot milk to children at a shelter where hundreds have been sleeping under leaky

"We are still afraid the water might rise again," said Jayeng, who uses a single

average, who takes a single-name, es asonal, torrential-rialis in Jakarta and the bills to the south forced rivers to overflow their banks. Thursday, Some residents inf-tially chose to stay in the upper stories of their homes, expecting the waters to quickly subside, but as the disaster dragged into Monday, some left for makeshift camps at schools and mosques, or to stay with relatives.

Hundreds of thousands of residents remain with electricity and clean water. without

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____ U.S. takes initial steps toward Baghdad crackdown

BAGIIDAD, Bombings and mortar attacks killed dozens across Baghdad on Monday as Iraqi troops set up 'new checkpoints and an Iraqi general' took command — indications that the muchawaited operation to restore peace to the capital is gearing up nearly a month after it was

up nearly a month ance a announced.

With little sign of an end to the carnage, many fragis have begun complaining that the security drive has been too slow in starting, allowing extremists free rein to hump spectacular attacks that have killed nearly 1,000 in the past week.

week.
Monday's death toll sup-ported their frustration. At least 74 people were killed or found dead across the coun-try—all but seven of them in Baghdad.
With so much at stake, U.S. commanders—have moved

ommanders have moved methodically to plan the operation and assemble the force, eager to avoid the mis-takes that accompanied two failed crackdowns last year. The U.S. military officials

The Associated Press

VIENNA; Austria — Shrugging off the threat of toigher U.N. sanctions, tran has set up more than 300 cen-trifuges in two trantum enrichment units at its under-ground Natanz complex, diplomats and officials said Munday.

Officials say Iran has assembled 2 small uranium-enriching units

said Monday they consider the operation to have been under way ever since Bush signed the order last month to rt moving troops to Iraq. 5. officers offered assur-U.S. ances that once the operation gets rolling, Iraqis will begin to see a difference.

gets rolling, Iraqis will begin to see a difference.

"It's going to be much more than this city has ever seen and it's going to be a rolling-sirge." Col. Douglass leckman, the senior adviser to the 9th Iraqi Army Division, said of the operation.

But Iraqi politicians — Shitte and Sunni alike — urged the government to speed, up implementation of the plan; which President Bush announced Jan. 11. The operation would put thousands of U.S. and Iraqi troops on the street to protect civilians against sectarian biombers and death squads.

In a sign that the crack-down is near, Iraqi troops manned a major new check-down is near, Iraqi troops manned a major new check-point Monday at the northern gate to Baghdad, searching cars and trucks heading to and from Sunni insurgent areas to the north. Soldiers and police said the check-has assembled

lenge to the Security Council, which late last month imposed limited sanctions targeting programs and individuals inked to refrants nuclear and ballistic missile programs—and varietied of stricter penal-ties within 60 days unless fran freezes enrichment. Speaking separately—and demanding—anonymity because their information was confidential—a diplomat

because their information was confidential — a diplomat accredited to the Vienna-based International Atomic Eurgy Agency and a U.S. offi-cial said that two "cascades" of 164 centrifuges each had been set up in recent days. The likely next step was "dry testing."

point was set up as part of the security plan.

Elsewhere, Rahim al-Darall, a senior official in Sadr City, said police were already mov-ing into the capital's sprawl-ing Shiite slum, stronghold of the notorious Mahdi Army, militia.

militia.

And Lt. Gen. Abboud
Ganbar, who will direct the
operation, took charge of his
still-unfinished command
center Monday in a former
Liberoin palace

center Monday in a former Saddam Hussein palace located inside the American-controlled Green Zone.

Gambar, who was taken prisoner by U.S. troops in the 1991 Galf War, will have two Iraqi deputies, one on each side of the Tigris River, which flows through the center of the capital. The city will be divided into nine districts, each with as many as 600 U.S. soldiers to back up Iraq troops who will take the lead in the security drive. troops who will take in the security drive.

In announcing the plan, Bush said he was sending 21,500 additional American troops mostly to Baghdad in what is widely seen as a last chance to quell the sectarian violence ravaging the capital and surrounding regions.



A man reacts as he lifts shredded clothing that belongs to one of the viction of a bomb attack, while he stands in front of al-Kindi hospital, in Baghdad,

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diplomats and officials saw Monday. The move potentially opens the way for larger scale enrich-ment that could be used to create nuclear warheads, famian leaders have repeated-ly said the Natanz under-ground hall would house first 3,000 centifuges and ulti-mately \$4,000 machines. It also passes a direct chal-





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