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# **Mercury moving**



The University of Nevada, Reno has released a study that shows mines in northern Nevada have been releasing hundreds of times the allowable amount of mercury into the atmosphere. The Idaho Department of Entronmental Quality suspects some of this mercury has found its way into Salmon Falis Creek Reservoir near Rogerson, Idaho, pictured above.

# Report finds dangerous levels near Nevada mines

RENO, Nev. — Startlingly high concentrations of mercury in ambient air were found near at least three northern Nevada mines, according to a January study by researchers at the University of Nevada, Reno.

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All three mines are west and upwind of Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir, where the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has found elevated concentrations of mercury in

The DEQ has long suspected that Nevada mines may be contributing to mercury contam-

ination at the reservoir, and this report bolsters those suspicions — and raises the ire of Idaho and Nevada environmental groups. Mercury is a neurotoxin found to cause birth

Mercury is a neurotoxin found to cause birth defects in humans.

The report, written by Patrick loyce and Glenn C. Miller, was designed to test the usefulness of an instrument that measures mercury in ambient alt. When the study began, the researchers wondered whether there was even enough mercury to measure.

Their results show that not only is the mercury measurable, but there's enough off at some sites to pose serious health risks to humans, especially pregnant mothers. Some of the high-

est readings were found in employee parking lots.

"These are the highest mercury concentrations measured in ambient outside air in the western U.S. that we're aware of." said Dan Randolph with-watchdog group Great Basin Mine Watch in a statement released to the press. These measurements indicate that we don't yet know the magnitude of air emissions from mines yet."

In a November interview, DEQ researcher Clyde Lay said that mercury emitted by Newdamines may travel by wind or rain and end up at

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# Lawmakers propose bill to rehire the retired

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE — Amid concerns of finding enough qualified teachers in Idaho, lawmakers and several education groups introduced legislation. Thursday that would allow school districts to rehire retired teachers as full-time employees.

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In response to teacher shortages and as truggle to meet the
needs for the federal No Child
Left Behind Arc, the bill would
make it easier for school disnicts to rehire pelied administrators and teachers for more
than 20 hours a week.

Teachers or administrators
can now come out of relienment, but are administrators
can now come out of relienment, but are limited to 20hours or part-time schedules.
There is no mandatory age for
teachers to retire.
The "30-rule" in Idaho refers
to the combined age and years
of service for most state
employees to receive full benefits. One create is that teachers
who started late — say, in their
forties — would be prohibited

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for animal products.

Otter brings his 'Capitol for a Day' to Kimberly today.

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Industry wins committee battle over elk farms.

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# Salmonella outbreak linked to peanut butter

By Mike Stobbe Associated Press writer

ATLANIA — Government scientists struggled Thursday to pinpoint the source of the first U.S. salmonella outbreak linked to peanut butter, the kid favorite packed into millions of lunchboxes

kid lavorite packed into millions of lunchboxes every 250 people in 39 states have fallen ill since August, and federal health investigators said they strongly suspect Peter Pan peanut butter and certain batches of Wel-Mart's Great Value house brand — both manufactured by ConAgra Foods Inc. Shoppers across the country were warned throw out just with a product code on the ild beginning with 211; which denotes the plant where it was made.

How the dangerous germ got into the peanut butter was a mystery, But because peanuts are usually heated to high; germ-killing temperatures during the manufacturing process, government and industry officials said the contamination may

### Refunds

To get a refund for peanst butter with a product code on the lid beginning with 2111, consumers should send lids and their names and addresses to ConAgra Foods, EO. Box 57078, Ivrine, CA 92819-7078. For more information, call (866) 344-6970.

have been caused by dirty jars or equip-

"We think we have very strong evidence that this was the brand of peanut butter. that ms was the brand of peanut butter. Now it goes to the next step of going to the place where the peanut butter was made and focusing in on the testing," said Dr. Mike Lynch, an epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and

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# Pocatello mayor backs green trend

POCATELLO — Concerned that humans are causing global warming, the mayor of this eastern Idaho city has joined with nearly 400 other mayors nationwide to sign the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. "We see in our winters the snowpack doesn't last as long," Mayor Roger Chase told the Idaho State journal. There's greater fire danger and less water in the aquifer and reservoirs. The forests of the West are burning away. POCATELLO --- Concerned

### More information online

For more information about the U.S. Meyors Climate Protection Agreement, including how to sign it and who is already on board, visit http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/climate/.

The intensity of storms has changed so dramatically, when we have storms they're major events."

Pocatello joins Bellevue, Boise and Sun Valley on the list of Idaho cities that have joined approximately 400 other cities nationwide in the

agreement, and it could mean big changes in local land-use policies. The agreement endeavors to bring individual cities in line with the Kyoto Protocol, the international agreement

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# Hit the road ... and pay the fine

### BLM increases road-closure enforcement in the South Hills

TWIN FALLS — Stay off closed roads or face penalties. The Bureau of Land Management says it is step-ping up efforts to keep motor-ized vehicles off of certain roads in the South Hills by costing more sizes and

posting more signs and increasing patrols. Violators face fines of \$1,000 and up to a year in jail if

and up to system caught.
Since 2000, the agency has closed several of its South Hills roads to motorized vehicles between Jan. 16 and March 15 to protect wildlife habitat.

The closed area includes all BLM-administered lands in the South Hills from the west-ernmost entrance of North Cottonwood Creek Road on the western boundary to the private land adjacent to Dry Creek Road on the eastern

Less-than-normal snow this year has resulted in an increase in violators because its easter for them to find the routes, said Heather Ticl, spokeswoman for the BLM.

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### MINI-CASSIA

Today/Mostly cloudy skies, cool temperatures and strong winds. A few showers are possible. Highs mid 40s. Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy skies, and much lighter winds. Lows near 30. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny skies and very nice. Highs near

Complete weather report: See page B6

### TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Disable American Vertransumitary
The Disable American Vertrans Auxillary dance, 8 p.m., at the D.A. Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Folls, \$2 donation, 734-5208.

Buttons "n" Bows Square Dance Club plus dance, 7:30 pm. (no pre-rounds), at the Twin Folls Moose Lodge, 835 Folls Ave., Twin Folls, finger foods, \$4 per person, 308-4628.

A.R. Gumys "Low Latters, presented by the Mad Halt", Theatire Company, 730 pm. College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Theatire Recital Hall, Twin Falls, \$10, 732-6781.

### **FAMILY**

"Youth Options," open gym, pool tables, air hockey, video games and more for young people ages 13-19, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, \$2.

### GOVERNMENT

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

### HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training. 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High told gym), Rupert Civic Gym and Blaine County Campus Gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475.

### **HOBBIES AND CRAFTS**

Bingo, sponsored by the Gooding County Historical Society, 7 to 10 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 338 Main St., Gooding, S11 per packet (20 games), 934-4412.

### MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium, "Far Qu't Space Places" 7 p.m., "
Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the
College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, S4 for adults,
S3 for senior citizens, S2 for students and S9 for families
(children under age 4 not allowed), 732-6655.

### REUNION

Members of the Twin Falls High School graduating class of 1947 Juncheon, open to all 1947 classmates, 1 p.m., Jaker's on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, Twin Falls, cost of meal, 733-7410 or 4209435

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzrane Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P0.80x 548, \*win Fails. th B330/30548, Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

To submit an event for the March calendar publishing Feb. 25, deadline is noon Tuesday, Feb. 20.

### COMING TOMORROW



## REFLECTIONS ON LENT

The season of penance before Easter has different meanings to many Catholics and Episcopalians.

SATURDAY IN RELIGION



Here's hoping for healthier eating out Readers loved our Eat Cheap series highlighting under-57 restaurant meals, as we hoped they would. The sur-ptes was the flood of feetback for #III Sherman Sseems nutritional analysis. Apparently, Magic Valley folks car

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of the Pertine Bridge, folks
who have an lich for action
can find it: BASAE; impulge
for thrill seekers, wildlife and
mature photography for artisis,
rock and see elimbing for
swashbucklers, biking 'for
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### Dual credit program continues to grow

COMMUNES TO GROW

TAVIN FALLS — There is a
growing trend in high schools,
and it has nothing to do with
fived or American Idol.
Increasingly, Magic Valley suidents are enrolling in college
before they even graduate
from high school.

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### Gooding man found fit for trial ~

GOODING — A man with a history of paramoia of authority is lit to stand trial on charges that he fired five rounds at a SWAT team storming his mother's home.

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### Nampa group moves for community college

NAMPA...— The Nampa Chamber of Commerce is cir-Chamber of Commerce is Cir-culating petitions to put a community college district on the ballot in southern Idaho's Ada and Canyon counties.

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# OBITUARIES Leon Sherman Tippett, 67 Ralph C. Williams Jr., 67 Alberta May Markley Montgomery, 93

omery, 93 n B. Pothler, 56 l. Henman, 90 SEE PAGE C2 IDAHO/WEST

### Terminally ill man gives eye to research

SPOKANE, Wash. — A former Marine with terminal cancer has donated his diseased but still functioning eye for blindness research in Utah. The John A, Moran Eye Center in Salt Lake City received the right eye of Terry Stidman, 52, of Spirit Lake, Idaho.... SEE PAGE C4

### Industry wins battle over elk regulations

Over ein regulations
BOISE — An industrybacked plan to regulate
Idalio elk ranches trumped
stricter proposals Thursday
during Senate debate that
included talk of 'grain-fed
monsters' and 'Frenchkissing' elk spreading disease through fences. The
Senate Agriculture Affairs Senate Agriculture Affairs Committee voted 7-1 for a licensing program for Idaho's nearly 80 elk ranch es, 17 of which offer "shoot-er-bull" fenced hunts. SEE PAGE C4



# ordeal near Idaho City

BOISE — An autopsy of a lampa teen found dead BOISi: — An autopsy of a Nampa teen found dead after getting stranded in the Boise mountains with two other hunters shows she likely died of exposure, Boise County Sheriff's officials said County Sheriff's officials said Thursday. Rescuers found lennifer Burkey, 18, dead in the snow in the backcountry Tuesday near Idaho City, about 30 miles northeast of Boise in the Boise National Forest. She and two others became stranded with no supplies Saturday during an impromptu coyote hunting trip.

### Senate confirms Smith to 9th Circuit Court

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The U.S. Senate voted to
confirm Idaho state Judge
Norman Randy Smith to the
sht Circuit Court of Appeals
on Thursday. The Senate
approved the nomination
on a 94-0 vote. Smith is a
6th District judge In
Pocetello.

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### NATION/WORLD



# wounded, Iraq says

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The leader of al-Qaida in Iraq was wounded and an aide was killed in a clash was wounded and an aide was killed in a elash Thursday with Iraqi forces north of Baghdad, the Interior Ministry spokesman said. The clash occurred near Balad, a major U.S. base about 50 miles north of the capital, Brig, Gen, Abdul-Karim Khalaf said. SEE PAGE C8

### Auditors: More than \$10B wasted in Iran

\$10B wasted in Iraq
WASHINGTON — The
U.S. government has
squandered as much as \$10
billion in public money on
Iraq reconstruction aid
because of overcharges and,
unsubstantiated expenses.
More is yet to come, federal
investigators said Thursday.
The three top auditors overseeing work in Iraq told a
Itouse committee their
review of \$37 billion in Iraq
contracts found that
Defense and State department officials conduned or
allowed repeated work
delays, bloaded expenses
and payments for shoddy
work or work never done.

Pennsylvania interstate

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HAMBURG, Pa. —
National Guardsmen in Humwess ferried food, fuel and baby supplies Thursday to hundreds of motorists stranded on a 50-mile strench of highway for inearly a day by a monster storm blamed for 15 deaths. The traffic Jam on the icy, hilly section of Interstate 78 in eastern Pennsylvania started in ease by the aftermonn.

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Parents given 2 years

# in 'caged kids' case

NORWALK, Ohio — A couple who forced some of their 11 adopted, special-needs children to sleep in needs children to seep in cages were sentenced to two years in prison each for child endangering Thursday, after emotional statements in which the parents claimed they were only trying to keep the kids safe. SEE PAGE A5

**Did ancient Americans** 

# have salsa, beer?

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WASHINGTON
Inhabitants of the New
World had chili peppers and
the makings of tace chips
6,100 years ago, according
to new research that examined the bowl-scrapings of
people sprinkled throughout Central America and the
Amazon basin. Upcoming
questions on the research
agenda include: Did they
have salsa' When did they
get beer?

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### **SPORTS**



### Matkin punishes Boise in Bruins win

NAMPA — The first quar-ter nearly cost the Twin Falls Bruins a shot at the cham-

proints a shot at the cham-pionship.

Down by a dozen points at the beginning of the sec-ond quarter, Twin Falls railied in a way not seen before this season for a 58-50 firstround win over the Boise Braves at the Class 5A tour-nament at the Idaho Center in Nampa on Thursday.

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### Tolman's last block saves Bobcats win

BOISE — Overtime or a last-minute foul to send Skyview to the line would have doomed Burley, But it didn't happen. Nicole didn't happen. Nicole Johnan happened. With barely six seconds left in the game and trailing

by a single point, the Skyview Hawks inbounded the ball and passed around, looking for an open shot or

a foul call.

But Burley's Tolman, a junior post, got her hand up.

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### Burley boys earn conférence title shot

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BURLEY — After trailing
by two points at halftime,
the Burley Bobeats exploded in the second half to beat
lerome 51-38 in the second
round of the District IV
Great Basin Conference
West tournament Thursday.
The win puts Burley in
Monday's championship game. It will play the winner
of Sautrday's Jerome-Wood
River matchup.

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### Bruin boys down to a must-win game

POCATELLO - They've

POCATELLO — They've got one shot left.

The Twin Falls High School hoys' basketball team will false a nust-win stuartion on Saturday after failing to rived Highland High 53-37 during Thursday nights Region Four-Five-Six tournament game in Pocatello. The Bruins will now host Idaho Falls at 7 pm. Saturday in loser-our action.

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### Wolverines top Spartans in tourney

RUPERT - Bitten once RUPERT — Bitten once again by poor free-throw shooting Thursday, the Minico High School boys basketball team fell 61-56 in Great Basin Conference Tournament play to the vis-iting Wood River Wolverines.

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### Retired

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from participating in the proposed program.
"If you don't perform they don't hang on to
you," said lep, lim Marriott, R-Blackfoot. "If you
do perform, they do keep you."
Support for the bill was somewhat dependent
on the Public Employee Retirement System of
labo, as the bill would keep districts free of
financial problems from the Internal Revenue
Service. PERS: has given the proposal its
approval.
Under the new law, districts would continue
to contribute to PERSI, but the related teachers
would not because they receive retirement
packages.

would not because they receive reditement packages.
To be eligible for rehiring, teachers or administrators must not be participating in the early retirement program and must have retired at least at the age of 62.
The important thing is that we're not double-dipping, said clifford Green, the executive director of the Idaho School Boards Association. Jim Shackleford, executive director for the Idaho Education, which represents teachers, said they are generally supportive of eachers working again and agreed most schools have difficulty filling some positions, especially rural areas with special education teachers.

But he said one concern was whether there would be a decreased effort to recrult younger

teachers.

"That's one of the things I want to look at in
the bill," he said. "What are the efforts school
districts might make before they offer a position
to someone else? Is there some effort required
for them to look for a teacher?"
However, Green said the bill would not compromise districts' searches for younger, qualitied teachers, and the retired teachers could be
retleved immediately if necessary.
Debbie Critchfield, chairwoman of the Cassia
County School Board, estimated that as few as

County School Board, estimated that as few as 12 retired teachers would be rehired in the

whole state.

Officials have said retired teachers work in officials have said retired teachers work in and are traveling to other states, such as Utah, to teach.

to teach.

The pay is negotiable, but the proposed program — planned for a five-year trial period — would have no financial effect on the districts since they are filling positions already budget

Statehouse correspondent Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at 343-0901 or jhopkins@magic-

### Mercury .

Roads

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The Jerome office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Idaho Department of Fish and Game with Department of Fish and Game supports the road closures because many of the roads run through areas where mule deer spend the winter.

winter.

This area has experienced an increase in motorized vehicle use, which has the potential to seriously impact the animals that utilize this area as their winter range, said Brad Pendley, a BLM wildlife biologist. "It is important that this seasonal closure be enforced to

Continued from page A1 Salmon Falls. He said addition-

Salmon Palls. He said additional studies to track wind paterns is needed to definitively say that the contamination at the reservoir comes at least in part from the mines. According to DEQ research, Salmon Falls contains about 250 pounds of mercury—enough for the state to warn against eating fish caught in the reservoir. The data for the University of

The data for the University of Nevada, Reno report were gathered in August at 10 mines in northern Nevada.

The highest concentrations

The highest concentrations of mercury — found at Marigold Mine about 250 miles south and west of Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir — were more than 600 times that of normal background conditions.

Calls from the Times-News to

the office and cell phone of a Nevada Mining Association spokeswoman were not



protect them during what can be a particularly stressful time." Tiel said the BLM will spend more time patrolling the closed roads until March, though the BLM may choose to extend the

closures until mid May if roads are muddy.

Times-News staff writer Matt hristensen can be reached at

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The Savings are

great prices

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nds and family of Lela Rob Friends and family of Lela Robinson are invited to drop by and share good food, fun and many memories as Lela celebrates her 75° brithday at an open house hosted by her children: Heather (Tom); Ron (Shanna); Hank (Vadis); Susan Addish; Tuman); Hank (Vadis); Susan

celebration will take place uary 17th from 2-4 p.m. at the ie of Tom and Heather Walten 1327 North Fillmore, Jerome. No gifts please, your attendance will be considered a gift.



**EYE EXAM** 

# Mayors

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to address climate disruption
that has not been signed by the
United States. The agreement
is largely credited to Seattle
Mayor Greg Nickels.
Other mayors who have
signed include Sait Lake City
Mayor Rocky, Anderson, and
Ellen O. Moyer, mayor of
Annapolis, Md.
At a meeting of the group in
Utah at the Sundance Summit
last year, Moyer said water is
starting to rise on that city's
beaches.
These are some of the most
important mayors in America

These are some of the most important mayors in America who are involved in this." Chase said. "This is not a fringe group of mayors. (Global warming) has accelerated so fast, one of the things we talked about at Sundance was

Salmonella

the things they thought were going to happen are happening mpfd/g<sup>2</sup>.

By signing the agreement, mayors you to make their cities more environmentally friendly and try to meet targets set by the Kyoto Protocol, in which 35 industrial nations, have agreed to cut their global-warming gases by 5 percent on average below 1990 levels by 2012.

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The United States has not signed the protocol.

In Pocatello, measures include drafting a policy that would lead to reducing carbon dioxide emissions. Work has already started on converting the city's vehicles to biodiesel

able place to build wind tur-bines to generate power.
John Sigler, the city's senior environmental coordinator, said Pocatello has converted many of its street lights to more efficient bulbs.
The city also promotes recy-cling and is opening new drop-off locations. Chase said the city is working on ways to recapture methane at the city municipal sewage treatment plant.
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plant.
"I'm personally convinced that man is affecting the climate," Chase said. "If we start being a more environmentally minded city and global warmminded city and global warming is not an issue, we lose nothing. If global warming is an issue, we've made the right decision. I don't see a down side for the city."

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The suspect peanut butter was produced by ConAgra at its only peanut butter plant, in Sylvester, Ga., federal investiga-

Sylvester, ca., teueria investiga-tors said.

ConAgra said it is not clear
the recall. But the plant is the sole producer of the nationally distributed Peter Pan brand, and the recall covers all peanut butter — smooth and chunky

butter — smooth and chunky alike — produced by the plant from May 2006 until now. "We're talking a fot of jars of peanut butter," said Dr. David Acheson, chief medical officer of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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The highest number of cases were reported in New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee and Missouri, Albout

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Tennessee and Missouri. About 20 percent of all the ill were no deaths, the CDC said.
About 85 percent of all the ill were no deaths, the CDC said.
About 85 percent of the infected people said they are peanut butter, and about a quarter of them are it at least once a day, the CDC's Lynch said. It was the only food that most of the patients had all recently eaten.
We think there's very strong evidence that it was this brand of peanut butter, Lynch said.
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or peanut butter. Lynch said.
Salmonella sickens about
40,000 people a year in the U.S.
and killis about 600. It can cause
diarrhea, fever, dehydration,
abdominal pain and vomiting.
But most cases of salmonella
poisoning are caused by undercooked eggs and chicken. The

only known sulmonella outbreak in peanut butter — in Ausquila during the mid. 1990s. — was blamed on-unsanitary plant conditions.

ConAgra spokesman Chris Kircher said the company randomly tests 60 to 80 Jars of peanut butter that come off its sylvester plants line each day for salmonella and other germs, and "we've had no positive hits on that going back for years."

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But he said the plant was
shut down as a precutifor for
further investigation.

"We're trying to understand
what else we need to do or
should be doing. Kircher said.
An estimated 974 million
pounds of peanut butter are
sold each year in the U.S., and
peanut butter and jelly is the
most popular sandwich among
children. Peter Pan is one of the
most oppular sandwich among
children. Peter Pan is one of the
leader Jif. Great Value peanut
butter is also produced by
some other manufacturers for
Wall-Mart.
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Wal-Mart.
In a measure of peanut but-ter's popularity, ConAgra's hot line was swamped with so many calls after the recall was announced on Wednesday that many people got a busy signal. School officials in Houston School officials in Houston confiscated students sand-wiches from home and replaced them with user made at schools. And in Georgia, a lawmaker representing one of the nation's biggest peanut-producing areas warned colleagues to throw out jars of peanut butter that he recently

handed out.

The outbreak was detected by the CDC and state health agencies when they noticed spikes in the cases of people sickened by an unusual type of salmonella, starting in August. Once peanut butter emerged as a link, the CDC notified the EDA. FDA.

Salmonella commonly origi-rece in the frees of birds and nates in the feces of birds and animals, and could be intro-duced at a multitude of stages in the peanut butter-making process. But many safeguards

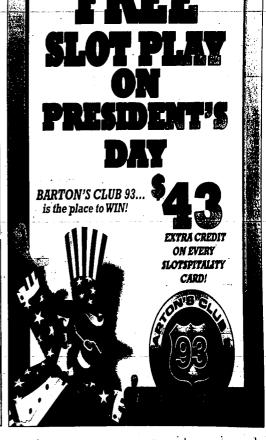




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# Investigators says billions of dollars wasted in Iraq

WASHINGTON - About \$10 WASHINGTON — About \$10 billion has been squandered by the U.S. government on Iraq reconstruction aid because of contractor overcharges and unsupported expenses, and federal investigators warned Thursday that significantly more taxpayer money is at risk. The three top auditors overseeing work in Iraq told a House committee their review—6.557-billion in Iraq contracts. found that Defense and State

od 537-billion in Iraq contracts found that Defense and State department officials condoned or allowed repeated work delays, bloated expenses and payments for shoddy work or work never done. More than one in six dollars

charged by U.S. contractors were questionable or unsupported, nearly triple the amount of waste the Government Accountability Office estimated last fall.

There is no accountability, aid David M. Walker, who heads the auditing arm of Congress. "Organizations charged with overseeing contracts are not held accountable. The individuals responsible are not held accountable. The individuals responsible are not held accountable. The polyment of the contractors are not held accountable.

accountable."
"People should be rewarded when they do a good job. But when things don't go right, there have to be consequences," he said.
Also testifying Thursday were Stuart Bowen, the special

inspector general for Iraq reconstruction, and William 11. Reed, director of the Defense Contract Audit Agency.

The appearance before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee came as Congress prepares for a showdown with Iresident Bush next month over his budget request of rearly \$100 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. So far, the Rush administration has pent more than \$350 billion, on the Iraq, war, and reconstruction effort. The Army, which handles most Iraq contracting, said Thursday it had not reviewed the latest contract figures. "The U.S. Army, along with the Departments of Defense

3,100 U.S. troops.

Bush administration officials and their allies are resigned to House passage of

and State, continue to help thousands of Iraqis daily with reconstruction projects to pro-vide them with better lives," said spokeswoman Mary Ann Hudges, "We look forward to Hodges, "We took torward to examining its findings and applying some of its recom-mendations in the future."

niendations in the future."
Senate Democrats said recently cited cases of waste were 'outragous rip-offs of the Anterican taxpayer' and Introduced legislation Thursday to stiffen punishment for war profiteers and cut down on cronylsm in contracting.
According to their testimony, the investigators:
Found overpricing and waste in Iraq contracts amounting to \$4.9 billion since the Defense Contract Audit

Agency began its work in 2003. Some of that money has been recovered. An additional \$5.1 billion in expenses were charged without proper docutation.

mentation.

• Pointed to growing Inquiscatin the sectarian violence as a significant factor behind bloaded Us. to contracting bills. Inaqi officials, they said, must begin to take primary responsibility for reconstruction efforts. That is an uncertain goad, given the widespread corruption in lang and the local governments inability to fund projects.

• Urged the Pentagon to

ed the Pentagon to

reconsider its growing reliance on outside contractors in wars and reconstruction. Layers of subcontractors, poor docu-mentation and lack of strong contract management are rampant and promote waste even after the GAO first warned of

ms 15 years ago. er complained that Walker GAO investigators have diffi-culty getting basic details about reconstruction contracts such as expenses and subcon-tractors involved because many Pentagon divisions fail to consistently track or fully report them.

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# Pelosi: Bush needs congressional OK to invade Iran the resolution and have worked in recent days to hold down defections by GOP law-makers.

By David Espo Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Thursday that President Bush lacks the authority to Invade Iran without specific approval from Congress, a fresh challenge to the commander inchief on the eve of a symbolic vote critical of his troop buildup in Iraq.

Pelosi, D-Calif., noted that Bush consistently said he supports a diplomatic resolution to differences with Iran and I

ports a diplomatic resolution to differences with Iran "and I take him at his word,"

accommences with rain "and I take him at his word."

At the same time, she said, "I obelieve that Congress should assert itself, though, and make it very clear that there is no previous authority for the president, any president, to go into iran."

Pelosi spoke in an interview in the Capitol as lawmakers plowed through a third day of marathon debase in the House on a nonbinding measure opposing the administration's plant to increase two years.

opposing the administration's plan to increase troop strength-in Iraq — and as Democrats readied a more provocative challenge to the president. That included drafting legislation to require the Pentagon to meet certain standards for training and equipping the troops, as well fixing the time that military units must be given at home between

deployments. That stops the surge (in troops) for all intents and purposes, because ... they cannot sustain the deployment, said Rep, John Murtta of Pennsylvania, who said he would attach the conditions to legislation, providing nearly \$100 billion for the military. Republicans quickly fired back. Rep, John Boehner of Ohlo, the GOP leader, issued a statement -saying-the-plan would "pull the rug out from under American troops in the combat zone by cutting off

combat zone by cutting off their reinforcements and forc-

commat zone by cutting off their reinforcements and forcing them to face the enemy without our full support."
Across the Capitol, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid unexpectedly a monunced plans to hold a test vote on Saturday on the same non-binding measure critical of the troop increase that was making its way through the House. Partisan bickering has prevented a Senate vote so far, with Republicans insisting on equal treatment for an alternative that rules out the "elimination or reduction of funds for troops in the field."

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troops in the field."

Pelost and other Democrata-have said approval on the nonbinding measure would mark the first step in an effort by the new Democratic-controlled Congress to force flush to change course in a war that has killed more than

activity. Just last December scientists

guines that scientists believed were geologically young and carved by fast-moving water coursing down cliffs and steep crater walls. Scientists decided

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# Orbiter transmits more evidence of water on Mars surrounding a fracture is a clear indication of chemical interactions between fluids circulating within the fracture and the host rock. 'Osubo and co-author Alfred S. McEwen reported in the paper. The researchers also said that layered outcrops can indicate cycles with materials deposited by regular episodes of water, wind or volcanic activity.

By Randolphe E. Schmid Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — An orbiting spacecraft has sent back
new evidence for the presence
of water on Mars.
Scientists long have debated
whether water flowed on the
red planet, with evidence
increasing in recent years. The
presence of water would raise
the possibility of a least primitive life forms existing there.
Images from a camera

Images from a camera aboard NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter show alternating layers of dark- and light-toned rock in a giant rift

ignt-toned rock in a guant rit valley. Within those deposits are a series of linear fractures, called joints, that are surrounded by "halos" of light-toned bedrock, according to researchers from the University of Artzona. Their findings, published in Friday's edition of the journal Science, were helion presental

Science, were being presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in

Advancement of Science in San Francisco.
Lead author Chris H. Okubo said the "halos" indicate areas where fluids, probably water, passed through the bedrock. Minerals in the fluid strengthen and boleach the rock, he said, making it more resistant or erosion than other areas.
"On Earth, bleaching of rock

Just last December scientists reported evidence that water may be flowing through Mars' frigid surface. Images from Mars Global Surveyor showed changes in craters that provide the strongest evidence yet that water moved through them as recently as several years ago, and is perhaps doing so even now. now.

The Surveyor previously had spotted tens of thousands of guilles that scientists believed were geologically young and

coursing down cuts and crater walls. Scientists decided to retake photos in a search for evidence of recent activity. Two craters in the southern hemisphere that were originally photographed in 1999 and 2001 were examined again in 2004 and 2005, and the images yielded changes consistent with water flowing down the crater walls, accordingly. On the Net: Science: http://www.sciencemag.org

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# West Virginia, Kentucky lead nation in heart disease

ATIANTA: — West Virginia and Kentucky — states known for high levels of obesity, diabetes and smoking — have the highest proportion of people with heart disease in the nation. U.S. health officials said Thursday.

The findings, from the first study ever to look at heart disease prevalence state by state, showed that states in, the Southeast and Southwest were heart—disease—leaders—

heart—disease—leaders: Colorado and the District of Columbia had the lowest per-

Columbia had the lowest per-centages.

The results line up well with previous, state-specific reports about heart disease death rates, obesity and other risk factors, said Wayne Rosamond, an epidemiology professor at the University of North Carolina who chairs a -statistics-committee-for-the-

American Heart Association.

He called the report by the
U.S. Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention "very
important. It confirms what
we know about regional differwe know about regional differ-ences in the burden of dis-ease."

For the nation as a whole,

For the nation as a whole, roughly 4 percent of those surveyed had had a heart attack. A slightly higher percentage reported angina or coronary heart disease, and 6.5 reported any of those conditions.

But in West Virginia, more than 10-percent had at least one of the conditions. The

prevalence in Kentucky was nearly 9 percent, and Mississippi was No. 3, with 8

Mississiph was No. 3, with a percent.
CDC researchers drew their data from a 2005 telephone survey of 356.112 U.S. adults in all 50 states, the District of Columbia. Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

—Participants-were asked if a

doctor or health care profes-sional had told them they had experienced a heart attack, angina, or coronary heart dis-ease. The researchers then sta-

angina, or cutomay their us-case. The researchers then sta-distinctly adjusted the results to correct demographic differ-ences in state employees to be. The prevailence in both Colorado and the District of Columbia was a little under 5 percent, tying them for the nation's lowest rate. Hawaii was close behind.

The regional differences are, believed to stem from rates of bestix, high blood pressure,

obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, high 'cholesterol. diabetes, smoking and other known risk factors for heart disease, said the study's lead author. Jonathan Neyer, a CDC epi-demiologist. That means the explanation would come from differences in cultural norms, poverty rates and other social factors, and not environmental crus-

satt.
Other findings:
• Among those who didn't finish high school, 1 in 10 had at least one of the conditions.

at least one of the conditions. Among college graduates, only 1 in 20 did.

• More than B percent of men had one of the conditions, but only 5 percent of women did.

• Nearly 1 in 5 people 65 and older had at least one of the conditions. The percentages were much smaller among the conditions. The percentages younger age groups.

• The results were the same

for blacks and whites, with for blacks and whites, with just over 6 percent having one of the conditions. Fewer than 5 percent of Asian-Americans had any of the health prob-lems, making them the healthiest ethnic group. American Indians and Alaska Natives had the highest preva-

### South has highest heart disease levels

ounwest - specifically West Virginia est levels of heart disease in the U.S. olumbia had the lowest percentages.

Adults reporting myocardial infarction, angina, or coronary heart disease, 2005

□ 4.8·5.3% □ 5.4·5.9, ໝ≌ 6.0·8.2 ■ 6.3·6.9 ■



On the Net: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/

# Parents in 'caged kids' case given two years in prison

NORWALK, Ohio (AP) — A ouple who forced some of couple 'Who forced some of their 11 adopted, special-needs children to sleep in wire-and-wood cages were sentenced to two years in prison Thursday, after the par-ents insisted they were only trying to keep the kids safe. Two of the children, howev-

to keep the kids safe. of the children, howev-Two of the children, however, said in statements read in court that they were treated harshly while they lived with Sharen and Michael Gravelle. One wrote that they should be imprisoned 'for as long as my siblings had to be in cages." Sharen Gravelle told the court the children were never confined as punishment but rather to protect them, including a child who wanted to jump out a second-floor window. "Would you prefer that we

dow.

"Would you prefer that we let them jump? Either way, wed be here. The difference is they re still allow; she said in a tearful, 26-minute statement. Gravelle blamed social services officials for not helping her and her husband, Michael, control the destructive behavior of some of the youngsters.

"The children, who suffered

from problems such as fetal alcohol syndrome and a diser-der that Twokes eading non-food items, rayged in age from 1 to 14 when authorities removed them in September 2005 from the Gravelles Home in Wakeman, about 60 miles west of Cleveland. They were placed in foster care in fall 2005 and the couple lost cus-tody last March. tody last March.

only last March.
Sharen Gravelle kept her head down taking notes while the Judge read the sentences.
Michael Gravelle sat back in his chair, holding his face in his left hand.
Each could have received up to five years in prison for each of the four felonies they were convicted of in December. They also were convicted of seven misdemeanors.

They also were convicted of seven misdemenators. Michael Gravelle, his face red and his voice rising, told the judge he and his wife "falt we were being led by the Lord" when they decided to bring the first child into their home. He said problems began when they took in a group of siblings with an array of behavior and emotional problems.

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# Drivers stuck for a day on interstate paralyzed by storm

HAMBURG, Pa. (AP) — National Guardsmen in Humvees ferried food, fuel and baby supplies Thursday to hundreds of motorists strand-ed on a 50-mile stretch of high-way for nearly a day by a mon-ster storm blanned for 15 deaths.

ster storm blamed and deaths.
The traffic jam on the icy, hilly section of Interstate 78 in eastern Pennsylvania forced authorities to also shut down portions of 1-81 and 1-80 Thursday afternoon as they struggled to gain ground on the colossal traffic jam.
Drivers were frustrated they

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were let on the mad at all. State police did not close all the entrance rangs to 1-28 until around 5 p.m., more than 24 hours after vehicles starting getting caught. "Why would they have that ed open if they were just going to let us sit there?" said a erying Deborah Miller. Her 5-year-old son was trapped in the car with her, running a 103-degree fever from step through from strep throat.

The sprawling storm system hit Wednesday and blew out to sea Thursday, leaving huge snow piles, frigid temperatures and tens of thousands without

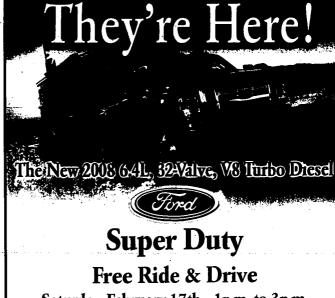
power across the Midwest and Northeast.

Numerous areas saw more than a foot of snow, with 42 inches falling in the southern Adirondacks in New York. Gassy wind had morning wind childs below zero, and in soin areas, the snow was followed eas, the snow was followed several inches of ice.

A few flights were canceled

Pennsylvania Transportation Secretary Alien D. Biehler said.





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**EDITORIAL** 

# Idaho primaries should preserve independence

rom New Deal Republicans to Reagan
Democrats, Andrus Republicans to libertarian conservatives, an Idahoan's political
beliefs may seem redder than ketchup, but
thelr flavor Is more Heinz 57.

But some key leaders in the Idaho House of
Representatives and in the Idaho House of
Representatives and in the Idaho Republican Party are
convinced that primary elections should be a closed
affair. That's beyond the pele for most Idahoans, who
prefer loyalry to their own political independence more
than the state party system.

The House State Affairs
Committee, which killed a closedprimary bill last week, resurrected
the idea on Monday. The new bill
takes a different route toward a
similar goal. Tast summer, Idaho
Republicans started the drive for

Republicans started the drive fo closed primaries at their state con-vention. Idaho Democrats voted

vention, reaches at their convention.

Currently, Idaho remains one of the few states not requiring any party registration in May primary elections. Under the new House form affairs bill, a voter would elections. Under the new House State Affairs bill, a voter would need to sign with a party in order to vote in that party's primary, or the voter could register as an independent voter to vote on the party ballot. The respective party's challman would ultimately decide whether to allow independent votes in the final tally.

whether to allow independent votes in the final tally.

This new idea for a modified-closed primary is somewhat better than the original bill, which closed primaries entirely to those not registered with a party. But the new bill still grants too much authority to the parties in deciding the fate of independent votes. Idaho's Republican Party built its dominating majority with the help of independent voters. Now it seems to be kicking them to the cut-One reason why is "strategic" crossover votes, where members of another party vote in the opposing primary to change the outcome. Strategic voters make up a small portion of the final vote, but their impact can be big on close races.

But efforts to stop strategic crossover votes shouldn't come at the expense of genuline crossover voters, who legitimately cast ballots for a preferred candidate. And since idaho's primaries are supported by tax dollars and not party funds, legitalors are obligated to keep the process open to all.

since Idaho's primaries are supported by tax dollars and not party funds, legislators are obligated to keep the process open to all.

"The most fundamiental thing is we have a system of government by the people," said Keith Allred, president of the Common Interest, a centrist civic action organization closely following the issue. "The measure of an election system is: does it produce officials who are representative and responsive of us."

Allred said research by his group has shown that modified-closed primaries can enhance participation and still reflect the voting district's political identity. But the key element is to include independents.

"Whenever voter turnout declines, the hard-liners on the right or left tend to turn out more, and the more moderate kind of voters say out. Research showed that modified-closed is even better than open because it prohibits the manipulative voting of strategic votes, but still requires the independent."
Trying to take mischief out of Idaho's party politics is a valid goal, but stampling out Idaho Independence is another. State leaders should honor the tradition that allows citizens to vote in primaries as non-partisans. If that were to change, Idahonan should be willing to tell them otherwise — even if they have to register with a party to do it.

### Times-News

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Bill Bitzenburg and David Cooper.

### -LETTER

### Wolf critics can't bia wolves for their arrival

Wolves are not to biame; se wolves didn't ask to be here. The idiots that brought them to Idaho are — against all advice, I might add But the wolves are the ones that

the wolves are the ones that are going to pay the price.
I don't agree with shooting them on sight or turning the problem into a bunding sport. I do agree that ranchers should be able to protect their stock without question!
Additionally, it you don't think a starving wolf pack would put a human on their food chain, better think agazin!

The people who brought the wolves to Idaho should be forced to trap them out and take them back to where

ver they came from. It's the people's fault, not ie wolves. Danny Crafton

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# North Korea nuclear deal: Failure redux

y first reaction upon hearing that North take steps toward nuclear disarmament was: Not again! Hadn't Pyongyang promised Jimmy Carter, during his ill-advised 1994 "peace" mission, that it would freeze its unless that the property of the p sion, that it would freeze its nuclear weapons program and dismantle existing nuclear facilities? Didn't North Korea break that promised? In 2000, hand't Secretary of State Madeleine Abright toasted the 'deer leader Kim Jong II in Pyongyang only to be disappointed later when be displained to the best of the property of the property

nists lie?

Now comes the Bush administration's announcement of what appears — appears — to be a break intrough. This time things in the ment of what per a present of the control of the

States, China, Russia, Japan and South Korea — some-thing critics said would never happen. Critics said that Kim happen. Critics said that would never agree to six-



parry talks and that the Bush administration was making a big mistake in not accepting. Kim's demand for bilaterial negotiations. President Bush held out and, so far, his strategy seems to be working. Crouch says the Chinese government deserves credit for pressuring Pyongyang to reach an agreement on its nuclear weapons. And he tells ne that in order to get the energy, humanitarian and other economic aid that has

energy, humanitarian and other economic all that has been promised. North Korea must comply with a two-phase process that will be monitored by the international Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). According to Crouch. North Korea will get an initial tranche of emergency humanitarian and energy aid up-front, but they will not get the remainder unless they fully declare and disable their nuclear programs, including uranium grams, including uranium enrichment, Phase one wi take place over the next 60 days. North Korea has agreed to stop the operation of and seal its Yongbyon nuclear

reactor, stop the operation of and seal their plutonium reprocessing facilities and allow the IAEA to come back into those facilities to verify those actions. Additionally, North Korea has agreed to do an initial accounting of its nuclear program. In exchange for honoring those promises, North Korea will receive about 5 percent of the energy ald promised to them. That amounts to 50,000 tons of a promised and prackage that is equivalent to 1 million tons of, heavy fuel of in North Korean nuclear facilities, which says crouch, goes beyond any

mucher facilities, which, sups. Crouch, gues beyond any-thing envisioned during the Clinion administration. The benefit of disablement, he says, is that "it would take them a lot of time and cost them a lot of money to bring those facilities back to where they would be useful figalin." As part of the agreement, North Norea is also required to account for all muclear weapons, which they must dismande, and take inventory of its pittoriaum stockpile.

of its plutonium stockpile, which is something else the Clinton administration was unable to achieve. Incentives for North Korea

to live up to its promises include: refusal by the co-signing nations to deliver the promised energy, if there is no compliance, keeping the U.N.

sanctions in place until there is full compliance and the continued use of financial recognitions of the property of the prope

final, but the Bush adminis-tration is guardedly optimistic that the conditions point to a greater likelihood of compli-ance by North Korea than with previous agreements, which were being violated

which were being violated even as they were written. John Bolton, former U.S. ampassador to the United Nations, is skeptical about the agreement. He told Bill Gertz of The Washington Times that the deal rewards "bad behavior" by North Korea and sends a "bad signal" to Iran.

Bolton could be right, but if the agreement works the Botton Could be right, but in the agreement works, the threat from a major player in "the axis of evil" will have been substantially reduced. In an increasingly troubled and chaotic world, that is one blessing for which everyone will be grateful.

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### - LETTERS -

### Nuclear threats pose high danger to idaho

This is a thank you editorial letter. I'm thanking Armin Sutterlin of Hagerman for his letter of Feb. 9 (Nuclear mis-takes of the past return in new test).

The horrid consequences of

test). The horrid consequences of events in his letter are suffered terriby by a dear friend of mine in Iwan Falls. And it is going to kill us all eventually. The nuclear theme and threat in Idaho is also det do to the Idaho National Laboratory and to Virginia-based Alternative Energy Holdings Inc. (Times-News, Feb. 5) wanting to buy 4,000 acres in Idaho for another nuclear death plant, Anyone who thinks I'm an exaggerating alarmist and doomsayer should get on the Internet and read the public records of Three Mile Island, the Diablo Canyon Nuclear plant near San Francisco, Calf., the Brownsville, Tenn., plant and Sk. and Chemobyll

Do Pits 9 and 10 ring a bell?

Do Pits 9 and 10 ring a bell? Idaho's radioactive air and groundwater, no secret, are typical of America coast-to-

coast.

That was part of my field as a quality segurance specialist for the Department of the Army. I held two federal certifications in hazardous materials that fications in hazardous materials that covered nuclear, mili-tary chemicals and civilian industrial and agricultural

chemicals I certified hazardous shipments and dealt with chemical spills, etc.
These nuclear companies, who naturally will lie to your regarding the dangers and their safety records all worship the great god dollar and state government officials, legislators included.

I hope idahos congressmen, governor and state legislators are reading this letter.

Call INL and ask about arress outside the plant so, andonective that no one is and one of the companies of th

Hiroshima! BILL WOODFIN JR.

### Political phone calls are intrusion of privacy

What has happened to a cit-izen's right to privacy? The bill that would have banned "robocalls" has been killed by the House State Affairs

the House State Affairs
Committee, Opponents said
that it would intringe on freedom of speech.
I contend that this is a
bunch of nonsems. People
(goldidath) can speak all they
please. They can speak on Ty
they can raik on the raido,
present their views in the
newspaper. They can speak on

street corners and go knock on doors and mall informa-tion to voters. But they do not have the right to use the tele-phone line that I pay for to harass me in my home. I believe that people have rights

consecutate people have rights to.
Politicians and others have ample opportunities and means of expressing their views and getting their massages across without violating people's right to privacy in their homes. If those people wishing to use my telephone lille for their propaganda are willings to pay for my relephone bill, then I will have to listen to them. Until then, phone bill, then I will have to listen to them. Until then, they don't have the right, free-dom of speech not withstand-

ing! WILLIAM STRANGE

### Myths supporting war could erode U.S. strength

One of the more popular war myths about the United States is that casualties under mine the resolve of U.S. citi-zens. The truth is that Americans will bleed them-

Americans will bleed them-selves while in a just cause, but why quickly tire of playing ag in a minefield. The myth gained accept-ance during the Velenam War as a way to belittle the macho image of U.S. invincibility. The myth is not only nutrue, but it is treasonous. Replacing a foolish image of mincibility with a foolish image of dan-

druff is destructive of our unity, and united is what we are. We are united in part by choice but more by circumstance. Being united does not make us invincible, but weak-enting our unity does make us more vulnerable.

We are fighting in Iraq. We are loshing, We were wrong to invade Iraq, and the consequence of doing wrong is that it doesn't turn out right. The president has chosen to send more troops to change the course of the fight. I see nny hope for more troops schange ing the outcome, but I could be wrong. I believe it will weaken our unity if Congress engages in a power sruggle with the president, but I could be wrong. This is not the time to seek political profit from our country's dilemma.

I will close my argument with four comments that summarize our dilemma.

I will close my argumen with four comments that summarize our dilemma summanze our diemma.
(They are paraphrases from a religious book because the editor won't allow quotations from that book.)
Now here is the leader you asked for you chose him. Every nation divided against itself will fall.

itself will fall.

Alas, for the world that such causes for stumbling arise.

Come they must, but woe unto those through whom

they come.

Though we lie with our faces in the dust, there is

hope. TED M. QUIGLEY

# Can Clinton avoid the same fate as Muskie?

specter was haunting Hillary Clinton as she campaigned in New Hampshire this weekend: the specter of Ed Muskie. The first state of the Democratic senator from Takine, who the ben Hubert Fundine, who the ben Hubert Standing mate in 1966, entered his party's Desidential contest in 1972 tik the front-runner. His prospects were dashed in the New Hampshifer snows, however. As popular memory has tt., an indignant Muskle start—ed crying white refuting a silly attack on him (though whether he was genuinely bepet or merely suffilling during a frigid outdoor news conference was never ing a trigid outdoor news conference was never authoritatively resolved). Musicles more serious prob-tem, however, was the Metnam War, which he opposed.

fem, however, was the Jeftnam War, which he opposed.

Jilis opposition, though, had none of the fervor or long-term consistency of another Democratic senator and presidential aspirant, George McGovern. By 1972, seven years had elapsed since the United States had sent ground forces to Vietnam, and Richard Nixon, through his invasion of Cambrodia and stepped-up bombling campaigns, had made clear that the road to de escalation would entail perfodic escalations, at least as long as he was president. The Democratic base was in

### HAROLD MEYERSON

no mood for temporizing on

Victnam.
Party voters wanted out,
and they wanted a nominee
who'd been right on the war
(almost) from the start:
McGovern. Sic transit gloria

Today, Hillary Clinton seems almost uncannily posi-tioned to become the Ed Muskie of 2008. She opposes the U.S. millitary presence in-lraq but not with the speci-ficity, fervor or bona fides of her leading Democratic rivals As Muskie did with Vietnam. she supported the legislation she supported the legislation enabling the U.S. Invasion of Iraq, and she has been slower and more inconstant than her party rivals in coming around to opposing the continued U.S. occupation. Entering the race. Clinton. Entering the race. Clinton laws institutional advantages that Muskie could scarcely have dreamed of — an unparalleled network of financial and political supporters. a

alleled network of financial and pollitical supporters, a universal fewed of public recognition. Bus, like Muskle, she is out of sync with her party's — to some extent, her country's — votes on the major issue of the day. In a Gailup Poll relaced Monday, the public favored, by 63 percent to 35 percent, Congress setting a timetable for withdrawing all U.S. forces from

The public's position is thus aligned more loosely with those of Barnek Obama and John Edwards than with that of Clinton, who has yet to commit to a timetable for withdrawal. So strong is support for a withdrawal that Edwards and Obama would by no means face the general election wipcout that was McGovern's fate, (Besides, Nixon ran fate, Shesides, Nixon ran gaginst the antivar move-

fate, Besides, Nixon ran against the antiwar move-ment and the formenters of social tumult. Today, while opposition to the war is wide-spread, there isn't really an antiwar movement — not one resembling what emerged in the '60s, anyway — for hawks or Republicans to run against.) And should Americans still be fighting and dying in Iraq when the next election rolls around, the Democrats probably could win with Dennis Kucinich as

their nominee.

I can understand some of the political calculations behind Clinton's reticence on the war — chiefly, that a female candidate must seem in the country, that a female candidate must seem as ready to use force as her male counterparis. That leaves the whole Democratic presidential pack, however, freet to lash out at the bloody absunding of President Bushs war than she. And it leaves Clingo locked into a reckley caufinismess at a time when the electroate is looking for a decisive change.

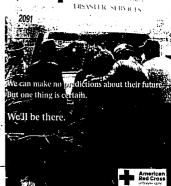


What Cliaton and her strategists would do well to remember is that it was Nixon — by his escalations of the war even as he was withdrawing U.S. ground forces — who was chiefly responsible for driving Democrats toward the candidate who most clearly repudiated the war. And that Nixon was a model of dovish flexibility in Victnam compared to Bush's unyledding determination to keep U.S. soldiers in firm Jong past the polnt where anyone can articulate their mission, Bush will drive the nation toward the Democrats, and the What Clinton and her

Democrats toward their most dible champion the U.S. occupation, Hillary Clinton is not high on that list, and that, as Ed Muskie could attest, is the chief

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# Russia's Putin: The louse that roared

The J.S. delegates to last weekend's Munich Conference on Security Pollcy, an annual trans-Atlantic gathering of policy-makers and defense experts, were not predisposed to embrace Validins V. Berry were not predisposed to embrace Vladimir V. Putin

embrace Vaddinit V. Putin after we harried that the. Russian president's emourage had booked more than 100 rooms in the conference horel, the stately Bayertscher Hgf, relegating most of us to a ho-hum fillton in the hinter-lainds. (It could have been wirse. As one journalist joked, if President Bush had, been in attendance, the White House wmild have taken so ise would have taken so many rooms that we would

been commuting from Lichtenstein.)

Lichtenstein.]
Puthis Speech did not win over anyme either. Sounding as if he had steeped ont of a Cold War time warp, he accused the United States and NATO of threatening his country. With its "hyper-use of force," he thundered, "..., the United States and the United States and part of the United States and NATO of threatening his event way... No one feets, safe anymore, thecause mobody can feet that interna-

safe anymore, because nobody can feel that international faw is like a stone wall that will protect them."
At a superficial level, his remarks might sound like the standard plains from Western librarls about U.S. "unlisteral-ism," which is how they were partrayed in some European news accounts. But coming from such an illiberal leader, these comments had a different mien — sinister and absurd at once. absurd at once

Putin, for instance, con plained that a unipolar world order dominated by the order dominated by the United States was undemocratic. His concern might be touching if he hadrt spent the last few years dismantling the vestlegs of Russia's democracy. He dismissed questions about his increas-ingly despotic practices with doubletalk, claiming (falsely) that nongovernmental organ-lzations haven't complained about harassment and (accur-rately) that more journalists rately) that more journalists have been killed in Iraq than in Russia. That hardly reas-In Russia. That harmy reas-sures those who suspect the Putin's security forces were behind the murder of Anna Politkovskaya and other investigative reporters. Putin's condemnation of the United States' "illegiti-

mate" use of force wa mate" use of force was no more convincing, given the scorched-earth campaign he

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has carried out in Chechnya. While insisting that the United States needs U.N, sanction for its military

actions — which, he failed to actions — which, he failed to note, was granted in Afghanistan and Irnq — he argued that flussia needed no such approval in Chechnya because it was acting in "self-defense." (Try telling that to a Chechen.) Or consider Puth's claim that the United States was

starting a new "arms race" by deploying missile defenses to Eastern Europe. This from the largest asymptom of Eastern Europe. This from the largest exporter of arms to the developing world, with cilents that include suicir charmers as Syria and Venezuela, Putin actually had the nerver to claim that Russids sale of \$700 million world of anti-art-craft missiles to Iran, which will surely be used to defend Tehran's nuclear program, was a public service: We don't want fram to feel corr-nered. We want them to know mered. We want them to know mered. We want them to service: We

was a punit service. We want them to feel cornered. We want them to know they've got friends."
Putin did not win many friends in Munich with such remarks. He allenated the audience even more when he turned from criticizing the United States to derfulle the innocuous Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which seeks to promote human rights and free elections, as a "vulgar instrument." In fact, Putin did the United States a favor ly scar favor ly scar. United States a favor by scar-ing the Europeans and show-

Given Russia's low birth rate and life expectancy (on average, men die at 60), its population is projected to fall to 109 million by 2050 ... about the same size as Vietnam.

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ing selip a trans. Attantic alliance remains necessary. So why did Putin choose to bang his shoe, at least figur-tively on the podium? Many analysts hypothesized that his remarks were intended for domestic consumption. Some thought that he might even be signaling that he does not intend to give up power when his term exprises next year. There is no doubt that most Russians eat un such nation. Russians eat up such nation-alist rhetoric, if only because

alist rhetoric, if only because it distracts them from their own decline.

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Kremlin has gone from ruling 293 million people (not counting Eastern Europe) to 143 million, fewer than Bangladesh. Given Russias low birth rate and life expectance from average, roll average, to the area of the concentrate from average. expectancy (on average, men die at 60), its population is-projected to fall to 109 million by 2050, making it about the anne-size-a-Victuatur—
The once-mighty field Army has been reduced to a shell of the control of

ruin has done little to address his country's serious woes. Instead, he has used its oil wealth to expand its influ-ence in a pathetic attempt to maintain the illusion that Russia remains a great power. To paraphrase Dean Acheson, Russia has lost an empire and has not yet found a role.

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Prep boys **PLAYOFFS** 



Twin Falls boys basketball facing must-win situation in regional playoffs



Burley earns conference title shot with trouncing of Jerome See page B2

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# BRUINS, BOBCATS ADVANCE

# Matkin punishes Boise in Bruins' win

NAMPA --- Admit it. The first .

NAMIPA —Admit It. The first, quarter nearly cost the Twin Palls Bruins a shot at the championship.
Down by a dozen points at the beginning of the second quarter. Twin Falls rallied in a way not seen before this season for a 58–50 first-round win over the Bolse Braves at the Class 5A tournament at the Idatho Center in Nampa on Thursday.

"When we got down, these girls didn't-quit," Twin Falls ead coach Joe D. Shepard

head coach\_loe\_D. Shepard sald:"

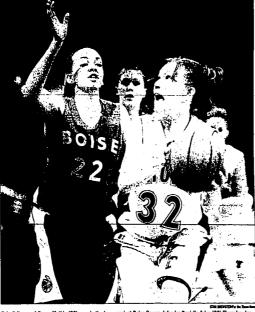
The Bruins' scoring resurrection came in part from the near-perfect shooting of sophomore Detan Madkin, who hit 9-0f-11 baskes = two of them from behind the are — as if the bucket was pleading for her to give it the basketbail. Her 82 percent shooting led to agome-high 20 points. "It was everybody's first time at state except for Ashley throng and Kelsey (Landing), so I think we were just trying to get the nerves out because we're playing in front of so many people, and it's a quily big deal," Matkin said. "We just wanted to ge at little look."

Matkin scored 13 points buring the first balf, most of

Matkin scored 13 points during the first half, most of during the first half, most of those coming when the Bruins needed it most — the second quarter. Teanmante Brooke Robinette hit a bucket to give the Bruins their first lead of the night, 27-26, and the period at the end of that scattence was Markin's jumper at the buzzer for the 29-26 halffune lead. She vas followed by Kelly Vriesman 13 points for the game and farding with 11

The second quarter also marked the point at which Twin Falls because more Twin Falls became more assertive when it didn't have

the ball.
"Our defense was what got us back in it," Irons said of the effort to press Boise the length of the court. "It carried Into our



Twin Falls guard Davan Matkin (32) goes to the hoop against Boise Braves defende ing the Bruins' win at the Class 5A state tournament at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

at halftime, so we knew it was going to be close, and no one was going to give up. Yet four of froms 10 points could be considered the most crucial in the eight-point win. As lardine and Amber Petersen fouded out with less than three minutes to go, Twin Falls held only a six-point lead. Three times, froms went to the line and twice she hit paydirt. Again, Roblinette provided strong support by hitting both

of her shots during that final

on her shots during that think
we minutes.

"Brooke did a good job for us
coming off the bench,"
Shepard said. "A good team
effort, and that's our strength."
Together, Irons and
Robinette scored six from the

Robinette scored six from the line to seal the win.

Today, the 21-3 Bruins face Lake City of Cocur d'Alene, which upset the Borah Clons 55-51 in overtime on

Filer's second-half rally not enough to overcome first-half stumble.

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reserve uniones past serviews Erica Greenwood during 39-38 victory in Thursday's first round of the Class 4A girl

# Tolman's last block saves Bobcats win championship bracket against Middleton, which beat Bonneville Thursday. Burley trailed only twice during the game: Once when Hawks wing Mylinda Cypret made the opening basket, and when guard Kim Bowen sank a 3-pointer to make it 3-8-37 Skydew with leas than a minute left to place with the standard minute left to place of the first pla

BOISE — Overtime or a last-minute fout to send Skyview to the line would have doomed Burley. But it didn't happen. Nicole Tolman happened.

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With barely six seconds left
in the game and trailing by a
single point, the Skyview
Hawks inbounded the ball
and passed around, looking
for an open shot or a foul call.

But Burley's Tolman, a junior post, got her hand up, Up
just enough to block a pass or
a shot — it's not known for
certain since the block came
a millisecond after it went up
at the buzzer. That's all the
Bobcats needed to overcome.
Hawks for the 39-38
opening-round victory in the
Class 4A state girls basketball
tournament at Timberline
ligh School on Thursday.

"It came down to us play
ing the defense we've played
all year," Tolman said. I just
didn't want them to score. I
would do whatever it takes, I
just happened to be there
and put my hand up."

Tolman's big block was
enough to put Burley in the

Wendell suffers first-tr

Wendell suffers first-round

loss to Firth

only hit 2-of-6 for the night, but her last make vas vital.

Brices first shot hit its mark for the 93-38 lead, but the second free throw went astray and was picked up by Skyview wing Erica Parks. The Hawks called for time with 5.7 seconds left. Then came Tolman's defensive play, sending the Burley bench into a frenzy as they stormed the floor.

"First game is tough," Burley head coach Gordon

Please see BURLEY, Page B2

CSI-BASKETBALL

# CSI women seek SWAC lead

Eagles vs. SLCC is Top 20 pairing

By Eric Larsen

Times-News witter

TWIN FALLS — Maybe they're greedy, but the Golden Eagles want it all.

At No. 16 in the nation, the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team carties a higher ranking into this weekend; stempers Seenie West Athletic Conference show-down against the No. 18 Salt Lake Community. College Bruins in Salt Lake City. Though both teams share 20-4 overall records, the Bruins hold a one-game conference edge over the Golden Eagles at 12-2 to CSIs 11-3.

"That's a problem.

Sal has a faredly defeated SLCC rocke this season and wants we more whis this weekend to regain the conference lead.

"It we can get down there and get two games, then we're the frontunious's to wish this league.' CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "And that's real good."

The Golden Eagles suprised the Bruins cart interfor the State SLC rock.

The Golden Eagles surprised me Brainis ex-liter this season, playing their best Interfor defense of the year in sweeping SLCC 70-47 and 70-62 in Twin Falls. Though SLCC leading scorers Karie King and Breanne Law did get their inside opportunities, both players had to

**Eagle Eyes** 

Tenight No. 15 Cs. (204.11.3 SWAC) at No. 18\*
Salt Lake OC (204.12.2 SWAC), 5:30 p.m.
Last time they met: The Golden Engles sweet the
Bruins entifer this season in Twin Falls, Imiting
SLCC's Indies game in whis of 7.047 and 70.04.
On the hortone: The Golden Engles and Bruins
meet again Saturday right before CSI heads to
Ephraim, Utah, to take on Snow College next
friday and Saturday.
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6.5, Ashley Thompson 6.1. Assists per game –
M. Moore 4.0, B. Moore 3.2. Steals per game –
M. Moore 3.7. Thompson 6.1. Blocks per game
– Eva Nanova 1.2, Anita Burdick 1.0. Field goal
percentage – Burdick 495 (4999), M. Moore
4.44 (138-311). 3-point percentage: M. Moore
366 (30-82), M. Moore 350 (494-100, Freethrow percentage – Arm Bratvold .753 (59-73),
Ksji Hess, Nanova both. 778 (35-45)\*.

\* does not meet SWAC infinimum of two made
per game.

work for everything against scrapping CSI posts Alexis Tucker and Ashley Thompson,

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# The countdown is on for CSI

### Fifth-ranked men inch toward title

By Eric Larsen

TWIN FALLS — Fourteen down, six to go.

The No. 5 College of Southern Idaho men's basket-ball team is exactly where it wants to be. At 22-2 and 12-2 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference, the Golden Eagles are there earns un on the rest Conference, the Golden Eagles are three games up on the rest of the conference pack heading into the final six games of the regular season. Only needing to finish 4-2 over those six games, the Golden Eagles pack their designs of hosting the regular same series at Salt Lake Community College. "For us, it's all about these next three weeks," CSI head coach Barret Peery said. "It'll be easy for us to get up and get

Eagle Eyes CSI season leaders (SWAC mini-

Today: No. 5 CSI (22-2, 12-2 SWAC) at Salt Lake CC (17-7, 8-6 SWAC), 7:30 p.m. SWAU, 17 June 1 to 17 June 2 to 17 June 2 to 17 June 1 to

Friday and Saturday

to be prepared to tackle a hos-tile environment and a 17-7 (8es on the season, After falling to SLCC 89-88, CSI rebounded CSI reason leaders (SWAC minimum apply): Points per game— Bard Garnett 17.1. Rehint Doxis 17.1. Rebounds per game— Juan Pattillo 18. Brandon Stores 7.0. Assists per game— Aris DeLeon 4.7. Reggie Guyton 4.5. Steals per game— Davis 2.5. DeLaios Riely 2.5. Blocks per game—Pattillo 1.3. Stores 12. Pied goal percent-age—Revin Ford. 602 (68-113). Pattillo. 556 (116-205). 3-point percentage—Dwis 4:00 (28-70). Garnett. 396 (67-165). Fee-throw percentage—Dwis x 729 (43-59). Pattillo. 700 (63-90).

have steered the Bruins to a solid record, SLCC has fallen on hard times recently, going 1-4 over the last two weekends. With the home crowd behind him, Wilkinson will look to

# **Burley earns conference** title shot by topping Jerome

BURLEY — After trailing by two points at halftime, the Burley Bobcats exploded in the second half to beat Jerome 51-38 in the second round of the District IV Great Basin Conference West tournament Thursday

Conference West tournament Thursday. The win puts Burley in Monday's championship game. It will play the winner of Saturday's Jerome-Wood River

game," said Burley guard Colion Moon, who returned to action after enduring knee sur-gery on Saturday and missing Tuesday's win over Wood River. "It was a big game for us because we didn't want to play Saturday, then Monday and

Tuesday, then again on Thursday, It would have been a tiring road to lose tonight. Ben Searle led Burley with 12 points. Moon and Jordan Hosteen scored 11 points anlece.

Hosteen aplece.

Moon didn't start, but he played in all four quarters. played in all four quarters. When he was taken out to rest during the game, he didn't sit on the bench, rather he ped-aled a stationary bike set up behind the bench to keep his

behind the bench to keep his knee warm.

"I have a lot of confidence in every player on this team," said Burley coach lack lagley.
"But Colton Moon is our leader in all aspects. He's the floor general and he sets the tempo. When the's on the court, good things happen." Burley has now beaten lerome three times this season

and has outscored the Tigers by double figures in each con-test.

Thursday's game wasn't that

er, as Jerome u easy, however, as Jerome used a 20-point second quarter to grab the 24-22 halftime lead.

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Burley must have sipped some special Gatorade in the locker room, as the Bobcats opened the second half on a 13-0 run.

3-0 run. Jerome never recovered. David Prescott paced grome with 18 points, but ally had five after intermis-

Burley 51, Jerome 38 Seriey 4 20 5 9-38 (SL) Series 4 20 5 9-38 (SL) SERIES (S



Burley's Jordan Hosteen goes to the hoop against Jerome's Jason Stokes during the Robeats' 51-38 victory in the District IV Great Basin Conference urley High

# **Filer upsets Gooding**

GODING — The Filer boys baskerball coaching staff and players have been able to keep a positive attitude the last couple of weeks knowing that if the team could just gelf welf and come together, the Wildcast could be a factor in the season-ending Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Durmament. After facing what always seemed to be a lot of adversity in the past, No. 5 Filer fought and hung on to win the biggest game of its season, eliminating No. 2 Gooding 36-53 in overtime in a loser-out game Thursday night in Gooding. The coaches are just so proud of the players for sicking it out in this game and the season, said Filer assistant concell-lay. Silvar.—We fought, and won a baskerball game. This team never quits. They are hungry for another game.

After 32 minutes of play, the

and won a bassetpan game. This team never quits. They are tungry for another game. After 32 minutes of play, the score was tied at 46-46. In the overtime, Filer jumped out to a five-point fead at 52-47 at 15-90 no a basket by senior Casey Murray, Gooding senior luxin flogers hit a 3-pointer at the one-minute mark as the Senators closed the gap to three, 52-47. Filer junior lysom Johnson, sophomore Nathan Karel and Murray all hit 1-042 free throws with under a minute remaining given. all hit 1-of-2 free throws with under a minute remaining giv-ing the Wildcas a 55-50 lead. Gooding junior Tyler Allred junped in a long-range trey with 12 ticks left and Filer sen-ior Nike Smith scored the last point of the game as he made 1-of-2 free throws giving the Wildcats the 56-53 win.

Gooding senior Justin Rogers hit 1-of-2 free throws to tie the game, sending it into overtime.

lowed with nine and Jack Stevens and Tyler Braga each

Stevens and Tyler Briga each added six.

"The kids computed until the end," said Gooding coach Joe Messick. 'And that's how they've done all year. I'm super-proud of the players even though it ended in a disappointment. We still need to look at the great year we had."

Gooding's final record: 14-8.

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Filer will play Declo Monday 5:30 p.m. at the College of at 5:30 p.m. at the College Southern Idaho gymnasium.

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The Wildcats led at the break by a single point. 19-18. Gooding outscored Filer 17-16. In the third quarter to even the score, 35-35. There were five ites in the fourth quarter. With six sec-onds remaining in regulation-and the Senators trailing 46-45. Gooding senior Justin Rogers

imme, sending it into overtime. Eiter had four players in double digits. Murray and Smith ted with 15 points followed by Johnson with 12 and sophone Nathan Hughes with 10.

"We are all excited," said Hughes, "We now get to play Declo and hopefully win and get a chance to go to state if we beat Kimberly of Buhl."

For Gooding, Rogers scored a game-high 19 points and was the only Senator in double figures. Junior. Tyler. Witnes followed with nine, and Jack

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Tyter Whees 4 1-2 9, Austin Rogert 8 3 5 19, Adam McDate 1 1-4 3, 3ack Servers 2 1-3 6, Caleb Morris 1 3-5 5, Tytes Braga 2 1-2 6, Tyter Alreid 1 2 2 5, Totals, 17 12-2 5 3.

Burley.

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Kerbs said, "Look at Bishop
Kelly, They got upset."
Part of Burley's problem
came from a cold shooting
night as the Bobcats made
only 12-of-46 attempted field
goals. Free-throw shooting
wasn't much better at 13-of-25.
But Burley won't dwa.
"We started playing not to
lose. We didn't play to win.

Normally, we're a decent shooting team." Kerbs said. "When you tighten up like we did ... my two bet free-throw shooters on the season didn's shoot well tonight. They'll be there (Friday)." While thie win purs the Bobeats in contention for a state championship, it also

Burley High School girls basketball fans cheer after the Bobcats beat Skyrlew Thursday evening in Boise.

state championship, it also earns them a school record of 22 wins (22-3 overall).

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# Wolverines claw to win over Minico **Spartans**

By Sven Berg For the Times-News

ROPERF - Bittern once again by poor free-throw shooting Thursday, the Minico High School boys bas-kethall team fell 61-56 in Great Basin Conference Tournament play to the Asti-ing Wood River Wolverines. The loss ends a disappoint-ing season for Minico, one that began with high hopes and a potential-filled roster Bit quickly turned mora frus-trating.

ating, mistake-prone cramble to overcome

scramble to overcome injuries.

"I thought we had a better team than we showed. Spartans coach Mke Graefe said of his feam's season." I think the Jbiggest factor was that we rarely had a full roster out for practice. We had a lot of kids out for one reason or another, and we never established our rhythin."

Thursday's game played out as 'a microcosm of Minico's season. There were fashed our rhythin."

Thursday's game played out as 'a microcosm of Minico's season. There were fashed our day in microcosm of Minico's season. There was no consistence. Breakdowns on consistence. Breakdowns on defense left perimeter shouters open something that shoply carle happen grayers bayed and the property of the word of the property of the word o

Broadhead played well in the high post, but Minleo's lack of height severely limited Graefes play-calling options. Though Wood River never trailed in the contest. Minico clawed its way out of a seven-point deficit at the end of the first quarter, tying the game several times and generally keeping it close until the end of the third quarter. Then came the back-breaker. With a point of the third quarter in the second of the third and the Spartnans trailing by only a point, senior Christone was whisted for a shooting fout, quickly followed by a technical foul, sending the Wolverines to the foul line to shoot four free throws — they converted all four — and giving them possession, which they quickly furned into a layup. After that, Minico never went away but never truly threatened.

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# Bruin boys fall to Highland in region tourney

### Twin Falls down to a must-win game

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POCATELLO — Inny ve poone shot left.

The Twin Falls High School
boys basketbal team will face
a must-win situation on
saturday after failing to rival
Highland High 53-37 during
"Thursday nights Region FourFive-Six tournament game in
Pocatello. The Bruins will now
host Idaho Falls at 7 p.m.
Saturday in Joser-out action.
"You know what? This team's
been good with its back

Saturday in loser-out action.

You know what? This team's been good with its back against the wall. Bruins head coach Matt Harr told 1270 AM KTFI.

The 10-12 Bruins will have to be better when backed into a corner than they were Thursday night. Twin Falls struggled shooting and settled for a number of uncharacteristic deep shots instead of working the ball inside, finishing 1-for-10 from 3-point ing 1-for-10 from 3-point

range.
"Tonight, we didn't trust our teammates," Harr said. "We

Tonight, we don't these teammates, 'Harr said, 'We didn't trust our offense.'
The season-long third-quarter woes continued for the Bruins as Highland outscored Twin Falls 15-5 to go up 35-19 leading into the final period. The Bruins were outrebounded 41-35 for the game.
Brandon Cary came off the

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### District IV boys basketball tournaments

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bench to lead Twin Falls with 12 points, while Bryant Ward

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game-high 15 points, while Taysom Hill added 13 and Mike Davenport 10. The Bruins trailed 22-14 at the half as both teams struggled to put the ball in the body over the game's first 16 mins. The Bruins shot only 5-of-22 from the free-throw line and were hampered by 10 first-half turnovers. Ward paced Twin Falls with seven points before the break, while Hill scored nine for a Rams team that also struggled, connecting on only 8-for-20 from the field.

Highland will travel to top-seeded Madison on Saturday, Harr said that Saurdays gairs are playing for a Class 5a state championship Saurday night.

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Minico wins girls' district meet TWIN FALLS - The Minico Spartans won the District IV girls team title by defeating all opposition placed in their way Wednesday at the Bowladrome in Twin Falls.

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Minito ended with a 7-0.

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Lakia 'Moler,' and 'Amanda Stouder. Butley finished in second place with a 5-2 record. Butley defeated Wendell 147-130, Gooding 133-114, Kimberly 186-199, 'Wn' Falls159-121, and Filer 157-91. Butley's only losses came by the hands of Jerome (136-135) and Minico. In funior varsity bowling, the

Jerome (136-135) and Minico.
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Jerome IV Pfami Craig.
Christine Miranda, Aylissa
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Falls IV for first place.
In the Junior varsity B class,
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place with a 5-0 record. The
team is comprised of Allshia
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The Jerome IV squad came
wany with a 4-2 record, and the
second-place finish.
The state tournament, for

The state tournament, for both genders, takes place February 20 at Snake River Bowl in Burley. Pins will be toppled from 9 a.m. until 4 CLASS 3A ROUNDUP

# Poor start dooms Filer in setback | Wendell falls

### Declo advances

By John Derr Times-News writer

MIDDLETON — This was not ne start the Filer Wildcats

Nothing went right for Filer in the first quarter and the resultant hole was too much to climb out of as the Wildcass battled, but fell to Bonners of the Class 3A girls state baskers believed to the Class 3A girls state baskers believed to the Class 3A girls state baskers believed to the Wildcass state believed to be bliddleton High School, the crowd inside the gym was rocking. Sadly for Filer, it would be the Badgers who started strong. amed. Nothing went right for Filer

ing. Sadly for Filer, it would be the Badgers who started strobe the Badgers who started strobe. Using a full-court press against a nervous Wideca squad, the Badgers started the game on a 9-0 run. The passure defense forced 16 first-half utmovers and led to several easy baskets. "We came out panicked from the get go and we just got down too far," said Filer coach, Jim Annala, who added that only one of Ifis players came in with

too iar. Said riner coach, Jim Jone of Iris players came in with state experience. Jill Haney, who paced Filer with 15 points, 10 rebounds and three assists, knocked down a pair. of free throws, but that would be all the points the Wildeats would get in the first quarter as they went 0-for-10 from the field and trailed 2-2. Jonners Ferry's Becky Lowther, who bad a game-light 17 points, scored 11 in the opening quarter. Finally at the 5-40 mark of the second quarter the first bucket found its mark for Filer. Lacke found its mark for Filer. Lacket flexible 2-2.

found its mark for Filer, Lavie Heimkes nailled a 3-pointer from the left are. Kylee White and Jill Hainey also scored, but Viller trailed 359-9 at the half. In the third, the Wildcats went on the attack, scoring the first six points, including four from the free-throw, line by Shanae Astle. Eller picked, up

the Inal period.

"We relaxed and started running the offense," Annala said.
Ramseyer, who chipped in eight points, scored to start the fourth, but the Badgers responded with a 6-0 run. Filer kept the pressure on, pulling within 10 in the final minutes, but the shooting wors of the first quarter returned. The Wilders finished the fourth quarter hitting just 3-of-15 and went 10-of-51 for the game.

"My girls never give up, we mist ram out of time, I am proud of them," added Annala. Those shots normally fall, they first mean to day.

"Filer will take on Kellogg at 115 purched the control of the contro



### Declo 37, Marsh Valley 33

MIDDLETON — Declo advanced in Class 3A state tournament play after knock-ing off the Marsh Valley Eagles 37-33 Thursday evening in Middleton. Middleton.

Middleton. The game was a defensive battle as neither team made headway offensively. Marsh Valley shot only 2/3 percent for the game, while Declo did little better at 245 percent for the game.

game. U
Sydney Christensen was the high scorer for Declo with nibe points, and she also had seven rebounds. Kendra Koyle points, and she also bad seven rebounds. Kendra Koyle attained eight points and 5

boards for the Hornets, McKell Webb scored seven points and pulled down 14 rebounds while Emily Ramsey also scored seven points along with eight rebounds in the victory. Jennifer McNabb paced Marsh Valley with 11 points. Declo won the battle on the boards by a 49-42 marpin, as Webb led the team with 14. Free throos provided Declo an advantage as it shot 9-for-17 from the line, compared the Engle's 4-for-13. Declo moves on to battle Shelley. The game takes place at 8 p.m. tonight.

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CLASS 2A ROUNDUP

KUNA—A young Wendell squad got its first taste of life the state tournament, it didn't turn out as the Trojans ould have liked. The Trojans, with just one junior and no seniors on

would have liked.

The Trojans, with just one junior and no seniors on their roster, led early but struggled after the break in falling \$8.39 to Firth in the opening round of the Class 2A girls state baskethall tournament Thursday evening at Kuna High School.

gibls state baskethall tournament Thursday evening actions state baskethall tournament Thursday evening actions the first half while the Cougars struggled. The roles reversed after the break.

We had a great first half, but they outhusted us in the second, said Wendell coach Delon Huse. We are so young and this is their first time at state. This is a huge step for us and I am so proud of them.

The Trojans got on the board first as Erin O'Brien found an open Jori Fleming underneath the basket. Whitney Gines converted a three-point play to give Wendell the early advantage.

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Fifth was led early by junior post Marianne Schiess who scored the first six points for the Cougars. O'Brien, who paced the Triglans with a game-high 16 points, netted three jumpers as Wendell led 12-10 after one quarter.

O'Brien added two more jumpers, but Firth it a prayer from halfcourt at the halftime buzzer and led 23-19 at the heak. Fen first-half furnovers also butt Wendells cause. The Trojans packed the key, forcing the Cougars to shoot from the outside. That plan worked until the see-ond half when Guthrie mailed two more treys, just two minutes into the third period, Wendell found itself down by 10.

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If think the 3-point shot at the half mesmerized us. They stepped it up and we were a little flat in the second half, said Huse. They stepped in 10 points and five assists, answered for Wendell, connecting on the Tolans' only shot from beyond the arc. Joi Fleming converted twice in the paint, but the Trojans still trailed by 10 heading into the final period.

O'Brien scored early but Firth kept finding the mark and put the game out of reach.

The Trojans finished with 19 turnovers compared to just see'on for Firth, Freshman post Kristen Brandsma came off the bench to block four-shots.

State touriers action continues today as Wendell takes on the loser of the Westsield Crangeville game at 3 p.m.

We are going to be ready for Uritaly, 's said Huse.

Firth 59, Wendell 40

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CLASS 1A ROUNDUP

# Richfield, Shoshone to meet in state semifinals

# Raft River falls, Hagerman eliminated

"I told them to walk out of the locker room with their heads high and have fun because we are coming home with the con-solation championship."

NAMPA - Fancy meeting

you here. That's likely going to be the thought at Nampa High School tonight as the Richfield Tigers and Shosbone Indians will meet for a spot in the Class IA girls baskethall state championship game. Both teams won during Day 20 the Real Dairy Shootout as Richfield blow past Auckers 19, 26, and Shosbone.

Shoroout as Richfield blew past Mackay 59-26 and Shoshore edged Genesce 45-37. The two Magie Valley Northside Conference foes will meet at 615 pm. tonight in state sentinal action.

In Thursday's other action. Raff River was knocked out of state title comention, falling to Garden Valley 59-25. Hagerman was eliminated from the tournament with a 51-31 defeat at the hands of the Kootenal Warriors.

### Championship bracket Richfield 59, Mackay 26

The Richfield Tigers are two-for-two: two blowouts in two state tournament games. The Tigers' swarming

defense forced 29 turnovers as Richfield rolled past de Mackay Miners 59-26 Tursday night at Nampa High School during the second round of the 2007 Real Dairy Shootout girls basketball tour-nament. Senior Cassie Wood came up

nament.
Senior Cassie Wood came up big for 24-1 Richfield, finishing with a 24-point, 10-rebound-double-double. Teenie Kent added II points and a game-high five steals as the Tigers came away with 17 steals for the game. The Tigers opened the game with a 20-8 advantage in the lirst quarter and then tightened up the defense even more, as the Miners would never score more than eight points in a quarter. Angela Kent scored five points and grabbed seven rebounds for Richfield, Mackay star Jessica Zollinger was beld to only five points on 2-of-14 shooting on the night.

### Shoshone 45, Genesee 37

Tough defense and clutch free-throw\_shooting helped push the 18-8 Indians into the state semifinals as Shoshone

held Genesee to 27.3 percent shooting in Thursday's 45-37 win The Indians also connect-ed on 14-07-22 free-throws in the game to help fend off the Bulldogs' second-half rally

attempt.
Lone Shoshone senior Kori
Bingham lifted the Indians on
her back, finishing with a
game-high 20 points, eight
rebounds and three steals.
Myka Medlock added 13 points
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Myka Medlock added 13 points while Shaynee Guilliford chipped in 10 points in the winning effort. Bingham led Shoshone's charge at the line. finishing it-of-12 at the charity stripe, while Medlock finished 4-for-7 from the stripe. "We really stepped up and played well the last few minetes of the game," Shoshomehead coach Tim Chapman said. "It basically came down to free-throw shooting those last few minutes." to free-throw and last few minutes."

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Genesce was led by guard Jordan Udy's 14 points on 3-of-13 shooting. The Indians led 24-11 at the break and were able to bold the Bulldogs at bay through the game's final 16 minutes.

### Garden Valley 59, Raft River 25

Raft River 25

The Garden Valley-Wolverines were simply too overpowering for Baft River, soundly defeating the Trojans 59-25 Thursday night at Columbia High School in Nampa, Shooting wors and 25 turnovers combined to make it a long night for the Hs-fi Trojans, with owere led by Jayme Manning's seven points. Nicole Happer added six and Lindsay, Hutchison fire. hut-Raft River his only 10 of its 39 shot attempts from the field. The 20-1 Wolverines were led by senior leather Wards 16 points and cight rebounds, while Layne Turker added 15 points and Lavey Jones 13. With the loss, the Trojans fall into an elimination game.

into an elimination game against North Gem, with the winner moving on to play for fourth place on Saturday.

# Elimination bracket

Elimination bracket
Kootenai 51, Hagerman 31
NAMPA — The Hagerman
Pirates' season came to and
end Thursday morning with a
51-31 loss to the Kootenai
Warriors in the consolation
bracket. The 20-6 Pirates were
led by Breecia Mangum's 10

points and six rebounds, while Shambray Pendley added eight points. The Pirates shot only 25 percent (12-18) from the field.

percent H2-48l from the field. Senior Kootenai gnard Cassie Scheffelmaier pumped in a game-high 27 points, including four 3-pointers, and added eight rebounds. Backcourt mate Hannah Nyrop addled 17 points and eight rehounds as the Warriors advanced to the tournament's

eight rehounds as the Wartrots advanced to the tournament's consolation semifinal round where they will face prairie.— The Pirates will, lose, only, senior Kalla Madrigales to graduation this year. Madrigales scored four points in her high school basketball

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### 2007 Real Dairy Shootout Girls State Tournaments

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At The Idaho Center, Nampa
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ne 8: Coeur d'Alene vs. Valibue.

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At Turberline High School, Boise
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Game 3: Burley Bobcats 39.
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Kelly, 1:15 p.m. Game 6: Skyview vs. Bonneville, 3 p.m. Game 7; Hillcrest vs. Preston, 6:15 p.m. Geme 8: Burley vs. Middleton, 8 p.m.

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At Middeton High School
Game 1: Bonners Ferry Badgers
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Game 2: Suger-Salem Diggers
57, Kellogg Wildcats 36
Game 3: Shellery Russets 52,
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Game 4: Declo Hornets 37,
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Game 5: Filer vs. Kellogg, 1:15 p.m. Game 6: Fruitland vs. Marsh Valley. 8 p.m. Game 7: Bonners Ferry vs. Sugar-Salem, 6:15 p.m. Game 8: Shelley vs. Decto winner, 8 p.m.

# Class 2A

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# Class 1A

Thursday's results
At Columbia High School, Name
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Game 12: Prairie 45, Rimrock, 32 Game 15: Lapwai 53, North Gerr

Game 16: Garden Valley vs. Raft

Game 17: Council vs. Wallace, 10 a.m. Game 18: Kootenal vs. Prairle, 11:45 a.m. Game 18: Mackey vs. Shoshone—Gameseo lose; 1:15 p.m. Game 20: North Gern lose vs. --Raft River, 3 p.m. Game 21: Richfield vs. Shoshone, 6:15 p.m. Game 22: Lapvel vs. Gardon Walley, 8 p.m.

Note: Go to www.maglovalley.com and check bree ing news for updates on all the girls state action? this afternoon,

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SAN FRANCISCO—A Colorado lawyer pleaded guilty Thursday to obstructing justice by leaking secret grand jury documents to two
reporters covering the government's probe of
steroids in sports.
Tryy Ellerman agreed to be sent to prison for
as Jong as two years and fined up to \$250,000 for
the convictions.
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U.S. District Judge leftrey White isn't bound by the plea agreement and said he hasn't decided whether to accept it. White said he could impose as much as a 15-year prison term at Ellermans seittencing, set for June 14.

The changes cut to the very core of our criminal justice system, the Judge said. This represents a corruption of our system by a member of the bar and by an officer of the court.

The 44-year-old Ellerman, from Woodland Park, Colo., also is likely to lose his license to practice law. He declined comment Thursday. At varying times, he represented two defendants in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative steroid lab Investigation and was privy to sensitive grand Jury testimony that he leaked to the Sair Francisco Chronille.

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After the gullry plea, federal prosecutors affounced they dropped their case against reporters. Mark, Falianan, Wada and Lance Williams, who were facing prison settences of up to, 18 months for prissing to divulge their source.

"It's great not to have to go to prison — It's great for our families," Williams said in a brief interview Thursday.

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Ellerman admitted he let Fainaru Wada view transcripts of the grand jury testimony of baseball stars Barry Bonds, Jason Glambi, Gary

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### NFL

### Cowher joins CBS as studio analyst

PITTSBURGH — Former Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher is returning to the NFL — as an analyst on CBS' Sunday "The NFL Today" stu-dies them:

an analyst on CBS Sunday Interventionary and dio show.
Cowher resigned as the Steelers' coach last month following IS seasons, and less than a year after winning the Super Bowl. He plans to spend more time with his family at their new home in Raleigh, N.C., but said working on the CBS show allows him to keep his des to the league.
"I can still be part of it but not have it consume your life," Cowher said Thursday, speaking on a conference call.

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Cowher doesn't expect to have any problems
critiquing or criticizing his former team, saying
it would be no different from doing so along the

"I'd be doing it if I were coaching," he said.

### Chargers interview Buddy Ryan's son

SAN DIEGO — Flashing a Super Bowl ring, which is a strange sight around here, Rex Ryan spoke about how he'd love to win an NFL championship with the San Diego Chargers.

"That would be something that we'd be tar-geting. We'd like to get several of those." Ryan's said after emerging from his Interview with Chargers executives on Fluxiday. Ryan is the son of former NFL head coach Buddy Ryan, who was the defensive coordinator when the 1985 Chicago Bears won the Super Bowl

when the 1902 Authors Services and 1904. Hall of Famer Mike Singletary, the San Francisco 49ers' assistant head coach, was the first candidate to Interview, on Wednesday. Niners offensive coordinator for Nor Turner, a two-dime Super Bowl winner as Dallas offensive coordinator in the early 1990s, Interviewed Thursday afternoon.

### COLLEGE HOOPS No. 5 UCLA edges Arizona State

TEMPE, Ariz. — Arron Affalo scored 24 points, Darren Collison added 18 and No. 5 UCLA rallied from a 10-point deficit to beat Arizona State 67-61 Thursday night.
Tralling 49-39 with 1024 to play, the Bruist took command with an 18-2 run, with Darren Collison hitling three 3-pointers and Affaloanother to put UCLA alteed 57-51.
Arizona State pulled to 63-61 on Serge Angounou's 3-pointer with 16 seconds 1eft, but

Afflalo hit two free throws and Josh Shipp added two more to Ice the win.

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — David Teague scored a career-high 32 points as Purdue beat No. 24 Indiana 81-60 on Thursday night to snap a five-game losing streak in the rivalry. Teague went 6-for-8 from 3-point range and slee orshibed aroun rehumule.

also grabbed seven rebounds

### MAGIC VALLEY

# Twin Falls club volleyball tryouts near

TWIN FALLS — Tryouts for the Twin Falls High School's club volleyball team will be Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 5 p.m. at the TFHS gym. The team is for girls in grades 5-12.

### T.F. youth wrestling sign-ups available

TVIN FALLS — Twin fails Parks and Recreation is holding sign-ups for youth wresting through Feb. 24. The program is for childing sign-ups for youth wresting grades K-6 and the cost is \$18 for those within civil jmins and \$21 for those youthled explaints AC \$10 late fee will be added after Feb. 24. The wrestling season begins March 1 and run through April 5 with practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from \$500-630 pm. for grades K-2 and 6:30-7:30 pm. for grades K-2 and 6:30-7:30 pm. for grades 3-6. Practices will be in the Twin Falls High School gym. Call 7:36-226 for more information.

- Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Waltrip qualifies for Daytona 500 in backup Toyota

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Two-time Daytona 500 winner Michael Waltrip got what he wanted Thursday — a chance to prove he didn't need to cheat to make the Daytona 500. Tony Stewart, the favorite to win Sunday's stock car Super Bowl, won the first of the two 150-mile qualifying races, and four-time series champlon [6ff Gordon charged from fourth to first on the final lap to take the second race. It sets up a showdown with Stewart, who has yet to win the 500. Joe Nemechek and Mike Wallace raced their way into the 500 with finishers of minht and 11 thin the second race. They John Waltrip and Boris Said, who nosed out Mike Bilss, in the first qualifying race.

nosed out where there is a singular most of the second race but lost the lead to his older brother Kurt, the 2003 series champion, and fell all the way to sixth on the 54th lap. Meanwhile, Gordon, who has three qualifying race wins, hung around the leaders throughout the race hut seemed

# NASCAR

to come out of nowhere for the victory.

He pitted for four dres during a caution period 10 laps from the end, while
the eight cars in front of him stayed on
track. Gordon was 11th on the restart on
lap 54 and slowly moved back into contention.

Gordon said it took some luck and some drufting help from J.J. Yeley to get to the front on the final trip around the 2.5-mile oval.
"We just showed anything is possi-ble," Gordon said, "I didn't think we had

ble," Gordon said, "Iddn't think we had the car to get bere (to Victory Circle) today. I know we've got to get our car handling a little better before Sunday." Kurr Busch wound up second, fol-lowed by David Stremme, Kyle Busch and former series champion Matt Kenseth, who had to race from the rear of the 30-car fled after his qualifying speed on Sunday was disqualified by

NASCAR in the cheating scandal that involved four other cars.
But it was the role of Waltrip's team in the cheating scandal that had everyone's attention. He guaranteed he would remain the talk of the garage after nearly knocking friend and former teammate Dale Earnhardt Jr. out of the opener.

opener.
"I'm just sad and happy at the same time," sald Waltrip, who hours earlier the

Waltrip charged back to finish eighth while Junior, whose crew made quick repairs to his car, finished close behind

repairs to his car, tunsate active the cond. Said, who already had secured a guaranteed starting spot in the 43-car field 500 field, nipped former truck champion liliss in the opener for the second transfer spot into the race. Because Said raced his way in, that means Waltrip's rookle teammate David Reutlmann, who was to race

later in the second 150, will be in the 500 based on last Sunday's time trials. Third Waltrip driver Dale Jarrett fin-ished 18th Thursday but was guaran-teed a Daytona 500 spot as a former

teed a Daytona 300 spot as a former series champion. Stewart, who won the non-points Budweiser Shoetout last Saturday and also has won the last two July Cup races here, added to his credentials as the man to beat Sunday, easily holding off former 500 winner Earnhardt in a mean bedweigen in ... each that treat two-lap showdown in a race that went three extra laps because of a late cau-

three extra laps because of a late cau-tion flag.

"This car has been bad to the bone all week." said Stewart, who is 0.8 lin the 500. "Hopefully, we have one more in it. The qualifying races and Shootouts are great. And so are the July races, but I really wan this race on Sunday bad." Jeff Burton finished third in the first arce, followed by Daytona pole-winner David Gilliand, 2006 Nextel Cup rooke Denny Hamila, Clint Bowyer and Martin Truex Jr., Earnhardt's teammate.



NASCAR driver Michael Waltric race for the Daytona 500 at Dayto

Mavs win

HOUSTON (AP) — Iasot:
Terry lit a go-ahead jumper
with 1:09 remaining and
made two free throws in the
final seconds to give the
Dallas Maverlecks an 10-77
win over the Houston
Rockets on Thursday night,
extending their winning
streak to nine games.
Luther Head had a shot in
the lane with about in
the lane with bounced out.
Dirk Nowlizid had 26
points and There McGrady
led Houston with 27.

GOLF: NISSAN OPEN

# Harrington takes early lead

LOS ANGELES — Padraig Harrington is a newcomer to the Nissan Open, still not sure when to hit the brakes and when to first the when to hit the brakes and when to first the flags. He chose the latter Districtly and zoomed pass. Phil Mickelson and everyone clse at Riviers with an B-under 63. Harrington opened with three straight birdies. He most flow in a row after making the turn, and even picked one up on the ough! 15th hole when his 5-iron hit the pin and settled 4 feet away.

note when its 3-aron in the pin and sedect away.

His only loggy on the back nine came form a three-put on the par-3 14th, and the frishman had a reasonable explanation for that.

'At this space, I'm feeling invincible,' he said.

'd didn't think I was ever not going to make birdie."

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It gave him a three-shot lend over Mickelson.

Briny Baird and Pat Pietze. Ilm Puryk, Sergio
Garcia and David Howell were among those in
the grung at 67 on a spectacular day of sunshine and shormaking on the storied course off
Sunser Bouldward.

Six players failed to finish the first round
when it was too dark to continue; they will finish Fridaw morning.

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Mickelson is playing for the Inst time strice 2001 at Riviera, where he has never had much success, that coming off a five-shot victory at Pebble Beach where he field the tournament scoring record, he kept right on rolling with a bogg-free Sci. He hit only six fairways, but the rough is negligible this week, and Mickelson wasn't off by nuch.

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His only disappointment was being three shots brithlia." It's a little humbling to shoot what I thought was a good round and then get lapped." Mickelson said.
The only other time Howell has played Riviera was two years ago, when it took four days to complete 36 holes because of rain. The Englishman found conditions quite different this year, and he was duly impressed — by Riviera and by Harrington.

"This is a represent off course." he said. And that

this year, and he was duly impressed — by Riviera and by Harrington.

"This is a great golf course," he said, "And that is a hell of a round."

Vijay Shigh started caple-birdie, but a couple of late bogeys brought him a fill, Richel Giossen made only seven pars in his round of 71.

Mickeloop played with Ernel Els, one of several international stars, making their '07 PGA' Tour debut this week. The life Basy labored to keep the ball in the fairway, but escaped with cough clutch pars — getting up-and-down from 90 yards on his final hole — for a 69 that left him pleased, although tongue-ded.

He noted that Mickelson played "awful," then quickly corrected himself.

"Awtsome, I think that's the word you use," Els said with a laugh.

"Awesome, I think that's the word you use." Els said with a laugh. For Harrington, call it blissful ignorance. He first saw fliviera a few years ago on his way to the Target World Challenge in December and loved it. But as he looked back over his round, he realized there were mances to the course that he still hasn't learned, and was thankful he



Padralg Harrington follows through on a tee shot on the 14th hole during the first round of the Hissan Open golf tournament at the Riviera Country Club in Los

didn't pay for it in the opening round.

He played two practice rounds, and both times hit driver and a 6-tron on the 463-yard second hole, traditionally one of the toughest. But with the fairways running fast and firm, he was stunned to his see his drive hand in the narrow neck of the fairway, leaving him only a 3-iron into the green to within 4 feet.

"If I had known I was going to do that, I wouldn't have been hitting my driver off the tee." He said.

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would take deer a ming by were of the cere he said.
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"There again is a hole that maybe I have to be a little less aggressive on for the rest of the week," he said.

### Creamer, Mackenzie share lead in season-opening SBS Open

eamer shot a 5 KAHUKU, Hawan — Pania Creamer shot a s-under 67 for a share of the first-round lead with rookie Paige Mackenzie and veteran Sherri Steinhauer in the LPGA Tour's season-opening

Steinbauer in the LPGA Tour's season-opening SIS Open.

The 20-year-old Creamer is seeking her first win since 2008 when she won twice, finished second on the money list and earned rooke of the year honors. Last year, she had 14 top-10 finishes, including a second-place tile in the Tournament of Champions. Julieta Granada, the winner of the season-ending ADT Championship, was a stroke back at 68 along with Natalle Gulbis, Sung Ah Yim and Wendy Ward.

— The Associated Press

# For Charlotte's Morrison, there's no place like road

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Adam Morrison headed to Las Vegas on 'Hursday to take part in All-Star weekend festivities as the second-leading rookle scorer in the NIA. He might be lead-ing the league if not for those home games. Morrison prefers playing on the road instead of dealing with the Charlotte Bobcats fans

with the Charlotte Bobcats rans who expect big things from the No. 3 pick in last year's draft. "It's a mental thing. I feel like

"It's a mental thing, I feel like everyhody expects me to make everything." Morrison said of playing at home. The faus have been great, but some of the expectations and some of the expectations and some of the stuff I hear when I'm going up and down the court at home, it feels like I'm on the road."

the numbers back him up The numbers back him up. Morrison, who scored eight points on 3-for-5 shooting in Charlotte's 100-45 home win over Chicago on Wednesday, is averaging less than 11 points and shooting a little more than 33 percent in 26 home games. Morrison is averaging 14-3 points and shooting 14 percent in 26 tond cames.

points and snooning . . , in 26 road games. "I think I put too much pres-----off for what the sure on myself for what the fans are saying," Morrison said as he prepared to play in Friday's rookie-sophomore

game. Morrison isn't criticizing the fans, he just wants them to give him time to develop. And Morrison acknowledges he's hit the famous rookie wall in his first season going from playing 30-something games to college up the 82-game grind

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"It's four games a week, with back-to-backs," Bobcats coach Bernie Bickerstaff said. 'That's ough on the veteran players, so that's been the problem. He's litt the weteran players, so that's been the problem. He's little was a little bit.' Morrison, who averaged a nation-best 281 points a game last season at Gonzaga, has struggled with inconsistency. He has 10 games 20 or more points, but has reached that total only once in the past 22 games. Morrison has failed to reach double figures in five of



Charlotte Bobcats rookle Adam Morrison [35] Is having most of his success away from the Bobcats'

his past six games.
Morrison, who started the season with the reputation of being a great shooter but suspect defender, hasn't consistently hit open jumpers. He's shooting only 31 percent from 3-point range.

### Hardaway banished after anti-gay remarks

after anti-gay remarks
The NIIA banished Tim
Hardaway from All-Star weekend in Las Vegas because of his
anti-gay remarks.
Hardaway, who played in
five All-Star games during the
1990s, was already in Las Vegas
to make a series of public
appearances this week on
behalf of the league. But after
saying, "I hate gay people"
during a radio interview commissioner David Stern stepped
in.

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"We removed him from representing us because we didn't think his comments were consteant with having anything to do with us," Stern told reporters Thursday at the opening of a fan festival at a Las Vegas casino, part of the NBAN All-Star weekend.

Stern said he had not spoken with Hardaway, who left Las Vegas on Thursday, but he planned to do so.

While Stern said a discus-sion about openly gay players could be part of future rookie orientation programs, he-doesn't see a need to address the league.
"This is an issue overall that

"This is an issue overall that has fascinated America. Its not an NBA issue." Stern said, pointing to the ongoing debate over gay martiage at the state and federal levels. "This is a commry that needs to talk about this issue." he said. "And, not surprisingly, they use sports as a catalyst to begin the dialogue. Hardaway apologized for his comments, which came a "week after John Amaechi became the first former NBA player to say he was gay.

became the first former NIA player to say he was gay. "As an African-American, I know all too well the negative thoughts and feelings harred-and bigotry cause," Hardaway-said Thursday in a statement issued by his agent. "I regret and apologize for the state-ments that I made that have certainly caused the same.

certainly caused the same kinds of feelings and reactions, kinds of feelings and reactions.

"I especially apologize to myfans, friends and family in
minima and Chicago, I am committed to examining my feelings and will recognize, appreciate and respect the differences among people in our
society," he said.

— The Associated Press.

# Bonds finally signs one-year contract with San Francisco Giants

SCOITSDALE, Ariz. — Barry Bonds finally signed his \$15.8 million. one-year deal Thursday, ending more than two months of wrangling between the slugger and two says francisco Giants over contract language.

With both sides satisfied. Bonds is scheduled to report Monday to spring training. He slikely to participate in the Giants first full-squad workout Tugsday.

Giants' first full-squad workout Tugsday, "I expect he will be ready to go," general manager Brian Salpean said.
The 42-year-old Bonds is 22 homers shy of breaking Hank Aupon's camer record of 755.
Bonds' deal was approved by the commissioner's office. His agent, leff Borris, and the Glants reached a preliminary agreement on Dec. 7.
The team announced the

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interview via conference call.
But he never signed the contract, and problems developed.
At issue were specifies about what would happen if Bonds were to be indicted or face further legal trouble, and the legal trouble depends on the legal trou

was deleted from the deal, two baseball officials said. They spake on condition of anonymity because of the sen-stivity of the situation. A federal grand jury is investi-gating whether Bonds perjured limself when he testified in 2003 in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative steroid distribu-tion case that he hadn't know-

enhancing drugs.

Bonds long has denied knowingly using steroids.

Bonds will fill the final spot on the team's 40-man roster, which had stood at 39 after catcher Mike Matheny went on the voluntary retirement list with a concussion.

### Soriano impresses by showing up early

MESA, Ariz. - Alfonso riano strolled into the club-

MESA, Ariz. — Alfonso Soriaño strolled into the thub Soriaño strolled into the thub house, slipped on his gear and began a translion he hopes is smoother than his last one. Instead of balking at a position switch, he welcomed "It Instead of a standoff, he wowed to do whatever the Chicago Cubs asked. And instead of a rough beginning, he made a good first impression Thursday.

Cubs Infielders and outfielders are thue to report to spring

ers are due to report to spring training Monday, with the first

full-squad workom on Tuesday. But Soriano decided to get a head start. ad start.
"There are a lot of very good opte here, nice guys," he

people here, nice guys," he said, "I don't want to have problems with anybody. Everybody here is on the same

Everybody here is on the same page."

The Cubs recited similar verses about Sortano. The five-time All-Star impressed his new teammates simply by showing up early — something he did during his time with the New York Yankees.

"It sends a good message," and the principle said.

Tithink it shows what kind of cammater her, spoing to be," pitcher Kerry Wood said. "I hope everybody saw that. I hope everybody saw that. I hope everybody looks at it that way. It's not always like that hard it definitely has not always been like that here, so it's definitely nice to see when posinitely nice to see when posi-tion players get here and are ready to work, especially when

they don't have to be here yet."
Starting pitcher Ted Lilly,
Soriano's teanmate with the
Yankees, said it's not false
advertising "He's a very positive guy, and 1 think that's
going to benefit the rest of the
club."

club."
After losing 96 games last year, the Cubs think they have enough talent to reach the playoffs thanks to an overhaul that began immediately after the final out of the season.

### Torre to Bernie: Come on down

Come on down
TAMPA. Ha. — Joe Tore
spoke to Bernie Williams and
the message from the New
York Yankees' manager was
clear. Come to spring raining.
Williams, feeling slighted by
the only major teague team
hes played for has thus far
refused to accept a minor
league contract. After Torre left
some telephone messages, the

38-year old outfielder called back on Wednesday afternoon. The only thing I stressed to him yesterday is: If you want to continue to play you can't do it if you stay up there. We have to see you." Torre said Thursday. Torre said that if Williams does come to surine training.

does come to spring training, he would have a real chance of earning a spot on the 25-man

earting a specific roster.

"It doesn't mean you have to, hit .400," Torre said. "I think it's what you see more so than what the numbers are."

— The Associated Press.



# TWIN FALLS FORECAST

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# CSI softball gets SWAC preview

### Snow Invitational features pair of league opponents

By Eric Larsen Thmes-News writer

TWIN FAILS — Next week-end, they play for keeps. —This weekend, however, the 4-6 College of Southern Idaho softball team gets a final pre-season tuneup for its Scenic West Athletic Conference

Season tourner, west Abhetic Conference schedule.

The Golden Eagles are in St. George: Utah, for the 2007-Snow College Invitational, held today and Saturday. The tournament will pit CSI against-SWAC opponents Snow College and Salt Lake Community College a combined four times. The Golden Eagles will also get a chance to back up their season-opening win with two scheduled games against Arizona Western College. win was against Arizons.
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"It should kind of ge us pre-pared heading into our confer-scree. Schedule, and give us a look at where we are, 'Cs bhead coach Nick Baumer said at Monday's bosser meeting. The Golden Eagles are com-ing off a Saturday that saw them finish 1-1 against four-year schools Northwest Nazarene University and Meetison College of Idaho. Freshman pitcher Stephanie Holmes had a good day, pick-ing up the win in CSI's 20-5 drubbing of NNU before clob-bering a two-run home run in bering a two-run home run in the 6-3 loss to Albertson. CSI freshman starting pitcher Jody Zillner lost the battle to older

### 2007 Snow College Invitational

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Albertson and will look to improve on-her 1-3-season record with a strong showing this weekend.

The CSI bats seem to be surging able to surging a ble tauly in the season after pounding a combined 20 bits out in Sautrday's two games. Keeping those hot bats will be important, especially against the higher quality of SWAC pitching Baumert is expecting to face this weekend. Baumert will see a familiar face in today's carly game against the 2-6 Badgers. Sophemore Jayme Harmison, played for Baumert at Twin Falls High and is coming off a freshman season that saw her earn All-Region 18 Second Team honors, Harmison hit. 290 with two home runs and 25 fBBIs as an everyday starter for the Badgers. She is hitting only, 167 this season, but will be determined to get back on track against her old coach. With only six sophomores, the Badgers are fairly young, so look for CSI's relative inexperience to play only a small factor in this weekend's two games against Snow.

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Williams 2-2, Spear, Noren, Belinda Tuttey 1-1. Pitching: Record - Desirae Thomson, Holmes 1-1, Jody Zillner 1-2. SV - Thomson 1. SO - Thomson 14, Holmes 10. Opponents' average - Zillner .243, Thomson .256.

The 3-2-2 SLCC Bruins have been led thus far by freshman been led thus far by freshman Tam Bendt, who's averaging, 567 with four stolen bases through the Bruins first seven games. The Bruins pitching corps of Megan Eliason, Kara Bendt and Lindsey Poliner of solid, as SLCC bonsts a 2.65 cean EBA on the season. The Golden Eagles pitchers will also have to be careful with sophomore Shelly Manuel, who lit J.368 with four home runs and 25 RBis last season. The Golden Eagles will look for a couple replays of their 4-2. Season-opening, win against.

The Couten Eagles win took for a couple replays of their 4-2 season-opening win against Arizona Western this weekend. Holmes and Desirae Thomson combined to top the Matadors cartier this season, while freshman shortstop Katelym Warren finished 2-for-3 with two triples, two RBIs and a run scored. The Matadors are 9-5 on the season.

The Golden Eagles will use the weekend to solidify their roster positions and fine-tune their abilities for next Friday and Saturday's four-game SWAC series in Henderson, New, against the Community College of Southern Newada.

# The 'Ping!' is back for CSI

### Golden Eagles play in aluminum-bat tourney

TWIN FALLS — Call them purists, but the Golden Eagles do things the old-lashioned

way.

The 3-2 College of Southern Idaho baseball team likes the feel of rawhide, the smell of a literate large and the ine 3-2 College of Southern Idaho baseball team likes the feel of rawhlide, the smell of all-tide dirt between a leather glove's faces and the distinct crack of a well-struck ball sailing off a wooden bat. Well, two, out of three Isn't bad this weekend. CSI head coach Boomer Walker and the Golden Eagles enter uncharted territory in this weekend-Saidra-Annual Coyne Baseball Slugnut at the Community College of Southern Newada in Honderson, New.

For three days, CSI will give the lumber a rest to swing the aluminum rocket launchers that the NCAA Division! ranks favor in its final uneup for a 40-game Secule West Adhleite Conference schedule.

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infinime hat tournament, so we don't know how it'll be."

One of two things will likely happen during CSIs four-game schedule at the tournament. The CSIs four-game schedule at the tournament. The CSIs hatters will get to pad their stats with the hitter-friendly metal bats or the CSI pitchers will get dinged by the ping. The former seems more likely as Walker was pleasandly surprised by the hitting of his freshmen during CSIs first week of games.

"I was real thrilled with our freshmen." he said. "Normally you don't get a lot of production out of the first three weeks to a month as they're adjusting to the wood bat, but they competed and swung it well:

CSI starts its tournament schedule against a tough EI Paso Community College (Texas) team that afterday boasts a 10-2 mark on the came that afterday boasts a 10-2 mark on the CSI starts its commander that they competed and swung it well:

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### Sixth Annual Coyote **Baseball Slugout**

CSI vs. Cypress CC, 3 p.m.

Saturday
CSI vs. South Mountain CC, 3 p.m.

Sunday
CSI vs. Santa Ana College, noon
Note: CSI season leaders unavallat

The Golden Eagles' second game comes against the Cypress College (Calif.) Chargers. Cypress is 7-2 on the season behind the strong play of freshman infelder Michael Neshitt, who is hitting, 5-22 with one homer and eight fills on the season. The Chargers are rolling early in the season and have autscored their last three opponents 39-2. Freshman pitcher Alex Curry boasts a 3-0 record and 0.36 ERA with 19 strikeous in 24 2/3 innings pitched. Saturday's CSI game is against South Mountain Community College (Art.) of the NICAA Division II muls. The Cougars are 1-1 on the season after fluthing 3-0-26 last year. Sophomore infielder leads the SMCC offense after litting, 337 with 35 runs scored last season.

since finding 335 win 35 times scored axis sea-son. The Golden Eagles wrap up their tourna-ment schedule on Sunday with a noon garie against Santa Ann College (Calif.). The Dons are 4-2 on the season and feature dangerous slugger Manny Caceres, who boasts a .519 average with four home runs and 10 RBIs on the season. The Dons finished 35-15 last sea-son.

the season, the Dolis intensed 35-10 aux sea-fine high level-of competition over the weekend skould set CSI up faithy well for next Friday and Saturday's SWAC home-opening series against Fival Soil Lake Community College, Regardless of this weekends out-ome, the Golden Engles will be goal to get at come, the Golden Engles will be goal to get at their opening weekend of play in Adizona.

"For us, it was great to see green grass, Walker Joked."

### Women

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Interior defense will be key in beating the Bruins this weekend.

If the Bruins are unable to get king and Law going, backcourt players Shorty Muliford and Daptielle McDonald will have to pick up the slade from the outside. When forced into a perimeter game, Bogers knows that SLCC is very beatable. The problem is that no team other than CSI has been able to force the Bruins outside. The Bruins are on an eight-game winning streak, their last loss coming to the Golden Eagles.

"They've got two (conderence) losses and they're to us. Rogers said. 'And they're playing the best ball in our league, it's going to be very difficult to go down there and win games." The Golden Eagles were play to establish their law-post game — and about everything else they wanted to — in last weckend's sweep of Colorado Northwestern Community College, while beating the Spartans and the Bruins are vivo yeely, different propositions, the Golden Eagles were play for Anits Burdick and Eus Ivanova law of the stream of the Spartan in two wins over CNCC. Those points would be invaluable this weekend, especially if

"They're playing the best ball in our league. It's going to be very difficult to go down there and win games." CSI women's coach Randy Rogers on playing at first-place SLCC

Thompson and Tucker find themselves in foul

Thompson and Tucker find themselves in tou trouble.

With only six games remaining in their SWAC schedule, this could be CSIs only short at gaining ground on SLC. The Brains close their season out with four very winnable games: wo at CNCC and two at home against North Idaho College. With Snow College and the College of Eastern Usah still remaining on the CSI schedule, its time for leading scorers Maria Moore. Britismy Moore and the rest of the Golden Eagles to play their best ball in preparation for a run at the regular-season SWAC title and a shot at the Region 18 Tournament crown.

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### Men

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have a big showing against CSI to steer the Bruins in the right direction. The NICAA Preseason All-American is averaging 17.8 points and 7.8 rebounds per game this year and will again be a handful for the CSI posts to cover. The Golden Eagles will again enjoy the services of top scorer Brad Garrett, who sat out last weekends sweep of Colorado Northwestern Community College after jumming his right thumb during a Thursday practice. Garrett and sophomore shooting guard Kelvin Dawis are both averaging 17.1 points per game to lead the Golden Eagles.

While the sweet-shooting Garrett came to CSI known for his ability to fill up the basket, he's also found other ways to contribute, averaging 5.7 rebounds and 1.9 steals

"A split would be great, but right now we'll work on winning two."

— CSI men's coach Barret Peery on this week's pair of games at SECC

per game as a freshman.

"Brad has surprised me with how well he does the other things," Peery said. "He rebounds well and he's becoming a better defender."

While Peery said his goal for last weekend was, "surve and advance," this weekend is all about advancing. CSUs and advance," this weekend is all about advancing CSI's standing as the league's fron-trunner. With second-place Snow College at the College of Eastern Utah, picking up a pair of wins will be important,

as the Badgers have yet to lose to CEU this season. The Golden Eagles may not be able to gain ground over the weekend, but it will be vital not to lose ground. The inside play of Brandon Stores, Juan Pattillo and Art Parakhouski will have to be solid against Wilkinson, and CSIs full-court press will have to play with controlled aggression as the Bruins will find their way to easy buckets if the Golden Eagles are overeager to go for steals.

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The Golden Eagles are readying for a challenge, but are still focused on keeping on top and keeping their nine game win streak alive.

A split would be great, but right now we'll work on winning two," Peery said.

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# **Irendy business**

### More high school students enrolling in dual-credit courses

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — There is a growing trend in high schools, and it has nothing to do with iPod or American Idol. Increasingly, Magic Valley students are enrolling in college before they even graduate from high school.

Officials in Idaho can't agree on a name for it — lawmakers call it concurrent enrollment while schools

refer to it as dual-credit enrollment — but both sides agree that it's the future of education.

education.
Dual-credit classes allow students to earn high school and college credit at the same time.
The growth is due to recent efforts by local and state officials to encourage more high school graduates to continue their education, as well as an offert by universities and colleffort by universities and colleges to recruit more students.

And at places like the College of Southern Idaho, business is booming. The college reported a 10 percent increase in dual-cred te enrollment for the spring semester this year, and a 15 percent increase in the number of courses students are taking.

ber of courses students are taking, John Miller, dean for the Office of Instructional Administration at CSI, said the numbers continue to climb as more students consider it an option. "That's part of my joh," he said. 'I make sure that we get out and market this (dual-credit) in the high schools,

### Inside

Some question worth of pro posed scholarships to sup-port dual-credit classes. See page C3

and I see to It that we expand our offerings based on what the students need." Currently, limited course offerings and the distance most studens must ravel to CSI or its satellite campuses make it difficult for many prospective students to enroll in dual-credit classes. But Miller said he foresees

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# Nampa chamber collecting signatures for community college

The Associated Press

NAMPA — The Nampa Chamber of Commerce is cir-culating petitions to put cre-ation of a community college district on the ballot in south-ern Idaho's Ada and Canyon

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The petitions were sent by e-mail Wednesday to about 80 business leaders and community college supporters in both counties asking them to get signatures.

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the Bolse metropolitan area, which is one of the largest metropolitan areas in the country without a community college. At least 1,000 signa-tures from registered voters are needed on the petition to

qualify for the ballot.

A community college district would almost certainly rely on property taxes to help pay for some expenses, and the proposed taxing district would cover both counties.

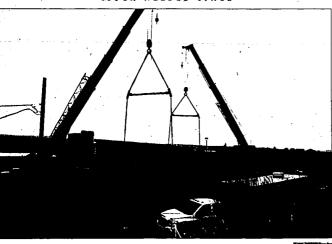
Somebody's got to get the ball rolling," said Georgia Bownan-Gunstream, Nampa chamber president and chief executive. "We can't wait any longer for a community college."

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The petition follows years of discussions, meetings and legislative task forces in the Treasure Valley and across the state to expand the number of eommunity colleges.
Currently, Coeur d'Alene

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MUCH NEEDED SPACE



Cranes more a prefabricated building Thursday morning that will become the new justice court in Jackp of the Peace Phyllis Black. Right now, she shares space with the sheriff's department and public works.

### LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

## Otter to visit Kimberly today

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch"
Otter will be ln Kimberly today
for his second monthly
'Capitol for a Day."
Otter and selected state
agency officials will meet with
people on a first-come, firstserved basis starting at 9 a.m.
at the Kimberly City Council
chambers, 120 Madison St.
West, next to the library.
Otter and First Lady Lori
Otter — a Kimberly High
School graduate — will meet
with local city and county

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# Ag Department wants fee for animal products to raise funds

Times-News writer

BOISE — The Idaho State Department of Agriculture introduced legislation Thursday that would require a fee for registering ani-mal remedy products, including pharma-ceuticals and veterinary biologics. Finding a need to stabilize livestock dis-ease control while the cost of doing so rises, the ISDA wants to begin charging manufac-turers when registering their health prod-ucts, said John Chatburn, deputy adminis-trator in the ISDA's division of animal indus-tries. tries.
Chatburn said each product used in-state

Chatburn said each product used in-state would be charged about \$50, with expecta-tions to generate \$200,000. The registration would be accompanied by an additional annual registration fee as a manufacturer set by the ISDA, according to the proposed law. ... Current law requires registration, but is free of charge, Chatburn said. Products

could include biologics, such as vaccines or

could include biologies, such as vaccines or, hormones used for veteriany purposes, and some supplements. The law is intended for leabn use, and exemptions would apply to products sent out of state. Chaburns add the revenue would be used for disease control and to hire at least two full-time employees, including a new veterinary position for disease control. It is add the department has included such funding requests in past budgets, but the Legislature declined to include funding for the registration fees. It did not request the funding this year.

year.
Chatburn told the committee that the only reason for the bill is to generate money, which some lawmakers said was unjustified.
I have some skepticism because we are adding a level of bureaucracy so we can raise funds," said Rep. Lynn Liaker, Robies, one of two committee members to vote to kill the

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# "Mr. Wolf is competent to proceed." — 5th Judicial District Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson

# Man accused of firing at SWAT fit for trial

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

GOODING — A man with a history of paranoia of authori-ty is fit to stand trial on charges

GOODING — A man with a history of paranoia of authority is fit to stand trial on charges that he fired five rounds at a SWAT team storming his mothers home.

That was the ruling of a judge Thursday afternoon.

There is a good chance that "30-year-old Troy Wayne Wolf is developmentally disabled, according to doctors. But that will not derail five charges of felony aggravated assault, which have been on hold for more than one month, from resuming their course.

"Mr. Wolf is competent to proceed," said 5th Judicial District Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson, expediting the hearing to a chose. With no tone of reservoiron in his voice, Robinson followed a psychiatrisk assessment over the defense's objections.

On Nov. 30, an officiency false imprisonment and telephone learnsament at his mother's 630 Montana. St. home. Wolf overed thought he window.

larasment at his mother's 630 Montana S. home. Wolf peered through, the window cuttains several times, armed himself and remained barricaded there for a five-home standoff with law enforcement, according to a Gooding County Shreiff's affidavit. When SWAY burst through the backdoor, Wolf fired a semiautomatic handgun, missing five times, before SWAY subdued him with a non-lethal electrical charge. cal charge.

Car charge.

Shortly after prosecutors charged Wolf, he was found mentally unfit, hospitalized and treated.

and treated.
That Wolf suffered mental problems was not news to his mother, who said Thursday in court that she has been taking care of her adult son his whole life.

"He thinks everyone's after him," said Theresa Wolf, con-firming a psychiatrist's diagno-sis. "He would keep himself a prisoner in my home for weeks at a time. He gets real anxious, perspires (around) police offi-cers, doctors, even teachers."

at a time. He gets real anxious, "perspires taround) police officers, doctors, even teachers." With no fixantly defense in Idaho, Wolf's well-éstablished paramoia of authority, and rageful impulsivity cannot excuse him fit he is convicted. Psychologist 'Dr. Richard mith had found Wolf was incompetent to stand trial and that his thought processes were 'infected by paramoid chinking."

"I saw those characteristics as well." said Dr. Eric Heidenreich, a psychiatrist at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. In my opinion, they would not affect his competency." Heidenreich's prognosis sent Wolf's case back to court, but with a caveat.

Keeping Wolf competent will amount to a chemical battle waged inside his mind, according to Heidenreich.

On one side, Prozac and other prescription medica-

waged inside its finite, according to Heidenreich. On one side, Prozac and other prescription medications are fighting to allay his paranoia. But stressors, like interacting with authority, may spike his delusions and propel him backward. "The doctor is aware of this disabilities," said Gooding County Prosecutor Calvin Campbell. "While those issues may be present with Mr. Wolf... they are not affecting the two core questions."

... they are not affecting the two core questions."
That is, to satisfy the legal definition of competence, Wolf must understand the charges against him and remain capa-ble of assisting in his own defense.

defense.

A preliminary hearing was schedule for 9 a.m. March 15. Wolf is being held in the Gooding County jail with a \$530,000 bond.

### YOUR WEEKEND

### Might as well be spring

How much: Tickets are \$3 for adults; kids 12 and under get in free.

### Truth in the clouds

What: Company of Fool will present Patrick Meyers' play "K2." Where: Liberty Theater, Where: Liberty Theater Halley. When: Today and Saturday, 8 p.m., and Sunday, 3 p.m. How much: Tickets, which are \$25 for reserved seating and \$18 for students 18.



### Just two people

pany will ent A.R. Letters, with Shirley Lee and Michael Johnson. Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center Recital Hall, Twin When: Today and Saturday, 7:30 p.m How much: Tickets,

How much: Tickets, which are \$10, will be available at the

# In praise of geekdom

Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m. How much: Tickets, which are for reserved seats, are availa 4TKS.

# Snowpack Levels



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### Ralph C. Williams Jr.

JEROME — Ralph C, Williams Jr., 67, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Me d i c a l Center to made

Center in twin Falls with his children by his side. If was forn lan, 13, 1940, in Long Beach, Califa, the son of the

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13-00, in Long Geach, Calif., the son of the late Ralph C. Williams and Gladys Norentt Williams. He graduated from EM Norent George Comment of the Class of 1955, excelling in baseball and enjoying hot rods, boats and airplanes. He took pride in the fact that one of his first jobs was helping to build at Disneyland. He later proved to Nevada and worked in the building industry in the Beno-Tahoe area. He was marged and marked his two childerin in Fallon, Nev., and went black to college and became an arrival of the state of the trade passed down from his father, building. He spent time in northern Nevada, New Mexico, lexas and chose Idaho for settle down. He started

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Williams Construction in the late 1980s and settled in Jerome. He loved the sent in the love the sent in the love the sent in the sent i

dren, Rachelle and Shawn: ms daughter by the heart, Janet and Jack Kennedy; and their daughter, Rachel. There are many extended family members and he will be missed by all dearly.

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Tip was married to Verna La Croix in 1945 and divorced in 1973. This union produced three boys.

After serving his country, he

three boys.

After serving his country, he returned to the Magic Valley area to raise his children in the quiet, rural atmosphere it was at that time. In 1955, he designed and built the first eight-row bean/beet planter and cultivator to be used in Idaho. After farming for sever-al years, he went into the light



selling canopies to car dealers and drives in restaurants in 12 western states. Even while engaged in the contraction of the co

forced bim to retire on the 26th anniversary of his 60th birth-day.

Tip was preceded in death by his parents. William Sherman and Elsa Sims Tippett; and Elsa Sims Tippett; and Elsa Sims Tippett; and Fippett, Fincy Tippett and Fippett. Fincy Tippet and Fippett, Fincy Tippett, Fincy Fippett, Fippet

ers or cards, please make a donation to a charity of your choice. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

## Renowned special-effects artist Peter Ellenshaw, 93, dies

By Dennis McLellan Los Angeles Times

Peter Ellenshaw, an Academy Peter Ellenshaw, an Academy Award-winning special-effects artist who worked on Disney classics such as "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." Darthy O'Gill and the Little People: and "Mary Prophiss." for which he won his Oscar, has died. He was? Ellenshaw, who also was 'a renoymed sea and landscape artist, died of age-related com-plications Monday at his home in Santa Barbarn, Calif., sald his son, Harrison.

son, Harrison. Ellenshaw's more than 30-

Ellenshaw's more than 30-year association with Walt Disney Studios began in 1947 when he was hired in London to do matte paintings for Disney's first live-action film. Treasure feland' (1950). In 1933, he was brought to Callfornia to work on Disney's "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. for which he created sov-eral matte paintings of Captain Nemo's island of Vulcania. Bernating at Disney's ining at Disney, he

went on to do matte paintings and other special effects for more than 30 other films, including The Absent Minded Professor, "Pollyanna." Swiss Family Robbinson." The Happless Millionaire. "The Love Bug" and "The Black Hole." The Buck Bug" and "The Black Hole." The sone of the thans of visu effects in an era before people took visual special effects for granted. Film critic and historian Leonard Maltin said Wednesday. Unlike the digital special effects of today. Maltin explained, a matte painter licrally painted on panes of glass that, when suspended property in front of the camera of double exposed, give a perfect illusion. So wifen you see Endudon Harbor full of jall-masted schooners in Treasure; Island, that's an Ellenshaw painting, Men Mary Poppins sails over the rooftops of London, that's an Ellenshaw painting, that an Ellenshaw painting, that an Ellenshaw painting, that an Ellenshaw painting, that's an Ellenshaw painting.

### Norman B. Pothier

HAGERMAN -- Norman B.

HAGREMAN — Norman B. Pother, the love of any life left his family and friends on Feb. 12, 2007, at his most favorite spot on this carth after a long, hard battle with cancer.

Norman B. Trick Pother was born Feb. 12, 1950, by battle with cancer. Norman Bruce Pothler was born Feb. 17, 1950, in Boise, Idaho. lived his

Ite lived his school days in Pocatello all the way through Idalto State University, majoring in electronics. He then served a tour of duty with the United States. Army in Vietnam. He moved to Ketchum and opened an electronics repair shop with his good friend. Rick Spaulding. It was in Ketchum in 1976 where he met and married his

where he met and married his bride.

They moved to Port Townsend, Wash, where it was his lifelong dream to build a sail boat and circum-navigate the world. While was intent on building his family. He became an avid woodworker while building his hoat and has used that tal-ent to this day. He sailed the waters of Puget Sound and the inside passage to Alaska and back to Pudsho. Wash, where he build a milkvorks shop employing 10 to 15 peo-ple.

pic.

After his three children were born, he moved his family back to Idaho for his love of the mountains. Ite taught his children how to ski, hike and camp and to love the life he loved as an Idaho child. He began building furniture and

ceentually developed a residential construction business in Mountain Home, where his attention to detail earned him a solid reputation. He like do rivavel but loved to come home even more. He looked forward to June for the last few years when the family would drive to Artzona via would rive to Artzona via the southern Utah canyon lands. He was constantly in taw of the heautiful landscape. He liced his life with courage and curinsty. He always strived to continue learning and lover real life history, amazing everyme with his knowledge of historical events.

He shared 30 years of his life with his bride. Kristine Clement Pothier; his son. Jason Edward Pothier Clement Pothier; his son. Jason Edward Pothier is daugher. Pepper loe Pothier, and son. Heve Clement

Clement
Jason Edward
(Nichole Leighton); his
daughter, Pepper Joe Pothier;
and son, Bryce Clement
www.up with his daughter, Pepper lor Pothier, and son. Bryce Clement Poblice, He grow up with his mother. Fern Rosculfo Pothier; and father, Oscar Edward Pothier; and father, Oscar Edward Pothier and three sisters, haly Louise Buck, Shery Lorraine Harmer and Beverly Lorraine Harmer and beverly Ann Pothier, He also shared many good times and projects with his nephress, Matthew, Nick, Andy, Chris, Martin and Dantiel; and nieces, Tagle, Faith, Kartina, Lucy, Marianne and Kondra. and Kendra. In lieu of flowers, a dona-

tion may be made in Norman's name to the Gooding High School Woodworking or Welding

Woodworking or Welding departments. A memorial service and cel-bration of Norman's life will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at the Pothier residence. In case of heavy rain, an alter-nate location will be at the American Legion Hall in downtown Hagerman.

# ----- SERVICES -----

Vilena (Sis) Spencer Crane Jerome, fürteral at 11 a.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome,

Helen Marie O'Brien of Twin Falls, Mass of Christian buttal at 1 p.m. today at St. Edward's the Confessor Catholic Church in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls)

Donald—Elmer Day of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Burley LDS West Stake Center; friends may call from noon to 12:45 p.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burlan) the church in Burley).

Mattie "Myrtle" Thomas of Paul, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Paul Cemetery, viewing and gath-ering for Irlends and Iamily one hour before the service today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Albert Franklin Davis of Ameri Frankin Davis of Jerome, visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel; memorial service at 2 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Evangelical Free Church in Jerome

Elizabeth "Betty" Koto, for-merly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Theodore H. "Ted" Prappas

of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Church of God. 131 E. Ave. F in Jerome (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Robert Jasper Barnes of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of the Wood River Valley area, celebration of life at 1 p.m. saturday at the Sun Valley Brewery on Main Street in Hailey.

Robert A. (Rob) Meuleman of Yuma, Ariz., and formerly of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. Saturday in Lebanon, Ore., and in Rupert, Idaho, at a later date (Johnson Mortuary and Desert Lawn Memorial Park in Yuma, Ariz).

Shirley M. Andrews of lerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Saurday at the Buhl First Christian Church; viewing from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Farmer Euneral Chapel in Buhl.

Darwin Delos Crane of San Lorenzo, Calif., and formerly of Oakley, graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Marion Cemetery (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Jean Kennedy Swartling of Sun Valley, memorial service at 4 p.m. Thursday at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Sun Valley; a gathering will follow at her home, 105 Saddle Lane in Sun Valley.

### – DEATH NOTICES -

### Seymour Osterhout

### Marian H. Oneida

SHOSHONE — Marian H. nelda, 85, of Shoshone, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service in Shoshone.

### Sally Sanford

PAIJI. — Sally (Schmitt) Sanford, 76, of Paul, died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

### Russell E. Harvey

KIMBERLY — Russell E. Harvey, 84; of Kimberly, died Thursday, Feb. 15, 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.

For oblivery rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday, Deddline is 3 p.m. for next day publication. The e-mail drees for oblivaries is oblis@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.

### Dale W. Henman

TWIN FALLS — Dale W.
Henman, 90. of Twin Fall.s
was surrounded by his family
as he went to
be with the
Lord on Feb.
14, 2007.
Dale was
born Sept. 1.
1916. in
Albion, Neb.
to Oliver E.
and Mable
Henman. He
grew up on a

grew farm up on a itt farm no Nebraska and later traveled to ldaho.

later invector (latho, arriving in him Falls on his 21st birth-day, lie began working at the latho began working at the latho bepartment Store, where he met his sweethear Vignia Brooks. They doped on Dec. 31, 1938, and remained married for 62 blissful years. They had a sontarry; and a daughter, banice. Date served in the Merchant Martines during World War II. Following his discharge. he ran

Merchant Mattines Guing Merchant Mattines Guing Middle and Li Following his discharge, he ran Richardson's Dry Cleaning in Twin Falls and Mountain Home for many years, Later on, he was a jeweler and worked for Suistet Memorial Park, was a greeter at Twin Falls Bank and Trust, and mowed lawns at Lazy Mobile Park during his retirement years. He enjoyed golf, pinochle, traveling, playing horseshoes, lawn darts, dancing, painting, Bible studies, ice cream and getting together with family and friends. He also voluniteered to drive senior citizens. Over the years,

Henman

Dale attended First Christian, Community Christian and the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship churches
Dale was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia: sons, Bruce and Larry; daughter, Janice Edwards; two brothers; and three sisters. He is survived by his grandchildren, Kami (Demins) Gillette, Kirt (Vickle) Henman, Layne (Trina) Delboard, Patrick (Trina) McMillen, Wendy HerrylAndreasent, Karee (Tom) Richmond and Rod McMillen, He is also survived by a brother. Preston (Bea) of McMillen, He is also survived by a brother. Preston (Bea) of McMillen, He is also survived by a brother. Preston (Bea) of McMillen, He is also survived by a brother. Preston (Bea) of McMillen, He is also survived by a brother. Preston (Bea) of tude, sense of humor and strong faith inspired all who knew him. These traits are what we will remember and charlsh about him, and he will continue to be an example of what a good and faithful servant should be.

The family wishes to extend the president of Dale while he resided at Desert Rose Retirement Estate.

The service for Dale will be

Estate.
The service for Dale will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, followed by burial at Sunset - Memorial Park. Family and friends may attend the viewing from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at Reynelds, Funeral Chapel, 2406 Addison Ave. E. in Itwin Falls. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Building Fund. Donations may be left with funeral chapel staff or mailed to, Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 20, flox 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303. The service for Dale will be

### Alberta May Markley Montgomery

ROSEBURG, Ore. — Alberta May Manddey Montgomery. Sey of dimension. Over, passed uway Feb. 14, 2007, of natural causes. Borra Nov. 25, 1913, In Lyndon, Ran. 10 Oscar Marktey and F 1 o r a Wisschropp

Marktey and F I or a Wischropp M arkiey Alberta graduated from lyndon High School and married Hurvey Montgomery in 1931. They farmed in the Eskridge-Topeka, Kan, area until 1946, when they moved with their three young daughters to Hollister, Idaho. They operated a general store and service stallon there until retirement in 1969.

in 1969.
Alberta is remembered as a very diligent worker and told of farming in her childhood with horses and mules. She loved needlecrafts of all kinds and especially enjoyed giving away her projects. In addi-tion, she loved music and was tion, she loved music and was an accomplished pianist. She will be remembered most

especially for her kind, patient and loving nature. Alberta is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Vera and laines Kunkel of Cave Creek Ariz, and Virginia and Richard Eulwyler of Roseburg, Ore; a son-in-law, Leroy Lewis of Idaho Falls, Idaho; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews- and, other extended family. She was preceded in death by her husband. Harvey husband, Harvey Montgomery; and daughter.

Montgomery: and daughter. Catherine Montgomery Lewis, and by numerous fam-ily members of her genera-tion. The family suggests memo-rials be made in Albertas name to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Komen Foundation, PO, Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-9309).

6309).

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Subset Memorial Park In Iwm Falls, Idaho, A viewing will be held from 11 a.m. to noon Monday at White Mortuary, Services are under the direc-tion of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."



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BOISE — Lawmakers grilled
Boise State University President
Bob Kustra on Thursday over a
conservative student group's
accusation that the school has
shown liberal bias in selecting
recent campus speakers.
Students Brandon Stoker and
lonathan Sawmiller, whose
Conservative Student Coalltion
is allied with the Preedom
Alliance, complain 18 of 21
speakers since 2001 were 'leftleaning moderates, leftists, or

BSU a liberal hotbed? Students

accuse school of speaker bias

extreme leftists."

Their\_list\_included Jesse lackson, a Civil Rights leader who came in January for Martin Luther King Day, education reformer Jonathan Kozol, feminist Gloria Steinem and reporter Segmout Hersh.

Seymour Hersh.
Though Kustra acknowledged speakers on the list represented a "tilt to the left," the former Republican licutenant governor from Illínois said absolute balance wasn't something to strive for when trying to present a diversity of viewpoints.

### HOLLISTER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

ru, from left, first row: Meghana Parrott, Dakota ver and Raos



### Man to celebrate 100th birthday with open house

EDEN — Fred Hazelton will cele-brate his 100th birthday with an open house from 1 to 4 pm. Sunday at the Senior Chizens St. Eden The event is being

St., Eden
The event is being hosted by his family. Family and friends are invited to attend.



### **Dual**

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an expansion of online courses as interest in the program

as interest in the program grows.
Although fewer than a quarter of all seniors in the Magic Valley area are enrolled in dual-credit classes, the statistics show that more students are pursing the option. The college reported an increase of 94 students enrolled in dual-credit courses this year alone. And Tom Luna, the state superintendent of public instruction, might boost that interest by setting aside \$3.5 million in scholarships for dual-credit classes. Luna estimates that it would pay for

mates that it would pay for about 6,000 students to take

about 0.000 students to take six credit house each year. "We know that there are stu-dents who are prevented from taking dual-credit courses because of the financial cost," Miller said. "The college and its foundation have spent \$7,000 dollars this year to help

# Some question value of proposed \$3.5M in scholarships for classes

BOISE — A proposed \$3.5 nillion in scholarships for lual-credit classes is hard-to riticize.

But some educators are put some educators are juestioning the value of the proposal from Tom Luna state superintendent of public instruction

"I still have questions about how it will be used,"

students who wouldn't other-wise afford it."
But why is CSI spending thousands of dollars to market— the program and even pay some students utition? Miller said it's because the

atid John Miller, introctional dean for the Office of Instructional Administration at the College of Southern Idaho. Will it be dispersed to the school districts, or to students based on their need?"

Luna told the Times-News that he proposes to provide financial assistance to stu-dents based on their per-formance on the Idaho Standards Achievement Test.

college has a vested interest in reaching students before they graduate from high school. "Students' enrolled 'in dual-credit courses on campus are more likely to enroll as full-time students\_after\_high

But officials say that does not address the disparity among students whose fami-lies simply cannot afford uition for dual-credit class-

Others question the cost lifetence of dual-credit dasses between Idaho's col-eges and universities. CSI charges \$61 per credit or dual-credit classes, but

the state's universities charge almost \$100 per credit.

school," he said. "Obviously, CSI has an interest in reaching them (high school students) before they look elsewhere, and that's a big reason why we market this to the high schools."

### NEW OFFICERS



left, Betty Stepp, president; Darlene Moser, vice president; Yvonne Stone recording secretary; Bonnie Dalley, corresponding secretary; Lois Reinke recorung secretary; Bonnie Dalley, corresponding secretary; Lois Rehke trassurer; Frances DalSoglio, historian officer; and Ruth Hodges, mem-bership/orientation officer; with Kim Vega, director of volunteer services. The volunteers are truly an asset to our hospital and community, and we are grateful for all the time and effort they put into making our hospital

# College 1

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and Twin Falls have the only community colleges in the

area's work force Preliminary plans call for establishing the college at the

Boise State University West campus in Nampa, said Jason Lehosit, campaign coordina-

tensis, campaign coolumner, con-tor.

The chamber's petition surfaced a week after the House Revenue and Taxation Committee killed a bill that would have reduced the voter-approval requirement needed to create a community college district from 67-

proposed the plan, along with \$5 million in state money for a new college. If one is created. Foes argued that lowering the supermajority requirement would put Idaho on a slippery slope that could make it easier to impose other tax increases. They also argued the existing voter threshold is untested, because an election to create a new community college

district hasn't been held since a bid failed years ago in Idaho Fails.
Once signatures are col-

Falls.

Once signatures are collected, the state Board of Education would have to recommend a community college in the Treasure Valley before county commissioners set a date for an election.

Commissioners in Ada and Canyon counties say they have not discussed when a vote might be held.

### CENTURY CINEMA 5 & BURLEY THEATRE GHOST RIDER THE WORK & THE GLORY III **BRIDGE TO** NORBIT TERABITHIA 7:20 · 9:10 (PG) BURLEY THEATRE **MUSIC AND** LYBICS **ROUTE 66**

# Funds.

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bill. "When I got to the end of
the bill it had little to do withraising funds."
Chatburn said some prices
will be set by the ISDA and the
manufacturers — who would
then be charged the price.
Idato Cattle Association
Executive Vice President Lloyd
Knight said his group supports

Itself subject of controversy as pushes legislation to keep some results of seed and ani-mal testing sealed from public disclosure. That bill, HB 148, the bill.

"ICA is in a position of supporting it out of concern that the ISDA) have the funding they need," he said. "The hotdisclosure. That bill, HB 148, which was moved to the House State Affairs Committee, was transferred Thursday back to where it was introduced, the House Agriculture Committee. tom line is, too, that we want to be active in that rule-making."
The bill will now go to a public hearing.
ISDA, meanwhile, has found

## Roundup

Continued from page C1 leaders at noon at Chubby's restaurant, 105 Main Street North in Kimberly.

The public open house with Otter will continue from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### Senate insurance bill passes

bill passes

BOISE — The state Senate
Commerce and Human
Resources Committee unanimously passed a bill Thursday
that would increase by two
years the age for children to
remain dependent upon their
parents' insurance policies.

The bill, sponsored by state
Sen. Dean 'Cameron, RRupert, would raise the age
for eligible full-time students
from 23 to 25 and for parttime students from 19 to 21.

The ages were set so that
the premium costs would be
unaffected. Cameron sald, the
said the law would benefit

said the law would benefit families with college students who are insured during the semester but not the rest of

semester but not the rest of the year.
State Sen. John Goedde, R. Coeur d'Alene, said one resi-dent notified him insurance accounted for one-quarter of her child's tultion. Cameron, who owns an insurance agency, said there was a potential conflict of interest for him but still voted because he said he pould not

because he said he could not benefit financially from the bill.

The bill now goes to the full Senate for a vote.

### Meeting tonight on Wood River Legacy Project

BOISE — There will be a town hall forum on the Wood River Legacy Project and

Senate Bill 1136 tonight in Hailey.

Hailey.
Senate Minority Leader
Clint Stemmetl, D-Ketchuin,
has Invited Norm Senanko of
the Idaho Water Users
Association, Alan Merrit of the
Idaho Department of Water
Resources, Jerry Rigby of the
Idaho Water Board, and Rich
McIntyre of the Wood River

The project and the legisla-The project and the legisla-tion are intended to replenish a stretch of the Big Wood River with excess water from private property owners in Ketchum. The forum will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. in Room 301-2 of the CSI Community Campus in Hailey, 1050 Fox Acres Road.

Compiled by staff writer and S. Honkins.

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# North Idaho man donates diseased eye for research in Utah

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A former Marine with terminal cancer has donated his diseased but still functioning eye for blindness research in Utah. The John A. Moran Eye Center in Salt Lake City received the right eye of Terry Siddman, 52, of Spirit Lake, Idaho, more than eight houss into a 10-hour window before it would have started to deteriorate, said Victoria Lade, technical director for the Utah Eye Bank.

close, but we did it." Ladd told The Spokesman-Review of Spokane on

Review of Spokane on Wednesday. Reasons for the shipping delay were not immediately clear. As originally planned, the transfer was to be completed within six hours.

Dr. Kang Zhang, a University of Utah clinician and geneticist, said earlier that genes and preteins from the cye would dramatically enhance his research and efforts to develop a blood test that would show an individuals level of risk for macular degeneration, the 'leading cause of vision lips in older people in the United States. A living donation is very runc, said Zhang, who last received one about three years ago. "It's obviously due to the unselfaish nature of the donor." he said, "We certainly are grateful."

ful."
"It has to be super-fresh, and "It has to be super-next, and it has to be processed properly," Zhang sald, "From the eye we'll take probably 1,000 sections and we'll use it for five or six or seven years."



Terry Stidman, 52, a former Marine-with terminal cancer from Spirit Lake. has donated his diseased biff still functioning eye for blindness research.

Stidman was recovering the eye, cancerous tissue the Wednesday from the 15-hour disfiguring operation in which

Administration Medical Center in Seattle and replaced with a tissue flap taken from his thigh.

"He was in excellent spirits when he learned his eye got to the Moran Center," said Evelyn Clark, a friepd of Stidman. "He smilled the bost he could in his

smiled the best he could in his swollen face and a terr came out of his tleft eye."
Because of the progression of the cancer, doctors couldn't rebuild Stidman's face enough for a bone replacement, so there was no place to anchor an artificial eye, said Dr. Eduardo Mendez, a head and neck surgeon at the VA hospital.

Before the operation Stidman had spent more than a decade supporting vision-projects as a Lions Club leader. "It may mean they can shut down macular degeneration in

the operation.
Stidman was diagnosed with rare adenoidal cystic cancer in 1994 and four years ago was told hed likely be dead by May

2006. "Every day's a freebie." he

"Every day's a treeose. said.
When he learned in December that the progression of the cancer would cost him his very if he duth die first, he contacted the Northwest Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, which operates Sightiffe, an eye bank in Seattle, where officials told him about Zhang's work.
Stidman's main coincern-soine into sungery was how two

Stidman's main concern going into surgery was how two grandchildren, both toddlers, would react to his new face. "Its going to be shocking," he said.

# Survivor talks about deadly ordeal in mountains

BOISE (AP) — An autopsy of a Nampa woman found dead after getting stranded in the Boise mountains with two other hunters shows she tikely idied of exposure. Boise County sheriff's officials said Thursday.

Rescuers found Jennifer Burkey, 18, lead in the snow in the backcountry Tuesday near Idaho City. about '30 miles northeast of Boise in the Boise National Forest. She and two others became stranded with no supplies Saturday during an impromptu coyote hunting tip.

The three remained on a snowbound road dir more than three days.

Burkey's hody showed no other them.

snowbound road for more than three days.
Burkey's hody showed no signs of injuries other than those caused by exposure. Chief Deputy Bull Braddock of the Boise County sheriff's office said in a statement. Adithorities were still investigating how the three hunters became stranded so far from where rescuers were searching for them. When they reported them missing, family members sent rescuers searching in the

they reported them missing, family members sent rescuers searching in the hunters' usual haunt near Kuna, about 60 miles from where they were found.

Burkey had set out Saturday with Ashley Benbrook, her 24-year-old boyfriend, and Joseph Dobyns, 32.

An apprentice plumber and pine fitter, Benbrook said he was happy about the excursion because Burkey didn't go on putdoors trips often.

"For the first time I was able to convince her to come," Benbrook told the ldaho Statesman, shaking his

Idaho Statesman, shaking his head and fighting back tears. Eight miles down a snow-mobile track off of Idaho 21, the truck slid into a ditch, with Dobyns at the wheel. The three tried in vain to get the vehicle out for hours, with Dobyns continuing the elight. Planning only a day trip, they had no food and little who are the same properties.



nesday in Boise. Benbrook walked miles out of the mountains near Ashley Benbrook, 23, talked about his ordeal Wedner Idabo City, where his girlfriend Jennifer Burkey died. the snow. Benbrook said be met Burkey through a mutual friend five muntls ago and that the two quickly hit it off. She was several months from graduating from Skyriew High School in Nampa and was working as mentor for mentally disabled people. "Jehnniler) was full of ener-ery and always, wanted to go

water. On Sunday morning, Burkey decided to look for

Burkey decided to look for help.
She returned several hours later to tell her companions she saw a road sign indicat-ing a town may be nearby. Bentbrook said the three set out together toward the sign. away from Idaho 21. The road was crisscrossed with snow-mobile and snowshoe tracks, but the three never saw any-one.

one.

They trekked until dusk, when Benbrook and Burkey huddled under a tree for the

huddled under a tree for the night.

Dobyns kept walking, Benbrook said, and returned to more than the said of the said of the said walked all night and not loud at towi.

In the Treasure Valley, a search was under way, but the trio on the mountain were struggling to return to their vehicle.

Each one would regularly collapse in exhaustion before getting back up and catching up with the other two.

Parkey didd.

Benbrook said. When Burkey collapsed, Benbrook thought she, too, would eath up. However, when he and Dobyns got to the truck, she was-nawhere to be-seen. Benbrook said.

He said he passed out when he got to the car and didn't awaken until the next morning.

"I should have gone back for her then," he said. Still holding out hope Burkey was alive, Benbrook headed down the snowbound road they

and a single survey was a single gentrook headed down the snowbound road they had driven up three days before. Six hours later, he reached Idaho 21 and Bagged down a ride to Idaho City, where he told officers at the Boise County Sheriff's station—Insignificant might be dead.—Search and rescue crees were immediately dispatched on snowmobiles. Dobyns was found in the vehicle, ite was treated and released at Saint Alphonus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Burkey was found dead in

Burkey was found dead in

# Industry wins committee battle over Idaho elk farms

BOISE — An Industry-backed plan to regulate Idaho elk ranches trumped stricter proposals Thursday during Senate debate that included talk of "grain-fed monsters" and —French-kissing", elk spreading disease through fences.

fences.
The Senate Agriculture
Affairs Committee voted 7-1 for
a licensing program for Idaho's
nearly 80 elk ranches, 17 of
which offer "sbooter-bull"
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If it becomes law, the plan passed Thursday calls for a \$5 licensing fee for the state's carrier of Agriculture inspections, and the authority to shut down operations not abiding by the rules. Ag officials could also order double fences when the order double fences and state a \$7 least the order double fences who the order double fences who the order double fences who the order double fences and state a \$7 least the order double fences; and state a \$7 least the order double fences; and state a \$7 least the order double fences; and state a \$7 least the order double fences; and state a \$7 least the order double fences; and state a \$7 least the order double fences; and state a \$7 least the order double fences and state a \$7 least the order double fences who have double fences when the order double fences are double fences and the order double fences when the order double fences when the order double fences are double fences and the order double fences when the order double fences are double fences and the order double fences when the order double fences are double fences and the order double fences are double fences and the order double fences are double fences and the order double fences are double fences are double fences and the order double fences are double fences and the order double fences are double f

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one accument must the specter of a citizen initiative to ban elshamming ranches. "If anyhody is under the illusion that this is a major improvement of our control and oversight of these facilities. I want to dissande you." said Sen. Kaie Kelly, D-Boise, of the bill that passes. Els it anothers who helped come up with the bill say it's an effective way to put maverick operations out of business—while not penalizing those who follow the rules.

This gives them (the

armament to deal with people who may be outliers." Ted Rea. president of the Idaho Elk Breeders Association, told The Associated Press after the vote.

The furor over farm-raised

The furor over farm-raised elk, sold for meat, anter velvet or as trophies, was rekindled in Augustwhen up to 160 escaped a private honding preserve near Roxburg. An emergency hurd was ordered to prevent interbreeding or the spread of disease to wild elk.



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# U.S. Senate confirms Smith to appeals court

POCATELLO (AP) — The U.S. Senate voted to confirm Idaho state Judge Norman Randy Smith to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on Thursday. The Senate approved the nomination on a 94-0 vote. Smith is a 8th District Judge in Pocatello. President Bush

originally nominated him to a 9th Circuit seat held by a judge who lived in Idaho but previously had lived in California.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein. D-Calif., threatened to block the nomination, contending the seat was a California seat.

Bush then noninated Smith to replace retiring Thomas G. Nelson of Idaho. The 9th Clrevit hears appeals from courts in nine Western states, as well as-the-territories of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.



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gy and always wanted to go out and do stuff. Fun stuff." Benbrook said.
A friend, Daniel Medina, said Burkey had an adventurous spirit, always trying new

ous spirit, always trying occi-tings.

"She was the most alive person I've come across," Medina said.

A final coroner's report and a taxicology report should be released in about two weeks, Braddock said.

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**TOP AGENTS** 

# Ancient Americans had peppers, but what about beer?

WASHINGTON Inhabitants of the New World had chill peppers and the makings of tace chips 6,100 years ago, according to new research that examined the bowl-scrapings of people sprinkled throughout Central America and the Amazon basin

Upcoming questions on the research agenda — and this is not a joke — include: Did they have salsa? When did they get beer? The findings described

beer?
The findings described today in a 15-author report in the Journal Science make chill pepper the oldest spice in use in the Americas, and one of the oldest in the world.

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The researchers believe further study may show that the fiery pod was used 1,000 years earlier than their current oldstrained to the spire of the spir

heat).

In all seven New World sites where chili pepper residues were found, the researchers also detected remnants of corn. That suggests the domestication of the two foods will interprete seried in — still intimately paired in Latin American culsine — may have gone hand-in-hand. However, the new study —

Three Dog THE BAHAMAS El Caren Spice of ages

Peppers are in the botanical family Solanaceae, which includes tomatoes, another

led by Linda Perry, of the Smithsonian Institution — does more than illuminate the early history of cooking, it also provides details about carly plant cutivation in South America, where agriculture emerged independent of its "discovery" in the Fertile Crescent of Mesopotamia. Chili pepper residues were found in both the Amazon basin and on the coast of Ecuador. Because the plants don't grow in the high, arid areas where the Incas and other advanced cultures evolved, the domestication probably occurred in a more primitive, tropical cultures, which then traded in domesticated plants across the huge mountain range.

"The usual idea is that the tropical lowlands were mostly on the receiving end, that they were not areas of Innovation. Now our findings are beginning to cast doubt on that, said 1. Scott Raymond, an archaeologis at the University of Calgary and co-author of the paper, Artifacts he excavated in western Ecuador contained, chill residies.

The regench also advances archaeologies," a discipline that fuses archaeologies, in "archaeologies", a discipline that fuses archaeology and, in this case, botany, Specifically, it shows that the study of microscopic starch granules stuck in the reverse of cooking limplements can reveat the presence foods that weren't thought to have enough starch in them

next.
"We are very excited that we now have a microfossil — these starch gains — that will make plants that were previously invisible visible to us," she said.

ously invisible visible to us." she said.

It's impossible to identify with certainty the first spice ever sprinkled on a roasting haunch or thrown in a stew-pto. But Wendy Applequist, an ethnobotanist at the Missouri Botanical Garden, said capters have been found at 10,000-year-old sites in tran and Iraq-coriander at a 8,500-year-old site in Israel, and femigreck in Syria's Tell Aswad, which is 9,000 years old. Whether these were domesticated or wild is not known. were domesticated or wild is not known. As for the beer, David John Goldstein, an anthropologist

at Northeastern Illinois University, in Chleago, said the New World's oldest dedicated brewery is at a 2,600-year-old site in southern Peru. There,

people from the Wari empire made a drink called chicha from the sugary seeds of a local tree and drank it for ceremoni-

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I'm plum depressed about mah investments in oil, Perfessor! I paid a high price fer the four barrels I Lown, dagnabit! mrb.







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Show that you are 'In the know.'
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19): Money makes the world go around. Your life might not be a Cabaret, but you could have a few extra pennies jingling in your pocket. Save cash for something speas an attractive shadow. You are in the mood to be the star and willing to grain be the star and willing to grain be spoilight. Get out in the public eye or shop for something that flatten your eyes. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20-Tiblak it Curcumstances that have come to your notice should be investigated while they' are fresh' in your minut.





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You better learn your states, Billy, or you'll never be a TV weatherman."

# Girls with nowhere to go find no haven with aunt

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I live with our aunt because our mother is in jull and our futher is nowhere to be seen. She was the only one willing to take us in. However, she uses drug and has many criminal types in and out of the apartment. Some of the gays she brings here sometimes stay awhile and try to make moves on us (If you know what I mean), and it makes us very uncomfortable.

and it makes us very uncomfortable.

We share a room that doesn't
even have a lock on the door,
and we are so scared at night
we put the dresser against the
door before we go to bed when
there's somebody here.

We're grateful that our aunt
cared enough about us to take
us when nobody else would,
but it's still a scary situation.
What can we do?

— SCARED IN MICHIGAN
DEAR SCARED YOU and
your sister have my sympathy.
For no fault of your own, you
have been dealt a difficult
hand in life.
Although your aunt's heart

Although your aunt's heart may have been in the right place when she took you in, it piace when she took you in, it appears from what you have written that she is neither mature enough nor stable enough to live up to that responsibility. You and your sister deserve to be able to sleep in your beds at night without fear.

without lear.

I strongly urge you to talk to a trusted teacher at school about your situation. Your well-being could depend upon an intervention.



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

DEAR ABBY: 1 am a 14-year-DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old boy, and my mother still insists on coming in with me when I go to the doctor for a physical exam. I think I am old enough to go in by myself, as I find it embarrassing to have her there when he's examining me.

the at Anomalous of the term of the committee of the says since she's my mother there is nothing she hasti seen before, but if I'm that paramoid she'll promise to look the other way during the part of the exam when I have to pull down my shorts. Even if she does, I will still be uncomfortable with her standing right there at a time like that.

She says she meeds to be there to hear what the doctor has to say and ask fim questions. I don't see why she can just talk to him for a minute right afterward. If there is anything wrong, I'm sure he would let her know anyway.

If it's necessary for one of my parents to be right there, I'd much rather it be my father. I'd much rather it be my father, I'd much rather it be my father. I'm when she will be day, Please tell me what you think.

WILMINGTON, DEL.

WILMINGTON, DEL DEAR C.L.: Many physicians prefer to have someone else in

the examination room while they perform physical exami-nations or procedures on their patients. If you would prefer that your mother not he there for part of the exam, you should inflicted that to your doctor and let him bandle it. However, if your mother steps outside, please uniderstand that your doctor may ask a nurse to be present.

DEAR ABBY: My husband

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are the parents of two small children. We have started writing our wills to help plan for our children's future should anything happen to us. I was wondering, would it be appropriate to request that should one or both of the spredecease our children's historial management of the people dougher monely to an educational trust for our children in lieu of flowers! Use the double of the people dougher monely to an educational trust for our children in lieu of flowers! Use the doublen's to charity and philanultropic groups, but I'm wondering if our request would be considered "tacky" or inappropriate. — CURIOUS II. CALIFORNIA DEAR CURIOUS, Although

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also make sure you have adequate life insurance.

# Advertisement: Better health through smoking

Get healthy from smoking?
A 1929 Lucky Strikes ad cynically touted 'the modern commonsense way — reach for a Lucky instead of a fattening sweet. Everyone is doing it — men keep healthy and fit, women retain a trim figure."—This day in history: On Teb. 16, 600 AD. Pope Gregory'I decreed that the correct response to a sueeze is 'God bless you!—
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bless you!"
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Oscar Wilde's first fiancee, Florence Batcon, decided that the chemistry wasn't right between them. She went and married Bram Stoker, the author of Dracula instead.

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The average American reas-only 150-200 words per minute.

The Pebble Beach golf course was founded by Samuel Morse, nephew and maniesake



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS Frin Rarrett & Jack Mingo

of the guy whn invented the telegraph.

Try wearing golf shoes while mowing your lawn. All those little spike holes let oxygen, water and fertilizer reach the roots. This doesn't work if you have a riding mower, though.

Fans of the Oakland-San Haracisco Bay Bridge boast that, when adjusted for inflation, it cost more than any other single structure in all of human bistory. One of its piers, buried more than 200 feet under the bay's floor, is bigger than the Great Pyraniad and contains more concrete than the Empire State Building.

In a lifetime, a good dairy cow will produce about 200,000 glasses of milk. Perhaps you know this already, but you don't have to

Perhaps you know this afready, but you don't have to be well-educated to be president. Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson, and Zachary Rakun never even graduated from elementary school.

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Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at Jactmon-gers mingo-barrett.com

# Report of Batman sparks school lockdown

SCOFTSDAIE, Ariz. — Holy bad joke!

Three schools in a northern Phoenix suburb were on lockdown for about 45 minutes Wednesday after a student at Desert Arroyo Middle School reported seeing a person dressed as Batman run across campus, jump a fence and disappear into the desert.

Officials later said it was false report and disciplinary actions were buing considered against the student, who was not identified.

The student had described the masked person, as 6 foot 3

the masked person as 6 foot 3 inches tall and possibly male. Police investigated the report and belicopters searched the

and helicopters searched the area.

The result no Batman.

"We encourage students to be honest and forthright, and we feel had when a student makes a bad decision. We te in a desert, and we have to take these reports seriously," said Neidia Shafir, a spokeswoman for the Cave Crete Unified School District, Scottsdale police Sg. Mark Clark said there were a lot of variables that would have to be considered before police could take any action against the student.

"It was still a valid lockdown at the 'school," Clark said.

the student.
"It was still a valid lockdown at the 'school," Clark said.
"That's not a good outcome for something that was a joke."

Odds and ends

### Jetliner diverted due to stowaway squirrel

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You do not want a varmint "You do not want a varning up in the wiring areas and what-have-you on an airplane. You don't want anything up there," said John Hotard, spokesman for the Fort Worth. Texas-based aidline. He said pilots feared the animal would chew through wiring or cause other problems.

lems, a precaudon, we diverted. Honard said. Once on the ground favored Friday, the Boeling 2775 human passengers were put up in hotel rooms and later rebooked on other flights. Saite and federal agriculture and wildlife officials boarded the plane, set traps and captured the eastern gray squirrel. Hotard said the plane had flown to Tokyo from New York hefore the Dallas flight.

hefore the Dallas flight Honolulu, however, proved to be the squinel's final desti-nation. Fearing it may have been carrying rables, authori-ties had the rodent killed,

### Trademark application uses Obama's name

MIAMI — Alexandre Badle's attempt to trademark an umusual name that could sell Fishirts has been given a thumbs-down by the govern-ment.

thumbs-nown by the general ment.

The name? "Obatina bin Laden."

Baffles trademark application was rejected because it made false connections.

Comment for Laden. 

He has SX months to appeal the decision.

Battle, who paid \$325 for the application, cuntimes to self. T-shirts and imags with the mane 'Obama bin Laden' on his Web site. He's expecting sales to pick up if Obama wins the 2000 presidential election. But before the name can be approved as a trademark. Battle, of Maini Heach, needs permission from both bin Laden and Obama, Bush said.

Battle said the dicht intend to offend anyone — and he considers himself more Democrat than Republican.

Democrat than Republican.

- The Associated Press

# Security sweep unfolds amid violence in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — It was just after lunch, Thursday when the surge arrived at Haidar Karamis doorstep.

About 50 U.S. soldiers appeared and circled his north-cast Baghdad neighborhood. Half a dozen Humwes arrived 15 minutes later. Snlipers took up positions on rooftops. Troops stopped vehicles from moving.

They were the leading edge of a Baghdad security plan called Operation Law and Order, part of what the Bush administration has dubbed a 'surge' in U.S. troops in Iraq. After weeks of delay, the promised crack-down and troop increase were evident Thursday during an hours-hong tour of neighborhoods throughout the war-wilted capital of 6 million people, where sectarian fighting kills an average of 100 residents a day. A U.S. officer approached Karam, handing the government clerk a piece of paper with a phone number and an e-mail address to contact if there was any trouble in his Shiite-dominated Shaba heighborhood. They were going to secure the neighborhood. They were going to install a one-megawat power generator.

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"Our government always lies to us."

At that, the U.S. officer laughed, Karam said. "We will prove it to you!", he said the American told him.

U.S. and Iraql security forces Thursday conducted raids, searched abandoned buildings and set out on parrols through neighborhoods as part of the security plan, which officially began Tuesday evening. Despite the crackdown, authorities discovered the bodies of al least 20 men shot deal and dumped in west Baghdad. Dozens were killed or found dead anound the country.

Under the plan, units of U.S. and iraql forces will attempt to clear, neighborhoods of unauthorized weapons and insurgents. They will not return to

## Iraqi officials say insurgent leader injured in gunfight

By Ernesto Londono The Washington Post

BAGIIDAD: Iraq — The leader of the Sunni insurgent group al-Qaida'in Iraq, who is known by the alias Abu Ayyub al-Masri, was injured in a clash with Iraqi police Thursday night, a spokesman for the Iraqi Interior Ministry said.

One of al-Masri's deputies

Inuistay night, a spokesman for the Iraqi Interior Ministry said.
One of al-Masri's deputies, Abu Abdullah al-Mujamie, was killed in the gunfight, which occurred at approximately 11 pan. near Samarra, ministry spokesman Abdul Karcem al-Klianay said.
U.S. officials have said that al-Masri took over the leadership of the Insurgent group following the death of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who was tilled by U.S. forces in a lune. 2006 airstrike. In December, raqi officials said security forces had killed another alde death of al-Masri, whom officials describe as a longtime associate of Osama bin Laden's deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri. A senior al-Qaida in Iraq leader, Abu Amar al-Dulalmi, confirmed the death of al-Mujamie, whom he described as al-Masri was even in the area. We don't know if. (Masri) was with him or not, or if he was wounded or not," Dulalimi sald Thursday night in a phone interview.
Al-Kinany, the ministry spokesman, said Iraql force

phone interview.

Al-Kinany, the ministry spokesman, said Imql forces conducted the operation "without U.S. Intervention," without U.S. Intervention, but al-Dulaim said people, in the area reported seeling helicopters and fighter plane, roaming the sky afterward, a possible indication of a U.S. sole in the clash.

base but remain in place in an attempt to halt spiraling sectar-ian warfare between Shitte Muslim and Sunni Muslim gunmen, lure residents back to their homes and rebuild the economy.

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to have a 24-hour precence, which is poing is stem the sec-tarian violence. All available troops that we can have on the troops that we can have on the streets. The southern Dora district. The southern Dora district was among the first neighbor-hoods targeted. With Immrees and armored whiteles protect-ed by aircraft. U.S. troops swept into the neighborhood Wednesday, setting off stun

grandes before storming houses in search of insurgents. By Thursday norming explosions shook the district and security forces at newly established checkpoints began searching cars.

"hust four days ago, guarmen never stopped attacking checkpolass and flring at the Iraqi army," said journalist fichesan Jabouri, a Dora resident. "Now

that's all over."
Still, two car bombs killed at least four Iraqls and Injured 20 in Dora, and by mid-afternoon the district's bullet-scarred main streets testified to the challenges facing U.S. and Iraqi forces. Many shuttered shops were painted with an encircled X, a warning by insurgents not to reopen. Iraqi soldiers at a nearby checkpoint stood guard,

waving by the smattering of drivers braving the streets. The heavy police and army presence and the publicity alread of the plan might have scared off many of the gunmen. Few shops were open, and trai-fle was sparse in the Mansouri district of western Baghdad, site of frequent battles over checkpoints between insur-gents and security forces.



YOUR RECREATION IN IDAHO AND BEYOND .

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### The history that's behind Idaho's map

A location's name is often taken for granted—whether it's found on a map, an actual journey, or simply in a dream about a found of the control of the contro future outling. The most prac-tical benefit of naming things simply allows us a commor reference when identifying

place,
But what's in a name? Why
is a location that we visit
physically, or in our heads,
called what it is?



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"we will name those stories as
we pass them by."
Indeed, a landscape's historycan in part he told by its
place names.
Many towns in the Magic
Valley honor those who a century ago made such an
impact here. Bothly Wendell,
Kimberly, and Paul are only a
few identities on a long list of
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responsible for helping transform sagehrush to crops.
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The land is also described according to appearance. It's not hard to imagine how "Balanced Rock" got its moniker, but there's no limit to wondering when the name actually stuck and what Native Americans might have called it tone ago.

actually stuck and what Native Americans might have called it long ago. A genn of a book. Idaho Place Names, offers thor-ough research on bow over 3000 places received their formal designation. By ran-domly paging through the book and reading entries. I've spent some time this winter traveling through idaho and her past.

The book observes that most places were natured after the aforementioned cate-gories; people and descripite features, along with another — plants and animals. But for the most part, loid adoesn't offer much history or distinction, lust how many Deer. Fish, or Willow creeks, for example, might there be in Idaho?

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Add an adjective to the name, however, and it imme-diately becomes more inter-esting. What hunter wouldn't esting, What hunter Wouldn't want to hear the story about the deer shot at Big Buck Mountain? And what hiker might not feel somewhat rervous just knowing about the mauling at Bad Bear Creek?

Creck?

The richest names though, from a historical perspective, are those directly derived from specific times connected to Idaho's exploration, mining, Indian conflicts, and set-

to haute septiments, and settlement.

Owyhee, for example, I kriew was some sorr of derivation from Hawdi. What I didn't realize was that the name referred to ihose islands natives who were routine, used by British and American raders. Three of them, part of an 1619 trapping party, egmed their place in the property of the party when sent of the caphore party when sent of the place of the place of the property of the place of the property of t

that reflect the era and makefly of those trying to make a
new start but unable to completely shake the past. Several
post-Civil Wart locations
received names like
Confederate Gulch or Yankee
Fork. In fact, for a short time,
two mining camps across the
road from each other went by
Lesburg and Grantsville.
Maps show the scars from
conflicts between early whites
and Indians. These are not
only identified by familiar

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# The iceman comet



# Ice climbers put on a show in Twin Falls canyon

Times-Nows correspondent

This may come as a shock to some, but wither in Twin Falls is not boring.

On any given day, within a five-mile radius of the Perriue Bridge, folks who have an itch for action can find it BASE, jumping for thrill seekers, wildlife and nature photography for arrists, rock and ice climbing for nature lowers, and the list spees on.

Recently, during an early morning excursion, I ran into a couple of ice climbing for his particular, and into a couple of ice climbers, both from areas ourside of Twin Falls. They were accompanied by a professional for eleance writer doing an article for Rock and Ice magazine. They made me a deal. I could use their pictures, but not their names. I agreed because I'm not a cutthroat journalist. I jost like sharing outdoor experiences.

It was cold. The sun's

journalist. I just like sharing outdoor experiences. It was cold. The sun's golden rays were blocked from creeping Into the canyon's shadowed cham-ber — exactly the reason climbers choose that spe-cific section, downstream

of the Perine Bridge and above Centennial Park. A waterfall provides a con-stant source of moisture that freezes to the canyon wall, creating an illusion of a giant gargoyle with layers of razor sharp fangs sus-pended from its mouth. The men organized their grar and talked about the line they would take. I learned climbing jargon while watching them pre-pare.

dearrea cumming propo-while watching them pre-pare.

Each wore a helmet and gloves. They attached crampons the appearance of which is similar to an open bear trap with iron teeth to the bottoms of their climbing boots. Daughlag from harnessed waists were carabiners, ice seriess, ice tools tice picks) and belay device for rope. The photographer told me some screess were hollow which made them more stable in Ice and others were solid for rock.

frozeir wall with his feet. Occasionally, a sound like ricocheting gunfire would split the air as chunks of ice tore away and crashed to the ground. Each time an onlooker would comment on the dangers of ice climb-ine.



### **OUTDOORS**



identified climber above Centennial Falls.

### Ice

### Continued from page D1

crisscrossed from ice to rock, crisscrossed from ice to rock, impressing bystanders with his ability to crawl over and under ledges and in and out of crevices that seemed insurmountable obstacles. At length, he arrived at his destination. The crowd dispersed, many shaking their heads at what had seemed.

For folks who love the outdoors, Twin Falls is not boring.

impossible. I left feeling exu-berant. I was not ready to scale an tee or rock monolith; but i

was awed at the magnificence of the canyon and the fact that people come from other states and countries to climb it, Jump from it, photograph it and simply admire it.

No matter the season, the Snake River Canyon provides plenty of recreation. For folks who love the outdoors. Twin falls is not boring.

# Gun club hosts clays shoot for chocolate

Gum Club nos

JEROME — Join the Jerome
Gun Club on Sunday for its
second annual Valentine
shoots starning at 9 a.m. with
shooting to follow at 10 a.m.
This shoot is sponsored by
the Chocolate Affair of Twin
Falls. This is a Lewis Class
shoot, also HoA. High Lady,
High Junior and High Vet. This
s a 100 target event, \$20 for
members and \$23 for nonmembers, \$14 for Junior memhers under the age of 18, and
\$17 for non-member Juniors.
If you have never shot sporting clays at Jerome Gun Club,
your first 50 targets are free.
The 'talb is located a 'k mile
east of Highway 33 at mile
marker 54, or 11 miles north of
junction 1-84 and Highway 33.

The club's next scheduled
shoot is the March 18 skirs
shoot sponsored by Rock
Creek Restaurant. For more
Information. Call Kenny
Siemens at 733-6045.

Tickets available for Elk

### Tickets available for Elk Foundation fundraiser

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TWIN FALLS — The Magic
Valley Chapter of the Rocky
Mountain Elk Foundation. Is
gwing the last call for getting
tickets for the 17th annual
fundraiser. Last year the RMEF
teleped complete 19 projects in
Idaho that improved or protected vital wildlife habitat.
The banquet will held at the
Radio Rondevoo on Feb. 17.
Doors are open to the public at
S. p.m. Dinner is set for 6 p.m.

### **Outdoor briefs**

served by the Snake River Grill For a good time for a good cause act now to get tickets from Mike Harrison at 324-5572.

### Summer jobs available in Idaho State Parks

Want to spend your summer working in one of Idaho's beautiful state-parks, where your office could be the great outdoors?

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the idaho Department of Parks and Recreation is curently accepting applications for seasonal jobs.
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tions.

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many of the necessary seasonal maintenance tasks and work 
no important, resource manal maintenance tasks and work on important resource management projects. Seasonal staff members are critical in helping IDPR maintain services and provide services to our customers.

Pay for seasonals is based on experience, but most jobs start at \$7.25 per hour. Starting dates vary-from park

to park, with most jobs beginning the last part of May and running through early September.

Apply in person at your park of choice, online or by mail. Online applications can be found at www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov. For printed application from or more information, contact the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 83720, Bolse, ID 83720-0065, [208) 334-4199.

### Audubon Society hosts sage grouse program

Sage grouse program

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a program about sage grouse.

The program is 7 p.m.,
Wednesday Feb. 21, in Room
21 of the Shleids Building on
the campus of College of
Southern Idaho.

Dave Musil and Ed
Appenberg from the Idaho
Department of Fish and Gamewill give an Informatube precentiation about these native
will give an Informatube proting techniques They will also
discuss opportunities to
become Ingulved with the
Fish and Ganies' citizen science lek monitoring effort.

The program is free and the
public is welcome.

# Lava remains at Terminal Falls

I suspect that, at one time or another, most of you have seen a documentary about the volcanoes of Hawail containing scenes of "lava fountains" erupting vertically out of fissures along the flanks of the volcano. volcano.

As the magnia moves toward the surface, the pres-sure it generates will occasionally produce cracks -or fissures in the crust around



GEOLOGIST Lawrence P.

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the volcano. Sometimes the result is a stream of lawa eject-ed vertically into the air a lawa fountain. If these fentures extend over a longer distance, they give the impression of a curtain of fire.

Rhyolite is the main extrusive rock type found along and within the Snake River Plain. But unlike the thin shaultic lawa of the Hawaiian volcanoes, rhyolite is much more viscous. Rather than fountains of lawa, rhyolitic eruptions produce rounded, the state of the discount of the state less gas pressure in the magma, anti violent, hot ash flows that blast out of the fis-sure or vent like a fountain or curtain when the pressure is

sure or vent like a clinitation of curtain when the pressure is greater.

Imagine what you might see today if these vertical ash flows had solidified in the fractures, then, over time, the surrounding rock eroded away. You would end up with a steep-sided, or even Vertical, outcrop of intensely welded ash or rhyolite magma. South of Oreana, in Owyhee County, is an æra I call the libyolite Plateau. This 12 square mile area is computed of, or underlain by, rhyolite domes and fracture filling welded ash. The main fractures appear to have been the boundary faults along the south side of the Western Snake liber Plain in this area. More recent subsidence, or



Terminal Falls is typical of the dry falls fo

iust plain erosion, ha exposed the plateau along the north and east sides.

exposed me parteau anoig me north and cast sides. Ephemend streams flowing across this surface have created a number of forry to fifty foot high dry waterfalls along the edges of the plateau. Found on the east edge of the Bhyolite Plateau is an ephemenfal falls call Terminal Falls so named because i marks the farthest you can go on the plateau in this direction. This feature drops nearly 50 feet over a vertical cliff of welded rhyolitic ash that extends for almost a quarter of a mile and is 60 feet high in places.

places.

Because this rock's solid, a wide, stable, amphiltheater, 30 feet long and 35 feet wide, has formed at the base of the feature providing a cool oask of shade in this old nurwise helbis shade in this old nurwise helbis more than the stable of the feature providing a cool oask of shade in this old nurwise helbis more than the shade in this office of the shade of the shade

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cemented shells and sand grains a depositional environ ment that differs radically

ment that differs radically from that which existed fur-ing, and right after, the forma-tion of the Plateau.

From the base of Terminal Falls to Castle Creek, about a mile and a half to the east, the landscape is a tortuous, dissected bodgenoide of fos-siliferous and non-fos-silifer-ous altered ash deposits, small outcrops of rhyolite, and numerous, short dry canyons.

and numerous, short dry cattyons. This landscape may be somewhat indicative of what the Rhyolite Plateau looked like before crosion stripped off the sediments above the rhyolite to create the dry falls found today.

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# **Dress like** a Norwegian Second annual Inga-Lami gears up in Sun Valley

SUN VALLEY — Dress like a Norwegian. Dress like a Norwegian troll. Dress up like a salami if you dare!

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Then be prepared to ski your way to some lacy lingerle, pedicures, facials, jewelry, shoes, chocolate and champagne in Sun Valley's second annual inga-Lami.

Actually, the name of the event was shortened from last year's linga-SA-Lami. But the event was shortened from last year's linga-SA-Lami. But the coveted 4-pound salami will still be up for grabs in this womenis-only event.

The event—all for fun and a good cause – starts at 11 a.m. Feb. 25, at the Sun Valley. Nordic Center. Participants may register between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

The entry fee is \$15 — \$10 of which goes to the Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Women may choose to ski 6, 21, 18 or 22 kilometers, receiving a specified number of raffle tickets based on the number of kilometers they rack up.

The raffle tickets, will, be entered in a prize drawing at the end of the event, the prizes drawing at was women munch on those of the color of the vent, the prizes drawing at women munch on the color of the prizes drawing at the end of the event, the prizes drawing at the end of the event the prizes drawing at the end of the event the prizes drawing at the color of the color of the color of the prizes drawing at the end of the event the prizes drawing at the end of the event the prizes drawing at the color of the co

the end of the event, the prizes drawn as women munch on chocolate, white and other foodstuffs, that have been shown to-be, richly endowed with antioxidants and other good stuff for women.

"It's not-a race," said organizer Mulfy filiz. It's just for fuir. The event is a spin-off of the Inga-Lami, a hugely popular women's event in Lillehammer, Norway, which attracts 15,000 women each year dressed in Norwegian garb.

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The event was named for the The eventwas named for the mother of liakon Hakonsson, the infant carried to safety by skiers across the mountains of south-central Norway during a period of civil war.

Inga Laml became a symbol of the women's movement in



Last year's i



Hunter education instructors needed

The inga-Laml is just for fun - and a good cause.

Norway, according to Norwegian skier Jon Engen, a Mountain Masters ski instructor. As such, she became the namesake for a variety of nudern-day all-women's veents and organizations, such as Inga Lamin International, an organization dedicated to celebrating and

encouraging the paths of sin-gle parents and their children through various initiatives.

through various initiatives.

Last year's inaugural event
at the Sun Valley Nordic
Center was a sunny success
with 80 women enjoying one
another's camaradoric as they
skied on trails meandering
along Trail Creek.

Julie Dahlgren wore a tradi-

Aulie Dahlgren wore a tradi-tional Norwegian bunad that her mother had hought at the 1952 Olympics in Oslo. Lill Simpson wore a wool Norwegian skirt, Jacket and hat worn by volunteers assist-ing at the 1984 Olympics in Lilchammer. And Nanette Ford didn't have anything Norwegian so she donned a pair of winter flannel Pls. stuck a stuffed dog she christened Prince Dogsy Doo in her Jackpark and hung a sign around her neck identifying herself as Inga de Mama.

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An hour and a half after they started, the woman gathered back at the Nordic Center, where they feasted on Spread of wine, solmon and caviar, fruit, tiny, chocolates from the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, home-made cardamon-almond pula bread and a rich two-layer chocolate cake with chocolate buttegream icing, chocolate buttegream icing, chocolate ganache and big juicy strawberries.

# Big game hunting rules see changes

Questlon: "I understand there are several new commis-sion rules that have changed allowable equipment for blg game hunting. Can you explain some of the new rules?" Answer: The commission did change several of the rules allowing some hunters more liberalized opportunity while restricting others.

restricting others.
I'll briefly discuss a few of the

I'll briefly discuss a few of the changes.
For bowhunters, the commission increased the percent let-off that is legal for compound bows used for big game hunting. Previously hunting bows were restricted to 65 percent or less let-off. The new rule

cent or less let-off. The new rule allows up to B5 percent let-off. Following a presentation by some equipment manufactures some equipment manufactures the commission decided to allow scopes on big game hum-ing files to contain lighted red-cless. The precious rule prohibit-ed any electronic device. The commission charified the muzzleloading rules. Sportsnen huming big game in muzzleloader andy hums can now only use muzzleloaders.

muzzletoader only funts can now only use muzzletoaders with external pivoting ham-mers. This rule would make many in-line muzzletoader only big game huns, he-line muzzle-toaders are still lawful in short-range weapons and any weapons hunting seasons.



For more details on the upcoming commission rule changes consult the 2007 big game hunting rules brochure online or in hard copy available in May 2007. You can also contact your nearest regional office or attend upcoming big game season scoping meetings that will be held.

Teb. 20. Italiey Community Campus, Booms 201 and 202, 1050 iva Acres Road.

Feb. 21. Najge-Valley Regional Office, 319 South 417 East, Highway Husiness Park, 2.5 miles most of the Flying 2.5 miles most not game and meetings are open to the public and will go from 530 p.m. to 730 p.m. For more details on the

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## Wolves that reach S. Wyoming wouldn't be protected, plan says

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — The deral plan to remove Rocky JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — the federal plan to remove Rocky-Mountain gay wolves from the endangered species list would classify wolves that range outside of northwest Wyoming and into the Laramic. Sierra Madre and Sonwy ranges as predators. Snowy ranges as predator that could be shot on sight.

that could be shot on sight. Ed Bangs, wolf recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said the original wolf-recovery plan included all of Wyoming as part of the gray wolf's range. But federal officials now con-sider only the state's northern

corner to be essential to wolf

corner to be essential to wolf-recovery.
Bangs said the mountain ranges in southern Wyoming aren't suitable for wolves, both for geographic reasons— the ranges are long and narrow, without a lot of "core" territory—and because of the area's intensive use for live-stock

stock.
The notice says federal wildlife officials will continue to manage wolves in north-western Wyoming unless the state comes up with an acceptable wolf-management plan.

# Judge accepts heli-skiing plan

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — A federal judge in Idaho has accepted an agreement among conservation groups. The National Forest Service, and High Mountains and Jligh Mountains Helicopter Skiing Inc. to reduce helicopter skiing in the Palisades Wilderness Study

Palisades Wilderness Study Area in western Wyomling, U.S. District Indge Lynn Winmill agreed to the compro-mise that would allow High Mountains, which is based is February and the Sea skier days this winter and the skier days this winter and the reduce its operations to 598 next winter. 512 in 2008-2009, 372 in 2009-2010 and finally 65

by 2010-2011. A skier day is one ski trip by

A skier (a) a person.
The Greater Yellowstone Coalition, the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance and the Wyoning Wilderness Association entered into negowilderness Wilderness Association entered into negotiations with High Mountains fafer Winnill decided last Nov. 21 that the Forest Service volaced the 1914 Wyonfigated the 1914 Wyonfigated High Mountains increased use of the Palisades Wilderness Study Area. Winnill also said the Forest Service failed to do the proper environmental review.

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JEROME — With the growing demand for bunter educa-tion in the Magic Valley, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is looking for new vol-unteer Instructors in Wood River Valley, Twin Falls, Wendell, Gooding, Burley, Filer, Carcy, Bliss, Jerome, and Hanson. holding an instructor work-shop March 10, at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Reglonal Office. Anyone inter-ested in becoming part of the flutter Education program should\_call\_Nielson\_at\_324\_ 4359.

Fish & Game notes

### Signups begin for new Access Yes! program

JEROME — Landowners interested in letting sportsmen hunt or fish their private land can receive more than money this year. New for 2007, landowners interested in shar-

Staff Biologist. "In the past we have always been limited by the amount of money avail-able, now we have several

landowners interested in shar-ing access can get assistance with repairing a section of fence, dolug a special habitat project, receive big game con-trolled hunt tags, or get paid. "The new Access Yes! pilot program is going to be a lot more user friendly," said Steve Elam, Idatto Fish and Game Staff Biologist, "In the near we options so we can customize a program for nearly any

# Wendedl. Gooding, Burley, Flee, Carey, Bllss, Jerome, and Hanson. Part of the criteria for being a wolunteer instructor includes: Enjoying hunding, desiring to perpetuate the sport of hunting by working with youth, passing a background cheek and department Interview. astending an instructor workshop, and practice-teaching with a trained instructor. "Hs a big job, but it can be very rewarding," said Clayton Nicson, Idaho Fish and Game Regional Hunter Education Coordinator, We generally ask the instructors to teach two classes a year, but some teachers have been bandling as many as four classes a year. "Our goal of recruiting new instructors is to help lighten the load of the current volunteers and provide the additional classes needed in the valley to satisfy the student clemand," he said. The Department will be Cothern

### Continued from page D1 sites like Massacre Rocks, but

also others more conv also others more conveniently forgotten such as Battle Creek, forgotten such as Battle Creek, where several hundred Indians, including women and children, were slain. Predictably, the racial struggle over resources, and even place names, continues today. Sometimes little remains of what once gave a place its namesake. The anadromous flash that a local creek was named after have vanished.

tish that a need after have vanished. The first natives and pioneers who were either name-given or -receivers have been misplaced. And few relics of

many mining camps, ranches, or settlements are found

day, But whether or not any But whether or not any physical evidence exists, the names live on and are still used, I only to identify spots on a map. The words them-selves won't be forgotten, but what about the actual people and events behind them? Can and events behind them? Can we re-learn their stories and equally important, keep repeating them?

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Castleford. He accepts e-mail
at jmcothern@hotmail.com.

ate lands." he new program allows var-s forms of compensation to rate landowners in

private landowners in exchange for hunter's, anglers, and trapper's access to and through their private lands. Landowners can choose from

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program,"
In many ways the program remains the same. Landowners can set access restrictions and name their price for the type of access they will allow on their deeded lands through a bidding toroness. ding process.

A local five-member sports

A local five-member sports-men committee reviews the bids submitted by landowners, and, advise\_ble department, which ones should be accept-ed for funding Idaho Fish and Game coordinators then determine which of the prop-erties will best serve the sportsmen. Selected properties are required to have Access Yest signage, and will be listed on the internet with maps and access restrictions.

access restrictions.

Landowners interested in participating in the Access Yesl program should contact Steve Elam, at 324-4359.

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> KATRINA DAMAGE

# .Couple drops suit against Allstate

NEW ORLEANS - A bus-NEW ORLEANS — A hus-band, and wife who sued Alistate Indemnity Co. over Hurricane Katrina damages abruptly dropped their law-suit—that had claimed the inaurance company under-paid them and acted in bad faith in handling their claims. . as the first federal law-

suit tried against an insur-ance company by a Louisiana homeowner

ance company by a Louisiana homeowner since Hurricane Katrina. About 1,000 other lawsuis are pending against Albatte alone in U.S. District Court. The plaintiffs, Lawrence and Elizabeth Tomlinson, did not explain in court on Thursday why they decided to drop their case, but Alstate, in court fillings, had charged that they misrepresented their claim. Allstate had rested its case Wednesday night, and closing arguments were scheduler.

Wednesday night, and clos-ing arguments were sched-uled for Thursday when Judy Barrasso, Allstate's lawyer, and Christy Howley, the couple's lawyer, told Judge Martin Feldman that

the case was dropped. Feldman dismissed the Feldman dismissed the seven-member jury, which had been selected Monday, and apologized to them for making them wait several hours Thursday morning. The good news is that claims and defenses have been mutually withdrawn. Feldman told the jury. This litigation no longer exists. The Tomlinsons accused Allgate of bad faith and said the company underpaid

the: company underpaid them for wind damage that tore holes in their roof and

tore holes in their roof and let rain pour into their home in the New Orleans suburb of Marrero.

Allstate, based in Northbrook, Illi,, disputed the extent of the wind damage to the Tomilinson's home and accused the couple of misrepresenting parts of their claim.

"At the conclusion of the extreme the polantific property of the polantific programs are property or their claim."

ple of misrepresenting parts of their claim.

At the conclusion of the evidence, the plaintiffs degled voluntarily to withdraw their claims and relinquish any right to reflict them?. Barrasso said. The plaintiffs have not received any compensation of any compensation of any compensation of any compensation of any condition and control of the claim. However, and the claim of the control of the claim. However, and the claim of the claim of the claim of the claim. The claim of the claim of the claim of the claim. The claim of the claim of the claim of the claim. The claim of the claim.

# The billngual playground

Toys that speak more than one language the latest fad

By Askley Surdin Los Angeles Times

Odra Heitmann hauled the Odra Heitmann hauled the heavy package labeled "Dora's Talking Kitchen" off a Toys R Us shelf and set it on the floor for a better look.
Splashed on the box was a promo: "Says Phrases in English and Spanisht"
That sealed the deal for Heitmann, who scooped up the gift for her 1-year-old nicce Ashley."

Ashley. "I made a big mistake by not teaching my kids Spanish," said Heitmann, 37, recently at the Burbank, Calif., store. "I'm not going to make the same mistake with my niece." Say hello and bola to the latest, fad. — billiopual, toys.

inistake with my niece."

Say helio and holo to the laiest fad — bilingual toys.

Say helio and holo to the laiest fad — bilingual toys.

Spurred by a growing finning

grant population in the United

States and a push to teach children foreign languages at an

consumers are going bilingualtoys have become especially

popular in the last few years,

thanks in part to Fisher-Prices

wildly successful "Dora the

Explorer" product line, based

on the Nickelodeon cartoon

about Dora Marquez, a 7-year

do bilingual Itspanic girl.

During last year's holiday

Season, Toys Ity Sinc, and WalMart Stores Inc. highlighted

highlingual toys as one of the

biggest shopping trends, listing products by Martel Inc.

Fisher-Price division.

Leapirog Enterprises Inc. and

Vicch Holdings among the

most popular. This year, bilingual toys are poised to be even

hotter.

"There's been a shift in the

ulture, where speaking two

most popular, most popular, in the culture, where speaking two languages is more popular, said tleyne flice, a trend specialist with the floy Industry Association. 'And now, see-ond-and even first-generation Americans are saying, 'No, we're proud of our heritage, and we want our kids to embrace our language.'

For the first time, Hispanic people — the largest and fastest-growing — minority group in the country at 42,7 million — will flex more spending power than any other minority group in the United States, according to the



In Agent Ashley Borunda, 4, of Chino, Calif., holds a Dora the Explorer doll at a KB Toys store in West Covins, Calif. Dors, the billingual carboon character, helped populative multillingual foys. "There's been a shift in the culture, where

speaking two languages is more popular."

Selig Center for Economic Growth at the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business.

Hispanic disposable Income will swell to \$863.1 billion this

year, up 8.1 percent from 2006, the Center estimates. "You couple that with the fact\_that\_the\_average\_Latino\_



household has four kids per household—compared to the average household, which has 2.3— and you're looking at a huge opportunity" said Carlos Conçlo, president of Multicultural Associates, which specializes in helping companies sell to multicultural almarkets in the United States. "It's a huge, untapped market,"

In the \$22 billion-a-year toy industry, multicultural mar-

industry, imulticultural markets are not new, but improving technology has allowed playthings to chatter in any number of languages, giving shoppers more to choose from that ever before. Toy manufacturers are unveiling bilingual phones, globes, dolls, books and laptops.

In some cases, they are giving mainstream charac-

giving mainstream charac-ters multilingual

gornghamsteam change ters multillingual Ekne-Price's Bilingual Elmo belts out both "Sunny. Day" and 'Dia Soleado." Play Along's Tele-Friend Anigo Beat, the newest mem-ber of the Care Bears clan, teaches numbers, colors and phrases in English and Spanish.
Toymakers and retailers wort divigle sales numbers, but some say the bilingual products have exceeded expectations, Fisher-Price said

- Reyne Rice, a trend specialist with the Toy Industry Association

its Dora's Talking Dollhouse was the best-selling dollhouse in company history. — At RIF Toys Inc., sales these dual-language products have accelerated over the last few years, said Chief Marketing Officer Ernie Speranza, who expects to see more headed to the company's 600 stores.

Speranza, who expects to see more headed to the company's 600 stores.

This category of merchandse is growing much faster than the toy industry as a whole," he said. "In the near future, it could be 8 percent to 10 percent of our sales."

While large companies cater to mainstream multicultural consumers, smaller manufacturers are mining niche markets, sometimes striking a consumer gold mine.

Geri Grobman, president of New York-based Language tittles, attracted the attention of the foreign-adoption contimunity seem years ago when she introduced a line of four "lingual plans dolls, including "Ling," a rosy-checked, Mandarin Chinese-speaking

girl. Adoption agencies and parents carried the doll to China when they picked up children as a way to bridge the gap between the two coun-tries.

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The adoptive community was surprise for us, "said Grobman, who added tussian and korean to the Hulter-entourage. We werent adming for that community, and when we found it, it was suited to the control of the way was the forest bilingual dolls in 10 languages, including German-speaking mind, and Alean, a given by the part of the control of the cont

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The tiny, family-owned company broke even last year, and Barrios said that fiscal rewards were sure to follow a long as there was a need for bilingual books and toys.

# Tax money being snuffed out

With fewer people lighting up, states are seeing less tax revenue from

cigarettes

By Martiga Loke Associated Press writer

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. -BLOOMINGTON, Minn.—
Roland Henkel qult smoking
In September and has been
doing the math ever since: A
week added to his life. More
than 2,100 Marliboro Lights
he hasn't smoked. And more
than \$400 he didn't spend on
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than 9400 to that spend of the cigarettes.
"It does add up," said. Henkel, 53. "You don't think about it when you're smoking so much."
The state of Minnesota has

been doing the math, to and isn't quite as delighted. Because of quit-ters like Henkel.

Minnesota's tobacco tax rev-enue is expected enue is expected to go into a grad-ual slide later this year — a drop that may grow even steeper with the expected passage of a statewide smoking ban.

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Across the country, states are putting their treasuries under pressure by

adopting smoking restric-tions as well as higher eiga-rette taxes, which appear to be discouraging people from lighting up, as many health activists had hoped would happen.

lighting up, as many health activists had hoped would happen activists had hoped would happen. Sen. David Tomassoni. a Democrat who opposes a statewide smoking ban, said he worries about the lost tax dollars. "The taxes on smoking are being used to fund education, they're being used to fund real things. Now, If we eliminate smoking, does it mean that those things go away? Tomassoni said.

Opponents of smoking don't mind if the take from smokers fails.

"The \_wonderful\_thing\_about tobacco revenues is when they go down, there's sense in the smoking." Said Eric Lindblom at the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids in Washington.

Washington.
It is clear that states could

see some medical savings

from reduced smoking, but it is difficult to say how much, and whether those sav-

ings might offset the lost tax revenue. Minnesota's Department of Human Services estimates it spends \$295 million a year to treat smoking-related illnesses for 647,000 people on public assistance.

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The downturn in revenue won't necessarily cause states any immediate major hard-ship, since the decline is slow and cigarette taxes represent only a small portion of state budgets.

budgets.
But up to now, they have been a reliable and politically expedient way of raising revenue to solve budget problems. Sin taxes on things like cigarettes are "the most socially acceptable form of taxes you can raise," said Bob Kurtter, a state budget watcher at Moody's investors Service.

Just over a fifth of U.S. adults smoked in 2005, down from about one-fourth a decade ago. Because of the downturn, states levied taxes on 2.8 billion fewer packs in 2005 than they did just five

2005 than they did just five years carller.
In 2005, tobacco taxes contributed \$13 billion to state budgets. But cigarette tax collections that year were down in 15 states compared with the year or years before, according to a study backed by the tobacco industry. States such as New York.

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Massachusetts and Illinois are all forecasting a drop in revenue.

# Favorable weather, higher grain prices fuel farm boom

By Roxana Hegeman Associated Press writer

LEOTI, Kan. - When the LEOTI, Kan. — When the spring planting season arrives, Vance Ehmke will toil in his wheat fields in the com-fort of a new John Deere 8330

fort of a new John Deere 8330 tractor.

He won't be the only farmer breaking in new equipment. Farmers who have nursed along aging equipment through tough years of drought are, now jostling to replace it in time for spring planting. Moist winter weather across the Great Plains coupled with high grain prices driven by ethanol demand have sparked an economic boom here in farm country.

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"We haven't seen commodinity prices like this for years," said Mike Woolverton, an agriculture, economist at Kansas State University. "This is a golden opportunity for agriculture. Someday we will look back and think these are the golden years."

Much of the winter wheat across Kansas is still encased under ice and snow. But even the possibility of having to replant wheat fields with another crop hasn't damp-

ened the optimism of farmers enjoying the best grain prices in a decade.

Wheat could be out there Wheat could be out there suffocating and dying, and we are in here spending money like drunk sailors," Ehmke said as he sipped cof-fee at a farm equipment deal-ershin

fee at a farm equipment deal-ership.

Last fail, wheat prices topped \$5 a bushel before falling below \$4 in anticipa-tion of a massive 2007 wheat harvest. Some growers say if, prices continue to fall, they might graze to bale their win-ter wheat for hay rather than harvest it as grain. They would then plant corn, sorghum or soybeans because the return on those crops is better.

crops is better.
Farmers gross between
\$200 and \$300 per acre of
wheat they grow. With corn,
farmers can gross as much as
\$800 per acre at today's
prices, Ehmke said.
The rise of the nation's
ethanol industry has fundamentally changed market-

ethanol industry has funda-mentally changed market demand for commodities like

corn.
"This is as significant as the invention of the plow, in terms of what it means to agriculture," Ehmke said.

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# Egyptian denies involvement as trial opens in deadly Madrid train bombings

Associated Press writer

MADRID. Spain — An Egyptian accused of being a mastermind of the Madrid train bombings told a court Thursday he had no involvement in the deadly attack, despite wiretapped conversations in which he allegedly boasted he was the brains behind it.

The defendant, Babei of 29 suspects opened, Ite is among three men accused of planning the bombings that tore through packed commuter trains March 11, 2004, killing 181 people and wounding more than 1,800 in Burope's worst Islainic terror attack.

By Ciaran Giles Associated Press writer

Osman refused to answer any questions from prosecutors, then said he had nothing to do with the attack under 
questioning from his own 
attorney.

"I never had any relation to

attorney.

'I never had any relation to the events which occurred in Madrid,' he said in Arabic through a translator, adding that he condemned the bombings 'unconditionally and completely.'

Osman was arrested in Italy in June 2004 on a warrant from Spanish authorities. Italian prosecutors have said they tapped phone conversations in which he told an associate in Italy: 'I'm the thread to Madrid, its my work.'

On the stand Thursday, Osman denied being a member of al-Qaida or any other

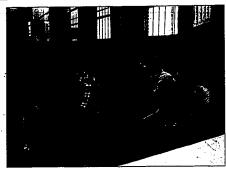
Plane hijacking ends in Spain's Canary Islands

Islamic extremist group, and said he knew other alleged members of the Madrid hombing cell only as acquaintances at a mosque in the Spanish capital.

The tad has ignited painful memories of what Spaniards consider the nation's most traumatic event since the 1930s civil war. Images of body bags and twisted train cars were replayed throughout the day on Spanish TV, a grim reminder of the devastation.

Some 100 experts and 600

Some 100 experts and 600 witnesses are likely to be called during the trial, among called during the trial, among them people whose lives were shattered by the blasts. Testimony is expected to last more than five months and a verdict is expected in late October.



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Darias said.

Air Mauritania director Mohamed Ould Anufa said the crew was involved in overpowering the highest and Mauritanians. — 21 were treated for slight injuries, a Las Palmas' police spokesman said. The most seriously affected was a pregnant woman was treated for severe shock.

Police said the man had been carrying two loaded handguns. Police did not say when during the incident he had been overpowered. Mohamed Ould Mohamed "Cheikh, Mauritania's top police official, said the hijacker was a Moroccan from Western Sahara who wanted-to-immigrate to France. The man had tried many times 10 obtain, a visa at, the French embassy in the Mauritanian capital. Nouak-toht, where he had lived for a few months, Mohamed said.



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With a dynamic driving character, innovative fea-tures and an all-new engine and transmission, the Ford Edge was de-signed to be a home run bit for the automaker in hit for the automaker in hit for the automaker in the hotly contested crossover vehicle market. Sporting a bold three-bar grille inspired by the Ford Fusion sedan and the Ford 427 concept car, the all-427 concept car, the all-new Edge features contemporary design in-side and out. "A dynamic, modern shape with the right pro-

portions and short overhangs sets Edge apart overnangs sets Eage apart from other crossovers that mostly look like traditional SUVs," said Peter Horbury, executive director, Design, North America. "Edge has a bold American personality and a strong, athletic pres-

ence."
A wide, aggressive stance underscores Edge's dynamic character. Edge's raised beltline, strong, sculpted shoulders and large wheel lips emphasize the vehicle's newer and perference. power and performance. A raked windshield, fast hatch and contoured rear further distinguishes the

new crossover, Offered in SE, SEL and



an all-new aluminum Du an all-new aluminum Du ratec 35 3.5L V6 engine ar transferred to the street through an all-new wide-ratio 6F six-speed automatic transmission.

On the road, the Edge AWD delivers perform-ance, handling and control beyond impressive during a recent Iowa snowstorm. Surefooted as a mountain goat on a rocky ledge, the Ford crossover inspired rord crossover inspired confidence through the worst of the inclement weather. Strong cross-winds, slush, snow and underlying lee did little to distract the Ford from its task. Power Was fluid, always available and imme diate. Transmission shifts were smooth and unde-tectable while the on-demand AWD system always provides the need-

Control bardware for the Edge starts with MacPher son struts and an isolated subframe firmly attached in six locations in front with hydro-bushings; a with hydro-bushings; a four-link independent rear suspension featuring stamped steel control blades for precise suspen-sion tuning. The rear shocks are mounted as far ride and handling.
Inside the cabin, the true

ration engineered into the Edge becomes quickly evident. The Ford crossover was engineered to comfortably seat five, with best-in-class adult head and legroom in the second row. An easy-to-use available folding front-passenger seat creates additional cargo hauling

additional cargo hauting capabilities. The 60/40 reclining split second row folds to pro-vide a level load floor. Each rear seat can be folded

or automatically with an available EasyFold electro-mechanical remote release located in the rear cargo

area. Standard safety featur abound, with Ford's Adabound, with Ford's Ad-vance Trac system with Roll Stability Control, seat-mounted side-impact airbags, Safety Canopy air curtain system and Ford's Personal Safety System. The new crossover is de-signed to fit the customer's need for style as well as

signed to fit the custom need for style as well as need for style as well as cargo space and adaptabil-ity. For example, the large center console uses a re-movable divider and tray to organize the space both vertically and horizontally. vertically and horizontally for everything from laptop computers and handbags to coins and MP3 players An optional concealed plug gives the Edge a total of four powerpoints – three within the driver's reach, along with a segment-first MP3 audio jack.

MP3 audio jack.

The small details count in the Edge. A 20-ounce cupholder is included in each front-door map pocet, alone with juice box holders in the rear door mockets. pockets, two super-size cupholders in the center sole and two in the rea

console and two in the rear armrest.

Available options for the new Ford Edge include a next-generation DVD-based navigation system. SIRIUS satellite radio, rear seat DVD entertainment system and a panoramic

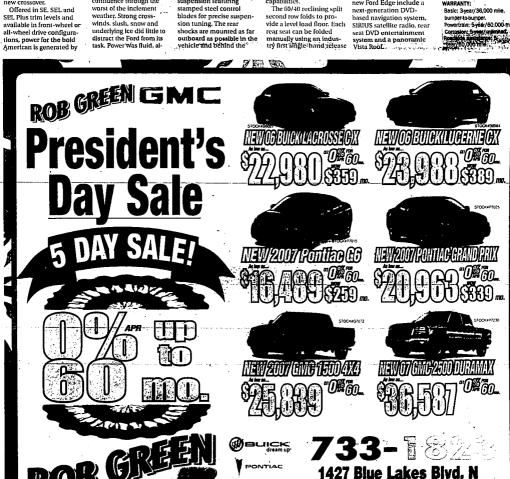
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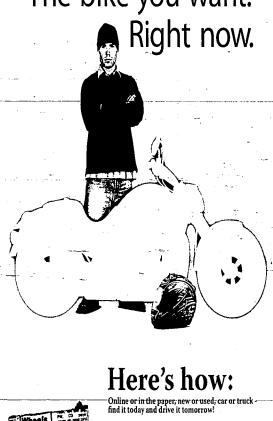
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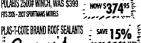
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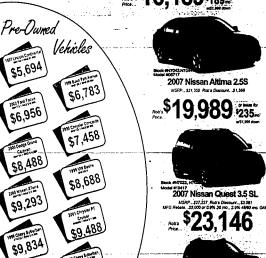
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