

# HARD-CHARGING HARVICK

Kevin Harvick wins wreck-filled Daytona 500.

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# FINDING THE FOOTBALL Follow a middle-aged

guy's training quest. IMAGE, SEE PAGE D1



# Date with a dentist

Team effort reaches hundreds of Magic Valley youngsters.

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#### Good Morning



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# Nampa gas station fire burns boy, 12

Accident blamed on older brother with cigarette

The Associated Press

NAMIN — A 12-year-old boy has burns covering up to 40 percent of his body following a gas station fire authorities say was started by the boy's older brother smoking a cigarette as he pumped fuel.

The boy, whose name has not been released, was

The boy, whose name has not been released, was taken to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Bolse following the fire Saturday afternoon at Albertsons Express gas sta-

"The best that we can understand is that while the older brother was fueling up his vehicle, he either was smoking or lit a cigarette while he was fueling up. Nampa Battalion Chief Capt. Paul Adams told the Idaho Press-Tibune. Something caused the Idaho Press-Tibune. Something caused the fumes from the gas he was fueling up to ignite from his cigarette or match or however he lit his cigarette. Adams said that after the gas lapticel, the 25-year-old man evidently stepped back from the pump while still holding the gas nozzle, spraying his younger brother with fuel. The man, whose name has also not been released, suffered minor linjuries, authorities sald.
Police are still investigating a Nampa police spokesman told The Associated Press on Sunday, declining farther comment.
"It's a tragic incident, but people need to learn from an incident like this," Adams told the newspaper. There's a reason they have the not reaching sime.

the no smoking signs around the gas pump. While they are rare, (fires) do hap-pen. Also, static electricity

pen. Also, static electricity can ignite.

Adams said motorists should avoid getting in and out of their vehicles while fueling because of the risk of static electricity igniting gas fumes.

"Once you get out of your vehicle and start everything, don't get back in your vehi-cle and get back out because that can cause a spark that

that can cause a spark that will ignite the gas vapors," he said.

he said.
Nampa Deputy Fire Chief
Doug Strosnider sald drivers
should use common sense
as well as obeying the law.
"Most people in my mlnd
should have enough common sense to understand
and recognize that you don't
smoke when you're fuelling a
vehicle," he said.

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# **Sure sign of spring**



# Home and Garden Show lures thousands

TWIN FALLS - Want to get someone's

TWIN FALLS — Want to get someone's attention? Try poncorn. It worked well for Bonald Flechsig, a sales representative with Crum Blectric Supply and company booth tender at the 27th annual Home and Garden Show at the Eldon Exam Espo Center. Flechsig compered with 106 other vendors for the attention of more than 10,000 people during the three-day exhibit, and the free sally, buttery snack proved more than effective at luring wanderers to his booth.

than effective at luring wanderers to his booth.

"I think it generated quite a bit of inter-est," Flechsig sald as he stirred the latest batch on Sunday afternoon. He paused for a moment to demonstrate his compa-ny's line of home-surveillance televisions to a few curious onlookers — all munch-

ing popcorn.

Vendors pltch products at the show, and visitors take home loads of ideas for spring projects — and maybe a few free-birs.



Doug Hughes of The Woodworks, left, talks with Justin Sterrett of Twin Falls during the show ut doing work on Sterrett's kitchen

It's called the Home and Garden show, but vendors push about anything; ice cream, vinyl siding, hot tubs, vacuum cleaners, playground equipment, gun safes, pots and pans, patio covers, bread, recreational vehicles — even jewelry that's said to have magnetic healing pow-

ers.
Perhaps the most popular booth, at

least on Sunday afternoon, featured satelilie television. About a dozen men watched the Daytona 500 as their wives or gliffriends perused the expo center's floor.

floor.

Most visitors, like Carolyn Rodgers and Ardith Schnelder, paid the \$3 entrance fee to be Inspired about warm-weather home projects.

T'm here to get some ideas for land-scaping my backyard," Rodgers said.

Schnelder was more attracted to interi-

or fare.
"I'm Interested in finding something for a new kitchen in my house," she said as she and flodgers rested on a bench. They'd stopped for a break only a quarter of the way through the exhibits.
With more than flo booths yet to see, chances are that flodgers and Schneider—and all the other visitors to the show—will have plenty of work to do come spring.

Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen welcomes comments at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@lee.net.

# 5 dead after avalanches in Montana. Utah, Idaho

HELENA, Mont. —Weekend avalanches Billed five people in Montana, Unah and Idaho, with one bruised survivor traveling miles by snowmobile and on foot to reach belp, authorities said.

A Utala snowmobiler died after an avalanche in eastern Idaho buried him in up to 8 feet of snow, authorities said.

Nicholas Gus Steinmann.
26, of Ogden. Utala, died Saturdaya fler attempts by rescue personnel to resuscitate him failed.

The Bonneville County

cue personnel to resuscitate him falded.

The Bonneville County Sheriff's Office said Steinham was one of four snowmohilers in the Palisades Peak area of Bonneville County, and that at least two others were also caught in the avalanche.

The sheriff's office said one snowmohiler who was not buried dug out two others who had been partially buried in the avalanche. The three started to probe the area with tree branches for Steinmann, who was not owaring an avalanche beacon.

They sent for help and two members from the Teton County Idaho Search and Rescue, who were in the area, responded and helped find Stein Ille saving measures were started but later called off by

Life saving measures were started but later called off by medical officials in Jackson, Wyo., according to the sheriff's

intended and a second with a s

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"They knew this all along and they didn't take action on it. It's upsetting to me.

mese. Thus the CPSC focused exclusively on how much lead came off the surface of a lunchbox when lab workers swiped

Why are we, as a country, protecting the companies? We should be protecting the kids."

— Alexa Engelman, a researcher at the Oakland, Calif.-based Center for Environmental Health

# How government decided lunchbox lead levels were OK mouth, which isn't a common way for children to interact with their lunch-box," said CPSC spokeswoman Julie Vallese

In 2005, when government scientists tested 60 soft, vinyl lunchboxes, they found that one in five contained amounts of lead that medical experts consider unsafe — and several had more than 10 times hazardous levels. But that's not what they told the publications of the several had the publication of the several had the publication of the several had the publication of the several had the several

But that's not what they told the public.

Instead, the Consumer Product Safety
Commission released a statement that
they found 'no instances of hazardous
teels.' And they refused to release their
actual test results, citing regulations that
protect manufacturers from having
their information meleased to the public.
That data was not made public until
The Associated Press received a box of
about 1.500 pages of lab reports, inhouse e-mails and other records inresponse to a Freedom of Information
Act request filed a year ago.
The documents describe two types of
iests. One involves cutting a chunk of
vinyl off the bag, dissolving it and then
analyzing how much lead is in the soluiou; the second test involves swiping
the surface of a bag and then determing how much lead is in the soluiou; the second test involves swiping
the surface of a bag and then determing how much lead has rubbed off.
The results of the first type of test,
looking for the actual lead content of
the vinyl, showed that 20 percent of the
bags had more than 600 parts per mil-

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lion of lead - the federal safe level for nion of lead — the rederal sale level; he highest level was 9,600 ppm, more than 16 times the federal standard.

But the CPSC did not use those

"When it comes to a lunchbox, it's carried. The food that you put in the lunchbox may have an outer wrapping, a baggie, so there isn't direct exposure. The direct exposure would be if kids were putting their lunchboxes in their

lunchbox when lab workers swiped them.

For the swipe tests, the results were lower, especially after the researchers changed their testing protocol. After a handful of tests, they increased the number of times they swiped each bag, again and again on the same spotresulting in lower average results. An in-house e-mail from the direct spots of the CPSCs chemistry division explained that they had been retesting with the new protocol which gave a lower average result than the prior report ..., The wrote. This shows ... that the overall risk is lower than our original testing would have showed, as the amount of lead dislodgeable is mostly taken out with the first wipe and goes down with subsequent wipes.

Vallese explained it this way: "The more you wipe, the less lead you actively find. With fewer wipes we got a higher detection of lead presence. We thought more wipes was closer to refeering how you would internet with your lidnehbox. It was more realistic."

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#### MINI-CASSIA

Today: A partly cloudy start to the work and school week. Highs, lower 40s.

Tonight: Staying dry and mostly clear. Lows, upper 20s.

Tomorrow: Breezy to brisk winds at times with mostly sunny skies. Highs near 50.

Complete weather report: See page B4

# TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

#### **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

The Indian Paint Brush Camp, Mildoka Company, Daughters of Utah Ploneers meeting, 2 p.m., Rupert West Stake Center, 26 S.100 W., Rupert, (any woman over age 18 with ancestors that came to the Utah Territory before completion of railroad, May 10.1869, is eligible to join), 436-3055.

#### <u>Health</u>

HEALTH

The American Red Cross blood donations, noon to 6 p.m., at the Rupert City Building, 624 F St., Rupert, at 438-1344 to schedule an appointment.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins at 11:30 a.m., meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2005 Filter Avenue E., no cost to wisit, 736-7237 or 736-9282.
SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Bivd., Twin Falls, no cost for humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

To list an event, submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at strowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mall, Times-News, RO.8ox 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days before the event.

Deadline for submitting an event for the March calendar (publishing Feb. 25) is noon Feb. 20.

# ON THE AGENDA

# Tuesday

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shashone St. N.,739-4088. Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5800. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Unicolin, 644-2700. ners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425

Lincoin, 644-2709.

Magfc Valley Regional Airport Advisory Board, 11 a.m., Joslin Room, airport terminal, 733-5215.

Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-1274.

Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 726-3841.

3841.
Buhl School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 920 Main, 543-6436.
Halley Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ase, 5:788-570.
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-224.
Castlefor School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main, 537-6511.
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Filth Ave. W., 934-5669.

Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 550 Main, 423-5158.

Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.

324-5189. Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600. Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.

Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 750 E. Main, 536-6318. Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m. council chambers, 300 Main, 326-5000.

### Wednesday

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Bilss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 140 Kentucky St., 352-1117 Filer School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school library, 700 Steven 326-4369.

Nwin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W., 733-6900.

#### Thursday

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

Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128.

#### Friday

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, Shoshone St. N., 736-4066.
Casala County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459
Overland, 878-7302. nem, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425



# Taking out the trash on 7th Avenue

to the guy who stopped his car to throw an ice-filled cup out the window at me while I was walking on 7th Avenu Thursday (1897). What a spectacular display of ignorance and powerdor, I hope we meet again so I can 'congratu at a speciacilal display of pe we meet again so I can But then, I don't suppose

- Kevin Courtney, copy editor

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# YOUR MORNING

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# Staying with it when vou're not the star

RUPERT — For every Michael Jordan there's a Colten Homer or a Brittany

Colten Homer or a Brittany Hardy, Ever heard of them? Probably not. They're not leading scorers or sports heroes. They've never been carried off a field in glory. They probably never will play pro-lessional sports. But without Hardy, the Kimberly girls' basketball team wouldn't have finished 19-2 this year. Without Homer, the Minico football team might not have tied a school record for wins in a season and won the conference champlonship.



#### Elementary students get date with the dentist

BUHL — Eight-year-old Keyono Griffin had visited a dentist in the past but was still a bit nervous Friday about his turn in the patient's chair.

turn in the patient's chair.
The second-grader at Buhl's
Popplewell Elementary was
first in line for a quick dental
checkup and treatment provided to second- and thirdgraders as part of the free
Dental Sealant and Fluoride
Project.

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### Home and Garden show draws thousands

TWIN FALLS — Want to get someone's attention? Try pop-

corn.

It worked well for Ronald
Flechsig, a sales representative
with Crum Electric Supply and
company booth tender at the
27th annual Home and
Garden Show at the Eldon
Evans Expo Center.

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### Heyburn man had young heart, spirit

HEYBURN — Not many people can remember the name of their driver's education instructor, let alone their school principal. But for the many students of Gary Masoner, he was indeed worth remembering. remembering. Masoner died Feb. 2 at age

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# Prosecutor added to help battle against DUIs

BOISE — In the fight against impaired driving, adding more law enforcement officers more law enforcement officers doesn't always translate into more convictions or lead to fewer impaired drivers on Idaho highways. So the state has enlisted a

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# Luna visits Burley elementary school

BURLEY — Classrooms at Mount View Elementary School in Burley received a visit Friday from of state school superintendent Tom

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# IDAHO/WEST



#### Climate, homes are factors in rising wildfire deaths

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — The number of people killed fighting wildfires in the U.S. hit 24 last year — five of them a U.S. Forest live of them a U.S. Forest Service engine crew over-run by flames as they tried to protect homes in Southern California chap-arral country. SEE PAGE A5

#### Avalanches kill five in Mont.. Utah and Idaho

HELENA, Mont. — /eekend avalanches killed HELEGAL MOINT —
Weekend avalanches killed five people in Montana. Uthan and idaho, with one bruised survivor traveling miles by snowmobile and on foot to reach help, authorities and the survivor in the surv

#### Health workers say more psychiatrists for children needed

COBURD D'ALENE —
Health care professionals in northern Idaho say there aren't enough child psychiatrists in the area to help treat depression, trauma, eating disorders and stress problems among the areas young people.

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# NATION/WORLD

# Car bombings in Baghdad kill 63

Baghdad kill 63
BAGHIDAD, Iraq
Militants struck back
Sunday in their first major
blow against a U.S.-led security clampdown in
Baghdad with car bomb-ings that killed at least 63
people, left scores injured
and sent a grim message to
officials boasting that
extremist factions were on
the run. the run.

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#### **Senate Democrats** trying to modify 2002 war resolution

War resolution

Washington — Senate pledged renewed efforts Sunday to curtail the Iraq war, suggesting they will seek to limit a 2002 measure authorizing Bush's use of force against Saddam Hussein. The top Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said the proposal had little chance of succeeding.

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#### U.S. helicopter crashes in Afghanistan

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SIAHJOJ. Afghanistan
After radioling in an unexplained loss of power and
engine fallure, a military
helicopter crashed early
Sunday in southeastern
Afghanistan, killing eight
U.S. service members.
Fourteen survived with
injuries. Officials immediately ruled out enemy fire as
a cause of the crash, which
left werekage of the
Chimok scattered on a
dusty, open plain in Zabid
province. 50 yards from the
Kabul-Kandahar highway.
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# **SPORTS**

#### Harvick takes Daytona 500

Daytona SUU

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—
Kevin Harvick nosed out
Mark Martin In a franticwreck filled finish to win
Sunday's Daytona SOO.
Veteran Martin, making
his 23rd attempt at a 500
win, seemed to have victory
in hand when a hard-charging Harvick barreled along
the outside of Martin to
earn his second victory in
two nights.

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# CSI baseball pounds Santa Ana College

Santa Ana College

HENDERSON, Nev. —
Proper planuling prevents
poor proceduce.
College of Southern baseball players throughout the
ages have beard that matura
come ont of current Golden
Eagles hitting coach Skip
Walker's mouth. Sunday
aftermoon, the 6-3 Golden
Eagles put what are dubbed
The Five Pi in play, along
with a slew of baseballs in
their 12-4 drubbing of Santa
Ana College (Calif.), during
the final day of the Start
Annual Coyote Baseball
Slugout in Henderson, Nev.

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#### West dominates East in NBA All-Star Game

LAS VEGAS — The best in the NBA strutted their stuff Sunday night during the NBA All-Star Game in Las SEE PAGE B1

# SHOOTER'S GALLERY



around the Magic Valley to assignments, and I often take in the beaunding us. On a recent drive to ser Dam I found this dog, or aid I say this dog found me, on the back made east of Murtanen. the back reads east of murraugh.

As I was driving along, the dog
almost jumped in front of my car,
which as you can imagine got my
attention in a burry. I continued
about another 50 yards before to act norm towards the dam. to my actonishment this dog kept pace with me as I was driving on a grav road at 30 mph. I've never seen a



dog run so fast, and he kept up with me for about 100 yards be giving up. As you can tell, thi is not a pup and I was pretty impressed with his effort.

ABOVE: The photo of Milner Dam hat ran in the paper Feb. 6. I used a wide angle lens at ISO 125, f-stop 6.4 and a shutter speed of I/1000th of a second.

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# Avalanche

A survivor traveled the 15 or 20 miles back to the trailhead, initially by snowmobile and then on foot after the machine became stuck, Lewis and Clark County Sheriff Cheryl Leidle said.

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heryi Leidie said. Upon reaching a pickup truck at ne trailhead, he used a cell phone

the traintead, he used a cen priorie to call for help.

"It would appear the avalanche drove them into a grove of trees downhill from the avalanche itself,"

downhill from the avalanche itself." Leidle said.
Familles of the snownobilers issued a statement identifying the deceased as Kris Bains, 26, and Brett Toney, 27, both of Townsend, and the survivor as lason Crawford, 27, of Helena, Leidle described them as friends from the Townsend areal.
In Utah, two snownobilers dien separate avalanches on Saturday.

Zachary Holmes, 16, of Farr West, was buried by an avalanche estimated to be 300 feet wide near Tower Mountain in the Ulinta Mountains, about 14 miles southeast of Heber City, the Wassach County sheriffs office said. Holmes was wearing a helmet and an avalanche beacon, deputy Michael Graves said. Following the beacon's signal, his coustins found him and dug him out of the snow the later died at the University of Utah Hospital, authorities said.

Earlier Saturday, a snowmobiler on Signal Peak in southwestern Utah triggered an avalanche that killed him, the Sevier County sheriff's office said.

That man, whose name was not released, was elimbling the back side of the peak when the avalanche buried him in an estimated 8 feet of snow, authorities said.

# JetBlue cancels more flights in aftermath of storm

NEW YORK — JetBlue called off almost a quarter of its flights for Monday but hoped that would be the last round of cancellations as it strug-gles to recover from the snowstorm that saw some travelers sitting on grounded planes for hours.

planes for hours.
The news sent passengers scrambling to deal with the disruption to their plans.
The airline had scheduled 690 flights for President's Day, more than the 550 to 575 flights it has on a normal Monday, but 139 of them were cat-celd, JetBlue announced late Saturday.

celed, fetBlue announced late Saturday. The latest cancellations were needed to make sure all light crews had gotten the legally mandated amount of test before returning to service, JetBlue Airways Corp. spokesman Sebastian White said Sunday.

"Canceling one more day's opera-

tions will really help reset our airline, white said Sunday.

All Jeilblue flights were canceled in and out of 11 airports: Richmond, Plitsburgh: Charlotte and Raleigh/Durham, N.C.; Jacksonville, Fla., Austin and Houston, Texas; Columbus, Ohio; Nashville; Portland, Maine; and Bermuda.

The cancellations followed hundreds of the securities and flights:

of other canceled and delayed flights

of other canceled and delayed flights since Wednesday, when the snow and fee storm that had plowed across the Midwest struck the Northeast, grounding the company's altimers at John E Kennedy International Airport. Maria Arbeio and two companions had been ticketed for a JetBlue flight to Blouston on Saturday mörning to get on a cruise. That flight was canceled, as were all flights to Houston on Sunday. The airline put the three women up in a

hotel for the night, and had them on a Sunday evening flight to Cancur. From there, they would have to find a driver to take them on a four-hour trip to meet their alide.

"On my God, horrendous," Arbelo, a teacher from New Haven, Conn., said of her experience. "It's been a terrible ordeal, I fell you. We've been from line to line."

Arbelo said JetBlue staffers had been nice but seemed confused about what

nice but seemed confused about what to tell passengers.

"I laugh about it because there's nothing we can do," she said.
White said jetBiae has been using several methods in efforts to reduce the backlog of passengers stalled by the storm, including charter flights, adding passengers who had some travel flexibility to later dates, and booking seats on other airlines.

# Lunchboxes

The test results also show that many lunchboxes were tested only on the outside, which is unlikely to be in contact with food. Vallese said this was because children handle their lunchboxes from the outside.

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than the order the outside.

As a result of their tests, the CPSC issued a public statement last year reassuring consumers they had nodling to worry about: "Based on the extremely low levels of lead found in our tests, in most cases, children would, have to rub their hunchbox abd then lick their hands more than 600 times every day, for about 15.0 days, in order for the hunchbox to present a health hazard."

hazard."
Vallese said the commission stands by those statements.
But the results were disconcerting to experts who reviewed them for the AP.

certing to experts war-reviewed them for the AP.
"They found levels that we consider very high," said Alexa Engelman, a researcher at the Oakland, Calif.-based

at the Oakiand, Cami-based Center for Environmental Health, which has filed a series of legal complaints about lead in lunchboxes. "They knew this all along

and they didn't take action on it. It's upsetting to me. Why are we, as a country, protecting the companies? We should be protecting the kids. I don't think in this instance they did their job."

their job."
Said Rep. Henry A. Waxman.
D-Callf.: "I am concerned that
the CPSC has failed to protect

Declinic fails contributed that CFSC has failed to protect children from an unnecessary hazard they have known about for some time. We should protect our children by banning lead in all children's products.

Although these test results are only now being aired publicly, the CFSC did provide them to the Food and Drug Administration last summer. The FDAs reaction was completely different from the CFSC. In July, 2006, after ecceiving the test results, the FDA sent a letter to lunchbox manufacturers warning them manufacturers warning them that their lead levels might be dangerously high and advis-ing them that the FDA might

ing them that the FDA might take action against them because the lead would be considered a food additive if it rubbed off orno kids hurches. "The lunchboxes contain-ing the lead compounds may be subject to enforcement action," said the letter.

in response to the FDA warning, Wal-Mart stopped selling soft lunchboxes with vinyl liners, and offered refunds to customers who wanted to return the ones they already had.

"The safety of our customers is always a top priority for Wal-Mart," said store officials in a written statement last summer.

Other manufacturers have recently revamped their manufacturing processes to eliminate lead, or stopped making the lunctiboxes altogether. Those changes have been prompted in large part by pressure from the Center for Environmental Health and several other nonprofit advoinvironmental Health and several other nonprofit advo-cacy groups in New York and Washington State that have been testing lunchboxes and publicly airing the results for sourced wears

publicly airing the results for several years. In Connecticut, where the safe threshold is 100 parts per million. Attorney General Richard Blumenthal has demanded that lunchboxes must be lead-free. "Lead, hunch and children are a perilous mix." Blumen-thal said. "The discovery of lead in children's lunchboxes a annalline. Dur law is clear."

Lead-laden lunchboxes are illegal." California, New York and illinois, have forced specific manufacturers to pull their products from store shelves after individual boxes were found to have levels above 500

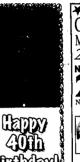
ppm.
Lead is a stabilizing agent in vinyl, but there are other chemicals that can be used instead of lead. Almost every lunchbox found with lead in the vinyl lining was made in China.

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But they are distributed vorldwide. Other information worldwide. Other information in the documents include an e-mail from Canadian health officials, who found more than 600 parts per million of lead in seven of the 11 lunch-boxes they tested.



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# NATION



who is hoping to donate another egg, poses for a photo before going on stage to perform a stand up at Petes Candy Store in

# In it for the cash?

As egg donations increase, some question whether it's money-driven

By Martha Irvine Associated Press writer

Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Human egg donation was a rarity not so long ago. But heightened demand for eggs — and rising compensation for donors — are promptleg more young women to consider it.

Jennifer Dziura, a 28-year old New Yerker, is one of them. She received \$8,000 to donate her eggs in the fall of 2005 and hopes she'll be chosen again before the private egg broker she's registered with considers her too old. She realizes prospective parents who view her profile might think it a minus that her father she done and allowing for little medical history from his side. She also figures some are looking for a blonde, instead of a brumette.

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She also ligures some are looking for a blonde, instead of a
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"But, hey, Thave perfect SAT
scores," Dzhura, an aspiring
comedian and model, says
with a slight chuckle.
As more older moms look
for help getting pregnant,
younger women have become
increasingly willing to part
with their eggs. Some do it to
help relatives and friends, or
from a sense of altrusim, but
others apenly acknowledge
money is a big factor in their
decision, prompting crities to
worry that they're helping
drive an unregulated market
for human tissue.

In 1996, women in federally
monitored programs donated
eggs just over 3,500 times.
That number has risen steadily, to more than 10,000 in 2004,
the most recent year for which
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the content of blessa.
A decade ago, Dr. Joel
Brasch, a fertility specialist in
the Chicago area, had to work
hard to recruit five or 10 young
women for his own practices
donar pool — but not anymore.

"Everyone does it for the
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unnor pool — but not anymore.

- Everyone does it for the money, says Dzhura, the egg donor in New York. Two one would do that for free — maybe for your sister, but not for a stranger.

The American Society of Reproductive Medicine, or ASIMI, has set a compensation guideline of \$5,000, with a limit of \$10,000 for special cases — If, for instance, a recipient wants eggs of rare ancestry.



# Some cocoa may improve blood flow in the brain, researchers say

SAN FRANCISCO — A nice cup of the right kind of cocoa could hold the promise of promoting brain function as

promoting train function as people age.

In an increasingly aging world, medical researchers are seeing more cases of dementia and are looking for ways to make brains work better.
One potential source of

help may be flavanols, an antioxidant found in cocca beans that can increase blood flow to the brain, researchers said Sunday at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Ian MacDonald of Rottingham reported on tests given to young women who were asked to do a complex task while their brains were being studied with magnetic

resonance Imaging.
Among the women given drinks of cocoa high in flavanols, there was a significant increase in blood flow to the brain compared with subjects who did not drink the cocoa.
This raises the prospect of using flavanols in the treatment of dementia, marked by decreased blood flow in the brain, and in maintaining overall cardiovascular health, he said.

The next step, MacDonald sald, is to move from healthy subjects to people who have "compromised" blood flow to the brain.

Norman Hollenberg of Harvard Medical School said he found similar health bene-

he found similar neath town fits in the Cuna Indian tribe in Panama. They drink cocoa exclusively. But the cocoa typically sold in markets is low in flavanols, which usually are removed because they impart a bitter

taste, Hollenberg said. He also said the findings do not mean people should indulge in chocolate.

"Chocolate is a delight. It can never be a health food because we have a calorie problem," Hollenberg said.

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# Climate and homes are factors in rising wildfire deaths

By Jeff Barnard Associated Press writer

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — The number of people killed fighting wildfires in the U.S. hit 24 sty ear — five of them a U.S. Forest Service engine crew overrun by flames as they tried to protect homes in Southern California chaparral country.

The 2006 death toll is not an all-time high but is not of all-time high but is not of the country.

The 2006 death toll is not an all-time high, but is part of a rising trend — double the number in 2005, and six more than the average of the past 10 years. The 10-year average has been rising, too, from 6.6 in the 1930s to 18 in the 2000s.

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Experts warn that the size and intensity of wildfires is increasing due to longer, both the control of the control

number of homes in the woods.

"More telling than anything is where the fires are," said Dick Mangan, a retired U.S. Forest Service fire program leader at the agency: Technology and Development Center in Missoula, Mont, and author of a report on wildfire fatalities from 1980 to 2005.

Bill Gabbert, executive director of the International Association of Wildfand Fineted research indicating climate change has made summers to tere and longer, drught he saifficted much of the West, and the old Forest Service policy of trying to put in every fire by 10 a.m. has created a buildup of fuels in forest.

forests.

Firefighters are increasingly
being sent in close to fires—
what firefighters call direct
what firefighters call direct
to working with one
foot in the black— to protect
to the sin the spoots, he said.
Whangan ndded that firefighters have the experience
and research to justify keeping
their distance from explosive

fires, but when TV news shows air tankers on the ground and freelighters sitting on their engines while homes are burning, it treates 'tremendous pressure' to attack a fire that would be left to burn if no homes where involved.

Within hours of the Esperanza fire starting Oct. 26 outside Two Pines, Calif. — authorities charged a man with murder for starting it — 50 mph winds were driving fames up to 90 feet high through dense chapartal, overrunning the crew of San Bernardino National Forest Engine 57 as they tried to defend a house, according to a preliminary report by the California Department of Cenestry and Fire Protection.

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"The good news," Re added, is that only 800 home were lost last year, despite a record 1 billion acres burned, compared to 3,000 homes lost in 2003, when 5 million acres

in 2003, when 5 million acres burned.

Federal, state and local pro-grams have focused on thin-ming forests, particularly those on the edge of cities and towns, but tens of millions of acres remain to be treated.

Rey said he hopes local communities will impose zon-ing restrictions on building homes in fire-prone forests, the way flood plains are regu-lated.



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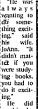
Date with a dentist

Idaho adds

# aLife\_\_\_\_

# Heyburn man had young heart, spirit

HEYBURN — Not many people can member the name of their driver's eduremember the name of their division cation instructor, let alone their school principal. But for the many students of Gary Masoner, he was indeed worth





anything he could to make sure the kids had a good time and gai to relax. JoAnn said. "He wanted them to excel." she added. "He believed in the motto, 'Be your best self."

The even drove a school bus from 1960 to 1953 and taught summer school and driver's education — when he was known to left the kids stop for ice cream. Another benefit of having Masoner as an administrator was that he implemented ski days foir many schools.

benefit of having Masoner as an administrator was that he implemented ski days for many schools.

His passion for skiing eventually led him to open his own ski business, which was first located at this home. People would offen stop at the family's house to get fitted for skis and visit with the Masoners.

"He loved visiting and talking with people and finding out where they were from," Johan said. "He liked to make a connection to someone he knew."

It is strong will and determination never larking, he recently skied 50 times in one year with oxygen on his back.

The that this motto that when he got to where he was going that it wasn't his age, it was just his mileage. Johann laughted. Masoner was also fond of telling adventurous strifes of his life, and hewrote them in a book for his family.

In northern Idalo once, Masoner shot a bear and needed to charge his camera, so he knocked at a single woman's house and asked to use her home for a few minutes.

"He always laughted about that story because here he was covered from head to

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The fifth-grade students at Pershing Elementary School in Rupert from 1960 to 1961.

Times-News correspondent

BIJII. — Light-year-old
Keyono Griffin had visited a dentist in the past but was still a bit
nervous Friday about his turn in
the patient's chair.
The second-grader at Buhl's
Popplewell Elementary was first
in line for a quick dental checkup
and treatment provided to second- and third-graders as part of
the free Dental Sealant and
Fluoride Project.
Buhl was the project's latest
Magic Valley stop, courtesy of the
Regence Caring Foundation for
Childnen, South Central District
leath and local dentists including Dr. Adam Hodges, Dr. Kyle
Poppleon, Dr. Troy Williams, Dr.
Bryce Barfus, Dr. Scott Chantler,
Dr. Dallia Young and Dr. Malk
Lamhert.
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Lumbert.
College of Southern Idaho dental assistant students also helped"Tee been to the dentist before
but this is still a little scary.
Keyono said. "My best dentist is
in Oklahoma."

in Oldshoma. Any user uterities is in Oldshoma. However, he said he has lived in Bulli for four years and doesn't remember seeing a dentist recently. He may be a perfect example of the patient targeted by the project. Thirty-five percent of Idaho children don't have dental insurance and probably don't have regular access to one." said Kathy Ellis, Idaho coordinator for the

of Magic Valley youngsters

Dr. Scott Chandler of Silver Creek Dental in Jerome gives Keyono Griffin, 8, of Popplewell a checkup during Friday's free Dental Sealant and Fluoride Project. Collaborative effort reaches hundreds

Regenes: Caring Foundation for Children. "We want to reach those kids and give them a good start with their dental care." The foundation provided \$5,000 for the project, which has been making stops in February throughout the Magic Valley in celebration of National Children's Health Month.

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There are a potential of about 400 students to be seen." said Hodges, an employee of Family Health Services and president of the South Central Idaho Dental Society. "As part of the (American Dental Association's) health month, they stuggest providing services for oral health the first Friday of the month but we decided, with the grant and other efforts, to provide clinics each Friday."

The team has visited Castleford and Filer elementary schools, providing fluoride and/or sealants to more than 100 students.

sealants to more than 100 students.
Potentially, the group could see about 400 students and provide about 330,000 worth of preventive oral care. They will return to Bulth next week and they also plan on making a stop in Hollister.
The treatments are open to all second: and third-grade students at the schools targeted, pending parental consent.

"It would cost about 5180 per student to receive the exam, fluoride treatment and sealant on

prosecutor to help in battle against DUIs

BOISE — In the fight against impaired driving, adding more law enforce-ment officers doesn't always translate into more convic-tions or lead to fewer impaired drivers on Idaho highways. So the state has enlisted a

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said.

He added that the newest prosecutors, fresh out of law school, end up handling many of the DUI cases and are often pitted against more experienced defense attor-

experienced defense attorneys.

"I hope to help level the playing field," he said.

Olson said prosecutors are challenged to overcome perceptions by juries about what constitutes drunk diving,

"What we're talking about is likely over-the-limit 'huze'd driving,

the said.
Desensitization is another reason juries sometimes have a problem convicting impaired dirivers.

Melt is illegal, alcohol is not, be said.

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"Meth is illegal, alcohol is not, he said.

Although he was hired by the Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association last October, money for the position came through a grant individual properties of the position came through a grant funded by the Idaho Transportation Department's Office of Highway Operations and Safety.

Idaho is one of 31 states that uses TSRPs, said Kegin Beehen with highway operations and safety. During 2005, 100 people were killed in driver-impaired crashes in Idaho. "Imagine what would happen if we had 100 murders in Idaho in one year," Olson said. "There would no double some sort of statewide project to stop it."

In his fole as the state's TSRP. Olson will travel troughout Idaho offering training to local prosecutors, we enforcement professionals and judges. He also will provide resource assistance including a library of legal priefs and access to expert wincesses, predicate questions, specific case analysis and individual technical assistance.

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"I may not know all the answers, but I can probably find someone who does," Olson said.

Ile began his career in criminal justice as an emergency dispatcher while work-ning on a bachelor's degree' at Weber State University in Ogden. Utah, and attending the Utah POST Academy at law enforcement officer for the Weber State University Police Department and then as a detective before attending law school at the University of Idaho,

# Holiday brings closures around the valley

TWIN FALLS — Many offices and facilities will be closed today for Presidents Day, Here's a rundown of what will be open or closed.
City and county offices will be closed.
State and federal offices will be

iosed.

Post offices will be closed.

Local banks will be closed.

The College of Southern Idaho will

be closed. . • Twin Falls Public Library will be

closed.

\*VMCA/Tivin Falls City Pool will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. (no water aerobles from 4 to 6 p.m.)

\*Magic Valley Mall will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

\*Tash collection will follow the regular schedule.

# Luna visits Burley elementary school

their 6-year molars," Hodges said.
"The objective is to seal the teeth prior to them getting decay."
The sealants are a simple and effective way to prevent the most common type of tooth decay in molars, which have chewing surfaces that have deep pits and grooves that are hard to clean with a toothbrush. The sealant is painlessly painted on the teeth. If hildren already havé decay present, the sealants are not applied who the present the sealants are not applied with the present is notified, via a

children already have decay present, the sealants are not applied and the parent is notified, via a leuter, describing the results of the checkup.

All of the youngsters received fluoride treatments.

"Studies Indicate the oral health problem in our nation is serious, sometimes causing overtying to remedy this widespread long-term health issues. Were trying to remedy this widespread problem with preventive procedures early in life." Ellis said.

A visit to the dentist usually is rewarded with a surprise and toolibrush and these were no different.

different.
Keyono was rewarded for his bravery and given a packet, including a new toothbrush and two-minute brush timer, to fur-ther his oral care at home. "The fluoride kinda tastes icky," Griffin said. "But I'm glad the dentist saw me today."

Times-News correspondent Blair Koch can be reached by e-mail at blairkoch@gmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

different.

BURLEY — Classrooms at Mount View Elementary School in Burley received a visit Friday from the state school superintendent.

Tom Luna, state superintendent of public instruction, popped into several of the school's classrooms while touring the campus. He was in town attending the Mini-Cassia Republican's Lincoin Day luncheon at the Burley Best Western Inn and Convention Center and made time for a school visit.

"Do you have everything you need in here?" Luna asked while visiting with kindergarten teacher imelda Gomez.

She told Luna many of her students are reading on a first-grade level. Luna also knelt down and



spoke with Gabriel Paulson and Lilly Bos, who were delighted to tell him the details about a story they were reading.

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# **SERVICES**

Seymour Osterhout of Declo, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Declo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St.; friends may call from 10 to 10:40 a.m. today at the church (Rasmi Funeral Home in Burley).

Sally (Schmitt) Sanford of Paul, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Norman B. Pothler of Hagerman, memorial service and celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at the Pothler residence; In case of heavy rath, service will be at the American Legion Hall in Hagerman (Demar Funeral Service in Gooding).

Alberta May Markley Montgomery of Roseburg, Ore., graveside service at 1 p.m-today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; viewing Park in Twin Falls; viewing from 11 a.m. to noon today a White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Maxine Leoma Moore Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a Tuesday at Peace Luthe Church, 600 Stevens St. Church, 600 Stevens St. in Filer; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. roday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

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

Lawrence Wendell Bowen of Meridian, graveside service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Twin Falls Cemetery; viewing from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Ilome, 2551 Kimberly Road in

Kenneth D. Vaughn of Kimberly, memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Kimberly Senior Center (White Mortuary in Twin

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 fol-low at her home, 105 Saddle Lane in Sun Valley

Mary Ann "Red" Kreitlow of Hailey, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Wood River Chapel in Hailey.

Marian Harriett Oneida of Shoshone, rosary at 7 p.m. Friday at the Demaray's Funeral Chapel in Shoshone; funeral at 11 am, Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone. Visitation for family and friends will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel.

Albert Franklin Davis of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Evangelical Free Church in Jerome (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

Mary E. Emmen

# –DEATH NOTICES -

### Mary Doris Pearson

BOISE — Mary E. Emmen, age 93, of Boise and formerly of Iwin Falls, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007, at the Life Care Center of Boise. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel. FAIRFIELD — Mary Doris Pearson, 94, a resident of Fairfield, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007, at her home, Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service in Gooding.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday, Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The email address for obituaries is obits@maglevalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.

# Nixon biographer Earl Mazo dies at 87

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Earl Mazo, a blographer of Richard Nixon and former political correspondent for the old New York Heneld Tribune and the New York Times, died Feb.17 at Suburban Hospital in Betheeda, Md., of compli-cations from a fall at his Chevy Chase, Md., home. He was 87.

was 87. Mazo wrote "Richard Nixon: A Political and Personal Portrait" (1959, relssued and

updated with Stephen Hess in 1968), which a Washington Post reviewer called "a respectable overture." Mazo knew Nixon in the 1950s from when he covered the White House as chief political correspondent for the Herald Tribune. He accompanied Nixon on his the Herald Tribune. He accompanied Nixon on his 1958 trip to Venezuela and wrote a vivid account of how the Secret Service saved the then-vice president from a mob intent on dragging Nixon from his car and killing him.

flipping on the rocks.

"He was extremely tenderfooted," she said. "So he
waded across the shallow
river and caught the salmon

were on the way off the mountain, he said. The drama on Oregon's highest mountain began shortly before noon, when someone in the eight-person climbing party called emer-gency dispatchers to say three PORTLAND (AP)

Rescuers located three climbers who fell from a ledge on Mount Hood on Sunday and all appeared to be in "relatively decent" condition, an official said. official said.
Rescuers were in the process of rappelling about 150 feet down a cliff to reach the three, said Jim Strovink, spokesman for the Clackamas County Sherfif's Office.
"One guy appears to be CK," Strovink said. The two others may have concussions, he said. gency dispatchers to say three of the climbers had fallen off

of the climbers had taltel of a cliff.

The climbing mishap occurred at about the 8,500-foot level.

Battling show and strong winds, a team of rescur mountaineers scrambled up the 11,239-foot mountain to search for the three who had fallen and as well as the five

"We believe all three are in relatively decent" condition, Strovink said.

Five others who were in the arty were also located and

COEUR d'ALENE (AP) —
Health-care professionals in northern Idaho say the region doesn't have enough child psychiatrists to help treat depression, trauma, eating disorders and stress problems among the area's young people.
"We've been trying to recruit some (psychiatrists) for quite a while, at least since November," Lisa Brown. Koottenal Medical Center spokessoman, told the Coeur d'Alene Press.

She said only two psychia-ists — Bruce Miewald and

trists — Bruce Milowald and George Ulifich — treat youth in the northern idaho city. "We have quite a few chil-dren under 10 with mental-health' issues," said Nikki Schulzo of the Mental Wellness Center. "No town has enough child psychiatrists," said Debbie Kinmouth, a specialist in psy-chiatry and a clinical social worker in private counseling practice. "Parents don't know what to do, so I blay decetive."

what to do, so I play detective and try to find out what's going on. I am a support person for

Continued from page A6 toe in blood from dressing the bear, and when she opened the door he was standing there looking like Jack the Ripper," said his daughter

Annette also recalled walk-ing in northern Idaho around

a bend with her father, and they saw a huge king salmon

d'Alene Press.

Life.

daughter Christensen.

trists

Northern Idaho health

workers say more child

psychiatrists needed

others.

"It's harsh; it's whiteout conditions," Strovink said.

the parents. Parents need to know that they can be empow-

ered."
Jeff Conroy directs a program called innercept that has 25 patients in five homes the group owns in Kootenal County. Ullrich helps work with those kids.

County, Ulfrich helps work with those kids. "It's a therapeutic school for kids 13-24; they're residents there." Conroy sald. "They're in therapy, These are kids that have attention deficit hyperac-

.mve attention deficit hyperac-tive disorder, obsessive com-pulsive disorder and eating disorders."

pulsive disorder and eating disorders.
Rick Jones, a counselor at Coeur d'Alene High School, sald the lack of psychiatrists for children should concern the community.
We don't have a quick reference for mental-health professionals for youth. Jones said. Some patients see psychosocial rehabilitation providers, who must have a bachelor's degree in behavioral sciences. But those health-care workers can't prescribe medications because they aren't medical doctors.

by hand."
With his great work ethic and strong belief that a family that stays together plays together, Annette said her dad wanted the family to enjoy life, be happy, fulfill their dreams and take things on eith a position artitude.

on with a positive attitude because there was never really a reason to complain.
Leading by example, he lived his own life that way.

Leading by example, no lived his own life that way. "He never spoke it, but he lived lt," she said. "He was definitely a man who loved to live his dream."

# The climbing party had cell phones and were carrying electronic mountain locator

Three climbers who fell on Mt. Hood are found

units.

The mountain can be treacherous for climbers, particularly in the winter. In December, search teams scoured Mount Hood for days in the hopes of finding a group of missing climbers alive. The bodies of Brian

Hall, of Dallas, and lerry "Niko" Cooke, of New York, have not been found, Another climber in their group, Kelly James, of Dallas, died of hypothermia. The three had set out on a two-day trek, but Janies called his family to say that the parry was in trouble and that his two companions had gone downhill for help.

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# - THIS WEEK AT CSI

#### Monday Campus is closed for Presidents

### Tuesday

Idaho State University student recruitment, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Student Union.

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Association general membership
meeting, 6 p.m., Fine Arts lobby
and theater. Far Out Space Places," 7 p.m.,

Far Out Space Places, 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. - CSI Anime Club meeting, 7 p.m., - Sherrett Family Night, 7 p.m. - Sherrett Family Night, 7 p.m., - Centernial Observatory, - Dimensions art show, Jean B. - King Gallary, Herrett Center for - Arts end Science (through March

# Wednesday

ed Regional Technical tion Coalition board m Education Coalition seemang, 6:45 a.m., Taylor 258.
Regional school superinten eting, B a.m. to 3 p.m., Taylo

277.
Idaho Department of Agriculture peaticide applicators testing, 8:30 a.m., Taylor 276.
Tech Prep meeting with regional

superintendents, 9 a.m., Taylo

258.
Herrett Center for Arts and Science Is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (also Thursday). CSI Mini-Cessia Center open house, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., 1500 Parke Ave., Burley (free information, workshops, refreshments, door prizes).
Boys Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference basketball tourna-

ment, 6 p.m., gym.
Prairie Falcon Audubon Society meeting, 7 p.m., Shields 201 Styx chapter, Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m.,

Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m.,
Desert 113.
The Herrett Forum presents Dr.
Carol MacGregor, "Prosperity in
Isolation," 7:30 p.m., Rick Allen
Community Room (free; open to
the public).

# Thursday

Nampa Recreation District visit and tour, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and

CSI Salt and Light Campus Ministry Bible study meetin noon, Student Union 247. Ministry Bible study meeting, noon, Student Union 247.
U.S. Sen. Larry Craig budget workshop town hall meeting, 5 to 7 p.m., Shields 117. Idaho Native Plant Society meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 256.

# Friday

CSI Fine Arts Day for visiting high school students, 9 a.m. to high school stouch. 1 p.m., all campus.

Fifth Judicial District Court voi-unteer mediator training, 6 p.m.,

untee mediator training, 6 p.m. Taylor 276.
Huggie Bears chapter, Narcotic
Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m.,
Desert 113.
\*Far Out Space Places, 7 p.m.,
Faulkner Planetarium,
Fabruary Astronomy Talk,
Seeing Double: Binary Stars,
7:15 p.m., Rick Allen Communit
Room (\$2 per person, \$1 for

# Friday-Saturday

Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridey and 1 to 9 p.m.

Saturday,
CSI Golden Eagle baseball vs.
Salt Lake Community College, 1
p.m., Skip Walker Field.
CSI Golden Eagle softball vs.
Community College of Southern
Nevada, 1 p.m., Friday; and
noon, Saturday, Henderson, Nev. CSI Golden Eagle women's bas-ketball vs. Snow College, 5:30 kethall vs. Snow College, 5:3 p.m., Ephraim, Utah (game broadcast on AM 1270 KTFI). CSI Golden Eagle men's bask ball vs. Snow College, 7:30 p.m., Ephraim, Utah (game broadcast on AM 1270 KTFI)

# Saturday

e Camp scholarship auc s, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fine CSI co-ed volleyball six-on-six tournament, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.,

CSI Music Department scholarship auditions, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Fine Arts 119 and 121. CSI library is open 1 to 5 p.m. (also Suncay). Faulkner Planetarium shows: "How to Build a Planet." 2 p.m.; "Stus Signs." 4 p.m.; "Far Out Signs." 7 p.m.; and "Pink Royd: Dark Side of the Moon," 8:15 p.m.

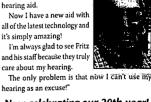


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# OTHER VIEWS

# State plays risky game with closed ag records

eventeen years ago, Idaho lawmakers adopted this simple premise: When it comes to government records, the public's business is public. Closed records are the exception, not the rule.

In a new bill, the state Agriculture Department wants to turn that sound idea upside down, it's focused on a couple of laboratories — one for seeds and another for animal health — which perform tests for producers. A farmer may want to know the percentage of his seed that germinates and how pure that seed is. A rancher may want to test his herd for bowine viral dilarrhea. Ags case comes down to this: The information presents no public health threat. It's more of a trade secret — competitors would love to know about it. And under the current law, those competitors are entitled to obtain it.

Those labs depend on producer-initiated testing for half their budgets and a good share of their work load. Testing done to enforce state agricultural regulations is a matter of public record.

So if producers seek out private testing — inevitably from out-of-state firms — the state labs would be undermined. Moreover, Ag would have a less complete picture of what's going on in the state. Nevertheless, these are taxpayer-funded facilities. Hithere's a market for confidential testing, perhaps Idaho's economy could develop private labs.

Ag has backed off from its initial stance — it wanted to include results from its dairy and plant pathology labs under the security blanket. And new Director Ceila Gould comes to this gost with a proven record of openness in government.

Sull, it wasn't that long ago that former Director Pat Takasugi had to be dragged into the Idaho Supreme Court because he sought to hide so-called 'nutrient management plans' — how large feedlots plan to hidhalde huge amounts of animal wastes — by sending them back to the feedlot owners.

Moreover, you don't have to try very hard to find producers who complain about Ags testing program. Sowho is served by shielding Ag from publics cruti-rig— the producers or the agency?

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appointee.
What's next? How long will it take for Gould's coun-terparts at Health and Welfare, state prisons or the Department of Environmental Quality to seek similar authority?

Let's not travel this path.

# Protect the public trust

police officer in Hagerman charged . \$90.84 on his city credit card to buy three hunting licenses. Suppose that's a misuse of public funds?

Not according to the Idaho Court of Appeals. It ruled in April the state's misuse-of-funds law applies only to officials whose 'official position' entails 'the receipt, safe keeping, transfer or relmbursement' of

ruled in April the state's misuse-of-funds law applies only to officials whose "official position" entails "the receipt, safe keeping, transfer or relmbursement" of public money.

Because none of those things fall under the officers' job description, the coult ruled, he couldn't be prosecuted under the law. That struck Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden as slightly crazy. He rewrote the law to cover all government officipls. However, House lawmakers rejected his proposal Tuesday on a 44-25 vote. Turns out there are same lawyers in the House. They said Wasden failed to make enough of a distinction between elected officials and plain old-fashioned bureaucrass. Elected officials, after all, are keepers of the public trust. They can violate that trust without misusing a lot of money. Even a little misuse is too much. Féliony charges might be in order.

A mid-level state employee who takes his mistress out to dinner at Red Lobster on the petty cash budge of on the other hand, probably doesn't deserve more than a year in the clink.

All public officials should be covered under the law, but the punishment should fit the crime- and the level of public trust that has been violated. Wasden's proposal doesn't need to be scrapped. It just needs some fine tuning. Even some of the legislators who voted against it agree. 'If they (members of Wasden's staff) were to make those changes, I think it would breeze through, says James Ruchi, D-Pocatello. Without some kind of revision of the law, devious seienanigans like those of the Hagerman police officier might fall through the cracks.

The state needs the power to prosecute people who may have misused public money. Ada County authorities are investigating former idaho Historical Sedeley Director Steve Guere, who alleged racked up \$5.467.77 in improper relimbursements over a fitte-year period.

e-year period. That's the kind of case that shouldn't be lost on a

thats up and the technicality.
Whether you're talking about \$5,000 or \$500,000, an elected official or a paid bureaucrat, the public triest dare not be taken lightly. Wasden's proposal should be retooled and reconsidered.
Some crimes against the public trust may not be rejonles, but they are all serious.

# Bang the shoe slowly with Putin

Viladimir Putin — Russla's president, although the more accurate title would be godfa-ther — made headlines last week with a speech in Munich that set a new stan-dard in anti-Americanism.



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

He not only charged the U.S. with the "hyper-use of force," "disdain for the basic principles of international law" and having "overstepped its national borders in ... the as anomany or an array of the committee of the committee

There is sometring aims about relicism of the use of force by the man who of force by the man who care in the construction of international law by the man who will not allow Scotland Yard to interrogate the polonium-soaked thugs it suspects of murdering Alexander Livincarko, yet another Pauli no popenent o meet an untimely and unprosecuted death; about the bullying of other countries decried by a man who cuts off energy supplies to ulkraine, Georgia and Belarus in brazen acts of political and economic extortion.

in brazen acts of political and economic extortion. Less amussing is the greater meaning of Putin's Munich speech. It marks Russia's coming out. Flush with oil and gas revenues, the consolidation of dictatorial authori-va thome and the capitula-tion of both domestic and Wester too morphamics to bie estern companies to his izure of their assets, Putin issued his holdest declaration vet that post-Soviet Russia is preparing to reassert itself on



the world stage.
Perhaps the most important line in his speech was the least noted because it seemed so innocuous. 'I very often

so linoucous. I very often hear appeals by our pariners, including our European partners, including our European partners, to the effect that Russia should play an increasingly active role in world affairs, he said. It is hardly necessary to incire us to do so. Sowlet foreign minister Andrei Gromyko once boasted that no conflict anywhere on the globe could be settled without taking into account the attitude and interests of the Soviet Union. Gromyko's description of Soviet Influence constitutes the best definition ever formulated of the nition ever formulated of the

nition ever formulated of the term superpower.
And we know how Putin, who has called the dense to the Soviet Union the greatest political catastrophe of the 20th century, yearns for those superpower days. At Munich, he could not even disquise his Cold War nostaligia, asserting that 'global secrity' in those days was ensured by the 'strategic potternial of two superpowers."
Putins bluter complaint is that today there remains only one superpowers.

one superpower, the behe-moth that dominates a "unipolar world." He knows that Moscow lacks the economic, military and even

demographic means to chal-lenge America as in Soviet days. He speaks more mod-estly of coalitions of

estly of coallitions of aggreed have-not countries that Russia milple lead in countering American power. Hence his Increasingly active foreign policy — military partnerships with China, nuclear cooperation with Iran, weapon supplies to Syria and Venezuela, diplomatic support as well as arms for a genoridal Sudan, Irefuely outreach to other potential partners of an anti-hegemont partners of an anti-hegemon-ic (read: anti-American) alliance.

Is this a return to the Colo

Is this a return to the Cold Warf It is rue that the ex.KGI agent occasionally lets slip a classic Marxist anachronism such as 'foreign capital' treferring to Western oil com-panies) or the otherwise weird adjective 'vulgar' (describing the actions of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which infurlated Puth by insisting upon a clean election in Ukraine). He ewen intimated that the might undo one of the that he might undo one of the unequivocal achievements of the late Cold War era, the so-called "zero option" agree-ment of 1987, and restore a

Soviet-style medium-range ballistic missile force. Nonetheless, Putin's aggres siveness does not signal a

return to the Cold War. He is

return to the Cold War. He is too clever to be burdened by the absurdity of socialist economics or Marxist politics. He is bilissfully free of ideology, political philosophy and economic theory. There is no existential dispute with the United States. He is a more modest man: a mere maffa don, selzing the economic resources and political power of a country for himself and his mostly KGB cronics. And promoting his vision of the Russian national interest — assertive and expansionist — by engaging in diplomacy that challenges the dominant power in order to boost his challenges the dominant power in order to boost his

power in order to boost fits own.

He wants Gromyko's influence— or at least some international acknowledgment that Moscow must be reck-oned with — without the ideological baggae, lie does not want to bury us, he only wants to diminish us. It is 19th-century power political baggae, it is most crude and elemental. Putin does not want us as an enemy, But at Munich he told the world that vis-a-vis America his Russish has gone from partner to adversary.

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# LETTERS-

## Otter not an opportunist like Kempthorne

Utter 10t an opportunist like Kempthorne

Our Gov. Butch says he got his wolf tag. Said he wants to kill his wolf early. Today, he says he's going out and spray a bunch of noxious weeds. We may have a governor that his primary interest is the state of idaho and us, the people who live here. This is for damn sure a new idea and point of view.

- The pollucians today are in it for their future and the money and power attached to it. The ladders, 10o. The big. money starts at city council, planning, count seat and up the financial ladder to the president, for one of the hundreds of thousands vying for the golden rings, parachutes, the oil dollars.

Kempthorne worked his way from using the state city, Bolse's, coffee money for trips and brown-nosing to the Secretary of the Interfor. Too had Boise Cascade. Georgia Pacific bought all the timber when it went for \$1 per thousand board feet, and they left the logs in the woods to rot below 24 inches in diameter at the little cnd.

below 24 inches in diameter at the little end.

I don't see Gov. Otter as an opportunist, period. And he had the finest teacher and money-maker in the world guiding him at a young age. Mr. Billion Simplot. He Is, was, Idaho's No. I brain, dollar, wise, and he earned it. I think, the real American way. the real American way. God bless both of these

Pay attentioni .
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#### Hiring practices con back to bite the business

I'm not the world's most well-educated person, but I've noticed, as have some others,

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a disturbing trend in the peo-ple who are hired: The more ignorant, rude or crazy a per-son is, the easier it gets the

son is, the easier it gets the position!
Take for instance the recent episode with the NASA astronaut and her conduct. Yes, I'll agree that love makes us all do dumb things, but whop it borders on psychopathic behavior with the intent to commit murder? I'll bet NASA it ser procedures! We have the best of the best, the elie, and this. of the best, the elite, and this is what they do on their days off? Hmm. Houston? We got a

ons Him. Houston's we got a problem!

A more local example of the modern Hiring trend involves a lifend of mine who was trying to finance his house. The loan officer at the institution where he was applying grabbed a handful of snack crackers before sarting the interview. She loaded up her mouth with two or three crackers before starting the interview and conducted the interview and conducted the interview and conducted the interview with her mouth full.

My friend sald later that if the idea was to make him feel like an insignificant moron during to disturb this woman and her

to distuib this woman and her institution's time, It worked! He resclinded his application and took his business elsewhere. As I said earlier, this disturbing new trend has me and others worried. If this is the so-called best, do we really want to know what's the woost?

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#### Monument fever sweeps over CAFO debate

over Carlo George
The headline caches your
eye, "ACLU volces concern
about a feedlor! What?
All the tuxpyers' money
that has been wasted to da
in the National Park Service's
"Minickoa Management Plan"
and not one thought that this
resurrection of an old World
War Ill panness relocation
Center was in the heart of one
of America's dairy and farming
communities!
But keep in mind that since

communities!

But keep in mind that since around 1948, the Japanese-Americans have steamrolled around 1948, the Japanese-Americans have steamrolled over the top of anyone who gets in the way of their lifetong pursuit of re-telling World War II history from monuments in their names. They will stop at nothing. Ex-Gov. Kempthorne was pro-Minidoka and is now Secretary of the Interior. Congressmen Otter and Simpson and Sens. Crapo and Craig endorsed HR 1492. Clint Stennett of Ketchum authored a pumidive Senate Bill 1056, it helps to have friends in high places, not to mention Japanese-American Citizens League and American Cityl Liberties Union. It is say the farmers are outnumbered. What will hannes whose

the farmers are outnumbered. What will happen when

dust blows as the farmers till
their fields?
All this huff over a feedlot in
dairy country a mile and a

#### Solid governance starting to emerge

Some good news in Jerome

ounty: The city of Jerome is consid-

The city of Jerome Is considering approving a new senior citizen center.
They have been told that renovation of the old one (really old) would cost more than building a new one. This is a positive thing to do and the senior citizens deserve it. Other senior citizens beside me could help the cause by contacting the powers that be in City Hall and City Council. Or write letters like me. Call them, too. Help yourselves. And the Jerome County commissioners are now at least thinking of the word

commissioners are now at least thinking of the word "moratorium" in connection with the fact that our air and

with the fact that our air and what ra are being polluted by you know who. More cows than people in Jerome County. They may even change the one-mile rule (since the Legislature may do it before they do). Now if the prosecuting attorneys would prosecute! I mean give back to the county the 375,000 paid to our three former commissioners who paid themselves overrime while on salary. The attorney general ruled it should be repaid, so why be lengthy repaid, so why the lenge delay? I want to know. XENIA WILLIAMS

# Birthday of America's 'father' lost on many

climate, it isn't surprising that the birthday of America's "Father" has been reduced to a free day and

reduced to a free day and cheap sheets. To some extent, Washington might be pleased. Prosperity and freedom, after all-rare the happy offspring of America's struggle for Independence. Our unalleanable right to the parsiti of happiness finds expression seath year on the tight Monday of February in the lines section of Wal-Mart. Hefore you thit the sales, though, a quick question land hat document do the words 'unallenable rights' and 'pursuit of happiness' appear? If you're a recent college graduate, chances are you don't know. Not to pick on college stu-

appear in you're freemen to lege graduate, chances are you don't know. Not to pick on college studints — who can't he faulted foi not learning what they hiden't been taught — but repent studies show that our equacted youth don't know much about history.

For instance, in a 2005 survey of 14,000 college students of 14,000 college students of 14,000 college students of 15,000 college students of 15



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American Revolution; fewer than half (47.9 percent) could identify the Declaration of Independence as the source for this line: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." They weren't much better on more recent events. Fewer than half of college seniors (45.2 percent) knew that Saddam Husselfs hase of support was the Baath Party. Of course, there's no reason to assume that older Americans could do better.

Americans could do better. Jay Leno's man-on-the-street interviews have disabused us

hay believe the state of the st

they don't see it. Frank Newman, the now

the States, explained this phenomenon in The New York Times.

"If we start measuring, we will start finding out that you didn't learn. about the great traditions of Western thought. Then we have a nasty little problem on our hands." That nasy little problem has its roots in a nasty little problem has the roots in a nasty little articule of concurrent toward history as written by and about white males. The spirit of equal outcomes that has dumbed down education also bas distorted the teaching of American history ion much Ceorge, not enough Martha. Only only in the control of the contro

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males have been devalued can be clearly seen in Washington's face. His por-trait, that is. Once ubiquious in American classrooms, Washington's portrait has all but disappeared from schools. When ibill Sanders, a New Jersey husinessman, noticed the first president was missing from his daughter's classroom, he set out to cor-rect the oversight and started a project called Putrfails of Pattiots.

from an 1862 engraving based on Gilbert Stuart's famous portrait, which he sells for about \$250 to cover the costs of printing and framing. He also lobbled for state legisla-tion proposing that at least one Washington portrait be placed in each school district. Although a bill meach the

Although a bill passed the House several years ago, it died in a Senate committee

spokeswoman for the IVILA.
summed up the general senti ment to USA Today.
"Requiring legislation to honor one person does a dis-service to many individuals," she said. "There are so many others who were also instru mental in securing our country's freedom."
Maybe so, but only one person was the first president of the United States. Only one man was Gen. George Washington, who led American troops in the decl-

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# Hollywood justice for Spector

Let's say you were charged with murder in a death that occurred on feb. 3, 2003. What are the chances you'd still be awaiting trial without having spent a day in custody?

Of course, I'm takking should be awaiting the awaiting spent and all footness that should be awaiting spent.

a day in custody?

Of course, I'm talking about Phil Spector, the rock i'r foll legend accused of murdering actress I ama Clarkson. The story is so old, you might have forgotten the details.

On the night in question, Spector left his Alhambra manse — built to resemble a French castle — for a night on Los Angeles Westside. His Allambra manse — built to resemble a french castle — for a night on Los Angeles Westside. His Allambra manse — built to resemble a forence of Spector's Mercedes S430 and ferried him to the Gill on the Alley, Trader Vic's and Jan Tana's. Later, at the House of Blues, Spector met let saturesgue Clarkson, who reluctantly agreed to go to Spector's house for a drink.

They arrived about 3 a.m. Two hours later, the driver heard a pop, then saw Spector come outside with a revolver. "I think I killed somebody." Spector told the driver, according to testimour.

I think I killed someth Spector told the driver, according to testimony before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury. Spector first called the

Spector first called the shooting an accident, according to police. Latter he said shed taken her own life. His defense lawyers have denied that Spector shot Clarkson and explained the discrepancy by saying he was suffering withdrawal symp-

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toms from several prescrip-

tion drugs.
At long last, it may finally At long last, it may finally be time to air tall our in court, with trial set for March 19. But why has Clarkson's family, which called Spector's contradictory stories 'preposterous,' had to wait so long for Justice? Did Spector's wealth or his string of celebrity attorneys (Robert and Bruce Cutel? hapiro, Leslie Abramson and Bruce Cutel? high pice plint from facing the music, so to speak?

so to speak? "We're at four years, and "We're at four years, and he's never speen one night in jail." said Edward Lozzi, a friend and former agent of Clarkson. "He's an accused murderer and he's gun crazy, and we're just toping he doesn't shoot anybody else in the meantime."

The "gun crazy" comment was a reference to three women who told the grand jury that Spector separately lad threatened each of them with a gun. As for Spector's Sor Spector's Sor Spector's Sor Spector's sor specially with a gun. As for Spector's sor spector with a gun. As for Spector's Sor Spector's sor special gun.

had threatened each or mem with a gun. As for Spector's slow march to trial, everyone I spoke to in the legal com-munity said years-long delays are routine. But no one could recall the case of anyone who walked free so long while looking at a mur-

der rap.

There's no denying the advantage of Spector's wealth. Booked initially on wealth. Booked initially t suspicion of murder, the

"wall of sound" producer of the Ronettes and the Righteous Brothers posted \$1-million bail and walked. (O.J. Simpson and Robert Blake both spent time in lockup, but that's because lockup, but that's because no bail is allowed in cases that potentially involve the death penalty, and Spector's case

does not!
It didn't hurt that Spector could afford to hire and dump big-name attorneys, buying time for himself to pad around the castle while his new counselors got up to count.

speed.
"I don't think it's fair for anyone to be pointing a fin-ger at Phillip or the defense and say we caused the delays," said Roger Rosen, one of Spector's lawyers.

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## How Can Women Build Confidence in Ability to Retire Comfortably?

All of us would like to think we will enjoy a comfortable retirement. If you're a woman, however, And our would use to tunk we wind-right a common and the peers about life as a retiree. This, you might be significantly more nervous than your male peers about life as a retiree. This, fear may not be entirely justified, but, in any case, you can greatly improve your outlook for retirement by understanding where you are now - and how to get where you want to go.

findings from recent surveys conducted by Harris Interactive:

- But first, you may have to overcome both fear and a financial "gender gap." Consider these Forty-six percent of the women surveyed said they worry about losing all their money and becoming destitute. Surprisingly, this figure rises to 48 percent among women with incomes of \$100,000 or more.
- Women were almost twice as likely as men to worry about money and to doubt their capacity to invest and plan for the future.
- Only 10 percent of women said they feel quite secure about their finances.

These figures, while disturbing, at least partially reflect some hasic realities of women's lives. First, women typically outlive men by nearly seven years, according to the U.S. National Center for Health Statistics - and more years of life mean more expenses. Also, women drop out of the work force for an average of 12 years to care for young children or aging parents, according to the Older Women's League, a research and advocacy group. This time away from the workforce results in women accumulating much less money in their employer-sponsored

Of course, if you are married, many of your financial assets are likely commingled with those of your husband. But that doesn't mean that you can abdicate responsibility for your financial future. Some 80 percent to 80 percent of today's women will be solely responsible for their own finances at some point in their lives, according to the National Center for Women

So, what can you do to boost your confidence in your financial management skills? For starters, take a close look at all potential sources of retirement income: Social Security, savings, investments and retirement plan distributions. Estimate about how much you might have available for your rettrement years.

Next, try to envision your "ideal" retirement lifestyle and put a "price tag" on it. For example, if you would like to continuously travel the world when you retire, you're probably going to need more money from your retrement funds than your neighbor who wants to stay home, pursue hobbles and possibly even open a small business.

It's not always easy to plan, save and invest for retirement. That's why you may want to consider working with an experienced financial professional - someone who knows your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals, and who can recommend the appropriate investments and strategies

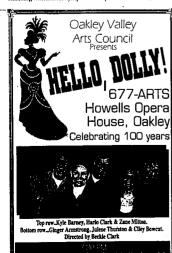
Learn as much as you can about every aspect of your financial situation. You'll boost your confidence about having sufficient resources for retirement - and you'll probably enjoy it

#### Questions:

(1) True or False-Statistically, women outlive men. (2) True or False - Statistically, most women will their own finances at some point in their lives.

Answers to last week's questions: (1)True (2) False

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# NATION

# Changes coming to meat, poultry inspections

"WASHINGTON — The first major changes to food inspection in a decade will inserease federal scrutiny of meat and poultry plants where the danger from E. coli and other germs is high or where past visits have found unsafe practices.

The new policy will result in fewer inspections at plants with lower risks and better hecords for handling meat and poultry.

"We're just putting resources where the risk is greatest, and those plants that demonstrate excellent cointrol will get less of our resources," said Richard Raymond, the Agriculture Department's top food safety official.

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"For now, the new system will be used in processing plants, not in slaughter plants, not of slaughter plants, not of the slaughter plants, not of the plants, not metable has been set for shifting to the new inspection system.

"Critics say the idea sounds good, but they fear department officials are rushing a complex new system into place.

"One of the concerns is that this is simply an effort to save money in a tight budget year," said Caroline Smith Diswaal, food safety director

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at the Center for Science in the Public Interest. "We want to make sure a budget short-fall is not what's driving these important inspection deci-sions."

important inspection decisions."
Raymond says the agency's budget is not driving changes in the inspection program. We're not going to save any money on this part of risk-based inspection," he said, adding there could be cost-savings if the changes are extended later to islughtering operations.

The risk-based inspection system will be the most significant change to food safety inspections in a decade. The department overhauled inspections in 1996 when hundreds of people got sick and four children died after

hundreds of people got sick and four children died after eating undercooked ham-burgers from Jack in the Box restaurants.

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microbiological samples are gathered and tested each year.

Still, about 76 million people get sick from food poisoning each year in the United States, Most get better atter a day or two, but about 325,000 people and the state of the state

moncila outbreak that left about 300 people ill in 39 states.

Still, meat and poultry account for a large share of outbreaks and illnesses, and they are nearly always on the menu for most people in the United States. The average person eats about 222 pounds of chicken, beef and pork annually — more than half a pound a day. Illnesses from E. coli are down 29 percent from a decade ago, although rates inched up from 2004 to 2005. The numbers are not low enough. Raymond said. Reducing foodborne Illness is the goal of the new inspection system.

Consumer groups, the inspectors' union and the meat industry all say the concept has merit.

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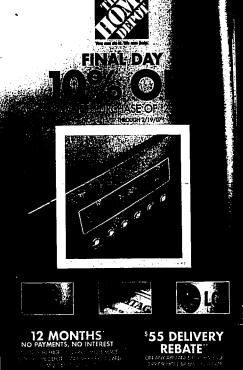
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Howell III breaks through with a playoff victory at the Nissan,



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# CSI baseball clobbers Santa Ana

# Golden Eagles club 20 hits in final SWAC tune-up Times-Naws HENDERSON, Nev.— Proper planning prevents poor procedure. College of Southern base-ball players throughout the ages have heard that maintre come out of current Golden Eagles hitting conch Skip Walker's mouth. Sunday with a go. The concentration of the concentra

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College of Southern base-ball players throughout the ages have heard that mantar come out of current Golden Eagles hitting coach Skip Walker's mouth. Sunday afternoon, the 6-3 Golden Eagles plu what are dubbed The Five, Ps in play along with a slew of baseballs in their 12-4 drubbing of Santa Ana College (Calif.), during

the final day of the Sixth Annual Coyote Baseball Slugout in Henderson, Nev. "A lot of it was better preparation." CSI head coach Boomer Walker said. "Last night. I felt the guys weren't ready to going through the motions. We had to get on them before the game a bit and tell them that's not how we want to play."

we want to play."

The Golden Eagles rebounded from Friday's 3-1 loss to South Mountain

Jason Oatman
picked up the win in
relief for CSI after Angel
Chapa battled to a 4-4 tie
through the top of the fourth.
Walker knows that the

Golden Eagles will have to continue playing the way they did Sunday as they start their Scenic West Athletic Conference schedule. "I think for us, we can only play one way." Walker said. We can't ever think that we've got it made. We've just got to stay battling all the time."

CSI opens its conference schedule with a four-game home stretch against Salt Lake Community College on Friday and Saturday.

# Scenes from state

Please see Page B4 for a few more scenes from the Burley and Richfield girls' state championship victories.



Burley's Jessica Brica



ABOYE. Kavin Harrick edges out Mark Martin at the line to win the Daytona 500 at Daytona Internetional Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., Sunday

# It's Harvick by a nose

# Harvick edges Martin in wreck-filled race

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Kevin Harvick nosed out Mark Martin in a frantic wreck-filled finish to win Sunday's Daytona 500.

500.

Martin, making his 23rd attempt at a 500 win, seemed to have victory in hand when a hard-harging Harvick barreled along the outside of Martin to earn his second victory at Daytona International Speedway in two days. Harvick won Saturday's

Busch race — his first victory at Daytona.

As Harvick pushed into the lead, Kyle Busch wiggled behind it them and bumped into Matt Kenseth to start a melee. Harvick as and Martin raced side by side, waiting for NASCAR to call for a caution. When it finally came, a Harvick was barely shead.

My go-kart experience over the winter pald off, because I didn't ler off the floor and we just kept hitating things and the wall and bouncing off everything. Harvick said. But man, this is the Daytona

500. Can you believe it?"

500. Can you believe it?"
Martin finished second, followed by-Jeff Burton, Harvick's
teanmate, and Mike Wallace, who
raced his way into the 500. Fifth
place was rookic David Ragan, the
left Roush Racing this winter after
19 seasons.
It took several moments for
MSSCAR to declare the winner,
finally giving it to Harvick and
spoiling what would have been
the biggest victory of the 4th-yearold Martin's career. Ite's easing
into retirement, and just left powerhouse Roush to run a partial,
schedule with Ginn Bacing — a erhouse Roush to run a partial schedule with Ginn Racing — a second-tier team bought last year by a Florida land developer trying

to satisfy his love of NASCAR.

The decision was questioned by those who wondered if Bobby Ginn could give the ultra-competitive Martin cars capable of win-

ning.
Boy, did he ever.
"I didn't ask for a win in the
Dayrona 500. I asked for a
chance." Martin said. "I let it slip
away, slip through my fingers, and
I'm fine with that. I am very proud
of what this team did for me this
weekend."

weekend."

It was just the finish NASCAR needed to put racing back in the spotlight after a cheating scandal nearly ruined the Great American

. Five teams were busted for breaking the rules during

Please see HARVICK, Page B2







# West tops East in NBA All-Star game

LAS VEGAS — The Eastern Conference turned the NBAS big game in Las Vegas into a dud.
Overmatched by the West—or perhaps worn out from a weekend of partying in Sin City— the East bumbled its way to a 153-132 loss Sunday night in the All-Star game. Kobe Bryant had 31 points and six of the West is record 52 assists and was the game WPA Amare Stoudemire added 29 points for the West, which quickly built a big lead and held it this time, a year after blowing a 21-point cushion in a loss in Houston.
LeBron James scored 28 points for the East, and Dwight Howard had 20 points and 12 rebounds, but offense wasn't the problem — the East allowed a record 69 field goals.
An event that some locals called the biggest thing to hit Las Vegas featured schowgirls, acrobats, magicians and Elvis impersonators — all the glitz and glamour that this city offers in excess.



Good thing the players had plenty to deflect the training away from them.

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garbage time brought it up to 49 per-cent.

Late All-Star addition Carmelo
Anthony scored 20 points and Shawn
Marion of Phoenix, who played at the
Thomas & Mack Center at UNIV,
added 18.
Dwyane Wade had only 10 points
on 5-6-12 shooting, but he had rea-son to be tired after hosting events
Thursday and Friday night. Those
were two of the many functions that
kept the players out until all hours of
the night.

Still, the game was secondary to the
show in this most unusual of All-Star
games — and it was quite a show.

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With tickets unavailable to the pub-

\$20,000 for a top seat Jay-Z. Beyonce, Diddy, Prince, Eva Longoria and Adam Sandler were among those who scored spots in the front row, and Christian Aquiera and Toni Braxton performed at halftime.

The event started with a celebrity red carpet, where Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman, flanked as usual by his showgirls and backed by enter-tainer Wayne Newton, towed again to get the NBA here full-time with a new arena to play in.

get the NBA here full-time with a new arena to play in. Magicians Siegfried and Roy then welcomed the fans to Las Vegas. Hofore introducing the showgirds who escorted Newton out to the stage for a performance of "Viva Las Vegas." After the East All-Stars were introduced, Newton took the stage again for another performance before the West players were announced. After another Las Vegas entertainer, Danny Gans, sang the national arithem, it was finally time for some basketball — after about a 45-minute pregame.

Please see NBA, Page B2

# Howell breaks through with Nissan win | Gophers no match

LOS ANGELES — Charles Howell III finally ended that nasty habit of finishing sec-ond, making three clutch pars in a playoff that delivered a dramatic victory over Phil dramatic victory over Phil Mickelson in the Nissan Open on Sunday.

Howell closed with a 6-under 65 and got into a large

when Mickelson bogeyed the 18th hole. Howell put away the toth note. Howell put away the two-time Masters champion with his third straight par save, holing a 3-foot put on the 14th hole and raising his head to the sky in utter relief.

"I said a prayer before I hit the putt," Howell said, his voice cracking. "I said, "It's time. Go in."

The said a prayer before I mit the putt. Howell said, his voice cracking. I said, "It's time. Go in." It was only the second victory of his career, and Howell had been haunted by nine tunner-up finishes since win-ning the now-defunct which was not been been been to be the said of t

Howell carned \$936,000 and atop the PGA Tour money Howen carned \$550,000 aims is atop the PGA Tour money list for the first time in his career. Aside from finally getting his hands on another trophy, Howell accomplished his lirst goal of 2007. The victory all but assures he can return to the Masters in April because the Augusta native will climb into top 25 in the world rank-

ing.
Along the way, he exorcised a few demons.

It was four years ago at Riviera where Howell lost a three-shot lead, then missed a three-shot lead, then missed a 5-foot birdie putt on the second playoff hole. This time, he got past No. 10 with an unlikely par. He clipped the trees when he tried to chip off the



Charles Howeli III holds the winner's trophy after winning the Hissan Open golf tournament at Riviera Country Club in

cart path, then got up-and-down from about 80 feet for

ar. And while putting has been is nemesis, he holed one big his nemesis, he holed one big put after another — from 8 feet for par on the 18th to keep the heat on Mickelson, from 6 feet for par on the 18th to extend the playoff, and the 3 footer on 14 that must have looked like a mile. "It's been a long time," Howell said. "I'm speechless,"

#### Watson takes Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am

LUTZ, Fla. — Tom Watson won the Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am for his first profession-al victory in Florida, closing with a 1-under 70 in cold and windy conditions for a one-

stroke mangin over lay Haas and Andy Bean.
The round was played in temperatures reaching the low 40s, with 30 mph gusts.
Watson, the five-time British Open champion who entered the week 0-for-93 as a pro in Florida, finished at 4-under 209 and earned \$240,000 for his ninth career Champions Tour title, Haas shot a 69, and Bean closed with a 72.

#### Sterling wins Jacob's Creek Open

Australia ADELAIDE, Australia — Scott Sterling won the Jacob's Creek Open, closing with a tunder 71 for a one-stroke victory over Australia's David Lutterus in the event sanctioned by the Nationwide and

stroke margin over lay Haas and Andy Bean. Australasian tours. Sterling finished at 12-under The round was played in temperatures reaching the low 40s, with 30 mph guste. Sterling finished at 12-under 276 on the Kooyonga course temperatures reaching the low 40s, with 30 mph guste. Sterling finished at 12-under 376 on the Kooyonga course first Nationwide Tour victory. Lutterus clossed with a 72.

#### llonen best on Indonesian Open

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Finlands Mikko Ilonen shot a 1-under-70 for a one-stroke victory in the Indonesian Open, sanctioned by the

Open, sanctioned by the European and Asian tours. Honen had a 9-under 275 total on the Damai Indah course, Filipino star Frankle Minoza (71), Australia's Andrew Tampion (69) and India's Shiv Kapur (67) tied for second.

# No. 1 Duke women drop Maryland, take ACC title

COLLEGE PARK. Md. — Lindsey Harding scored 20 of her career-high 29 points in the first half, and No. 1 Duke disappointed a sellout crowd by defeating No. 6 Maryland 69-57 Sunday night to remain undefeated and clinch the Atlantic Coast Conference reg-vitar-season title

Adantic Coast Conference regular-season title.

Carrem Gay added 14 points for the Blue Devils (28-6, 13-0), and Allson Bales had 12 points and 12 rebounds. Duke 100k control late in the first half and never trailed over the final 25 minutes in beating the defending national champlons for the second time this season.

Crystal Langhorne had 15 points and 12 rebounds for the Terrapins (25-4, 9-4), and Marissa Coleman had 12 points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

The crowd of 17,950

The crowd of 17,950 matched the largest single-

game attendance in ACC his-tory, set earlier this season when the Terrapins hosted North Carolina.

Duke led by as many as 13 points in the second haif. After Maryland got within seven, the Blue Devils kept the Terrapins scoreless for nearly 4 minutes.

#### No. 2 North Carolina 93. Miami 70

Miami 70
CHAPEL HILL, N.C.— Ivory
Latta scored 21 points and
North Carolina bounced back
from air upset to beat Miami.
Camille Little scored 13
points, and Erlana Larkins
added 13 points and 13
rebounds for the Tar Heels
(26-2, 10-2 Atlantic Coast
Conference), who were coming off a 72-65 loss to
unranked North Carolina ing off a 72-65 loss to unranked North Carolina State on Friday. The Tar Heels took out their

frustrations on the Hurricanes (11-17, 2-11), shooting nearly 46 percent, never trailing and-leading by as many as 35.

### No. 24 Michigan St. 62, No. 4 Ohio St. 59

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Michigan State's 6-foot-9 Allyssa DeHaan scored 25 points to help the Spartans end Ohio State's 17-game win-

end Ohio States Lingame varing streak.

Rene Haynes had a steal and two free throws in the final seconds to seal the victory for the Spartans (21-6, 12-2 Big Ten).

Ohio State (24-2, 13-1) was trying to clinch a share of its third straight Big Ten title.

# No. 8 G. Washington 64, Saint Louis 47 ST. LOUIS — Kimberly Beck

and Sarah-Jo Lawrence scored 16 points apiece and George Washington overcame poor shooting to defeat Saint Louis and win its 16th straight game. Jessica Adair added 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Colonials (23-2, 12-0 Atlantic

# No. 10 Arizona State 80, **IICLA 69**

UCLA 69
LOS ANGELES — Briann
lanuary had a career-high 22
points with nite assists and six
steals To Tead Artzona State
over UCLA for the Sun Devils'
stath straight win.
Emily Westerberg and
Dantelle Orsillo added 12
points apiece for Artzona State
(25-3, 15-2 Pacific-10), which
remains in half-eame belind

remains a half-game behind first-place Stanford in the conference race. 
— The Associated Press

# for No. 2 Buckeyes

MINNEAPOLIS — Greg Oden and No. 2 Ohio State hardly broke a sweat in beating Minnesota 85-67 Sunday, putting the Buckeyes in position for a shot at their first No. 1 ranking in 45

Buckeyes in position for a short at their first No. 1 ranking in 49 years.

Oden had 19 points, nine rebounds and two blocks, and Ron Lawis added 16 points. Mike Conley Jr. finished with 10 assists and five steats for Ohlo State (24.3, 12-1). Lawrence McKenzie was a force for the Gophers 19-18, 3-10 Big Ten), but his 22 points weren't near enough against a deep and talented opponent. The Cophers lost their fifth straight and 10th in their fast 12.

The No. 1 ranking in The Associated Press Top 25 is up for grabs Monday after top-ranked Florida fost at Vanderbilt on Saturday night. Fifth-ranked UCLA (23.3) also could make the jump to No. 1 after soundly beating No. 19 Arizona 81-65 Saturday.

Saturday. In pounding the overmatched Gophers, look State won it.

In pounding the overmatched Gophers, look State won its Ith game in a row and is looking for its first No. 1 ranking since Jerry Lucas, John Havlicek and a sub named Bob Knight led the Buckeyes into the national championship game against Cincinnati in 1962.

### Arizona St. 68, No. 22 USC 58

TEMPE, Ariz. — Jeff Pendergraph had 14 points and 15 bounds to help Arizona State snap a school-record 15-game

rebounds to help Arizona State snap a sctuoof-record 12-game losing streak. The Sun Devils (7-19, 1-14) beat a ranked opponent for the first time since March 20, 2003, when they defeated No. 19 Memphis In the first round of the NCAA tournament. They also avoided becoming the first team to go witness in the Pac-10 since the conference expanded in 1978-79. Trailing 32-32 with 15-15 to play, the Sun Devils outscored USC 24-7 to take a 47-39 lead with 6 minutes to go, then hung or for the win.

on for the win.

Gabe Prultt scored 22 points and Lodrick Stewart added 18 for the Trojans (19-8, 9-5), who have lost two of three.

# Late Saturday

# UC Riverside 81, Idaho 76

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MOSCOW — Henrik Thomsen scored 21 points, including
15 in the first half, as UC Riverside beat Idaho 81-76 in a non-conference game Saturday night.
Institt Bell added 19 points and Larry Cunningham had 18
points for the Highlanders (6-20, 1-10 Big West Conference),
who can their feet mand visio of this concern.

points for the Highlanders (6-20, 1-10 Big West Conterence), who go their first road win of the season. Keoni Watson led all scorers with 27 points for Idaho (3-23, 1-12 Western Athletic Conference). Darin Nagle and David Jackson were the only other Vandals to score in double figures, with 13 points apiece. After the teams finished the first half tied at 34. UC Riverside pulled ahead for good with 13:46 left on a Bell bas-let.

ket.

The Highlanders maintained a comfortable lead for the remainder of the half until Watson buried one of his three 3-poluters with 11-4 seconds left to cut the UC Riverside lead to 70.70.70.

79-76. The Vandals tried to foul but the Highlanders avoided their attempts and Cunningham ended (daho's chances with a dunk with 4 seconds left.

The loss was Idaho's ninth straight. It also marked the worst start ever for a Vandal team, eclipsing the mark of the 1946-47 squad that started 3-22.

- The Associated Press



Ohlo Stata center Greg Oden (20) stuffs the ball over Minnesota forward Bryce Webster during the first half of Sunday's game in Minneapolis.

# Harvick \_

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Speedweeks — including twotime winner Michael Waltrip,
who broke the NASCAR code
by tampering with his fuel
before qualifying and humiliated Toyota in its Nextel Cup
debut.

The scandal put the sport in

The scandal put the sport in the spodlight for all the wrong reasons, and NASCAR ratcheted up its penalty process to prevent its premier event from turning into a joke.

Finishes like this one might fix everything.
Martin led 26 laps and was out front when a five-car accident brought racing to a stand-still with five laps to go. It made for an agonizing 11 minutes, 39 seconds for Martin, who sat lidy in his car trying to nlot his idly in his car trying to plot his strategy during the stoppage. When racing resumed with

two laps to go. Martin seemingly needed only to hold off kyte bestel to a principle of the seeming the seeming the seeming to the seeming to the seeming the seemi

Before the frantic linish, the race was shaping up to be a fight to the finish between Tony Stewart and Kurt Busch, who combined to lead 130 of who combined to lead 130 of the 200 laps. But they wrecked each other while leading the race with 48 laps to go. Stewart was leading coming out of the fourth turn when

his Chevrolet wiggled just a bit. Busch, closing fast, could-n't avoid running into Stewart's bumper, and both cars careened into the outside wall.

an. Busch, who led 95 laps in his bid to give car owner Roger Penske his first Daytona

Roger Penske his first Daytons 500 win, was heartbroken.
"We both got taken out of the Daytons 500 on my mistake," he said from inside his
take," he said from inside his
take, the said from the first mistake. I
apologize to (Stewart), but I
know that doesn't mean any
thing now."
Stewart, who led early but
dropped-to the back of the
field after a pit road miscue,
led 35 laps and just had surged
back to the front when be

the front when he

It dropped Stewart to 0-for-9 in Daytona 500s, a streak he

was determined to snap when he reported to Speedweeks intent on adding the race to his impressive resume. After winning the Budweiser Shootout exhibition race and a qualifying event Thursday, Stewart had established himself as the favorite and said hed trade all 10 fils Daytona victories to just win the 500 once.

It appeared to be his race to lose, and he knew it — saying on pit road before the start 'this js the best chance five ever had, the best car I've ever had.

He was surprisingly calm and collected after wrecking. and collected after wrecking.
"It just wasn't meant to be today," he said with a smile.
"I'm still disappointed, but we've got a lot to be proud of. We had an awesome Speedweeks."

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Perfings that took its toll
on the players. There were
missed dunks and passes
thrown out of bounds by
both teams, but the East was
by far the worst. They missed
seven of their first nine
shots, Including a blown
dunk attempt by Shaquille
O'Neal.

James later almost injured

James later almost injured inmself when he tried to throw himself a pass off the backboard and tumbled over another player, and Jermaine O'Neal appeared to tip in a basket for the West.

A first-quarter timeout brought out some performers from a show at the Tropicana, but there was a serious moment at the end of the period when Bill Russell was among the former was among the former Boston Celtics who took the court with the daughter of Red Auerbach, who died last

end of one, and quickly pushed that lead into double digits in the second quarter — Shaquille O'Neal missed another dunk during that

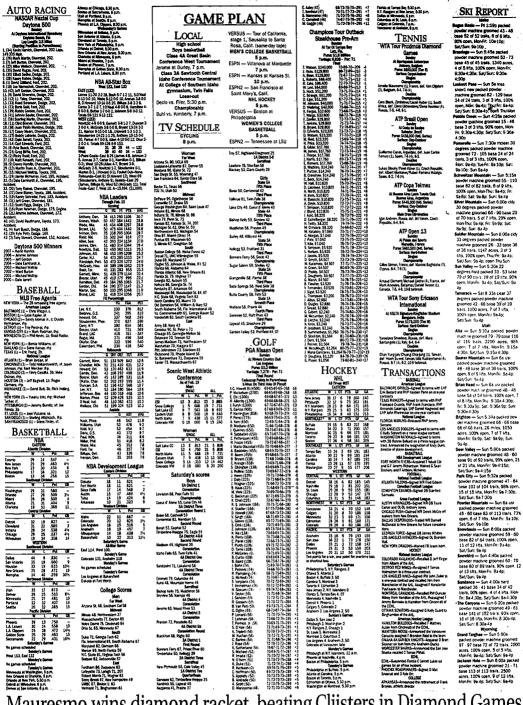
The West led 39-31 at the

The lead ballooned to 23 when Bryant nailed a 3-pointer and followed with a dunk on the next possession, and the West was up 79-59 at

and the West was up 79-59 at halftime. Bryant had 17 points at halftime and Anthony added 12. James scored 16 for the East, but none of its other players was in double fig-

players was in double figures.
The East climbed out of a 21-point deficit to win last year's game in Houston, but didn't show nearly the fight this time. Stoudemire fueled a 10-0 run that made it 95-65 with 8:20 remaining in the third quarter, and the West was up by 31 heading to the fourth.

# **SCOREBOARD**



# Mauresmo wins diamond racket, beating Clijsters in Diamond Games

ANTWERP. Belgium.—Amelie Mauresmo won enough diamonds to last a lifetime. Kim. Clijsters will have to do with golden memories. Mauresmo won a \$13 million diamond-studded racket trophy Sunday, beating Kim. Clijsters 6-4, 7-6 (4) in the final of the Diamond Games tournament.

The victory spolled Clijsters' farewell home match before a frenetic crowd of 14,500 at the Sports Palace. The 23-year-old Belgian has desired the William of the Sports Palace.

The 68-pound gold racket trophy studded with 1,702 diamonds was for the first player to with three titles in any five-year span, and after victories in 2005 and last year, the Frenchwoman was bent on winning again.

Tastid all week I clidnt think about it, but honestly I thought about it the whole week."

Mauresmossible with the mores to the nest

Mauresmo said.

The world's third-ranked player was much more enterprising with her moves to the net white Ciljsters, fourth in the trankings, never got her serve working.

The important plott is to play your best gainst the best," Mauresmo said.

Mauresmo got her match point on a disputed ace, turning her celebrations afterward into a muted affair, accompanied by the boos of the crowd. Ciljsters came over to give her a hug at the end and replays showed the point appeared to be good.

good.
"There is no better champion than you. I admire you in so many ways," Clijsters said.

Amelia Mauresmo kisses the golden racket after she wor the final of the Diamond games again: Cilisters in Antwerp, Belgium, Sunday.

FOOTBALL

# Favre to have ankle surgery

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Brett Favre will have ankle surgery in the next few weeks, and Green Bay Packers coach Mike McCarthy says

# **Sports Shorts**

National and Magic Valley briefs

the three-time-MVP will have plenty of time to recover for minicamps.
The 37-year-old quarterback was supposed to have surgery on his left ankle the day after the season, but skipped it and had yet to reschedule.

the season, but skipped it and hau yet to reschedule.

"Yes, we're looking to have it done ... in the next couple of weeks," McCarthy said.

McCarthy, wearing a No. 17 Matt Kenseth hat, spoke from the grange area of the Daytona 500, where he was attending the NASCAR race with his daughter.

McCarthy led the Packers to an 8-8 finish in his first season as a head coach last year. Now, as next season awalts, he's absolutely "certain Favre will be in place for minicamps.
"(Team doctor Pat) McKenzie and Brett, they've been through this whole process," he said. "We're going to be fine."

### MAGIC VALLEY District IV baseball/softball

rules clinic scheduled
TWIN FALLS — The 2007 Idaho High School
Activities Association District IV
baseball/softball rules clinic will be held
tonight at Twin Falls High School. The softball

clinic will begin at 6 p.m. with the baseball starting at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in umpiring high school baseball or softball during the 2007 season must attend. Each District 19 School must also send a coaches' representative. Contact district commissioner Crag Mills at 878-6606 (Burley High School) or 678-7144.

#### Twin Falls club volleyball tryouts to be held on Tuesday

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

# Twin Falls youth wrestling

Twin Falls youth wrestling sign-ups available this week
TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and
Recreation is holding sign-ups for youth
wrestling through Feb. 24. The program is for
thisder side K-6 and the cost is \$18 for
those within city limits and \$21 for those outside city limits. A \$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 \$30630 p.m. for gades K-2 and 630-220 p.m. for
grades 3-6. All practices will in the Twin Falls
ligh School gym and all participants receive a
T-shirt.

shirt. Call 736-226 or more information.

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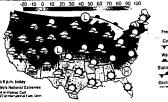
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# A picture's worth

Scenes from the Richfield Tigers' and Burley Bobcats' state championship wins



tey girls baskethall team anziously watch on from the bench during the Bobcats' 48-4 s during Saturday's Class 4A state championship game at the Idaho Center in Hampa.

### Photos by STAN BREWSTER/For the Times-News





Richfield's Kimberly Twitchell buttles for the ball with two



Holdfold players and fans colebrate as the final seconds tick off the clock during the Tigar's state championship victory.

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### How Can Women Build Confidence in Ability to Retire Comfortably?

All of us would like to think we will enjoy a comfortable retterment. If you're a woman, however, you might be significantly more nervous than your male peers about life as a retire. This fear may not be entirely justified, that, in any case, you can greatly improve your outdook for retirement by understanding where you are now - and how to get where you want to go.

But first, you may have to overcome both fear and a financial "gender gap." Consider these findings from recent surveys conducted by Harris Interactive:

- Forty-six percent of the women surveyed said they worry about losing all their money and becoming desiltute. Surprisingly, this figure rises to 40 percent among women with incomes of \$100,000 or more.
- Women were almost twice as likely as men to worry about money and to doubt their capacity to invest and plan for the future.
- Only 10 percent of women said they feel quite secure about their finances

These figures, while disturbing, at least partially reflect some baste realities of women's lives. First, women typically outlive men by nearly seven years, according to the U.S. National Center for Health Statistics - and more years of life mean more expenses. Also, women drop out of the work force for an average of 12 years to care for young children or aging parents, accord-ing to the Older Women's League, a research and advocacy group. This time away from the workforce results in women accumulating much less money in their employer-sponsored retirement plans.

Of course, if you are married, many of your financial assets are likely commingled with those of your husband. But that doesn't mean that you can abdicate responsibility for your financial future. Some 80 percent to 80 percent of today's women will be solely responsible for their own finances at some point in their lives, according to the National Center for Women

So, what can you do to boost your confidence in your financial management skills? For starters, take a close look at all potential sources of retirement income: Social Security, savings, investments and retirement plan distributions. Estimate about how much you might have available for your retirement years.

ext, try to envision your "ideal" retirement lifestyle and put a "price tag" on it. For example, If you would like to continuously travel the world when you retire, you're probably going to need more money from your retirement funds than your neighbor who wants to stay home, pursue hobbles and possibly even open a small business.

It's not always easy to plan, save and invest for retterment. That's why you may want to consider working with an experienced financial professional - someone who knows your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals, and who can recommend the appropriate the statement of tenerales. investments and strategies.

Learn as much as you can about every aspect of your financial situation. You'll boost your confidence about having sufficient resources for redrement - and you'll probably enjoy it more when you get there.

(1) True or False-Statistically, women outlive men. (2) True or False-Statistically, most women will be responsible for their own finances at some point in their lives.

Answers to last week's questions: {}\text{1}\text{True} (2) \text{False}

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# Democrats consider new ways to limit Iraq war

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Thwarted
in their attempt to formally
rebuke President Bush, Senate
Democratis on Sunday shifted
their focus to narrowing the
U.S. military mission in Iraq to
fighting terrorism, training
tanaf forces and protecting
American assets, rather than
cracking down on sectarian
fighting in Baghdad.
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Republican urged the president to reach out to
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legislation on Iraq, citing as a possible roadmap Ronald Reagan's compromise with Democrats on Social Security

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crashes in Afghanistan By Shafiquliah Azimi and Laura King Los Angeles Times KABUL, Afghanistan — A

KABUL, Afghanistan — A U.S. military helicopter crashed before dawn Sunday in southern Afghanistan, killing eight American service members and injuring the remaining 14 aboard, military officials said

said.

The pilot had reported an unexplained loss of power shortly before the twin-rotor CH-47 Chinook transport helicopter plunged to the ground in Zabul province, which lies between the Afghan capital, Kabul, and the southern city of Kandabar.

It was the first U.S. military helicopter crash

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tary helicopter crash involving multiple fatalities since May, when 10 troops were killed in eastern Kunar province as the pilot tried to set down on a mountaintop in the dark. In July 2006, the crash of an Apache helicopter as it was taking off from the NATO base outside Kandahar killed one crew member.

The U.S. military said there was no indication that the crash was caused by enemy fire, although the Tailban are known to be active in the area. The insurgents are expected to intensity their fight against allied troops as mountain snows mel and the weather the province of U.S. helicopter has emerged as a prine teatic of the insurgents, the Tailban have demonstrated little ability to menace allied aircraft. Only one U.S. helicopter is the demonstrated little ability to menace allied aircraft.

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Rough terrain and often-turbulent weather pose substantial dangers to mil-itary aviation in Afghanistan. A mixture of rain and snow lashed parts of Zabul o province overnight, and the provin-cial governor, Dilber Ian Arman. said through a spokesman that poor con-ditions might have been a factor.

which does pass ... the House and the Senate. It has, really, a and the Senate. It has, really, a stamp of the American people at a dime in which they see the urgency of Iraq. Sen. Richard Lugar (Ind.), the top Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Colimittee, said on CBS's "Face the Nation."

A day after seven GOP senators Joined Democrats in unsuccessfully attempting to condemn Bush's current Iraq policy, the White House offered no sign of compromise.

niste. ad, it urged lawmakers to give the Bush policy more time to succeed. "The war is tough, but the solution is not to get out," press secretary Tony Snow said on NBCs "Meet the Press." "What it would say to members of Congress is: Calm down and take a look at what's going on, and ask yourself a

simple question: If you sup-port the troops, would you deny them the reinforcements

deny them the reinforcements they think are necessary to complete the mission? Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D.New, took his own hard line, calling Iraq 'the worst foreign policy mistake in the history of the country, even worse than Vietnam. "We find ourselves in a very deep hole," Reid said on CNN's 'Late Edition."

"Late Edition."

Democrats revised their aims after failing Saturday to gather enough votes in the Senate to permit debate on a symbolic resolution criticizing Bush's decision to send more symbolic resolution criticizing bushs decision to send more troops to Iraq for a crackdown on growing sectarian violence. The House passed such a reso-lution Friday. Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mith., rejected calls from some within his party to

aq. Instead, he and Senate Instead, he and Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Joseph Bilden, D-Del., discussed substantially narrowing U.S. troops' mission in Iraq by changing Congress's war authorization in 2002.

"That was a wide-open authorization, which allowed missing the control of the c

authorization, which allowed (Bush) to do just about any-thing," Levin said on "Fox News Sunday", "We, J. think, will be looking at a modifica-tion of that authorization in order to limit the mission of American troops to a support mission; instead of a comba-

mission; instead of a comoai mission." Levin sald he believed such a bill would be a constitutional way to effect change in Iraq without trampling on the pres-ident's war powers and was more politically palatable than

cutting off war funding, as some liberals have advocated.

I don't think there's support to cut off funds,' Levin said. I think that sends the wrong message to dute the said to the said of the said

IRAQ **Dozens** killed by two car bombs

By Ernesto Londono and Naseer Mehdawi

BAGHDAD, Iraq — After brief respite from carnage

invalidad), Iraq — Affer a brief respite from carnage in Baphdad, the city's skyline on Sunday once again featured a robust, gray cloud billowing slowly from a devastated commercial area that had been bombed a few blocks apart in the New Baphdad neighborhood of the capital, exploded in quick succession at 3:30 p.m. An Iraqi official put the preliminary death toll at 30. Other officials quoted by traqitelevision and news services said at least 60 people were killed and more than 100 injured. "It was complete devastation," said Abu Noor, 40, a calligrapher who was in his third-story apartment in the area when he heard the blasts. You could see people melting in their cars." Some residents wondered whether the latest bombings were insurgenist response to reports from Iraqi officials that a newly launched Baphdad security plan," said Faris dorbold in this battered city, in the carea when a sold ficially that they have the strength, that they are also howing that they have the strength, that they are also howing was resuccessful with the security plan, we are successful with the security plan, we are also showing we are successful with the security plan, we are also showing we are successful into the prople."

The bombing was the most left a function of the cardy and track in the country since the security plan was officially launched Wednesday, and it capite as howeards.

ham was united with a control of the came as thousands of troops, including many American soldiers, are being deployed to inner-city security stations. The plan, designed by fraqi officials, was intended to make the country inhospitable to violent extremist groups by stepping up patrols in neighborthoods, cracking down on unlawfully possessed weapons and tightening security along fragis borders. The first-bomb exploded

borders.
The first-bomb exploded across the street from the Baiydhaa movie theater, a once-popular cinema where projectors have not been turned on for months.



# Asians greet Year of the Pig with feasts and prayers

BEIJING - Asians flocked to temples, parks and Disneyland on Sunday to pray, play, cat, and celebrate the first day of

and celebrate the first day of the Lunar New Year, ushering in the Year of the Pig. At the Lama Temple and White Cloud Temple in Beijing, faithful burned incense and tossed coins at incense burn-ers, believing that if they land-ed in the pot they would have better luck in the New Year. At a traditional fair in the

better luck in the New Year.
At a traditional fair in the
capital's Ditan Park, performers sang folk songs and snippets of Peking opera for
throngs of people snaking
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ing balloons and pinwheels. Vendors sold pork dumplings and other treats, such as fresh-ly made caramel candy sculpt-

ly made caramel candy sculpt-ed into chubby pig shapes. The pig is one of 12 animals for mythical animals in the case of the dragon) on the 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodi-ac, which follows the lunar cal-endar. According to Chinese astrology, people born in pig years are polite, honest, hard-working and loyal. They are also lucky, which is why many Chinese like to have bablies in a pig year.

pig year.

Across China, revelers ushered in the New Year Saturday might and early Sunday morning by exploding firecrackers and fireworks — an ancient

New Year tradition meant to drive away bad luck and scare

offer early had luck and scare off evil spirits.

In Belling, the streets were littered with tattered red paper and the cardhoard casings from spent fireworks.

The official Xinhua News Agency reported that in Belling 125 people were reported injured from fireworks, including one person who lost both eyes. Police said shouldy fireworks were to blame.

Chinese President Hu Iliatoa and Premier Wen Jiabao made separate yidists to remote vil-

te visits to remote villages in poorer areas, chatting and cooking with locals in far western Gansu and northern Liaoning provinces.

Such trips have become an

part of efforts to show th the the government cares about those living in the countryside,

those living in the country-suc, where incomes average only \$400 a year.

This fried dough twists with farmers on the outskirts of Gansu's Dingui city, helped cut traditional door decorations from red paper, and received a basked of potatoes from a poor farmer, state media said.

China's booming economic growth in the last several decades has pulled hundreds-of millions out of powerty, but agrowing wealth aga in recent years has exposed tracks that Hu and his government have acknowledged threatens social stability.

# Rice busy between meetings preparing for summit

IERUSALEM - Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Sunday shuttled between

Sinday shuttled between meetings with Palestinian and Israeli leaders, seeking to lay the groundwork for a successful three way summit Monday in the face of Israeli anger at a new Palestinian government that includes the militant group Hamas. Rice made it clear she is staking her

staking her reputation as secretary of state on her ability to leverage the talks Monday into a new effort at forging Middle East peace that includes not only the two parties but also Arab

neighbors.

"I am committed to this." Rice told a group of U.S. reporters Sunday night. This takes hard work. It takes patience, it takes perseverance, it takes

# Global poll: Most do not believe conflict is inevitable between Muslims and the West

LONDON - A majority of people around the world do

DNDON — A majority is people around ine world do -not-believe—the-world-is locked in a "clash of civilizations" that will lead to violent conflict between Islam and the West, according to findings of a poll published Monday.

The British Broadcasting Corp. World Service poll of more than 28,000 people found that 56 percent of respondents believed "common ground can be found" between Muslims and Westerners, while only 28 percent said violence was inevitable.

The survey also found that

percent same recommendation inevitable.

The survey also found that 52 percent of people believed that tensions between Muslims and Westerners were caused by political power and interests, com-

pared to 29 percent who said religion and culture were to

tragion and the secretary of the BIRC by the international polling-first GlobeScan and the Program on International polling-first GlobeScan and the Program on International Policy Attitudes at the University of Maryland. Pollsters questioned about 1,000 people in 27 different countries, including the U.S. Britain, France, Germany, Russia, China, India, Brazil, Mexico and Australia: as well as four predominantly Mexico and Australia: as well as four predominantly Muslim countries: Egypt. Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and Indonesia; and two countries with large Muslim populations: Lebanon and Nigeria. The respondents were interviewed in person and over the phone from November to mid-fanuary. The margin of ernor ranges from 2.5 percent to 4 per-

cent, depending on the

cent, depending on the country.
Since the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, countries around the world have struggled with how to deal with Islamic radicalism at home and abroad. The poll's results are hopeful, given they show most people believe differences between Muslims and Westerners can be worked out, said Steven Kuli, director of PIPA at the University of Maryland.

Most people around the world clearly reject the idea that Islam and the West are cought in an inevitable clash of civilizations; he said.

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"It was rainy and snowy." said the spokesman, Gulab Shah All Khail.

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play your cards up the line re-gardless of your length. Do not help declarer read how the cards

help declarer read how the cards lie.

Consider today's three-no-trump contract. Declarer wins with the spade ace and leads the club jack, which wins. He continues with a club.to dummy's king. How can you (East) tell whether to win this trick?

The answer is that everything depends on the count signal that West has given in clubs. If he plays low-high, indicating that declarer has two clubs, you win the second round of clubs. You then clear the spades, beating the con-

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tract.

If instead West plays high-low in clubs, leaving South with three clubs, you will hold up the club ace twice and hope that declarer will not have nine tricks now. As you can see, all South has is one club, five diamonds, and two creaters in the state of the club and the second sec

spade tricks if you take the club ace on the second round. If you duck the second club, South takes

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SOUTH ♠ A K ♥ Q J 7 5 ♠ A K Q 10 3 ♣ J 6

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: South

The bidding:

WEST

♠ Q J 10 6 4

♥ K 9 6

♦ 5 4

♣ 9 3 2

North East 3 NT All pa South West

Pass Opening lead: Spade queen

# LEAD WITH THE ACES

ANSWER: Although it goes against all the rules, I would lead a diamond. The auction screams a diamond. The auction screams out that declarer is short in clubs, and dummy is not worried about a club lead. I'd go for the surprise attack and be prepared to apologize to partner — on bended

South

West North East 1 ★ 2 ★ 2 ♥ 3 NT Pass 4 ♥ 6 ♥ All pass

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# Age-defying fitness for boomers and beyond

30-minute dally walk is simply not enough. There is much more to becoming—end—staying—fit as you age than taking a regular brisk walk?

Unless you do exercises in five domains of fitness—endurance, strength, posture, balance and flexibility—to purposely slow the deterioration that comes with growing older, you become a prime candidate for "boomeritis."



Age-related structural changes with too little or too much activity at one time set the stage for burshis, tendonitis, arthritis, sprains, strains and fractures that are loosely lumped under the term "boomeritis". Actually, the variety of muscu-loskeletal aliments can happen to boomers and beyond.

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"By their 40th birthday, people often have vulnerabilities — weak links. As the first gengration that is trying to stay active in droves, buby boomers are pushing their frames to the brook of the broo

see how you do on this quick quiz that assesses the status of your pos-ture, strength, balance, flexibility and

time strength, balance, made industriance:

1. Are you not standing as straight and tall as you once did?

2. Are you getting up from a chair more slowly than you used to?

3. Is standing on one leg difficult for you?

2. Are you getting up from a chair more slowly than you used 100 d. 3. Is standing on one leg difficult for you?

4. Do you get stiff sitting through a long sermon — or a movie?

5. Does walking or jogging a distance take longer than it used to?

6. Is it getting harder to look to either side as you back up your car?

To counter the inevitable declines with age, incorporate regular activities to supplement walking or other cardiovascular workouts. For example:

\* Stretch daily using slow, controlled movements to prevent stiffness and maintain joint mobility. Strength than to post joint mobility. Strength than to post joint mobility especially the front and sides of thigh must else which stabilize the knee and the core muscless of the runk (back, but and abdomen) to protect the spine.

\* Practice standing on one leg withle you're walting in line to improve static balance.

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\* Prevent postural slump by purposchy lengthening the space between your collarbone and chin to counternet prolonged sitting and working on a computer.

\* Sign up for a class or schedule an appointment with a personal trainer to jump-start a commitment to total fitness.

Staying fit reaps benefits beyond personal empowerment. It costs less.

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Staying fit reaps benefits beyond personal empowerment. It costs less Although rescarchers are just beginning to evaluate the link between health care costs and exercise, prevention costs less than treatment. In the next 25 years, federal spending on Medicare alone will rise faster than the rate of inflation. This trend is not sustainable. A mere 10 percent reduction in physical inactivity, according to a recent Canadian study, could reduce U.S. direct health care expenditures by \$150 million a year. If s not too late to change the way we age — and the costs associated with it.

Health educator Jan Mittleider is coordinator of the Over 60 and Getting Fit Program at the College of Southern Idaho,

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Colten Homer is manager for the Minico High School football team — and the bas he loves to make friends, but he's never given up the dream of playing someday.

# Making the difference

# You don't have to be a star player to benefit from team sports

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

Times-Nows writer

RUIFERT — For every Michael prodain there's a Collen Homer or a Britany Hardy.

Ever heard of them?

Probably not. They're not leading scorers or sports heroes. They've never been carried off a field in glory. They probably never will play professional sports.

But without Hardy, the Kimberle girls' baskethall team wouldn't have finished 19-2 this year. Without Homer, the Minico football team might not have tied a school record for wins in a season and won the conference championship.

Without the teams, Homer wouldn't have so many friends, and Hardy wouldn't have learned the value of teamwork.

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It takes more than a star scorer to win games, especially in high school sports. Nobody knows this better than Homer and Hardy. That's not to say Homer and Hardy don't strive to be the best.

don't strive to be the best.

Homer tried out for football, in eighth grade. Perhaps his lanky body, smiling face and welcoming personality weren't made for bone-crushing hits, and Honer didn't make the team. He was devastated. But he had more heart than the whole offensive line put together—the coaches saw that much —so when Homer asked to be manager, they consented. Fill the water bottes. Hang the Jerseys, Bun the practice clock, Just having him around

would make their players better.
When Homer entered high school
this year, Minico football coach Tile
Perrigot appointed him manager of
the football team.
The's really just an outstanding
kid, Perrigot said, Always willing to
help anyway he can. Were lucky he
wants to do this, You don't find kids
like Colten, and it's our pleasure to
have him.
As much as Homer belief the

have him.

As much as Homer helped the team, they helped him. The No. 1 reason Homer handles the grunt work with a smile is that he loves to make friends.

make friends.

"It enaily fun because I get to
meet new people. They're really nice
to me," he sald, implying that not
everyone in his life has always been
sofriendly. The players help meout,
and they talk to me.

Homer was such an excellent football manager, coaches asked him to
manage the baskethal and track
and-field teams, as well, I tee
homored to be asked.
Any contact the can get with the

Any contact he can get with the teams — even if it's just watching practice — will make him a better athlete, said the 16-year-old.

ablete, said the 16-year-old. But isn't it rotturous to be on the sidelines day in and day out when it's your dream to play? Not really, said Homer, who hasn't given up on putting on the pads someday. Tim OK with it. I don't mind not playing, I get to see what they do and get to learn new things, how to improve myself." Homer said.

Even athletes who make a team



Brittany Hardy, a starter on the Kimberly girls' basketball team, doesn't make the highlight reel. But she's always hustling on defense, always cheering teammates.

can play whole careers without much fanfare — players like Hardy, a temperature on the Kimberly girls' basket-ball team. She doesn't make the highlight reel, said her coach litch Bishop, but she's pne of the hardest, working players on the team. Always hustling on defense, always cheering tearmnates, Hardy, a senior, leads by example.

example.

"She's a great leader, and she always works hard in practice."

Bishop said. 'But she doesn't score a lot of points and doesn't get a lot of recognition."

Rardy, however, isn't in it for the

glory.

She knows that every player on a

team has a role, and she's comfortable with the one she plays. Setting up shooters with a good pass, mak-ing a solid pick, playing aggressive

defense.

Helping teammates excel Hardy's reward. It's a lesson in humility, but simply suiting up — just being around the team — has made her a better person, he said. Same with Homer.

"It's just fun being part of a team," he said.

Times-News features writer Matt Christensen can be reached at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@lee.

# Goals to get me going

his training project began about three months and 10 pounds ago, and I've hit the dieter's plateau. So what do I do? Produce for Better Health

Foundation says eat five

Foundation says eat five fruits a day. Mom's old Diet Center books say drink eight glasses of water a day. A grumpy little old man's little old book I found in my dusty old basement says do 50 push-ups a day. The little volce in my head says compromise: Eat a says compromise: Eat a fruit-flavored Push-Up frozen treat in eight minutes



Chris Baldus

five times a month.
I'm not really a dieter.
So, while I'll try to eat better, the answer lies with action and bribes. Walk into any workout palace, and burly men you will never look like ask you about your goals. Note to eaches were great at rewards: "For the love of ....

I need to be jarred. I need to face down my most-hated foe. I need to tilt at windmills. I need to

sing an "Impossible Dream ..." Uh, never mind.

do it right or run a mile!" So, I'm going to set some goals and rewards. Goal: Over one week's

time I must do 30 roughly 40-yard sprints starting from

# Former football player uses rewards to motivate training program

# Keep track

News Editor Chris Baldus, 37, a former college lineman, is in training to play in an elumni football game this fall at Augsburg College in Minnespolis. He's tracking his progress in his blog "The Football Way," which you can read at www.maglo-

Why? For you, coach. And I need to be jarred. I need to face down my most-hated foe. I need to tilt at wind-mills. I need to sing an "Impossible Dream ..." Uh, "Impossible never mind.

Reward: A new Capt.
America T-shirt. I never had
one, and Don Quixote's line
never really took off.

Goal: Six sessions of four sets of 360s. One 360 is sprinting around a football field once. A set is four times. Exercise motto: "Don't worry, you'll pass out before you die." Reward: Contact lenses.

It's difficult to play foot-ball in glasses. Defensive

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# COMICS









By Guy & Rodo





By Scott Adams

HEY, I DON'T TELL YOU HOW TO BE FAT.

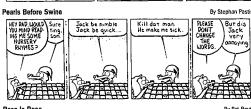
























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IF FEB. 19 IS YOUR BJRTH-DAY. Work hard to find ways to use your energy and initiative in constructive ways as this year unfolds. Put your business savvy and street smarts to good use in March and August. Consider running your personal life in the same efficient manner in which you handle your career or business responsibilities. For instance, schedule routine physical checkups and have a regular exercise regime in place. If you do this, when October rolls around and there are a few challenges to deal with, you will be in good shape to handle any contingencies. Avoid aunching anything important or entering into any agreements in October. Your best month to initiate plans or stan something of importance is December, when Lady Luck smiles on everything you do the control of the

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

that gitters is not gold. Don't make a sizable investment. You can get away with just about anything because others in the immediate vicinity will turn a blind eye to your faults. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Snuggle up to the comfort blanket of creativity. You have talent and resourcefulness to armuse yourself when others stare foolishly at the ceiling. Be proactive about your possessions. SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Break the sound barrier, Get in touch with family members or relatives. Don't take the officnsive where finances are concerned, but he quick to defend your assets and possessions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take the phone off the hook. You may receive more than your fair share of special offers and promotional con-

tacts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
Take pride in your work. Clear
your virtual decks so you can
make progress towards an
important goal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):
The sun more into your elem

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The sun moves into your sign today. Perhaps all that means is that your birthday is looming on the horizon — but don't be sur-prised if your ability to charm people is on the upswing.





Good news has many forms for Gemini

Jeraldine Saunders

be on a single-minded crusade. Trying to appease someone with a passionate desire might be too big an order to fill.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Good news comes in many forms. Take the time to digest fresh information. Those you deal with in the business world, or on the job, might be motivated by jealousy or greed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Unmask the masquerader. Flattery could be the sure sign of a spin doctor. Someone might annoy you by flaunting for a spin doctor. Someone might annoy you by flaunting things you can't afford to purchase.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Might makes right. You need not create an argument to defend your territory or stake out your trains. Stand up for your rights and take pride in your ability to take action when it is necessary. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Partners provide flattering mirrors. You attract those with similar ideals, just because money is burning a hole in your pocket doesn't mean you must rush out to buy a new palr of trousers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): All

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By Dean Young & Stan Drake











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By Jim Davis



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By Charles M. Schulz









The Wizard of Id









YOUR SON TRIED TO MAKE A MILK SHAKE

By Bil Keane THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I'm going to need a little help throwing this snowball."

# Wedding isn't right time for brothers to reconcile

DEAR ABBY. My brother and I are one year apart and grew up practically, as twins. We buried our mother and hought some land together. Then, in our late 20s, my brother met and married a woman. We still lived together, only with hostility and distance, can shave gone by, and we now live apart. However, the feelings of hurt still remain—and in fact here intersified. Recently I wrote a letter to him expressing any anger about the past, and he cut me of perpanently.

nently. We both understand that we We both understand that we needed to separate and how unfortunate it was that it happened with a tot of anger and resentment. However, I am being married this summer and am unable to decide if should invite him to the wedding. On the one hand, I don't want to create another wound, but on the other, it feels as If we have finally broken free, and it is time to move on and respect his wish to be rid of me.

respect his wish to be rid of me.

I am actually relieved that the end has finally come. The truth is, I'm not even sure if I want him there. But the rest of our family probably will. What do you think?

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SAN FRANCISCO
DEAR GERALD: A wedding
is the joining together of a couple who hope to spend the rest
of their lives committed to
each other. It is NOT a time for

DEAR

Phillins leuding brothers to attempt a reconciliation, which could be distracting for all concerned, if you plan to patch things up with your sibling, do it before the wedding or don't invite him.

ABBY

leanne

DEAR ABBY: Is it appropriate for a couple living together — Carrie' Is a widow and Jake' Is divorced — to wear weeding bands on the ring fingers of their left hands? They say they are "married in their hearts" and cannot marriegally for financial reasons. My husband and I feet that the wearing of weeding bands without following the rules of marriage (Le., a ceremony conducted by a person licensed to marry and the receiving of a legal document) diminishes the sanctity and authenticity of our own weeding bands and those of all others who are legally married. — IEAN IN LOS GATOS, CALIE.

DEAR JEAN: Couples who find themselves in the situation of the couple you have described sometimes discuss it with their clergyperson and exchange vows so they can be "married in the eyes of God."

Because Carrie and Ace's mar-ital situation bothers you so much, why don't you mantion this to them?

After that, however, I would urge you to devote your atten-tion to your own marriage, because how others choose to conduct their lives in or rules-tion on the sanctity and authenticity of your wedding bands — and frankly, it's none of your fusions. of your busine

DEAR ABBY: My precious daddy died of cancer seven years ago. My problem is. Mother has never laid him to rest. She keeps his ashes in her dirty garage. She says it's because he wanted all three of us children to be together when his ashes were scattered — but my brother lives 1,000 miles away and hasn't been able to get back home. I have tried talking to Mom, reasoning with her, even sugesting she drive off one day and do it by herself if it would make her feel better. Still nothing! Isn't this disrespectful? Dead deserves better, but she refuses to let him go.

— STYMIED! You mother's inability to let go of your father's ashes is not as unusuad as you think. Consider his: Your father's ashes is not as unusuad as you think. Consider this: Your father's neahes in the igarage are but er emails so fails discarded

The ashes in the garage are but the remains of his discarded earthly shell. If enough time elapses, you can scatter your parents' ashes together.

# Slippery food doesn't get away from penguins

Penguins are perfectly suited for eating slippery scafood. A penguin's bill has a hook at the end, perfect for grabbin dinner. It also has backwardfacing bristles on its tongue that keeps fish from wiggling off.

that keeps fish from wiggling off.

This day in history: When Hritish warships appeared at the mouth of the Hudson River on Feb. 19. 1647. Holland ceded its colony of New Amsterdam to England without firing a shot. Faster than a New Amsterdam minute, England renamed its new colony New York.

Not all of New Amsterdam pot renamed when the Brits took over. For example, Dutch sarms were called bouweries, and an area they filled with bucofic farms is still called the Bowery. And Harlem had been named by homesick settlers after Haarlem, their city back in Iolland.

after Haarlem, their city back in Holland.

Arundo donax is a woody plant that is popularly known as oboe came. There's a good reason for the name—it's the plant they make oboe reeds out of.

Studies, have found that heavy coffee drinkers are 30 percent to 50 percent to Stop percent to

and make the Heart light-some."

The sandshark has not one uterus but two. Although, each can house many embryo sharks simultaneously, only one ofspring emerges at the end. The embryos battle and the strongest consumes the

Pilot lucky

with the lotto

MAPLEWOOD, Minn. (AP)

— An airline pilot from
Maplewood won a \$25,000
lottery jackpot — two days in
a row.

lottery jackpot — two days in a row.
Raymond Snouffer Jr.
matched the winning numbers 11-14-23-25-31 to win Saturday's Northstar Cash drawing with odds of about 170,000 to J. Minnesota Lottery officials said.
On Sunday, Stouffer stuck with 11 and switched to 3-7-19-28— and won again.
Lottery officials said such a sequence was so fartethed that the odds against it were "virtually incalculable."



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others before firth.
Westward slow! Wagon
trains heading west averaged
only about 1 to 2 mph.
Thinking of stowing away in

an airplane's wheel well? Not the brightest idea. Since 1947, 79.7 percent of the people who have been known to have tited it died. Those were the ones who were found — experts believe that many more may have tumbled undiscovered into water or remote land.

A vample bat eats by making a small slice in the skin of a large animal, and then licking a few tablespoons of the blood that trickies out.

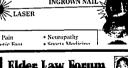




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# **VANISHING POA**

# QUESTION: Just prior to her death, my mother gave me a power of attorney to sign an earnest money agreement for the sale of her home. Can I use the

power of attorney at the sale closing? No. A power of attorney (poa) is ineffective nce the principal (authorizing party) dies. This is true even if the instrument was executed as a

durable power of attorney. Durable means that the poa remains effective even if the principal becomes mentally incapacitated. The means of conveying title to real property vested in the name of a deceased person is by court appointment of a personal representative of the deceased person's estate. In Idaho this is generally a simple procedure.

POAs are a great device, but they have legal limits. Death is one of them.

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# **Bayer Diabetes Care sponsors program**

soring a diabetes education program, "Know Your Nutrition," at 6 p.m. Thesday at the KMVT Community Room. 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin

1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Twin Falls.

Maxine Schroeder, registered dietitlan from St. Lake's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, will discuss meal planning, how to count carbohydrates and haw to eat to prevent diabetle complications. Participants will receive a free blood glucose meter and measuring cups.

The program is free, Preregistradion is encouraged; call 1-800-800-9666, ext. 9493. For information, call Kurt's Pharmacy at 734-8177.

#### Parkinson's support

The Magic Valley Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W. Jacqueline Nix Whiting will present information about the center.

tion about the center.
The senior center will serve lunch at noon for \$4.50. The lunch and meeting are open to the public. Call Don Arrington at 733-8868 or Ray Clark at 324-5013.

#### About diabetes and heart disease

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The Diabetes Support Group
will host Dr. Samantha
Marshall, an internal medicine
Physician in Gooding and
wendell, to lead a discussion
on diabetes and heart issues.
That's set for 7 p.m. Tuesday
at South Central District
leatth, 1020 Washington St.
N., Twin Falls. Use the north
entrance.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Call Susie Beem at 737-5946.

#### 'Baby and Me'

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center offers, "Baby and Me" classes from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln. This weeks topic is "Got the Blues?"

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years. The class is free. Call 324-7262.

# Learn CPR for babies

An infant safety and car-diopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 60 fered from 60 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. The program is part of the prepared childbirth course.

### To do for you

New parents and grandparents can learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and injury prevention. The class is free. Preregistration is not required. Call 732-3148.

#### Alzheimer's support

Alzhemer's Support
SunBridge Care and
Rehabilitation Center will hold
an Alzheimer's Support Group
meeting at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday at SunBridge, 640
Flier Ave. W. Wini Falls.
The support group is open to
Twin Falls-are residents who
have family members with
Alzheimer's. Gall Steve Jones or
Dawn Meyer at 734-8645.

# Learn adult CPR

An adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 5:30 to 9:15 p.m. Wednesday at the American Red Cross office in Twin Falls An instructor will train particlpants how to prevent, prepare for and respond to breathing

emergencies.
Cost is \$34. Prepayment is required. To register, call 1-800-853-2570; go online at www.redcrossidabo.org; or stop by the office, 853 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls.

#### About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, this week through March 21, in the lobby at 5t. Like's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. The class will include instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and care of the newborn including breast feeding and bottle feedings and a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Wear comfortable clothing

Wear comfortable clothing and bring two pillows and, if

possible, a support person.
Cost is \$50. Preregistration is required; call 732-3148 or go online at www.mvrmc.org.

# Heart health

Gooding County Memorial Hospital will host a presenta-tion on improving heart health, 'Cooking For Your Heart,' from moon to 1 p.m. Thursday in the hospital's board room.

Sue Ormond, registered die-titian, and Linda Wiggins will

adding fiber to your diet and recipe modification.

The class is free Lunch will be provided. Preregistration is be provided. Preregistration is required; call 934-9884.

#### Mini Health Fair

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is sponsoring a Mini Health Fair from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Magic Valley Mall (near JC

renney).

The event will include reduced-priced laboratory services, health screenings and free blood pressure checks. These screening tests will be available:

Lipid Screen (cardiac risk profile includes HDL and LDL, and triglycerides levels) for \$16. Fast for at least 10 hours

before the test.

• PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) for \$25.

• TSH (Thyroid Stimulating Hormone) for \$20.

#### About children's hearing loss

nearing loss
Idaho Hands & Voices, a support organization for families
of children who are deaf or
hard of hearing, will hold a
workshop from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday at the Jerome Library,
100 First Ave. E.

The workshop is open to
parents, professionals and
friends of children with any
degree of hearing loss who
wish to learn more about
Hands & Voices, local

degree of hearing loss who wish to learn more about Hands & Voices, local resources and each other. It's free, and lunch is provided. Attend the morning session or the entire day. To pre-register, call Lorna Irvin at 324-7544 (v/tty).

#### Learn CPR/first aid

A first aid and cardiopul-monary resuscitation class will be offered from B a.m. to 1 p.m. Saurday in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W. Twin Falls.

The class combines first aid and CPR training under the guidelines of the American Heart Association and lieart Association and includes emergency procedures for nouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking response for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$50, Pre-registration is required; call 737-2007.

### Brain injury support

The Brain Injury Support Group will meet from 6:30 to 8

# p.m. Feb. 27 at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Outpatient Rehab, 560 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls. Dr. Craig W. Beaver will present an

Craig W. Beaver will present an overview of neuropsychology and traumatic brain injury.

The support group is for people who have had a brain injury and for their family, friends and caregivers. The meeting is free, Call 737-2126.

### About infant CPR

Infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes will be offered from 5:30 to 9:15 p.m. Feb. 28 at the American Red Cross office in

Twin Falls.

Cost is \$35. Prepayment is required. To register, call 1-800-853-2570; go online at www.redcrossidaho.org; or stop by the Red Cross office, 853 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls.

A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Feb. 28 In the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. It's for those who have previ-ously taken childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed. along with a video tour of the Women's and infant Center. Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

The College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center will offer a "Self Defense for Women" class from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 3 and 10 in Room 201 of the Canyon Building on the CSI campus. impus. The class — for women of all

The class—for women of an ages—teaches basic self-defense techniques, tips on how to be aware of surroundings, and measures to safe-guard their own environment. Instructor Gary Taylor is a Concert superferement test.

Instructor Gary Taylor is a 10-year law-enforcement ver-eran with instructional certifi-cations in arrest techniques and ground fighting, and he holds a Blue Belt in Brazilian Bu-Jisu. Cost is \$30. To register, call 732-6442 or go online at www.csl.edu/communityed.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Submit infor-nation by Thursday for publi-cation in the following Monday's Image section. Mail notices to: Times-Neivs, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls. ID 83303, or children to we office at 122 deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St.W.

# Check in, cough out

Hey, you with the sultcase and the head cold. It may have been not the poor ventilation on the airplane but those microorganisms in your hotel room that gave you the sniffles. Researchers at the

University of Virginia found that a cold-infected adult leaves behind transferable viruses on as much as one-third of commonly touched surfaces (TV remote controls, telephones, light switches, doorknobs, etc.) during an overnight hotel stay.

**SilverSneakers** 

Fitness for seniors — even when they travel. Next week in Image



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aged 45 to 64 with migraine or severe headache 7 — Percentage 'of those aged 65 to 74 reporting having

had such an episode Source: 2004 National Health Interview Study, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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# Goals

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They can be so mean.

Goal: Reach 275 pounds.

(I'm 286 now.) Reward: Panis, I need

It m 206 now.)
Reward: Pants. 1 need
some new slacks anyway.
Goal: 250 pounds.
Reward: Buy a "Battless
Galactica DVD set. By this
point i think it will be OK to
sit in a chair and watch 60
straight hours of TV. I promise to eat a place of fruit.
Goal: 240 pounds.
Reward: Iv on my Capit.
America T-Shirt, go to a
comic book shop and inen
hidde in my basement reading. Hey, this is my midlife
crisis. Get your own.
Goal: 210 pounds.
Reward: 10 minutes of
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peace on a porch with a glass of wine and my wife

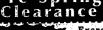
talking about how darn good I look now. Then, we'l shift to what we're going to do about my growing bald

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# A Busy Time for Your Chamber!

its plate. This month's *Business Beat* highlights the awards from the Chamber's Annual Meeting, introduces you to the Chamber's four new Board Members, and has the details on the upcoming Success Breakfast (buy your tickets now!). Our Chamber depends on the active involvement of its membership — so give us a call if you're interested in volunteering for a committee or want to learn more about what you can do to add to our community's economic

" e're into the new year and the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce has plenty on



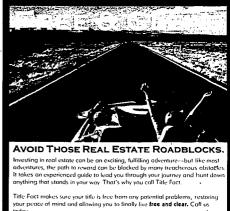
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### The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Mission Statement

ARRAGINATION - UL 1 UMAD ID The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit business organization providing members a strong voice, vision and focused leadership to enhance the economic vitality and quality of life in our community.

# "Riding the Waves of Success" — 2007 Success Breakfast Coming April 5th

et ready for the Success Breakfast. presented by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors and the College of Southern Idaho. We've added some exciting new aspects to this year's event. Here's the rundown of what's happening:

Tickets are \$40 and include breakfast, the guest speaker's presentation, and breakout sessions. You can order your tickets at the Chamber office (733-3974) or buy online at www.twinfallschamber.com.

#### Thursday, April 5

7 am --Breakfast (CSI Gymnasium) Recognition of Person of the Year and Litetime Achievement Award Winners Presentation of Small Business Awards 8:30 am --

Guest Speaker Sharon Allen, Chalrman of the Board, Deloitte & Touche USA LLP (CSI Fine Arts Auditorium) 10: (O am -

Breakout Educational Sessions (on campus) to help you succeed in your business, Featuring Sharon Allen - Fred Ball, Zion's Bank - Idaho Commerce & Labor -- CM -- Times-News -- Mike Hutchins

#### Special Thanks:

An endowment will be established at the College of Southern Idaho Foundation in Sharon's name to offer local students scholarships in their pursuit of business education. The endowment is made possible by the generosity of these business underwriters:

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# More on Guest Speaker Sharon Allen:

From her roots in Kimberly, Idaho. to her first manager's job at Deloitte's Boise office more than 30 years ago. to the boardroom of one of the largest professional services firms in the world, Sharon Allen, Deloitte & Touche USA Chairman of the Board learned many lessons about Hfe, relationships and success along the way. Her address "The Changing Face of Business: Talent, Diversity and Values" will outline those first influences and early lessons in business that guide her today as she oversees an \$8 billion organization of nearly 40,000 people in the United States. Allen will also share strategic insights and hest practices on a wide range of current issues including talent management, diversity, and the importance of values for competitive success. In 2003, Allen was the first woman elected as Chairman of the Board of a major U.S. accounting and consulting firm. In 2005, she was appointed to serve on the prestigious President's Export Council, This past year, she was named to Forbes list of the "Most Powerful Women in the

World". She remains actively involved in the Idaho community, along with her husband Rich, also from Idaho. Sharon holds an honorary doctorate from her alma mater, the University of Idaho.



Sharon Allen

# Small Business awards to be Presented at Success Breakfast — Nomination Needed!

New this year, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will recognize local businesses in 4 separate categories for business success. Nominations are sneeded in all categories (self-nomination is allowed).

For the purposes of these nominations, small lusiness is defined as a locallyowned or locally-operated business with I to 300 employees.

To complete the nomination, please provide the business or individual contact information and details related only to the information requested. Please do not submit additional information such as news clippings, letters of support, copies of other awards, etc. Email to shawned twinfallschamber.com or mail to the Chamber office.

Small Business Person of the Year This award is presented to recognize a local small business person who has

demonstrated achievement in ownership or management of a small business as well as leadership in the husiness community or to one who has made significant contributions to the small business environment. The individual selected will have demonstrated leadership in bringing about business growth and have an outstanding renutation Management skills may be demonstrated through many facts, including innovation, cost controls, quality of business performance, problem-solving abilities in response to adversity, etc.

#### Special Accomplishment Award 2007

This award recognizes a small business or an organization in business in the community for at least one year for extraordinary achievement other than ex-cellence in entrepreneurialism, business growth or cornerstone contributions. Major achievements that are especially noteworthy would be eligible for this

award as would situations where major challenges have been surmounted, Examples might include the following: · A small business that made an exception-

al change in operations or direction with major results . Situations where owners or employees have exhibited efforts far above and beyond those encountered in normal business rela-

· A small business that overcame adversity, facing a unique circumstance not generally encountered in the normal course of business and made a comeback in spite of odds against it.

· An organization that has provided exceptional assistance to others in business by assisting them in a unique, confidencitary or above average manner

· A unique franchise development or other business evolution or process

#### Growth Award 2007

This award is given to a business that is locally-owned or locally-operated, in

business at least 3 years under the curtent ownership or management, and has demonstrated significant or continuous growth in sales, service and employees. Data should show comparative growth over the 3 year time period (all information will remain confidentials

#### Entrepreneurial Award 2007 This award is given to a business that is locally-owned or locally-operated,

in business at least two years but not more than five years. The business will have demonstrated a creative business approach and current success, It will have had impact on the local business community

Deadline for nominations for these Small Business Awards is Tuesday, March 20%.

The awards will be presented at the Success Breakfast on Thursday, April 5%.

# <u>Business After</u> Hours

Thursday, February 22, 2007 - 5:30pm - 7pm -Hosted by Key Bank

103 Main Ave. E. - Food, drinks, prizes and FUN!

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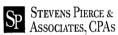
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Information correct as of publication date. but watch your weekly "Friday Facts" for potential updates.

We hope you find this printed monthly calendar helpful in identifying important Chamber activities. We also provide a weekly calendar in your Friday Facts. Now, you can also log onto www.twinfallschamber.com to see the Chamber's website including "Area Events" in a calendar format.

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Thank you to our outgoing Board Members:

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ine award winners: lerry Russo / Clearwater Mortgage - Amhassador of the Year

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