

VALLEY LIFE IS GOOD

Economist expects more growth and development.

THE NEXT STEP CSI baseball aims for Region 18 title.

WEDNESDAY

Good Morning



Steep decline in spring '07 enrollment at CSI

TWIN FALLS — Enrollment the College of Southern alio Is down almost 6 percent the largest decline in more an a decade.

than a decade.

The last time the college saw
a decline was in 2005, and it
was a mere 1 percent.

Student head count includes
the number of full- and parttime students enrolled.

CSI officials say they do not

know why enrollment is down, but said it isn't across the board. 'A study of the numbers indi-cates that enrollment in certain key areas at CSI is still growing in spite of the downtum," said CSI President Jerry Beck in a press release. "Most notably, the number of nursing and other health science students is "in"."

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CSI officials say declining enrollment at other Idaho colleges and universities suggests that prospective students are

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not choosing to go elsewhere. They say it's likely that students are choosing to delay their edu-cation because the job market

"I think blaming declining enrollment on the economy is really kind of a knee-jerk reac-tion," said Doug Maughan,

A steep decline in 2007*

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20051.1%	20012.3
20041.8%	200012.1

* All figures reflect spring enrollment Source: College of Southern Idaho

When asked if the college will take any action to reverse the decline, Maughan said some of those actions may

public relations director at CSI.
"But it really is a big question
that we wrestle with any time
we see this."

already be under way.
"We try to take proactive
measures, and we have been
more aggressive about marketing the college," le said. "The
Open House is something we
are already doing, and I think
we plan on doing more things
like this to help people understand that this (continuing
education) is something they
can do."

That event is from 5:30 to

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House plan wins in grocery tax rebate debate

ss writer

ROISE — The amount most Idado residents can deduct from their state income taxes to offset the sales tax they pay of food would at least doubtle under a plan approved Tuesday by a legislative panel.

The House Revenue and Tuxation Committee voted 14-4 in favor of boosting the credit to at

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year for most residents, and S70 for awmaker \$70 for seniors. Lawmaker over 65. hopes Idaho The exist- will John salesing tax tax program. credit is \$20, and \$50 for seniors. The proposal now goes to the House floor for dehate.

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The committee iced Gov.
C.L. "Butch" Otter's plan to
give up to \$90 a year in tax
relief to low-income resi-

dents.

Rep. Mike Moyle, R-Star, who voted for the successful plan, said Otter's approach amounted to "social engi-

anomited to "social engineering."
By snubbing one of the centerpleces in Oner's State of the State of the State speech last month, however, the tax committee set up the first potential veto fight of the 2007 Legislant. Democrats have favored giving more relief to take the sting out of the State's alse tax on food. The issue became bipartisan last summer, when

san last summer, when Republican then-Gov. Jim Risch said the Legislature should address the matter.

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Turning lives





Aleecia Moyes enjoys the afternoon with her 8-month-old son, Matthew, and nephew Morgan Labrum, 7, Tuesday in Twin Falls. The picture was taken while she was addicted to heroin and meth, before she entered the 5th Judicial District Felony Drug Court program in 2004.

Drug court helped sisters come back from brink

TWIN FALLS — Cops gawk like they cannot believe what

INTO TALLS—Con-they are seeing. It's hard not to gawk when these two sisters small by like human jungle syms with seven little children hooked under their arms or scrambling over their shoulders and an B-month-old sleeping in his stroller. That's Aleecia Moyes and Jamie Lahrum now.

But rewind their lives to before they attended 5th Judicial

But rewind their lives to before use a include and marked District Felony Drug Court in 2004. Myose, a drug addict since age 12, stole and scavenged for heroin and meth. When Labrum turned 25. Moyes turned her sister onto meth while Labrum roiled through a disorce. The sisters, along with 60 percent of Magic Valley drug court participants, managed to turn their lives annund. As some cops know, the end result can be a little shocking.

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'I'm going to be sick'

Video captures pilots' comments after death of British soldier

Ry Paisley Dodds Associated Press writer

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LONDON — A leaked cackpit video published Tuesday captures a dramatic exchaing between two American pilots whose video charles have liked a British soldier in a 2003 friendly fire incident in fraq. Tin going to be sick, one pilot says, later adding were in jud. dule!

Despite British requests, the Pentagon but duted to release the video to the farmily of Lance (Jr. Many Filul, who died when U.S. Jets fired on his convoy in the

my of Lance Cpl. Matty Hull, who died when U.S. jets fired on his convoy in the southern city of Baxta. But after excepts of the video were published in The Stan-newspaper, and the lootage was widely brandersal, U.S. authorities agreed to release in for the British inquest. Neither pilot from the Boist-based 190th Fighter Spardton was disciplined in the U.S. military's own investigation, which concluded the pilots followed the procedures—and processes for engaging targets. Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman and a livesday. The leaking of the tape

trained relations between the Department of Defense and their British counter-parts, who were previously given a DVD of the classified

givera DND of the classifica-video.

He dramate cockpit video and recording begins with two pilots dentifying a target and checking with ground control that there are no coldino troops in the area — to which ground control says. That is an affirm, you are well clear of friendlies," according to the transcript released by The Sin.

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Astronaut charged with attempted murder of romantic rival

By Mike Schneider Associated Press writer

ORLANDO, Ha. — A NASA astronaut accused of trying to kidnap a romanutic rival for a space shuttle pilots affections was charged with attempted first-degree murder Tuesday and jailed on \$25,000 ball.

"The intent was there to do serious bodily injury or death," said Orlando Police Sgt. Barb Jones, referring to a new steel mallet, knife, rubber tubling and large garbage bags that police found in Lisa Marle Nowak's possession.

sion. Nowak, a 43-year-old Navy captain

and married mother of three, had already been charged with attempted kidnapping attempted vehicle burgla-ry with battery, destruction of evidence and battery. A Judge earlier Thesday said she could be freed on \$15,500 ball provided

she stayed away from the other woman and wore a monitoring device. But the judge increased that amount after prosecutors filed attempted murder

prosecutors lated attempted induced changes.

If convicted of attempted murder, she faces between 30 years and life in prison, authorities said.

Chief astronaut Steve Lindsey, who flew with Nowak to the international

space station last July aboard space shuttle Discovery, and fellow astronaut Chris Ferguson attended the earlier hearing.

; ison said he was "perplexed" by

Ferguson said ne was perpuesas or Nowak's alleged actions. Police said Nowak drove 900 miles, donned a dispuise and was armed with a Bit gun and pepper spray when sive confronted a worman sive believed was a competitor for the affections of Navy Cmid: William Oeffetin, an ummarized fellow astronaut.

fellow astronaut.
Oefelein, 41; piloted the space shut-tle Discovery in December. He and Nowak trained together but never flew a mission together.



provided by NASA shows U.S. Navy Capt. Lisa M. Nowak, March 7, 2005 in Houston Howak was arrested Monday for

attempting to kidnap a

TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today

Tonight

Thursday

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Low 32

High 48 MINI-CASSIA

Today:Becoming mostly cloudy. Highs near 50. Tonight: Continued mostly cloudy. Lows, lower Tomorrow: Showers starting to move through, may mix with or change to snow at night. Highs, upper 40s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

'TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

EDUCATION

"Let's Telk About it" Adult Book Discussion Group, "A Bride Goes West" by Nannie Alderson, 7:30 p.m., Hansen Community Library, 120 West Maple (Maple and Main, Hansen, books available for checkout, 423-4122 or 423-4556.

FAMILY

Engining of new 13-week series of Grief Share meetings, a week by seminar/support group for people grieving the death of some one close, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., First Baptist Church of Burley, 2262 Hilliand Ave, Burley, child care provided, 654-2500. "Fam Jam," a family-value production that uses music, drama and storytelling for children in fifth grade and younger accompanied by their parents or guardians, 6:15 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. for activities, Tain Falls Reformed Church, 16:31 Grandview Drive N, Tein, Falls, \$3 to \$4 for the meal, 733-6:128 of www.tfc.org, Party Activities for ell ages, including dance, foosball, card and board games, ping pong, beach ball volleyball, etc., 4 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., Golden Hentiags Senior Center, 24:21 Overland Ave., Butley, \$2 daults and children, \$1 for senior citiens and preschoolers (\$10 for a group of preschoolers), 874-7973.

GOVERNMENT

Glenns Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old Highway 30, 366-7436.

Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake, 837-6636.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 8 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley Locations; CSI gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Pupert Civic Gym and Blaine County Campus Gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Butley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732 6475.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzarm Browne by e-mail at strowne@majicvalley.com; by fax, 734:5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O.B. or \$48, fivin Falls, 10 8330-0548, Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

THREE-DAY PLANNER

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Feb. 8 St. Paul's Lutheran Church 26th annual pancake and German sausage supper, lunch: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., 1301 North Davis, Jerome, donation, 324-2842. Feb. 10 A beherft auction for the Christensen, to help with medical expenses, 5 p.m.. Shakers, Declo, donations needed, 654

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75b. 10 "Sweetheart's Dinner," presented by Solt Touch and Declo High School Jazz Band with show, chicken cordon bleu dinner and dancing, 6 p.m., at the Declo Elementary School gym, Declo, \$35 per couple, 878-9170 or 431.1142:

BUSINESS

Feb. 10 The Twin Falls Bank & Trust employees no-host funch, fo all current and former Bank & Trust employees, 12:30 p.m., at Montana Stake House, 1286 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls, cost pf the meat, 423-5493 or 734-4895 by Feb. 9.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Feb. 10 Daughters of the American Revolution awards reception, for the local high school Good Citizens, the chapter winner and recognition of wincers (grades 58) of the DAR'S American History essay contest. 1:30 p.m., Jerong Public Library, 100 First Ave. E. Jerome, open to members, prospective members, invited students and their families, 308.1810.

Feb. 10 Buttons in Bows square dancers welcome, 7:30 p.m. previounds and 8 p.m. squares, Twin Falls Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, no cost thing finger foods), 309.4628.

Feb. 10 Post \$19 Failfield annual Sweetbeart Dinner, 5 p.m. Social hour and 6 p.m. cliner, (egion Hall, Fairfield, 934-4738, 934-5796 or 358-0012.

Feb. 10 Pwin Fails Chapter of Ducks Unlimited 19th Annual Couples Banquet, with silent and live auctions, rafiles, Soonsor Table, early-high packages and more, 6 p.m. no-host cockalls and 7 p.m. dinner, Radio Rondrevo, 241 Main Ave. W. Twin Falls, limit ed seating, 736-6220, 202950 or 734-5711.

EDUCATION

Fab. 9 A scheduled, free screening (by appointment only), for Cassia County School District preschoolage children with special learning needs to determine eligibility for special programs and free services, Cassia Jaint School District Office, no cost, 878-6627 ext. 101 (between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.).

FAMILY

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Teb. 8 A Baby Shower for the Pregnancy Crisis Center and Pot Luck Luncheon, sponsored by the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Chunch with guest speaker Marily Soot, director of the Pregnancy Crisis Center, 12:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Avenue N. Twin Falls, bring an Lummargped gift (dispers, baby clothes, formula, strollers, maternity Clothes, or a contation of movily, 733-7023.

Teb. 9 "Youth Options," activities for young pebple ages 13-19, 7 Ltd 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, 52, 733-8720.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Feb. 10 'Hearts-and-flower bilds numer class: 1 to 4 p.m., Carleen's Fabrics & Crifts, Etc., 450 21st St., Heyburn, free class; kits available, 679-3573. Feb. 10, 13 Monthly Indoor Filer Flea Market, with over 30 ven-dors, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Flier, \$50 admission froing used eyeglasses for local optimist club donation), 312-4900.

YOUR MORNING



Students try skills in Desert Cafe kitchen

Desert Care Kitchen
TWIN FALLS — This is no
cafeteria. The pork tenderloins
are likely to be flavored with
white wine, shaloss and gatile
and grilled with a rosemary
sprig. The dollops and sprinkles of garnish will be just so.
The vegetables, artistically
arranged. The College of
Southern Idaho culinary students who operate the college's
Desert Cafe two days a week
put as much effort into presentation as creation.

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Lawmaker takes aim at online sales

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BOISE — Sy there is a new
camera on the market. At the
local electronics store it costs
about \$1,000 and will set you
back an additional \$500 in sales
tax. So you go online and ipay
the same price but avoid the
sales tax. The law requires customers to disclose such transactions, but few people do.
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Legislators ask for tuition equity study

BOISE — Should a welding or other professional-techni-cal class in Boise cost the same as a similar class in Moscow or Pocatello? That was the ques-tion the House Education Committee on Tuesday agreed the State Board of Education and colleges and universities statewide should answer. SEE PAGE D1

Jerome feedlot proposal withdrawn

JEROME — The application for a proposed 18,555-animal feedlot was withdrawn Tuesday, but it will return. SEE PAGE D1

Sisters reflect on drug court success

TWIN FALLS—It's hard not to gawk when you see the two-sisters Aleecia Moyes and Jamie Labrum. Their live have changed so dramatically since they first attended 5th District Felony Drug Court in 2004

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OBITUARIES

Elmer L. Meyer, 91 James Christ, 50 Brian J. Schmidt, 54 Robert Dean Webste Marion Tennant Hugentobler,

Gary Neal Masoner, 69

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Snowpack

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Witershed	" of Arg."	peak**		
Salmon	74%	48%		
Big Wood	68%	45%		
Little Wood	63%	41%		
Big Lost	62%	38%		
Little Lost	70%	43%		
Henry's Fork/Teti	on 68%	44%		
Upper Snake Ba	sin 69%	-45%		
Oakley	76%	50 X		
Salmon Falls	70%	469		

As of Feb. 6



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Leaked video shows Iraq friendly fire death

Iraq menay nre deau LONDON — A leaked video in which an American pilot is heard saying "we're in jail, dude," during a friendly fire incident that killed a British soldler in Iraq was released by The Sun newspaper Thesday. A U.S. Air Force official con-ducted an investigation of ducted an investigation of the incident in 2003, but the results were not publicly released, said Lt. Tony Vincelli, spokesman for the Boise-based 190th Fighter Squadron, where the A-10 jets are based. SEE PAGE A1

Committee kills plan for minimum wage

BOISE — A Democrat-ponsored measure that rould have raised the miniwould have raised the mini-mum wage to \$7.25 an hour and indexed it to rise with inflation was killed in a House committee Tuesday by lawmakers who said it was "premature because there's still a pending feder-al minimum wage bill. SEE PAGE A4

House rejects bid to tweak fund-misuse law

BOISE — Attorney eneral Lawrence Wasden has been rebuffed in his bid to win changes to a law meant to prevent some gov-ernment officials who misuse public funds from using a loophole to avoid felony

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Bush visits Micron discusses budget plan

MANASSAS, Va.

President Bush preached
the virtues of fiscal responsibility Tuesday during a
visit to computer chipmaker Micron Technology
Inc. to talk about the \$2.9 trillion budget proposal

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NATION/WORLD



grips many cities

STRACUSE, N.Y. — After an unusually warm December and a mostly snow-free January, winter returned with a vengeance Thuesday to the upper Midwest and Northeast, dumpling heavy snow on parts of New York and keeping temperatures well below zeroin name rities. ing temperatures well below zero in many cities. . SEE PAGE A5

House leaders move to debate Iraq buildup

WASHINGTON — The
Democratic-controlled
House is planning to vote
next week on opposing
President Bush's fraq troop
buildup in a wartime clash
between Congress and
commander in chief.

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Record floods wreak havoc in Jakarta

havoe in Jakarta

JAKARIA, Indonesia — In
a low-lying riverside district
of the capital, dead chickens float in the same filthy
floodwaters that women
use to hathe children and
wash clothes. Men sitting
on rooflops dample hooks in
the debris-filled water for
fish amid the stench of raw
sewage, while boys scavenge plastic bags to sell. A
boat ride with emergency
workers were
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collected by the collected some
stating and the capitals worst
flooding in recent memory.

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Nations sign accord to ban child soldiers

to ban child soldiers

PARIS — African, Asian and South American nations where child fighters have been used in war endorsed a new international agreement Tuesday that commiss them to stopping the practice and punishing those who recruit youngsters as combatants. Some nations hailed the text, which carries moral but no legal weight, as a breakthrough. But others said it may be no more than empty promise. empty promises

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COMING TOMORROW



INTO THE CLOUDS

Hailey's Company of Fools present Patrick Meyers' stratospheric play "K2."

THURSDAY IN THT

SPORTS



CSI men set sites on Region-18 title

on Region-18 title;
TWIN FALLS — After going 41-19 and finishing No. 14 in the season's final NICAA poll in 2005, the College of Southern Idaho baseball team is gearing up for a big 2007. There will be no sneaking for a Golden Engles team that has its sights squarely set on a Region 18 Title and the program's first tip to the NICAA Western District Championship since 1999. That's always the goal, to win the league. CSI head coach Boomer Walker said. SEE PAGE B1

CSI men's basketball team rises to No. 7

team rises to No. 7

TWIN FALLS — The
College of Southern Idaho
men's baskethall team made
a clean sweep of the North
Idaho College Cardinals last
week and was rewarded in
the latest NICAA poll with a
one-spot bump to No. 7.
The wins put the Golden
Engles at 20-2 100-2 Secule
West Athletic Conference
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at op dog in the conference.
They are the only SWAC
team in the Top 20.

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Minico pins Preston

as tournament nears

RUPERT — With the dis-trict wrestling tournament a week away, the Minico Spartans took a step toward Spartnas took a step toward heing ready to compace on a higher level, heating Prestin 12-24 in Webnesday' dinalat Minico cold Brad Cooper. "We have to get their togetther for regional and state and i still think we have a good shot. We have to be peaking at the right time."

WHAT'S ONLINE?

Your vote counts 图

Feedlot hearing

See comments from a hearing on a proposed feedlot in Jerome County

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7:30 p.m. today in the Thylor
Administration building. The
open house will teach people
about balancing work, school
and family, as well as the benefits of continuing education.
The question remains
whether GSI can reverse a
trend that many believe is
caused by a strong exonomy.
And Jf unemployment continues to remain at a record low

And if unemployment continues to remain at a record low, what will the college do to deal with fewer students — and therefore lower tuition revenue?

CST officials say the college is continuously reviewing student interest in certain programs, as well as each programs.

needs.

Beck told the Times-News in a previous interview that, "Any program we (CSI) had that did not grow or retain student enrollment, we (CSI) closed

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Lawmakers had just voted to boost the sales tax to 6 percent from 5 percent to make up for \$260 million in property tax

\$260 million in property tax cuts. Rep. Cliff Bayer, R-Bois emponsor of the successful plan, said he was "cautiously optimistic" that he and other law-makers can convince Otter to go along with their approach. "Were hoping we caft bridge he philosophical gap and the fiscal impact," he said. Otter's plan was estimated to cost the state \$48 million a year in lost revenue, or \$22 million more than the annual cost of the existing tax credit.

Tax

An open house The lease of a contract Is holding an deen besset a today from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. in the Taylor Administration building

in the Taylor non-building.
The purpose of the open house is to provide more information to future students and to those who are thinking

down and then moved those resources to other areas." Technical programs experienced the greatest declinewith almost a 9 percent drop in student enrollment compared with spring 2006—white enrollment in academic programs declined by 5.3 percent.

\$25,300, His plan meted out tax relief on a sliding scale for earn-ings up to \$50,300, Those with incomes above that level got no tax credit.

tax credit.
Senjors would have received at least \$15, regardless of their income, so the maximum benefit for them would have been

S105.

Bayer's bill, with nine sponsors from the House and six from the Senate, won the fiscally conservative committee's favor because it keeps the tax break in place for all Idaho resi-

navor occause it keeps the tax break in place for all dalato resi-dents, regardless of income. It was last raised in 2001.

"I did not like the fact that (with Otter's plan) we took it away from some, and gave to others," said Moyd, the House majority leader. "Here, we're dealing with all diahoans." Besides Otter's bill, two other proposals to expand food-related tax relief were stopped. Thesday in committee. The first, from House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchun, would have cut the in lost revenue, or \$22 million more than the annual cost of the existing tax credit.

Bayer's will cost \$73.5 million, or \$47.5 million, or \$47.5 million more than the existing tax credit.

Otter, who has said he'll fight for his plan, deellned to say whether he would veto Bayers measure if it reaches his desk after passing the House and Sengte, where it could still be amended. He told The Associated Press on Tuesday he believes his plan is the most fiscally prudent, given Idados budget constraints. He's projected an ending balance in siscal year 2000 of just \$53.90.00 in his budget proposal.

Otter proposed giving each member of a family of four up to \$90 in tax relief autually, if the family carned less than first, from House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, would have cut the sales tax on food to 3 percent from 6 percent, while the sec-ond, from Rep. Jim Clark, R-Hayden, and Rep. Phil Hart, R-Athol, sought to eliminate the sales tax over the next four

Love makes a difference

Sisters

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"Cops come and giut an arm around me and say, "You look so much better," Moyes, 26, said while smilling Tuesday next to her sister. Both have been

sald wine smaning tuesary next to her sister. Both have been sober for about three years. They know me. I've been arrested by just about every cop in this town, Moyes said. Drug court does not stop at graduation. Both attend 12-step meetings. And participants continue supporting each other through a network that's invisible to most of the Magic Valley, the sisters said. "You get very close to people." Labrum said. "It feels good to see other graduates because they are still clean. It's lard to see people who meas. Up, too."

land to see people who mess up, too.

Most of the drug court's 160 graduates have relategrated jiving, working and raising families across the valley. And another 17 will graduate on Tursday. Participants are required to pass drug tests and hold a job while they attend weekly meetings with a judge for one year.

Before drug court, Moyes — mother of three — and Labrum — mother of three — neglected their children and violated their family's trust. Moyes parents had he arrested after shusted from their home — the test thing they year did for her, stre said.

There was nothing stonairs.

best thing they ever did for her, ste said.

"There was nothing stepping between me and meth," Moyes said. Not my friends. Not even my children.

Because, drug court participants have to plead guilty to a felony charge to join the program, some people want the defendants punished more than they want then rehabilitated.

"I don't blame them," Labrum said.
Nor does Moyes, who said that as an addict, you have no decency, so it's no wonder that people feel so tregatively



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toward you."

But the mothers said today, with the help of drug court, they put their children first.

with the help of drug couri-they put their children list.
"It's up to me to be the keep-er of the falth, to be a role model," Moyes said. "People think indrug court they are giv-ing you a second chance, and chance and drug addies don't deserve a second chance. But they beat it into you and they hold you accountable." Especially weighing on their minds are their children's futures. They talk openly with their children't beltp them

understand the harm drugs cause. But their children already know. Most of them were there through the darkest

were there through the darkest hours.

Stephanie Lemmons, 27, of Buhl graduated from the program in 2003 and is two semesters short of graduating from the College of Southern Idaho. Her addiction sent her to juli several times before landing her in drug court.

She said her experience has taught her why juli does less to stop reoffending than drug court.

"When they put you in juli,

you just at in jall and talk about 'Im going to get high when I get out. And when you get out using. That's where 'you're going to go.' Lemmons said. But drug court is, different. It gives you the ability to meet people who are in the community instead of people who are in Jall. And are going to will be a sound in the community instead of people who are in Jall and are going to well and and are going to work in Jall. She said. My court and worked with me. I will not go back to that ever, I on't put that type of people in my lite.



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Since then the company has grown to include a fabrication shop in Jerome, plus a pipe welding line and 17 employees. The company was renamed as Liberty Companies in 2005 and includes four divisions: Steel Pipe, Manufacturing and Fabrication, Steel Pipe Fencing and Asset Recovery and Consulting. The company now services dealers through the Northwest, including a large chain of stores throughout Washington and Montana. Liberty Companies ships all over the United States, Canada and overseas, it also stocks and selfs other brand names such as Prilifert, Tater and Contect Culvert.

Liberty Companies is currently looking to expand to larger facilities in Great Falls and Jerome. Liberty is proud to be part of the growing Jerome community and looks forward to being part of the Jerome Centennial. Discover more about Liberty at their web site www.libertypipe.com or phone them at 208-324-2142 or toll free at 800-784-7473, You may email them at sales@libertypipe.com.





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FROM PAGE ONE/AROUND THE WEST

House rejects attempt to broaden fund misuse law

BOISE — State Attorney General Lawrence Wasden has been rebuffed in his attempt to get rid of a legal loophole that allows some government officials who misuse public money to avoid felony, charges.

The existing "misus-original has a misuse public money to avoid felony, charges.

The existing "misus-original has a misuse to prosecute all government officials accused of bilking taxpayers. But in April, but dasho Appeals Court ruled ling taxpayers. But in April, but did has a misuse of the did has a misuse of the did has a misuse of the did has a result, those without explicit fiduciary duties to oversee money couldn't be prosecuted, the Appeals Court ruled. Wasden sought to extend the law's definition to include all state and local public officials who use public money. But the House rejected his amendment the stay of the distance of the has a definition to include all state and local public officials who use public money. But the House rejected his amendment the stay of the House rejected his amendment the stay of the House rejected his amendment distance of the House rejected his am

Pilot

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Tempers flare between the two pilots, with one saying it looks like the prospective targets are carrying orange rockets. Casilition troops are often equipped with bright orange markers to identify them as friendly forces.

"I same what you're talking about" the first pilot says, after asking about the flare pilot says, after asking about the alleged rockets.

asking about the alleged rockets.

OK, well they got orange rockets on them, the second pilot says.

Orange rockets? the first pilot asks again, telling the other pilot they need to get back to base soon.

'I think killing these damn rocket hunchers, it would be great,' the second pilot says.

The two U.S. A-10 jets opened fire on Hulls tank, which was part of a five-which convay engaged in combat outside Basra on March 28, 2003. Four other soldlers were wounded, including the conveys's leader, Capit. Alexander Mackwen.

Gonfire is heard. Minutes

vey's leader. Capt. Alexander Mackwen.
Gunfire is heard. Minutes later they learn three are friendly forces in the area and that one person is, dead and another is wounded. Pilon 1: "Im going to be sick." Pilon 2: "Alt I—"
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Pilon 2: "Yeah, this sucks."
Pilon 1: "Yelon I pilon to communication."
They dild say there were no friendlies: "He first pilon says.
"Yeah. I know that thing with the orange panels is 'going to screw us. They look like orange prockets on top." the second pilon says.

"The first pilon then asks if his tape is still on. Seconds later, there is silence.

A publicly releasable version of the U.S. investigation report — which found the pilon followed procedures and practices for engaging targets — was given to the British Defense Ministry in November 2003, said J.L. Col. Treesa Connor, a spokeswoman at U.S. Central Command headquarters in Tampa, Fla.

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On Tuesday, after the leaking of the U.S. millator and when to do so, she said!

"The U.S. millator, has no plan to release the names of the pilot or their unit, Connor said of the tape. Embossy's deputy chief of mission, David olonson, sold be thought the coronet had already wewed the video.

coroner and unexacy viewed the video.

"Our focus is really on finding out where our procedures led down and allowed information fixes were desastified to be provided to spidwiduals who did not have: appropriate access to it." Johnson told the AE saying that U.S. and Beltish exchanges had been "military to military."

Oxfordshire Assistant Deputy Coroner Andrew Walker is hearing the inquest. which resumes Feb. 16.

with significant voter trust, and average public employees. For elected officials, they said, offenses involving rela-tively little money might consti-tute a felony, based on the official's level of responsibility and

Committee kills plan for Idaho minimum wage

BOISE — A Democrat-spon-sored measure that would have mised Idaho's minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour and indeed it to rise with inflation was killed in a House committee Tuesday.

Opponents said it was pre-mature, because a bill to raise the federal minimum wage is pending in Congress. However, a competing Republican measure that

However, a competing Republican measure that would have Idaho's minimum wage finck any federal changes was approved for a hearing. "It wasn's op remature that they wouldn't (OK) the other bill. That's a specious argu-ment," said Rep. Anne Pasley, Stuart, D-Boise and a sponsor of the measure that was killed. "It was a partisan thing," "Wire going to keep working on this," she added. "We're not

ARIZONA Arrests of illegals keep dipping along border

TUCSON, Ariz. — Border Patrol apprehensions are con-tinuing to drop along the

going to stop."

The Republican proposal by Rep. Ken Roberts, R-McCall, would link Idaho's minimum

wage to any changes in the fed-eral minimum wage. The pro-

posal in Congress would raise the federal minimum by \$2.10 — to \$7.25 an hour.

Mexican border, a sign that changes in policy and increased resources are paying off. U.S. Border Patrol officials say, What's missing at this point is comprehensive immigration reform that would remove the economic pressure driving most illegal immigrants to come to the United States, said Xavier Rios, a Border Patrol national headquarters spokesman.

If there's a way that the pressure could be taken off the law enforcement piece of it by basically taking the economic

cally taking the economic migrant out of the mix, then

we'll be well on our way to getting effective control of the border. Rios said. The majority of
the folks that we apprehend are
coming in for jobs.
Arrest-of-lilegal trimigrantsfrom Texas to California have
plunged 27 percent during the
first four months of the current
fiscal yeat compared to the
same period in liscal 2006 —
from 308,400 to 230,469 — Rios
said. In Arizona, apprehensions
felt by 9 percent in the Border
Patrol's Tucson sector, for several years the nation's busiest for
illegal immigrant traffic.

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House to confront Bush next week on Iraq buildup

Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON
Democratic critics of the Iraq
war seized the offensive at
both ends of the Capitol on
Tuesday, disclosing plans for a
symbolic rejection by the
House of President Bush's
decision to deploy additional
troops and filing legislation in
the Sénate to require with-WASHINGTON

the Senate to require with-drawal of U.S. military person-nel.
"We're going to stand by our "Were going to stand by our soldiers, but were not going to stand by a failed policy that exposes more of our soldiers to death and suffering," said Sen. Richard Durbin of Illinois, rebutting charges that the war's critics may be underrning the morale or even the safety of U.S. forces.

Democrats pressured Bush to change course as Defense Secretary Robert Gates told hawmakers that U.S. forces might be able to start leaving Iraq before the end of the year.— If daunting conditions

Singer Frankie Laine dies in California at age 93

LOS ANGELES (AP) —
Frankie Laine, the bigvoiced singer whose string
of hits
made him
one of the

Tues day.

La i ne
died of
heart failure at Scripps
Mercy Hospital in San
Diego, linnmy Marino,
Laine's producer of more
than a dozen years, told
The Associated Press.
Tile was one of the greatest singers around,"
Marino said. "He was one
of the last Italian crooners
type."

most pop-ular enter-tainers of the 1950s, d i e d

including_subdued_violence and political reconciliation are met.

He also said that the buildup in troops is "not the last chance" to succeed in Iraq and added, "I would be irresponsi-ble if I weren't thinking about what the alternatives might

ble if I werent thinking about what the alternatives mightbe."

The Pentagon is in the midst of implementing Bush's order to raise troop levels by 21,500, part of a plan to help quell section violence in Baghdad. New checkpoints in evidence in Iraqis capital city, and there were reports of inspections of increased numbers of exhibets. At the same, time, more than 50 people werk exhibited or found dead during the day, and Prime Minister Nouri exhansist were responding to the new security measures by killing as many people as possible.

The war-has claimed the lives of more than 3,000 U.S. The war-has claimed the lives of more than 3,000 U.S. troops so far, and officials announced two more deaths. The casualties included a sol-

dier killed Tuesday at a security post southwest of Baghdat and 'a Marine 'who died Monday in Anbar Province. Bush's detestion to dispatch additional troops has become a flashspoint for critics of his Iraq policy in the new, Democratic -controlled Congress, whose lawmakers were elected last fall by a warweary electorate. Officials said that House-Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California and Majority Leader Stery Hoyer of Maryland had both piedged to the Democratic rank and file that the House would vote next week on a nonbinding measure critical of Bush's plan to add 21,500 additional forces. They also reassured lawmakers clamoring for more robust action that the vote would warely be the first attempt to pressure the president to shift course and that future legislation will be binding.

Brendan Daly, a spokesman for Pelosi, said the measure brought to the floor next week

minutes to an hour to get here; said Gas Maunder of Parish.

Temperatures began to ease Tuesday in places hit by the worst of the cold air. After Monday show of 30 between the northern Maniesoni-town of Hallock reported. Bresday morring reading of 9 below, according to the National Weather Service.

would focus on "our opposi-tion to the surge in troops" but has not yet been drafted. Pelosi said last month the measure would declare that

the troop increase was "not in the national interest," lan-guage once included in a Senate measure, but now abandoned.





efighters are lowered to the ground in a tower ladder bucket ing a fire in a large two story condominium building in Sea nday. The fire destroyed the large building as firefighters b m building in Sea Bright, N.J.

Wave of Arctic cold grips Midwest, Northeast wait it out until Mother Nature is done kicking us," said Randy Bateman, mayor of Oswego, which declared a snow emer-gency, banning all nonessen-tial travel so plows could clear roads.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — After an unusually warm December and a mostly snow-free January, winter returned with a vengeance These and Northeast, dumping heavy snow on parts of New York and keeping temperatures well below zero in many cities.

The bitter cold and bone-hilling winds forced dozens

chilling winds forced dozens of schools in New York, Wisconsin and Michigan to

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type."
With songs such as "That's My Desire," 'Mule Train, "Jezzebel," 'I Believe' and "That Lucky Old Sun, Laine was a regular feature of the Top Ten in the years just before rock 'n 'roll ushered in a new era of popular music. type." With East of Oswego, state troopers_closed_a_section_of Interstate 81 for an hour to Interstate 81 for an hour to remove cars and trucks that went off the road when blow-ing snow reduced visibility to zero. Oswego County Sheriff Reuel Todd said hundreds vehicles slid off the pavement. "Hive about four miles down the road. It took me about 50 minutes to an hour to get here," said Gus Maunder of Parish. lar music. — Somewhat younger listeners may remember him best for singing the theme to the television show 'Rawhide,' which ran from 1959 to 1966, and the theme for the 1974 movie "Blazing Saddles."

Le sold more than 100 million reguls and expansion of the 1974 movie "blazing Saddles."

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"Blazing Saddles." Ille sold more than 100 Ille sold more than 20 gold records. "He will be forever remembered for the beautiful music he brought into this world, his wit and sense of hump, along with the love he shared with 50 many. Laines family said in a statement. Laine said his musical influences included Bing Crosby, Al Johon and Jazzartists including Bessie Smith, Louis Armstrong and Billie Holliday. "When people nowadays say that Elvis was the first white guy to sound black." I have to shake my head; what can you do?" he said in a 1987 interview. "At the time of That's My Desire,' they were saying that I was the only white guy around who sounded black." See what's new at www.magicvalley.com



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EDITORIAL

State lab data should stay open to public

tate lawmakers should be suspicious of a new effort to shield information obtained by the idaho State Department of Agriculture. By scaling state ag study records from public review, the state may think it's passing at necessary exemption and doing producers a favor. In both cases, just the opposite may be true.

The new effort comes from House Bill 59 — a bill that tries to add to the list of occasions when state agricultural data is exempt from public record law. The bill would add those studies reporting laboratory tests done by SDA.

Some latitude is included to

agricultural

data from public review seems unnecessary. What do

you think?

We welcome

re latitude is included in the Some latitude is included in the ill. If there is an enforcement action made by the department, the lab test report would be made public. The bill also allows the director for ISDA to release any lab information, if "in the best interest of human, animal or plant health." That doesn't seem to go far enough, Legislators should be wary of nassing a law that doesn't seem

enough. Legislators should be wary of passing a law that doesn't seem necessary in the first place. Maybe that's the first question to ask: What problems make this bill necessary? John Chatburn. a deputy administrator in the ISDA's animal industries division, said the main concern for ag producers is to protect companies' trade secrets. viewpoints from our readers on . this and other issues.

That has a familiar ring to it. In That has a tamiliar ring to it. in 2004, the Legislature debaged a similar bill proposed to seal ag studies that were tied to academic research. The bill salied through the House but died in the Senate, largely because those legislators saw that trade secret provisions are already in state law.

Then there are concerns about public impact. The

Then there are concerns about public impact. The bill notes that lab tests done by private labs, out-of-state labs, and Idaho food quality assurance labs, are all held confidential. But why should a public agency, supported by tax dollars, be able to seal records that may relate to public impact? Noting again that the trade secrets of these producers is already protected, why is it necessary to shield the public even further in code?

Perhans legislators consider the levels of public Perhaps legislators consider the levels of pulmar review as Interference into private industry. But that also doesn't ring true. State lab results are frequently used by commodity producers to learn of any possible diseases discovered through ISDA testing on certain fields and crops.—Having the-most-updated informa— tion from ISDA helps producers work as their own reg-ulators.

But the way this amendment is written, it's hard to

But the way this amendment is written, it's hard to tell which ag studies qualify to be shielded from the public. It seems to leave that question up to the state director for the department of agriculture. As a public agency that carries a list of regulatory responsibilities, the ISDA still has to prove why this bill is necessary, not to mention why it's doing the work to propose it. Until those answers can be made clearly, legislators shouldn't throw make more information expent from public oversion. exempt from public oversight.

Times News

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

LETTER

Author followed the logic of meandering Bush

Mariana Mink recently applauded a Dinesh d'Souza op-ed. "To say Bush lied on Iraq is itself a lie." She must-nt miss d'Souza's, "How the Left Led Us Into 9/11." and his book, "The Enemy at Home." But she'd do well to ignore Alan Wolfe's book review and opinion of d'Souza as a writer.

ignore read opinion of d'Souza as a writer. Tike his hero Joe McCarthy, he has no sense of shame. He is a childish thinker and writer tackling subjects about which he knows little to make arguments that reek of political extremism. His book is a wateroad disgrace ...

national disgrace ..."

It does take an ability to ignore Middle East experts ignore Middle East experts in order to see the overwhelming clarity of
'Souza's charge that. 'What
disgusts (Muslims) is not
free elections but the sights
for hundreds of homosexuals
kissing one another and taking marriage vows.'

An unsurprising coricluston from a man who also
ignores most history of

western involvement in the Middle East to decide it was Clinton and Carter weaknes rakness

Middle tast to decrea a ...
Clinton and Carret weakness that made us a target for 9/11 in the first place.
Walter Uhler writes that D'Souza writes history as if he studied under the tutelage of that historian-limbecile. Ann Coulter.
Ms. Mink mustri allow the existence of recorded speeches (lifes) by Bush, which dismiss all fact as contrary to the message, or allow fallout like the Libby trial to dliminish the hero

After all, d'Souza's logic is an eerie match for George meanderings. In a December 2003 interview

dream about WMDs or wan WMDs, then you do, even if you don't?

SHARON METCALE



Even liberals are liking Reagan

As with any historical f ure, Ronald Reagan's reputation has been iding both the up escalator and the down escalator.

But it's interesting to note that Reagan, who would ha turned 96 Tuesday, is being increasingly praised by one-time enemies and increasingly criticized by ostensible friends — who at least call themselves

onservatives.

For most of Reagan's life and career, the liberal/media establishment contented itself with phrases such as "right-wing cowboy" and "amiable dunce" to describe the Cinera.

"right-wing cowboy" and "amiatible dunce" to describe the Gipper. But now, the judgment is changing. For example, Peggy Noonan, writing in The Wall Street Fournal, quoted Leslie Stahl as admiring Reagans" gallanty," Stahl, who cowerd leagan for Clas News, certain-i-y rarely had anything nice to-say about thim when he was in office. But in the nearly two deendes since, even many liberighave admitted that Reagans leadership succeed in the Cold War against the Soviet Union and in the commite war against inflation and economic war against



of the left, "Ronald Reagan:
Fate, Freedom and the Making
Hate, Freedom and the Making
History," which argues that
Reagan' deserves to be
regarded as one of our rhere
or four greatest presidents."
Diggins lauds Reagan for endling the nuclear arms race and
moving America away from
welfare-state dependency, but
then he takes his praise in a
direction many iraditional
Reaganites might not agree
with: "Far from being a conservative, Reagan was the
great liberating spirit of modeman American history, a political
romantic impatient with
the status quo." The author is
on to something, Reagan,
after all, declared many times
on the stump that Americans
'have the power to begin the
world over again' — not
exactly a conservative
thought. In fact, Reagan was a
New Dealer back in the "30s
and "40s, as he often said, he
didn't leave the Democratic and '40s; as be often said, he didn't leave the Democratic Party, the Democratic Party

left him. So Diggins' book will make some constructives uncomfortable — precisely because the author has articulated an additional facet of Reagan's persona. But that's the way it goes with the great actors of history. On the occasion of Abraham Lincolis' death in 1865, Secretary of War Edwin Stanton declared. Now he belongs to the tigses, "Stanton might have said," Now he belongs to the historians"—who have been writing about Lincoln ever since. And so it Lincoln ever since. And so it can be supported to the standard of the standard of the said of the Lincoln ever since. And so it goes, as well, for Reagan, who died in 2004.

died in 2004. Interestingly, many 'friends' of Reagan have turned into ex-friends, One such is the prominent neoconservative Norman Podhoretz. As early as 1983, he accused Reagan of 'appeasement by any other name' — this being the same year that Reagan announced the Strategic Defense Initiative.

But the nencons have their

manye. But the neacons have their Reagan: They accuse him of being weak in the Middle East. The clearest statement of this view has come from Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who said back in 2003, "The

America ... many years before Sept. 11, 2001." Site cited, among other incidents, "the attack on the Marine barracks in Lebanon in 1943, the hijacking of the Achille Lauro in 1985, the bombing of Pan Am 103 in 1988" — all of which occurred during the Reagan presidency. Vet. Rice continued, until the George W. Bush administration, "the terrorists faced no sustained, systematic and global response." These days, of course, the wisdom of the Bush administrations "response" to terrorism — specifically, the Iraq war — is under, shall we say close scruiny, And so maybe Reagan's response doesn't look so bad in comparison. Nobody thinks of his Marine mission to Lebanon as a success, but at least the Gipper Knew when to cut his losses. So happy birthday, Mr.

So happy birthday, Mr. President, You've gone up to that Great Ranch in the Sky. leaving liberals to like you teaving liberals to like you more and some conservatives to like you less. But this one-time staffer of yours — and forever an admirer — sees you as the gold standard for presidents.

James Pinkerton is a colum-nist for Newsday.

Terrifying cycle of violence continues

verything you've heard and read is true. And I am eeply sorry about that." Who id it?

(d) Silvio Berlusconi, on his wife's hunosaque lightning bolt after his public lifting.
(e) lacques Chinac, after giving a Gallie shrug at the prospect of Iran getting um or deux nuclear weapons.
(f) Hillary Chinton, on enabling the president to invade Iran, (g) Barnak Obama, for the ultimate sin of not being black-groupd or with a new horse propuls or with a new

(g) Barnek Obama, for the uttimates in 6 not being black enough or white enough. (h) Mary Cheney, on her decision to work on her terrifying dad's homophobic campaign because the thought of lohn Kerry was 'terrifying.' (i) Gavin Newsom, the mayor of San Francisco, about his affair with his campaign manager's wife. The answer is Gavin Newsom.

lewsom.

It's rare to get a simple apol-gy when a complex obfusca-

ogy when a complex obfusca-tion will do.
Even after releasing parts of an intelligence report so pes-simistic that it may as well have been titled "Iraq: We're-



MAUREEN Down

Cooked," Bush officials clung to their alternate reality, using nonsensical logic and cherry-picking whatever phrases they could find in the report that

e. the 2004 National In the 2004 National
Intelligence Estimate, civil wa
was a worst-case scenario. In
the 2007 one, Iraq has zoome
past civil war to hell: "The intelligence Community
judges that the term 'civil war Judges that the term 'civi war does not adequately capture the complexity of the conflict in Iraq, which includes exten-sive Shia-on-Shia violence, al-Qaida and Sumi insurgent

Qaida and Sumi insurgent attacks on coallion forces, and widespread criminally motivated violence. As John McLaughlin, the former acting director of central intelligence, told The New York Times, Mark Mazzetti: "Civil war is checkers. This is 5, chess."

Far from Dick Chenev's Far from Dick Cheney's claim of "enormous successes" and Gen. William Casey's claim of "slow progress," the report shows that any path the U.S. takes in Iraq could lead to a river of blood. It says that in

the absence of any strong Sunni and Shiite leaders who can control their groups, prospects are dim for a cohe-sive government, much less a democracy.

emocracy. If the violence gets worse, If the violence gets worse, the report concludes, three sulfurous possibilities loom: chaos leading to partition, the emergence of a Shifte strongman or anarchy "mixing extreme ethnosectarian violence with debilitating intragroup clashes."

group clashes."
So after four years of war, we get to choose between chaos, another Saddam or anarchy. Good work, W. And at such bargain prices; the administration is breaking the administration is breaking the record for the military budget, asking for \$100 billion for Iraq and Afghanistan this year and \$145 billion more for 2008. The White House thinks it

can somehow spin the Iraq apocalypse so it sounds as if multiple wars are better than one civil war.

one civil war.
At a Pentagon briefing on
Friday, Bob Gates rebuffed the
idea of a civil war, saying: 1
think that the words' civil war
oversimptily a very complex
situation in Iraq. I believe that
there are essentially four wars
going on in Iraq. One is Shia
on Shia, principally in the
south. The second is sectarian
conflict, inclindally in pagndad but not solely. Third is the insurgency, and fourth is al-Qaida." conflict, principally in Baghdad but not solely

at's a relief, all right

we're in four wars in Iraq and threatening another with Iran. Stephen Hadley, the nation-

stephen Hadley, the national security adviser, agreed that he term civil war is unacceptable: We need to get across the complexities of the situation we face in Iraq and simple labels don't do that. When Casey testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday, he sounded as if he was taiking about a completely different Iraq than the one limned in the intelligence report. Today, he said, 'Iraqls are polsed to assume responsibility for their own security by the end of 2007, still with some level of support from us."

end of 2007, still with some level of support from us."
Compare that with the bleak tone of the report, which states that "the Iraqi Security Forces — particularly the Iraqi police — will be hard-pressed in the next 12 to 18 months to execute significantly increased security responsibilities, and particularly to operate independently against Shia millitias with success.

with success."
It's official, We're in a cycle of violence so complex and awful that withdrawing American troops will make it worse and keeping American troops there may also make it worse.

We can try or we can leave. but either way, it seems, we're

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

How to curb oil-addicted ayatollahs

There may be only one thing dumber than getting addicted to consuming oil as a country—and that is getting addicted to selling it.

ing it.

Because getting addicted to selling oil can make your selling oil can make your country really stupid, and if the price of oil suddenly drops, it price of this didently drops, it can make your people really revolutionary. That's the real story of the rise and fall of the Soviet Union—it overdosed on oil—and it could end up-being the real story of Iran, if we're smart.

being the real story of Iran, if we're smart. It is hard to come to Moscow and not notice what the last five years of high oil prices have done for middle-class consumption here. Five years ago, it took me 35 minutes to drive from the Kremlin to Moscow's airport. On Monday, It took me two and half hours. It took me two and nau nours. There was one long traffic jam from central Moscow to the airport, because a city built for 30,000 cars, which I 0 years ago had 300,000 cars, today has 3 million cars and a ring of new

million cars and a ring of new suburbs.

If ow Russia deals with it so il and gas windfall is going to be a buge issue. But today id like to focus on how the Soviet Union was killed, in part, by is addiction to oil, and on baw we might get leverage with tran, based on its own addic-tion.

conomists have long stud ied this jihenomenon, but I got focused on it here in Moscow after chatting with Vladimir Man, the president of Russia's



Academy of National Economy. I mentioned to him that surely the Soviet Union died because oil fell to \$10 a barrel shortly after Mikhail Gorbachev took office, not because of anything Honald Reagan did. Actually, Mau said, t was "high oil prices" that killed the Soviet Union. The sharp rise in oil prices in the 1970's deluded the Kremiln into overstreading subsidiess a into overextending subsidies at home and invading Afghanistan abroad — and

Adjainstant abroad—and then the collapse in place in the place in high and he place in high and he place in the place in the story: The inefficient Soviet economy survived in its early decades, Mau explained, thanks to deteny agriculture, from peasants forced into collective farms, and cheap prison labor, used to erect state industries. Beginning in the 1968, however, even these cheap injusts weren't enough, and the Kremlin had to start inporting, rather than exporting grain. Kremlin had to start importing, rather than exporting, grain. Things could have come instruck then. But the 1973 Arab oil embargo and the sharp upsurge in oil prices— Russia was the world's second-largest producer after Saudi

Arabia — gave the Soviet Union a 15-year lease on life from a third source of cheap resources: "oll and gas," Mau

ine oil windfall gave the Brezhnev government "money to buy the support of different interest groups, like the agrarians, import some goods and buy off the military-industrial complex," sald, "The share of oil in total exports went from 10-to-15 percent to 40 percent." In the 1070ua. The oil windfall gave th In the 1970s, Russia exported

m the 1970s, Russia exported oil and gas and "used this" money to import food, consumer goods and machines for extracting oil and gas. Man said, By the early 1990s, though, oil prices had started to sink—thanks in part to conservation efforts by the U.S. 'One alternative for the Soviets was to decrease consumption, but the Kremlin couldn't do that—it had been buying off all these constituencies.' Mat explained. So it is started borrowing from abroad, using the money inosity for consumption and subsidies, to maintain popularity and stability.' Oil prices and production kept failing as Corbaction kept failing as Grothachev tred reforming commission, but by "The parallel with Iran, Mau said, is that the shah used Iran's oil windfall after 1973 to push major noddernization not a will traditional Iranis

mans on windian after 1975 to push major modernization onto a still traditional Iranian society. The social backlash produced the ayatollahs of 1979. The ayatollahs used Iran's oil windfall to lock

themselves into power In 2005, Bloomberg com reported, Iran's government carned \$44.6 billion from oil and spent \$25 billion on subsidies — for housing, Johs, food and \$4-cents — agailon gasoline — to buy off interest and spent \$25 billion on subsidies — so buy off interest and sheep to the state of the second spent of the s

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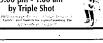
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whacked out. A cowboy men-tailing gone wild who must be stopped.

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The objective of Islam is convert or die. There is no alternative, Franklin Graham had the nerve to call it what it is—evil. History will prove he spoke the truth about this so-called religion. If the Islamists can believed with side by side, then I dab; you congessmen and women and left-leating news types to name one— one—prominent woman who is ourspoken about the Saudi ruling government. Just one will do. You can't.

Islamic regimes do not tol-erate, they eliminate. Never forget those people who were just going to another day at loger to another day at the office when they are the office when they are the office when they are deviled in the bast time. This resolution the foods in the Mashington and others in the mindless "we can work it out" mentality are preparing will blow up like a roadside bomb and it may well kill their grandelhildren. This is very dangetous policy. It will kill more Americans than all the blamic goal is worked because the Islamic goal is worked domination and submission. You will convert or you will die. There will be no compromise. If you helieve otherwise, they will gladly help you into the show-er and hand you the stone bar

of soap.
Wake up and stop those who would sell out our future for a few minutes of fake peace now. We must never quit. The souls of 9/11 cry out for world justice. Get them their inst them

eir just due. JERRY HUGHEN

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CSI BASEBALL: 2007 SEASON PREVIEW

The next step



College of Southern second baseman Tony Altavilla carries second base off the field after

Aces high Thursday's Times-News sports section

for a deeper look at CSI's talented pitch

ing staff.

CSI baseball sets sights on Region 18 title

NWIN FALLS — Fifty-one innings City, Nev., saw the Golden Eagles claw spread across six games, four back from a second-round loss to spread across six games, four days and eight heavily-taxed arms defined the College of Southern Idaho baseball program's 2006 season.

The Region 18 Tournament in Carson

The Region 18 Tournament in Carson

The Region 18 Tournament in Carson

where the Rebels bats finally ended

In 2005, the Golden Eagles finished with a 41-19 record and a No. 14 ranking in the season's final NICAA poll, and accomplished nearly everything they set out to do. In fact, there was only one problem. "No one remembers second," sophomore Grant Kveder said of the team's finish.

ish.

No one, with the exception of the CSI staff and the eight returning sophomores from last year's second-place team. That

CSI squad came off a 29-27 season in 2005 to surge back into contention for the Scenic West Athletic Conference crown. In 2007, there will be no sneaking for a Golden Eagles team that has its sights squarely set on a Region 18 Title and the programs first tip to the NICAM Western District Championship since 1999. "That's always the goal, to win the league," CSI head coach Boomer Walker said. "And the leagues going to be as tough as ever, even though Dixie's gone.

because Western Nevada has every guy

Dixie State College all the way to the tournament's championship game

> ack. The Golden Eagles don't share that The Golden Eagles don't share that same luxury with the defending regular-season champion Wildcars, but thanks to what's expected to be a more complete batting order and another talented pitching staff. CSI looks poised to make that one extra step this season.
>
> "We've got some of the same goals,"

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Scott and Hanks: The best ever?

Former CSI players will be honored at JUCO World Series

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

Town Falls — One led the Golden-Eagles to the promised land. The other was simply too dominant to deny.

Shell Scott and Chris Hanks will forever be linked to the lore of the College of Southern Idaho baseball program. Come this May, they'll also be honored as two of the best players to ever play in the JUCO World Series. On Friday, May 25, Scott and Hanks will be honored as members of the Alpine Bank Junior College World Series G o I d e n North Versey of the College Region of the Planned Celege (Beas), 1991.

JUCO World Series Golden Anniversary

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World Series
MVP honors in
leading CSI to
the 1984 national championship. The the 1984 national championship. The shortstop out of San Diego still holds the JUCO World Series record for most bits in a series with 17, as he accounted for pearly 25 persently 25 perse nearly 25 per-cent of the Golden Eagles'

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overall.

Those—two-guys and Kevin Loftus (1985-86). 'CSI head coach Boomer walker said.' ... they say those are the three hest players ever to play at CSI.' The statistics are eye-poping. Scott bif for the cycle with an extra home run in one to ur n a me nt

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Chris Hanks, College of
Southern Idaho, 1988

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(Colo.) game. He led the (Colo) 49-11 Golden Engles with 16 homer runs in 1984. Hanks paced CSI with 18 homers and 76 RHs in the 45-15 1988 season after thitting 467 with 26 homer runs and 81 RHs as a freshman, Great stats and great players walk hand-in-hand, and make no mistake on a team that also features such names as Kirty Puckett and Wayne Graham – Scott and Hanks can be considered great. But to sit down with Boomer Walker and former CSI head coach sidely Walker is to find that behind every great player is a laundy list of great stories.

"It's strange how I got hoth those, because I can honestly tell you I got them on luck." Skip Walker said.

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vs. El Paso CC	Feb. 16	9 a.n
vs. Cypress CC	Feb. 16	noon
vs. South Mountain (CC Feb. 17	3 p.n
vs. Santa Ana Colleg	e Feb. 18	11 a.
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Salt Lake CC, DH	Feb. 24	Noon
at Western Nevada, DH	March 2	1 p.r
at Western Nevada, DH	March 3	Noon
at Colorado NW, DH	March 9	1 p.r
at Colorado NW, DH	March 10	Noon
at Treasure Valley, DH	March 13	1 p.r
Eastern Utah, DH	March 16	3 . 1 p.r

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2007 College of Southern Idaho Baseball





Cory Grover

Height: 5-9 Weight: 180 Bats/throws Meght: 190 Bafs/thows: 4 PR Bafs/thows: 4 PR Bafs/thows: 5 PR Bafs/thows: 6 PR Bafs/thows: rows: R/R wn: Spanis





Jeff Ridgeway

Jeff Kugeway
Height: 62
Weight: 195
Bats / Universit / R
Hometown: Billings, Mont.
Southing report: Wolker calls
Rigeway one of the fastest
players on his 2007 Golden
Eggles Squad, Ridgeway wiii
use his arheitcism and speed
both as a regular outfielder and
on the basepaths.
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A.J. Rucker Height 6-1.
Weight 2-200
Batty /thowns: R/R
Hometown: R/R

Height: 60

- Weight: 185

- Weight:



Jordan Oseguera

ght: 5-10 lght: 170 Hasts/throws: R/R Hometown: Taylorsville, Utah Scouting report: Oseguera will come out of the CSI bullpen and look to be a situational reliever look to be a situational reliever to bridge any gaps between the CSI starters and closer. Walker has touted Oseguera for his hard work in the preseason. Coach Boomer Walker says: "He's going to have to really fight for innings on this staff, but he works hard and com-petes."



For profiles baseball coaching staff,



RHP/LF.

Jed Hanson-Mickelson

s: 5/R

sard/throws: S/R Hometown: Hamilea, Minn. Secuting report: Horison-Michelson was named Minnesota's state player and picher of the year and is the first Minnesota's state player and picher of the year and is the first Minnesota's state player and picher of the year and is the first Minnesota's state player and hatton de Sackell Hail of Famer Dave Winfield. He played short-stop, canter field and catcher in high school.

stop, center field and catcher in high school.

We're going to play him in the outfield and use him as a relief pitcher. We'll expect him to have a great career here."

Tony Altavilla

Height: 5-11 Weight: 180

Height: 5.11
Weight: 1.50
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Start/throws: LR
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Grant Vikers



Grant Kveder

Canada Scouting report: Kveder was CSIs plate-setter as a freshman and hit .301 with 32 nns scored and 18 RBIs from the No. 2 spot in the batting order. He tied for second on the team with eight stolen bases and was on base after nearly 40 percent of his abbats. Coach Behmer Walker says: If we cSIs keep that kid healthy all was he like have a frest from a frest from the contraction of the second se

Brad Mady

Height: 62
Weight: 200
Bats/thows: R/R
Hometown: Vancourer, Wash.
Scouting report: Mody finished his freshman season with a ..260 atting werage. two home runs and 27 RBIs in 50 games played. Though a mid-season injury cut his sesson short, Mady was one of the Golden Eagles' top RBI producers.

ers. Coach Boomer Walker says: "He's three times a better play-er than he was last year, just on experience. Brad is going to be as good as he wants to be."

Jake Draeger

Height: 60
Weight: 180
Bata/throws: R/R
Hometown: Oak Grove, Minn,
Scoutling report: Like most of
CSI's freshmen, Draeger will
fight for innings out of the
builten. Walker will look for

Draeger to continue to improve his consistency to become one of the Golden Eagles' top

relievers.

Coach Boomer Walker says:
He's a competitive kid. He's
just going to have to be more
consistent to really fill a huge
role for us.

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Nik Gumeson

Weight: 190
Bats/throws: R/R
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Coach Boomer Walker says:

"When he learns to kind of let the game come to him instead of forcing himself on it, he could be the best player on our





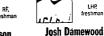
Travis Reynolds

Travis Reynolds
Height: 63
Weight: 185
Bats / throws: R/R
Homotown: Ren, Nov.
Scouting reports Reynolds finished his senior season at
McQueen High School with a
334 patting werage, 55 runs
scored and 32 RBis. He was
named to Nevanda S Class 44
Al-State Third feam. He will be
a goto pinch hitter for CSI.
Coach Boomer Walker says:
He can big synythere in the
lafted and he's great handling
the bat. He'll be a great backup for us.









Nate Carlson

Bats/throws: R/R Hometown: Portland, Ore. Secuting report: Carlson hil .379 with 22 hits in 58 at-bats as a senior at Portland's Central Catholic High School of the Mrt. Hood Conference. Carlson and the Rams made it to the second round of the OSAA Class 4A State Champlooshins chained his sec

Championships during in a serior year.
Coach Boomer Walker says:
"He's real raw and he works very, very herd. He's come a long ways, but he's still got a long way to go to be a good player in our league."



Angel Chapa

Height: 6-2 Weight: 170 Bats/throws Weight: 110
Bats/throws: R/R
Hometown: Iona
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Mike McClaren
Height: 63
Height: 63
Bats / Hrows: R/R
Hometown: Las Vegas, Nev.
Socoting reports McClaren is a
sophomore transfer from the
Community College except on
Southern News received and
interest 3.57 ERA in 23
innings pitched as a feethman.
He was selected by the Tampa
Bay Dewil Rays in the 39th
round of the MLB Droft.
Coseh Boomer Walker agys:
"Mike may not have as much
talent as the other (starters),
but he's probably a little more
polished pitchingwise."

Willie Pratt

Height: 60
Weight: 180
Bats/throws: S/R
Hometown: Taylotsville, Ulah
Scouting report: Praft was
named to the Class 5A AllUlah Second Team as a senior.
After being recruited as a
reserve infedder, he worked his
way into the starting lineup
with solid work throughout the
fall.

fall.

Coach Boomer Walker says:
The one thing Willie's the best at is he doesn't accept failure. He finds a way to do something about it and is extremely competitive.

season with a 7-0 record.
Coach Boomer Walker says:
"He's a big, huge kid who
throws the ball really hard and
has good stuff. I think he's just
relied more on talent than
being able to pitch."

Trent Johnson

Height: 6-1
Weight: 190
Bats/throws: R/R
Hometown: Idaho Falls
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Been one of the tynchpins of
the Idaho Falls Higs School
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All Falls
American Legion Clisss Al
teams over the past three
years. He was named to the
All Region Four-Five-Six First
Team as a senior pitcher and
third baseman.

RHP/18,

Shay Conder

Height: 6-3 Weight: 195 Bate/throws: R/R Weight 195
Bats/throws: R/R
Hometown: American Fork, Utah
Socuting sport: Conder Iransferred from the Community
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Justin Smith

Height: 5-11 Weight: 180 Bats/throws: R/R Hometown: Pleasant Grove,

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Jason Oatman

Integrate OV
Weight 200
Bats / throws: L/L
Hometown: Great Falls, Mont.
Scouting report: Corning from
Montana, Golarian will have to
adjust to the ability feel of
SWAC hitters to be a regular
contributor out bf the bullion
for CSI. He will be called upon
to pitch against left-handed
batters in key situations.
Coach Boomer Walker anys:
"He's a stifke thrower, b competitive giv, At this levol, I'd
say hat's kind of a crafty lefty,
the doesn't have great stuff,
but he's got good stuff."





Jeff Hutton

Height: 60 Weight: 205 Bats/throws: L/R ***metown: North Delta, B.C..** ***unton most

counterwin: North Detta, B.C., Canada
Scooting report: Hutton most recently played for the North-Detta Blue Jays of the British Columbia Premier Baseball League, helping fils team to a 36-14 record and league chemiplonship in 2006. He hit 291 with one home run and 29 RBIs in 176 plate appearances.
Coach Boomer Walker says: "He's a strong, strong, strong kid. Our biggest kid we have on the team and he can swing the bast."

Bo Lybeck



James Wallace

Jaimes Wallace
Height: 195
Bats / Hows: R/R
Hometown: Benecia, Calif.
Scouting report: Wallace was one of the 2006 stalf; get or elievers and finished with a 3-2 record with a 2-35 ERA. He struck out an impressive 46 batters in 30
2/3 innings piloted and was selected by the Riorida Mariins in the 37th round of the 2006 MLB.
Draft.







of the CSI. see page B6

Information compiled by Times-News writer

RHP

Adam Umberg

Bath / Harows: R/R Hometown: Alveter, Calif. Socotting report: A 38th-round pick in the 2006 MLB Draft. Umberg was CSIS SYMC Gam 1 startor as a freshman, log-ging a team-high 80 2/3 Innings pictned, bn 84 record and a 2.01 EPA. He mices a solid lowe96 restricting the some of the best breaking richters in the conference.

some of the best breaking pitches in the conference. Ceach Boomer Walter says: "He's An archor on our pitching shalf, He's termendously sterned. He can really pitch and he's improved a lot from test year."

Height: 6-2 Weight: 205 Bats/throws: R/R

Eric Larsen

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Jordan Latham
Height: 6-2
Weight: 190
Bats / Hirower. R/R
Hometown: Boise
Scooting report: Latham estab-lished himself as a top closer in the SWAC in 2006, ying for the most sowe with seven. He finished with a 22 record. 2.17 ERA and 33 stulkeouts in 37 J/S rinnings of word. 1.27 ERA and 35 stulkeouts in 37 J/S rinnings of word. 1.29 mound of the 2006 MIB Draft by the Chicago Coas. Coach Boomer Wilselm of the 1 finished some finished the 1 finished some finished and 1 finished some finished 1 finished some finished 1 finished some finished 1 finished some finished 1 fin

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Bats/Horows: L/R
Hometown: Seleh, Wash,
Scouting report: As a senior catcher for A.C. Devis High in Yakima,
Wash, the left-handed hitting
Lybeck finished with a .394 batting everage and 21 RBIs. He was
named to Washingdrin's Class 4A.
Al/State Honorable Mention team,
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have to find him at-bats whether.

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Kildow earns championship medal, Miller loses super-G title MAGIC VALLEY

ARE, Sweden - Lindsey Kildow whooshed a July 2, swellen — Enricey Rados Wildowske a long sigh of relief after earning her first major championship medal. Bode Miller shrugged after finishing 24th and losing his super-G tide, then fled the scene.

championship medal. Bode Miller shrugged after finishing 24th and losing his super-G tile, then fled the scene.

After a bad crash at the Olympies and a series offourth-place finishes at the last worlds, Kildow finally had a silver medal looped around her neck Tuesday after finishing second to home favorite Anja Paerson in the women's supergiant slalom at the Alpine Skiing World Championship.

Miller, the defending champion, made a series of mistakes and finished IV seconds behind the winner in the men's super-G as the world championships finally opened after three days of vecaher postponements.

Paerson, winless on the World Cup circuit this season after undergoing knee surgery last spring, won the women's race in 1 minute, 18.85 seconds. Kildow, who hit speeds of 62 mph, was second in 11-19.17. Renate Goetschi of Aussria, who has dominated the event on the World Cup circuit this season with victories in three of the five super-G races, won bronze in 1:19.38.

Though sive a seven-time winner on the World Cup circuit, which is a seven-time winner on the World Cup circuit. The American skier was hospitalized overnight after a horrific crash in downhill training at the Turin Games last year. She came back and competed in all four of her events—down-fill, combined, super-G and slalom—but pain limited her performance and her ber result was seventh in the super-G.

At the last worlds in sormel in 2005, Kildow finished fourth in the downhill, combined and team event.

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team event.
Two other American women joined Kildow in the top 10 — Olympic glant stalem champion julia Mancuso was sixth, and Libby Ludlow was

inith.

In the men's race, Italian Patrick Staudacher benefited from an early start number to cover the Olympia course — which was shortened



Bode Miller of he United States races to the 24th place, during the Men's Super-G, at the World Alpine Ski Championships in Are, Sweden, Tuesday.

because of heavy snow on the upper section — in 1:14.30. Austrian Fritz Strobl took silver in 1:14.62. Switzerland's Bruno Kernen was third in

1:14:92.
Miller took a lot of risks on the upper section, then lost almost half a second when he hit a gate with his shoulder on the bottom part of the

FOOTBALL Replay official loses booth job

PORTLAND. Ore: — The Pacific-10 Confenence official who missed a call during the Oklahoma-Oregon game that season has been told he will not return to the job in that capacity. Gordon Riese said he received death threats after a call or an onside kick near the end of the Spei. 16 game that the Ducks won '34-33. Televised replays showly the Sooners recovered that kick, but Riese did not see that angle in the replay book.

that rock, but were as in the replay booth.

Conference officials informed Riese last week that he was relieved of his replay duties. He will remain a Pac-10 technical assistant, making about \$350 a game.

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National and Magic Valley briefs

Bears' Rivera Interviews with Cowboys

Dears Rivera interviews with Cornory and Chicago runway, Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera wondered if icy weather really was delaying his flight to a job interview in Dallas. "There was a vicious rumor going around Chicago didn't want me to leave so they weren't going to let the plane go," Rivera said, laughing. Rivera finally arrived at Cowboys headquaters around 4 p.m. Tuesday. He spoke with reporters before meeting with team owner lerny Jones to discuss the head coaching watanty created when Bill Parcells retired more than two weeks ago.

ated when Bill Farcus remea more sevents ago.
Rivera didn't officially become a candidate until speaking with Jones for a few minutes Monday night. However, hed been expecting the call since Jones decided to hold the job open through Super Bowl week, when Rivera was offinites because he was getting his team ready for the game.

"Just the fact that Mr. Jones waited until now, that bodes well for me," Rivera said.

Redskins' Jansen signs new contract

ASHBURN, Va. — Washington Redskins right tackle Jon Jansen signed a five-year, \$23 million tentract extension Tuesday.

Jansen is the team's longest tenured player and had two years left on his previous contract but he agreed to a new deal that includes more than \$10 million in bonus money. It also gives the Redskins some salary cap relief for the free agency signing period, which begins March 2.

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TWIN FALLS — The 2007 (daho High Schuol Activities — Association — District P V Baseball/Sorthall Rules Clinic will be held Feb. 19 at Ivin Falls High School. The softball clinic will begin at 6 p.m. with the baseball starting at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in unprincip high school baseball or softball during the 2007 season must attend. Each District IV School must also send a coaches' representative. Contact district commissioner Crag Mills at 878-6606 (Burley High School) or 678-7444.

Spring soccer registration nearing

JMIN SALLS — Registration for Twin Falls Parks and Recreation spring soccer will be available Feb. 12 to March 2 at 136 Maxwell Ave. Spring soccer is for hoys and girls grades K-7 and teams usually play twice a week for five weeks, beginning April 9. Game times are 5:30 pm., 5:45 pm., and 7 pm. Fees are \$12-\$20 depending on whether a player needs a jersey. A late fee of \$10 will be added after March 2. Call 736-2265 for more details.

Cal Ripken signups extended

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County Youth Baseball will hold another round of Cal Ripken baseball registration from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8 at the blue recreation building at Hamon Park. Players must be between the ages of 9-12 as of April 30, 2007, and must reside in Twin Falls County.

County.

The cost is \$50 per player and fundraiser participation is required. For more information, call Abby Greenfield at 308-7042 or Bill Merritt at 280-0802.

. — Compiled from staff and wire reports

Glenns Ferry tops Wendell, earns top seed for district

WENDELL — The Glenns Ferry Pilots secured a perfect conference mark and the top seed in the upcom-ing district tournament with a 70-51 victory over Wendell in Canyon Conference boys basketball action

Tuesday.
It was senlor night and the final reg-ular season game of the season for the

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Darrington, who paced Glenns Ferry with a game-high 15 points. "We played well together as a team." It was a fast and furious first quarter

as both teams came out of the game on fire, especially from beyond the 3-point line. The teams combined for six

point line. The teams combined for ex-treys, mest of them from Genns Ferry, Freshman Michael Came had we triple to pace the Pilots to a 23-19 first-quarter edge. Eric Loppez nailed his second trey of the right as the Trojans-pulled within three early in the second. Glenns Ferry stepped up its game. Tanner Shrum that the second cliens Ferry stepped up its game. Tanner Shrum that three straight buckets leading the Pilots on a 12-2 run. "We knew we had to execute the second.

free throws late, but the Troja

38-31 at the half The teams traded buckets for much

The teams traded buckets for much of the third as the scoring slowed. Rob Webb came off the bench to nail a jumper for the Trojans, cutting the deflicit to four, but Darrington, hit another 3-pointer and chipped in a jumper putting Clemas Ferry up by nine heading into the final period. Zach Bay, who paced/Wendel with 12 points, chipped in a pair of buckets to open the fourth as Wendell pulied within eight, but the Trojans would get no closer.

Crane got the assist from Shrum for a three-point play, then chipped in a buckets as the Pilots' lead grew to double digits.

double digits.

The Trojans were forced to go for the steals late and the Pilots took advantage, finding openings on the weak side for easy baskets to pull away down the stretch.

Wendell coach Byon Jarvis said his learn needs to Jearn how you.

"Give credit to Glenns Ferry, they are a tremendous bunch of athletes. At some point we need to learn to win, take care of the ball and seal the deal," said Jarvis.

Glenus Ferry, has two more games

Glenus Ferry has two more games emaining, taking on Buhl and Wood

River later this week.

"We want to end the season with momentum heading into districts," said Darrington. The teams begin Canyon Conference tournament play on Monday as Wendell hosts Valley. The winner will travel to Glenns Ferry on Wednesday.

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Parker, Prescott pace Jerome past Gooding

GOODING — Logan Parker and David Prescott again combined for another big lerome Tigers win, this time 64-46 over the Gooding Senators on Thesday.

Parker netted 14 points with Prescott following with 13 The Tigers went on a tear in the second half by scoring 43 of their 64 points.

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ond half and hit seven of their nine 3 ond half and hit seven of their nine 3-pointers (after intermission)." Gooding head coach Joe Messick sald, "We'll bounce back from this loss and focus on (Sawtooth Central Idaho) conference play and hopefully make a run (at the district tournament)." Senator lyter Bragas seven buckets were all behind the arc for 21 points for the Senators.

Gooding (13-6, 5-2 SCIC) finishes the regular season at Filer on Thursday, Jerome hosts Twin Falls on Friday.

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Valley 63, Carey 52

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HAZEITON — The Valley Vikings have some momentum headed into the Canyon Conference tournament with a 63-52 win over the Carey Panthers on Tuesday.

Senior Mikel Kincaid holsted 26 points for the Vikings, scoring 11 of those in the first half to get Valley off to a strong lead.

a strong leads or night, so it was nice to 'fle was senior night, so it was nice to see him play well. Valley head coach Shawn Moffitt sald. 'We did a lot bet-ter job of not turning over the ball. That was a big factor that should give as a boss (for the tournament). D.J. Simpson and Cody Baird hid double dights for the Panthers, who enter Magic Valley Northside tourna-ment play this week. Valley (5-15, 0-4 Canyon) is finished until they face Wendell in the first round of the tournament on Monday.

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Twin Falls Christian 63

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Christian Warriors kept it close for a half, but the Dietrich Blue Devils pulled away for a 75-63 win on Tuesday night.

Tuesday night.

They played hard the entire game, even towards the end when (the loss) was obvious, "Warriors head coach Frent Walker said.

Tommy Broadfield led with 24 points for a game high. Dietrich's Anthony Pitman paced the Devils with 18.

Warriors, an independent team, will participate in the Northwest Christian Schools Tournament beginning Monday, Feb. 19, in Pasco, Wash.

Hagerman 2. Lighthouse Christian O, forfeit

JEROME — Due to a scheduling conflict, the Lighthouse Christian Lions forfeited their Magic Valley Southside Conference game against the Hagerman Pirates on Tuesday night. The Lions fall to 5-9 in conference

play and will next see action again in the Southside tournament this week-

Hagerman takes the No. 1 seed into

Richfield 56, Camas County 37.

RICHFIELD — In a preview of a irst-round matchup at the Magic /alley Northside tournament, lichfield hammered Camas County

Richfield hammered Camas County 56-37 Tuesday, The 15-5 Tigers (10-2 conference) take the No. 2 seed into the confer-ence tourney, while Camas County (4-12, 2-10 conference) will be the sev-enth seed.

Shayne Buckner keyed Richfield in the win, scoring 22 points and hitting four 3-pointers. Bralden Buckner added 12 points and Tel Clark had

Ben McLain scored 10 for the Mushers. Thursday's rematch is slated to tipoff at 8 p.m. at Shoshone High School.

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Castleford 64, Hansen 62

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HANSEN — Zach Kline scored 26
points and Castleford held off a
fourth-quarter Hansen rally for a 6462 win Tuesday.

Spencer Vulgamore added 14 for
the Wolves, who led by nine entering,
the final period. The Huskles came
back and had a chance to take the
lead in the final minute but came up
empty.

empty.
"We panicked," said Hansen coach
Mike Pfeiffer. "We didn't get the shot
we wanted or the shot we needed."
Hyrum Stanger scored 18 for
Hansen, while Josh Hathaway added

12.
Castleford (11-3) will be the No. 2 seed in the Magic Valley Southside Conference tournament, which begins Thursday at Murtaugh High School. Hansen (14-5 overall) ends conference pily at 9-5 and will likely be the No. 3 seed.

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Oakley 58, Murtaugh 56

MURTAUGH — Oakley outscored Murtaugh in the fourth quarter, for an impressive 58-56 victory over Murtaugh Murtaugh held a 51-28 lead after the third quarter, before their 30-5 implosion in the fourth. Murtaugh coach Adam Johnson was discourant with the ment of the state of the

Mirataga Cosen Adam Johnson was discouraged with the result.
"We just cannot get a lead and hold on to it," Johnson lamented. "Colton Bedke hurt us from the 3-point line. We will have to continue to improve our defense, going into the tournament."

ment."

Bedke punmeled Muraugh with five 3-pointers, and a total of 25 points for Oakley, Josh Greenwell and Cole Washburn added eight points apiece for the Hornets.

The Red Devils were paced by Jesus Cabral with 19 points, Jose Saucedo with 16 points, and Bryant Bishoff who added 14 points for Muraugh. Muraugh (11-7, 8-6) will next play in the district ourrament. Thursday night in Murtaugh.

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Bliss 48, Shoshone 36

SHOHSONE — In the final regular-eason game of the year, Bliss toppled

Mike Faulkner came up trumps to

Mike Faulkier came up freinips for the Bears with 16 points, along with Eli Gough and Adam Burk who both scored 11 points each for Bliss. Shoshone coach Larry Messick said 'the story of the game was the bit tree (Gough, Burk, Faulkier) for Bliss. We just did not handle them defensively.

Bluss, we pro-defensively."

Zach Shull posted 11 points, lead-ing the Indians, and Topher Dayton followed with eight points. Shoshone (6-14, 3-9) will again face Bluss, this time in the Northside dis-trict tournament.

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Raft River 51.

Magic Valley Christian 46
TWIN FALLS — Raft River four

TWIN FALLS — Raft River fought off Magic Valley Christian 51-46. With a couple minutes remaining, the game was within one point for Magic Valley Christian. Raft River was able convert their free throw attempts to keep Magic Valley Christian at a distance. Cody Powers powered the Trojans with 20 points, while Bridger Barrett

Brunden Van Esch, with 12 points, and Drew Relisma, with 11 points. Magic Valley Christian will face the number one seed Hagerman in the apcoming district tournament. The game will be held in Murtaugh, Thursday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

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Wrestling Burley tops Buhl

BUFIL — Buthl senior Jake Bushy carned a pin on the Indians' senior night, but his team didn't have enough in a-48-19 dual loss to Burley Tuesday, Busby pinned Burley's Kory Orthman in their 215-pound match, but the Bobcats got pins from Justin Graham (125 pounds) and Corbin Bowers (189) and use six forfeits to finel the win.

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Teams split at tri-meet

GLENNS FERRY — Gooding, Valley and Glenns Ferry tangled Tuesday in a trl-meet with Gooding and Valley earning a 30-30 draw, while Glenns Ferry beat Valley and Gooding top-pled Glenns Ferry.

Gooding Most of the lightweight rounds (103-125 pounds) were dou-

Gooding Most of the Inginweght Tomins (TID-12) politists were dou-ble forfeits. Glenns Ferry wrestled with its best effort of the year, which Pilots coal Kelly Riggs was pleased to see.— "Glenns Ferry gave their best effort of the year, which is good to see going into districts," said Riggs, Taylor Owen (140) picked up two wins for the Pilots, including one pin. Bryce Polither (152) picked up two pins for Gooding, along with Justin Precin (160). Cody Poole (171) had one decision and pin for the Senators. Starring for Valley was Skylar Kuntz (130), picking up two pins on the night, as, did They Hogges (215). Glenns Ferry will next wrestle in Wendell at the district tournament next Desday.

Bulldogs overpower Wildcats

Jerke matched Marvins 13 points and added seven rebounds and sophomore Jared Mumm fol-lowed with eight boards and six points. Seniors Mitch Dame had 10 points, including a pair of 3-pointers and Jason Mumm

ricesed in nine points on senior night for the Bulldogs. "We had to win this one," said Dame playing in his final home

game.
The other Kimberly senior,
Todd Adamson had seven of the
19 Bulldogs' steals and three

points.
"Everyone is really playing together and we finished hard which will push us going into districts," said Adamson.

For the Wildcats, senior Casey lurray scored a team-high 12 oints.

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"Kimberly is a great team, but we just turned the ball over too many times," sald Filer assistant coach jay Silver. "We had some good moments but the turnovers over shadowed them. We still think that if we can gel together, we will surprise a lot of people and they will see how good we can be."

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Minico grapplers gear up for postseason

RUPERT - With the district RUPERT — With the district wrestling tournament a week away, the Minico Spartans took a step toward being ready, to compete on a higher level, beating Preston 42-34 in Wednesday's dual at Minico High School.

71 think we're coming around," said Minico coach Brad Cooper. We have to get them together for regional and state and I still think we have a good shot. We have to be peak-

In gat the right time."
Minico's Andrew Uhl helped
spark the Spartans' energy in
the second match of the right,
earning a plin at 103pounds.

T came out a little
cold, but after the first
round I was ready to
go," Uhl said.
"Whoever wrestles first
kind of sets the pace, and once go," Uhl said.
"Whoever wrestles first
kind of sets the pace, and once
we get rolling, it's hard to stop
us,"

us, David Burgara earned a pin for Minico at 125 pounds, fol-lowed by Jake Hruza's 4-2 deci-

sion at 130.

After giving up back-to-back pins at 135 and 140. Josh control to the parans back on track with a 7-4 decision that was stopped several the stopped several word dworn down, the stoppage) can hurt you because he gets to rest. Capier said. "But it can help you, too, to rest a lited bit. I worked hard on my feet to create openings to take him down. I thought the difference

Case Hruza picked up a pin at 160-pounds for Minico. The Spartans also benefited from three Preston forfeits. "Preston is always tough."
Cooper said. "They're wellcoached and they seem to
have a good group every year."



o's David Burgara, right, grapples with Preston's Skyler J. 125-pound match Wednesday at Minico High School. Bur

Barber plans to stay busy after NFL retirement

HONOLULU (AP) — This Bather will end his football career much like it began when he was 8 years old — with a wide grin and as teammates with his twin brother. The Pre Bood on Saurday will be the final game for Barber, who is criting after 10 seasons with the New York Giants. Ilis brother Bronde, from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, is a cornerback on the NFC team.

"It's like a family vacation paid for by the NFL" said Barber, who gues out as the NFL's raid Barber, who gues out as the NFL's raid Barber, who gues out as the NFL's and Barber, which was not a standard the has no second thought as the said the has no second thought as the NFL's weight the parameters and the said was not a standard to the said the has no second thought as the said the has no second thought as the said the said

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"It's exciting, really, because I had a great career and it ended on my terms," he said. "I wasn't carried of the field on a stretcher. I didn't sustain a major injury that prevented me from doing what I love to do. Now I get to do stimething else."

tlis only regret is not being able to win a Super Bowl. He played in the game in 2001 when the Glaints were beaten by the Baltimore Ravens.

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Barber rushed for 371 yards in the final two games alone, includ-ing a team-record 234 yards in a win over Washington that earned the Giants a playoff berth. I "I like the saying, 'Mways leave them wanting more. Leave too

Unlike previous years, it took until about Friday for Barber to

"You start to realize this is a young man's game. This is for guys

who can get hit, knocked up, beat up and be fine on Tuesday, 'the sald.
Barber, one of the NFLS most personable players, nearly retired after the 2005 season when he ran for a team-record 1,850 yards. He returned for another year because the thought the team was talented enough to win the Super Bowl. While the Glaints showed signs of being a Super Bowl contender by poening 6-2, they struggled with off-field bickering and team chemistry while stumbling into the possession with an 8-8 record.

"The circumstances of certino-

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"The circumstances of geting beat up, losing the passion a little bit for it, told me it was time to do something else," he said. Barber will keep busy, ite's already building a career in TV broadcasting. He plans to spend more time with his two young sons. Al, and Chason, and write more children's books, with one targeted at adolescents sched-uled to be released this year.



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usch Series championship driver, Sam Ard, drives short trips to the store for his wife and when he goes his dog 'Putt Putt' is always with him; Thursday in mpileo, S.C. Unlike veterans of other sports, Sam Ard has no pension to fall back on.

With no pension plan, NASCAR's first stars are easily forgotten

PAMPLICO, S.C. (AP) — The living room of Sam Ard's hrown doublewide trailer speaks to his short but successful NASCAR career. Trophies surround the fire-place and crowd its manuel, Plaques and pictures dot the living room walls.

What's not there speaks to Ard's life after NASCAR, the two championship rings and a handful of grandfather clocks from Martinsville. Speedway that he sold because "we was running short on cash."

Unlike veterans of other sports, Ard has no pension to fall back on.

As the booming stock-car as series built by men such as Sam Ard heads to Daytona luternational Speedway this week to kick office 50th season. NASCAR remains the only major-league sport without a pension plan.

"You can drive for NASCAR.

You can drive for NASCAR. but when it's over, it's over. You get nothing," Ard said. "When you fall out of racing or some-

get nothing, Aut said, when you fail out of racing or something happens to you. It seems like MSCALP just forget about you. It's Your friends and the people around the race track who have to remember you and keep you goling.

Other leagues have pensions, Ioday's O-year wteram in hasholl will receive a staffigere annual payout beginning at age 62. Even middle-of-the-road professional golfess can pile up millions under the PGA Tour's deferred-compensation plan, which puts money away for players based on performance.

An NFL player, with six sea-

or purpose Gased on performance.

An NFL player with six seasons between 1998 and 2003 will get about \$2,500 a month beginning at age 55, and the NIA. has a similar plan, The NIB. contributes about \$45,000 per year to retirement accounts for veterans. The ATP and WTA tours make annual contributions averaging between \$7,500 and \$9,500 to retirement accounts for each

Running on empty

At a time when nearly every other major sport has a pension plan for its athletes, NASCAR leaves its drivers on their own when their careers end LEAGUE PENSION PLAN

Beginning at age 62, current players with 10 or more years of service receive \$180,000 per year. Players are vested after 43 days on a major

tennis player.

NASCAR's policy always has been that its drivers are "independent contractors" who pendent contractors who bear full responsibility for their health care, retire

ment and life insurance.
Few In NASCAR are arguing for a fund to help today's driv-ers, who make millions from ers, who make millions from team contracts and even more from race purses and merchandise sales. Jeff Gordon, the sport's all-time money leader, has won. a record \$22,365,716 through 14 full seasons and isn't sure what the responsibility should be. WASCAR go broke like some other companies out there with pension plans have done, said the four-time Nextel Cup champion. We all need to be responsible for our actions.

But if NASCAR wants to argue it rivals other sports in popularity, Gordon said offi-cials shouldn't be surprised when drivers ask for similar

when drivers as the subsensits.

"We are now competing with the NFL basketball, the NFL Gordon said. "And so, should we be compared to them on every level? And when it comes to this subject, there is no comparison. I mean, I don't

even think we are on the

Old-timers have lobbied for years for some sort of fund to help repay the men, like Ard, who contributed to the sport

who contributed to the sport and now are struggling to make ends meet. "It would almost cost nothing," said Jack Ingram, the 1985 Busch champion. "It wouldn't be many people that's not wealthy that contributed a lot to this sport, but they're... destitute, (Ard's) a NASCAR champion; he's living in a trailer house, it shouldn't be that way."

Ard, two-time Busch Series

Ard, two-time Busch Series champion has Alzheimer's, lo, his wife of 46 years, has a degenerative eye disease that's slowly stealing her sight.

Between Surela Security, Sam's veterans benefits and what lo picks up cleaning houses, the Ards bring, in roughly \$1.500 a month. After the mortgage payment of \$24.50%, or insurance on Ards 1993 Ford Ranger, utilities, phone and cable, there's only about \$12.3 left.

They don't advertise their

out \$123 left. They don't advertise their oblems or complain. Even individual members of the NASCAR community stepped up to help.

From the desk near the fire-place Io Ard pulls out a letter from Dade Earnhardt Jr. and Kevin Harvick that circulated through the NASCAR commu-nity late last year and recently was forwarded to her. She's a proud woman, su showing it to a stranger isn't easy. "To All: "Many of you may not be

"To All:
"Many of you may not be aware that one of NASCAR's pioneers and champion. San Ard, is in very poor health and dire straits. ... If it warn't for men like San, none of or would be able to enjoy the lifestyle we live toda; We all do charriy work and give back to the community, this time it's one of our own." of our own

If lo Ard had her way, the let ter wouldn't exist, and she and her beloved "Sammy" wouldn't

her beloved 'Sammy' wouldn't need handouts. Although some inside NASCAR — specifically president Mike Helton and spokesman Jim Hunter— have given financial assistance on a case-by-case basis, they aren't prepared to fund a pen-sion.

"I think the biggest detri-"I think the biggest detri-ment to a persion plan, aside from the fact that they are not NASCAR employees, 'is trying to decide who would pay for it and what the eligibility factors, would be." I thinter said. "I low many years would you go back? To 1948? Or would you start in the 50s? Or the 60s? Or the 70s? There's a lot of issues the 70s? There's a lot of issues that would need to be figured

out."
Tony Stewart, a two-time
Cup champion who routinely
dips into his own pocket to
quietly support the old-timers,
believes NASCAR could do

believes NASCAR could do more to help.

"I'm not going to say they have the responsibility, but it'd sure be nice." Stewart said.

Part of the problem is there's no way to gauge how many drivers are in need, 'or who would be eligible if a plan evisted.

Celtics suffer 15th consecutive defeat

AUBURN HULLS, Mich.— Chauncey Billups scored 24 points and Antonio McDyess added 18 highs 20 minutes to help the Detroit Pistons hand the Boston Celies other 15th straight loss. 109-102 on Tuesday night.

The Celies, who extended the worst losing streak in franchise history, bavent won since a 128-119 victory in Memphiso and m. 5. They bave allowed at least 100 points in five straight games.

allowed at least 100 points in five straight games. Boston also had to send forward Paul Pierce home with an infected left ellow. Pierce, who has missed Boston's last 25 games with a foot injury, is expected to be hospitalized for at least two days, which will push his pos-sible return back past the All-Star break. Star break. Ryan Gomes led Boston

Knicks 102, Clippers 90

Knicks 102, Cuppers Su-NEW YORK Stephon Mathary scored 12 of his 15 points in an early second-balf run that overwhelmed the Clippers and turned the game around for New York. Jamal Crawford and Eddy Curry each scored 23 points to lead New York, which shot ponly and defended wurse in the first two quarters before controlling the second balf of its second consecutive victor.

New York never led in the first half and trailed by as much as 12. But the Knicks stormed out of haltitine with a 24-4 spurt. Elton Brand had 22 points and 13 rebounds for the

Rockets 98, Grizzlies 90

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Tracy McGrady scored 33 points and had eight assists to lead the Rockets over the Grizzlies. Houston won for the sixth



through the defense of Boston Celtics defenders Wally Szczerbiak, left, and Sebastian Telfair during

time in the last seven game's while Memphis, which has the worst record in the NBA, has lost three straight. Pau Gasol led Memphis with 30 points and 13 rebounds.

Bucks 116, Magic 111

MHAVAUKEE — Ruben Patterson scored 14 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter and the struggling Milwaukeg Bucks beat Orlando to snap a four-game Insing struk. sing streak. The Bucks won their sev-

The Bucks wan their several straight at home against the Magic but have still lost 5 of their ket 18 jugames over all, in part because Michael Bedd remains sidelined with a sprained felf knee.
Fart Boykins had 24 points, Charlie Villanerura 22 and Charlie Felf 20 for the Bucks. Dwight Howard had 21 points and 11 rebounds for the Magic.

— The Associated Press.

BYU wins fifth straight

LARAMIE. Wyo. — Keena Young scored 29 points to help Brigham Young beat Wyoming 77-73 Tuesday. BYU (18-68-9-2 Mountain

West Conference) trailed through the first three-quar-ters of the game. Midway through the second half. Mike Rose made two 3-pointrs toward a 14-4 run that put

HYU alread.

Wyunning (13-11, 4-6) came back within three points but lost at the free throw line. The Cougars outstot the Cowboys 22-16 on free throws.

Wyunning led 34-31 at the half.

half.
After Young, Trent Plaisted scored 13 points and had seven rebounds for BYU. Rose added 12 points and Lee Cummard 10.

Wyoming was led by James Spencer's 23 points, while Brad Jones had 21.

No. 3 Ohio State 76.

Michigan 63 COLUMBUS, Ohio — Mike

Conley Ir. scotted a career-high 23 points and Greg Oden created havor at the delen-sive end to lead No. 3 Otho State past Michigan 76-83 on Inseday night. Conley was a constant for the Buckeyes (21-3, 9-1 Big Ten) as Oden battled foul rouble and sat out 10 / min-utes of the second half.

San Diego St. 62, No. 15 Air Force 41

No. 15 Air Force 41 FAN DIEGO — Mohamed Ahukar scored 16 points, and San Diego State beat No. 15 Air Force for 16: Birth with against a ranked team in more than five years.

The defending Mountain West Conference champion Aztees (16-7, 3-4) have won three straight. Air Force (20-4, 7-3) lost for the third time in six games.

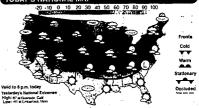
7-3) lost for the third time in six games.

The Falcons got off to a horrible start and never recovered. They never led and field the game only once, at 10-all.

- The Associated Press

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY "Life is like riding a bike, it is impossible t maintain your balance while standing still."

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CSI baseball

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sophomore catcher Grant Vickers said. "We've got the 40 wins as a same goad, but we didn't really accomplish what we wanted to accomplish last year. I think we've got a group that can do it this year."

The next group

While a pitching staff that fin-ished with a SWAC-best 2-11 team FlA grabbed headlines in 2006, CSI's offense emerged as the con-regence's best, leading the league in 11 of 21 major offensive cate-gories, including runs scored, his and slugging percentage. Though Walker lost do-every-thing leadoff man Ken Fuglend to graduation, a number of main-

thing leadoff man Ken Fugerud-tograduation, a number of main-stays in CSI's offense return. Foremost among them is Kveder, who hit .30 with 32 runs scored and 18 RBIs as a freshman. After playing as CSI's regular third baseman last year, Kveder will spit time between third and the outfield, and move into the important position as CSI's No. 3 batter.

"He has a chance to be one of our best offensive players in a long time," Walker said. I know we had Kenny Fuglerud last year who did a lot for us. Kveder will be that same type player stat-wise but he'll have more power num-

Also returning for CSI will be a Also returning for CSI will be a pair of last year's regulars in shortstop/third baseman Nik Gumeson and right fielder Brad Mady. Both were among CSI's top Bill men last year and will look to improve their production as key soßhomore components to Walker's batting order. Soghomore catcher Grant Vickers will fill the shoes his brother Jeff's gaduation left behind the plate. Grant Vickers hit 333 in 39 at bats as a freshman and will be called upon to be one of the lead-

bass as a trestman and will be called upon to be one of the lead-ers of this year's team.

"Grant is a guy who can just do so much for us without a ton of God-given talent," Walker said.
"He's a great leader and a great ratcher."



CSI redshirt sophomore Ion Hagen watches on from the home dugout dur-ing Saturday's practice.

became evident to us that we've got to find a way to get this guy in the lineup." Walker said. 'Defensively, offensively, and just competing and everything, he's put himself in a position to start as our opening; day shortstop." Hard-hitting left-handed batter leff Hutton will play first, alone

as our opening-cay snorstop.

Hard-hinty left-handed batter
leff Hutton will play first, along
with Idaho Falls native Trent
Johnson, who will also plich for
CSI. Travis Reynolds will be used
as a backup on the corners, as
well as one of CSI's go-to-plinch
hitters.

Vickers is joined behind the
plate by freshman Bo Lybeck and
sophomore transfer from the
Community College of Southern
Nevada. Shay Conder.

"I think one strength is that we
all really get along good." Kweder
said. "As a team, I think we're ald
lived of Foessed on the same goal,
and that's winning the region,
ultimately."

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Trant is a great leader and a great
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Sophomore A.J. Rucker also
reciums for CSI and will look
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Mady will be joined in the CSI
outfield by freshmen Cory Grove,
leff. Ridgeway. Jed HansonMickelson and Nate Carlson.
That group will give CSI a solid
balance of speed and fielding
ability, while Hanson-Mickelson
will also see time as a relief pitch
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from throughout his staff if he's going to get the same type of numbers last year's group put up. "I think collectively as a group, we should be about that same thing," Walker said. "I really do."

The new look

With Dixie State's departure to the NCAA Division-II ranks. CSIA 40-game SWAC schedule will be split between meetings with Western Newada, Southern Newada, Salt Lake Community College, the College of Eastern Urah and Colorado Northwestern Community College. Those late-season showdrowns with the rival Rebels are a thing of the past, which is something Walker has mixed feelings about.

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"Probably since "97, Dixies" beaten us out of the championship game about five or six of those years. Walker said. They're a team we hate to lose to, but at the same hearth you say. If those guys worent around in six of those years, we're palnting more years on our World Series board here at the field.

"That was always really enjoyable (to play them) but it seems like they came out on top too many times."

CSI and the two Nevada teams may be the frontrunners to take the conference title, but the Golden Eagles know how unpredictable the SWACs four-game weekends can be. With eight games against each conference opponent scheduled, keeping focus through the ups and downs will be key.

"We just have to make sure that we don't come out and think we're too good for Salt Lake and Colorado and CFU, because they can always put up wins in this league." Vickers said. We need to win and successing will be key.

That seedling will be important as the Region 18 Tournament format has also changed, with the top two seeds hosting the furthere-day round from May 3-5, with the overall top seed left host-oit-tize championship round the following weekend. Those three-game weekends will almost seen a breeze after the grueling regular-season schedule, tespecially when you don't have everybody that's been through it." Walker said. "You don't understand how difficult it is to to law four emerced.

"You don't understand how diffi-cult it is to play four games against the same team for 10 straight weeks. One bad weekend can basically put you out of the running."

Only 14 weeks separate the Golden Eagles from the Inal Region 18 Championship game on May 12. And only then will the Golden Eagles know if they've made that next step.

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Scott came to CSI from San Diego midway through the first week of classes during the 1983-81 school year after a California scott told Skip Walker about a shortstop with a cannon of an arm that wasn't academically ready to play at the University of San Diego. Scott was placed at third base as prototypical shortstop lynn VanEvery was named the everyday starter between the bags. But even as VanEvery made silky-smooth stops and fellow Rupert native leff Schow was tearing through opposing pitchers. Skip Walker knew something wasn't right. "The old man, right before regionals said. I just think we could be better if we moved Shell to short, vanEvery to hint, and Schow to center." Boomer Walker said. "Once he did that, they lost one game in like their last 20. I don't knew why he did it. I don't even know why he did it, but it just tealty seek knows why he did it, but it just tealty seek kno

know if he knows why he did it, but it just really gave them more conditutiv.

The elder Walker toyed with the notion of the switch all season, but after a hot start in Arizona, waited until a critical, but late, juncture of the season.

I knew I had to do it all year, and why I waited so long I'm not sure. "Skip Walker said. But then I knew I had to do it. It was like a thunderbold hit me: Oh, this is what I should do. When we did that, everything clicked."

should do. When we did that, everything clicked:
While Scott could have earned MVP honos simply on how often he hit, it was when he hit during the World Series that was so important for the Golden Fagles, Facing San Jacinto College-North (Texas) ace pitcher Dody Rather in one tournament game. Scott blasted one of the first pitches he saw more than 400 feet for a home run. That one hit set the tone of the game, giving CSI confidence against the previously unbeater harder with the dewastating knuckle curve. Every game they had against the people that were supposed to be tough, he was having four hits, five hits, said Boomer Walker, who was a hat boy for the 1984 team. The was unbelievable.
Scott went on to be selected by the New York Yankees in the 1984 Major League Baseball Draft before going on to a successful career in the banking industry and running a hitting school.

Hanks came to CSI after Skip Walker and Sam Saplizio, the man credited for bringing the IUCO World Series to Grand Junction. Had a brief conversation at the fournament. "He was as haker and halves and he always liked the way we played down them." Skip Walker said of Saplizio. The came up to me and said. They folkey out to meet a kid. He's from a real small community. Carbonddle, about 80 miles down the mad, but I think he'd be your type of player." Skip Walker added I Lanks to his 1987 roster, sight unseen. Hanks caught for CSI during his freshman year, despite throwing with an injured shoulder that required offsexons surgery to repair. Hanks spent most critical that the player of the player." Skip Walker said of the player of the pla

NCAA Division II Tournament five times in nine seasons.
Scott and I tanks will be honored along with the rest of the Golden Anniversary.
Team during a ceremony at the World Series; Skip Walker said he plans on attending saying hell "be the first to shake their hands." "Those are two guys that one, will always be remembered here, and two, I owe a lot for. Skip Walker said. "Because they showed us the way. That's what you look for every, year, is a guy hat will show you the way by what he does."

CSI coachés

Jim 'Skip' Walker

JIM "SKIP" Walker Is widely considered the father of CSI baseball and compiled a record of 1,061.407 as the program's manager. He took CSI to the national title to 1984, and finished in the top five at the NICAA World Series three other times.

Senes three other times. Walker was the hitting coach for the 1980 U.S. Olympic team and coached the U.S. Junior Olympic team in 1987-88. Walker, who played three years in the Philadelphia Philles' farm system, has ceeched 28 all Americans.





Justin 'Boomer' Walker

Lustin 'Boomes' Walker
Career highlights: Walker led
the Golden Eages to a 41.39
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the nation in 2006 and
brought CSI to the finals of
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CSIs manager, the Golden
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of Louisiana-Morroe).





David Carter

Career highlights: Carter's
Golden Eagles pitching staff put
up one of the better seasons in
program history in 2006. The
Golden Eagles finished with a
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Carter played at CSI in 1986.87,
concilies a 6.2 month as a compling a 62 record as a freshman and a 9-3 mark during his all-region sophomore year. He went on to play at the his all-region sophomore year. He went on to play at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas before playing professional bas ball for two years. He then for two years. He then
ef on to the coaching ranks
stops at Southern Utah
ersity, the College of Eastern
than Valley State College,
a prior stint at CSI in 1995.

ON YOUR TABLE AND IN YOUR SPACE . TIMES NEWS

A home at its

WEDNESDAY

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Another day at the



Members of the hospitality crew wait on the College of Southern Idaho student chefs as they put finishing touches on Desert Cafe lunch specials.

Culinary students practice running a restaurant kitchen

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — This is no cafeteria. The pork tenderloins are likely to be flavored The pork tenderloins are likely to be flavored with white wine, shallots and garlic and grilled with a rosemary sprig. The dollops and spring-kles of garnish will be just so. The vegetables, artistically arranged.

And no slops or drips on the edges of the

plates.
The College of Southern Idaho culinary s dents who operate the college's Desert Cafe two days a week put as much effort into presentaas creation

tion as creation.

"When a person sees their food, that's the first
thing," student Shandi Severe explained on a
recent Thursday morning, as she and her second-year culinary classmanes prepared the
day's dishes, "Food catches your eye first before you get the taste

Half an hour before the scheduled start of serving, Severe and student Jeff McCaskill fied serving, Severe and student felf McCaskill tuck rosemary onto pork tenderionis while others tended stovetop pots, washed dishes or set out servings of apple tart. That day, the seven stu-dents and their instructor expected to feed 50 or 60 people — the Desert Cafés regular funch crowd plus a group of 30 Twin Falls High School



And that day was only their second time to work on the Desert kitchen's newly installed gas appliances — ranges, ovens, griddles, broilers. Those heat faster than the electric appliances

LEFT: Student Michele Bryan listens to CSI culinary instru tor Michael Johnson's tips

RIGHT: Students carefully fill bowls with sweet potato and leek before the soup is whisked away Ian 25 at th



they replaced, so the students are learning to adjust their timing. "You have to learn to kind of keep an eye on

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DEATH BY C-HOCOLATE

Recipes that wowed the crowd

By Virginia S. Hutchins

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Times-Nown writer

TWIN FALLS — Eager to please a chocolate lover? You can't go wrong with duese recipes. They've already won the hearts of hundreds of Magic Valley chorolotics.
Gretchen Black's Smores and More cookies and Blue Lakes Country Club's Sour Cream Brownies took home best-chocolate-cookie and best-brownie homoris, respectively, from the florary Club of Twin Falls's Second annual Death By Chocolate charity fundaniser.
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SMORES AND MORE

t cup butter 3 ounces bittersweet chocolate 3 ounces milk chocolate 2 cups brown sugar 3 eggs 1 teaspoon vanilla 1 teaspoon vanua 1 1/2 cups flour 1/2 teaspoon salt Cararnel Mini marshmallows 12-15 graham crackers

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 15-by-10-by-1-inch sheep pan, line the bottom with a piece of wax paper, then butter and flour the wax paper-lined pan. Mort the butter and both choolses over low heat. Bettove from heat and stir in 1 cup of the brown squar. Life cook. Line the bottom of the pan with graham grackers.

The the bottom of the pan wan grainan crackers.
Beat eggs and remaining 1 cup of hown sagar until light and bolly, Beat in vanilla. Silt together flour and sail. Sir the egg mature into the coolect chocales until it just combines. Alis in the flour mixture. Scrape the batter into the greated and floured pan. Smooth with a spatula, Roil of the control of the pan. Smooth with a spatula, Roil out examined and by with so fearanted over the batter.

Bake until there is a little jiggle in the center of the pan, about 20 or 25minutes. Pall out of the went and cover with mini marshmallows; return pan to oven until marshmallows; star to hown, about 5 minutes. Cool and cui into pieces.

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Class takes the

mystery out of wine

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BUILDING YOUR KITCHEN SKILLS

Learn the secrets of **Dutch** ovens

GOODING — Eager to ven-ture into cast-iron cooking? Here's your chance. A Dutch oven cooking class will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Feb. 19 at the College of Southern Idaho's North Side Center.

Center
Instructor Colleen Sloan will share a taste of history while teaching participants how the common control of the collection of the

To register, call 334-8678 or stop by the center at 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding.

A little help mastering aphrodisiacs

TWIN FALLS — Here's a date for you and your durling on the big day. Karen and Adari Johnson (Karen and Adari Johnson (Cass" from 7 to 9 pm. Feb. 14 at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 14 at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 15 si 535 per person or \$65 per couple. The Johnson will prepare a menu from the bestselling cookbook "interCourses An Aphrodislac Cookbook."

"InterCourses: An Aphrodistac Cookbook."
"This class will be the perfect place for a first date, or to share Valentine's Day with your longtime sweetie," Rudy's class announce-ment said.

ment said.
The evening's menu: Spicy Gilled
Shrimp, Salsa Oaxaqueno. Baked
Shrimp, Salsa Oaxaqueno. Baked
Oysters with Chantolonay Baked
Ruslian Cake and other delleacies.
Karen Johnson has worked in the
food industry for 24 years.
She and her bushand, Adair, own
and operate Ficsta Ole in Kimberly
and Eden.
To sign up, call Rudy's at 733-5477.



Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Never be scared again.
The Community Education Center'at the College of Southern Idaho will offer the nonercedit workshop — Wine Appreciation: Discovering Your Wine Palater from 7 of Pan. Bucadays, Feb. 20 through March 20, a Winlifera Wines, 138 Main Ave. in You Falls.
Guided by Krista Melone of Vinifera Wines, students will take a fun and informative journey into wine appreciation, CSIs amountements aid. They will learn that good wine doesn't have to be expensive and how not to be intimidated when purchasing wine in a store or restaurant. restaurant.
Each class session concludes with a

tasting.
"Wine is for everyday, and this class will
"wine is for everyday, and this class will Wine is for everyday, and this class win help take the mystery out of purchasing and enjoying good quality wine. CSI said. Students must be 21 or older. Cost is \$50, To register, call 742 6342. Or register.

sau. To register, call 732-6442. Or register and pay online at www.csi.edu/commu-nityed.

Recipes

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SOUR CREAM BROWNIES

l cup butter or margarine 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate
--1 cup water
2 cups firmly packed brow

ugar 2 cups unsifted flour 1 teaspoon salt 1 (8-ounce) container sour

ream
2 eggs
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1 cup chopped nuts, option-

For the ganache:
1/2 pound dark chocolate
1/4 cup heavy cream
4 tablespoons Chambord
raspberry liqueur
2 tablespoons cold coffee

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Melt butter and chocolate with water; cool. Combine dry ngredients; set aside.

ingredients; set aside.
In large mixing bowl, beat sour cream, eggs, vanilla and chocolate mixture. Add flour mixture; beat until smooth. Add nuts if desired. Pour into greased and floured 15-by-10-

greased and floured 15-by-10-inch baking pan.

Bake 25 mloutes or until wooden toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool.

For the ganache:
Chop the chocolate into small pieces and place in a metal mixing bowl.
In a medium-size pot, bring the heavy cream to a boil.
Once the cream boils, pour it over the chocolate and mix

Cool the ganache, then add

Other Death By Chocolate winners

oth, creamy nel truffle — a y they regularly and sell at the

dard chocolate cake recipe, but with peppe mint oil and a wee bit of green food coloring added to the butter -cream icing. Death By Chocolate success, she suspected, might make the mint choco-late a more popular

Best unique chocolate dessert: Cold Stone Creamery, Twin Fells. It Lee, who owns the local franchise with his wife, Nancy, served concoction dubbed Midnight Delight — a combination of Cold tone's chocolate (se cream with chocolate shavings mixed in propolate crise with a lesser of the content of the c

the Chambord and coffee. Mix.

To assemble the brownie:
Cut the cooled brownie into
2 equal parts. Place the
ganache on top of one of the
sections (reserving some
ganache for icing) then top
with the other section. Place
the brownie into the refrigerator to set the chocolate.
Once the prownie has sor

cut into desired portions and place on a wire rack. Using the remaining ganache, ice the brownies by using a spoon and pouring the ganache over them.

Allow to set, then serve.

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Persian omelet a quick, easy dish

In the 28 years Washington resident Najmich Batmanglij has been teaching master classes in Persian cooking, variations on the kuku have remained simple, popular options for het stuku have remained simple, popular options for het stuku have remained simple, popular to madertake.

The kuku (pronounced like the bird) is a type of baked, puffed orneiet that, depending on how much fine you have to make it, can feature pontoes, onions, eggplant, green peas,

make it, can leature potatoes, onions, eggplant, green peas, garlic — even pistachios. Like Italian frittatas or Middle Eastern eggahs, kukus can be served hot or cold as an appe-tizer, side dish or light main

Battmanglij, author of five cookbooks, says she's particu-larly fond of cooked cauliflower kuku and green bean kuku and keeps some in her refrigerator for snacks or side dishes. She makes herb kuku in the

She makes herb kuku in the spring for the Perslan New Year. This adapted recipe is one of the quickest and easiest among the kukus in her 'New Food of Life' (Mage, 1992). Yogurt gives the mixture body and a creamy texture; safron pumps up the eggs bright and sunny color. While the kukus in the oven, compose a salad of blood orange or grapefruit sections, avocado slices and a citrus juice vinaligrette. Serve with bread.

YOGURT KUKU

4 servings

2 to 3 tablespoons oil

1/4 teaspoon saffron threads 1 tablespoon just-bolled

vater
5 eggs
1 / 12 teaspoons flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground
hlack pepper
1/3 cup snipped chives (may
substitute 1/2 cup finely
teopped scallons, white and
tender green parts)
1 large carrot, peeled_and
grated

grated
1/2 cup Greek style low-fat
plain yogurt (may substitute
1/2 cup low-fat or nonfat plain
yogurt, drained for at least 30
minutes), plus more for garnish
1 to 2 teaspoons blanched
stivered almonds

Pour the oll fino an 8-inch buding dish, Place the dish on the overl's middle rack and pre-heat the over to 350 degree. While the oil is heading, com-bine the saffron and water in a medium bowl, stirrio to reak up the threads, Add the saffron saffron and water in the saffron and saffron and saffron design, stirring to com-side the saffron and saffron and saffron design, the saffron and saff and almonds, stirring to com-bine. Pour the egg mixture into the olled baking dish and bake fpr 20 to 25 minutes, until the center is just set. Divide por-tions among individual plates and top with a dollop of plain yogurt. Serve hot or warm.



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Sofrito adds depth, flavor to easy black bean soup

A vegetable-based softito-coacis just long enough to pro-ject a bright stepth of flowr to this quick histe bean soup. He cause you'll be using a food processor to purce half the soup mixture, use it to prep the bell peppers and galic before-hand. It will save time without compromistigateutire. Serve with a mound of rice in the middle of each soup bowl and, on the side, avocado sitees brightened with a squeeze of time juice. Adapted From "Eating Cuban" by Fleverly Cox and Martin Jacobs "Getwart, Taborot & Chang." vegetable-based sofrito

slices brightened with a squeeze of time fuice. Adapted from "Eating Cuban" by Beverly Cox and Martin Jacobs (Stewart, Taboori & Chang,

PURE DE FRUOLES NEGROS RAPIDO (QUICK BLACK BEAN SOUP)

4 servings

1/4 cup olive oil 1 cup 1/4-inch diced cooked choizizo 1 medium red onion, finely chopped (1 1/2 cups), plus more for garnish 1 small or medium red bell pepper, cored, seeded and cut into chunks

1 medium or 1/2 large green bell pepper, cored, seeded and cut into chunks - 2 to 4 medium cloves garlic,

2 to 4 medium coves game, smashed 2 large sprigs oregano, rinsed and patted dry 1 teaspoon dried oregano 1 teaspoon ground cumin 1 tablespoon light or dark brown sugar 2 tablespoons red wine vine-gar.

Two 15.5 ounce cans black beans (keep separate; rinse and drain the beans from 1

1 cup good-quality low-sodium beef broth or stock, or

nore as needed
Salt (optional)
Coarsely chopped cilantro



leaves, for garnish (optional) Extra-virgin olive oil, for garnish

Line a plate with paper tow-

Line a plate with paper towels.
Heat the oil in: a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the chorizo and brown for 1 to 2 minutes, stirring offen. Transfer to the plate and set aside. Add the onion to the pan and cook for 5 minutes, until it begins to soffen. While the onion is cooking, combine the bell pepper pieces, garlic and the leaves from the oregano sortigs in a food processor. Pulse just until coansely chopped and not to

food processor. Pulse hist until coarsely chopped and not too wet. Transfer the mixture to the pan and add the dried oregano and cumin, stirring to combline. Reduce the heat of minutes, stirring occasionally, until the sofrito is tender and fragrant. Transfer the mixture to a food processor and add the brown sugar, vinegar and I can of the beans with their liquid; process until faility smooth.

of the beans with their lie process until fairly smo Return the mixture to the Return the mixture to the pan and add the remaining black beans (rinsed and drained), the broth or stock and the cooked chorizo. Season with

salt to taste, if desired. If the soup seems too thick, add a lit-tle more broth. Cook over medium to medium-low heat for 6 to 8 minutes.

Divide the soup among indi-vidual bowls and pass chopped cilantro, if desired, olive oil and chopped red onion at the table.



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Tax credits aren't large enough to motivate energy improvements

DEAR JIM: I heard about the new energy tax credits for improvements. How long are they effective, and what home items are covered? Also, will these credits save enough to make it worthwhile to make improvements? improvements?

- Paul N



HOME lames Dulley

DEAR PAUL: You make a good point about the savings from the tax credits. In my opinion, the credits fare not large enough to provide a real incentive for someone to make energy-saving improvements unless they were already planned. Several contractors and manufacturers told me they have not seen a significant increase in sales of efficiency items as a result of the credits. the credits

of efficiency items as a result of the credits.

One problem is people may not realize these are tax credits and not just tax deductions. A tax credit actually reduces your tax bill by the total amount of the credit. A tax deduction reduces just the taxable base, so the actual savings you realize depend upon your specific tax bracket. In the 25 percent bracket, a \$500 tax credit is equivalent to \$2,000 income.

The linergy Policy Act of 2005 covers most typical energy conservation improve-



ments to your home. These include Insulation, replace-ment windows and improve-ments, doors, metal roofing, heating and cooling systems, water heaters, and solar sys-

water heaters, and solar sys-tems.
In most cases, the improve-ments must meet the 2000 IECC (International Energy Conservation Code) specifica-tions.

ons. The energy act was enacted or only two years, so your nergy efficiency improve-

ments must be installed by the end of 2007. With the recent changes in control of Congress, there is a better chance the energy tax credits will be expanded and extended past 2007.

There are limits on the amount of the tax credit depending upon the specific efficiency improvement. Many of the credits are for about 10 percent of the installed cost up to a maximum of \$500. The

percent of the installed cost up to a maximum of \$500. The total tax credit allowed for the

two-year period is \$500.

Using alternative fuels and heating provides the largest tax recitl of 30 percent up to a maximum of \$2,000. These include solar water heating and photovoltales (solar cells) and fuel cells for producing your own electricity at home. Door improvements provide a higher maximum tax credit than, replacement windows even though replacing windows will save more energy. Installing efficient exterior doors and/or storn doors gets a \$500 maximum credit. Installing efficient windows.

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Installing an efficient gas, oil

another \$50.
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Send your inquiries to James Dalley, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dulley.com.

A tasty lunch option

College of Southern Idaho culnary students operate the Desert Cafe — In CSIs
besert Building on the Twin Falls campus
— two days a week. They offer funch from
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and
Thursdays, with first-year students cooking
on Wednesdays and their second-year
counterparts on Thursdays.
The cafe is open for the public.
The menu changes daily as students
employ various skills, but you can count
on salad, soup and sandwiches.



• Cupcake thic Part II: Leave the armon to come up with a gizmo for toding cup-cakes. The Cupcake Courier, designed by leannifer Gunn of Aladena, Calif., is a five-piece molded plastic carrier. It has three stackable truty with 36 compartments, a detachable base and a roomy cover with handle; fully assembled, it is about the size of a potrable sewing. size of a portable sewing machine

unit can be used as a cake carrier. \$32.99; www.cup-cakecourier.com.

- Cupcake chic, Part II: Witton's Silly-Feet! silicone baking cups are reusable and come in a four-piece multi-colored set, \$9.99, available at Michaels craft stores or online at www.michaels.com. at www.michaels.com.

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Cupcake chic, Part III:
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and mini (100-pack, \$1.99)
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A big thank you to the chocolate vendors, companies and individuals who donated to our raffle and silent auction, and to everyone who came!

Desert Cafe

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that thermostat or yoh can scorch whatever you're enoking," culinary student
Donna Jensen stald.

Desert Cafe titners won't notice a difference because of the kitchen remodeling, culinary instructor Michael Johnson
said, but the switch to gas means students will be trained to industry standards—that is, ratined on appliances
like the ones they'll encounter in most
restaurants.

like the ones they'll encounter in most restaurants.
"So far I haven't smelled any burning smells," reported student Wayne Emory, finishing off acoults, of reasted, purced red peppers to be served under the pork medallions. He glanced at the clock. "I think we'll be right on."
At 11:95 a.m., Johnson handed out , lunchtime assignments: some out front running the register and serving, some in the kirchen plating entrees.
And he briefed his students on presentation details. The apple tart gets a dol-

tation details: The apple tart gets a dol-lop of whipped cream. Chives and sour cream will dress the sweet potato and

lop of whipped cream. Chives and sour cream will dress the sweet pointo and leek soup.

"That'll be our plating for the soup," Johnson said, setting out a garnished example — not filled to the brim — and sending McCaskill for a plate to hold under the soup ladle. No drips allowed. Just minutes before the group of 30 was to begin eating, Johnson aunounced: "Todd, Michele, let's start on the soup. We're going to do five bowls at a time." Todd Dalrymple carefully wielded the ladle, while classmate Michele Bryan spooned sour cream and sprinkled chives — under Johnson's watchful eye. "Go easy," he told her. "We've got to do a bunch."

Then to Dalrymple: "Easy, don't let it slosh up."

Pork on a grill and rolls fresh from the oven added new layers of enticing secret to the kitchen. Bryan began laying sileed vegetables, marinated in Italian dressing, onto another gas grill. One piece of red pepper, one of zucchini, two of yellow squash and one mushroom per serving, Johnson told her.

squash and one mushroom per serving Johnson told her. "It's so hot! I'm like burning my arm," Bryan said, relinquishing the task to classmate Amanda Vawter. But while Bryan was occupied with soup and veggies, too much water had



Jeff McCaskill and Shandi Severe, culinary stu-dents at CSI, wrap pork tenderloins with rosem Jan. 25 in the Desert Building's kitchen at CSI.

vaporated from her untended pot, boil ing in readiness for green beans, Johnso chided mildly and sent her running for

more.
"Go to the coffee machine, because stready." he called that's 180 degrees already," he called across the kitchen.

across the kitchen.

Green beans sauteed with butter and
shallots were intended for the room of
high school students, grilled veggies for

shadows were interaction for consistent of the cafe's other customers. But everyone would get a good-looking entiree plate. Johnson spooned a mound of rice onto the first plate, showed Vavter how to artfully arrange the vegetables and demonstrated making a near puddie of coulis without splashing. Emory dripped on his first try and tidlied the plate with a towed. Daltyripple laid pork medallions in each puddle.

The lesson finished just in time. Servers announced they were starting to clear soup bowls in the room of 30, and entree plating began in carriest. At the stow, Bryan sauteed beans.

Thos long do you want me to do these for? she asked Johnson. She paused.

before answering herself: "Till it's done." Johnson replied with a laugh. "How did you guess?" Another day at the Desert Cafe

times the culinary students fashion meats to appeal to them. Like meatical.

and country apple tart, \$5.50.
*Pench dip sandwich with au jus and french fries, \$4.25.
*Saida feature: Shrimp, mocado and orange over mixed greens, with wessibligingsr dressing; plus roll, \$4.50.
Many CSI instructors are among the Desert Carlo's regisler customers. They know to expect "pretty sophisticated foods," culti-nary student Michele Bryan said.
But the college's diesel technology students frequent the cafe, too, and sometimes the cultinary students fishelom meals

mary pork tenderioin over roasted

entil soup or sa

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A home with nature at heart

By Bettijane Levine Los Angeles Times

OM. Calif. — You've heard of ree lovers and tree-huggers and all sorts of houses built to avoid cutting down nearby rees. But Marc and Julia Whitman, went a step further. They made their favorite uree a part of their architectural plan. They built their house to interact with the coast live oak. Their ground floor curves around its aged trunk. Their bedrooms restle among its branches. Their roolliness accommodate all its major limbs. They can see and hear their tree as it bends with the wind and changes with the seasons as viewed through dilitois tevery door and window. The question is, why would the Whitmans build such a fairy-tale trechouse, especially when they had acres of usable land at their disposal? They could have built a more conventional (and less costy) house anywhere on their property.

But low is strange. And after

noise anywhere on their prop-ery.

"But love is strange. And after years of living in a small eabin beneath the comforting canopy of the old oak's branches, they loved the tree too much to leave it. It wasn't even a matter for discussion. They would build a new, larger house, and the tree would be part of the plan. "Its integral to the design." Mare save.

integral to the design." Mare says.

The couples playful take on design can be seen publicly in the whimsical Southwest and south-of-the-border themes in their two Opal inns — Blue Iguana and Emerald Iguana. It was after Julia decided they could convert two abandoned motels into charming inns that the couple finally had the cash to build their treehouse.

"We didn't want to borrow money to build." Mare says.

That good fortune occurred well into their 20-year marriage.

riage. Julia Taft and Marc Whitman the was a 20-

attia and Marc Whitman married when she was a 20year-old student and he was a 2839-year-old fedgling architect. Both had grown up in Oliai both were nature lovers. A wedding glif from her father was 40 acres of land with nothing man-made on it except for a small 1931 cabin built of local stone and timber. The cabin sat alongside Santa Ana creek, with a huge old toak right bethird it.

The Whitmans updated the cabin with electricity and hot water before moving in as newlyweds. Soon, expecting their first child it as now who snow 193, they needed more space.

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The cabin was way too small; we needed a place to sleep. Marc says. But they had no money to build a proper addition.

So he quickly carne up with what they thought would be a temporary solution. High above the little cabin, he constructed what he calls a 700-square-foot box that became the family's bedroom area.

It was ugly, it looked like a chopped-off house wed built high in the tree. They charitably referred to this addition at bedrescend floor. There was no way to reach it from inside the cabin. Marc built an outdoor saircase for that purpose.

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It was ugly it looked like a chopped-off house with this oddition to the old cabin, part of which they've kept intact. The family's 4,000-square-foot house, completed two children grows their whitmans lived with this oddition to the old cabin, part of the large new kitchen.

The new house is built of Oqial stone and timber just like the old—and it is essentially a teries of joined cabins that reach around either si

tree trunk and up into its branches. "We even dug the

foundation by hand, to pre-serve and protect the tree's roots." Mare says. Mare's design is whitmsical and curvaceous, with almost no angles: Ceilings are pillowy plaster curves of varying

and curvaceus, with almost no anglest Cellings are pillowy plaster curves of varying helghits. Corners are rounded, Doors and windows are arched and mullioned with swoops of mahogany, which Mare says he designed as abstract salutes to the shape of leaves.

The largest space in the house is the outdoor living room, a vast cellinged porch with a huge fireplace and plump seating. We live out here, Mare says, starting up at the circular skylight, which entered the says and the circular skylight, which offers yet another view of the belowed tree. Wait a few weeks, he adds like a proud parent. "The leaves will have changed color and it will look even better."

The couple's lowe of nature is expressed in dozens of hand-rafted details, inside and out. The porch pillurs are sculpted into tree-trunk shapes. The porch floor is scattered with inset tile leaves, spaced to look as if they randomly fell from above.

Five indoor fireplaces are framed with custom-designed

Five indoor fireplaces are framed with custom-designed tiles with images of wildlife and foliage. Even the iron balconies.

thes with images or whater after foliage. Even the iron balconies, the grills ower heating vents and their daughter's glass shower door are custom designed with from and fauna themes.

Furniture, all designed or selected by Julia, is uphoistered in subtle earth and forest tones, all of it with a comfortably informal yet elegant attitude. Even for rustic Ojal, with it abundance of nature lovers, the Whitmans' way of life appears nature-oriented in the extreme. Their properry, adjacent to Los Padres National Forest, is an unifienced playground for radres National Forest, is an unfenced playground for wildlife. And the family's daily viewing is a lot like a nonstop diet of Animal Planet. "We get black bears, rat-



A trechouse like no other: Bedrooms are perched high in its branches. The first floor curts around its trunk, At this 4,000-square-fo Calif., an old oak truly stands at the heart.



ABOVE: The old-fashioned bathroom captures a treehouse feeling with its

arched ceiling of wood and a curred window.
RIGHT: Julia and Marc Whitman are framed in the gathered white drapes of
the porch, with its pillars sculpted into the shapes of tree trunks. The floor is nly scattered with inset tile leaves.



tlesnakes, mountain lions, rodents, I can't even list all the animals we see," Mare says, "When we wake up, we don't turn on 'Good Morning America.' We look out the whow and enjoy the show."

The Whitmans' treehouse

now has proper rooms and indoor stairways that lead to the second and third floors. But the second and third floors. But they didn't want to lose their old says. don't Instea

"We still have to go outsid we want to enter the loft," s says, "We kept it that way a memory of what we used have." vay of life completely, Julia ays. So the stairs to the loft fon't lead into that room. instead, they deposit you on an outdoor deck.

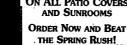
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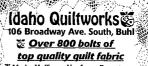


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New book 'Arabesque' explores rich Middle Eastern cuisine

By Betty Sallock Los Angeles Tim

Claudia Roden's new cook-book, Turabesque: A Taste of Morocto, Turkey, & Lebanon' (335, 8nop), is 'a generous, warm, open-door invitation to explore the tenets and nuances of a rich culinary legacy with recipes for such dishes as tagings from Morocco.

With recipes for such dishes as tagines from Morocco, Turkish kebabs and a dazzling assortment of Lebanese mezes, she evokes devotion to hospitality, floden is an excellent source for the tradition and history of Middle Eastern culstife.

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Roden's first book, "A Book of Middle Eastern Food," was published nearly 40 years ago, long, before harissa or pre-served lemons or surnac punctuated the menus of American chefs. With hun-dreds of recipes, it became a definitive primer of Arabic cooking; it's now in its third edition.

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In "Arabesque," Roden streamlines the recipes she has culted from a vast Arab and Ottoman cuisine and divides them into geographical categories. The result is a book of about 250 recipes that's extremely manageable and easy to use. The three main sections — Morocco, Turkey and Lebanon — are further divided Into starters, main courses and desserts. I miss the tales, proverhs and riddles that are strewn throughout "Middle Eastern Food," but each section of Arabesque' starts with an introduction of personal and cultural history and some of the rituals and customs related to each region's food. It's not just recipes that she hands down but also a savoir-vivre, a nudge to enjoy the pleasures of the table.

She shows, for example, that savoring mezes — the appelizers that accompany the Lebanese national drink arrack (raki in Turkey and the places of the culture places on elisure and the grafification of sitting at home or in a courtyard or at a cafe, sipping drinks and mibbling fatter hummus bi laban, chickpens with toasted bread and wond.

yogurt.
Among the meze recipes are a batinjan raheb, an eggplant salad with pomegranate seeds, scallions and diced tomatoes, and lahma bi ajeer

tomatoes, and lahma hi ajeen, thy meat pizzas made with yogurt and olive oil dough Many of Rodens recipes are straightforward and can be prepated in advance, but they also can be spectacularly

cooking couples

Does chopping vegetables get you in the mood? How about stirring a creamy sauce? Hambeling bananas? Times-Neus reporter Matt Christensen is looking for couples who find romance in the kitchen.

lf you and your loved one cook together, call Christensen today or Thursday at 735-3243, or e-mall him at matt.chris-

Calling all

Impressive: stuffed quinces, grilled quail, sweet extra-fine couscous studded with almonds and dates — dishes that recall the courts of the old

sultans.
Born in Calro and educated in Paris and London, Roden is Jewish but is fascinated with Islamic civilization, crediting the spread of Islam for the development of a gastronomy comparable to that of France and China. She has been archiving recipes from all over the Middle East for 'decades.' Though' she well-versed in culinary history and tradition, she offers freedom in the preparation of her dishes. "Cooking does not stand still: It evolves," Buden says. She is a doff writer who delivers recipes that call for readily available ingredients, and she transis her readers' ingenuity and fastes, encouraging them to adjust seasonings and to "weigh with the "She weigh with the ittans. Born in Calro and educated

eye."

She walks readers through
the essential basics of Middle Eastern cooking: how to roast eggplants, peel tomatoes, pre-serve lemons and make per-

serve lemons and make per-fect couscous.

My kitchen is humble: 3 feet of free counter space and not enough room in my cup-boards for my cooking equip-ment. But with Roden as guide, I can turn out a meal fit for a sultan.

WALNUT PASTRIES IN HONEY SYRUP



1. In a saucepan, make the syrup by bringing the honey, 1/2 cup water and the orange blossom water to a boll and simmer for 30 seconds. Then let it coul.

2. Mix the walnuts with the

Similar for 30 sections. Their lief it cool.

2. Mix the walnuts with the sugar and orange zest.

3. Heat the over to 300 degrees. Open the package of filo only when you are ready to make the pastries. Keep them in a pile so that they do nor-dry out. Lightly brush the top one with melted butter. Put a line of about 2 to 2 1/2 tablespoons of the walnut mixture at one of the short ends of the rectangle, into a file about 3/4 inch from the short and long edges. Roll it in a put of the pastries of the pastries of the remaining sheets of filo.

1/3 of the way along to trap the filling, then continue to roll. Continue with the remaining sheets of filo.

4. Place the pastries on a baking sheet, brush them with melted butter and bake them for 40 minutes, or until lightly golden and crisp. Turn each pastry, while still warm, very quickly in the syrup and arrange on a dish. Serve cold with the remaining syrup poured all over.

Servings: Makes 14 pastrles—Total time: 30 minutes, plus 40 minutes shing time.

SHAARIYA MEDFOUNA

SHAARIYA MEDFOUNA (BURIED IN VERMICELLI)

2 large whole chickens (4 1/2 pounds each) 4 large onions, chopped coarsely 4 teaspoons ground cinna-mon, divided

ion, uwided 1 teaspoon ground ginger 1 teaspoon saffron threads powder

powder Salt to taste Freshly ground black pep-

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1/2 cup chopped cilaturo parsley 1/2 cup chopped cilaturo 1 cup blanched almonds 1/1/2 tablespoons sunflower or vegetable oil 2 pounds vermicelli nests or any thin noodles Powdered sugar (optional)

3/4 cup clear honey
1 1/2 tablespoons orange
blos-ann water
2 cups walnuts, coarsely
ground
1/3 cup sugar
Zest of I orange
1/4 sheers of filo
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter.

1. Use two deep puns and
put one chicken into each
into each pan, pune 2/4/cups
water, bring to a boil and
remove the scurs; add two
chopped onions, 1 teaspoon
chinamon, 1/2 teaspoon sifting
ger and 1/2 teaspoon sifting
Add salt and pepper and sim-

Wines of the Month

mer, covered, for about 1 hour, turning the chickens occasionally.

2. Lift out the chickens and, when cool enough to handle, remove the skin and bones and cut the meat into medium-size pieces.

3. Four the chicken stock with the onions into one pan only and reduce it by boiling it down until it because the spoons (12 stick) of butter, the honey and orange biospoons (12 stick) of butter, the honey and orange biospoons (12 stick) of butter, the honey and orange biospoons (12 stick) of butter, the honey and orange biospoons (14 stick) and clear for a stick of the sauce. All this can be done in advance and reheated when you are about to serve.

4. Fry the almonds in the oil until lightly browned, stirring, then drain them on paper towels. Coarsely chop, or crush them with a mortar and pestle.

5. Just before serving, break

pestle.
5. Just before serving, break
the vermicelli into small pieces by crushing the nests in your hands. Cook the noodles in rapidly boiling salted water for 5 minutes, until al dente,

in rapidly boiling salted water for 5 minutes, until al dente, stirring vigorously at the start so that the threads do not stick together in lumps. Drain very quickly and then pour them back into the pan. Stir in the remaining butter, cut into small pieces, and some salt.

6. Put the chlcken with its sauce into a very large, deep round serving dish. Cover with a mountain of vermicelli, and decorate with lines of the remaining climamon, powdered sugar, if using, and chopped almonds emanating from the center like rays.

Servings: 10 or more Total time: 2 hours, 50 minutes

EGGPLANT AND TOMATO SALAD

2 to 3 eggplants (about 2 pounds) Juice of 1/2 to 1 lemon 3 garlic cloves, crushed 4 tablespoons good-quality

ive oil 1/2 teaspoon salt Freshly ground black pep-

Large handful chopped flat-eaf parsley 4 sprigs mint, chopped 4 scallions, finely sliced 4 plum tomatoes, unpeeled,

Handful of fresh pomegran-



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In shaariya medfouna, buttery vermicelli buries a chicken tagine cooked in a broth rich in saffron and ginger.

ate seeds (optional)

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Prick the eggplants in a few places with a pointed kaife to prevent them from exploding. Turn them over the flame of a gas burner or hot barbeeue, or under the broiler, until the skin is charred all over (this gives them a distinctive smoky flavor) and they feel very soft when you press them. Or, place them on a sheet of foil on an oven tray and roast them in the hottest pre-heated oven for 45 to 55 minutes, until the skins are wrinkled and they are very soft.

When eggplants are cool.

wrinked and they are very soft.

When eggplants ara cool, enough to handle, peel and drop them into a strainer or colander with small holes. Press out as much water and pince as possible. Chop eggplant with a pointed knife, then mash with a fork or wooden spoon to puree, letting the juice escape through the colander.

Mix the eggplant puree with lemon juice; garlie, olive-oil.



salt, pepper, parsley and mint. Spread the puree on a large, flat serving plate. Sprinkle with scallfons, tomatoes and pomegranate seeds, if desired.' Serves 6 to 8. Total time: 1 hour, including cooling time.

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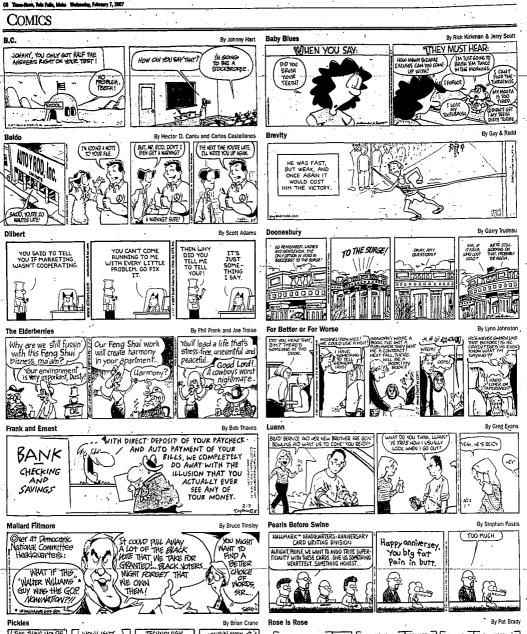


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You could be the car's meow in social situations. Don't enter into new commitments — keep

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IF FEB. 7 IS YOUR BIRTH-DAY Fulfill existing obligations and don't start anything move been been now he now been now he no

better celestial conditions, you may net a much better catch.
TAIRUS (April 20-May 20): Display your glamorous side.
Intuitively do the right thing when meeting with friends or business associates. Sympathy and kindness are good tools to weld together different perspectives.

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in touch with someone you know is tried and true. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Easy come, easy go. Now faces or places might briefly touch your life. Take a much-needed break from a routine and entry some fleeting pleasures or an exciting intertuide.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You know what they say Don't exaggerate your abilities or issue false assurances. You might be called upon to follow rough on a promise. CANCER (June 21-July 22): through on a promise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):
Harmess your energies and use
them wisely. Don't let minor
irritations get under your skin.
Follow through on an inspiring
thought, whether it comes
through a mentor or just a
passing conversation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The
glow of righteousness isn't
enough to warm the beart.
Sometimes being right is not as
important as being understanding. Relent about a rule or
to generous and sympathetic
about a transgression.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
Tensions ease. A dark cloud of
suspicion is likely to dissipate.
Concentrate on improving
understanding with a loved
one. You might be lured into
spending money on a passing
fancy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21): You know what they say about fools and money. Money might burn a hole in your pocket early in the day. Someone may pay you compliments; don't let it go to your head.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 19): Look once more before you leap. Deep inside, you know that you want something of lasting value and that you won't be satisfied by fleeting pleasures.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A change of heart might not be permanent. Worries about a relationship could exaporate if you change factics. Careful reflection can clear tip a mystery or solve a riddle. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Misunderstandings can evaporate. Unrawd sanred knots that have created a barrier between you and a significant other. Your charm and friendliness are assets to be used in large doses.





spectives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If no one will pay the piper, then it is time to change your tune.

















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I WISH MARGARET WOULD STOP CALLIN'TO TELL ME SHE'S NOT SPEAKIN'TO ME."

"I found your remote, Grandmal It was in the couch down here where you keep the crumbs!"

Woman dating student analyst is ready to get off his couch

DEAR ABBY: I have been out of the dating scene for a while. I was discrete first a while. I was discrete first a while with the scene for a while. I was discrete first a while when the scene first a while when the other two are still at home. I recently started dating a guy who is squdying to become a psychairlist, and he constantly evaluates everything I say — including small talk about my children. How can I stop him without upsetting him over his true passion? Not every conversation has an undercurrent. Sometimes I just want to chat, but he will start asking me questions, and I think I tell him too much because he then picks apart everything I say.

I try to be honest in this relationship, but I have shut up about some things because I don't need him evaluating my ast relationships, how I reared my kids, etc. At my age, I really don't have that kindrof couch time. We can't even have we without thim analyzing my

reared my kids, etc. At my age, I really don't have that kindrof couch time. We can't even have sex without him analyzing my feelings. I have been alone awhile, but isn't this a bit too much for the psyche?

— USUALLY JOYFUL YOUT IN OKLAHOMA DEAR USUALLY JOYFUL Your boyfriend's entry into the study of human behavior must be very recent, or he would realize have obnoxious it is when he does what he is though. The next time he starts analyzing you, remind him that he isn't licensed to practice yet—and tell thin that sometimes a cigar is just a cigar. If someome doesn't get that message



DEAR ABBY leanne Phillips

across to him, I predict that you will be only the first of many to run from this aspiring shrink.

DEAR ABBY: I am a student who recently moved into a townhouse with three other housemates. My question concerns effquente when giving someone a "four."

My good friend "Amy" came over, but I did not feet comfortable showing her my housemates' rooms, even though they weren't home, but Amy walked right on into their rooms anyway even opening their closets!

When we went into the

rooms anyway, even opening their closset?

When we went into the kitchen, she opened every cupboard and the refrigerator, even removing food items to get a better look.

I. was shocked by Amy's behavior and thought it was very inappropriate. Was fower-reacting? By giving her the tour, did I invite her to inspect the entire house? In the future, Id like to avoid this situation with other friends. What should I say?

— INVADED - INVADED

— INVADED IN THE NORTH DEAR INVADED: You did not overreact. Your friend Amy is both nosy and nervy. In the future, should something like

that happen, say, "Whoal That's off-limits. My house-mate(s) will have to show you their private room(s) when they'n home. I can'l let you go in there — it's an invasion of their privacy." Any or all of these statements should suffice, However, if they don't — take the person by the arm and "guide" her/him away.

DEAR ABBY: I'm curious to

DEAR ABBY: I'm curious to know what makes men of any age sleep on couches and easy chairs in the daytime? I don't know of any women who do it.

ONTARIO, CANADA
DEAR MARISA: Men nap on couches and easy chairs because they are sleepy tor perhaps borred. However, this trait is not quite gender-specific. In fact, I am sure there are also women who do it, too. You just don't happer? to be acquainted with any who admit it. (222222......)

admit it. (ZZZZZZ....)

DEAR ABBY. Please explain the difference between gossip, interesting conversation and expressing an opinion.

— AVIS IN HOUSTON DEAR AVIS Gossip is saying something unkind or embarassing behind someone's back. Some people mistake this for "interesting conversation." However, interesting conversation usually involves discussing ideas — not the behavior for mischeavior of other people. Expressing an opinion is what I have just done.

Capone's brother chose the other side

Mobster Al Capone's brother
Vince was a police officer.
This day in history: On Feb.
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Chamberlain was released
after serving four years in
prison in the "Dingo Ate my
Babyt" case. New evidence had
emerged on murderous dingo
behavior that supported her
claim that a wild Australian
dog had dragged her baby
away during a camping trip.
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pesticide, since a large ant
colony—Gam—capture—sweral-

colony-can-capture-several-million insects a year.

Ooh gross, In old-time diner lingo, "Fish eyes!" meant you'd



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

Leonardo da Vinci was actually Leonardo da Vinci was actually Leonardo di ser Piero da Vinci ("Leonardo, son of Piero, from Vinci.") To avoid writers' cramp, he signed his works 'Leonardo' or "lo, Leonardo" ("I, Leonardo"). —Under federal lagnity, only a middement to compris safes

jail and a \$500,000 fine.

Mustard gas didn't really contain mustard. The poison gas just smelled like mustard. When you type "typewriter," all the letters are in the same row.

all the letters are in the same row.
"Happy Birthday to You" is still copyrighted. Until 2010, public performers of the song are required to pay a royalty to the estates of Mildred and Dr. Patty Hill. The two educators to the court of Cond. Patty Hill. The two educators wrote the song as "Good Morning to All" in 1894. In 1922, a music publisher, erromensly-thinking the song-wain the public domain, changed the words to 'Happy Birthday to 'Kon,' 'After a fawsuit, the sisters' ended up owing the copyrights to both songs.

'Teenage arrogance' gives student really cold feet

BUFFALO, Minn. (AP) — A teenager who wanted to continue the family tradition of rouning around the garden barefoot during halitime of the Super Bowl game has learned a painful lesson. It was 17 below zero at half-time Sunday in this cire about

time Sunday in this city about 30 miles northwest of Minneapolis, and D.J. Brown's dad said it was too cold to con-

tinue the tradition.

But the B-year-old senior at Buffalo High School ran outside in his T-shirt and jeans, threw off his socks and shis socks and succeand ran around the block.

Brown said the was outside only five minutes, but his feet started swelling and blistering when he got hack inside. The minutes were remained to the started swelling and blister minutes were remained to the said of the said was recruitable.

pain was excruciating.
"I consider myself having a

high pain threshold, and this was just so 10 out of 10," he

"I was, like, chewing on a

iwer. He was treated for second-He was treated for second-degree frostbite on both feet and was on crutches and pain medication. Monday. Brown, who said he's a straight-A stu-dent, chalked up his actions to "teenage arrogance."

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FOOD & HOME

New toilets are going green to halt gallon guzzling

By Jera Konclus The Washington Post

Americans are finally flushing away old attitudes about tollets.

tollets.

Consumers who have already embraced eco-friendly living in kitchens, agardens and cars are target-ing the bathroom, the largest drain on indoor water. According to the Environmental Protection ency, the average family of ar uses 280 gallons of water a day indoors, and toilets account for about 27 percent of that. So in sustainable circles, the question of the moment is "How low is your gpf?" — which, for the unini-tiated, stands for gallons per

mater, startitis for gallons per liush.

Toilets made before 1994 were real water guzzlers, using from 3.5 to 7 gallons per flush. In 1994, federal law mandated that new toilets had to conform to a new standard of 1.6 gpf. The quest for improvement has led to other innovations, including dual-flush technology, which uses as little as 0.8 gallons to dispose of liquid waste and 1.6 gallons for solid waste.
Long used in Europe, Japan and Australia, and a favorite of the American green building community, dual-flush models are now being widely specified for newly constructed condos, beach house developments and colleges, and are being used in home remodeling projects. Costs range from \$200 to \$500 for most models.

The dual-flush, dubbed "the eco-throne" by Popular Science magazine, is espularicantia, a spokesman for Australian manufacturer Caroma, which has sold the dual-flush for more than 25 years, says U.S. sales doubled in the past year. Some water-challenged municipalities are offering residents discounts on dual-flush toilets, or even free ones.

The EPA is stepping up efforts to publicize the benefits of conserving water. We believe water efficiency is the blue wave of the future. Says Benjamin H. Grumbles, the EPA's assistant administrator for water. Recently the agency introduced Water Sense, a labeling program similar to the Energy Star rating; for appliances, to alert consumers to water-efficient products.

Now the EPA has released a voluntary 1.28-gpf-or-less specification for high-effi-ciency toilets, down from the 1.6 mandated in 1994.

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Last year the EPA awarded its first Water Efficiency Last year the EPA awarded its first Water Efficiency Leaders (WEL) awards to spoilight water-efficient products and practices. Toto USA, a pioneer in the development of the 1.6-gpf tollet, was one of six WEL whners. Dual-flush toilets are going upscale. Last year Toto Intro-

duced the dual-flush Aquia, a stylish two-place "skirted" design (smooth porcelain from rim to floor) available in six colors, including black and biscuit, According to company spokeswoman Lenora Campos, a family of four using the dual-control model could save 7,000 gal-lous of water a year beyond what is already sawed by the standard 1.6. Dual-flush models once were available mainly

were through were available mainly through plumbing whole-salers and kitchen and bath showrooms But that is

showrooms, But that is changing, Home Depot says It carries several models in its carries we are several models of the several models of the several models of the several sev

the 7 year old needed the lesson.
"My kids are already familiar with dual-flush, because
we visit my family it fluly
every summer, says
Cenclarelli, who comes from
Rome, where two-button toilets are the norm. They
know that when they go-ler
Number One, they flush the
Number One button, which is
smaller in size. And for more,
they flush the other one."
The ladies' rooms at the
ElYa offices in the new green
office complex in Arlington,
Va., are equipped with 41
Caroma dual-flush toilets.
There is still a learning curve.

Caroma dual-flush toilets. There is still a learning curve for some of these products. I was on the tour with four women, so we went fint on unoccupied women's room, says Dale Kemery, a spokesman for the agency. The tour guide was proud to open the stall door and point to the two buttons on top of the toilet. Then one of the women on the tour said, How are you going to flush that with your feet?

Majestic Brycewood has lofty great room

A double crown of king posts with diagonal strues spolights with diagonal strues spolights the Brycewoods all pilet washes into the folity, vaulded loyer, through sidelights, a transom, and two sees of upper level windows over the door. It's an impressive welcome. Ahead is the breaktiakingly expansive, vaulted great room. Not only does it have a lofty, vaulted ceilling, but its volume is further increased by a sunker. Boot, a full 30 inches lower than the rest of the rooms. A wealth have the set of the rooms. A wealth

the rest of the rooms. A wealth of windows, stacked three high, fills the rear wall, and a wi fireplace is all that stan between this room and the

between this room and the foyer.

Standing at the kitchen sink, you have a birds eye view of this bright, open space. On its own level, the kitchen is practically a world unto itself. Features of note include that in appliances, a prey sink, a large work island rimnted on one side by a conversalion bar, and wide sliding ghas dours that open onto a covered deck. The kitchen is open, or a diling room with a bull-in hutch, and close to a generously-sized utility room and a roomy pantry designed to house a freezer, if diesired. Double doors in the dialing room with groom where an entertainment center fills one entire wall.

Spacious and inviting are words that describe the owners' suite.

The ceiling is vaulted in the

The ceiling is vaulted in the sleeping area, stacked windows fill the rear wall, and the bathroom boasts a dual vanity, over

room boasts a dual vanity, over-sized shower, private toilet, and an extra-large walk-in closet. Secondary bedrooms are on the opposite side of the Brycewood, along with a two-section baditroom, and access to a three car gatage with over-head recreation room. For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception,



send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Brycewood 30-609 and include a return address when order-

ing. A catalog featuring more than 550 home plans is avail-able for \$15. For more informa-tion visit our website at www.AssociatedDesigns.com.





Only 27% of adults said they referenced the Yellow Pages in the past seven days.(1)

Less than 3 out of 10 adults referenced any Yellow Pages in the last seven days." That's not a lot of fingers doing the walking.

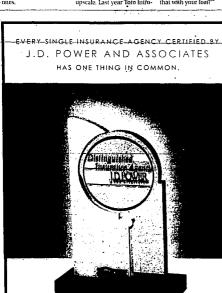
In fact, over half of the adults who referenced the Yellow Pages already have the name of a business In mind." They're simply looking for a phone number And that's even easier for consumers to do with the business white pages, where businesss are listed in alphabetical order.

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It's hard to forget what you don't remember

y wife excels at putting things away. But finding what she's stowed around the house? Not

stowed around the mouses root so good.

The other day, a written prescription went missing off the kitchen counter. We spent most of Bunday turning the house upside down, to no avail. The next morning my youngest step-next morning in the present of milk in the refrigerator.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

A couple of years ago, before we were married. Victoria's engagement ring went missing. Not finding it indoors, we turned our 95-gallon Dumpster upside down in the driveway and began to sort through moldering transh. Zilch. except I threw up twice. A couple of days later, Victoria' found the ring in her underwear drawer.

The link between bigh intellience — Victoria's very sm nd absent-mindedness h long been established, but I have on to believe it may be

Long before her dad retired as a professor at Sacramento St University, he backed his car through the garage door without remembering to open it first.

remembering to open it lirst. Twice.

A well-respected and oft-pub-lished historian, he once went to a conference in Southern California a full week before it actually starte.

Not that I have any room to brag on myself I'm on my third set of car keys since Victoria and I got married in 2005, and I've never actually managed to hang-onto a deblic card for longer than six months.

ix months. But even I don't manage to ecure things quite as effectively

secure imags quite as effectively as my wife.

We have a running joke about her sunglasses, which disappear frequently. They have reappeared variously in her purse, in my coat pocket, on top of the refrigerator and atop on my head of picked up the wrong pair.

All of which is disquieting because I'm in my mid-fifties – Victoria is 47 — and I've been counting on her to remember what I forget as the years advance.

She's an absolute godsend during those and of the same of

advance.

She's an absolute godsend during those awful moments when we run into someone whose face I recognize — and whose name I don't.

wnose name I don't.
"Well, hello, um, you," I'll say,
slapping the stranger's back.
"You're looking good. How's ..."
"Delphilia,"Victoria will whis-

per. ... how's your gorgeous wife

It makes for short conversa-

at makes 107 MOIT CONVERSI-tions.
Still, whenever I'm clueless about what 1 should have remembered, I'll admit it. That wasn't the case with Victoria's grandfather — her mother's dad — who was a widower who lived outside of Portland, Ore.
One time early in their mar-riage, my father-lar-law and mother-in-law went to visit her father. They decided to go out to dinner and Ken, Victoria's dad, was the last one out of the house.

house.
"Does this door lock?" he

asked,
"Of course it locks," his father-

in-law replied. So Ken shut the door and

So Ken snut the deal locked it.
"You didn't lock that, did you?"
Victoria's granddad gasped.
"Well, you told me to," Ken answered.

answered.
"I told you it locks," the old man said. "I didn't say I had the

key."
I forget what happened next.

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Feedlot application withdrawn — for now

Jerome County CAFO applicant expected to refile

By Pat Marcantonio Times-News writer

JEROME — The application for a proposed 18,555-animal feedlot was withdrawn Tuesday, but it will return. At a morning meeting of the Jerome County commissioners, attorney Itob Williams said that on behalf of applicant Don McFariand, he would withdraw the application but would file a 'new one.

The commissioners voted

The commissioners voted to accept the withdrawal.

The applicant wants to put the operation about 1½ miles east of the Minidoka Internment National Monument, also known as the Hunt Camp.

At the meeting opponents expressed fear that the applicant would keep refiling applications, each time answering their objections and in effect taking steam out of their objections. Attorney Rich Carlson, who represented opponent Dean Dimond, said the county ordinance calls for completed applications.

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"What looks like happened in this case is that Mr. McFarland smoked out the opposition," he said. "If he was allowed to amend it and reflie and reflie, a new one, one after another ... he's getting a mulligan." In a friendly game of golf-a mulligan is a stroke that shouldn't be counted.

"So. If someone makes a

ouldn't be counted.
"So, if someone makes a istake on their original oplication, they should application, they should never get an opportunity to amend that?" Commissioner Joe Davidson asked Carlson He didn't say that, Carlson



ents from the meeting. replied, but the system can be

abused.

To cut off and not allow anything additional after the opposition has had their shot would be completely contrary to everything you've ever done in this county. Williams with

done in this county, Winiams said.

Dimond told commission-ers that he worked hard on his submitted objections to the project. He realized that they were public record, but he dight feel it was faif for the applicant to refile with line-tient responsies to each of his objections so that "you're blowing me out of the water at a hearing on the proposal. Williams and opponents did agree that county procedures should be clarified

before another application is

considered.
The commissioners will discuss on Feb. 12 the proce-dures for confined-animal

dures for confined-animal feeding applications, such as how applicants and the public can submit evidence and consideration of that evidence. As side from what he calls technical problems with the application, Dimond said he objects to the proposal because it would put 18.55 head of animals 400 feet from his bruss.

hist house.

"Does anyone want to live there? That's the big thing—the traffic, the noise, the dust, This is a huge operation. We're not talkling about a small-family run dairy." Dimond said following the meeting. At the Tuesday meeting, the commissioners were supposed to decide if McFarland must resubmit his application after Williams asked commissioners last week to

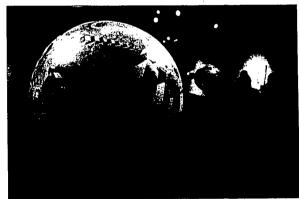
"vacate" today's hearing. In January, commissioners discussed whether to allow testimony from people outside of a one-mile radius from the site. County ordinance limits, testimony to those inside the one-mile radius. The one-mile ilimitation was raised again Tuesday by three people who were upset that they wouldn't be able to comment, although their property would be rear the proposed feedlot.

The one-mile limit is an

would be near the proposed feedlot.

The one-mile limit is an integral part of your zoning ordinance and i think you're going to have to fix that to ensure that there is a fair hearing. Carlson said. The permit application also has been contested by 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.

COMBINING ART AND MATH



Visitors at the Herrett Centur for Aris, and Science take in the sights at the Jean B. Callery on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Suff Falls during the opening reception for an exhibit called Olmensions," which explores the interface between art and mathematics. The arbitist can be seen at the gallery until March 24.

Lawmakers want higher education officials to study state's tuition costs



By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE — Should a welding or other professional-technical class in Boise cost the same as a similar class in Moscow of Pocatello? That was the question the House Education Committee on Tuesday agreed the State Board of Education and configure and mutartiins

agreed the state goard of Education and colleges and universities statewide should answer. "This is about equity," said state Sen, John Goedde, R-Coeur D'Alene. The Senate passed the resolution

26-8 last week.

He estimated credit hours at the He estimated credit hours at the four-year universities cost about \$209; the College of Southern Idaho and North Idaho College, around 100; and Eastern Idaho Technical College, about 376. Goedde, who sponsored the resolution, said the intent is not to raise prices at the community colleges but to lower them at the four-year schools.

Although no fiscal note was attached to the bill, Goedde said that if \$120 is used as a measurement, about \$3,3 million will need to be made up by the state over three years. Goedde said that would not be a problem.

he a problem.

The proposal is one of the recommendations of the interim college committee, which Goedde cochaired over the summer. Goedde said that more than 1.000 students at Lewis and Clark College take professional exchange (Lewis and Clark College take professional exchange).

at Lewis and Clark College take pro-fessional-technical classes and more than 2,000 students take them at Bolse State University and Idaho State University. State. Superintendent of Instruction Tom Luna, who has been working on the resolution with Goodde, said he supports the legi-slation because it could help high school students seeking college credit. "I would like to see the state's four-year college and universities stan-dardize the cost of concurrent cred-

its for high school students who want to earn college credits before graduation," he said in a statement for the *Times-News*. "If we can reduce the cost of those concurrent reduce the cost of those concurrent reedits, more juniors and seniors will be able to get a jump-start on their college education before grad-uating high school."

The resolution — not a law but rather a declaration — was generally received amicably by the commit-tee.

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"Hey, let's let them in on it. They're the people involved," said Rep. Pete Nielsen. R-Mountain Home. "Frankly it sounds exciting to me." Credit costs at four-year universi-ties often reflect overall student services, not necessarily the rost of an individual class.
"Doing this could lead to less access than more," said Rep. Brandon Durst, D-Boles, a garduate student at Boise State University and one of two Democratis who voted against the measure.

Legislator hopes Idaho joins Internet sales-tax program

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE—Say there is a new camera on the market. At the local electronics store it costs about \$1,000 and will set you back. An additional \$60 in sales tax. So you go online and pay the same amount—and avoid the sales tax. The law requires customers to disclose such transactions—but few people do.

State Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, on behalf of the Idaho State Tax Commission, has introduced a bill that brings idaho one step closer to a multi-state tax program that allows states to work together and that essentially holds customers

more accountable.

more accountable.

You are supposed to pay it, "Snith said Tuesday, "You did it here. You bought it here. You bought it here. You we it here." The bill, which is nearing a final vote, would have Idaho Join 44 other states and the District of Columbia in the Streamlined Sales. Tax Project, which brings states together to solve sales-tax problems posed by Internet and catalog sales.

Actual change, however, is at least a year away; the bill just asks the tax commission to devise legislation for tow it should seytle into the multi-state agreement.

state agreement.

state agreement.
"It just lets us play a level role,"
Smith said of the program. "The bill
brings us to that final tier."
Ted Spangler, a state deputy attor-

ney general for the tax commission, said the bill will essentially simplify how businesses operate overheard costs, rather than try to figure out different sales taxes in different sates. He said taxes vary in states and in areas with local-option taxes, such as Keichum.

The idea to read the said of the

The idea is trying to bring simplicity to how long it takes businesses to comply. he said. "That's constant with the idea that the sales-tax is a consumption-based tax."

The share Idaho is missing out on is unknown but could be lucrative. Sprangler estimated \$10 million could be gained by the state. According to The Associated Press, a

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Two attorneys apply to be **Jerome County** prosecutor

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

BEROME — Two attorneys have entered the running for the Jerome County prosecutor's job. Mark L, Wing, 42, a private lawyer who practices mainly criminal law in Florida and Idaho, applied Tuesday momine.

orning. Laverne E. Shull, 51, the Gooding County chief deputy prosecutor, interviewed with the Jerome County Republican Central Committee later

in the day.

Their applications should help the committee failful is day to nominate three candidates for the job by Feh. 5. By Idaho statue, that will leave county commissioners another 15 days to decide who succeeds former Jerome County Prosecutor Jon Nicholson III, Most sepped down fain. 31, midway through his four-year term.

My minway in though as loavey at the term. Until commissioners appoint Nicholson's successor, three deputy prosecutors are left doing the work of four lawyers. Paul Kroeger, also a genty prosecutor for Gooding Cordiny, applied in Jamary and has been interviewed. At that time, Jerome County, Chapter Deputy Prosecutor Mike Seib had also applied that later withdrew. With only one applied the tater withdrew With only one applied at consistency conference of ceided to re-start the process from serarch.

decided to re-start the process from scratch. GOP Central Committee chairman GOP Central Committee chairman Del Kohtz has invited Wing to Inter-view between Feb. 12 and Feb. 15. "We want to make sure that those who apply have a chance to inter-tive." Kohz said after a Tuesday evening interview with Shall. 'Weve got notices in the Idaho Itar Association and law school in Moscow (University of Idaho). We had two notices in the Northside News.

New You do noted in the Normana wo noted in the position in the Times-News or outside Idaho. Shull fielded questions from all but four committee members, who did not attend the interview. Kohtz told Shull he was impressed with the amount of experience Shull has in criminal law. In law school he was not drawn to criminal law, Shull said, But when he emered private practice in 1996, he said, I quickly realized criminal work it typing to help people that are in trouble.

Shull's experience in criminal law.

is trying to help people that are in trouble.

Shull's experience in criminal law dates back to 1996, he said.

Since he became chief deputy, the Gooding County prosecutor's office has handled thousands of cases, he said. He began working in the office in January 2005.

From January 2002 to January 2002 to January 2005. Shull was the Jerome County public defender.

He said he would continue living in Gooding if appointed, but would move to Jerome County if he were elected in two years.

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James Christ

RUPERT — James "Jim" Christ, 50, of Rupert, died Feb. 3, 2007, at his home. Jim was born Nov. 27, 1956, in Rupert, Idaho, the son of Nick and Polynixe Seorlo Christ.



cousins and friends.
Jim is survived by one sister,
Malamo Christ of Rupert; and
brother, John Christ of
Rupert. He is preceded in
death by his parents; a sister,

Elaine: his brother, Theo; and

Elaine. Ilis brother. Theo: and an Infant brother. The funeral will be at 11-a.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. 710 Sath St. Viewing and gathering for Fitneds and family will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the mortuary, with a prayer service starting at 7:30 p.m. conducted by Father Elias Koucos of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Pocatello. Burtial will follow the service Thursday in the Aupert Cemetery.

the service Thursday in the Rupert Cemetery, Services are under the digretion of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chaptelain lieu of flowers, the family requests any memorials or donations be sent to the church in Jim's name. Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. P.O. Box 4567, Pocatello, ID 83205.

Robert D. Webster

Robert Dean PAUL. Webster, an 84-year-old resident of Paul, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, at Countryside Feb. 4, Care Rehab and

Rupert.
Robert was
the second
son to be
born to Harry
and Hazel
Walker
Webster of



Webster of rural Antiock, Kan., on Nov. 12, 1922. He, walking beside his older brother, Willis, attended rural grade school of Elk County through the eighth grade. Together, they drove to Howard High School, no sports nor other after-school activities as there was work on the farm. Robert belonged to FFA and was a member of crop and livestock Judging teams, receiving awards for both. The brothers garduated logether in 1393, Robert remained at the farm bome to raise crops and start a cattle herd. His brother, Willis, moved to attend Wichita Business College. rural Antiock

moved to attend Wichita Business College. At the age of 20, Robert was called to serve in World War II

At the age of 20, Robert was called to serve in World War II and reported to Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He was assigned to the 8th Army Air Force on Jan. 19, 1943. After raining at Las Vegas, he was shipped out from Florida, immediately after completing gunnery school.

They flew out in a new B-17 Bomber and were based in Kneutshall, England, in 1943-1945. Robert was assigned to position as ball turrett gunner with a crew of nine. The plane was named "Susan Kay" after the daughter of the only married flier of the crew. One day, we lost a plane on a bomb run over Germany. We knew it was a 38B. Back at the base we found out the plane crew included a coustin, Don. He had parachused out and was picked up by Germans as a TOW for seven months.

Robert was pleased to have completed his service to his country and was happy to receive the Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters. He also was recipient of the following recipient of the follow

oak leaf clusters. He also was recipient of the following medals or awards: Bombadders Wings. European Theatre Medal, American Theatre Medal, American Theatre Medal, American Delense Medal, Victory Medal World War III. Group Presidential Citation and Good Conduct Medal. After Scombat missions with goal reached, Robert was discharged as a staff sergeant in the spring of 1945. He has been a life member of the 388 Bomb Group, attending several reunions including the 40th and 50th anniversaries, plus the dedication of the Museum of Savannah, Ga. Robert then returned back to Elk County to farm, rent land and start to build his dwn cattle herd. While in the service, he had been sending money home toward cattle buying. An uncle farming in the Twin Falls area encouraged him to spply for a G.1. oak leaf clusters. He also was recipient of the following



machinery to ship, pur-chased a truck and headed to Idaho. He hired Art Grove at Paul

Introd Art Grove at Paul Lumber to build a home that he and his sweetheart had designed. On June 27, 1958, at the Jerome Presbyterlan Church, he married Lucille May Shafer, a home economist on staff at Kansas State University, it was at this time that cousin. Donavan Webster of Howard, plus his family, came to see. "Bob and the Homestead." That very month, their family moved to Idaho and have been part of a close Webster family, Robert family. close Webster family. Robe had never experienced irrig tion, but raised Idaho spud grain and hay. He was also a member of the Idaho Crop Association.

Association.
The family transferred to the Paul United Methodist Church and Robert to the Paul American Legion Post No. 77.
For many years, there was an annual trip 10° Kansas (Leavemorth and Elk counțies), so the children could know their Kansas family. Robert and his wife later enjoyed traveling to our United States national parks as well as other national narks.

When Robert turned 65, his

When Robert turned 65, his son, Bart, took over the operation of the homestead farm and is the only farmer left of many generations of Webster farmers and ranchers, as well as being the sole Shafer farmers awell.

He is survived by his wife. Lucille M. Webster of Paul; one daughter, Tracy Webster Babcock, and her husband, William F. Babcock Jr., and their children, Stuart Webster Babcock and Ashley Webster Babcock and Ashley Webster Babcock and His wife, Laurie K. Webster, Stuart Webster, and their children, Dillon J. Webster and Tedi K. Webster of Paul; and one brother, Willis If. Webster and Tedi K. Webster of Paul; and one brother, Willis If. am. Saurday, Feb. 10, 2007, at the Paul United Methodist Church, 127 W. Clark St., with Pastor Elaine Steele official-ting, Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery with military rites provided by the Paul American Legion Post No. 77. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and one hour priot to the service Saturday at the church.

The family suggests memorials 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.

Elmer L. Meyer

GOODING — Elmer L
Meyer was born Nov. 27, 1915
in Plymouth, Neb. He was the
second of five children born to
Louis R, and
A m c 1 i a
Obermeyer
Meyer. Eliner
passed away
in Twin Falls,
idaho, on Feb. 4, 2007, with his four chilhis at

dren at his side.

Pam. Cinda, Laine and Debibe feel blessed to have spent the last days with him. Daddy, there will not be a spent the last days with him. Daddy, there will not be a spent the last days with him. The last days with him. The last days with him to be a spent to be a spent to be your children? I share being to be your children? Elmer graduated from Ceutral High School at Sprague-Marcil, Neb., in 182 yas a class valedictorian. For the next few years, he farmed with his father and brothers in Edmond, Kan., and was secretary-treasurer of the Federal Land Bank in Hill City, Kan. On Oct. 7, 1940, he married Orpha. A Thompson in Hill City, Kan. He entered the U.S. Nayy in September of 1942 as an aviation machinist and was based in Norfolk. Va. Upon his honorable discharge in November of 1945, he and his new bride followed many of the Thompson annily to Gooding, Idaho. For lowed many of the Thompson family to Gooding, idaho. For the next several years, he worked for the Thompson Furniture store. In 1951, he

Furniture store. In 1951, he moved his family to an acreage south of Gooding, where he resided until moving to Bridge-few Estates in Itwin Falls in August of 2003.

In 1952, he started his life-long career as an insurance agent with Provident Life Insurance Company. He continued his profession for more than 50 years and was awarded numerous President Club Sales and Customer Service awards. numerous President Club Sales and Customer Service awards. Many of his clients became life-long friends. His motto was, "There is no one with endurance like a man that sells

insurance.

He was always very proud of and active in his community. He was a charter member of

the Gooding Elks Lodge and served a term as exalted ruler. He was a Paul Harris Fellow Rotarian, serving in all officer capacities including president and an extended term as secrecapacities including president and an extended term as secretary. He also served on the Gooding School Board, and participated in presenting each of his four children their high school diplomas. Being a life-logg Methodist; the Gooding United Methodist Church beneftled greatly from his many-years of participation and service. He was respected by all who knew him for his uncomprunising integrity, his commitment to his whord and his untituling work ethic. Elmer had a great sense of humot? a love for adventure and an umparal-ledel memory of life experiences. But most of all, he was a true gendeman, faithful to all.

ences, but most or an, ne was a true gendeman, faithful to all. He was extremely 'proud of his children and their families, Pamela and John Yore of Twin Ealls, Idaho, Cinda and John Canine of Boise, Idaho, Laine and his 'favorite daughter-in-law' Claudia of Los Altos, Calif., and Debbie and Jeff Rowe of Spokane, Wash. He is a great north and John Canine. Sout, Jacqueline. Yancey, Jeannette, Peter, Johanna, Tera. Brodie, Tanner and Allyson, He also is a wonderful legacy to his Il great-grandchildren. He leaves a host of lifensh not only in Gooding and at Bridgeview. leaves a finost of friends not only in Gooding and at Bridgestew Bestates but in every location that he set foot. Elmer was pre-ceded in death by the love of his life and extraordinary dance partner. Orpha. Ills parents, Louis and Amelia; brothers, Clarence and Harfan: and sister, Gladys, also preceded him. He is surviced by his brother. Eldo, and wife, Erma, of Mission, Texas. Memorials can be made in Elmer's honor to the Gooding United Methodist Church, the Gooding Elis Scholarship Fund.

United Methodist Church, the Gooding Bles Scholarship Fund of the Gooding Rotary Scholarship Fund, A celebration of this life will be held at 10 am. Friday, Feb. 3, at the Gooding United Methodist Church, Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cernetery, A viewing will be held from 5 or 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at Demarray Funeral Chapel.

Brian J. Schmidt

FILER -- After a long and FILER — After a long and brave battle with cancer, Brian I. Schmidt, 54, returned to his Heavenly Father peacefully Saturday evening at his

home, sur-rounded by his loving fam-



He grew up on the farm in Kimberly, where he immediately got the feel of the land in his blood. From this, he chose farming as his profession which he did until July of 2006 which he did until fully of 2006. Brian was always ready to get into the fields each spring, but by the time fall came, he was ready to get out of them for the year! Brian graduated from Kimberly High School in 1971, where he was very active in

Kimberly High School in 1971, where he was very active in FFA. He attended CSI, where he received a vocational degree in auto mechanics.

At this time, he was called to serve in the Army Reserves and was honorably discharged in 1981. He worked for a short time in town and decided that was not the life for him. This was not him the life for him. This was not the life for him. This was not him the life for him. made him appreciate farming and he returned to his roots. In the spring of 1976, he met the lost of the spring of 1976, he met the lost of made him appreciate farming and he returned to his roots. In

ephews.

Brian never met a stranger
and touched many lives.

Through all his years he battled the cancer, his attitude never wavered. He would always say that someone else had it worse than he did. It takes an incredithan he did. It takes an incredibly strong person to walk through life with cancer, and he was a great example of this. We could all learn from such a great example. He was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed. We look for-ward to being with him again as an eternal family. We love you. Dad!.

The family would like to

as an eternal family. We love you.-Dad?
The family would like to express their thanks to the staff at the St. Luke's Cancer Center and a special thank you to The Ko and Slaarlynn with Idaho Home Health and Hospice for her many hours of care and concern not only for Brian but for our family as well.
Donations may be made to D.I. Evans Bank, P.O. Box 87, Vivin Falls, D. B. 303, or any branch for a college fund for Brandon, Lara and Kayla.
The funeral will be at 10 a.m. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Fider, Field DS Church, 841 W. Midway In Filer, Fields, and family may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Fid. 9, at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, and from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the church. Interment will be a Sunset Memorial Park. norm 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the church. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Park.

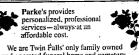
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The family of Kristy LeAnn Hood Trench wish to end our appreciation to our family and friends for in thoughtfulness and prayers during our loss of our loved Kristy. Special Uranks to Trebar Konworth in Hoy

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OBITUARIES

HEYBURN — Gary Neal Masoner, 59-year-old resident of Heyburn, died Erfday, Feb. 2. 2007, at the Cassia Regional M e d i c al Center, sur rounded by his family after a prolonged illness.

Gary was born May 8, 1937, in Rupert, Idaho.

He was the only cities and the was the only child of Wilbur Merle and Verga Elizabeth Loosai Masoner. He married Johan Larson on lune 1, 1960, in the Salt Lake Clty Temple, and "it's been is special journey." They have three children, Julic. Annette and Michael Carry's childhood years were spen in Rupert. He worked at this father's car dealership from the time he was 9 years old. This interest in automobiles carried over to drag racing, Gary graduated from Rupert High School in 1935. He received his bachelor's degree from Idaho State College and a

Gary Neal Masoner
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Young University, Gary continunder the Control of the Control
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Gary Neal Masoner

was a faithful memor of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings.

Gary is survived by bis sweetheart, JoAnn; their three

children, Julie (Douglas) Ward, Annette (Adam) Christensen and Michael (Adria) Masoner, all of Burley, 'Dad, thank you for the love and lasting memo-ries, we love you forevut' !te also is survived by 15 grand-children who door their Warnps,' Justin and Tessa Ward of South Carolina, Kilsa and Jefferson Plicks and Aubric

waru oi South-Carollini, Misa and Jefferson Plicka and Aubrie and Jeffrey Ameland, all-of Utah, Vanessa Ward, Riley, Callin and Quinn Christensen, and Hailey, Kestle, Noah, Salomon and Elizabeth Masoner, all of Burley, He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at the Heyburn LDS Ward Chapel, 530 Villa Drive, with Bishop Frank Peterson officiating, Burial will follow at the Heyburn Rheveside Cemetery

Frank Peterson officiating. Burial will follow at the Heyburn Riverside Cemetery with graveside military rites. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St. There will be no pub-lic viewing Friday at the church.

Marion Tennant Hugentobler

OREM, Utah — Marion Tennant Hugentobler, 90 years of age, died Feb. 1, 2007, in fenna... of age, died Orem, Utah.

of age, died Feb. 1, 2007, in Orem, Utah.
She was born Feb. 12, 1916, in the Eagle House Hotel In Manti, Utah, to loseph M. Tennant and A. p. p. i.e. Spilsbury. H. ar m. o.n. Marion graduated from Delco High School, a teacher's college, She taught all eleght grades in a one-

School, a teacher's college. She taught all eight grades in a one-room school house in Daggett Creek, Idaho, near Idaho City, Idaho, She married Leland L. Hugentobler on March 4, 1939, in Morgan, Utah.

in Morgan, Utah. Their marriage was solem-nized March. 16, 1951, in the Idaho Falls EDS Temple. They

were married 67 years.

She was very active in the LDS Church and served as Primary and Relief Society president and was on the Bolse Stake Relief Society board. She taught the youth in Mutual and

Mutual and was a S e m in a ry teacher for two years. She served with her busband in the Boise Temple for eight years and the Provo Temple. Along with her husband the was red a mission with the LDS England and Control in Province of the P served a mission whit the LDS Employment Center in Provo, Utah. She lived in Rupert, Buhi, Boise and Mountain Home, Idaho, before moving to Orem, Utah, in October 1992.

She is survived by her hus-band, Leland 1. Hugentobler,

94 years of age; and daughters.
Caralee (Monte) Davis of Bahl,
Idaho, Sandra (Eugene) Jones
of Provo, Utah, Claudia (Larry)
Little of Laftabra, Callf., and
atty (David) Barney of Oreth.
Utah. She is also survived by
her brother. Charles Tennant;
sisters. Gladys Darrington.
24 grandchildren; and 58 greatgrandchildren; and 58 greatprandchildren; Max
Swestson; brother, Max
Tennant; and one grandchild.
The funeral will be at noon
Park ist Ward Chapel. 310 N.
100 E. in Oren. Friends may
call one hour before the service.

can one hour before the server Friday the ward chapel. Interment will be in the Rupert Cemetery in Rupert, Idaho. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.sundber-golplumortuary.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Nikolay M. Ozernaya

MRRIDIAN — Nikolay M. Ozemaya, al., of Meridian, died Thueskay, Feb. 6, 2007, at a Boise hospital. — "The funeral will be at 7, pun-today at Bowman Funeral Parlor, 5525 N. Glenwood St. in Garden City, Burial will be at 10 aun. Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Meridian Cemetery.

Mark Watts

TWIN FALLS --- Mark Watts. 78, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at SunBridge Rehabilitation and Care Center in Twin Falls.

Care Center in Twin Falls.
At his request, no service will be held.
Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Robert H. Rodd

JEROME—Robert H. Rodd. 76, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, a St. Luke's Magie Valley Hegional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hove-Robertson—Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Troy H. Gudgell

TWIN FALLS — Troy H.
Gudgell, 46, of Ivin Falls, died
Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, from an
accidental, gunshot, wound,
white ice fishing at Gray's
Landing near Rogerson.
A celebration of life will be
at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at
Reynolds Funeral Chapel,
2466 Addison Ave. E. in
Twin Falls, with Pastor
Steehman Burden of the
Kimberly Christian Church
officiating.

Amberty Christian Church officiating. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the mortuary. A full obituary will appear in Thursday's newspaper.

Geraldine L. Bateman

JEROME — Geraldine L. Bateman, 70, of Jerome, died Thesday, Feb. 76, 2007, in Jerome. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Fartusworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Emmett G. Whitaker

BOISE — Emmett Guy Whitaker, 86, of Boise, died

Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, at a local care center of natural causes.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Boise First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 2201/Woodhawn Ave. in Boise.

Arrangements are under the direction of Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise.

Howard Schneider

BUBLEY — Howard Schneider, 76, of Burley, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Ralph C. Williams

TWIN FALES — Ralph C. Williams Jr., 67, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls

win rails.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Pearl Gae Fellows Nielsen of Pacific Palisades. Calif., and formerly of Burley, friends may call from 10 a.m., to noon today at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, grave-side service will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery Thomas Bettia of Boise and Generative Schoolmen source.

Thomas Beltia of Bolse and formerly of Shoshome, memo-rial service at 11 a.m. today at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Shoshome (Shurmers Finneral Homes, Bolse Chappel). Vera Shaw Reddick of Iwin Falls and formerly of Jerome, Inueral at 2 p.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Robert 1, Barnes of Hagerman, Inneral at 7 p.m. today at the Sundberg-Olpin Mortuary, 495 S. State in

678-7600

1301 E. 16th Street - Burley (Inside Farmers Insurance Building)

Orem, Utah: graveside service and interment at 11 a.m. Friday at the Joplin Cemetery, 4700 E. Chinden in Meridian.

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

(Heynoids Founcial Chaple in Non-Italies, 1988). Dorothy M. Cutler of Hailey, memorial service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Wood River Chaple in Hailey. Thomas J. O'Halloran of Dayton, Ky., and formetly of Bwin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Dwin Falls. Dorothy E. Ratcliff Rose of Ieronic, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Ieronic.

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Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave, A (Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory in Jerome). Terrell Gean McCaskill of

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



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Life is good in Magic Valley

Economist expects more growth and

development By Blair Koch Times-News correspon

TWIN FALLS

Economically, the Magic Valley is a shining star.

The valley should expect employment, productivity and the population to continue rising, Ray Perryman, founder and president of The Perryman Group, an economic and financial analysis firm in Waco, Texas, told business leaders Tuesday at First Federal's annual economic breakfast.

leaders Tuesday at First Federal's annual economic meakfast.
Perryman has a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Rice University and camed his Ph.D. in economics from Baylor University.
The local economy, he said, like the nation's, is keyed to three factors: having a favorable business climate, an outstanding education system and access to the world markets.

All three are present in southern Idaho, he said. Another driving element is that the area is rapidly becom-ing a tourist and second-home

ing a fourist aim sectoral-mode destination, Perry man said. "That is driving a lot of pros-perity in the state," he said. "The growth has some staying power. The area is really good about adding value to its agri-

cultural products and it has diversified so in the long-term the outlook appears very

the outlook appears
good.
Statewide, Perryman sees a
healthy pace of growth and
predicted an increase of 4 to 5
percent in the gross product
and a 2 percent increase
in employment.
This is good
news to the
College of
Southern
Idaho, said

Idaho, said accountant Megan Hodge, who

attended the breakfast.

attended the breakfast.

The college continues to grow. I think that we, like everyone else here, wants to see whats in the future—both near and far, and take advantage of that information.

Alan Horner, president and CEO of First Federal, said the bank, which has been at Magic Valley establishment since 1916, is experiencing good times—much like the rest of the valley.

times — much like the rest of the valley. "We are building a new branch in Kimberly so that we can better meet the needs of people and our client base." Horner said, "All of our money stays, and is reinvested in, the Magic Valley and we are com mitted to the area."

Times-News correspondent Blair Koch can be reached by e-mail at blairkoch@gmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

Bush talks about fiscal responsibility at company accused of price-fixing

MANASSAS, Va. — President Bush preached the virtues of fiscal responsibility Tuesday at a company that recently set-tled a class-action lawsuit tled a class-action tawsum alleging it had engaged in price-fixing and violated antitrust laws.

Bush went to computer

Bush went to computer chip-maker Micron Technology Inc. to talk about the \$2.9 trillion budget he unveiled a day earlier. His spending plan gives the Pentagon a record \$50 billion budget hike but squeezes programs cherished by Democrats, including health research and heating subsidies for the poor. Bush said his plan would lead to a balanced budget in five years after soaring deficits.

deficits.

He said Congress needs to set priorities in spending tax-

payer money.
"The temptation The temptation in Washington is to spend your money on everything that sounds good." Bush said. "That's not have you run your family budget. That's not how this company runs its company budget and that's certainly not how the government ought not to run its budget. Micron Technology, based in Bolse, Idaho, settled a class action lawsuit last month that last month that

ction lawsuit last month that was filed in 2002 in U.S. District Court in San Francisco on behalf of customers, generally computer manufacturers and others,



President Bush gestures above a pile of earmarks, as he speaks about the pany, in Manassas, Va., Tuesday.

who bought dynamic ran-dom-access memory chips, or DRAM secret from suppliers between 1995, and 1995, and lane 30,2002. I 1995, and lane 30,2002. The White House Knew about the lawsit when it scheduled Bush's appearance, deputy press secretary Dana Perino said.

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Developing the ditch



Workers causs windows on a unit at Cypress Village, a 343 home residential development, Jan. 25, in Orange Baach, Ala. With beachfront acreages nere strinking supply and much of the coast still recovering from hunricanes Ivan and Katrina, developers are putting up lazury condo towers, shopping areas and marinas on the 1,300-mile Gulf intracoastal Waterway.

Away from beach, billions in development on Gulf Coast waterway

ORANGE BEACH, Ala. — The newest, multibillion-dol-lar wave of construction on the northern Gulf Coast is along the piney banks of a manmade ditch, protected from the twin threats of from the twin threats storms and high land prices

nom the twin threats of storms and high land prices. With beachfront acreage in ever-shrinking supply and much of the coast still recovering from hurricanes Ivan and Katrina, developers are putting up husury condominium towers, shopping areas and marinas on the 1,300-mile Gulf Intracoastal Waterway — despite concerns the trend could endanger navigation on a vital commercial artery. For decades, the canal resembled little more than a meandering river with dirt banks, huge barges pushed by tugboats and the accasjonal fishing boat. Today, workers on its banks are planting palm tree, beside buildings with penthouse views of marinas built for 100-foot yachts. Alabama and south Texas are at the heart of the boom, with about 6,000 condominiums worth more than \$3 billion planned in just one Alabama county.

But developers, the Army Corps of Engineers and waterway users agree that the work going on now in just a few hot sposts could spread quickly and alter hundreds of miles of land fronting the channel along the Gulf of Mexica coast.

"The waterway will look compoletely different in 20 With beachfront acreage in er-shrinking supply and

Mexica coast.

"The waterway will look completely different in 20 years," said Beason Wilkes, a vice president of AIG Baker, which is building an \$800 million compilex called The Wharf along a balf-mile stretch of the waterway in Orange Beach, where the beachfront was dewasted by Hurricane Ivan in 2004. It includes 1,755 condominium units, more than 200 marina

slips and dozens of shops and restaurants on 223 acres. Hundreds of miles to the southwest, subdivisions and high-dollar homes are going up on the waterway near the up on the waterway near the old fishing village of Port O'Connor, Texas. The three-phase Dolphin Point commu-

phase Dolphin Foint community caters to fishing beats with, a protected marina that spills anglers into the same water used by barges that haul 120 million tons of bulk resources annually.

The hure of the waterway is woofold, Being on the canal instead of the beach offers some protection from monster storms like Katrina. Also, land is far cheaper on the waterway. While beachfount lois quickly reach ST million or more. Wilkes said The Wharf was bull ton land that nitially cost around \$50,000.

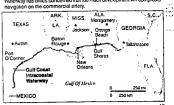
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the development of what amounts to a second coast worries the Gulf Intracoastal Canal

want amounts to a second coast worries the Gulf Intracoastal Association. an advoracy group for the barge industry based in Friendswoods, Itexas. "It's an issue we need to focus on with the (Army Corps of Engineers) and sit down with developers and them to come up with a plan for doing it safety." said Raymond Butler, executive director of the association. Winding through the gulf coasts of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, the waterway is dotted with hundreds of harges carrying minerals, grains or chemical products on any given day. About \$20 miles of the waterway pass through upen bays or coastal sounds: the remaining 780 miles are manumade cands.

Butler said its he development along canals that's worristome. With a 12-foot chainmany: places, trying pilots already are fosses through the plants of the pilots already are fosses through the plants of the pilots already are fosses through the plants of the pilots already are fosses through the plants of the plants of the plants of the pilots already are fosses through the plants of t

Development streaming along waterway



tricky bends. Adding thou-sands of recreational boats coming and going from canal marinas won't help, he said.

mannas wont neip, ne said.
"The waterway is confined
by land, and we just don't
have any room for maneuvering," said Butler, who told a
House committee about his
development concerns in

2005. Brule group doesn't have much problem with the massive development at The Wharf, learned at the sheep of a privately developed toll brigge. Crews carved out more than 200 feet of shoreline along the waterway to create the development's narian, meaning the canad didn't lose any of its normal width.

width.
But the barge association isn't as happy with Lulu's at Homeport Marina, a canalised restaurant and dock built in Gulf Shores by Lucy Buffett, the sister of Alabarna-born singer Jimmy Buffett, and husband Mac McAlteer, a former CEO of Krispy Kreme CEO of Krispy Kreme Doughmus.

Featuring 400 seats and a manmade befach, Lulu's serves 3,000 people a day during tourist season. Many diners sit on a wooden dock built along the waterway.

along the waterway.
"You get all these people who come down here from the Midwest, and they sit and eat a cheeseburger and there's

a tug coming down with a oarge," said McAlteer. They've never seen that

helone."

But the tug industry worries about what could happen if a recreational bouter leaving Lulus pulled out in front of a barge or, even worse, if a barge weighing hundreds of tons broke loose with a load of deadly chemicals and struck the restaurant on a busy nicht.

night.
"That barge is likely to go right up through that restau-rant," sald Butler. "We've been lucky so far that we have not had any fatalities, but we have had some serious property

had any fatallities, but we have had some serious property damage." Indeed, a 397-foot runaway barge hit Lulu's during Ivan, taking out the whole dining deck, which has since hen rebuilt. The restaurant was closed at the time.

Trying to get a handle on the development, the Corps of Engineers is holding up 16 permit applications to build along the waterway while contractors complete an environmental impact study that's being funded in large part by a consortium of developers.

"The driving force is water capacity," said Marilyn Phipps, a spokeswonan for the corps in Mobile. "If that comes out and says, 'You can only have 10 piers,' that affects everyone else."

Green book rates vehicles Kermit's way

Honda Civics, Toyota Prius rated the most eco-friendly

By John O'Dell Los Angeles Times

Kermit the Frog may have been right about the difficul-ties of being green, but a growing number of automak-ers are trying. An annual online rating of what's 'green' and what isn't, published Tuesday, has four new models on its list of the

dozen most environmentally friendly vehicles for 2007. Equally notable, though, is the large number of vehicles that nearly made the list in the Green Book, an environmental guide to cars and trucks by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy in Washington.

There are a lot of co-

Washington.
"There are a lot of ecofriendly vehicles that just
missed the cut" for the top 12
ranking, Green Book author
James Kliesch said.
"It used to be the case that
the greenest vehicles were a

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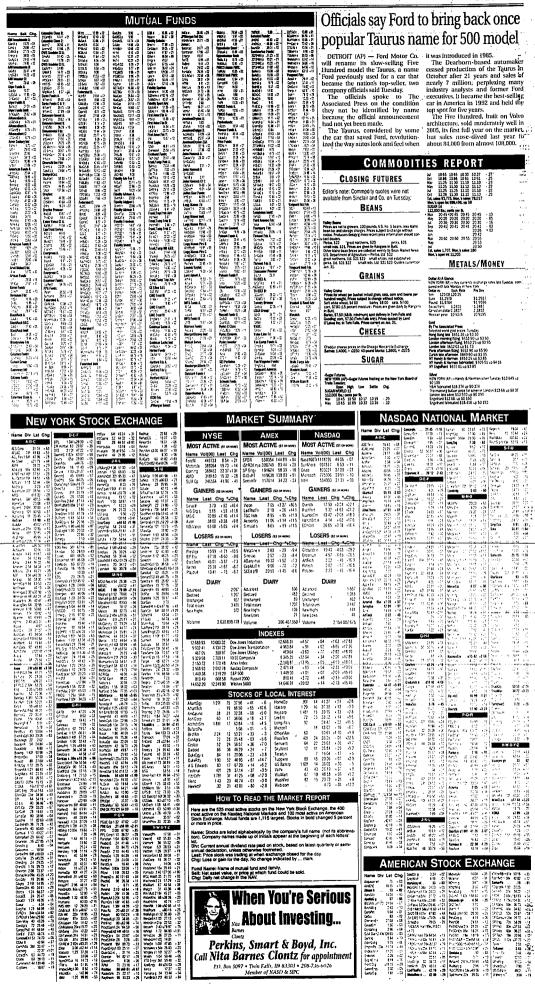
sciect number of models that stood far above the pack," he said. Today, the eco-friendly field has become much more crowded, and that's good news for consumers." Honda Motor Co.'s natural-gas-powered Civic CX was the nation's greenest vehicle for the third time in four years—after heing knocked into second place last year by the company's since-discontinued two-seat insight gasoline-electric hybrid. Toyota Motor Co.'p.'s popular Prins, another gasoline-electric hybrid, was second,

followed closely by Honda's Civic hybrid.

Two newcomers — Nissan Motor Co.'s Altima hybrid, which went on sale in February, and Troyota's Varias subcompact — rounded out the top five.

The other newcomers are Toyota's Campy hybrid, in seventh place, and Honda's Fit subcompact, in eighth.

A third new subcompact in the market, Nissan's Versa, was one of a growing number of vehicles that scored well but not high enough to make the top rankings.



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Nations pledge not to use child soldiers

Critics say promise lacks legal weight

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through. But others said it may be no more than empty promises and that more than words are needed to rehabilitate children mentally and physically scarred by war.

"We've lost a whole generation of children," said Liberia's deputy minister of education, Itawa Goll. Kotchi. "It's scary."

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Sierra Leone, Liberia. Congo, Sri Lanka, Colombia. Sudan and Somalla — just

some of the nations where children have been recruited as fighters — were among nearly 60 countries that approved the so-called Patis Commitments, although it was not formally signed. All 27 nations of the European Union also endorsed the text. The LIS government that

nations of the European Union also endorsed the text. The U.S. government did not participate in the conference. The State Department said the administration objected to some of the wording of the documents, but added that the U.S. remained committed to its treaty obligations to prevent the use of children in combat.

At least 250,000 boys and girls are believed to still be lighting in about a dozen conflicts worldwide, according to the United Nations. They are used as soldiers, messengers, sples and porters and sometimes forced to provide sexual services.

Attempting to return to civilian life

The document requires its backers to "spare no effort" to end the use of soldiers younger than 18 and stipulates that countries must demobilize underage fighters, even during wartime. It also says that anyone who recruits children may not receive amplify

under peace agreements.
Ivory Coast's foreign minister, Youssoff Bakayoko, called
the pledge a "breakthrough."
"Countries will now have to
do their all to make sure this
text is respected," he told The
Associated Press.
Ivory Coast was one of seven

countries monitored under a 2005 U.N. Security Council resolution aimed at preventing child recruitment. The West African nation has been split between the government-con-trolled south and rebel-held

African nation has been split between the government-controlled south and rebel-held north since a-failed coup', in 2002 sparked a civil war. French Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy histied the-document is more than just 'good words' and 'will have a great political value.' Others were less optimistic Former - child soldier Ishamed Beati, who made an emotional appeal Monday for strong action to keep children from returning to battle. told AP he lears the text will prove just more 'empty promises.' "It's more concrete than pext documents and that's good.

"Its more concrete than past documents and that's good, but I'm worried it won't be properly applied," said Beah, who a it 3 johned an armed faction after his mother, father and two brothers were killed in Sierra Leone's civil wur in the 1990s.

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1AKARTA, Indonesia — In a low-lying riverside district of the capital, dead chickens floated in the same filthy floodwaters that women used to bathe children and

wash clothes Men sitting on rooftops or

Men sitting on rooftops or balconies dangled hooks in the debris-filled mater for fish amid the stench of raw sewage. An elderly woman called out to rescuers for food and water from her second-floor balcony.

Boys scavenged plastic bags and other recyclable waste to sell for a few pennius.

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HAILEY — Blaine County voters on Tuesday decided it was time for a new public safe-ty facility.

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A bond for a new, \$13 million facility won approval by a 1,056 to 337 margin. To pass, the bond needed a supermajority of 67 percent. It got 75.81 percent.

Voter turnout for the elec-

Voter turnout for the elec-tion was 12.04 percent of the county's 11.632 registered vot-ers, sald Blaine County Clerk Jolynn Drage. "Twere just ecstatic over the numbers," Blaine County

workers Thesday revealed the hardships residents are suffering five days after torrential rains unleasted floodwaters that have killed 44 people and chased hundreds of thousands from their homes in this city of 12 million. While some parts of Jakarta began drying out under gray skies, water is still several feet deep in low-lying areas along river banks where tens of thousands of the city's poorest live in cluttered allies. The emergency workers delivered dried mondles, rice und fresh water to residents of central Jakarta's Bendungan Hilir district, a mixed-income_neighborhood_Indonesian soldiers

Blaine County voters OK new jail

Sheriff Walt Femiling said. "It's just been a great collaboration of everybody working on this: Seventy-five percent is an amazing number. "I really want to thank all of our constituents in trusting their elected officials," he added. "We'll do a great job of putting the facility together." Blaine County Commissioners will discuss the outcome of the vote and-subsequent steps on Tuesday at 10 a.m. during a regularly scheduled meeting at the Old Blaine County Courthouse. A design

paddled the boat past abandoned furniture, people wading in chest-high water with plastic containers balanced on their heads, and children swimning as if they were in a public pool. Some boys used a sofa cushion as a raft. Flooding was still 8 feet deep amid the simple, two-story cinder block and brick homes. The district's main market, hospital and most houses were inundated, forcing residents to move to upper floors. The fear of their homes being looted kept many from leaving. Indonesia's poor — a majority in the country of 220 million people — have borne the brunt of a recent

"The next steps are we are going to get with our architer and construction manager we can get the bid out as soon as possible." Commissioner Tom Bowman said. "We also need to arrange to find the best price that we can get on the bonds. Our intent is to make sure that we can sell the bonds to Blaine Country residents."

approving the bond

county property owners agreed to finance the facility with a little less than \$2 per \$100,000 of assessed property each year over the next 21 years to fund the \$13 million dollar facility.

string of natural disasters, including the 2004 Asian tsunami, which killed more than 160,000 people on Sumatra island. This months food, the worst in the capital in recent memory, was no exception.

As many as 38,000 other people in the southwestern district, which borders some of the city's wealthiest highrise apartments and sleek skystrapers, are crammed into unhygienic shelters, officials said.

"We are sharing two tollets between 1,000 people," said Nelly, whose family of nine awoke in the middle of the night Thursday when the river overflowed its banks just 100 yards away.

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University of Tennessee study estimates states lost about \$24 billion in online sales taxes in 2006. Idaho's share exceeded

2006. Idaho's share exceeded \$59 million. the study said. The bill, however, is likely to encounter continued resist-ance on the House floor. Not only did it barely survive the House Revenue and Taxatlon Committee with a 9-8 vuce, but it also saw three members of the Republican leadership dis-sent.

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He also sald discussion is
moot since the program needs
federal approval. While the

states can create an agreement to work jointly, they are wait-ing for Congress to ratify an agreement for states to require

County Courthouse. A design review hearing before the city of Hailey is scheduled for February 22.

agreement for states to require businesses to comply. The legislation, in essence, is saying that should Congress approve the program, Idaho would be on board.

"The plan is to say, 'Look Congress, a number of states have put it into place,' Spangler said. The expectation is that a congressional ratification would include a requirement to force businesses to participate in the states' agreement, he said.

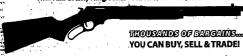
Smith's bill is related — but of Inconsistent with — a pro-osal by Sen. Brad Little, R-mmett. HIs legislation Emmett. His legislation requires that companies physically present in Idaho have their online branches — Sprangler called them "bricks and clicks" — maintain the same sales-tax policies.

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At the table declarer had never seen a more obvious singleton than East's club, so rather than risk a trump-finesse (when he might easily run into a club ruff), he elected to play the spade ace and a second spade. He was giving up on the trump finesse, relying instead on the diamond finesse to make 10 tricks. Needless to say, with the cards lying as they did, Carter, the defender in the East seat, had just succeeded in persuading declarer to turn 10 tricks into 9. He won the second spade and exited with a diamond, letting West eventually score his diamond queen.

Most declarers found no difficulty on this hand once they had taken the trump finesse ... but Patrick had not been at their table!

ANSWER: Partner's bid of two hearts is fourth-suit forcing. It asks you to describe your hand by showing extra length in one of your suits or bidding no-trump you have a heart stop, neither of which you can do. The least lie is to bid three clubs, suggesting club support. You would prefer to have three clubs for this call, but this is desperation time.

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