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Groundwater users hail ruling in pivotal court case

Both sides say state Supreme Court leaves many questions unanswered

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

BOISE — Southern Idaho groundwater users have won a victory in a much-anticipated court case over claims to water in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, though both sides in the case say the court left many

questions unanswered.

The Idaho Supreme Court ruled Monday that conjunctive management — a system of rules used by Idaho Department of Water Department of Water Resources Director Dave Tuthill to allocate water between sen-ior and junior rights holders, especially in times of drought

— is a constitutional method to administer water rights. However, whether that method can be applied consti-tutionally was left unanswered by the court. Partles on both sides predict another legal bat-tle to resolve how the director should apply conjunctive man-agement rules.

decision means groundwater users, who largely own junior water rights, likely won't face widespread curtailment as

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ome had feared.
"This is great news," said
ynn Tominaga, executive
irector of the Idaho Ground Lynn Water Appropriators that, along with the IDWR, appealed the case to the high court. "But it

still means we have to go back and do the administrative

and do the administration of the process."
Sentor and Jundor users will have to wait to see how Tuthill applies the conjunctive management rules to a pending water-dispute before the Issue Is resolved.
Sentor rights holders oppose conjunctive management management the rules sometimes prevent them from receiving their full water shape. Junior users say conjunctive manage-

ment protects them from wide-spread curtailment when water runs short.
"We're disappointed," said Randy MacMillan, vice presi-dent of research and environ-mental affairs for Clear Springs Foods, a company with surface rights that was named in the suit," because this decision will further delay effective adminis-tration of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer

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"We're burying our heads in the sand right now. We're refusing to acknowledge there's any kind of problem here." - Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, the bill's author.

House kills resolution to improve day care

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'In the old Russia, the state owned the children for all intents and purposes aird directed their cluention,' said Rep. Lemore Barrett, Rchallis. 'This is not the proper role of the government.'

Barrett led a 43 to 27 vote against adopting a bill that would encourage the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Welfare to create early learning standards. The standards would be used to form a voluntary ranking system for allocating federal funding to preschools.



Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, a former teacher and the bill's author, said the bill had no fiscal impact and would offer parents more transparency when seeking

transparency when seeking day care.
She Said afterward that the dissenters — no Republican spoke in favor — had blown the issue out of proportion by discussing philosophy, and not children.

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"It appears to me they refuse to acknowledge that we have a whole lot of kids in child care," she said. "Were burying our heads in the sand right now. We're refusing to acknowledge there's any kind of problem here."

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Paying for pretty



Anger, apologies at **Walter Reed hearing**

and Steve Vogel
The Washington Post

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WASHINGTON — Senior
commanders of the U.S.
Army offered profuse apologies Monday for the poor
treatment accorded many
soldiers at Walter Reed Army
Medical Center, but lawmakers expressed skepticism that
the generals had been
unaware of the problems
until they were spotlighted
by the media new weeks ago.
Congress opened a round
of investigative bearings into
the Walter Reed scandal only
days after a major shakeup at
the Army that followed
Washington Post reports on

squalid living conditions and bureaucratic tangles for soldiers receiving outpatient care. Waiter Reed's commander, Maj. Gen. George W. Weightman, and Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey lost their Jobs, and the Bush administration has established several panels to investigate the care being provided to wounded soldiers. Senior commanders sounded more contrile Monday than they did when the scandal first broke. At one point during several hours of hearings in the auditorium at Walter Reed.

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Twin Falls struggles to find money for public art

TWIN FALLS — tronically, the best way to fund public art is in the eye of the beholder. The Twin Falls City Council discussed a proposal Monday night for a public arts fund that would help spruce up the city with public art projects.

Councilors discussed a draft for the council or discussed a draft for the draft for the council or discussed a draft for the council or discussed

with public air projects.
Councilors discussed a draft ordinance currently being used in Reuburg as a template for Twin Falls; however, most agreed that it was too complicated to be effective. At its simplest, the ordinance would require the city to contribute to an arts fund based on the amount of money it spends on capital improvements.
City Councilman-Shawn Barigar said the ordinance would not be adequate for Twin Falls because it included too many exceptions to what is

considered an eligible appital improvement.

We looked at last year's capital improvement projects in Twin Falls that were eligible to add the 1 percent, and of the 6.5 million we had in capital improvements, we would have generated a whopping \$1.168." Barigar said. "My sense is that if were exempted to missing the said of the control Barigar said. "My sense is that if we are committed to public art, which it seems like we are, considering our strategic plan, that we would feel more comfortable having something concrete in the budget."

If e said the Canyon Rim Arts Project, alone, costs about \$20,000 — far more than the amount the draft ordinance would be able to generate. However, councilors agreed that something does need to be done in order to promote public arts, but they did not agree on how it should be financed. According the city's strategic

plan, it was supposed to have enacted a plan in October that would help fund public arts and enhance the community. However, the councilors have not been able to agree on a suitable plan.

"I'm OK with funding the arts," said Councilman Greg Lanting. But this 1 percent that would be added would casentially be additional luxes.

Stacy Madsen, executive director of the Magic Valley Arts Council, said she believes councilors are supportive of the arts, but they are being careful not to enact a temporary fix.

This is a monumental step for our community because we have never had anything like

for our community because we have never had anything like this," she said. "But I think they (councilors) want to make sure that we have all our ducks in a row before they act on any-



An inscribed boulder, part of the Turn Falls Millennium Sculpture, is en Monday at City Park.

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WASHINGTON — Thomas Edison, how we love thee. You brought us the motion picture projector and the phonograph. You spared us the agony of having to answer the phone with "ahoy-hoy!" — the preferred greeting of your contemporary. Mr. Graham Bell — by opting for the word "hello."

And, of course, you gave us he light buth, which not only illuminated our world (without

exposed flames), but also came to symbolize the thinking mans greatest treasure: the idea. You had lots of ideas. More than 1.000 patents were issued under your name! So riddle us this: If a light goes on over your head and nobody else sees it glow, does it make an invention?

The answer is what separates the inventor from the merely inventive.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Va., granted more than 170,000 patents last year and registered or renewed over 120,000 trudemarks. A recent Washington area casting call for Everyday Edisons." a PBs cality show that chronicles the journey of Inventing, turned up nearly 1,000 hopefuls. At the andition, a man holding a makeshift golf club sat two seats from a woman

ing a makesum goir club sat two seats from a woman clutching Tupperware. Like most of the would-be Edisons, they were reluctant to discuss their inventions. Their arms were crossed, as if shielding

their ideas from predators.

They are representative of the amateur inventor, of which there are two types, according to Richard C. Inside

to Richard C. Levy, author of The Complete Idiots Guide to those who Cashing In on know.

Your Inventions": See page A3
"The paranoid and the more paranoid."
Of course, inventors should be discreet: Once an idea is publicly disclosed, the clock

Inventors try to capitalize on that 'Aha!' moment starts ticking, and an inventor has 12 months to file a patent to protect this bit of intellectual

protect this bit of intellectual property. But most beginners do not understand that an idea is just an idea.

Matt Heming, 32, is an experient and the casting call, the Arlington, Va., resident played his unpatented tabletop game in plain sight, because, he says. "I don't have the patience or money to hide my inventions."

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MINI-CASSIA

Today:Mostly, sunny and dry. Highs in the middle 40s. Tonight: Partly cloudy skies and light winds. Lows in the

orrow: Increasing clouds with a chance of overnight vers developing. Highs mid 40s, lows low 30s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Ernest Lohman's "Hello, Dolly", pesented by the Qakley Valley Art. Council, 7:30 p.m., Howells Opera House, Datley, SS, 677-ARTS. The College of Southern Idaho Wood Ensamble concert, with student compositions and works for woodwing, brass, percussions ended to the compositions and works for woodwing, brass, percussions and full band, 7:30 p.m., C.S.I. Fine Arts Auditorium, Twin Folis, free admission (5 5 suggested donation), 73-26288.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Donkoy Basketball, with family entertainment sponsored by Filer FFA Alumni for scholarship fund for FFA members, 7 p.m., Filer High School, Filer, advanced tickets: \$7 adults: \$6, 6th :12th grade students; and \$5, K-5th graders, 731-1257 or 326-4454.

CLUBS

Mary Time Club moeting, 2 p.m., home of Gladwin Theener, 735-5213.

5213. Workshop: new dancer Club, Workshop: new dancers, 7 p.m., "Plus" at 8:30 p.m., El Sombrero Restaurant, Jerome, (A-G bring finger 1004), 734-6451. The Magle Valley New Neighborn Club luncheon, Doris Boyd's trip to ireland/Scotland, 11:30 am. Jerome Country Club, 649 Gglf Course Rd., Jerome, 733-1581.

EDUCATION

"Let's Talk About It" adult book discussion group, "Growing Up" by Russell Baker, Filer Public Library, 219 Main St., Filer, books available for checkout, 326-4143. Movie Velwring of previous book talk, part of the winter book talk and film schedule, Buhl Public Library, Buhl, no cast, 543-6500.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Sfloshone St. N., 736-4068. Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S.; Haliey, 789-5500. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700. Alldon City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 124 S. Main, 673-5352.

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

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

Steps. Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151.

Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600.

Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rall St. W., 886-

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Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W., 733-3974.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 am. at Filer Elementary, 9:15.10:15 am. at Hagerman High School Gym and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Ben High School Gym and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Ben High School, no cost, 7:32-6475.

Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program for senior citizens, 13:30 c.30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 5:30 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, free for all senior citizens, 7:37-5946.
Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Ediscopol Church of the Assension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 7:37-2977.
The MiniCasala Lapiband/Weight Loss Surgery Support Group meeting, for anyone who has been banded, is walting to be banded or is considering the procedure and gastic bypass patients, 6:30 p.m. no-host soup and salad, JB's Restaurant, 1:36 E. Fith St. N., Burley, 4:31-996.
"Gody Pinancial Budgeting," Tught by Rocky Hanchey, 6 p.m., Miraciae Valley Counseling Center, 213 3rd Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free-will offering accepted; appointment required), 7:49-690 for appointment. Regional Senior Senior

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Potato Bags, learn to make bags with embroidery assistance. 1:30 to 4 p.m., Ivin Falls Sewing Center, 157 Main Ave, W., Twin Falls, \$10, 733-3344.

Quitt as You do finew version), taught by Nancy Lee, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Twin Falls Sewing Center, 157 Main Ave, W., Twin Falls, \$10, 733-3344.

MUSEUMS

"Mingle in the Jungle" free regille review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest, Herrett Center frain forest, Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern ladan to cost. 732-6655.
Faulkner Planetarium, "Far Out Space Places" 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Fetts, 54 for adults, 33 for senior citizens, 52 for students and 59 for families (children under age 4 not allowed), 732-6655.
Family night telescope viewing, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falts, 51 (no cost for children age 6 and under or with planetarium admission), 732-6655.

To list events, submit the event's name, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail, sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, RD. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days before the event.

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Police looking for shooting suspect

TWIN FALLS — One day after being shot while walking in his neighborhood, a Twin Falls man still is puzzled why anybody would do that to him.

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New track may have to wait another year

BURLEY — The school dis-trict thought it had enough money to build a new high school track. Contractors thought different. SEE PAGE D3

Girls in Technology begins today at CSI

TWIN FALLS — The sixth-annual Girls in Technology event begins today at the College of Southern Idaho. SEE PAGE D3

OBITUARIES

James A. Helton James Forest Kunkel, 74 Loretta Brant, 99

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CORRECTIONS

Donor's name incorrect

Bott Livestock donated \$400 in an auction to benefit Filer High School graduate Lindsay Heimkes. The name of the company was incorrect in Friday's edition.

Board meeting time incorrect

IROTTECT
The Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization full board meeting will be at noon today in the Rick Allen Community Room at CSI's Herett Center. The time of the meeting was incorrect in Monday's edition. The Times-News regrets the errors.

IDAHO/WEST



Wyo. legislator gets support of national gay advocates

CHEVENNE, Wyo. — Dan Zwonitzer is both Republican and straight, but the 27-year-old state representative studently has found himself praised by gay rights activists nation-wide. Zwonitzer, B. Cheyenne, spoke out in a legislative committee against a measure that would have allowed Wyoming to deny recognition of gay marriages grant-ed by other states or countries. CHEYENNE, Wvo. - Dan SEE PAGE D5

Lawmakers move ahead

with wilderness bill with widerness bill

BOISE — Two idaho
wilderness bills that failed
to make it through the last
Congress are back on track,
but will they have a better
chance of passage now that
Democrats control both
chambers? Nor necessarily,
say the Republican sponsors from Idaho, who contend that added finesse will
be needed to get them
through Congress and a key
House committee.

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Caldwell becoming a housing hot spot

a housing hot spot

CALDWELL — New subdivisions planned in
Caldwell could add nearly
8,000 homes to the area in
the next 15 years. Entrylevel homes have been the
mainstay of Caldwell's
growth, but city officials
and real estate agents say
there will be more options
now for affluent and middle-income home buyers.

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Sen. turns off mass committee e-mails

Committee e-mails

BOISE — An Idaho senator got state computer techrhicians last month to ellminate the public's ability to send messages to every member of a legislative committee simultaneously after lawmakers were deluged by thousands of emails over an abortion bill.

NATION/WORLD



Car homb kills 38 in Baghdad

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BAGHIAD, Imq — A suicide car bomber turned a
venerable book market into
a deadly inferno and gunmen targeted Shilt pilgrims Monday as suspected
Sunni insurgents brought
major bloodshed back into
the lap of their main Shilte
rivals. At least 38 people
died in the blast and seven
pilgrims were killed.

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Radio stations agree to anti-payola deal

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WASHINGTON — Badio
listeners weary of hearing
the same songs over and
over may have something
to cheer about:
Broadcasters have tentatively agreed to anti-payola
settlements that could
shake up music playlists at
some of the nation's largest
radio chains. The
Associated Press has
learned. learned.

Cheney has blood

clot in his left leg

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WASHINGTON

Doctors discovered a blood
clot in Vice President Dick
Chency's left leg Monday, a
condition that could be
fatal if left untreated. The
66-year-old Chency, who
has a history of heart problems, will be treated with
blood-blinning medication
for several months, said
spokeswoman Lea Anne
McBride.

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White House board says eavesdropping programs OK

programs UK:

WASHINGTON — A
While House privacy board
has determined that two of
the Bush administration's
controversial surveillance
programs — electronic
eavesdropping and financial tracking — do not vioclat critizens' civil liberties.
After operating mostly in
secret for a year, the fivemember Privacy and Civil
Liberties Board is preparing
to release its first report to
Congress next week.

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Last place in common sense?

idaho's ranking tast in the nation for chiliscare center oversight didn't appear to faze some lawmakers, who seem to think there's no need for more regulations. The state's most preclous resource is children, and if they don't see that, Idaho ranks last in common sense.

— PAT MARCANTONIO, online editor

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TWIN FALLS — The Savtooth Central Idaho Conference. Canyon Conference and Magic Valley Northside — Conference amaned their all-conference teams for boys and gifds based to the conference teams for boys and gifds based to the conference teams for boys and gifds based to the conference teams for boys and gifds based to the conference teams for boys and gifds based to the conference teams for boys and gifds based to the conference teams for boys and the conference teams for the conference teams

District All-star game nears

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TWIN FALLS — The
District IV All-star boys and
girls basketball games will be
held Monday, March 12 at
Twin Falls High Schools Baun
Gymnasium. The showcase
of the area's top seniors will
tip off with the 6 pm. girls
game, followed by the boys
game at 7:30 pm.

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Wilson wins Honda Classic

Honda Classic

PALM BEACH GARDENS,
Fla. — Mark Wilson was a
math major at North
Carolina and confesses that
one of his favorite things is
crossing off items on his todo lists.

He can now erase the topentry on that sheet of goals,
Wilson made a birdie to
beat Jose Coccres on the
third playoff hole and win
the Honda Classic at PCA
National on Monday, the 32year-old player's first PGA
Tour victory in 111 career
tries. He won a four-man
playoff the bear Sunday,
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flor feet on the par-3 17th
hole.

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Water

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Gooding attorney Tom
Arkoosh, who argued the case
on behalf of the surface users,
said he thought the court
made a fair reading of the case,
and he confirmed the issue is
far from resolved.

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The pending case before the narirom resolved.
The pending case before the director involves a call for water by surface users that launched the Supreme Court case. A coalition of surface users filled sult against the state in August 2005 when previous water director Karl Dreher refused to cut off groundwater pumpers to satisfy senior water rights. In June, 5th District Court Judge Barry Wood sided with surface users and ruled conjunctive management unconjunctive management unconjunctive management uncon-

stitutional. The groundwater pumpers appealed to the high court that reversed the decision Monday. In a statement made through a spokesman, Ruthill said the appreciates the court's work on the case, and that he is assessing the decision. Tuthill will likely revisit the water-call case this spring. MacMillan said a lawsuit disputing Tuthill's decision probably will be filed by surface or groundwater users—depending on how Tuthill decides—soon after.

Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen covers natu-ral resources. He welcomes comments at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@lee.net.

Day care

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Others continued to reference communism, including,
Rep., Jim Marriot, Re-Blactioot,
who said he was startled in
1992 when he visited a Russlan
orphanage and saw dozens of
beds lined end-to-end for kids
parents did not want.
"Can you imagine every
child being reared for someone other than their parent?"
he asked on the floor. "Is this
the road we're going down! we'll continue to go down this
road, where we're taking over
all the responsibility for parents carring for their kids."
The comments were almost
identical to those from last
week when a House committee killed a bill that would have
established minimum safety

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standards. Members of the committee opposed govern-ment intervention in child care and questioned why soci-ety keeps mothers from raising children at home. Coincidentally, a study of

day care oversight released last week ranked Idaho, as .the worst in the nation. Democrats said the growth of Idaho warrants change. Assistant Minority Leader George Sayler, D-Coeur d'Alene, said more than 70,000 children in the U.S. are watched by people who are not their parents. Pence said 60 percent of Idaho children younger dano in bare mothers who work outside the home. This is not the fearful. com-

who work outside the home.
"This is not the fearful, communist plot you think it is," said Rep. Margaret Henbest, D-Boise. "Like it or not, there are single mothers in Idaho." Also, Pence said she felt abandoned by the Education committee, including Chairman, Rep. Bob Nonini, R-

Coeur d'Alene, who said that a packet of day-care statistics handed out Monday before the

packet of day-care statistics handed out Monday before the wote should have been distributed at the bill hearing. "Chairman Nonini just sabotaged that with that first tirade he had against it," she said. 'The was going to do that kind of stuff he should have let was know. That's not the kind of protocol that's expected." But Nonini, who did not attend the hearing because he was proposing legislation-before a different committee, said he opposed the bill, regardless since he is against publicly funded preschool. He also said the mainty system was unfair because it was voluntary and adequate facilities would be slighted.

Walter Reed

Weightman said

vmakers. Democrats and Republicans alike, seemed receptive to the candor voiced at the hearing of a panel of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, but they also cited earlier warnings from internal memos, government audits and media reports. "I have to tell you, the first thing that pops into my mind is: Where've you been? Where has all the brass been?" said

has all the brass been?" said Rep. John E Tierney, D-Mass, who convened the hearing as chairman of the national secu-rity and foreign affairs sub-committee, "All the things that (were) heard, read about and

heard earlier today, clearly, this can't all be pushed down at the lower level. Clearly this is not some junior officer's responsibility that nobody else has to claim anything for."

Army Chief of Staff Peter J. Schoomaker told the committee that the reports and audits did not come to his attention, but he said it is now clear that but he said it is now clear if but he said it is now crear that there is a much bigger prob-lem in military health care. "I couldn't be madder, and I couldn't be more embarrassed

and ashamed of the kinds of things that have turned up because, clearly, it's not what my impression would have heen based upon the feedback that I've gotten as I've talked to soldlers and the family." he said.

Rep. Thomas M. Davis III, R-Va., the ranking Republican on the committee, cited an Oct. 12, 2006, Army memo indicating that a review team found problems with billering, staffing and other issues

at Building 18, the outpatient residential facility whose sub-standard conditions have been at the beart of the recent scandal. Both Weightman and Lt. Gen. Kevin C. Kiley, the Army-surgeon general, who previously commanded Walter Reed. acknowledged under questioning that they

had been briefed on the find-

had been briefed on the find-ings.
You knew these were prob-lems," Davis said: "You may not have know specifically what it looked like, and you may not have been able to put faces and stories behind it, but there was an ongoing con-cern."

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NOTICE PUBLIC

Live cary of 1 win Falls Parks and Recreation Department is requesting bids for the mowing and maintenance of medians and landscaped strips within the City of Twin Falls.

Bids must be submitted to the Parks & Recreation Office by 5:00pm or Buts must be submitted to the Farks & Recreation Office by SADpm on Friday, March 16, 2007. As part of the proposal, biddera air. required to attend a pre-bid meeting on Monday March 12, 9:00 am at the Parks & Recreation Office located at 136 Maxwell Avenue-Please call Parks & Recreation at 736-2265 with any questions

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Weightman turned to the soldiers and families behind him
and apologized "for not meeting their expectations, not only
in the care provided, but also
in having so many bureaucratic processes."

1 promise we will do better."

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Fleming, a clinical psychol-ogist, is the man behind SparkBugg.com, a blog about ideas, based on his belief that

SparkBuggeom, a blog about ideas, based on his belief that — surprise! — ideas beget more ideas. Which is why he's not overly concerned about someone stealing his. Besides, he says, 'It needs to be your own baby to really run with it, to really believe in it.' Says Don Kelly, co-founder of the Henrietta, NY,-based United Inventors Association: People in general are checkes as to where to start and how much actual work and delication has to go into it." Only 54 percent of pastion has to go into it." Only 54 percent of pastion has to go into it." Only 54 percent of pastion has to go into it." Only 54 percent of pastion has to go into it." Only 54 percent of pastion has to go into it." Only 54 percent of pastion has to go into it." Only 54 percent of pastion of pically into its of the patient office. A patient applications receive approach coally into more than \$25,000, depending on the complexity of the patient and whether an inventor chooses to hire a patient lawyer (as opposed to'a patient agent) to write the claims.

"Inventing is a cransboot."

patent agent) to write the claims. Towering is a crapshoot. Levy says. It's a high-wire act without a net. Tower and the common of the common



Tips from those who know

from Fairfax, Va., knows this basic truth: "You can have a great idea, you can build it, you can show people — but nobody else is going to sell it

can show people — but nobody else is going to sell it for you."

(Incidentally, inventors lecture ad nauseam about the perils of marketing scam companies — Erms that promise to help develop and promote your invention but often do little besides drain your wallet. The patent office has a scam prevention brochure — found on its Web Sire; Ywww.uspto.gov, in the inventor Support section under inventor Resources — that warns about these companies.)

under inventor resources — that warns about these compa-nles.) — Davala, 29, has a patent pending on a knife for measur-ing butter — a kitchen tool that he says he expects will be "as common as a measuring cup in the near future."

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But none of this would have come to be if Ellis hadn't spent seven years tinkering with and peddling his invention, sacri-ficing nights, weekends and vacation time while holding a full-time job as a budget ana-lyst. He estimates that he spent close to \$200,000 on patents and a prototype of the shoe. To market li, he attended trade shows and networked with

market II, he attended trade shows and networked with industry engineers. At one footwear convention, he hopped onto a table barefoot to demonstrate his design — a desperate attempt to call atten-tion to his product.

"That took some guts," he says.

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Radio companies to pay \$12.5M payola fine

By Jim Puzzanghera Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Four of the nation's largest broad-cast radio companies have agreed to pay a combined \$12.5 million to settle a fed-eral investigation into "pay-for-play" practices and will provide thousands of hours of few airtime to local musiprovide thousands of house provide thousands of house of free airtime to local musi-clans and independent record labels, sources famil-lar with the agreement said

record labels, sources familiar with the agreement said Monday.

Details of the settlement are being worked out, and the Federal Commission still must approve it. Under terms of the agreement, Clear Channel Communications Inc., CISS Badio Inc., Entercom Communications Inc., Cities Badio Inc., Entercom Communications Corp. and Citadel Broadcasting Corp. would pay one of the largest fines ever levied by the FCC. The companies allegedly received money, affiline tickets, clutting and other gifts from major record companies to play certain songs. The under-the-table payments, known as payola, have been illegal since a series of pay-for play scandals in the early days of rock 'n foll in the 1950s. Any payment in exchange for air time must be disclosed by broadcasters.

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The \$12.5 million fine to be paid by the four companies is in line with settlements two of the companies reached with former New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer. CBS Radio agreed to pay \$2 million in October, and Entercom agreed to a \$4.45 million fine two months later.

But the proposed FCC fine pales in comparison with settlements Spitzer got from major record companies. Universal Music Group, for example, agreed last year to pay more than \$12 million to settle payola allegations. The FCC's jurisdiction is limited to broadcast radio stations.

diction is limite to broad-cast and a state of the con-cast and a state of the con-cast and a state of the con-cast and a state of the con-formatian S. Adelstein, an amateur musician who helped broker the deal, said the fines and aimlay agree-ments were significant.

"I think it's a real break-through in the battle to wipe payola off the airwaves," he said. "If you take payola out of radio, then music gets heard on the basis of metil, not on the basis of who's got wads of cash backing the not on the basis of who's got wads of cash backing the artist. That's likely to make radio fresher and restore its vitality."

Quick fix or major headache?

Payday industry puts forward changes; consumer advocates wary

By Susanne M. Schafer Associated Press writer

COLUMBIA. S.C. — Soft music plays in the background of a new TV ad campaign as it urges viewers to only use payday loans for emergencies. One seeme shows a broken-down car. Another depicts a young boy in a doctor's office, his arm in a clien.

Another depicts a young boy in a doctor's office, his arm in a sling. "Please borrow only what you feel comfortable paying back when it's due," says Darrin Andersen, president of the Community Financial Services Association. A new emblem will tell borrowers which lenders meet his trade group's requirements, Andersen says in the ad. The \$10 million campaign, announced last month along with some industry policy changes, came as states from Virginia to New Mexico consider legislation to limit payday lending practices. But it's not stopping consumer watchdogs and people already in debt from questioning the motives of an industry whose loans' annual interest rates can exceed 400 percent. "Payday lenders make it

interest rates can exceed 400 percent.
"Payday lenders make it easy for consumers to get trapped in predatory debt," said Teresa Arnold, legislative director for AARP in South

director for ARIP in South Carolina.

Payday lenders offer quick cash advances — for a fee — secured by a postdated personal check from the borrow-receive their next paycheck. Borrowers who can't pay often receive their next paycheck. Borrowers who can't pay often ryol over 'the loan repeatedly, leading to more charges that can quickly add up and teat to a cycle of debt. Customers are drawn to the lenders because, unlike banks and credit unions, they don't run credit checks.

Rena McFadden and her

La duvocates wally husband are two people who've hecome trapped. Her husband has been dealing with lenders threatening court action unless the McFaddens quickly repay the \$2.400 they owe. "The time to repay is too short. He's been trying to talk to them, but they won't talk" said McFadden, a 39-year-old who works in a dry cleaning shop. "They want the money by the next pay day, How are your supposed to pay your blills?"

you supposed pay you billist? There are more than 22,000 payday advance locations in: the United States that garner 56 billion annually in rev-enues, according to Steven Schlein, a spokesman for the financial services association, which represents about two-thirds of payday lending com-panies.

which represents a consumers thirds of payday lending companiles. The payday loan industry's biggest change would give customers more time to pay back a loan with no financial penalty. This "extended payment plan" would be available at least once a year and previde borrowers between two and four extra months to pay off loans. It was paired with the ad campaign and a ban on ads that promote payday advances for "fitvolous purposes" like vacutions. But lawmakers are still pushing changes. In South Carolina, home to Advance America, the nation's largest payday lender, lawmakers are considering a measure that would cap at 36 percent the annual interest fee on the loans and limit the number of payday loans a consumer could have with a single payday loan company. Eleven states already have

could have with a single pay-day loan company. Eleven states already have similar interest-rate limits on payday lenders, according to consumer watchdogs, and the payday lending industry con-siders such rates too low to remain profitable. New pro-posals in 10 other states



Mitchell McFadden, and his wife Rena lost their home and are living in a bi-weekly rental hotel, Thuruday, in Cok S.C. With his bills in hand, they both work and are struggling to make ends meet. Payday lenders have begun to Rena and her husband, threatening to take them to court unless he quickly repays the \$2,400 he owes.

would impose similar limits, said Carol Hammerstein, a spokeswoman for the Durham, N.C. based Center for Responsible Lending: the Carol Hammerstein said carol for Responsible Lending: the Carolina legislation and the Market for Responsible Lending: the Carolina legislation said the Market for the Wake of caps imposed last fall by Congress. Legislators put a 36 percent annual cap no loans to military service members following disclosures that thousands of mons were in debt to payday lenders. State Rep. Alan Clemmons, a Republican who introduced the South Carolina legislation, said it's needed because the South Carolina legislation said it's needed because meighboring states have either banned or sharply restricted payday loans. In response, lenders have increased business in South Carolina, and the state has become "payday loand the Meeca." Clemmons said.

Jamle Fulmer, director of

sid. Jamle Fulmer, director of relations for Jamle Futmer, orrector or investor relations for Spartanburg, S.C.-based Advance America, said the loans are paid back on time by the vast majority of customers and that penalties for bounc-

ing checks or making late credit-card payments are more severe than payday loan rates. Said the industry was willing to consider 'reason-able' change, but that Clemmons' proposal to cap the loans was a backdoor attempt to end them. I would amount to the lent. I would amount to the lindustry earning only \$1.38 per \$100 for attempt to end them. I would a to cover overhead, he said.

It costs more money to go you wan on the market is pretty efficient. If there were some out there who could offer this product to consumers less expensively, they would be in the product to consumers less expensively, they would be in the product to consumers less expensively, they would be in the product to consumers less expensively, they would be in the product to consumers less expensively, they would be in the product to consumers less expensively, they would be in the product to consumers less expensively, they would be in the product to consumers less expensively, they would be in the product to consumers and with the industry program amount cell that week Arnold said the number of enertial theorems in the state

am announced last Arnold said the number week. Arnold said the number of payday lenders in the state has more than doubled over the last five years. AARP's 2005 survey of credit counselors found that one in four clients had payday loans — usually multiple loans — and that the

loans were a major part of their credit problems.
"It's not unusual (for counsclors) to see clients paying \$1600 for a \$500 loan," Arnold added.
At Port Jackson near Columbia, the head of the installation's consumer advocacy and financial advising programs said she knows soldiers who had been paying up to 900 percent interest on their loans.
"We've seen some pretty

their loans.

We've seen some pretty
ugly cases," said Madelyn
Mercado.

Lately, she's seen a drop in
the number of soldiers seeking help because of payday
loan problems. Although
Mercado said she can't be certain of the reason, she thinks
the drop is due to the interest
limits passed by Congress and
signed into law by President
Bushi in Octoba. Bush in October.

Bush in October.
"We used to see two, three, four soldiers a week with this problein," said Mercado. "We haven't seen a soldier come in with a new payday lending problem since the end of December."

This furniture company is taking off

California company creates furniture from airplane parts By David Colker Los Angeles Times

TORRANCE, Calif. — Donovan Fell is like an aviation hobbyist who turns vintage airplane parts into coffee tables.

Except it's not a hobby. Fell is co-owner of 24 Except it's not a hobby. Fell is co-owner of Moto Art, which last year sold \$1.5 million worth of furniture fashion do to fit it is that once flew across the skies. Among them: coffee tables made of landing gear doors, desks fashioned from wings and aquariums from deactivated bombs.

bombs.
None of it comes cheap. It's hard to find anything in Moto Art's spacious Torrance shop for less than \$1,000, and a conference table can be as much as \$35,000.
This is recycling for the wealthy

much as \$35,000.

This is recycling for the wealthy.

Rich guys come down here.

Rich guys come down here.

Rich guys come down here.

Rich guys come diven yellow and their eyes light up," said co-owner Dawe Hall, 39. "We cury them, and they envy us."

Then we make a little trade's said Fell. 57.

Although the business took off faster than either salesman Hall and designer Fell imagined when they started it as a sidelline in a garage five years ago, it's their next flight plan that could be the most daunting.

ing.

They want to take Moto Art, an artisan business with 13 employees, and turn it into a mass marketer with factories and showrooms around the

world.
"We make everything here, right now," said Fell, standing in their 12,000-square-foot workshop next to Torrance Municipal Airport. "What we



MotoArt co-owners Donovan Fell, left, and Dave Hall sit on airline seats at their Torrance, Calif., warehouse. The 5-year-old company, which creates home and office furniture out of vintage airplane parts, had sales of \$1.5 mil-

need to do is knock ourselves

showroom

off."

The showroom area, upstairs from the shop, has been ouffitted in aviation-famiasy, bachelor-pad decor.

There are rolling bars that were food carts once pushed by flight attendants. Cleaned up and plated with aluminum for an industrial chile look, they go for \$1,500 each.

In a corner is their DC-3 Martini Table (\$7,900) with a nearly 5-foot tall propeller mounted on top, Nearby is the Get Bombed Table (\$5,400) that incorporates a World War Ilpractice bomb with a hinged nose so that it can be used as an Ice bucket.

Hall estimated that 80 percent of Moto Art's customer base Is male.

"Some of them fly into the airport to see us," he said. This is like a clubhouse for them."

Dom Cecere, chief financial

them."

Dom Gecere, chief financial officer of homebuilder KB Home, saw a picture in a magazine of a Moto Art table, with a 1930s airplane engine for a base.

"I fell in love with it, bought

it and before 1 knew it, I was buying more." Cecere said. He outfitted his home office with the table (about \$10.000, at current prices), a custom-designed B-25 wing desk (\$10.000) and a B-52 crew ejection seat (\$4.000) and a B-52 crew ejection seat (\$4.000) that he was as a desk chair. He house." Cecere said: and says. The seem that before: "Fell and Hall met in 2000 at a company that designed signs for Dodger Stadium, Union Station and Disneyland. As a sideline, Fell iked to buy and restore beatup airplane propellers that once powered prominent military and commercial airplanes. Mounted on bases, they would go for \$700 and up at flea markets.

The men struck out on their was ap partners in a sign business in 2002, and Fell kept at his propellers. Hall tagged along when he took several to sell at a classic auto auction.

"Dave is a brilliant sales-man," Fell said, "and when he saw the reaction people were having to them, he saw the reaction people were

saw the reaction people were having to them, he saw the real dollar value.

Service sector grew at slower-than-expected rate in February

By Candice Choi Associated Press writer

NEW YORK nation's service sector expanded at a slower-than-expected rate in February amid a slowdown in new orders that economists think may help cool infla-

think may help cool infla-tion.

The Institute for Supply Management, which is is based in Tempe, Ariz. said on Monday that its Index of business activity in the service sector was 54.3, down from 59.0 in January. Wall Street analysts had expected a reading of at least 57.0 for the latest month. A reading above 50 indi-

below that indicates con-traction. February marked the 47th consecutive month of business activity growth, the trade group sald.
The service industries covered by the ISM report represent about 80 percent of the nation's economic activity, and economists are looking for the sector to be a driver of growth in 2007 as the manufacturing sector struggles with weakness in the automotive and hous-ing industries. The service economy is diverse, encompassing banking, construction, retailing and travel among other indus-tries.

Oil falls more than \$1

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oil prices lost more than \$1 a barrel Monday on continued concerns over stock market declines and an indication by an OPEC official that the cartel won't cut production at its next meeting.

Light, sweet crude for-April delivery tumbiced \$1.57 to settle at \$50.07 a barrel on the New York Mercanulle Earlier, the contract dropped as low as \$59.55 a barrel, dipping below \$60 for the first time since Feb. 28. Beaut crude for conditions of the contract of the contract

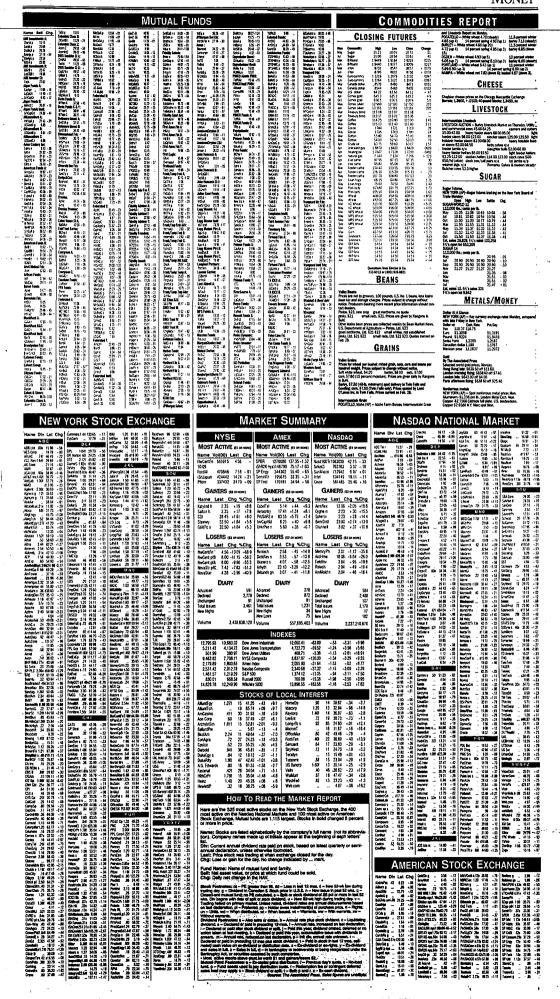
28.
Brent crude for April also fell \$1.54 to settle at \$60.54 a barrel on the ICE Futures

exchange in London.

There's a general sort of recoil from risk in the market," said Tobin Gorey, a commodity strategist with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in Sydney. There are still ongoing ramifications from China's drop last Tuesday, it was a jolt to the global economy.

Last Tuesday, the benchmark Shanghai Composite index plunged 9 percent, triggering huge losses on Wall Street and other markets. The oil market still of market still

kets. The oil market tets. The oil market still closed at a two-month high on Thursday on the news of tightening gasoline supplies, but afterward followed the stock market's downward pull.



EDITORIAL

New budget boosts Luna's opening act

hanks to a hefty \$1.37 billion budget appro-priation from the Joint Finance-Appropriation Committee for the 2007-08 school year, Superintendent of Instruction Tom Luna is looking like education's MVP.

Appropriation Committee for the 2007-08 school year, Superintendent of instruction Tom Luna is tooking like educations MVP, not just a lookie of the Year.

Sure it's a sterling start for Luna. But the new superintendent of the Year.

Sure it's a sterling start for Luna. But the new superintendent should forgo the idea of a victory lap. In order to make most of list boldest campaign ideas succeed, he'll need focus on the marathon of a full term, not just a one-session sprint. If approved by the full Legislature— and IFAC's recommendations are rarely jettsoned—the \$1.37 billion appropriation will provide Luna nearly all he asked for in 2007-The appropriation represents a 6 percent increase over the current school year budget. Educators and parents have plenty to applaud in the bill, including.

*Teacher raises—Idaho educators will see 3 percent raises for teachers, administrators and classified staff. The starting teacher salary is also going up from \$30,000 to \$31,000.

*Textbook funds— Luna pressed lawmakers for \$9.95 million to improve textbooks. Under the approved budget, the state will put up \$5.18 million to hisprove textbooks under the approved budget, the state will put up \$5.18 million to physical proportion of this and other issues.

*Classroom supplies—The state will put up \$5.18 million to help teachers pay for supplies and equipment used in the classroom, translating to \$350 per teacher.

*Remediation ald — A \$5 million appropriation will be used to help students who are struggling on standardized testing

*Math Initiative — The success of the Idaho Reading Initiative has spawned a similar program to be developed for early math. Legislators earmarked \$350,000 to develop a measurement system in math skills.

In addition to those big-ticket Items, legislators frew additional appropriations to Luna for a study on

sassonor to develop a measurement system in man skills. In addition to those big-ticket items, legislators threw additional appropriations to Luna for a study on school security flaws, advanced placement programs, and the Idaho Digital Learning Academy. Luna called the budget a product of lengthy dialogue between his department and legislators on program needs. Other factors, such as the state's \$200 million surplus, a strong economy and thick Republican ties, were also part of the equation. Gov. Butch Otter told legislators as early as December that Luna needed their support, and they gladly came through for one of their own.

Their own.

To his credit, Luna did his part well. Coming off a tough campaign, he worked effectively with the teachers union, school superintendents and teachers in general, to hear concerns and deliver the goods. Five months ago, Luna's critics painted him as a Faustian figure ready to slice ducation budgets. Today, at least some of those doubters are eating some crow.

Having laid that groundwork. Luna's biggest tasks still lie ahead. His campaign pledges for improved pay systems still need action. His ideas for a career ladder system, whereby teachers have benchmarks that reward their contributions and effort, deserved discussion. A merit pay scale that rewards individuals, or at least schools, for higher achievement, is also worthy of more study.

more study.
One success in education should always lead to another, and the same standard should apply to Luna's term. With one successful session under his belt, Luna has a chance to show his other ideas work just as well.

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- LETTER

Sali hit a new low with minimum wage rant

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The attended a World's
Fair and a Boy Scout
Jamboree, listened to a partial session of the Utah
Legislature — admittedly
under the influence of religion at the time; and, in the
company of quite a few individuals with varying feels of
intellectual and conversational abilities (burns, bartenders, brokers and bedroom-businesswomen). room-businesswomen), hammered down not a few drinks at the bars of some of Nevada's better 'gentlemen's clubs," and never, never, not once, heard enything as stu-pid as Congressman Bill Sall's afterthought defense of his vote against ralsing the minimum wage for

America's poorest workers. Sali should resign and remove himself forthwith to

san should resign to remove himself forthwith to India, where case is still considered homeable and But seriously. Though nor as disgustingly self-promoti-ing as his earlier statement made on the floor of the idaho Legislature that abor-tion causes breast cancer (a statement which caused Re, Wendy) aquee, herself a breast cancer survivor, to leave in tears, and which so enraged the very capable enraged the very capable and usually amiable House Speaker Bruce Newcomb that he called Sali an idiot), it



Obama: Where's his right hook?

MAUREEN Dowd

As I sit across from Barack Obama In his Senate office, I feel like Ingrid Bergman in "The Bells of St. Mary's," when she plays a nun who teaches a school-boy who's being bullied how to how.

I'm just not certain, having watched the fresh-faced sena

I'm just not certain, having watched the fresh-faced sens-tor shy away from fighting with the feral lilling rower her Hollywood turf, that he understands that a campaign is inherently a conflict.

The Democrats fost the accuracy of the concertainty close elections because Al Gore and John Kerry did not fight fereily and cleverly enough. After David Geffen maderitical comments about Illiary, she seized the chance to play Godzilla stompting on Obambi.

As a woman, she clearly feels he must be aggressive in showing size can 'deck' opponents, as she put it — whether it's Saddain with her war resolution ovete or Senator Obama when he encroaches on areas that she and Bill had presumed were wrapped up, like Hollywood and now the black vote.

If Illilary is in touch with

If Hillary is in touch with

If Hillary is in touch with her masculine side, Barry is in touch with his feminine side. He turned up his nose at his campaign's sharp response to Hillary and her plastriped thug, Howard Wolfson, He

told The Times' Jeff Zeleny in the vituperative exchange because he was traveling on a red-eye flight, getting a hair-cut and taking his daughters

red-eye flight, getting a hair-cut and inding his daughters to school.

I ask why he couldn't have managed the donnybrook while he traveled and did errands. Since he's slitting across from me using his BlackBerry, I wonder: "Where was your BlackBerry? Did your aides not ask you how to respond or did you not want to ride herd on them — even just to tell them to ignore littlary?"

"Look, I came up through politics in Chicago," he says. When I arrived in Chicago in 1985, I didn't know a single person. Seventeen years later, I was the United States sena-

tor and in a position to run for president. So I must know a little something about poli-

Channeling Ingrid, I press on and say: 'I know you want to run a high-minded cam-paign, but do you worry that

you might be putting yourself on a pedestal too much? Because people also want to see you mix it up a little. That's how they judge how you'd be with Putin."
"When I get into a tussle," he replies. It want it to be over something man diactured. If someone wants to get in an argue about how we're going to fix.

amous on get in an argu-ment with me, let's argue about how we're going to fix the health care system or where we need to go on Iraq. If campaigns follow the arc of the hero myth. "What's the demon that I've slain?" he finishes. "You're get-ting kind of deep on me here. I think that, for me, the story was overcoming a father's absence and reconciling the different strands of my back-ground and coming out whole."

ground and coming out whole."
Has he ever been struck by the stillarity of Bill Clinton's growing up without his father? "You don't want to go on with too much pop psychology," he replies. "Somebody said that every man is either trying to live up to his father's expectations or trying to make up for his father's mistake." expectations or trying to make up for his father's mistakes. And in some ways, when your father's not there, you're doing both. You try to live up to the expectations of somebody who's not present to tell you that you've done a good job, but you're also trying to make

up for the mistakes that par-tially led to his absence.*
Does Al Gore have first dis-on the presidency? These Alford have first dis-life's a smar guy. The said the liked Gore's seriousness on issues he cares deeply about. This sounds cliched, but this week I had five mothers of folks headed to Iraq cry dur-ing rope lines where I was folks headed to Iraq cry dur-ing rope lines where I was shating hands and had me hung 'em. This stuff is just not a game. Now that doesn't mean that there's not the bablocking and tackling of poli-tics. I've got to raise money. I've got to manage my press. We've got to respond rapidly to attacks. But what I don't want to do is get drawn into the sport of it. When the Tiger Woods of politics gots of a wild rights.

When the Tiger Woods of polluties goes to a civil rights commemoration in Schma, Ala, this weekend — just as the story breaks that his white ancestors had always — he will compete for attention with Hillary and the man billed as the first black president, flow does he feel about the Clintons double-teaming him? Talking about the woman he described at the Beverly Hills fund—night as the first black president.

Hills fund-raiser as smarter. better-looking and meaner then he is, he grins: "My wife's pretty tough."

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Democrats can't ignore Richardson

O o there I was, sitting in my office, quietly con- watching a cattle call of Democratic presidential cardidates on C-Span. In their five-minute speeches, they were laying it on thick with politiested, consultant-driven cliches of the Our Children Are Our Future variety. The thought of having to spend the next two years listening to this drivel set me wondering if it was literally possible to be if it was literally possible to be

this drivel set me wondering if it was literally possible to be bored to death. Then Bill Richardson walked onstage. He was dressed differently — in slacks and a sports picket. He told Jokes that didn't seem repeated for the 5,000h time. He seemed recognizably human, unlike some of his over-polished peers. He gave the best presentation, by far. Then a heretical question entered my head: What if Richardson does this well at forums for the next 10 months? It is possible to imagine him as a heading candidate for the nomination? When you think that way, it becomes absurdly easy to picture him rising toward the top. He is, after all, the most experienced person running for prestdent. He served in Congress for 14 years. He was the energy sections of the energy to energy to energy to the energy sections of the served in Congress for 14 years. He was the energy sections of sales.

for president. He served in Congress for 14 years. He was the energy secretary (energy's kind of vital). He's a successful two-term governor who was re-elected with 69 percent of the vote in



DAVID BROOKS

New Mexico, a red state. Moreover, he's a governor with foreign policy experi-ence. He was U.N. ambassa dor. He worked in the State

ence. He was U.N. ambassador. He worked in the State Department. He's made a second career of negotiating on special assignments with dictators like Saddam. Castro and Kim Jong II. He negotiated truce in Sudan. Most of all, he's not a senator. Since 1961, 40 sitting senators have run for president and their record 18 0.40. A senator may with this year, but you'd be foolish to assume it. When it comes to policy positioned — not by accident — to carry liberals and independents. As governor, he's covered the normal Democratic bases: He raised teacher pay, he expanded children's health insurance, he began programs to stall global warming, he built a light rail line.

But he also cut New

But he also cut New Mexico's top income tax rate from 8.2 percent to 4.9 per-cent. He handed out tax credits to stimulate economic growth. (He's the only

Democrat completely invul-nerable on the tax cut issue.) He supports free trade, with reservations. And he not on balanced the budget — he

reservatidns. And he not only balanced the budget—he also ran a surplus.

On cultural issues.
Richardson has the distinct advantage of not setting off any culture war vibes, He was in college in the late 1960s, but he was listening to the Beach Boys, not lands lopin. He was playing baseball in the Cape Cod League, not going to Woodstock. He idollezed Hubert Humphrey, not Eugene McCarthy.
Richardson is a civally something of a throwback pol—a Richard Daley or Florello La Guardia who doesn't treat pollities as a moral crusade. That might appeal this year.

On the nuits and bolts of the campaign, he has some advantages as well. He won't have the \$150 million war chests that Hillary Clinton and Barack Obanna will have. On the other hand, he won't have the gigantic apparatuses that fundrishing on that scale in the case of the campaign of the state of

On the other hand, he wor't have the gigantic apparauses that fundraising on that scale requires. While those campaigns may be bloated, overnanaged and remote, Richardson has the potential to be small and nimble. Furthermore, he could generate waves of free media the way that John McCain did in 2000. He's a reporters' favorite — candid, accessible and fun to be around. "I'm a real person, not canned. I don't have

a whole bunch of adviser

a whole bunch of advisers.
I'm a little overweight, though
I'm trying to dress better, 'he
told me last week. So far,
rumors of personal peccadilloes are unfounded.
Finally, there is the matter
of his personal style. This is
his biggest drawback. He's
baggy-faced, sloppy (we like
our leaders well groomed),
shamelessly ambitlous and
inclegant. On the other hand,
once a century or so the
Democratile Party actually
nominates somebody the
average person would like to
have a beer with. Bill
Richardson is that kind of guy.
He is garrulous, amusing,

have a beer with. Bill Richardson is that kind of guy. He is garrulous, amusing, touchy-feely too a fault), a little or ough-edged and comfortably mass-marke. He's Budweiser, not microbrew, it doesn't hurt that he's Hispanic and Western. In short, when you try to think forward to next whiter, you see that this sampaign will at some point loave the "American fullo". Twelethy Deadmantch' pahse. Therefore all off the analysis of the standard probates and the standard probates are to fascinate while the standard probates are to fascinate while the gwild in the standard probates are standard or covering will make the probate on Richardson. But I wouldn't count him out. At the moment, he's the candidate, most likely to its.

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No answers from a worldwide stock market slide

Tatching global stock markets drop has been at best unnerling. From their recent peak (Feb. 20), American stocks last week lost about 590 billion in value, or almost 5 percent, reports Wilshire Associates. With unemployment at 4.6 percent, the U.S. economy can hardly be described as sickly. It's not just the United States. "We've had the best global economic growth in 25 years," says economist Larry Meyer of economist Larry Meyer of Macroeconomic Advisers. Yet, stock markets have dropped worldwide, and business and consumer confidence are wob-

bly,
What explains the contrast
Well, stocks could be signaling a bleaker future. The U.S.
economy will slow or even slip
into recession; indeed, former
Federal Reserve Chairman Alan



Greenspair raised just that possibility last week. Profits will be weaker than expected: therefore, stocks forp in anticipation. Up to a point, slower economic growth is precisely what the Federal Reserve intends. Through higher interest rates and weaker demand, it wants to nudge down inflation by creating more price and wage competition. But of course, a desired slowdown could become an undestred received in the course, and the progression. Housing is duready in a deep slump. Homeowners can

ally now either stagnating or falling. Consumer spending, more than two-thirds of the

falling. Consumer spending, more than two-thirds of the economy, may weaken. Or global financial markets — for stocks, bonds, foreign exchange and other securities — may simply be misbehaving. It's crowd psychology. Investors sell because they think others will sell, even though U.S. stocks don't appear to be wildly overvalued, as they were in the late 1990s. Consider, Since World War II, the price-to-earnings ratio of stocks in the Standard & Poor's 500 index averaged 16 times profits (earnings). At the end of January, the P/E was 16.74, hardly out of line. It was also well below the average for the past 20 years average for the past 20 years

despite big gains in stocks since mid-2006. It's also said that the sell-off

It's also said that the sell-off demonstrates China's growing financial significance. True, the worldwides kinds started in China last Tuesday, when its market lost atmost 9 percent. But China's market is too small to matter much in a global context. At year-end 2006, the value ('capitallzation') of the value ('capitallzation') of the value ('capitallzation') of the That was less than 10 percent of U.S. market capitalization. In 2006, China's market rose 130 percent; it seemed due for a

percent; it seemed due for a drop.
But it's doubtful that enough Chinese own stock for losses to hurt the economy significantly. "The markets are not telling us anything about the state of the Chinese economy," writes Jonathan Anderson, UBS' chief

so, we don't really under-stand what's happening.
One explanation is that the uncertainties and insecurities that assault workers, investors that assaut workers, investors, and firms actually foster overall economic stability. There are constant upsets — business expansions and closures; greater competition from emerging technologies and foreign economies; shifting prices for stocks and bonds. These or stocks and bonds. These put people on edge. But many small adjustments may smooth out the business cycle. They may minimize deep recessions, stock crashes and financial

By this view, recent stock losses might be healthy. To many observers, the global financial system had become dangerously speculative. The vulnerabilities lay less in stock

on credits to riskier borrowers; emerging, market countries, weaker corporations and US, home burges with 'subprime' mortgages; After lange losses, subprime mortgages, investors are growing more cautious. Stock prices took a lift because there was a general extreat toward safer investments (Treasury bonds, cash). What's ususefulling is that global financial markets seen increasingly synchronized. Everyone's investing every where.' supp Savichonized. For yound investing every where.' supp Savichonized. emerging-market countric

Poors. "All the bets seen to move in the same direction." And that means bad news — like good — could be conta-

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek

Police needed more nationce with teen

patience with teen

To Barb Guymon: Judge not. Because of our country's freedoms, you are entitled to your
opinion no matter how shallow and small-minded. I do
not know you, but I do know
the Barnes family, and I hurt
for them and their loss. You
did not know them. Therefore,
I think it pretty thoughtless of
you to voice your judgmental
opinion about someone's lost
son you didn't even know.
This was a good kid from a
good family. He was a teenage
boy with problems who was
hunted down like some animal, scared and alone, driven
by the very people we pay to
protect him into taking his
own life.
Stabbing at his girlfriend in

bhing at his girlfriend in nger was wrong, morally and gally. We know that, He also legally. We know that. He also took a stab at his mother in anger. That too was very seri-ous. Troubled teens that do ous. Houbied teens that do foolish things in anger which they regret are usually given the chance to redeem them-selves. Josh was not given that

selves. Josh was not given the privilege.

Nonetheless, he is still someone's child. It doesn matter that he was 18 and considered an adult. He was the same kid the day before his 18th birthday as he was the day after — someone's son, botther, grandson, nephew and friend.

Evidently the local police.

son, brother, grandson, nephew and friend.
Evidently the local police department has entirely too much time on its hands and too many toys. Explait no me the need for a full SWAT operation for a troubled teen that is holding no hostages and not threatening anyone but himself which has been self what happened to arbitration! Would that have lessened your moment of glory? Some justice needs to come from this — if for no other reason than to prevent the abuse of authority which was bestowed upon certain people, by those they were hired to protect.

ANITA MAE COOKE-PERRY

Family deserved better from police in suicide case

In response to Chad Hafer's opinion letter dated Feb. 20: You wrote, "When bad things happen there are those that want to blame everyone but the individual." You are but the individual." You are right, All of us who knew and loved Josh Barnes blame our-selves for this tragic outcome. For two years, his parents have been seeking diagnosis and treatment for him.
Unfortunately, mental health
care for adolescents in Twin
Falls is not always readily
available or accessible once a
juvenile enters the legal system. and treatment for hin

The Idaho State Police informed the family that there was no alcohol or drugs in his

was no alcohol or drugs in his system and that his pre-scribed medication was not even close to therapoutic ranges. He was at his family's business, not 'someone elecs'. That's why he had the keys to lock himself in. As far as not 'supporting and sustaining the law,' his mother was the one who contacted losh's parole officer, and it was his mother who went to the police with the knowledge of her son's whereabouts,

the nolice with the knowledge of her son's whoreabouts. hoping they would prevent the outcome: they dreaded most. They did not. Regarding anger, professionalism and questions: Why didn't the police stay in touch with the family outfly during their son's last few hours? Why was the family notlined by others that their son had taken his own life long before the police. own life long before the police showed up to confirm it? Why was a grieving family left to deal with the remains of the ving family left to

Family and friends need to Family and friends need to work hand-in-hand with the police, SWAT team, negotia-tors, psychiatrists, probation officers and others to find out what exactly what went wrong so that we can help the "next kid," who is not always a "bad kid "

kid."
Let's not forget Josh, "the good kid," and the opportur ty we have to learn from his life and death.
ARLENE HANSEN

Labels don't stick with environmental concerns

Does Del Kohtz really think anyone will take him seriously when he spews baseless accu-sations at any one who has a different opinion than him, including many of the resi-dents of Jerome County?



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He says that no one is being harmed in Jerome. Is that his opinion or has he talked to every citizen in the county, including the hundreds who have been turning out at public meetings in opposition to the game-playing by the county commissioners? He needs to understand that a county comess, a morntorium

LETTERS

county passes a morator when there is a threat to es a moratorium health or welfare, not actual harm. The idea is that passing a moratorium prevents the public from actually being harmed is kind of like eatin

narmed is kind of like eating your vegetables — preventive medicine.

Moreover, construing the grassroots opposition as "environmentalist opportunists from Blaine County" is downright laughable. There are

cores of residents of Jerome opposed to what is happening in their county. They have had enough of behind-closed-door deals and they are speaking up. That is, after all, what Lastly, suggesting blaine County's 20,000-plus residents are flying around on private jets is absurd. Tell that to the thousands of families here

thousands of families here struggling to make ends meet. Make no mistake, we care out the environment in Blaine County but not

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because we are guilt-ridden or anti-business. In fact, it is just the opposite.
We know a healthy environment is a better place to live. It keeps our children healthy, and it keeps our conomy healthy in the long run, which is the whole idea of health and welfare.

Oh and by the way, he lam-astes socialism and central bastes socialism and central planning, so surely he has written equally impassioned letters condemning the prac-tice of doling out billions to agriculture, but where are they? LESLIE BRADSHAW





Obesity surgery triples among U.S. teens

By Lindsey Tanner Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — The number of U.S. children having obesity surgery has tripled in recent years, surging at a pace that could mean more than 1,000 such operations this year, new

such operations this year, new research suggests. While the procedure is still far more common in adults, it appears to be slightly less fisky in teens, according to an analysis of data on 12- to 19 year-olds who had obesity surgery from 1996 through 2003.

During that time, an esti-

During that time, an esti-mated 2,744 youngsters nationwide had the opera-tions. The pace tripled between 2000 and 2003, reaching 771 surgeries that year, the study found. Youngsters had slightly shorter hospital stays than adults and none died in the hospital during the study peri-dd-By-contrast; there were 212-in-hospital deaths out of an estimated 104,702 adults who undervient obesity surgery in

estimated 104,702 adults who underwent obsvits yurgery in 2003, or a rate of 0.2 percent, the study found. Researchers at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, NJ., and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center analyzed a database of U.S. hospital patients. Obesity surgeries in children during the eight-year period and adults in 2003 were included in the analysis. The study appears in

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The study appears in
Monday's Archives of
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Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine. About 5 percent of children and adults had major compil-cations, mostly respiratory problems. Children spent an average of about 3.2 days in the hospital in 2003, versus 3.5 days for adults. Total hospital charges, also, were lower for pediatric patients, \$30,005 for adults.

The youngest patients were age 12, but most were older

White House likely to request support personnel to put Iraq plan in place

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is ready to ask Congress for more money for President Bush's plan — already hotly debat-ed — to send 21,500 new

plan — already hotly debated — to send 21,500 new combat troops into Iraq. The mowe would pay for support personnel and otherwise update last month's request for the Iraq war. It probably will draw criticism from Democrats who say the Pentagon had low-balled estimates of the costs of Bush's plan for improving security in Baghdad and Anbar province.

The latest request could come by Tuesday, modifying last month's \$93.4 billion request for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan through Sept. 30.

Though the changes, may be relatively modest, they nonetheless are embarrassing to the White House and the Pentagon, which earlier dismissed criticism from lawmakers that the original \$56. billion estimate for the troop buildutp was too low. Dentity Secretary of

\$5.6 billion estimate for the troop buildup was too low.
Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England told the Senate Budget Committee last week that about 6,000 additional support arrental county.

Committee last week that about 6,000 additional support personnel — such as neadquarters staff, military police, and medical personnel — would be needed to complement the 21,500 additional combat troops. Hours after England testified, White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten paid a rare visit to the Capitol to press Senate GOP leaders for the additional money. The modified request was being finalized Monday, said administration and congressional aides. In addition to the money for increased troop strength, the White House will press for more foliars to battle the Talibans resurgence in Afghanistra and get mine-resistant vehicles.

teens. Eric Decker was one of them. In 2003, at age 17, he-hand gastric bynass surgery, the most common obesity opera-tion in teens and adults. "I was 5-foot-8 and 305 pounds," Decker said. If had struggled with his weight since he-was 11, and said he had rired just about every diet, but nothing worked.
Obesity surgery was a last.

Obesity surgery was a last resort for Decker, and doctors

say it should be for overweight

Decker had no major surgery complications. A year and a half later, he was down to 185 and says he has stayed there through diet and exer-

cise.
"It's definitely a painful sur-gery," said Decker, a student at the University of South Carolina. It also requires dras-tic changes in eating habits, he said. "I don't regret it

because it's something that I felt needed to be done for my

health."
Study co-author Dr. Thomas
Inge attributed the surge in
teen operations to publicity
about celebrities having obesity surgery, including popsinger Carnie Wilson and
broadcaster Al Roker.

The numbers contrast with an estimate in January from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, which

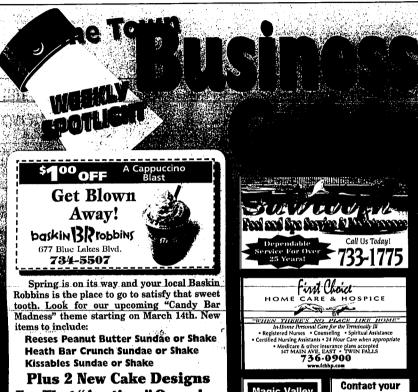
reported that 349 youngsters aged 12 to 17 had obesity surgery in 2004. The new study included children up to age 19, which accounts for the higher number, said lead author. Dr. Randall Burd of Robert Wood on Medical School

Burd said the numbers of youngsters undergoing obesi ty surgery likely has continue to rise along with adults hav ing the surgery.

Diet surgery rises

The number of teenagers undergoing barietic procedures increased more than 3-fold from 2000 to 2003.

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ing 31¢ scoop night to be held May 2nd from 5-10 p.m. This evening plans to be a whole lot of fun for kids of all ages. Plus benefit a good cause. Watch for updates as the event gets closer.



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District IV All-star rosters



District IV senior all-star boys, girls rosters announced

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TWIN FALLS -- The District TWIN FALLS — The District IV All-star hoys, and gist bas-kethall games will be held Monday, March 12 at Twin Falls High Schoo's Baun Gymnasium. The showcase of the area's top sentiors will tip off with the 6 p.m. girls game, followed by the boys game at 7:30 p.m. Admission to the event is \$5 for adults and students without activity cards, and \$3 for senior citizens and students with activity cards.

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All-conference teams named

TWIN FALLS — The Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference, Canyon Conference and Magic Valley Northside Conference teams for boys and girls basketball this week.

Ryan Bowman of Buhl was Ryan Bowman of Bull was named boys coach of the year, while Declo's Val Christensen and Kimberly's filch Bishop shared the honor for girls basketball. Bliss head coach Bruce Clark earned that honor for the Northside boys.

All-Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference

Boys Coach of the Year: Ryan Bowman, Buhl Ruhl: Will Chivers, sr.: Tanner Leckenby, sr.; Brad Twiss, jr.; Patrick Osterkamp, jr. Decio: Eric Sanders, sr. Filer: Casey Murray, sa Filer: Casey Murray, st., Tyter Gooding: Justin Rogers, sr., Tyter Braga, sr.; Tyter Wines, sr. Kimberly: Todd Adamson, sr.; Jason Mumm, sr.; Mitch Dame,

Honorable mention: Matt Jones. jr., Declo; Mike Smith, sr., Filer; Nick Wright in Washington

jr., Dector, Mike Smith, sr., Filer; Nick Wright, jr., Kimberly. Girls Co-Coaches of the Year: Val Christensen, Dector, Rich Bishop, Kimberly Dector, Kendra Koyle, sr.; McKell Webb, jr.; Sydney Christensen, so.; Maccy Jones, jr. Filer, Haller Samspoor, Jr.

Filer: Haley Ramseyer, Jr.; Shanae Astle, sr.; Jill Haney, Jr.; Snarae Aste, Sr.; Jili Haney, Jr.; Emily Hughes, sr. Gooding: Katle Randali, sr.; Nici Abramowski, ir.

Gooding: Katle Randall, sr.; Nici Abramowski, jr. Kimberly: Kayla Hutcheson, jr.; Alex Pfefferie, fr. Honorable mention: Jamle Van Patten, sr., Buhl; Kassle Newberry, jr., Kimberly.



Buhl junior Patrick Osterkamp was named to the All-Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference boys basketball team th

All-Canyon Conference

Glenns Ferry: Cody Darlington, sr.; Chase Bitterman, sr.; Tanner Shrum, sr.; Issus Rodfguez, jr.; Damian Valle, jr.; Michael Crane, fr. Valley; Mike Michael, sr.; Mike Dehnney, Jr.

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Gramkow, jr. Valley: Katle Hall, so.; Sarah

Callen, sr.; Natalle Hanson, sr. Wendelt Jaci Lancaster, so.; Jori Herning, so.; Erin O'Brien, so.; Whitney Gines, jr.; Laurie Andrus, so.

All-Magic Valley **Northside Conference**

Coach of the Year Bruce Clark, Biss First team: Shayne Buckner, Richfield; Brad Hunt, Carey; Mac Whitington, Community School; Braiden Buckner, Richfield; Allen Peck, Carey.

Second team: Eli Gough, Bliss; Anthony Pitman, Dietrich; Spencer Harris, Community School; D.J. Simpson, Carey; Trevor Balln, Camas County. revor Dalin, Camas County. Honorable mention: Michael Lezamiz, Richfield; Cody Baird, Lezamiz, Richfield; Cody Balid, Carey; Christian Calincross, Community School; Tel Clark, Richfield; Brody Norman, Richfield; Chase Lee, Camas County; Jackson Hill, Dietrich; Mike Faulkner, Bliss; Logan Sant, Shoshone; Dakota Norman, Dietrich.

Former Golden Eagle Larry named to WAC All-newcomer Team

DENVER — Former College of Southern Idaho standout Reggie Larry was named to the Western Athletic Conference's All-newcomer Team as the WAC announced its postseason award on Team as the wave announced its postseason award on Sunday. Larry, a 6-foot-6 junior for-

ward from Newark, N.J. is

ward N. From Newark, N. From Newark, N. From Newark, N. Frow Newark, N. Frobunds 1.3.9 points, 8.1 rebounds and 1.5 blocks per game for the 16. 13 Broncos, He scored a season-high 24 points as 19-66 win over Sacramento State, and finished with 19 points and 18 rebounds in a 86-63 drubbing of the fival University of Idaho Vandals.

BSU senior guard Coby Karl was named to the WAC All-conference First Team, while Broncos guard Anthony Thomas was named the WAC Freshman of the Year.

BSUS Matt Nelson was also named to the All-newcomer Team, while senior guard Ericane picked up All-defensive Team honors.

Nevada standout senior

Team honors.
Nevada standout senior forward Nick Fazzkas is the conference's Player of the Year Fazzkas led the conference in both scoring and zebounding, averaging 21.1 Yohins and 10.5 rebounds per game. Nevada coach Mark Fox was awarded the Don Haskins Coach of the Year award.

ward. Larry and the Broncos open VAC Tournament play WAC Tournament play against Fresno State at 6 p.m. Thursday in Las Cruces, N.M.

2006-07 WAC Men's Basketbail Postseason Award Winners

Player of the Year: Nick Fazekas, Nevada Freshman of the Year: Anthony Thomas, Boise

uon Haskins Coach of the Year; Mark Fox, Nevada All-conference First Team Coby Karl, sr. G. Boise State; Nick Fazekas, sr. F. Nevada; Marcelus Kemp, jr. G. Nevada; Justin Hawkins, jr. F. New Mexico State; Javcee Carrell **C.

Nexada; Justin Hawkins, Jr. F. New Mexico State; Jaycee Carroll, jr. G. Utah State: Second Team Quinton Hosley, sr. F. Fresno State; Dominic McGuire, jr. G. Fresno State; Dominic McGuire, jr. G. Fresno State; Matt Lojexki, sr. G. Hawali; Tray McDowell, sr. G. Louislana Tech; Ramon Sessions, Jr. G. Novenda

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G. New Mexico State.
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Dominie McGulre, jr. F.
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College of Southern Idaho shooting guard Brad Garrett st College of Eastern Utah fo tt during the Golden Eagles' 94-85 victory Friday

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No. 3 Sait Lake CC (22-8) vs. No. 6 Colorado Nectionato (23-2) vs. No. 6 Colorado

Northwestern (6-24), 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 9 Semifinals

No. 1 CSI (25-5) vs. CEU/NIC winner, 2 p.m. No. 2 Snow College (23-7) vs. SLCC/CNCC winner, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 10 Championship game, 7:30 p.m.



Earles' 96-72 win over the College of Eastern Utah Friday.

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(15-15), 7:30 p.m.
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No. 2 CSI (24-6) vs. NiC/CNCC winner, noon
No. 1 Salt Lake CC (25-5) vs. CEV/Snow winner,
5:30 p.m.
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Wilson wins Honda Classic, scratches item from to-do list

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Mark Wilson was a math major at North Carolina and confesses that one of his favorite things is crossing off items on his to-do lists.

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He can now erase the top entry on that sheet of goals. Wilson made a birdle to beat Jose Coceres on the third playoff hole and win the Honda Classic at PGA National on Monday, the 32-year-old players first PGA Tour victory in 111 carrect tries. He won a four-man playoff that began Sauday, was interrupted by darkness, then ended when he hit from 10 feet on the para-3 17th hole:

"I didn't sleep very good last night at all just because I really wanted to finish it off finer and win," he said.

He got into the playoff with some big putts Sunday; par from 45 feet on the 16th hole, par from 8 feet on the final regulation hole, then a 30-fouter — in near-dark conditions, remember—on the playoff first hole.

Some of his competitors acknowledged buckling under pressure.

Wilson seemed cool the whole way.
"Naybe in these moments, I'm nervous," said Coceres, who also lost a playoff to Feet funk last week at the tour's a playoff willow, he will be subject to the whole way.
Wilson, he playoff wery good.
With the wink, Wilson got a \$990.000 winner's check, an exemption through the 2009 season and a reprieve from making an 11th consecutive trip to the tour's qualifying school, the also vaulted 179 spots to No. 86 in the world mahings. And, if he can stay in the top 10 on the money list, he has a chance at playing the

Masters for the first time. His caddy, Chris Jones, got two things: a nice cut of Wilson's earnings, and a huge sense of

His caddy, Chris Jones, got two things: a nice cut of Wilson's carnings, and a huge sense of relief.

Wilson, Coceres, Boo Weckley — who missed a 3-foot par putt Sunday on the 18th folio that would have given him his first career, win — and Camilo Villegas all finished the 72; gualation holes at 5-under 275. But Wilson's score included a two-stroke penalty from his round of 66 on Friday, after Jones made a major goof.

On the fifth tee Friday, Jones overheard. Villegas and his caddy talking about club; and that par-3 hole, Jones blurted out. "It's an 18-degree," referring to the hybrid club; that wilson carries in his bag.

Offering advice to competitors like that is against the rules, and Wilson's knew it. So ho summoned a rules official at the next hole and docked himself two shots.

"I felt like I almost cost us this tournament Criday," said Jones, who cried after Friday's round and was lighting tears after Wilson got he win Monday. But he hung in there and knew I didn't mean to do it. It was just a mendance it didn't mean to do it. It was just a mendance it didn't mean to do it. It was just a mendance it didn't mean to do it. It was just a mendance it is not one of them. The rule was one of the first things he discussed with jones when he hired him to carry the bag. "Part of me though he was just upset with me for even making a big deal about It," Wilson said. "But then I finally just put my arrich that it is the proper in the place of the place of the will be a supplementation of the will be placed bout It." Wilson said. "But then I finally just put my arrich around him and said, 'Hey, let's go, let's go play.

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SPORTS LETTER

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The Wendell High School
girls varsity basketball team
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cheerleaders, school faculty
and administration, friends,
parents and families for all of
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past season. We would like to thank the Booster Club and "team morns" for all of the little extra things you did. We want to thank Farmers National Bank

for putting our schedule on the reader board and all of the other merchants who sup-ported us on their marquis. It was our honor to repre-sent you at the state tourna-ment.

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Thanks again to the community of Wendell.

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BYU coach, forward capture top Mountain West awards

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Dave Rose of Brigham Young was named Mountain West coach of the year Monday, and BYU forward Keena Young was named play-

Keena Young was name or of the year.
Cougar forward Jonathan Taverneri was named freshman of the year and UNIX named defensive player of the

West All-Conference first team were Young, a senior from Beaumont, Texas: Brandon Heath of San Diego State, a senior guard from Los Angeles; Jason Smith of Colorado State, a junior forward from Kersey, Colo.; Dan Nwaelele of Air Force, a senior forward from the Hottlell, Wash; and Wendell White of UNIM, a senior guard-from Los Angeles.

from Los Angeles. Winners are chosen by head year. Named to the Mountain coaches and media members Swingley injured in fall,

NIKOLAI, Alaska (AP) — The 1,100-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race is living up to its rep-utation as a tough, bruising

utation as a fough, orusing rare.

It ended early for four-time champion Doug Swingley, the -Innoin. Mont., musher who withdrew Monday after being injured in a spill on a sikek and icy hill a few miles before the Rainy Pass checkpoint, just two days into the rare from Anchorage to Norne.

Race, officials, said the 53-year-old Swingley may have broken this and possibly dishocated a thumb. Ite told them he wanted to withdraw

broken ribs and possibly dislo-cated a thumb. Ite told them-he wanted to withdraw-because he didn't think he could properly care for his dog team. Race rules do not allow mushers to get help with the care and feeding of their dogs. Swingley's dogs were not injured in the accident.

"He's a pretty tough guy. He thought about it a lot and tried to process how to get his team up the trail." said race spokesman Chas St. George. "He sat down with race offi-cials at fainy Phas and looked at the options he had. Swingley has returned to the Anchorage area, and Is resting. St. George said were to hand the properties of the Anchorage area, and Is resting. St. George said were to hand the properties of the race Monday. Mackey, who just got his third consecutive win in the 1,000-mile Yukon Quest International Sled Dog lance, was the first team into

Quest International Sled Dog

Quest International Sled Dog Race, was the first team into the Rohn checkpoint, 272 miles into the race. Cim Smyth of Big Lake was second, followed by Ally Zirkle of Two Rivers, Tim Osmar of Kasilfor and Clm's brother, Ramey Smyth. Swingley wasn't the only musher having trouble early in the race.

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When Rick Swenson of Iwo Rivers — the Iditarods only five-time champion competing for the 31st time — was asked how his race was going hits year, he said 'poorty, while packing up his gear to pull out of the Finger Lake checkpoint, one checkpoint before Rainy Pass and about 200 miles into the race, Hersted his team 3½ hours.

Tim here and I sure don't want to be. Swenson said, with more than half a dozen teams already out of the Rainy Pass checkpoint 30 miles up the trail. "I stopped here because I had to."

the trail. "I stopped here -because I had to." - Swenson said his team had

Swenson said his team had been running well before the race, doing 100-mile training tuns, but wasn't performing the same for the big event. "The dogs just need a break," he said, as his dogs slept on beds of straw at the checkpoint set up on a frozen -lake in the Alaska Range. Sonny Lindner, 57, of Two

withdraws from Iditarod Rivers, who finished 13th last

tivers, who finished 13th last year, was resting next to Swenson's team. Linduer said the trail this year was soft and punchy in spots and some of his dogs were suffering from somenes early in the race. Even so, Lindner, whose construction company is busy with a multimillion dollar contract to remodel the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, said he was glad to be on the trail. "It is my only vacation this

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"It is my only vacation this year," Indirect said.
DeeDee Infortowe, 53, of Willow, looking ashen as she fed her dogs and sipped on some-loot-chocodine, is competing in her 25th Iditared.
Jonrowe said on her way to Finger take she fell off her sled three or four times and was dragged for a ways. While she wasn't injured, failing, off raised one of the worst fears a musher can have — losing hold of their team.

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The snow was slipping and the runners were sliding," said Jonrowe, who decided to stay put in Finger Lake for six hours to give her dogs and herself a much-needed rest.

Jonrowe, who finished fourth last year and has been runner-up twice, said she had gotten only two hours of sleep in the last 24 hours.

Tam bone-tired," Jonrowe

ure last 24 nours. I am bone-tired," Jonrowe said, as she speculated whether the 25-mph wind and the 30-below wind chill were the 36-below wind thill were sucking the strength from her body or if it was the long-term affects of chemotherapy that was making her feel so lousy. Jonrowe was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2002 and underwent a double mastectomy.

"It is harder after chemo." It is harder after chemo; lonrowe said. "I am not going to be silly and try to pretend the strength of the strength of

to be silly and try to pretend that didn't make a difference. It

However, Jonrowe, dressed in a fuschia wind breaker, was trying to look on the bright side as she fed her dogs a mixture of fat and rice and made sure they got plenty of water. T'm not complating," she said, "T've been out here enough years to know there are a loof things that can happen on the Iditarod trail." Swingley, who won In 1935, 1999, 2000 and 2001, knows that better than most. Ife However, lonrowe,

that better than most, He scratched from the 2004 race after frostbiting his corneas when he took off his goggles when the wind chill factor was 90 below zero.

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Eighty-two tearns started
the nec Sunday from Willow
bout 80 miles northwest
of Anchorage. The first tearn is
expected to cross the finish
line in Nome, a historic gold
mining town on the Bertig sea
on Alaska's western coastline
with a rough and tumble frontier spirit, in about nine days.

Sacramento police arrest Artest

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Sacramento Kings forward Ron Artest was arrested Monday and excused indef-initely from the team after a woman said he showed her to the floor inside-his home and prevented her from calling

1. Placer County sheriff's authorities said Placer County sheriff's authorities said the woman reported she and Arest were argaing inside the home Monday morn-ing when he pushed her. The argument moved outside when Artest tried to leave in his Hummer, sheriff's Sg. Ludrew Scott said during a news conference. "It resulted in some pushing," Scott said of the argument. 'Mr. Artest had showed the victim to the floor several times, then he attempted to leave." The woman threw a pol at the

unnes, men ne attempted to leave."
The woman threw a pot at the Hummer, shattering its windshield, Scott said. It's would not disclose the woman's relationship with Artest but said a 3-year-old giri was inside the house during the incident.



The Kings have excused from Artest indefinitely from any further participa-tion with the team due to his arrest today for domestic violence," Petrie said in a statement.

Team spokesman Troy Hanson told The Associated Press that Artest had not been suspended and still was being paid An emergency protection order

the Associated Press and Artest had not been suspended and still was being paid.

An — timergency — protective — order to chained by sheriffs officials prevents Artest from returning to his home or contacting the woman until she can obtain a restraining order. Scott said this was normal procedure. Sheriffs officials said the woman har injuries but would not describe them. She declined medical treatment. Artest, who joined the Kings from the Indiana Pacers in January 2006, has had previous run—ins with police. It is was at the center of the Nov. 19, 2004 hrawle between Pacers players and Pistons fans at The Palace in Detroit. Just when a confirmation between players seemed to be over, Artest, lying on the scorer's table, was hir with a cup filled with an Icy beverage. He holled into the stands in a rage, followed by Sale-swinging teammate Stephen lackson. Artest and cammate Jernaine O'Neal later slugged fans on the court. fans on the court.

frammare retriamer recording to the action of the rest of the season — 73 games, plus the playoffs — In a move that cost lin almost \$5 million.

Artest, and Jackson were sentenced to one year of probation and 60 hours of community service after pleading no contest to misdementor assuit charges. In January, Artest was released from that probation.

Artest has spent nearly 14 months with Sacramento since the Kings acquired him in a blockbuster trade for fan favorite Plej Stojakovic. Ilis short tenure is followed.

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Last month, county animal control officers selzed Artest's Great Daue, Socks, from his home in a gaed community about 25 miles northeast of Sacramento. They said the animal wasn't being fed.

Last season, Artest guaranteed the then-struggling Kings would make the playoffs shortly after he arrived, and they surged to the No. 8 seed and an ingravise performance in a first-round loss to San Antonio.

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San Antonio.

Artest's dogged defense and passion fit in well with Sacramento's devoted fans,



Sacramento Kings forward Ron Artest drives around Philadelphia 7Gers Joe Smith in an MBA basketball game Feb. 26 in Philadelphia. Artest was arrested on charges of domestic violence after a woman called 911 from his Loomis, Calif., home, Monday

who adopted him as a community

who adopted him as a community favorite.

This season basn't been as easy for Artest, who's averaging 18.7 points and 6.6 rebounds while the Kings struggle at 27-32. Sacramento, which hosts Artest's former Indiana teanmates on Tuesday night, has battled poor team chemistry and linconsistent play under new coach Eric Musselman.

Though Artest had been a model teammate in his abhreviated first season, he sparked controversy two months ago by indirectly criticizing Mike Biblby's defense. Artest also missed a handful of games with a knee injury that came as news to the Kings — and last month, he sat out of the Kings' visit to Indiana for undisclosed personal reasons.

The Kings were rumored to be exploring trades for Artest but didn't make a deal at last month's trade deadline.

Sacramento has won its last three games, with Artest-playing well in road-victories over Portland and the Los Angeles Lakets — after shaving the word 'Kings' minot the back of his head.

Wade will atternut.

Wade will attempt April comeback

April comeback
MIAMI — Dwyane Wade's dislocated
left shoulder is so fragile there's a risk of
aggravating the injury when he sleeps.
But come April. Wade figures he might
be up to the rigors of the NBA playoffs.
The All-Star guard said Monday he has
decided to delay surgery and rehabilitate
his shoulder with the goal of returning to
help the Mlami Heat defend their league
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"It could have been easy for me just to shui it down." Wade said at a news conference. "You don't know If you're going to be able to attack the same way and dive on the floor the same way. Til find out after therapy and rehab how my body responds to things."

Wade's decision was good news for the injury-plagued Heat, who entered Monday night's game against Adanta at 29-29. But even with rest and therapy, there's no guarantee Wade can return this season.

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The fact there's a possibility would give us hope, "coach Pat Billey said." He's a pretty good player. He probably would be a pretty good player one-armed.

The Heat went Into Monday's game 4-8 his season without Wade, but 3-2 since he was but Feb. 21 in a collision with Houston's Shane Battler. At the time, he was the league's third-leading scorer, averaging 288 points. Wade underwent extensive tests and received a second opinion from specials Dr. James Andrews before deciding he would try to return.

Jazz 120, Bobcats 95

SALT LAKE CITY — Mehmet Okur cored 32 points as the Jazz defeated the scored 32 points as the Jazz defeated the Bobcats for the first time at home Charlotte won its previous two visits to Salt Lake City.

In just 31 minutes of play, Okur tied a career high with 13 field goals in 15

attempts, most of them on perimeter jump shots. Reserve Matt Harpring con-tinued his scoring outburst with 19 points and has averaged 16 during Utalis current four-game winning streak. Gernid Wallace scored 33 points, but no other Bobcat scored more than 12.

Cavaliers 91, Rockets 85

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 32 points and the Cleveland held off the Rockets 91-95 to spoil Yao Ming's first game back from a leg injury. James, who added 12 rebounds and

James, who added 12 rebounds and eight assists, scored more than 30 points for the fourth straight game. The Cavaliers have won three of those four. As returned to action after missing 32 games while recovering from a broken bone under his right knee. He finished with 16 points, 11 rebounds, two blocks and five turnovers. Yan, who played 27 minutes, helped spark the Rockets in the fourth quarter after they trailed by 14. He scored seven traight points and provided a presence inside that forced Cleveland to take outside shots.

Heat 88, Hawks 81

MeAT 88, NaWKS 51

MIAMI — The Heat got above .500 for the first time in nearly four months. Eddle lones had 14 of his season-high 21 points in the final quarter and Shaquille O'Neal added 14 points and nine rebounds on the eve of his 35th birthday, lones hit a 3-pointer to start a gamededding 13-2 run over a 5-minute stretch of the fourth quarter by the Heat (60-29). The defending NBA champions has had a winning record on Nov 10-3-2. Gary Payton had 11 points and seven rebounds and James Posey added 10 points for Miami.

Warriors 111, Pistons 93

AUBLIAN HILLS. Mich. — Jason Richardson scored a season-high 29 points in front of his home fams, helping the Warriors end a six-game losing streak. The win also ended Golden Stucks sevengame road silde, and gave the Warriors a loysided sweep of the season sories. They beat Detroit 11-79 at home on Nov. 11. Al Harrington had 18 points and 10 rebounds, while Jackson finished with 14 notions.

points.
Lindsey Hunter scored 20 points for

Magic 99, Bucks 81

ORLANDO, Ria.—Hed Durkoglu had a season-high 25 points and Thevor Ariza added 20. Dwight Howard had 10 points and nine rebounds for the Magic, who ended a three-game losing streak. Orlando had 24 fast-break polinis to just five for Milwaukee, which lost an overtime game Sunday at home against Chicago.

Michael Redd led Milwaukee with 15 points, but shot just 3-of-16 from the field.

Wilson

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golf. Camilo was a gentleman. He did the same thing. ... From there on, I just played some of the best golf of my life.' On the second playoff hole — the first one played Monday — Wilson used that IB-degree hybrid to set up a put that nearly ended the tournament. A 224-yard

nearly ended the tournament. A 224-yard approach put thin in bridle range at the par-4 10th, but he settled for par. Weekley and Villegas weren't so lucky. Weekley's drive landed in the left rough, buried so deeply he had no chance of reaching the green. He

chopped the ball out, advancing it about 100 yards. His third shot hit 8 feet from the pin but span backward, and his par try slipped past. He walked to the front of the green, hands on hips, head bent, knowing his chance was gone.

"It's a learning experience. I'm disappearation by the way of the properience of the

its a tearning experience. In disap-pointed in myself after yesterday, but that's golf, man," Weekley sald. "That just happens. ... Just a part of it." Villegas missed the 10th green to the left, but hit a great flop shot to within 4 feet. His par attempt, though, ducked

beneath the hole, ending his day.
"I was feeling good over it. ... I wasn's shaking as much as I thought," Villegas

sald.

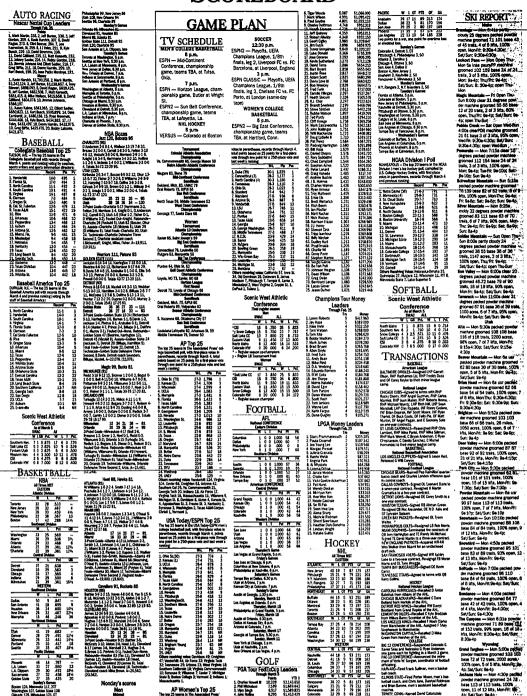
Coceres made his par putt, and he and Wilson headed to the par-3 17th, where each hit tee balls to about 10 feet. Wilson putted first, made his, and Coceres couldn't answer.

So about 45 minutes afterward, he settled into his Adari in the Interview room, then summed up five days of play in five words.

words, "It's been a weird week," he said.

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Wendell grad Goodbody shines in Stanford track debut

STANFORD, Calif. — Jaynic Goodbody keeps assaulting the record books.
Goodbody made an impressive outdoor track debut as a redshirt freshman for the Stanford University Cardinal, breaking into the Stanford University Cardinal, breaking into the school's all-time record books in both the Javelin and hammer throw. Competing in a home meet against Fresno State, UC Davis and the University of San Francisco, the former Wendell High School standout placed fifth with a 129-foot, 2-inch javelin throw, which is the third best throw by a Stanford freshman and the No. 9 throw in the all-time Cardinal record book.
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record book flinished second in the hammer Goodboy flinished second in the hammer Goodboy flinished second in the hammer throw, which was good for fifth in the Stanford freshman ranks and 10th on the all-time list. Goodbody flinished behind teammate Katy Elabury of Orofino, who threw 188-5. Goodbody florate competers in the Stanford invite held March 30-31 in Palo Alto, Calif.

Shoshone HS hosts 1A/2A all-star hoops

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HIGSHONE — Shoshone High School will host the Class 1A/2A all-star boys and girls baskethall games on Wednesday, March 7.

The girls begin at 6 p.m. with the boys following around 7:30 p.m.
Rosters will be published in Wednesday's Times-Neus.

Filer FFA holding donkey basketball

FILER — The Filer High School FFA Alumni will sponsor donkey basketball at Filer High School at 7 pm. tonight. At the door, tickets will be 38 for adults, 57 for students and 56 for hildren grades K-5. Proceeds go to the scholarship fund for FFA members. Contact Brenda Silgar at 731-1257 or any Filer FFA student for more information.

T.F. adult co-ed softball meeting nears

TWIN FALLS — A meeting (or anyone interested in playing in the Twin Falls adult co-ed softball league will be held at 7 pm. Wednesday, March 14 at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation building at 136 Maxwell Ave. in Twin Falls - For more information, contact Heather Bennett at 733-6899.

North Side Baseball registration nears

JEROME — North Side Baseball will take reg-istration for players ages 9-12 (as of April 30, 2007) for its Cal Ripken baseball league. Players age 9-10 can register from 4:30-7:30 p.m., Friday, March 9 of 7-2 p.m., Monday, March 12 at the Jerome Recreation District building at 2030 S. Lincoln in Jerome. Ages 11-12 can regis-ter from 8-10:30 a.m., Sautody, March 10 7-p.m., Monday, March 12 at the JRD building, Players from Jerome, Lincoln and Gooding counties are invited. Players new to the league

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must bring a birth certificate, while all players must come with a parent or legal guardian and \$50 registration fee. For more information, call Larry or Debble Bos at 324-8104 or Darcle Bobrowski at 324-2346.

T.F. men's scramble nears

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TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Menis Golf
Association Tree-off Scramble will be held Sunday,
March. 11 at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.
The event is set for a 10 am. shotgun start.
The entry fee is \$25 per golfer (which includes lunch after play) plus greens fees. The scramble
is open to members and non-members.
Participants can make their own teams or sign
up individually by noon, Saturday, March 10.
For more indormation or to register, call the
clubhouse at 733-3326.

Soccer referee clinic planned

TWIN FALLS — The District IV Soccer Referee Association will hold a clinic for anyone inter-ested in becoming an assistant referee from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7 and from

6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8. To reserve a spot or for more information, contact John Jacobson at 734-3151 or 731-3178.

Canyon Springs men hold scramble

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Springs Men's Golf Association will hold its opening scrambte on Sunday, March 11. Fees are due prior to play. For more information, call Scott at 404-4095.

T.F. freestyle wrestling starts

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School wrestling coach Saild Dabestani will hold freestyle wrestling practices at the Twin Falls High School wrestling room from 3:30-5 p.m. on Tuesdaya and Thursdays every week. Any interested wrestlers of any age group are welcome to attend.

Babe Ruth Registration scheduled

TWIN FALLS — Babe Ruth registration for players age 13-15 (as of April 30, 2007) from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 8, from 6-8 p.m. at the Harmon Park Blue Recreation Building, Players must reside in Twin Falls County and provide a birth certificate. Registration fee is \$65 and fundraiser participation is required. For more information, contact Randall layo at 308-3959 or Libby Magee at 308-2731.





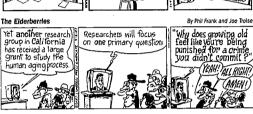
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IF MARCH 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY. You will be fascinated by the deeper mysteries of life in the year to come, and will find your spirituality deepening — you could even undergo a spiritual transformation. This looks to be a lucky year for you, and things should just fall into place with less effort than you might expect. Don't try to harness your creative juices too stringently. Rather, allow yourself some time to just enjoy music and the arts — not everything must have a practical application.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take this opportunity to strengthen existing associations and alliances of alkinds, but stry away from the formation of new partner-ships for now. The same goes for meeting new potential dates if your on the hunt.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The stars are improving for new associations for new associations for new associations for new associations for flaureans, although you are still more likely to meet a casual filing than a Princess or Prince Charming. Stay out of the game if you hope to play for keeps.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your mind is functioning with

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great precision now, and you are easer to make plans

great precision now, and you are eager to make plans. Watch for brief emotional excess late today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Some of the obstacles of the past few days are clearing, but now starts are still best post-poned another day. You should feel more settled today though, so it will be easier to be patient.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emotions could be stirred up today for few hours. If so, just as a neutral as possible and let things be-they should resolve themselves naturally later today. Your charm and sweetness serve you well.

VINGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can be both persualve and highly magnetic now, but be sure not to make any promises you won't want to keep. Report of the sure of t

major changes.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
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ing-that is the time to act!
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22Dec. 21): Your charm is particularly potent for the next
few days and you can certain,
ly use it to your advantage.
Money matters could be in
the spotlight. Build for the
future by thinking long-term.
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the chance to present them all now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb18): Make sure you merit alf
the trust that is placed on you by saying strictly on the side of the angels. Tell the truth and nothing but.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The stars are always changing, so if something lish favored now, it will be later. Take some time to rest on your laurels.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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"Mommy! There's a bird knocking at the door. Shall I let him in?"

Mess left for hunter's wife is dangerous and disgusting

DEAR ABBY Jeanne

Phillips

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Kay in St. Joseph. Mo." (Jan. 10) caught my attenduo. She's the woman whose husband (a hunter) leaves bloody foot-prints and pleces of deer cars. Stroughout their house and his soiled clothes piled in the kitchen.

I am a female bow hunter, If my hunting buddles (all of whom are male) came into my house and made a mess like Kay's husband does, I would shoot THEM.

There's a reason why the annual "great hunt" is always at her house. None of the other hunters families would put up with their disrespect. I can't even imagine how hard it would be to remove week-old annual buddle for man carpet.

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DEAR ABBY: I have hunted for almost 40 years and have always processed my own meat — from squirrel to deer. Most hunters keep the work area clean so the meat work area clean so the content of the content of the content of the clean so the c DEAR ABBY: I have hunted

the house. — LARRY IN BRADFORD, PA.

DEAR ABBY: I'm not sure how intellectual those folks are, but there could be grave consequences because of their behavior. Most wild game carry a varlety of bacte-tia, some strains of which are runnored to have infected North American deer herds with mad-coud disease. When wild game is cleaned.

precautions should be taken to disinfect the animal and the work area. Some folks go so far as to field-clean an animal and wash it down with a bleach solution as soon as its discussion of the sound o

immediately! — ROBERT IN NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: I raised five boys, who with their father loved to go fishing. I told them I'd cook and serve anything I found in the kitchen. It took only one meal of fried fish, innards and all, for them to get the message. get the message.

— VICKY IN SONORA,

CALIF.

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DEAR ABBY: My son used to work in a butcher shop that processed deer every year. When the deer came in, all the other meat that was sold had to be moved out.

If meat isn't handled correctly or becomes tainted and makes someone ill. Kay's bushand and brothers-in-law could be in serious trouble. It may be time for her to contact the local health department. Because her husband is being paid to "process" food, I'm sure bes' volcating more than a few laws — and the fines he could be subject to could cost him "deerly" — KEITH IN OHIO

Dred Scott decision announced today in 1857

Today is Tuesday, March 6, the 65th day of 2007. There are 300 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in

Today's Highlighi In History:
One hundred and fifty years ago, on March 6, 1857, the United States Supreme Court ruled in Dred Scott v. Sandford that Scott, a slave, was not a U.S. citizen and could not sue for his freedom in federal court.
On this date:

On this date: In 1834, the city of York in Upper Canada was incorpo-rated as Toronto. In 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio fell to Mexican forces after a 13-day siege. In 1853, Verdi's opera "La Traviata" premiered in Venice, Italy.

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In 1933, a nationwide bank holiday declared by President Roosevelt went into effect.
In 1935, retired Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. died in Washington.

Holmes Jr. died in Washington. In 1944, U.S. heavy bombers staged the first full-scale American raid on Berlin during World War II. In 1937, the former British African colonies of the Gold Coast and Togoland became the independent state of Ghana.

Coast and togonand tecame the independent state of Ghana. In 1967, the daughter of Josef Stalin, Svetlana Alliluyeva, appeared at the U.S. Embassy in India and announced her intention to defect to the West. In 1981, Walter Cronkite signed off for the last time as principal annorman of "The CBS Evening News." In 1987, 193 people died when the British ferry Herald of Free Enterprise capsized off the Belgian port of Zeebrugge. Ten years ago: A gunma stole a \$1 million Picasso portrait ("Tete de Femme") from a London gallery, (The painting was recovered and two suspects arrested -a week later.) Britain's Queen Elizabeth II launched the first official royal Web site. China introduced new laws to, balofficial royal Web site. China introduced new laws to bolster its campaigns against dis-sent, ethnic separatism and subversive Western ideals.

subversive Western Ideals.
Five years ago:
Independent Counsel Robert
Ray issued his final report in
which he wrote that former
President Clinton could have
been indicted and probably
would have been convicted in
the scandal involving former
White House intern Monica
Lewinsky. Federal regulators
approved the proposed \$22
billion merger of HewlettPackard Co. and Compaq
Computer Corp.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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Reeve, who'd won admiration
for her devotion to her husband, actor Christopher
Reeve, through his decade of
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in Phoenix at age 45.
Today's Birthdays:
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Rudel is 86. Ty personality Ed
McMahon is 84. Former Filli
and CIA director William
Webster is 83. Former Federal
Reserve Chairman Alan
Greenspan is 81. Author
Gabriel Garcia Marquez is 79.

THE ACES ON

Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova is 70. Country singer Doug Dilladi is 70. Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., is 6B. Actress-writer Joanna Miles is 67. Singer Mary Wilson (The Supremes) is 63. Rock musician Hugh Grundy (The Zombies) is 62. Rock singer-musician David

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(The Zombies) is 62. Rock
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Gilmour (Pink Floyd) is 61.
Actor-director Rob Reiner is
60. Actor Tom Arnold is 48.
Actor D.L. Hughley is 43.
Country songwriter Skip
Ewing is 43. Actor Shuler
Hessley is 40. Basketball player
Shaquille O'Neal is 35.
Country singer Trent Willmon
is 34. Country musician Shan
Farmer (Ricochet) is 33.
Rapper Beanie Sigel is 33.
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Rapper Bubba Sparzox is 30.
Actor Ell Marienthal is 21.
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not so common.) — Voltaire French author and philoso-pher (1694-1778).

THE ACES ON BRIDGE*

"Eschew the ordinary, disdain the commonplace. If you have a single-minded need for some-thing, let it be the unusual, the es-oteric, the bizarre, the unexpect-

- Chuck Jones

— Chuck Jones

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Opening lead: Heart six

BID WITH THE ACES

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

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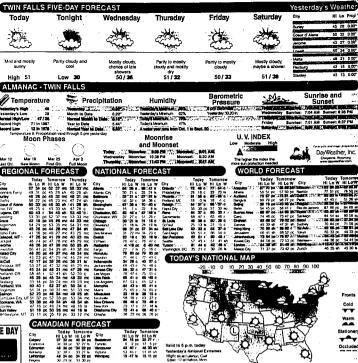
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Lester feels normal in first game after cancer treatment

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Jon Lester pitched in his first game Monday since his last cancer treatment just 2½

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cancer treatment just 292
months ago.

Ills mechanics were good
and his command was outstanding as the Boston Red
Sox left-hander retired all
three batters he faced or
grounders.

"It's great. Just to get back
and be normal again is awesome, just to get back on the
mound and throw the baseball and not worry about
other things, the 23-yearold said. "So it's good, and I
enjoyed it and, hopefully, we
be build from here."

chemotherapy after being diagnosed with anaplastic large cell lymphoma late last season. He's now cancer free and has regained much of the weight he lost during the

the weight he lost during the treatments.

The plan was for Lester to throw just the first inning in the "B" game against the Minnesota Twins, and he needed only leight pitches. It is six fastballs were clocked at between 88-90 mph. He there two curveballs in the dirt at 69-72 mph.

He feels strong enough to pitch longer and has pitched in bullpen sessions at the same pace as other starters.

same pace as other starters. Manager Terry Francona

wants to bring Lester along slowly, considering his "traumatic" experience.

"They have my best interests involved and I'm not too worried about it." Lester said. "I'll get my work in one way or the other, so we'll just take it slow and go from here."

Lester is to throw next in a bullpen session on Wednesday then pitch one inning Saturday in a simulating and season of teammates. With a very solid starting rotation, the Red Sox don't have to rush tim.

Lester was 7-2 with a 4.76

Lester was 7-2 with a 4.76 ERA and 60 strikeouts in 81 1-3 innings last season.

Prior yanked, Wood great to begin dual Cubs comebacks

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Mark Prior's return answered his own questions about his arm, but created some about his effectiveness. Kerry Wood's comeback was far more reas-suring to the Cubs.

but created some about his effectiveness. Kerry Woods comeback was far more reassuring to the Cubs.

Prior, who missed most of 2006 during a third consecutive season of injuries, started for the first time since August. He allowed three carned runs and got just four outs before Chicago manager Lou Piniella pulled his expected ace from the Cubs' 6-5 win over the Seattle Mariners on Monday.

I just warst finishing my pitches. Prior said, after throwing 41 pitches—He forbest-high or higher.

The most important thing for me is this is the first time in almost 2½ years I wasn't more worrled about my arm than facing batters.

But Wood was dominant. Throwing 95 mph fastballs and sliders, the 2003 All-Star retired the Mariners in order in the fifth. He struck out lose Guillen and threw 12 pitches, cight of them strikes.

The Cubs' former ace is trying to come back as a reliever following shoulder surgery on Aug. 31, 2005, that limited him to just four games last season.

Prior was scheduled to go two innings in his first spring start since 2005. Following a 52-pitch first inning that included two walks, pitching coach Larry Rothschild stood beside Prior and pantomimed an exaggerated followthrough toward the dugont floor.

After an errant fastball forced catcher

exagerated followthrough toward the dugout floor.

After an errant fastball forced catcher Michael Barrett out of his crouch and into a reaching snag, Rothschild visited Prior on the mound.

Mike Morse hit the next pitch into the left-center field gap for a double. Jeremy Reed followed by hitting a 2-1 pitch 15 feet up the dark hitting background beyond straightaway center field, over the 410-foot sign.

That was the only ball that I thought I threw well. Prior said.

That double — one of three off Prior—scored Konji Johina for a 2-0 lead. After No. 9 hitter Yuniesky Butlein replaced the 25-year-old right-hander with Ben Howard.

THE RESERVE

Prior sat on the dugout bench and threw his cap over his shoulder and into the back wall of the dugout. Howard then allowed Willie Bloomquist's RBI single, the third and

Willie Bloomquist's Rill single, the third and-final run charged to Prior.
Adrian Beltre, a one-time Los Angeles
Dodger and one of the only Mariners to have
faced Prior before in the National League,
said That was not the Prior I usually faced.
Beltre grounded out in his only
at hat against him.
"His fastball wasn't like before,
it's obviously he's coming back
from injury, said Beltre, who is 1for-10 with a home run and five
strikeous sagainst Prior in his regular-season career.

strikeouts against Prior in his regpinicla said that velocity — some radar
guns reported Prior's fastest pitches were 87
majh — will come after Prior gets condradue with simply pitching again.
Obviously, he needs to throw the ball-barter. Let's be honest. Pinicla said misChequo's first with in four spring games. But
it's a start for Mark that the can improve on.
Prior said he wasn't happy with the way the
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I was more happy I was able to get into a game," he said. Tim not too worried about ny command out there tyet, If I'm doing this three or four weeks from now, the setting up a panie mode."

If Wood is doing this three or four weeks from now, the Cubs will be ectsaide.

That's 95 miles per hour nice and easy, "Inicila said, smilling, "Mier I saw him throw the first five or six pitches, I said, I'm additionally a saw of the same since June 6.

He also said he has more energy after losing 25 pounds this winter through exercise and better eating, that his shoulder is healthy, and he's ready to restart his riseand-full career as a reliever.

Starting is not even in my thought.

"Starting is not even in my thought process," said Wood, who has 178 starts in 189 career games. "I may never start anoth-er game again, and if it's that's way I'm; fine

I'm playing baseball. I can't complain,"

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White House board says surveillance programs OK

WASHINGTON — A White louse privacy board is giving s stamp of approval to two of House privacy board is giving its stamp of approval to two o the Bush administration's conthe Bush administrations con-troversial surveillance pro-grams — electronic eaves-dropping and financial track-ing—and says they do not vio-late citizens' civil liberties. After operating mostly in secret for a year, the five-mem-ber Privacy and Civil Liberties Board is preparing to release its first report to Congress

next week.

The report finds that both the National Security Agency's warranties eavesdropping program and the Treasury Department's monitoring of international banking tunsactions have sufficient privacy protections, three board members taid The Associated Press in telephone interviews.

Both programs have multiple layers of review before sensitive information is accessed, they said.

"We looked at the program, we visited NSA and met with

the top people all the way down to those doing the hands-on work," sald Carol Dinkins, a Houston lawyer and former Reagan administration assistant attorney general who chairs the board.

"The program is structured and implemented in a way that is properly protective and attentive to civil liberties," she

said.

Some board members were troubled by the Homeland Security Department's error-ridden no-fly lists, which critics say use subjective or incon-

clusive data to flag suspect travelers.

One area the board will focus on in its report is the computerized anti-tercorism screening system recently announced by DHS and used for years without travelers' knowledge to assign risk

announced by DHS and used for years without travelers' knowledge to assign risk assessments to millions of Americans who fly abroad. "That's a place where there's a lot of opportunity for improvement." Dinkins said. Lanny Davis, a former Clinton White House counsel and the lone Democrat on the

panel, described the board's first report to Congress as modest. He said most of the work in the past year was spent being briefed on the adminis-tration's surveillance pro-

tration's surveillance programs.

We felt reassured by the checks and balance concerns, and a parks said. He said that after several classified briefings members were impressed by the multiple layers of review, which included audit trills to track whoever has access to the dan. track whoever has access to the data. Still, Davis said he anticipat-

ed the board will continue to monitor the program as need-ed. "It would be a mistake if that was the end of the review," he said.

The board's initial findings come as Congress is moving forward on measures to give the board more authority and make it more independent of make it more independent of the president. Created in late 2004, the panel was estab-lished as a compromise lished as a compromise between Congress and the White House after a recommendation by the Sept. 11 commission.



Vice President Dick Cheney delivers his remarks at the joint opening session of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary National Community Service Conference national legislative conference, Monday in

Cheney has blood clot in leg

Can be fatal if left untreated

By Ben Feller Associated Press writer

-WASHINGTON — Doctors discovered a blood clot in Vice President Dick Cheney's left leg Monday, a condition that could be latal it left

that could be latal if left untreated. The 66-year-old Cheney, who has a history of heart problems, will be treated with blood-thinning medication for several months, said spokeswoman Lea Anne McBride.

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She sald Cheney visited his doctor's office in Washington after feeling minor discomfort in his calf. An ultrasound strowed the blood clot—called a deep venous thrombosis—in his leit flower leg. Blood clots that form deep in the legs can become killers if they break off and float into the tungs. This is called a pulmonary embolism. Deep vein thrombosis strikes an esti-

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Daniel Radcliffe has signed on to star in the final two "Harry Potter" films, Warner

Harry Potter mims, warner Bros. said Monday. Radcliffe, who plays the bespectacled schoolboy wiz-ard in the Hollywood adapta-tions of J.K. Rowling's novels,

will reprise the role in "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" and "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows."

Radcliffe has signed on for last two 'Harry Potter' movies

each year, killing 60,000,
Many people suffer DVT
after spending long periods
without moving, such as passengers on long-haul airline
flights. Chency spent about
65 hours on a plane on a
nine-day, round-the-world
trip that ended last week.
"When your just sitting
there with your legs hanging
down for long periods of time,
that switter periods prices, your
to the problem," said Sean
O'Donnell, chief of vascular
surgery of Washington
Hospilal Centure.

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"Treated properly, it poses a small threat," O'Donnell said. "Untreated and unrecog-nized, it's a very serious prob-lem."

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NBC correspondent David-Bloom died in 2003 of a pul-monary embolism after spending days in a cramped military vehicle while cover-ing the invasion of Iraq. To fight DVT, airlines often encourage passengers to walk the alsies and wiggle-their feet. But Byings not the only risk of DVT, it extends to any-one older than 60 or who has heart failure.

Warner Bros. will release he fifth installment —

"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" — on July 13, a week before the book "The

a week before the book "The Deathly Hallows" is released. Radchilfe, 17, is in the London stage production of Equus," in which he plays a troubled stableboy who mutilates horses. The racy role is quite the departure for the teen.

Survey: Some states put new law officers on the street with little or no training

By Holbrook Mohr Associated Press writer

Four months into his job, a police officer in Mississippi holds a gun to the head of an unarmed teenager and puts him in a chokehold. A rookle officer in Illinois gets into a carbase that kills a driver. And a new campus policeman in Indiana shoots an unarmed student to death. Some are blaming these harrowing episodes on what an Associated Press survey found is a common practice across the guntry. At least 30 states let some newly hired local law enforcement officers hit the streets with a gun, a badge and little or no training.

These states allow a certain grace period — six months or a year in most cases, two years in. Mississippi and Wisconsin — before rookles must be sent to a police academy. In many cases, these treaturs are supposed to be supervised by a full-fledged officer, but that does not always happen.

The risks, some say, are high. "You wouldn't want a brain surgeon who isn't properly trained. Someone shouldn't be

surgeon who isn't properly trained. Someone shouldn't be trained. Someone shouldn't be out there carrying a badge and a gun unless they are qualified to be out theree. Said ferenty Spratt, program manager of the Missouri Peace Officer Standards and Training Program.

No one seems to know how many untrained recruits are on the streets. But the practice appears to be most common among small-town police forces and sheriff's departments.

ments.
Many police chiefs interviewed for this story said that for years, they have used less-than-fully-trained officers without problems, and they strongly defended the practice for reasons of money and manpower.

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It allows departments to put new hires on the streets right away, without walting for them to go through police academy training, which is usually a full-time, weeks- or monthslong exercise during which the officer is not on duty but still on the payroll. In some places, there are waiting lists to get Into the academy.

Also, some police forces see the grace period as a tryout,



officials look over the scese in Sparts, III., in 2004, where 58-year-old nurse Janice Cole died when a police SUV driv-en by Sparta Police Officer Mithy McPherson stammed into Cole's car during a chase.

Untrained officers permitted on force

Nearly 30 states permit some newly hired efficers to police the streets with little or no training. These states allow a grace period before an officer must be fully trained.



during which the department can decide whether the officer is going to work out before it invests thousands of dollars in police academy training. Its several states, if a recruit graduates from the academy, the police force is reimbussed by the state, but not if the officer fails to flights. fails to finish.)

us to unish.) "It lets the officer work for the department for an amor the department for an amount of time to make sure that's what they want to do and make sure that's the right person for the job, "said Batesville, Miss., Police Chief Gerald Legge. "We get some people that work a few weeks and say. "This isn't what it was like on

TV and this is not for me."

Chris Hollingsworth, 24, was hired two weeks ago by the Newton, Miss., police but is not scheduled to go to the academy until April. He sald that he is working under the supervision other officers and that he isn't allowed to do much anywas.

that he isn't allowed to do much anyway.

"I can see how (the grace period) would be a positive thing as far as letting people see if this is what they want to do for a liwing," Hollingsworth said. "But I can also can see how it would be a negative thing because you're a real big liability until you go through the training and there's not

much you're allowed to do."
In 2003, Robert Duplain, a
24-year-old rooke police officer at Ball State University in
Indiana, faataly shot a student
— three rounds in the chest
and one in the heat. The officer is facing a wrongful-death
indowsuit. —
Duplain had taken only a 40hour "pre-basic course" consisting of mostly online classes
and lirearms training, said
Russy Goodpaster, director of
Indiand's police academy,
Indiana law allows new hires
up to one year to go through
the police academy, but they
an take on enforcement
duties before then if they take
the pre-basic course,
Goodpaster said.
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Mctherson band not even started baste training.
She didn'even know how
to
Chapman said.
Sparda police chief did not
return a call for comment.

Time to learn your exabytes and zettabytes: Researchers calculate the wide world of data

By Brian Bergstein Associated Press writer

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BOSTON — A new study
that estimates how much digital information the world is
generating thin: a lot) finds
that for the first time, there's
not enough storage space to
hold it all. Good thing we
delete some study.

The report, assembled by
the technology research first
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phone calls and other digital content zipping around. The researchers also assumed that on average, each digital file gets replicated three times. Add it all up and IDC deter-mined that the world generat-ed 161 billion gigabytes — 161

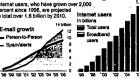
exabytes — of digital information last year.

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each reach from the Earth to
the sun. Or you might think of
it as 3 million times the information in all the books ever
written, according to IDC.
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of the most capacious!Pods on
the market to get 16! carbytes.
The previous best estimate
came from researchers at the
University of California,
Berkeley, who totaled the
globe's information production at 5 cashytes in 2003.

But that report followed a
different trail, it included nonelectronic information, such

electronic information, such as analog radio broadcasts or printed office memos, and tal-lied how much space that would consume if digitized.

Internet users continue to grow



And it counted original data only, not all the times things

only, not all the times timing-got copied.

In comparison, the IDC numbers were made much higher by including content as it was created and as it was reproduced—for example, as a digital TV file was made and every time it landed on a

screen. If IDC tracked original data only, its result would have been 40 exabytes.
Still, even the 2003 figure of 5 exabytes is enormous — it was said at the time to be 37,000 Libraries of Congress — so why does it matter how much more enormous the number is now For one thing, said IDC ana-

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to understand the effects of the factors behind the information explosion — such as the profusion of surveillance cameras and regulatory rules for corporate data retention. In fact, the supply of data technically outstrips the supply of places to put it. IDC estimates that the world had 185 exabytes to stonge available last year and will have 801 exabytes and will have 801 exabytes and will have 801 exabytes as year and will have 801 exabytes as year to \$86 exabytes (closing in on 12 exabytes) and year of the fact of

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Idaho's gusts and breezes irk some, benefit others

GODING — There isn't much wind in Arlene Shaw's kitchen. But that's where a set of metal wind chimes has been nailed,

wind chimes has been nailed, because experience taught her it blows too hard outside. "When I was given this set of wind chimes, I just hung them in the house," she said. The ceramic set of chimes she came to Idaho with years ago was destroyed by the gusts that sweep through the 'Shaws' acreage in Gooding. The wind beats up the strings on them and wears them out." Affence, ordeinally from Affence, ordeinally from

them out."
Arlene, originally from
Colorado, sald working with
the wind has become a fact of
life. A fact all too familiar to
her southern Idaho neighbors.

"Since I moved here I've really become interested in the weather," she said. She's even learning how to gauge wind speed by feel — without accelerating on a motorcycle until the breeze doesn't buffet her.

r. "It's one of those things you just learn to live with so much you don't think about it," said Arlene's husband, Mark, who grows crops and builds equipgrows crops and builds equip-ment for processing macadamin nuts. Mark, a Los Angeles native, add his wardrobe changed because of the wind.

You used to be able to buy straw hats around here for three or four dollars—now

e or four dollars — now 've gone up to 30," he

After he lost several of those hats to wind guest during rides around the farm, his topper of choice is now a tight-fitting shift tap. Turtienecks layer under harks thick overalls in the winter, with scarves had protect his throat from shap needles of wind and rain. He turned to heavy-dury moisturizers and liquid bandages for the cracks that develop on his fingertips, dried out by the arid, windy climate. Aften emoisturizes more as well, from lips to toes. After he lost several of those

"I use ChapStick three or four times a day, and if I know I'm going to be outside, I'll carry it In my pocke, it's so drying, 'she said.
Around here, the wind is nothing new Magic Valley gusts and breezes are even stronger than those statewide, meteorologists say, because of the funneling effect of the mountains, and residents adjust how they live and work to accummodate. Farming or gardeining, Idahoans know which way the wind blows.

The funnel effect

Magic Valley's geography is responsible for the extra-windy conditions, said Josh Smith, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Italian

"For Twin Falls, where they're located in the valley, generally your weather is from flee generally your weather is from flee exist." Smalls said. They're just in Smalls said. They're just in the said of the said. They fall the said of the said o "For Twin Falls, where

This added air movement caused by the mountain ranges means that though Boise feels the same wind pat-

Bolse feels the same wind pat-terns, they are usually stronger in Magic Vailey. "It's wide, but it's just like a fannel effect." Smith said they speed up through that area." In the absence of an atypical early weather from, the direc-tion of the wind shifts at night, as cool alf sinks toward the lowest point in the state, near Ontario and sinks to go in that device the said of the parting the day when the ground the state point in the state. During the day when the ground the said of the parting the said the parting the said the parting the said the parting the said the said the said said the said said

warm air wants to rise."
This means northwest or
west winds during the day,
and southeast winds at night,
lowing at an average speed
of five to 15 knots in the first
half of the year and five to 10

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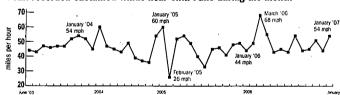
"It's one of those things you just learn to live with so much you don't think about it."





w stands Feb. 27 by a large wind chime that hangs from her home's front porch outside of Gooding. To the west of the Sh

Peak recorded sustained winds near Twin Falls during the month



Silent sentry or magical myth?

An Idaho native remembers the Owl and the Castle

By Kathlees McKevitt Special to the Times-News

KETCHUM — When I was growing up in southern idaho, my family spent near-july every weekend in Ketchum, winter and sumer, so members of the family and friends finally bullt cabins in the area — to save on the motel and restaurant bills.

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In the winter, all we young skiders packed the lower hills in the early morning on Baldy, then got to ski free all day. We played on the old narrow-gauge railway all narrow-gauge railway all people of the family fished. Somehody kept chill and coffee hot in the winter, and somehody made plenty of lemonade and iced ten in the summer. As children we were

free to run wild all day making up things to do and inventing escapades that filled the days.

We picked wild berries and built forts along the river. It was as close to heaven as a kid could have, especially during the summer. One of our favorite places to play was a little spot about a half-mile south of the bridge at Ketchum's south entrance. You have to slow down and look closely to see it, but in a very visible draw on the west side of the highway is the Owl and the Castle, a rock formation that looks for all the world like a large owl and an owl-sized castle. As legend world like a large owl and an owl-sized castle. As legend has it, they have been there for a million or so years, carved out by the last teag and left standing as entry sentinels to the "valley of sun."



According to the U.S. Geological Survey, structures like this in the Rocky Mountains — and, more specifically, in the Sawtooth

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New publication suggests fire-resistant plants

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Fires are part of the Pacific Northwest landscape, but homeowners who live in the wildland urban interface can take precautions to protect their lives, homes and property. That includes creating a "defensible space" where potential fuel has been modified, reduced or cleared to slow the spread of wildfire to their homes, the University of Idaho said in a release.

A new publication by Pacific Northwest Extension tells homeowners how to select plants that may reduce their wildfire risk. Titled "Fire-resistant Plants for Home Landscapes," the 46-page, color publication includes photos and descriptions of selected groundcovers, perennials, shrubs and trees for irrigated and nonlirigated landscapes.

Plants that re fire-resistant are not fire-proof, but their foliage and stems don't contribute significantly to potential fuel and therefore to a fire's intensity, the U of 1 said; They can be damaged or even the fire, but they don't readily ignite from a flame or other ignition source. Typically, they have moist and supple leaves, they accumulate little deadwood or dry material, and their say isn't resinous or gummy. Combined with proper plant placement, spacing and ongoing maintenance, the use of fire-resistant plants cau create a fuel break and help protect homes by blocking intense heat.

To order the publication, citic on www.lino.ag.uidaho.edu, write calspubsebudaho.edu, write calspubsebudaho.edu, write calspubsebudaho.edu, write calspubsebudaho.edu, write calspubsebudaho.edu, ord for a 'single copy is \$3.

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Owl

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But whoso knows what happens after dark; perhaps that
castle is a secret retreat for
tired talons.
As children, we were told
that the owl was also a marker
for burled treasure, a sign in
early days for indigenous peoples to guide-their way, and
even, according to other lore,
a holy or burial place for the
Blackfeet and other tribes. It
would make sense, having a
guardian like an owl totem
watching over an ancient burlad place, but all our pretend
archeology sessions with
trowels and buckets revealed
may an indication of that. Of
course, our attention span course, our attention span was short, and our diggings in the hard, sun-parched soil were less than four to five

was short, and our diggings in the hard, sun-parched soil were less than four to five inches deep.

Ilowever, everything then had its mystical side for 8- to 12-year-olds, We made up so many stories that no one was sure what had been based in some fact we'd heard around the dinner table, and what had been sheer fantasy. At that age it all blended together as temporary reality: There were gargoyles still alive in the ceaves. No, really? "Yes, Clemis dad heard it from the caretaker." The dead pillot from a small plane crash in the Stanley valley still had a seat at the Silver Dollar bar in Ketchum and roamed the area in various haunts like the mines. Everyone knew Ernest Hemingway, and most every-body's dad, brother or uncle had had a beer with him and

had had a beer with him and shared stories. The Owl and the Castle held its own mystique. The owl took off in flight at night, and if you saw a fleeting, mon-strous shadow across the full moon sky, it was, more than likely, the owl. The castle had a center, hut no one knew how to enter. There were spe-

cial words and spells that would reveal the crack in the stone and an entry into the underground where hood-lums from the dark side waltlums from the dark side walled to pounce on and devour
small children. Daytime was
the only safe time to go there,
but only if you were doubly
protected by both chewing
gum and your special-protection medal on a chain around
your neek to ward off all
things scary.
This structure and the public land it's on are protected—
not by medals or chewing
gum, but by law—from such
carryings-on as pretend
archaeology or metal-hunt-

carryings-on as pretend archaeology or metal-hunt-ing, by anybody, whatever their age. It's as it should be. their age. It's as it should be. What has long stood as a war-den of the wilds remains undaunted, despite the mil-lion-dollar condominiums and the home sites duting the local landscape. Where once bison, deer, wild horses and the like roamed, thou-sands of motorists swish past never knowing that an never knowing that an ancient guardian stands watch over their lands and

watch over their lands and homes.
Only the natural weather patterns of wind and water erosion should alter this good guard in its eternal watch on the valley of sun, and while not recognized or acknowledged by passers-by, it will do the work assigned. Hopefully, there is still a space in children's minds to wonder at the ancient purpose of relics such ancient purpose of relics such as the ones guarding our mountain's invisible gate.

Kathleen McKevitt, an Italio native, is a freelance writer working on a suspense novel-ette related to the children of the '50s and '60s and the Out and the Castle. She can be reached at remnek@alltel.net. This piece is based on part of her novelette.

Wind

Continued from page DI knots between July and December. A knot — th National Weather Service National Weather Service's preferred unit of wind speed — is I nautical mph, equivalent to 1.15 mph.

Growing with the wind

Although strong winds can kill seedlings, knock over farm buildings and crack fingertips, it's vial for a least one Mage Valley product — wine. —Wind is actually our ally, said James Holesinsky, who runs the organic Holesinsky winery near Budt. The family chose the hillsides where their groups graymene fferible. grapes grow specifically because they are at the

grapes grow specifically because they are at the con-junction of three windy val-leys.

"It brings fresh air to the area, a circulates the air in general," Holesinsky said.
Circulation stops grapes from growing mold and mildew it shows the ripening of the fruit, allowing flavor and sugars to build, creating a complex character for the luice that will eventually become wine.

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The wind will actually harden the skins of a grape a bit, to create color. The said, it strengthens the root systems of young wines, making them more resilient as they age, and promotes hardy leaves as well. In areas where there isn't much wind, whineries put in machines to create breezes. Holestakey said, Ils winery plans to install a wind-powered wind machine that will

ered wind machine that will store energy during windy times and use it to stir the air

umes and use it to str the air when the weather is still. Extreme temperature fluc-tuations aren't good for grapes, Holesinsky said, and wind keeps the vines from overheating in the summer while staving off frosts in the winter. nter. "It'll cool a hot day or warm



one is obscured by small snow drifts on Feb. 27. The plow went by once bered. "A storm came up. Boy, it was something else," she said. "All of a sudden, one lifts

up and starts rolling out into the field. It totally demolished

Yup, their granaries are

Yup, their granaries are anchored very well now. The Shaws have also tost irrigation wheel lines, when the wind created torque on the metal, shearing it away and rolling the equipment through their fields.

"If the wind's blowing real hard, we will take two-by-fours out and brace the wheel

lines to keep them from twist-ing too much," Aflene said. Every morning before Mark plans his chores for the day, there's one thing he always

a cool morning," he said. "Two degrees could mean our crop

or not.

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on strip the soll of nutrients,

sol loleslinkly plants grass

between the vines as a safeguard. Strong winds can also

slow the metabolic processes

of the vines as they protect

themselves from larsh clines,

which creates a nonuniform

cropi that hurst the grower's

bottom line.

Under the weather

Back at the Shaws' Gooding farm, it's mostly the negative that Mark and Arlene deal

with.

In the first years he lived on the property, Mark knew his granaries weren't anchored as tightly as they should have been.

"Id been saying I need to take care of that' for years," he said. "Well, I was right."

It was a Stunday aftermoon four years ago, Arlene remem-

does.
"First thing you do before you change the water is turn on the weather radio to find out what the wind's doing." he said. The direction and speed determine where and when he irrigates. ririgates. "It will blow hard enough

you can walk out on dry ground to move the wheel line because none of the water is falling straight down," Arlene

na. The Shaws even planned The Shaws even planned liow to build their house because of the wind. The home, designed to maximize energy conservation, has its shortest side facting into the wind. Blue spruces planned along the west side of the home 22 years ago are now tall enough for an effective wind head.

In the past few years, Arlene has really noticed a difference. The trees slow the wind enough that she's finally ready enough that set of metal wind chimes. She's eager for their silvery sound, and confi-dent now the gusts won't destroy them. "I have missed that, because I love wind chimes."

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plant to pets. People who love pets and gardening can have both, though, with a little common sense and careful use of pet-safe plants

BELOW: Foxglore is known to be toxic. Animals that chew can get hold of poisonous seeds, leaves o

Hazardous landscape: Plants that can poison your pet

By loei M. Lerner Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — My friend

WASHINOTON — My friend Margo, a black pig dog, loves to get out in the yard and run. She is usually a good girl. She sniffs everything, but she doesn't chew on stems or sample leaves and bugs. Her owners don't plant or use anything toxic, but there's still plenty in any landscape that can be hazardous to any pet that goes outdoors, in turn, pets can be hard on the yard and garden. garden. destructiveness

Pet destructiveness can mean plants chewed, rolled on or dug up; holes in the yard (especially around fences, for those canine escape artists); and brown spots in the lawn. Some dogs chew gardening gloves, wooden handles on gar-den tools and outdoor furni-ture.

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Animals that chew can get hold of poisonous seeds, leaves or berries. Dogs or cats that frolic, or roll on the lawn can pick up toxic chemicals through their paw pads and skin and track them into the skin and track them into the house. They can get scratched by thorms, stung by bees, bitten by fleas, landed on by ticks, even burned by hot sidewalks in the summer or ice-prevent-ing chemicals in the winter. People who love pets and gardening can have both, though, with a little common sense and careful use of pet-safe plants and chemicals.

The first good-sense rule is not to plant anything that's toxic to animals. Toxicity can relate to the size of the animal

relate to the size of the antimal and, of course, amount of material ingested, but it's better to avoid anything that can be harmful.

A sampling of landscape plants that are totle Include, yew, wild black cherny, azie, rhododendron. hydrangea, rhododendron. hydrangea, chododendron. hydrangea, tho dodendron better the size of the valley, foxglove, hyacinth, rhubarb and castor bean. Some roose how the size of the valley, foxglove, hyacinth, rhubarb and castor bean. Some roose how the size of the valley foxglove hyacinth rhubarb and castor bean. Some Toxic houseplants to avoid are dracaena, dieffenbachia, golddracaena, dieffenbachia, gold-en pothos, philodendron and peace lily. Cocca bean mulch, a hyproduct of chocolate man-uracturing, contains both caf-feine and theobromine, which are harmful to dogs. If you already have some of these trees, shrubs or plants, you can minimize exposure, you can minimize exposure.



Daphne is a caustic toxic plant. Other toxic plants include yew, wile cherry, azalea, rhododendron, hydrangea, English hy, daffodll, tulip

the pet to avoid parts of the yard. (I can just hear Margo snickering, "Yeah, right, teach who what?") For lists of toxic plants, see www.cybercaninc.com/toxic-plants.htm or www.aspca.org, (Click on the link to Animal Poison Control and then click loyer library. toxic plants.)

tode plants)
The next issue to consider is chemicals. The ingredients in herbicides, insecticities and soil amendments can be toxic. If they are, the package directions should say as. Some products are labeled as pet-safe; they may be based on ingredients such as corn gluten or seaweed. You might dink that the best course is to go organic, but not

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This woman's

a friend to all

things equine.

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all organics are a good idea. For instance, one organic method to add phosphorus to soil is as pulverfized home meal. Dogs love bones, so they will like this material. Generally, they won'l lick enough to hurt themselves, but if they get into the bags, they will wolf down enough to be dangerous. Products may not list some trace materials, such as heavy metals that may be present in the plant and animal hyproducts and volcanic asth, ingredients in such all-nast, ingredients in such all-nast.

ural fertilizers.
One common household product that makes a good organic fertilizer is used coffee grounds. But this is not good for your pet. (For more possible

hyproducts and volcanic ingredients in such all-nat-



problems, see the American Veterinary Medical Association, www.awma.org/communications/brochure.asp?

To keep pests in check, use integrated pest-management techniques: improving soil and drainage conditions, using beneficial insects to fight harmful ones, applying the least took cremedies for pests and diseases, and pulling or hoeing weeds. weeds.

If a potentially more harmful

If a potentially more harmful substance is required for the health of your garden, keep pets (and children) away from areas being treated. One source. The First Aid Companion for Cats and Dogs, by Anny D. Shojal (Bodale, 2001, 51995), suggests keeping pets of Isprayed surfaces for a week. And. speaking of things to avoid, watch out for winter haz-ards, such as street salt spread

ards, such as street salt spread on drives or walks; wipe pets' paws before they come inside. Antifreeze is also hazardous.





Foot Clinic

Kestler sues Smith in latest dispute over control of radio network

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

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TWIN FALLS — A Twin
Falls pastor has accused his
mentor of funding a sexual
harassment case against him
to gain control over one of
the nation's largest noncommercial satellite radio
networks.

Mike Kestler, pastor of
Calvary Chapel of Twin Falls,
filed a lawsuit Friday in federal court in Bolse against
Chuck Smith of Cost Mesa,
Calli, founder of the worldwide Calvary Chapel movement.

ment. Since 2002 ... Smith has claimed control of the net-work without effect, Kestler charged in court records. The network worth about \$250 million and reaching 22.5 million potential listences, has been run by Kestler's Idaho office and Smith and his son's Costa Mesa, Calif. office.

office.

Kestler's filling is the latest legal salvo in a dispute that began in 2001.

For at least one of Kestler's parkshioners, the legal battle is, at its root, spiritual.

They both need to get on their knees and pray, "sald Cherie/Warr, 52. "It's so unbelievable that it's gotten, so blown out of proportion..! think it's and it's come to this. You can't be friends as long as these two gendlemen have and not be hun."

Warr joined Smith's War formed.

warr joined Smith's church as a teenager and got to know Kestler before he moved to Idaho to open his

moved to Idaho to open his own chappel.

Both pastors respected each other and cooperated exceedingly well on building the radio network, she said.

There was no difference between both churches. Both were doing Gods work until the devil interfered, she said.

said.
"We are living in a world
that is so controlled by the
devil," Warr sald, "The devil
is destroying God's work."
Instead of being able to

forgive each other, matters only grew worse. Smith had once defended Kestler when he had been accused of asking a female parishioner to run away with him. Lord Pollitr, a former Dallas Conthers, chestlenter and

Lord Pollitt, a former Dallas Cowboys cheerleader, sald Kestler hired her to work for Calvary Satellite Network in Twin Falls, sexually hanased her and, when she rejected him. fired her. Smith financed her lawsuit against Kestler, according to court records.

Warr sald she does not believe the sexual harassment allegations are true.

ment allegations are true. But Warr said Smith must believe they are.

believe they are.
Kestler disagrees.
Through his unlawful and secret funding of the Pollitt litigation ... Smith acted deliberately and intentionally to accomplish his unlawful goal of galaning control of the network. Kestler's lawyer wrate in his complaint.
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inwyer wrote in his complaint.
On Jan. 29, a federal judge in Boise dismissed some of Pollitr's allegations. Kestler's complaint said the allegations have caused him to suffer "extreme embarrassment and stress." The controversy earned about a one-minute mention in Kestler's Sunday serion in Kestler's Sunday serion in Kestler's Sunday serion the charmed the comment Monday, citing the open case. Smith could not immediately be reached for comment.

comment.

Warr will continue to attend her church, even if

attend her church, even if the feud worsens. "They have both respected each other in so many ways." Warr said of Kestler and Smith. "They should be able to lorgive and lorge. It needs to be dropped. They are only hurting each other."

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Burley health fair shows off area providers

RURLEY Cassia

BURLEY Cassia Regional Medical Center put on its annual Community Health Fair on Saturday at Burley High School, offering a variety of health services to residents of all ages. Nancy Gerrard, manager of health information man-agement at the hospital, said 1,128 patients who had blood drawn in February were able to retrieve their test results Saturday. There isn't really any age, 'she said, 'Typically it is

for the 30 and above, because the younger folks don't need their blood work. It's typically 45 and older that you start needing it every year."

The participation pleased Ned Hill, a systems administrator at the hospital.

"That's what a health fair is for — increasing the

"That's what a health fair is for — increasing the health of the community, he said. "I think that the community health fair is a wonderful event where community members and health providers can come together and work on how to feel better."



Police looking for possible shooter

Man shot while . walking down street Sunday

By Matthew Brady Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One day after being shot while walking in his neighborhood, a Twin Falls man still is puzzled why anybody would do that to him. Eduardo Rondina, 37, was walking about 1:30 p.m. Sunday near Buena Vista Street and Commercial Avenue in

south Twin Falls when a man in a white Dodge pickup rolled down his wintow and shot him twice with a shorgun. The man then sat in his truck and watched as Rondlia writhed on the ground. "He just looked at me." Rondlina sald. "I screamed.at him. I tried to curse him. He just looked at me."

When Rondina got up, the

man drove off.
Rondina has shotgun pellets
in his shoulder, chest, hip and

groin.

He said they might stay in him the rest of his life.

As will the memories of Sunday's shooter.

"He probably has something wrong in his life," Rondina sald. "Probably don't like my color or something. I didn't do anything. I didn't say anything. I don't think I have an enemy hare."

I don't dink I have an enemy here."
Pollee are looking for William Issae Dougherry, 25, for questioning as a "person of interest." He is 5 foot 7 inches tall, 150 pounds with green eyes and short brown hair.
Anyone with information about the shooting should call the Twin Falls Police Department, 735-4357. Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction.



Girls only



College of Southern Idaho hosts sixth annual Girls in Technology event

TWIN FALLS — The sixth-annual Girls in Technology event begins today at the College of Southern Idaho.

The program was organized to introduce girls to careers in math,

science and technology.

science and technology.
More than 300 students from
Magic Valley schools will take part
in the event, which will include 13
workshops. Each workshop will be
taught by local business leaders
and instructors at CSI.
"Girls who are attending the
event for the second year will go

and visit area businesses, while those that are here for the first time will take part in the workshops or campus," said Nevis Turner, a counselor at the Center for New Directions at CSI. The Idea is that we want girls to get involved in technology by exploring it and then experiencing it.

Track project may change due to higher costs

BURLEY — The school dis-trict thought it had enough money to build a new high school track. Contractors thought differ-

Although the district and community had raised \$115,000, that fell more than

\$100,000 short of the blds received Feb. 21 from Gordon Paving Inc. and Kloepfer Inc. Gaylen Hondo and former district board member Tim Preston have been spearheading the fundralising and they aren't giving up.

"Yes, the blds were higher than we had anticlipated, but the nice thing is that we finally have some numbers to work

with," Preston said.
He said the solution may be a combination of raising more money and reducing the scale of the project, such as the \$40,000 state-of-the-art drainage system. He said a simpler, cheaper drainage system should suffice.
"That's still one of the things we need to find out," he said. "I feel like we can get the figures

down substantially. The nice thing is that we live in a com-munity of resourceful people." Burley's track coach Eugene

Burley's track coach suggene Kramer said he too was stunned by the bids, but that he has no intention of giving up. "It's back to square one. Were going to have to go back to fundralising. Were going to have to go back to the city and the county to help us." he said."

James Forest Kunkel contracting expertise to a new generation of contract managers by teaching classes at every opportunity. Jim was always an avid and savey financial investor and savey financial investments by investing with Wasasch Property Management and ancillary investment companies. During the last 10 years, he held numerous board member, management and leadership positions with these various companies. Our fine of the save to manage the renovation and improvement of real estate acquisitions. Jim managed more than \$100 million in renovations during this period and had a direct impact on improving the quality of life for thousands of customers. Commitment to community service was also a hallmark of jim's life. He served in numerous capacities, most recently as a member of the Sonoran

CAVE CREEK, Artz. — James Forest Kunkel, Lt Col. USAF-(redred), 74, died from ALS-(Lou Gehrig's disease) March 3, 2007, at his home in Cave Creek, surrounded by his fam-



tLou Gehrig's disease) March 2, 2007, at his home in Cave Creek, surrounded by his family.

Jim was born Sept. 17, 1932, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Dale Deforest Kunkel and Ruth 1 he rad u a ted from Filler High School in 1950 and went on to attend the University of Idaho on an Air Force ROTC scholarship, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture in 1954, Jim continued his education while on active duty, completing a master's duty, completing a master duty, commitment to education and self-improvement his entire commitment by unstructing and teaching others, most recently as a business instructor at Cierada's Community College.

Glendale Community College, im married his high school sweetheart. Vera Montgomery, on 'une 27, 1955, in Salt Lake City Utah, and embarked on a 25-year military career that would take him and his family would take him and his family to assignments throughout the United States, Alaska, Japan and Taiwan. As an Air Force officer, he served his country in the intelligence officed as a missile launch officer and a contracting officer. During these assignments, he was able to develop leadership skills that served him and those he supervised. He held numerous command posi-

skills that served him and those he supervised. He held numerous command positions and served his country, moving many times to fill these assignments.

Upon leaving the military, lim and Vera settled hin a less mobile civilian life as lim accepted a position as manager of Military Customer Support contracts for Garrett Auxiliary Power Division. Through numerous mergers, this division is now part of Honeywell Corp. During this time, he was an active member of the National Contract Management Association, He served as chapter president, national vice president and was selected by his peers as a "fellow" or regional leader. Jim also passed on his years of

2 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at the Messinger Mortuary. Donations in memory of Jim can be made to fund ALS research www.projectals.org. or phone (800) 603-0270.

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Conception area: Loretta spedt her



were born to Loretta and John. Gerald and Francis.
After retiring from the farm and inoving to Jerome, Loretta Joined the Old Time Fiddlers, playing at various functions. Loretta lived for her fiddle. After the death of John. Loretta lived in her home in Jerome, raising a large garden and flowers until the age of 94. Her

ous capacities, most recently as a member of the Sonoran Parkway and the Desert View

Commissions.
Jim lived his life with great discipline and compassion for others. He was a man who truly listened first, then acted. His life has touched and improved everyone with whom he came in contact. His positive attitude was infectious to those around him. His fewer this little was infectious to those around him. His fewer this little was not so the same and the same around him.

favorite nickname was "Eucky Jim." and he lived his life and

passed on to those around him the feeling that they, and he, were the luckiest people in the

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Kunkel.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at the Messinger Mortuary, 8555 E. Pinnacle Peak Road in Scottsdale, Ariz. Military Honors will be provided by the United States Air Force Honor Guard. A viewing will be held from 6 to 730 p.m. Tuesday, March 6. and parior to Tuesday.

Tuesday, March 6, and prior the memorial service from 1 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at the Messinger Mortuary.

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Village Commissions.

health required she move to St. Benedicts Long Term Care Unit where she continued to play the fiddle and do handy work. Loretta will always be remembered for her love of music and her handy work. Loretta is survived by her control of the step of music and her handy work. Particularly tatting.

Loretta is survived by her son, Gerald (Barble) of Jerone; a sister. Agnes Veach of Celwin, lowa; granddaughters, lennifer (Buss) Bartlett of Twin Falls, Kathleen (Richard) Puunan and Janet (Dwayne) Hines of Meridian, Idaho, Veleta Nania (Chuck) of Boise, lines of Meridian, Idaho, Veleta Nania (Chuck) of Boise, ladho; grandsons, Raymond LaCombe (Danielle) and John (Kim) Harral; and seven greatgrandchildren. Loretta was preceded in death by her husband, John; her son, Francis; her granddaughter. Crystal Neal; and her brothers. Raymond and Lawrence Holtman.

haymond and Lawrence Holtman.
A vigil service was held for Loretta at 7 p.m. Monday, March 5, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church. 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10:30a.m. Tuesday, March 6, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, with Eather Ron Wekerle offici-St. Jerome's Catholic Church, with Father Ron Wekerle offici-ating. Interment will be in the Jerome Cemetery, Arrangements are under the care and direction of Hove-Robertson Funeral Home in Jerome.

James A. Helton

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — of Jerome, Idaho, Eddie Helton James A. Helton of South Carolina, Billy Helton Sacramento, Calif., passed away Feb. 27, 2007, in Helton, Mike Brisco and James Sousby his side. Helton, Mike Brisco and James Galif., with his sousby his side. Helton Mike Brisco and James Galif.; nice grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Idaho lawmakers moving ahead with wilderness bills in Congress:

BOISE — Two Idaho wilderthrough the last Congress are back on track, but will they have a better chance of pason track, but will they have a better chance of pas-sage now that Democrats con-trol both chambers? Not necessarily, say the Republican sponsors from Idaho.

Idaho.

The bills would create four new wilderness areas in central and southwest Idaho, increasing the number of wilderness areas in the state to

If passed, they would also increase the amount of desig-nated wilderness in the state by about 20 percent, adding 1,295 square miles to the 6,250 square miles that already exist. Idaho's total land area is about

idanos total land area is about 83,000 square miles. House leaders killed one bill in the final hours of the session last year. The other received a hearing but the session ended before it advanced any further.

"We've reintroduced the bill," said Rep. Mike Simpson, whose Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act came close to passing last session. "It was the same bill as at the end of last session, where working had on it and we're continuing to work hard on it until we get it passed."

Sen. Mike Cross.

nard on it until we get it passed."
Sen. Mike Crapo also plans to reintroduce his Owyhee Canyonlands bill with few changes.
"We haven't got an exact time nailed down yet," said Crapo's press sceretary, Lindsay Nothern. "With the change in the leadership of the Senate and House, we are basically (talking) to those offices and those members to get their take on the bill we introduced last session."

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Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., now the chairman of the influ-ential Natural Resource Committee, opposed Simpson's bill last session because of provisions that would give public land to

Custer County and other local governments in exchange for 487.5 square miles of new wilderness in the surrounding Boulder-Willer Cloud Mountains. The bill has again been referred to the committee Rahall chairs.

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Rahall chairs.

"The chairman is willing to work with Rep. Simpson on the matter," Allyson Ivins Groff. Rahall's communications director, wore in an e-mail.

Simpson said he is contacting members of the committee, including Rahall, to try to get their support.

"Most members, when we are able to sit down and talk to them and go through the bill and explain to them why the provisions are in there, most people will then look at the bill in total and say, 'Yeah, I understand why you're doing some of this stuff,' said Simpson. 'It lan't a perfect bill, but it's a perfect compromise.

The bill designates three new federally protected wilderness areas in the

Sawtooth and Salmon-Challis, national forests: the Ernest, Hemingway-Boulder Wilderness, the White Clouds Wilderness and the Jerry Peak

Wilderness and the Jerry Peak Wilderness. It would also add another 600 acres to the existing. Sawtooth National Recreation

Area in central Idaho.
In return, local governments
in Stanley, Clayton, Mackay,
and Challis would get almost
4,000 acres of Forest Service
and Bureau of Land
Management property to sell,
manage or develop into affordable housing or public facilities. Area in central Idaho.

ties.

Another 960-acre parcel of BLM land near Boise would be given to the state for a new off-road vehicle state park.

road vehicle state park.
Also, the Department of Interior would release from study 203 square miles of public land that had been earmarked as potential wilderness, allowing federal land managers to Issue permits for mining, logging or other commercial uses.

Lawmaker turns off mass committee e-mails after deluge

BOISE — An Idaho senator BOISE — An train senator got state computer techni-cians last month to eliminate the public's ability to send messages to every member of a legislative committee simultaneously after lawmakers were deluged by thousands of e-mails over an abortica bill tion bill.

The function was dumped for panels in both the Senate and the House by Legislative Services, which oversees leg-islators' e-mail accounts. The change came after com-plaints from Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho

Falls: Set a bill to require minor girls to get their parents' permission before having an abortion was debated in the Senate State Affairs Committee in February, many of those in Awor simply sent a message to all nine members — with a single mouse click. Now people will have to type

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– DEATH NOTICES –

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Wilbur "Willy" F. Kestler of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1:30 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Faye Lancaster of Jerome, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel In Jerome.

Helen B. Jolley of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Rupert LDS Stake Center, 324 E. 18th St.; visitation for family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before

Nicole Turner

Wilbert Perkins

BUHL — Wilbert Perkins, 92, of Buhl, died Sunday, March 4, 2007, at Rosetta Assisted Living in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Shirley Tschannen

LAS VEGAS - Shirley Tschannen, 83, of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Thursday, March 2, 2007, at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas.

Falls, usec. 2007, at Sunrise Hospon. Las Vegas. A graveside service will be held at a later date at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Arrangements are under the direction of Thomas and Jones Funeral Home in Las

Travis D. Dilleha

PICABO - Travis Dayton Dilleha, 68, of Picabo, Idaho,

the service Thursday at the church.

Alma A. Zarr of Twin Falls, memorial graveside service at 3 p.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel, 136 Fourth Ave E. in Twin Falls.

Shirtey J. Heims of St. Maries and formerly of Buhl and Twin Falls, memorial serv-ice at 2 p.m. Saturday at the twin Falls Masonic Temple (Hodge Funeral Home in St. Maries).

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each address separately.
Davis said he'd received about 1,800 abortion-related e-mails before finally asking for the alteration.

e-malls before finally asking for the alteration.
"Most of the committee got bombarded by literally thousands of e-malls by some body who just clicked the send all button," said Davis on Monday, "We don't have enough staff to sort through them. Levey person can still communicate with all 105 legislators. They just have to make an effort to send them to all of us. Some groups that rely on mass e-malls are unhappy with the change.

Bryan Fischer, head of the Idaho Values Alliance, a conservative, anti-abortion lob-jung group, complained that

servative, anti-abortion lob-bying group, complained that eliminating his ability to e-mail all committee members at once will make it more dif-ficult to influence legislation. Fischer has hundreds of e-mail-list subscribers whom

he, in turn, asks to mail law-makers. Efficiency counts, he

makers, emessary said.
"This effort has kind of silenced their ability to communicate their wishes to the various committees," Fischer

said. The ability to e-mail all committee members at once had been in place for two years, said Shella Ison, a spokeswoman for Legislative Services, It wasn't until this year, however, that It, devolved into mass mailings, that threatened to swamp-lawmakers, she said.

"We've never made it possi-ble for people to mass e-mail.

"We've never made it possi-ble for people to mass e-mail, all 105 legislators at once, for that very reason," Ison said, "Tve tried to explain to people, that it's more effective to con-tact legislators from their own district."

It is still possible to send an e-mail to all committee members, though it's not as quick as before, Ison said.

Residents can send an e-mail to the Legislative Information Center — the



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and White House, Tenn., died Monday, March 5, 2007, at his home in Picabo. At the request of Travis, no funeral service will be held. Cremation took place under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey. NICOLE TURNER RUPERT — Nicole Marie Turner, 11, of Rupert, died Friday, March 2, 2007, at Frimary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City. A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 10, at Truth Tabernacle, 2459 Hilland Ave. in Burley, Friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, A complete oblituary will appear in a future newspaper.

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Jill Trowell

Wyoming legislator garners support of national gay advocates

CHEYENNE, Wyo, — Dan Zwonltzer is both Republican and straight, but the 27-year-old state representative sud-denly has found himself praised by gay rights activists nationwide.

nationwide.

Zwonitzer, R-Cheyenne, spoke out in a legislative committee against a measure that would have allowed Wyoming to deny recognition of gay marriages granted by other states or countries.

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"I mistakenly thought many people in Dick Cheney's home state didn't support equality for me as a gay man." said Michael Petrelis, a gay blogger, Green Parry member and AIDS activist from San Francisco.
"That was the thing that sur-

"That was the thing that sur-prised many of us in the San ancisco gay community, that

practices gay community, that this pro-gay development happened in Dick Cheneys home state."

Articles in two San Francisco gay publications, the San Francisco Bay Jimes and the Bay Area Reporter, also have been a sunded Zwonitzer.

Zwonitzer told the House Rules Committee on Feb. 22 that he needed to publicly oppose the measure — even if t cost him his seat — because the believed that was the right thing to do. He told the committee that gay rights were the civil rights struggle of his generation.

eration.
"I will tell my children that when this debate went on, I stood up for basic rights for

WASHINGTON — Calling the polar bear a victim of glob-

the polar near a victim of gon-al warming, a Democratic con-gressman Monday called on the U.S. government to protect "the beloved American icon" from the effects of the melting



ople," he said

people," he said.

Committee member Rep.

Tom Lubnau, R-Gillette, sided with Zwonitzer, acknowledging the young legislator's speech before voting against

speech before voting against the measure.

"Maybe the right thing to do is stand up for tolerance." Labnau said.

The committee voted 7-6 to kill the bill, with House Speaker Roy Cohee, R-Casper, casting the tle-breaking vote. But Zwonitzer, who couldn't vote against the bill because he's not on the committee, is the one who has been receiving the bulk of the attention.

The reaction was rather surprising." He said. "I'm up to 165 e-mails from people around the country and several internationals, all thanking me for making my stand."

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Zwonitzer discussed his speech on a radio show hosted by Joe Solmonese, president of

marine mammal. the

A marine mammai, the polar hear is dependent on sea lee for survival. Yet as a result of climate change, "these magnificent creatures — which

the Human Rights Campaign, a Washington, D.C.-based gay advocacy organization. "Ite took a stand that really opened people's eyes and hopefully made us all think more about this issue." Solomoness aid. "To our way of thinking here in Washington, he's one of those trailblazers out there in America trying to move this country in the direction of equality."

Gay Republicans have taken notice, too. The Log Cabin Republicans featured Zwonizer on their Web site under the heading: "Republican Wyoming State Rep. Takes Courageous Stand for Basic Fairness."

The group's president, Patrick Samunon, said Zwonizer stood up for basic fairness."

"Doing what's right is not always easy, but history will remember those leaders who

Service is taking testimony-durouph April 9 on the proposal, which would list polar bears as likely to become endangered in the forescenble future. The listing is less drastic listing than 'endangered,' or in dameger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

The Log Cabin Republicans
ave invited Zwonitzer to have invited Zwonitzer to accompany former Republican Wyoming Sen. Alan Simpson to their national convention this year. Zwonitzer said he never sought to be a "Republican hero" for gay rights. "But maybe for human rights," he said. Zwonitzer also is getting.

"But maybe for human rights," he saldo is getting praise from Democrats. The treasurer of the Democratic National Committee. Andy Tobias, posted the transcript of Zwonitzer's speech on his site. "The main thing is, it was a wonderful speech." Tobias said. 'I wish all Republicans shared his outlook. Posting his speech on the Internet is a nice way for people to see that progress is being made, not just in California and Massachusetts, but in fine places like Wyoming, too, and places like Wyoming, too, and it's not just Democrats working on these issues, but a few Benublicans too."

on these issues, but a few Republicans too."
Zwonitzer said in the Human Rights Campaign radio interview that he's had several gay people from outside the state tell him they associate Wyoning with the murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay, 21-year-old University of Wyoning student who was fatally beaten near Laramie in 1998.

But Zwonitzer told the show's host that Wyoming isn't an intolerant place.
"With our low population, it doesn't leave a lot of room to be intolerant or bigoted," he said.

face extinction, opponents

misguided.
"The best scientific evidence

shows that the polar bear and its habitat are threatened," he

To those concerned about the economic impact of regulating greenhouse gas emissions, T ask you to remember our great country's history as innovators, because our nation has the tools to tackle this great problem,' Inslee said, 'Global warming is no longer a problem for the future.'

An endaneered species list-

Inslee called such thinking

Backcountry skier killed in weekend

MONTANA

avalanche near Big Sky

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — A backcountry skier died in an avalanche northwest of Yellowstone National Park over the weekend, Gallatin County officials said.

Ben Richards, 21, and a friend were skiing a gully known as the Titanic Chute in the northern Madison Range near Big Sky on Saturday morning when Richards triggered an avalanche two turns into his run. into his run.

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Richards was carried more min his run.

Chabo terrain, said Doug Ghabo terrain his buried under si feet of snow.

Deputy Coroner Roger Layron said it rook Richard's skiing partner a half-hour to descend the difficult slope and locate Richards, who was wearing an avalanche trans-

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celver.
The Titanic Chute is a 2,000-foot run filled with trees, rocks and other obsta-

cles.
The cause of death was
multiple blunt force trauma.
The was carried a long way
over some pretty ugly terrain," Laylor said.
Richards had taken an avalanche training course, and

both men were experienced backcountry skiers. They car-ried appropriate equipment including beacons, probe-and shovels, Chabot said.

including beacons, pro-and shovels, Chabot said.
"It appears they did every-thing right," said Sheriff lim Cashell. It just goes to show it's dangerous."
According to a report on the Avalanche Center's Web site, Richards' partner performed a ski cut — a maneuver that tests a slope's stability and helps determine whether an avalanche will begin — before the two men started down the

"They knew the danger was considerable on slopes steep-er than 30 degrees. They knew it was risky," Chabot said. The area received more than a foot of snow last week-and windy conditions on Friday packed snow onto southern- and eastern-facing slopes, raising the avalanche risk to "considerable."

risk to "considerable."

The avalanche happened at about 11 a.m. and Richards's skiing partner was able to make it to a phone to call for help at about 1 p.m.

Cashell said Big Sky Search and Rescue responded and a private helicopter lifted Richards' body off the mountain.

Southwest Idaho city seeing rapid growth

More and more new homes popping up in Caldwell

CALDWELL (AD) - New subdivisions planned in Caldwell could add nearly 8,000 homes to the area in the

8.000 homes to the area in the near Is years.
Entry-level homes have been the mainstay of Caldwells growth, but city officials and real estate agents say there will be more options now for affluent and middle-income home buyers.
A gated community near downtown Caldwell has homes that will cost more than \$400,000. Many of the other subdivisions being planned have homes ranging from \$200,000 to \$300,000. That's less than some areas

\$200,000 to \$300,000.
That's less than some areas around Boise.
Our dirt to build on doesn't cost as much," said Stephanie Rohrdanzo f Silverhawk Realty.
Officials are also working to make the city more desirable.
Indian Creek, which flows beneath the city, is being uncovered.

Mayor Garret Nancolas said he hopes that project and others draw residential and

commercial development into the city. "I don't need to drive to Boise anymore," Caldwell resi-dent Ben Weymouth, an engl-neer, told the Idaho

neer, told the Idaho. Statesman. I have a quality professional job in Caldwell. It takes five minutes on my like to get to work." Nancolas said he would like to see paths connecting subdivisions with stores, and see the city grow but leave some open space.

ry gow but rear some open-right to tell people that they can't develop." Nancolas said, but "we want to make sure it's beautiful, walkable and with good roads."

Some residents aren't hanny

beautiful, walkable and with good roads."
Some residents aren't happy with the growth of the city. Cheryl Scott said she expected some homes to be built on the 9.5 acres around her early 20th century home and barn, but not 36 of them.
Luwana Couch, a former Los Angeles County resident, said she doesn't mind the new homes in the city.
It 'is like going back in time 20 years," she said. There's always good and bad things about growth, but (what is happening here) doesn't bother me.

of climate change. These maginflicent creatures — which can swim at least 50 miles — have drowned and starved to death." Insiec said. Insiec made the comments at the second of three public hearings scheduled on a proposal by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list polar bears as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne proposed the listing in late December after environmental groups filed a petition stating that polar bears could become extinct by the end of the contury because all or a significant portion of Its range. At a public hearing last week in Alaska, speakers said a marked decline in sea ice off the state's coast is not-enough to justify designating polar bears as threatened. Restrictions that could leich midth a listing under the Endangered Species Act would be too burdensome, given the unknowns about the future of polar bears, such as the extent of the loss of Arctic sea ice in the next 100 years and whether the animals would from the effects of the melting Arctic. "We cannot talk about this species without talking about global warming and its effect on the Arctic." Rep. Jay Instee. D-Wash, said in remarks prepared for a public hearing Monday night. Today, polar bears, a beloved American Icon, are at risk," said Instee, a member of the House Natural Resources Committee and a leading advocate of aggressive action on global warming. future." An endangered species listing for polar bears would be an important step to aid the polar bear's recovery and conservaits sea ice habitat for generations to come, he said. the end of the century because their sea lee habitat is melting away due to global warming. The Fish and Wildlife Alaska pipeline operator launches 'smart pig' inspection of line

Global warming threatens polar bears, congressman says

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - The cline launched an intensive inspection of the line Monday

The device put into the line uses powerful magnets to check for anomalies such as unignets to anomalles such as corrosion. It's a concept similar to magnetic resonance imaging equipment used on humans, said Mike Heawole, a spokesman for Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., operator of the 800-mile pipeline.



"Really, we're looking at the condition of the pipe wall to help us interven before It can become a problem," he said. Smart pigs usually are run through the pipeline every three years. But the schedule was moved up by a year after oil spilled in March 2006 from a leaking feeder line at Prudhoe Bay, the nation's largest oil field and the North

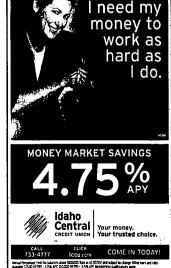
Slope starting point of the trans-Alaska pipeline. Alyeska began the smart pig run last August just before more leaks were discovered at

more leaks were discovered at Prudloe, prompting a partial shutdown of the field. The inspection was later put on lold because data collected was compromised by exces-sive wax buildup south of a pump station about 200 miles

from the north end of the line,

from the north end of the line. Heatwole said. The Job resumed Monday, starting about 144 miles from the Prudhoe Bay end. The pig Is expected to take 10 days to reach the southern end at Valdez on Prince William Sound. This is where oil tankers collect crude oil for delivery to West Coast refiner-ies.





U.S.-led airstrike kills family of 9

By Amir Shah and Rahim Faiez Associated Press writers

JABAR, Afghanistan palltion airstrike destroye mud-brick home after ocket attack on a U.S. bas

a mud-brick home after a mud-brick home after a taken on a U.S. base, killing nine people from four generations of an Afghan family including a 6-monthold, officials and relatives said Monday — one of the latest in a string of civilian deaths that threaten to undermine the government. It was the third report in two days of U.S. forces killing civilians. The airstrike took place late Sunday in Kapisa civilians. The airstrike took place late Sunday in Kapisa province north of the capital, some 12 hours after U.S. Marines opened fire on civilian cars and pedestrians following a suicide bombing in eastern Nangahar province. In the older incident, an American convoy in the southern city of Kandahar—where suicide attacks have become commonplace over the past year — opened fire Monday on a vehicle that drove too close, killing the driver, said Noor Altmad, a Kandahar police officer who said he withressed the shoot-Kandahar police officer who said he witnessed the shoot-ing. A NATO spokesman said he did not have any informa-

ing. A NATO spokesman said he did not have any information.

Up to 10 Alghans died in the aftermath of the
Mangahar suicide attack, which wounded a U.S.
Marine, President Hamid
Karzai condemned the
bombing, "which caused the
American forces to fire on
civilians," and a statement
said relatives of the dead
wanted the "perpetutors"
brought to justice.

In both the Nangahar and
Kapisa incidents, the U.S.
military blamed militants for
putting innocent lives in
langer. A villager in Kapisa,
about 50 miles northeast of
the capital, confirmed the
U.S. account that a rocket
was first fired at the
American base.

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Karzal has repeatedly pleaded for Western troops to show more restraint amid concern that civilian deaths shake domestic support for the foreign military involvement that the president needs to prop up his government, increasingly under threat from a resurgent Tailiban.

"These incidents will mobile mobile the properties of the properti

"These incidents will make people unhappy and upset with the international forces with the international forces as well as the government of Afghanistan," said Zalmai Mujadedi, head of a parliamentary committee on domestic security. The incidents in Nangarhar and Kapisa will make the people's confidence in the Afghan and international security forces even lower than before," Bryan Whitman, a Pentagon sondersman, said.

before."
Bryan Whitman, a
Pentagon spokesman, said
coalition forces will always
respond in self-defense
when fired upon: 'it is often
the enemy that is putting
innocent peoples' lives in
danger by where they're conducting these attacks on our
forces."

danger by where they're conducting these attacks on our forces."

The political fallout could resonate widely among Alghans, analysts said.

Civilian deaths 'encourage people toward the Taliban and give the Taliban a chance to turn the situation to their advantage,"

said Mohammad Qasim Akhgar, an Afghan political analyst and spokesman for the non-governmental Freedom of Expression Association.

Human Rights Watch said neither side was taking enough precautions to prevent human casualties and accused the U.S. and international troops of using excessive force.

The transitional conduction of the cond



People walk through the rubble just after a suicide car bomb exploded in Baghdad, fraq, Monday, A suicide car

Suicide bomber targets book market in Iraq sald Ammar Tu'ma, a member of the largely Shilite Fadhila party in Parliament who sits on the security committee. Still, he said, "I'm opinisstic of the capability of the plan to reduce these terrorist attacks." In recent days, the U.S.-led military forces have launched long-delayed efforts to establish regular security patrols in Sadr City, a Shilte shum that is loyal to him. The operation, has been one of the most dell-cate undertakings of the new security plan because of the volatility of al-Sadr's followers, who have been relatively safe under the watchful eyes of the Maddi militias. U.S. and Iraqi forces conducted operations here again. Monday without incident.

By Christian Berthelsen Los Angoles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — For ages, the Mutanabi book mart was a feeding ground for Iraq's intel-lectuals, serving up a rich menu of history and philoso-phic sand alases and man-phies, and alases and man-scripts to the Middle East's

scripts to the Middle East's most voracious readers. On Monday, it proved yet another rich target for a suicide bomber, who left 30 dead and 60 wounded in a grisly attack that evaded Baghdad's security crackdown.

The bomber detonated a sedan packed with explosives while sitting in a traffic jam, obliterating what had been a crystalline day.

The powerful explosion left shoppers and sellers scream:

The powerful explosion left shouners and sellers screaming and crying amid burning cars, pouls of blood and boddes of the dead and horribly injured. Notebooks and stationary fluttered in the air before scattering to the ground.

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ground.

The incident was the latest to underscore the difficulty faced by U.S. and Iraqi forces as they try to stem sectarian violence here and raised questions about how long factions would continue to comply with the new security plan before taking revenge.

Police discovered the bodies of 25 men shot to death

around baguidad on Monday, an amount nearing the pre-crackdown average and high-er than it has been in recent days. In its initial weeks, the operation has seen some lim-ited early success in reducing such death-squad murders, believed to be the work of Shith million.

believed to be the work of Shite nilltias. Mass bomb attacks, which the U.S. sees as largely the work of Sunni insurgents, continue to occur virtually every day, and thus far the enhanced forces have been largely powerless to stop them. "The notion of deterring attacks depends on a rational adversary who does not want to die," said Loren II. Thompson, a defense polley analyst at the Lexington Institute in Arlington, Va. "II. you are facing a spiritually

Institute in Adhagma, Na. "If you are facing a spiritually motivated zealot who associates maryrofom with success, deterrence will not work." Iraqi security officials and policy makers acknowledge they face a more difficult task of heading off mass attacks on civilians but histst the job can be done with aggressive intelcivilians bitt mest the job can be done with aggressive intel-ligence work targeting insur-gents and through technology to detect car and belt bombs, as well as through political

as well as though pointed negotiations. "Of course, stopping the car bombs is more difficult than stopping the assassinations,"

U.N. suspends aid program in North Korea

By Maggie Farley Los Angeles Times

Los Angeles Times

UNITID NATIONS — The
UN. Development Program on
Monday suspended operations
in North Norea after Pynngyang
rejected conditions ensuring
that U.N. money was not being
diverted to Kim Jong Il's regime.
The nove came as North
Korea's top nuclear negodator
met U.S. envoys about enewying diplomante relations
If Pyongyang scraps its nuclear
weapons program in exchange
for U.S. ald. The two countries

have been fores since the 1950-53 Korean War.
North Korean Vice Foreign
Minister Kim Kye Gwan met
with Christopher Hill, the top
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Experts say new study underscores need for broader definition of torture

Prisoners who endure poor or degrading treatment suffer much of the same long-term psychological distress as do captives who are tortured, suggests a study published Monday.

Experts point to human rights abuses by the U.S. military in Guantanamo Bay, Iraq and Afghanistan, and say the findings underscore the need for a broader definition of torture. tion of torture.
"What is the basis for the

distinction between and other cruel and degrad and other cruel and degrading treatment? Science should inform this debate; the studys lead author. Metin Basoglu of the Institute of Psychiatry at King's College in London, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. The study was published in the Archives of General Psychiatry of

yas published in the Archives of General Psychiatry. Steve II. Miles of the University of Minnesota's Center for Bioethics said the indings "show that the severity of long-lasting adverse mental effects is unrelated to whether the torture or degrading treatment is physical or psychological." The wrongness of these inflicted harms 'Is compounded by the fact that most abused prisoners, including those in the present war on terror, are innocent or ignorant of terrorist activities," said Miles, who was not involved in the study. The Bush administration has said the U.S. uses legal interrogation techniques—not torture—to gain information that could head off terror attacks. It insists the U.S. complies with the U.S. convention Against Torture. Yet Washington's definition of torture, as interpreted by the Justice Department after

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reports surfaced of American abuses in Guantanamo, Bay, Iraq and Afghanistan, Islandy narrow.

It exclusions mental pain and suffering created by acts that do not use as blind-lodding, hooding forced nutiny isolation and depri-vation of siege or light, the researchers said, citing a Dec. 30, 2004, lystice Department memo. The doc-ument also contends that for an act to be considered to-ture, there must be proof that ture, there must be proof that it inflicts "prolonged mental

Il lifficts "prolonged mental harm."

The study involved inter-views with 279 victims who suffered ill treatment and orture while imprisoned in the 1990s in the former Yugoslavia.

The researchers said they found that aggressive interrogation techniques, humilitating treatment, verbal abuse, threats against **eap-views family and being disced to watch an acquaintance being tortured produced much of the same long-term mental trauma as physical mental trauma as physical

much of the same long-term mental trauma as physical torture.

"Sham executions, witnessing torture of close ones, threats of rape, fondling of genitals and isolation were associated with at least as much if not more distress than some of the physical torture stressors," they wrote. Such experiences were just as likely as physical torture to lead to depression or post-traumatic stress disorder, said the study.

"Ill treatment during captivity... does not seem to be substantially different from physical torture in terms of the severity of mental suffering they cause," it concluded. "These procedures do amount to torture, thereby lending support to their procedures in the procedure of the procedure of the procedure of the procedures do amount to torture, thereby lending support to their procedures in the procedure of the procedure of the procedures do amount to torture, thereby lending support to their procedure of the procedure









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