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CSI's baseball and softball teams face important weekend series.

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Good Morning

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IEROME COUNTY

'Not a conflict'

Idaho Association of Counties chief says commissioners can't recuse themselves

By Jared S. Hopkies Times-News write

JEROME — When children argue about playground games — how to keep score in dodgeball, for example — it is not uncommon for the teacher or babysiter to come in and swiftly settle the dispute.

—Dan-Ghadwick, executive director for Idaho Association of Counties, has assumed such a role in the latest Jerome County controversy, providing an answer to at least one legal question that county commissioners had

least one legal question that county commissioners had been discussing. Chadwick, an attorney, said Commissioners Charlie Howell and Joe Davidson cannot recuse themselves from voting on a matter pertaining to former county commissioners simply because they once were collessues.

Two weeks ago Davidson and Howell abstained from a vote, for the commission to pursue recovering nearly \$70,000 in illegal overtime pay that three former county commissioners received for four years. Veronica Lierman, nmissioners received to r years. Veronica Lierman creator of the pay system k in more than \$51,000.

the creator of the pay system; trook in more than \$51,000.

The fact that they are former colleagues is totally irrelevant," Chadwick told the immerchant of the immerchant is not a conflict, plain and simple.

The former public officials were paid overtime from 2001 to 2005, but the matter has resurfaced and the possibility of a lawsuit from a citizen. Davidson and Howell cited the profile of the immerchant is the included with the man as well as the likelihood that a court case would be expensive. The third ferome County-commissioner, — Diana-obenauer, wants to pursue

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Field college poll results Should former Jerome County commissioners return Hegal vertime payments?



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11 arrested for dealing meth, cocaine

Year-long Blaine County investigation ends with raids on houses in Hailey, Ketchum

HAILEY — The Blaine County Narcotics Enforcement Team announced the conclusion of an investigation nearly a year in the mak-ing that led to the arrest of 11 people early Wednesday morning, charged mainly with dealing me

Blaine County Lt. Jay Davis announced Thursday morning in a press release that multiple area agen-

cles, U.S. Immigration Customs & Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation railed two homes in Halley and one in Ketchum.

Agencies served the three search warrants simultaneously, beginning at about 5 a.m. Wedneyday, Davis said 3750 Glenbrook Drive and 101 McKenzie Lane in Hailey and 106 Rember St. in the Bavarian Village Condos in Ketchum were targeted in the raid the raid

ne raid

According to the Blaine County schools was unavailable.

Sessor's office, Jose A. and frene "Three vehicles were seized and civil

Hurtado own the house at 3750 Glenbrook Drive, and no property records are available of the McKenzie Lane address.

the tree such as a constraint of the street and the tree such warrants yielded to the street and the street and

forfeiture proceedings will be pur-sued," Davis added.

Davis said he could not release information about how the investiga-tion began, but did say the previous arrests of two people who were also charged on Wednesday was part of the investigation.

charged on Wednesday was part of the investigation. Refuglo Regaldo-Gil, 22, of Bellewa and Ramero Saow Hernandez, 20, of Hailey, were arrested at the end of March when they were stopped by Blaine County officers at River and Galena streets and charged with intent of deliver methamphetamine. At the time, Davis could provide like information regarding the arrest

tle information regarding the arrest because it was part of the larger

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Blissful business



1, examines a sample of Queen's Gold, a beauty product in her Blissfully Natural Products line. Corn and her stay-gra I the neap for a 4-H project that led to Corn's business.

At magicvalley.com

Watch 11-year-old Cora Isaacs and her step-grandmother describe Cora's all-natural product line.

"The business started as an accident," Cora said. "My 'mom' (step-grandmother) and me started out by throw-

into a pan to make soan for a 4-H project."
In the family kitchen
Wednesday afternoon, Cora
paused frequently to drink a
mixture of cornstarch and

AND OF STREET PROBLEMS OF STREET Prices start at about \$2. - something she does water -

ne tried to hide a grimace

after every sip.
"Yuk, sorry, I have to drink
this, or else I will get really
sick and my 'mom' will have

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Light up somewhere else

Twin Falls hospital going tobacco-free on-campus in 2008

insulinism, a rare disease. Her body produces deadly amounts of insulin. Although doctors told Isaacs the newborn could have a 15-minute life span, Cora defied the odds to become a vibrant 11-year-old with a keen business

year-old with a see... sense. She now operates her or business, selling natural, handmade soaps and spa

eatments. From the Isaacs home in

From the Isaacs nome in Bliss, Cora and her step-grandmother produce hand-made soaps from goat milk, natural oils from locally grown lavender, and even natural mosquito repel-ient that also keeps bugs

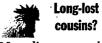
By Ariel Hausen Times-News reporter

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anyone — patients, visitors, employees, volunteers or con-



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New discovery adds to theory on dino link to birds

WASHINGTON

Unleashing a new highly sensitive medical analyzer on fossilized bones from Tyrannosaurus rex, scientists have for the first time determined the precise molecular code of a

molecular code of a dinosaur protein.

The feat, long presumed impossible because so little protein is present in dinosaur remains, opens the door to a redrawing of the evolutionary trees once

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dence instead of the crude comparisons of bone shapes and sizes that capets now rely on. The first results, described in todays issue of the journal Science, show that the collagen protein in T rex bone is extraordinarily similar to that of the modern chicken, confirming current thinking that dinosaurs nearest cousins are birds.

But the approach promises to settle far more con-tentious debates about the

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today

-Tonight



High 59

Low 35

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Today:Parily cloudy skies. Highs, upper 50s to near 60.
Tonight: Parily cloudy to mostly cloudy. Lows, 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with developing showers. Highs,

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Magic Philinamonic spring concert, with Idaho State University director of bands Patrick Brooks conducting, 7:30 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, Burley, \$6 adults, \$5 senior citizens, \$3 students and \$15 families, 878-5464.

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Salad luncheon, crafts and paked goods sale, 11 a.m. to 1

D.m., finity Lutheran Church Parish Hall, Eight and I streets,
Rupert, free-will donation (to support Lutheran Youth and the
Milli-Cassis Shelter for Women and Children), 436-4180.

"Color Me Cured" damce, with guest DJ "Juice" from Salt
Lake City, sponsored by the College of Southern Idaho's
Student Recreation Center staff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., in the CSI
Student Union Building, 55 (ages 18 and older), proceeds
go to the American Cancer Society, 732-6221.

"Freaky Filday" fundraiser, presented by Hands On with
piza, socie, Bingo, glazing, firing, live music by Ethan Tucker
and prizes to benefit fivin Falls High School IT Academy, 8
p.m. to midnight, 147 Shoshone St. N., Historic Downtown
Twin Falls, \$13 plus tax or \$5 plus price of the piece, 7364475 for reservations.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Chiago Valley Symphory Lague meeting, open to all who wish to support the Magic Valley Symphory through marketing, receptions, ticket collection, youth promotions, or ush-ering, (light referehments served), 10 a.m., in the home of Elaine Bowen, 268 Heyburn Ave. W., Twin Falls, 734-5323 of December 1997 of Pare Dinner and "Witzard of OZ" cast and crew party, hosted by the Dilettante Group of Magic Valley, 6 p.m. no-host cockalls and 7 p.m. dinner (program to follow), Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, ~320 adults and \$8 youth (under age 18), 734-5511 or 736-7136.

Risks Harbor board meeting, update on Saturday Meal Program, 8:15 p.m., First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, open to the public, 735-8787.

EXHIBITS

College of Southern Idaho Student Art Show, the largest art show of the year, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center, for Arts and Science, campus of C.S.I., Twinfells, no cost, 732-6655.

New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Mus Smithsonian institute's Museum on Main Street exhibit, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., no cost, 878-7708.

Cost, 878-7708.

"Inthe Falls Senior and Junior high schools art-student-combined exhibit in the Full Moon Gallery; "Floral Perspectives" in oil and acrylic by Rossi Martinez-Eckert in the Galeria Pecuena; and photographic images by Jackide Plestipo in the reception area and foyer, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Main Street Plazz, 132 Main Ave. S., Historic Downtown Twin Fells, no cost, (208)734-2787.

FAMILY

"Youth Options," activities for young people ages 13 to 19, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, \$2, 733-8720.

GOVERNMENT

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

HEALTH

Red Cross Blood mobile, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., War Memorial Hall at Third Avenue and Ideho Street, Gooding, 934-5409 for appointment. College of Southern Ideho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit pro-

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

"Overcoming Co-dependency," 6:30 p.m., Miracile Valley Counseling Center, 213 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free-will offering accepted), 734-9603.

"Abuse is the Thaining for Addiction," Dr. Sharon Custer, 6:30 p.m., Miracile Valley Counseling Center, 213 Third Ave. E., Win Falls, no cost (free-will offering accepted), 734-9603.

TOPS (fake Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weight loss support group, 4 p.m., the Jerome Public Ubrary, 100 First Ave. E., 420-3823.

**Al-Anor/Altered family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, hot-line: 1-866-592-3198.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium, "Far Out Spece Placea" 7 p.m.,
Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the
College of Southern Idaho Campus, Thip Falls, 34 for adults,
\$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$0 for family \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description; time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at shrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PC.Box 548, Twin Fells, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event

YOUR MORNING

MAGIC VALLEY



Everywhere you look, there's a blue jacket

TWIN FALLS — Almost overnight, the number of agricultural experts in Twin Falls County more than doubled. That's because the College of Southern Idaho once again is hosting the annual Idaho State FA Leadership Conference. The event, which began Thursday morning and will continue through Saturday, brings in the best and the brightest from high school FA organizations throughout

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Commissioners can't pass on recovering OT

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Drug investigation ends with 11 arrests

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Hospital bans smoking - even in parking lot

— even in parking for TWIN FALLS — Effective Jan. 1, 2008, St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Colactories campus, the hospital announced Thursday No smoking or other use of token-co products will be allowed by anyone — patients visitors, employees, wolunteers or contractors — anywhere the hospital owns or rents property. That means the parking loand grounds, too.

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OBITUARIES

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CORRECTIONS Dilettantes Hall of Fame dinner is tonight

A story Thursday gave the wrong date for the Dilettantes' Hall of Fame Dinner. The event is tonight at 6 p.m. at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

Money headline had wrong region

The top headline in Thursday's Money section mistakenly Included "Mini-Cassia" and should have read 'Real estate market OK in Magic Valley.

The Times-News regrets the errors.

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Boise fighter squadron prepares to go to iraq

BOISE — About 200 Idaho
Air Guard members, including a pilot involved in a 2003
friendly fire incident that
drew international attention, are making final prepanations for their new mission in Iraq next month. The
airmen are part of the Boisebased 190th Expeditionary
Fighter Squadron. SEE PAGE C3

Groups may request elk ranch initiative

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POCATELLO — The president of an Idaho-based
wildlife management and
conservation group says
he's talking with other
organizations in the state
about the possibility of a
voter initiative to ban elkhunting ranches. Kent
Marlor, president of the
Idaho Wildlife Federation,
said the failure of the
Legislature this year to regulate elk marches has led to
the discussion.

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Program takes aim at predators on Internet

predators on Internet
BOISE — Federal' and
state officials have
launched a program called
Project Safe Childhood
designed to protect children from sexual predators
on the internet. It is not an
emoggeration; to say that we
are in the midst of an epidemic of sexual exploitation of our children,
brought on largely by the
Internet and new technology. U.S. Attorney Tom Moss
said Wednesday.

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Game wardens seek bear that mauled man

Dear trast matthen than
TETONIA, Idaho — Idaho
game wardens irled traps,
snares and fresh bait, but
still came up empty in their
first attempt to capture a
grizzly bear that mauled an
eastern Idaho man this
week. Yet there is evidence,
suggesting the bear
returned to the scene. gesting the rned to the scene. SEE PAGE C4

NATION/WORLD



Network pulls the plug on Don Imus

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NEW YORK — CBS fired
Don Imus from his radio
program Thursday, the
finale to a stunning fall for
one of the nation's most
prominent broadcasters.
Imus initially was given a
two-week suspension for
calling the Rutgers women's
basketball team 'nappyheaded hos' on the air last
week, but outrage condinued to grow and advertisers
bolted from his CBS radio ued to grow and advertisers bolted from his CBS radio show and its MSNBC simul-

Suicide bomber kills 8 in iraqi parliament

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BAGHDAD — A suicide
bomber slipped through
the tightest security net in
Baghdad and bleve himself
up in the midst of lawmakers having lumeh in the par-liament dining hall
Thursday, US. officials said
eight people, including parliament members, were
killed in the deadliest-ever
attack in the Americanguarded Green Zone.

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Ohio man charged with ioining al-Oaida

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COLUMBUS, Ohlo — A
federal grand jury indicted
an Ohlo man on charges of
joining at-Qaida and conspiring to bornb European
tourist resorts and U.S. government facilities and military bases overseas, officials
announced Thursday. SEE PAGE CS

Gonorrhea joins list of drug-resistant bugs

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ATLANTA — The sexually
transmitted disease gonorthea is joining the list of
superbugs' resistant to
common antibiotics, leading U.S. health officials to
recommend for the first
time wide use of a new drug
to avert a public health crisis. Gonorrhea can leave onorrhea can leave men infertile and puts peo-ple at higher risk of getting the AIDS virus.

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SPORTS



CSI baseball stays atop SWAC standings

TWIN FALLS — Tled atop the Scenic West Athletic conference and up four games for the right to host Region 18 first-round conference and up four games for the right to host legion 18 first-round action at the obs-so friendly confines of Skip Walker Field, Golden Eagles head coach Boomer Walker has to be feeling pretty comfortable about hosting last-place Colorado North-western Community College this weekend, right? You know what, I'd only be comfortable if we were up 13 games with 12 to play. Walker said. Twelve games is still a lot. A lot in a lot. A lot in a lot of the same should be confortable and the said.

games is still a lot. A lot could happen."

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CSI forward Reandon Stores heads for TCU

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern idaho forward Brandon Stores signed a national letter of intent to play for the TCU Horned Frogs next season.

Stores averaged 13.6 points 6.4 and 6.4 rebounds in his lone season at CSI, helping the Golden ago, and a 30-7 record

CSI, help-ing the Golden Eagles to a 30-7 record and fourth-place finish at nationals. SEE PAGE B1

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- STEVE CRUMP, columnist

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Who's that drunk on the cell phone?

Ever watched Discovery Channel's series "Mythbusters?" A recent episode tested the theory that drivers talking on a cell phone are as impalred as they are when they're legally drunk, Guess what? It's not a myth amymore, it's time we legally require drivers to pull over when they talk

Arrests

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Continued two page Al investigation. He said that although further investigations are underway and detectives are currently processing leads from the 11 arress, Wednesday's bust was the big one officers were waiting one. This was basically the culmination of the investigation that's been on-going. Davis said.

That's been on going.

The 10 men and one woman arrested and charged were arraigned Wednesday afternoon. Two have posted bond, eight remain in custody at the Blaine County Jail and one is in custody of immigration officers at this time. Those arrested were as follows:

lows:
• Jose Hurtado Jr., 24, of Hailey, was charged with two

counts of delivery of a methamphetamine. two counts of delivery of a controlled substance within 1.000 feet of a school and failure to controlled substance within 1.000 feet of a school and failure to consider the substance within 1.000 feet of a school and failure to affix a drug tax stamp, juan and fose are brothers. Juan also articles to the school and failure to affix a drug tax stamp, juan and fose are brothers. Juan also remains in custody on \$100,000 bond.

Carlos Moya-Diaz, 22, of

\$100,000 bond.

Carlos Moya-Diaz, 22, of Hailey, was charged with two counts of delivery of cocaine and failure to affix drug tax stamps. Moya-Diaz posted a \$40,000 bond and is not cur-

rendy in custody.

• Ramero Snow Hernandez.

20. of Hailey, was charged with two counts of delivery of a methamphetamine and failure to affix drug tax stamps. Hernandez previously posted a \$15,000 bond following his initial arrest in March and remains in custody on a new bond of \$150,000.

• Fransisco Vega-Salinas, 28, of Bellevue, was charged with two counts of delivery of a imethamphetamine and failure to affix drug tax stamps. Vega-Salinas is in custody on a \$100,000 bond.

• Tristar P. Ontiveros, 30, of Halley, was charged with two counts of methamphetamine trafficking.

Halley, was charged with two counts of methamphetamine trafficking, delivery of methamphetamine and fail-ure to affix drug tax stamps.

Ontiveros remains in custody on a \$100,000 bond with an immigration hold.

• Fidel Cornejo-Gomez, 26, of Ketchum, was charged with two counts of delivery of cocaine and failure to affix drug tax stamps. Cornejo-Gomez remains in custody on a \$150,000 bond with an immigration hold.

• Refugio Resalado-Gil, 22.

a \$150,000 bond with an immigration hold.

• Refuglo Regalado-Gil, 22, of Bellevue, was charged with delivery of methamphetamine and failure to affix a drug tax stamp. Regalado-Gil had not posted the original bond of \$30,000 and remained in custody since his arrest in March. He is now held on a \$100,000 bond.

• William Smith, 66, 50 Ketchum, was charged with

two counts of delivery of cocaine and failure to affix drug tax stamps. Smith is being held on a \$100,000 bond and law enforcement officials are investigating potential alias names and his immigration status.

alias names and his immigra-tion status.

• Erika Moya-Monjaras, 21, of Halley, was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to deliver, possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and child endanger-ment. Moya-Monjaras was released on a \$15,000 bond.

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released on a \$15,000 bond.
• Jorge Flores-Quintana. 24,
was charged with delivery of
methamphetamine, failure to
affix a drug tax stamp and aid-

ing and abetting the delivery of methamphetamine. A war-

ing and abetting the delivery of methamphetamine. A warrant was Issued for Flores at the time of the raid, although he was already in the custody for immigration authorities. Davis said the will be extradited back to Blaine County.

Davis said the raid was a multiple-agency operation with everyone working together. Agencies involved included Idaho State Police detectives, the Sun Validy Police Department, Blaige County Sheriff's office, Itality Police Department, Bellevque Marshals office. Ketchum Police Department. Edewy Marshals office. Ketchum Police Department. Edewy Marshals office. Ketchum Police Department. Edewy Police Department. Edewy Police Department. Edewy Police Department. Ede and marshals office. Ketchum Police Department, ICE and the FBL



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recovering the money.
Inovell said Chadwick's
comments will "obviously"
affect the situation, which
indicates the commission
could pursue the matrer if the
county can afford it.
The item will be added to
the agenda next week and
commissioners will continue
to seek legal advice, Howell
said.
"I don't think any of the
commissioners are against

"I don't think any or the commissioners are against having the money returned," he said. "I'm still trying to gather where we can or we can't go."

Ilis comments Indicate a change of opinion from last week when he called the situation a "non-issue" because the attorney general said the overtime approval, although illegal, was without criminal intent.

Howell had also said he had a "personal conflict" because he felt Llerman was honest, an argument that

honest est, an argument that dwick also said has no

Chadwick also said has no basis.

"There is not 'personal' interest in the outcome." Chadwick said. "The interest is in the best interest of the county."

If commissioners pursue recovering the money, it's unclear if the case should be

recovering ine money, its unclear if the case should be tried by the county prosecution, one from another county, or compression of the county of the county

private attorney in the civil manner could be costly to the

manner course of course.

How the county can pay for a private attorney, specially "If its going to cost \$80,000 to go after \$70,000.

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Soap.

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But Rhonda Isaacs said Cora's illnuss James ra's illness is no laughing 'l'll be bonest. I was scared

"Til be honest, I was scared when the dectors first told a about it." Isaacs said. "For a lung men she was the only person in Idaho who had hyperinsulin, and we didn't really know what we could do or how long she would live." An uncertain future and the love between Isaacs and the love between lessacs and the love lessacs and the love lessacs and the love lessacs and love

Core prompted them to do several activities together -

several activities together—including a strange experiment in making soan—Cora has to be careful—
about the soaps and fotions site uses, because her skin reacts to certain chemicals used in common hygiene supplies. So about a year ago, Cora began making natural soaps and oils for herself. Within months, the girl was selling her products to friends and family, Now buyers include a Sun Valley business.

ness.
"Everything she makes was actually created with her in actually created with her mind," isaacs said, "But s und out that they worked for other people, too

Cora recently expanded her line to include a body scrub-ber with the soap already inside a natural sponge; soap

"For a long time (Cora) was the only person in Idaho who had hyperinsulin, and we didn't really know what we could do or how long she would live." — Cora Isaacs' step-grandmother Rhor

satchels that can also be air fresheners in cars; and "Teen Queen" pimple treatment for girls and "Chick Magnet" for boys. Cora plans to add natural toolthnesse.

boys.

Cora plans to add natural toothpaste — as soon as she figures out how to make it.

To sell her products, she is renovating a recreational trailer as a roadside stand-along scenic U.S. Highway 30. She expects it to "be operational by summer."

Yeah. I got to get it out on the road by summer. before all the tourists start driving by," she sald, inspecting the remaining work on the trailer. That is going to be a good time to sell whan it got.

But she said she has to make more to keep up with great the said she has to make more to keep up with great the said she has to sell what it got. The said with the said she has to sell what got and the said she has to sell what got the said she has to sell what got the said she has to sell what got the said she has to sell what said she had she had so sell what said she had she had

items to supply the business
As Cora explained her bus
ness growth, she became so
excited that her voice rose ir

pitch. She talked faster and darted from one subject to

another. Isaacs gave her a handful of

Isaacs gave her a handard chips.

"It's the symptoms of her illness, and it's something I have to watch for because she doesn't really even know it's he's showing the symptoms." Isaacs said. "She can build up a lot of energy, and by the end of the day I'm so tred I just want to relax." For that, Cora's special scents are just the thing.

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



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Hospital

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Some employees seemed caxted about the new rules, with one woman giving it now thanks in port the positive health impact our benefit and her patients. Several staffers who were enjoying a break and actigarette at the smoking area morth of the emergency room declined to comment Thursday afternoon, saying the hospital had requested they not speak with reporters.

property of the post of the policy of the policy of the policy change, the hospital announcement said, and tobacco users were offered information to help them with the choice to quit smoking or chewing tobacco.

Smoking is already prohibitings, as well as near their entrances, with bright red signs posted prominently: No smoking allowed a man of the policy of the

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assistance.
The goal, hospital leaders said, is to promote healthy lifestyles by setting up the hospital as a community role model.
"We believe this program will not only enhance the health and well-being of our patients

"We believe this program will not only enhance the health and

well-being of our patients and staff. but the community as a whole."

Bill Southwick, tobacco-free workplace coordina-tor for St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

and staff, but the community as a whole," said Bill Southwick, tobaco-fee whole and Bill Southwick, tobaco-fee whole and the control many for the worked. Many hospitals have been seen and the communent.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Blaine County already has a smoke-free campus, and Gooding County Memorial Hospital will follow in August, Other Magic Walley hospitals have outdoor amoking areas.

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scientists said. Those links
until now have been impossible to verify because DNA, the
glid standard of evolutionacy
comparison. If degraded
beyond recognition in remains
that are more than a few tens of
thousands of years old.

By contrast, the new work
unexpectedly shows that protein—a passable substitute for
DNA for determining 'evolutionary relatedness—can survive reasonably intact for tens
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University in Reliegh, who led
the studies with John M. Asam
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"It's terrifically interesting."

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sald Eddy Rubin, director of the Energy Department's Joint Genome Institute in Walnut Creek, Calli, and an expert in old DNA. "It really does say that biological molecules survive way longer than anyone thought.

The marriage of high-tech management biology and rock-moderate biology will not be easy scientists said; Fossils stated for protein analysis must be meticulously collected from deep rock beds, where the risk of contamination by other life forms is low. Then there is the task of persuading those who own those precious specimens to donate them for the new kind of analysis, which destroys the material.

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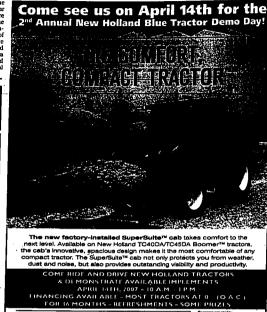
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"Most curators of paleontol-ogy don't like me," Schweitzer said. "They like to keep their bones intact, and they don't like me to come in and dissolve

was finding to her surprise that some fossil bones had smidgeons of collagen, the major protein in bone. By applying the new device to old bones, Asara, Schweitzer, and their colleagues were able to identify the precise order of amino acids in snippets of collegen retrieved from a 1, nexthigh bone and from 2500,000-year-old mantdon bone—then compare the sequences to those of living animals. For the analysis, minerals are gradually removed from the bone and collagen's extracted and purificial it takes a persect of the collegen of a rickel—great of the collegen of a nickel—great of the surprise of the collegen of the

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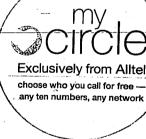


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CBS fires Don Imus over racial comments

Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Don Imus' next remarks got him fired by CBS on Thursday, the finale to a stunning fall for one of the nations — most prominent broadcasters.

Imus was initially suspended for two weeks after he called the fortwo weeks after he called the Rutgers women's basketball team "nappy-headed hos' on the aft last week. But outrage kept growing and advertisers kept bolting from his CBS radio show and its MSNBC simulcast, which was canceled Wednesday.

show and its MNNuk. stimucasi, which was canceled Wednesday. There has been much discussion of the effect language like this has on our young people, particularly young women of color trying to make their way in this society. CBS President and Chief Executive Officer Leslie Moonews said in annuacing the decision. That come the color of the c

Indiuental People in America
by Time magazine and a member of the National
Froudcasters Hall of Fame, was
one of radios original shock
jocks. His career took flight in
the 1970s and with a cocaineand-wolks-fueled outrageous
humor. After sobering up, he
settled into a mix of highbray
talk about politics and culture,
with locker room humor sprinkled in.

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Moonves on Thursd demand imus' removal.

kled in —He Issued repeated apologies; as protests intensified. But it wasn't enough as everyone from Hillary Clinton to Barack Obama to Optam Winfrey Joined the criticism. The Rev. Al Shapton and Jesse Jackson met with Moonwes on Thursday to demand Imus' removal. AMERICA'S #1 RIDER

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Jackson called the firing 'a victory for public decency. No one should use the public air-waves to transmit racial or sex-ual degradation."

Sald Sharptom: 'He says he wants to be forgiven. I hope he continues in that process. But

we cannot afford a precedent established that the airways can commercialize and main-stream sexism and racism."

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In a memo to staff members,
Moonves said the firing "Is
about a lot more than Imus."
'He has flourished in a culture that permits a certain level
of objectionable expression
that hurts and demeans a wide
range of people." Moontes
said. "In taking him off the air, I

believe we take an important and necessary step not just in advances and the problem but a solving a mique problem, but a solving a mique problem but a stends far beyond the walls of our company. It's also likely to trigger a wider 'debate about expression and forgiveness. Some of Innus 'fars have pointed to inflammatory statements made by Sharpton and Jackson in the past, or in the lyries of popular music.

owns Irius' home ridio station WiAN-AM and manages Westwood One, the company that syndicates the show nationally. One potential replacement: the sports show "Mike & the Mad Dog," which airs afternoons on WiAN.



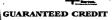


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EDITORIAL

Illegal overtime dispute requires action in Jerome

hen idaho's highest legal office says for-mer county officials took illegally-paid funds, that county's response should be serious as a heart attack: Get the money

serious as a heart attack: Get the money back.

Jerome County taxpayers should demand the return of some \$70,000 paid as overtime to former commissioners Veronica Lierman, John Elorrieta and Alvin Cholnacky, whether by voluntary repayment or a civil

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This controversy would end if former commissioners would just pay the money back. But if they don't, current commissioners have an obligation to collect it. County residents have waited long enough for a response to this flawed use of the public purse.

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The state attorney general's office concluded last year that the three former commissioners broke state

former commissioners broke state laws by paying themselves over-time pay from 2001 to 2004. The former commissioners approved the plan to pay themselves overtime wages when working beyond a certain number of hours per week. The overtime plan was introduced to give disclosure on work hours and to save money, and it was approved by county attorneys.

attorneys.

The pay plan was revised in 2004, but not before commissioners had tallied \$88,482 in overtime:
Lemma paid herself \$\$1,857;
Elorietta got \$16,200; and tollied \$\$425.

County resident Lee Halper pressed the issue before the state and county attorneys repeatedly, leading to the AGs response last year. Deputy Attorney General Bill von Tagen said the state lacked sufficient legal basis to prosecute the former commissioners for criminal actions.

actions.

But the money was indeed an illegal payment since state laws require fixed salaries for commissioners, and prohiblis overtime pay for elected officials. Von Tagen, in a concise letter written to then-prosecuting attorney fon Nicholosh in December, said former commissioners "have an obligation to repay the money to the

ers 'nave an obligation to repay the money to the county."

Since then, Lierman has left office and Nicholson has resigned. Yet the county keeps dawdling over whether to pursue the money. Last week, current commissioners Charlie Howell and Joe Davidson, former colleagues of Lierman, recused themselves from the issue citing a personal confiler. Howell even called it a 'non-issue.' That left Diana Obenauer as the only commissioner willing to pursue civil litigation. Then on Monday, the commissioners claimed they didn't know which legal means they had to file a claim.

That's quite hard to believe. In his December letter, Von Tagen wrote that the county prosecutor and the current commissioners all have the authority 'to proceed against the former board to recover any funds

current commissioners all have the authority "to pro-ceed against the former board to recover any funds pald ... that were illegal."
That mandate was reaffirmed by Idaho Association of Countles Executive Director Dan Chadwick. "The fact that they are former colleagues (of Lierman) is totally irrelevant, "he told the Times-News." That is not a con-flict, plain and simple.

uict, plain and simple.

There is not personal interest in the outcome. The interest is in the best interest of the county.

The commissioners have a clear choice to make in this case. Do they defend their predecessors and former colleague, og their constituents and the law? Their answer could speak volumes about their ability to serve the public good.

Times News

LETTER

rise tower on rim

won't fit in Twin Falls

To planning and zoning and the city council: This is not California, Seattle, Wash., or New York, This is rinky-dink Twin Falls,

This is may dink Twin Falls, idaho.

Take a look at our Rock Creek Canyon rim. It looks ugly to me look ugly to you? Now look at what you are allowing to happen at the Snake River Canyon rim. It looking uglet to me is it looking preflet ro you? And now you are considering a looking bridging to climb? Tell us, how many showers, tubs, toilets and jacruzzis will go into this building? How much water will this building take?

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The one that wants this building will more than likely

leave once it's built, and we the citizens will have to look at this eyesore for the rest of our lives.

our lives.
So tell us, is this wise?
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for our water, the rich gay, will
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Daddy Party, Mommy Camp in a panic

The mind reels at the mind. The New York Times' science section devoted itself on April 10 to the topic of desire, the myriad ways in which the human mind causes the bedy to get.

the topic of desire, the myriad ways in which the human mind causes the body to get rurned on.

It now seems that instead of desire leading to arousal, as researchers once believed, arousal may lead to desire. The brain, as D.H. Lawrence once wrote, is a most important sexual organ, and men and women have extremely varied responses to sexual stimuli. As Natalle Angier, The Timer biology expert, noted, research has shown that women differed from mer led a many physical appearance, with many expressing a comparatively greater likelihood of being aroused by evidence of talent or intelligence — say-while waterbine a roan deliver of talent or intelligence — say while watching a man deliver

white waterings a great speech.
This could explain why
many Republican women are
so frustrated. They have been
deprived of the bristy excitement of hearing their men on
the stump delivering great
speeches for quite some time

now.
The Daddy Party, sick with desire for a daddy, is like a lost child. John McCain, handcuffed to the Surge, announced Tuesday he has the support of Henry Kissinger. Why not just drink poison? As the Boston Globe olumnist Joan Vennochi slyly



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to shoot himself in the foot with a gun he doesn't own. Rudy Glullant, already haunted by the specters of Bernard Keriks corruption and ludy Nathan's conjugal confusion, on Tuesday made things worse. He did the same thing John McCain did in South Carolina in 2000, a sickening pander the Arizona senator told "60 Minutes" Sunday that he did "for all the wrong reasons" and now regrets. As Marc Santora reports from Montgomery, regrets. As Marc Santora reports from Montgomery, Rudy said he would leave the decision about whether to fly the Confederate flag over the Alabama State Capitol to the people of Alabama. ... Even cable news showed lit tile Interest in President Bush's

people of Alabama.

Even cable news showed little interest in President Bush's big speech on Iraq on Tuesday, as he continued to excorlate Democrats for hurtexcorlate Democrats for hurt-ing the troops by trying to get an exit strategy, a day after Muqtada al-Sadr's spokesman denounced the Liberator as "the father of evil, Bush" while al-Sadr thugs burned and shouted, "Leave; leave occu-pier".

pier."
Four years ago, the conservative commentator Kate
O'Belme thrilled at the sight

of Bush strutting in his flight suit and mocked Bill Clinton's dought thighs, noting, "Women don't want a guy to clean the gutters." But not not be their pain, they want a guy to clean the gutters." But not not be a somewhat had not their not not be a somewhat had not their heads of Iran, and a goer have "a real brand name problem" and "a competency problem."

"It used to be people thought they might not much like big government, but they can run it," she said of her parry's leaders. "Now they seem to like it fine, but not be able to run it at all." A point underscored by this week's Time cover: "Why Our Army is At the Brastlig Point." As Adam Nagoumey and John Broder report in Wednesday's Times. They work had been been seen to like it fine, but not be able to run it at all." A point underscored by this week's Time cover: "Why Our Army is At the Brastlig Point." As Adam Nagoumey and John Broder report in Wednesday's Times they work their major gandidates strain in sycophantic ways to prove their ideologi-

they watch their major cand dates strain in sycophantic ways to prove their ideologic cal credentials even as they see W.5 administration and war turning into an everdighter nose. Watching the Democrats' fundralising advantage with alarm and astonishment, they concede will be tought to hold the White House.

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quote Mickey Edwards, a former Republican congressman
from Oklahoma who now lec-

pelling. "I just don't know," he adds. "how they can run hard enough or fast enough to escape the gravitational pull of the Bush administration." All the "Who's your daddy" brio this week belongs to Senator Obama, who told David Letterman he would not be Hillary's second on a ticket, and who remarkably managed to beat her on primary fundraising with a more democratic and recyclable pool of donors.

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pool of donors.

That feat of strength led to
the hilarious spectacle of Terry
McAuliffe, who had been
using the Bush-Cheney line of
you're with us-or-ogin' us to using the Bush-thency may out row with bush-or-agin rus to iry to bully Democratic fat cats into giving solely to Hillary, telling ABCs lake Tapper: Ultimately, forget the money. You've got to get the yotes. And right now, Hillary wins in that category. Like the pantic in the Daddy, Parry, the crazed sputtering in the once-dominant Mommy. Camp is something to behold.

the once-dominant Mommy, Camp is something to behold. Hillary has been wielding Bill as a bludgeon on support and money. If you were ever behind him, you'd better fail into line behind her. But doesn't that undermine her presentation of herself as a self-reliant feminist adming to be the first Madame President? If you can only win by leaning so heavily on your man for your muscle, isn't that a bendgn form of paternalism? benign form of paternalism?

Maureen Dowd writes for the New York Times.

The pursuit of happiness — in English

I ve been taking lessons to learn Spanish for a while now, and it's given me a new understanding of how difficult it is to learn a new language. And there's no question the state of the s

guge, but it is the language of conomic success and upware mobility. More important, it is the language of our national unity and political discourse. And just as opportunity is the language of all native-born Americans, it becomes the inheritance of all new Americans. But this is nothing more than a nice sentiment if we don't do all we can to encourage and help new Americans learn English. Among the ways we can do

Among the ways we can do
this as quickly as possible is to
replace bilingual education
programs in our public schools
with intensive English instruc-

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tion and abolish the federal mandates requiring multilin-gual ballots and government documents.

documents.

Passions sometimes run high when the topic is English. I learned that firsthand recent the control of the control name just a few. They are all justifiably proud of their lan-guage and their cultural her-

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Sill. It's important that we
not allow passion to rule the
debate. Too often, sincere
expressions of support for,
English as our unifying language are interpreted as a lack
of support for welcoming and
respecting new Americans. For
example, those who support
'English-list' are often mistakenly portureyed as supporters of 'English-only.' Englishlist' supporters believe thist
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language of the government but that other languages are fine in communities and com-merce. In contrast, English-only advocates want to outlaw all languages other than English. Clearly, these two positions are very different. Promoting English, first fear and and the second

English.

Clearly, these two positions are very different. Promoting English Inst is not — and should not be — disrespectful of other languages. In fact, supporting English instruction for immigrants demonstrates—our confidence in their ability to pursue happiness here and contribute to their families, communities and new country. As a part of any comprehensive immigration reform, we should renew our commitment to making sure that all new immigrants have the opportunity to learn English. In public schools, children should have intensive English instruction rather than billingual classes. For adults, we can adopt something similar to a mozamu Israel has for its new gual classes. For adults, we car adopt something similar to a program Israel has for its new immigrants. There, every new resident is entitled to 500 hours of intensive Hebrew lan-guage instruction paid for by the government. History and civics training could be added to the program.

Equally important, we must

abolish federal rules requiring that government documents — including ballots — be printed in multiple languages. These multilingual documents — including neuron-printed in multiple languages. These multilingual documents discourage immigrants from learning English as rapidly as possible, limiting their ability or engage in a truly common political culture. Rather than expanding opportunities for new Americans, these mandates limit them. We must never loss sight of the self-evident truths affirmed at our founding that we are all at the self-evident truths affirmed at our founding that we are all as the self-evident truths affirmed at our founding that we are all as the self-evident truths affirmed at our founding that we are all as the self-evident truths affirmed at our founding that we are all as the self-evident truths affirmed at our founding that we are all as the self-evident truths affirmed at the self-evident truths affirmed at our founding that we are all as the self-evident truths affirmed at the self-evident t

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Firing of Don Imus shows free speech has a double standard

Talk show host Don Imus has been fired by the LCBS radio network because the shock lock touched the "blird rail" of free speech: he insulted African Americans, some of whose self-appointed "leaders" have a direct line to the media to express their outrage.



CAL THOMAS

In the past, networks have stood against onslaughts from conservative political and religious groups outraged by program content, but they quickly cave when confronted by campaigns led by Rev. Al Sharpton and Rev. Jesse

Sharpton and Rev. Jesse Jackson.
Imus' remarks about black women on the Rutgers' University female basketball team were the same kind of stuff fand worse) that one can be suff fand worse) that one can be suffered to the su

Rutgers women were offen-sive by the standards that



used to exist in America. The hypocrity comes when people who have pushed the envelope" beyond what used to be called useep table boundaries of tasts and community standards now appeal to the standards help helped to eliminate. Corporate executives who trade in the worst of the hip-hop fith are not required to apologize or stop polluting the airwaves as well as minds and hearts with their fifth. That's because it makes them gobs of money and money covers a multitude of "sins."

The hypocraty extends to

The hypocrisy extends to

Jesse Jackson, who appeared on Fox News Cheaned. In en interview with John Gibson, Jackson criticized Imus for his marks. It would have been a good moment for Gibson to ask Jackson if he felt empathy for Imus, since Jackson once called New York City.

"Hymletown," which many regarded as an anti-Semilic stur, but Gibson did not bring it up.

slur, but Gibson did not bring it up.
Like Michael Richards, who launched a racist tirade at an audience member during a stand-up cornedy routine, limus is now doing the apolo-gy tour. He groveled on

acted as priest and penitent by declaring himself a good

It will never satisfy until It will never satisfy until people whose careers are built on taking offense have extracted his last pound of flesh and worn out their welcome on the cable TV shows. That will happen when the media tire of the Anna Nicole Seath was

media tire of the Anna Nicole Smith story. Where are the First Amendment defenders in all this? They have fled Imus as if he's radioactive, Jackson sug-gested that the famous jour-

nalists who appear on Irmus stop showing up in order to register their displeasure over his remarks. Will they? Most are liberals who might be expected to share the outrage over irmus comments. But all have egos and the strokling they get from Irmus, along with the feedbank they receive from those who matter to them, may overcome any reluctance they might otherwise have to appear on his show.

otherwise have to appear on his show.

During the 1980s, social conservatives who tried to control pomography, includ-ing that subsidized by the National Endowment for the Arts, were told such things were the price we must all pay for a healthy First.

Amendment: "Artists must be free to enues themselves."

Amendment. Artists must be free to express themselves. If certain people object to what is on TV, they can change channels, or turn it off. Why aren't these keepers of the First Amendment flarme coming to the defense of Don Imus? It's because they have a double standard Engradient Imusi It's because they have a double standard. Evangelical Christians, practicing Roman Catholics, politically conser-vative Republicans, home-schoolers and others who are not in favor among the liberal Done Right

elite are frequent targets for theleft. Anything may be said about them, and it frequently is. But let someone insult the left's protected classes, "be they diffican Americans, homosexuals or to a lesser extent, adherents to the religion of global warming," and they must be silenced and produced the said of the said

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- LETTERS

Students can pay their lunch bill easily

This letter is in response to Thomas N. Thompson, an attorney from Salt Lake City, concerning the hrown bag lunch for students who don't pay their funch bill, even when there is the possibility to get it for free by filling out some paperwork, paid for of course by tax dollars. I am not alwayer, so my response will a lawyer, so my response will be short with not 100 many

a lawyer, so my response will be short with not too many fancy worsh and quotes. It is not many fancy worsh and quotes and a most in pay to the many fancy worsh and quotes to public schools, I alway to pay tuition at a private school for son to go to school with smaller class sizes and more individual attention. Laiso must supply my son tunch every day, either by sending a brown bag or participating in a co-op lunch program, none of which is sponsored by tax dollars. If my son forgets his lunch, then he is offered a cup of noedles for sale by the school for 50 cents.

I don't feel sorry for parents who can't keep track of their children's very reasonable lunch bill, and the kids should just be glad they got to cat. If Mr. Thompson feels so had for these kids, perhaps he can offer to pay their outstanding balance, or is he just sending later in an attempt to do some good Idaho fishing (for some potential clients)?

ROBERT REEDER

Multiple_choices available

Multiple choices available for schooling kids

I would like to provide clari-fication about an article that referenced the Idaho Virtual Academy ("Home educating families gather, join groups of peers," April 8). The article did

not capture the clear and important differences betwee the Idaho Virtual Academy and private home-schooling. The Idaho Virtual Academy

The Idaho Virtual Academy is a public virtual charrer school authorized under the Idaho State Charrer Commission. IDVA has a board of directors that is the governing body for the school so peruding oversight of the school's operations. Our public school-geniploys Idaho-certified, NCLB highly qualified, teachers to provide direct instruction, curriculum support and services to students' port and services to students and parents. Teachers and students dents are located persons. and parents. Teachers and stu-dents are located across the state and are matched accord-ing to their geographical

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year.
There are many wonderful
choice options for families in
the state of Idaho: traditional
brick-and-mortar public
schools, charter schools, virtual charter schools and private
home school. It is important for parents to know and understand the difference among these options so that they can make the best choice for their child. More informa-tion on the Idaho Virtual Academy can be found at www.idahova.org.

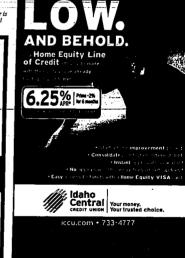
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(Editor's note: Cody Claver is the head of the Idaho Virtual lemy.











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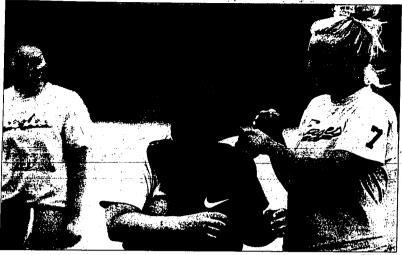
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CSI softball hosts first-place NIC

No. 11 Cardinals four games up on Eagles

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — This is exactly the kind of weekend for which the College of Southern Idaho added softhall.

softball.

The chance to go up against a nationally-ranked opponent and a prollife pitcher is also exactly the kind of test the 45-23 Colden Eagles feel they're ready to tackle.

That's why we did all the work in the fall and all the games — 49 and that we've played up to this point.

CSI head coach Nick Baumert said.

That's why up tut all the time in: So-we can be successful in a weekend like this.

Scenic West Athletic

Today: CSI (25-23, 16-12 SWAC).

No. 11 North Idaho College (32-15, 20-8 SWAC). Butl relicit, Mr. 1 Dust time they iner: The Colden Edgles and Cardinals spit a regular-time to the Cardinals spit a regular-time Coeur of Alene with CSI winning the first two games before the Cardinals rebounded with two Stundey wins to earn the spit.

On the horbston: The Golden Edgles are in Twin Falls for the rest of the regular season, hosting Colorado. Northwestern Community College next weekend and the Community College of Southern Newada in two weeks.

Conference-leading North Idaho College Cardinals come to Twin Falls with their No. 11 national ranking and 20-8 conference record for today

Eyes

CSI season leaders

Betting: Average — Rochelle Noren
.394; Rochel Evans .393. Runs —
Noren 41: Ewns, Jalene Williams 38.
RBI – Williams 39; Anna Sorrell 38. H —
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Holmes, Williams 12. 38 – Katelynn
Warren 4; Belinda Turley, Williams 3
HR – Holmes, Sorrell 8; Turley 7, SB –
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Twin Falls High School's Bruin

2-15 season record and a team d with experience from last n's trip to the NJCAA Division I

National Tournament make the Cardinals heavy favorites on paper. Look closer though and it's easy to see just how much has changed since an upstart CSI club surprised the adminstory of the cardinals on March 91.0, splitter and the seed of the cardinals of the cardinals of the cardinals of the control of the cardinals of the cardinals have posted identical 11.5 SWAC records with the Eagles posting a 15-5 overall mark while the Cardinals have gone 15-7.

"I think last time they wern trady for us. 'CSI freshman short-stop Rachel Evans said of NIC. 'I don't think when we were going to do as well as we did. I don't think hey realized that we were just as ready for them.'

The Golden Eagles won't sneak up

ady for them." The Golden Eagles won't sneak up on anyone from here on out as the first-year program has played well

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headed for TCU By Eric Larses Times-News writer

Stores

Times-News writer

TWIN FALIS — Sometimes persistence does pay off.

For more than two years, Christian Control Feld kept in contact with a slim, 6-foot-9 forward out-of Youngstown, Ohio Through his own travels as an assistant coach at New Mexico State University and Texas Christian University, Crutchfield watched and called as Brandon Stores felt his way through junior college hoops at Panola (Tlexas) Junior College and the College of South College of South History (Control Feld Fender) and the College of South History (Control Fender) and the Pagles No. 3 scorer signed a national letter of intent to play for the TCU Horned Frogs next season.

play for the 100 hours season.

"He's been there everywhere where other coaches have stopped calling. Stores sad. "He was still the one calling, like, Wherever I go, I want you."

offer canning uses interested and 6.4 rebounds in his lone season at CSI, helping the Colden Eggles to a 30.7 record and fourth-place finish at nationals. He credited the CSI coaching staff for helping him improve both on and off the court in his lone season at CSI, and the court in this lone caposed to a number of different exposed to a number of different caposed to a number of different cap

ing staff for helping him improve both on and off the court in his lone year in Twin Falls, where he has been exposed to a number of different opportunities he hadn't experienced before.

"It's been great," Stores said. "I didn'n't always play basketball. That's what I try to tell a lot of people. I played two years in high school. I played my junior and senior years, so you know, playing four years. I'm kind of behind everybody.

"It's been from though, travelling. I wasn't used to all this travel, so going only the places was fine because I hadn't enter the places was fine because I hadn't enter the places was fine because I hadn't enter to a lot of places besides Ohio.

Stores Joins a Homed Frogs team that finished with a 13-17 record this season, but struggled against conference foes during its second year of Mountain West Conference play. Stores hopes to give his new team an improved presence in the post and contribute as early as possible.

Nothing's promised, so I just have to go in there and work hard," he said, "But I think I can have an impact on that conference.

"Mile Stores will have to wait and walt for the opportunity."

"I'm actually really excited." Stores said. They ve been on me for a long time, so I know they're happy. That makes me excited to go there after this year."

Kepkay inks with Utah

The NICAA's leading scorer, Tyler Kepkay, made his decision official on Thursday, signing his national letter of intent to play for the University of Utah. Kepkay averaged 27.9 points per game as a sophomore at the College of Eastern Utah.

Home, sweet Skip for Golden Eagles

CSI baseball hosts final regular-season home series

By Eric Larges Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Tied atop the Scenic West Athletic conference and up four games for the right to heas Region 18 first-round action at the oh-to friendly confines of Skip Walker Field, Golden Engles head coach Boomer Walker has to be feeting pretty comfortable about hosting last-place Colorado Northwestern Community College this weekend, right? Right? You know what, I'd only be com-

Right?
"You know what, I'd only be com-table if we were up 13 games with to play," Walker said. "Twelve mes is still a lot. A lot could hap-

Today: No. 17 CSI (32:11, 20:8 SWAC) vs. Colorado Northwestern CC (11:29, 3-25 SWAC), Skip Walker Field, DH, 1

.-3.25.SWAC). Skip Neber Field. Urt., L.
p.m.
Last time they met: The Golden Eagles swept four games from the Spartans earlier this season in Rangely, Colo., winning 6-3, 4-2, 4-3 and 9-0. On the hortcorn: The Golden Eagles hit the road to finish the regular season, playing the College of Eastern Utah in Price, Utah; next Friday and Saturday before wrapping up the regular season in Henderson. Newt, taking on she in Henderson. Newt, taking on she Nowada in two weekends.
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be broadcast live on 1270 AM KTRI.
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Kveder 11. 38 - Kveder 42; Attavilla 3.
RR - Gumeson 5. SB - Kveder 25;
Gumeson 14.
Pitching: Record - Adam Umberg 61;
Jordan Latham 7-2. SV - Johnson 7;
Oatman 3. ERA - Trent Johnson 0.93;
Jason Ostman 1-47. IP - Luthem 87;
Umberg 51. SO - Latham 49; Umberg 44. Opponents' average - James
Wallace .135; Justin Smith .192.

Eagles put their 32-11 record and 20-B conference mark up against the 11-

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Filer softball team splits wild twinbill with Hornets

For the Times-News

DECLO — The Declo Hornets and the Filer Wildcats split a thrilling softball doubleheader Thursday at Declo High School with the Hornets winning the first game 10-7 and the Wildcats staving off a white-knuckle seventh-inning milly to win 15-14 in Game 2.

In the opener, Filer got on the board early with two runs in the top of the first inning against Hornets starter Jayme Manning. But Declo struck back, tying the score in their half of the first on a two-RBI single from Jessica Puentes. Sarh Silock followed with a base hit that advanced Fuentes, then Kelsle Peterson hit an RBI single to score Fuerens. Declo padded its lead with four more runs in the second inning. Trailing 9-2, the Wildcats would strike back in the sixth inning with three runs

only to have the Homes answer with two of their own. But Filer put together another rally in the top of the seventh. Holly Hansing hit a single and stole second base, then Lea Williams hit an RBI-single and was able to reach second as the Homets tried for the out at home. Williams stole third base, and Haney hit a single to drive her in. The rally was terminated, however, when Marti Manning threw Haney out trying to steal second and secure the win.

"It's an improvement for us, but we've got a long ways to go." Declo coach Pat Manning said after the first game. There were also tof errors, also for finings that they shouldn't have done out there. But they shouldn't have done out there. I syme Manning recorded seven layers.

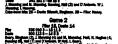
Jayme Manning recorded seven strikeouts and batted 3-for-4 in the wir. In Game 2, the Wildcats appeared ready to even things up. They jumped

on Homets starter Geary for six runs in the first two innings, with Emily Hughes hitting an RBI-double in the first and reaching home on a throwing error. Filer got a big boost in the top of the third inning against Declo reliever Kylie Bingham. McKenzle Hinkle and Jazz Sackett both drew walls, then advanced to second and third on a dropped pitch. Eron also drew a walk that loaded the bases. Shelby Nutting then hit an RBI single, followed by Halls two-RBI double. Natalle Hughes brought Nuttley in with a sacrifico bunt, and Hansing drew awalk. Hall was picked off at third while Hughes advanced to second, which set up an RBI double by Haney.

The Wildcats added three runs in the top of the seventh and looked to have the game well in hand with Hall in the circle. But the Homents all had something left in the can, scoring nine runs

thing left in the can, scoring nine runs over the final two innings to make

things interesting.
The Hornets ruly finally ended when a short fly ball by Shelby Koyle was caught by Hall for the game's final out.
Just not quite enough soon enough. Pat Manning said of the Game-2 finish. But it was good to see them come back and hit the ball a little bit.
Declo plays the Twin Falls IV team today, then hosts Wendell for a doubleheader April 17 at 4 p.m.





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Filer's Dabney sprints for 3A greatness

FILER — Filer track standout Casey
Dabney could be called highly confident.
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Assolutely a state champion.
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records.
"I want my name remembered for years," Dabney sald. "I want to beat those (state record) times. I always want them to see Casey Dabney."
Those that know him can't deny his

Those that show that passion.
"Casey doesn't like to lose," Filer track coach LaRell Patterson said. "If he gets beat, he's efficient in coming back."
So far, Dabney's off to a good start. Ho won four events at the Angie Wyatt meet

In Eller (100 meters in 11.11 seconds, 200 in 2.7, 400 meters in 11.11 seconds, 200 in 2.7, 400 meters in 11.11 seconds, 400 and 483 seconds, 400 and 483 seconds, 400 and 483 seconds, 400 and 483 seconds, 400 meters in 11.11 seconds, 400 in 52.3 and 48400 relay it came at 3 seconds, 400 in 52.3 and 48400 relay in 341.31.

If he can set state marks, he'll be another strong representative from District IV as Buhl and ferome graduates own those state sprint records. Jerome's Timothy Dunne ran a 48.8 400-meter sprint in 1996 for the record, and Buhl's John McAuley owns both 100- and 200-meter sprint records with 10.82 and 21.45 seconds, respectively, set in 1999. But only Casey Dabney can do it for Casey Dabney.

"Football's cool, and I never really

Casey Dabney.

"Football's cool, and I never really played basketball, but track is about an individual," Dabney said. "If you lose in

Magic Valley Prep Athlete of the Week

football or basketball, blame can get spread around. If you lose the race, that's

legging him along is teammate Ricky Fernandez, who heat Dahney in the 200 at Gooding. Patterson described the relationship as solid finetuship/rivally that pushes both to work hard.

"I always talk mess to Ricky." Dahney admitted. But when it comes down to who gets to break the tape, Dahney wants the pleasure. The very words he competes by are from legendary Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi: "Winning isn't everything, but it's the only thing."

Area hoops stars head to North Idaho College

TWIN FALLS — Will Chivers, Kelsey Jardine and McKel Baker are headed north this weekend for North Idaho College's fourth-annual statewide all-star basketball

game. Chivers, the 6-foot-3 senior forward for Buhl, will play on the Southern Idaho boys

team for Madison coach Billy Hawkins, Jardine, a 5-8 senior guard from Twin Falls, and Baker, a 5-7 senior guard from the Class 4A state champion Burley, .will play for the Southern Idaho girls, under Butte County coach Jason Hansen.

Baker played a vital part of the Class 4A champion Bobcats. Chivers led Buhl to

the Class 3A state runner-up rophy, while Jardine spent-headed the Bruins' fourth-place run at state.
Players received invites from a selection-committee of sports writers and broadcasters from Idaho.
The games will be held Saturday at NIC's Christianson Gym in Courd'Alene and ure sanctioned by

the Idaho High School Activities Association, The girls game begins at 1 p.m. followed by the boys at approximately 3:30 p.m. Between the games, there will be a 3-point goal shoot-ing contest and a dunk con-test.

Admission is \$6 for adults

Admission is \$6 for adults nd \$4 for students and sen-or citizens.

Bruin baseball splits conference DH with Madison

REXBURG - The Twin Falls

REXBURG — The Twin Falls Bruins didn't care for dropping the first game of a Region Four-Five-Six to Madison, 4-2, so they made sive to punish the Bobeats for their transgressions with a 12-5 Game-2 sheliacking.

The guy they threw in the first game had 140 pieches and 100 were curveballs, and we never latched on. Twin Falls head coach Mike Federico said. The threw great. We just could not get anything going. That all changed in Game 2, when a three-run home run from Nate Robertson railied the Bruin bals troward a gametotal 10 hits. Braden flox hit 3 for 3 with the Rei Sill shaded more than the Bruin Said Sill shaded more than the Bruin Said Sill shaded more than the Palls and three still shaded more than the Palls and those as the Bruin's teller more than the Palls and three still shaded more than 18 for the Palls and More the Evolution 18 for the Palls and More the Evolution 18 for the Palls and More the Palls and the Pal

smacked two doubles.
"We played more like Twin
Falls, and Marcus (Schaal)
pitched well," Federico said of
the nightcap.
The 11-5 Bruins (3-1 conference) host Vauxhall Academy
of Canada today.

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Baseball Jerome 11, Burley 3

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JEROME — Not even four infleld errors could put a mark in the loss column for the undefeated Jerome "Tigers. Frome bested Burley 11-3 in Great Basin Conference West action Thursday, All of Burleys-runs were unearned. The Bobcast committed four errors of their own, three of which endeated the state of the sta

run cushion.

Travis Cooley pitched six solid innings for the Tigers to

solid innings for the figers to get the win.

Tucker Thompson and Mike Cummins each had RBi dou-bles for Jerome (12-0), which hosts Filer at 4 p.m. in noncon-ference action.

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POCATELLO — The Twin
Falls boys and girls golf teams
continue to dominate their
Region Four-Five-Six competition. The Bruins swept the
team "Ittles" Thuirsday at.
Highland Golf Course, while
Cory Cook shore 73 for medalist honors on the boys side and
Abby McNeloy accomplished
the same feat on the girls side
with a 78.

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The Bruin boys that a 303 as
Casey Faught carded a 76,
Ordan Hamblin and Derek
McDowell fired 77s and
Conner Lee had a 79, Madison
took second with a 307.

The Twin Falls girl soy an 82
from Randi Fischer, while Sara

The Twin Falls girls got an 82 from Randi Fischer, while Sara Federico shot an 87. Allison Federico a 91 and Hannah McNeley a 93. The Bruins shot a 338 as they bested second-place Highland by 55 strokes.

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Jerome girls first at Preston

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carded a 97.

On the boys side, Pocatello won the team title with a 290 as Brady Fay shot a personal-best of 67. Burley took third with a 321 and had three golfers—leff Jones, Brian Mills and Pete

Davis — card 80s. Caldon Adams shot an 81 for the Bobatas and Colton Pickup had an 84.
Minico Inished fourth with a 330 as Philip Toolson shot a 77 and 1eff Dean navigated the course in 82 strokes. Wood River came in fifth as Jonathan Hobbs shot an 84. Sixth-place Jerome (347) was led by Jordan Roberts, and Jake Lammers, who each shot an 86.

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GOODING — The Carey
Panthers boys and girls track
and field teams puiled off a
sweep of Thursday's Class 1A
track meet at the Idaho School
for the Deaf and Blind track
and field complex in Gooding.
The Panthers boys put up an
impressive 191.3 team points
to easily outpace second-place
Camas County's 106.3, while
the Carey girls topped the second-place Mushers 103.86.
Black Whithup swept the
1,600- and 3,200-meter runs
while the Carey boys 4x200and 4x400-meter relay teams
also won. Chase Lee put in a
solid performance for the
mushers, winning the high
jump 110-meter high hurdles,
te triple jump, and running
the anchor leg on the Mushers'
first-place 4x100-meter relay
team.
Camas County's Lindsey

first-place 4x100-meter relay team.

Camas County's Lindsey Peterson swept the 100- and 200-meter dashes, while Shoshonet's Haylor Astle swept the mile and two-mile runs. The Panthers were paced by three relay wins. Jessica Parke had a hand in two of those wins and also won the high jump with a 4-foot, 6-inch leap.

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DECLO — The Raft River
Trojans boys track and fleid
team continued its strong run
near the top of the area track
ranks, beating a number of
larger schools at Thursday's
Brad Matthews Invitational at
Declo High School.

The Trojans put up 102 team
points while the host Hornest
finished second at 91 points.
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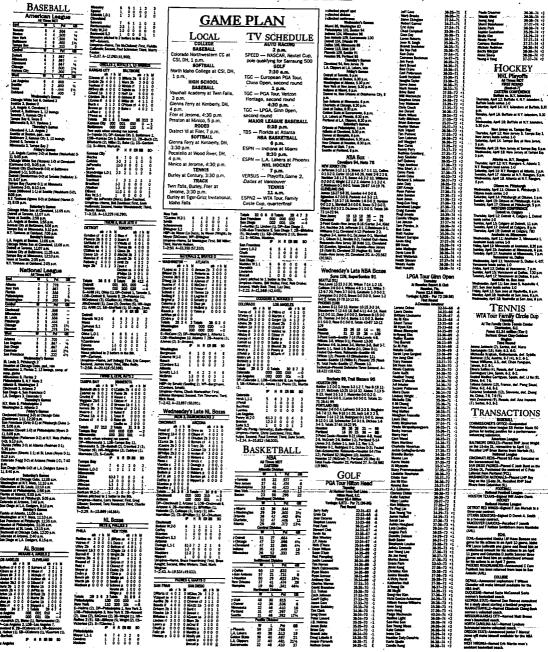
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NCAA approves timing changes for upcoming football season

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Last season, the NCAA wanted to speed up football games. Next season, it wants more plays.

On Thursday, the rules oversight panel approved two major timing changes that would revert the rules to what they were in 2005—stopping the clock on possession changes and not starting it on ikicolis until the receiving team touches the ball.

Some coaches complained the 2006 changes, which resulted in about 14 fewer plays per game in Division 1-A, had altered the game too much. Others said it prevented teams from rallying late in games.

which resulted in about 19 ions a more too much. Others said it prevented teams from rallying late in games.

In February, the football rules committee recommended going to back to the old system. After meeting with the American Football Coaches Association in March, the oversight panel agreed. Grant Teaff, executive director of the AFCA was overloyed with the changes.

"It made me uncomfortable to watch it last year," Teaff said. "It put a different slant on everything and it almost seemed to put everything in reverse. If you, as an offense, don't have the right or opportunity to manage the clock, it's not a good rule."

Last year's rules changes reduced game times by an average of about 14 minutes, meeting a goal the committee had set.

On the field, though, there were problems. Trailing teams often sprinted onto the field after a punt, kickoff or unnover late in games to preserve precious time, while teams holding the lead delayed getting onto the field because they could use 25 seconds without running a play.

Another problem occurred on kickoffs. Since the clock started when the kicker touched the

ball, some teams intentionally ran offsides to

ball, some teams intentionally ran offsides to expend more time.

"I don't think thats what the committee really intended," said IY Halpin, a spokersman for the oversight panel. That's a rule the committee regretted making.

While, this year's changes likely/mean games will again be longer, the panel approved several other measures intended to help keep them closer to 3 hours than 3½.

Kickoffs will be made from the 30-yard line, kickoffs will be made from the 30-yard line, like in the NFL instead of the 35. That, Halpin said, should ensure more returns and shorter stoppages.

said, should ensure more stoppages.

After media dimeouts during televised games, teams will have less time to run plays, Previously, teams had a 25-second play clock, now it will be 15 seconds. Halpin said it could prevent the long stoppages when teams are merely simply trying to save time.

MAGIC VALLEY Adult softball offered in Jerome

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District is accepting registration for its adult softball lower- and upper-distribution leagues through today. Sponsor feet are \$225, player fees are \$30 and \$35 for out-of-district players.

Games will begin May I in the upper division and May 3 in the lower division and will be played Thursday nights at Forsyth Park. Umpfrers are also needed. For registration and psyment information, call JRD at \$24-3389. For umpfring information, call JRD or e-mail indce@cableone.net.

Sports Shorts National and Magic Valley briefs

Semi-pro baseball deadline today

TWIN FALLS — The North West Triple B base-ball league is seeking players for the 2007 sea-son. The league also needs managers for the Twin Falls Dragons and Twin Falls Giants. Umpires are also needed. The deadline for registering is today. Anyone interested sh tact Carlos at 212-4044.

T.F. accepting Babe Ruth registration

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County Youth Baseball is accepting registration for Babe Ruth baseball for players age 13-15. Player observa-tion will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 14. Anyone Interested can contact Randall Inyo at 308-3959 or Libby Magee at 308-2731.

Valley holds summer league

HAZEITON — The Valley Recreation District is offering summer league signups from 5-7 pm. today, and 10 am. to noon on Saurday in the art room of Valley High School. The deadline to register is April 21. Fees vary by age group, but there will be an addition late fee of \$10 if registering after the deadline. For more information, contact Rob Grant at 878-5.501.

Tiger Youth Baseball Camp Saturday

JEROME — The fourth annual Tiger Youth Basebail Camp will be Saturday at the Jerome High School varsity field. Registration begins at 830 am. and the camp will ma from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$40. Players ages 8-12 are invited to attend and participants will receive lunching at 1 shirt. Campers will receive instruction from the Jerome coaching staff and players. Call 324-2346 with any questions.

Rupert CC to host scramble

RUPERT — The Rupert Country Club will hold its annual Four-Person Modified Scramble on Saturday. The entry fee is 353 per player and teams will be flighted by low index on the team. Each player will receive half their handicap for this format. Players may make their own teams and tee times. Call the pro shop at 436-9168 for more Information.

Junior rodeo event scheduled

GODDING — The Southern Idaho Junior Rodeo Association and the Shu Fly Arena in Gooding will host a two-day American West 4-D approved barrel racing, breakaway roping and pole bending event Saturday and Sunday. Time only runs begin at 11 a.m. each day with the race starting at 1 p.m. Average awards will be given. Participants do not need to be American West members and may enter for one or both days. For more information, call 536-2772.

. — Compiled from staff and wire

Top-seeded Sabres trounce Islanders in playoff opener

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Second season, familiar result. The Buffalo Sabres can still score and still win. Chris Drury. and Brian Campbell each scored two goals, helping the top-seed Sabres open the playoffs with an efficient 4-1 victory over the New York Islanders in their Fastern Canference, series

Eastern Conference sem-Thursday night.
As they did in finishing the season with a league-leading 33 wins and 308 goals, the Sabres showed off their bal-anced offense. Campbell's game-opening goal was set up by fourth-line center Tin Connolly, and Buffalo conver-ed two of six power-play chances.

chances.
Better still, Buffalo was sound on defense, limiting the Islanders to 21 shots, including just one in the first period.
Arron Asham scored for New

eighth and final playoff benth by winning its last four games

of the regular season.

Minor league goaltender
Wade Dubielewicz wasn't to
blame in making his career
playoff debuit filling in for
starter Rick DiPietro, who so
us after sustaining two concusates
stons last month, Dubielewicz
kept the isles in by stopping 20
of the first 22 shots, and finished with 31 saves.
Game 2 of the best-of-seven
series is at Buffalo on Saturday.

Rangers 4, Thrashers 3

ATLANTA — The New York Rangers scored the first two goals and never trailed in hold-ing off the Atlanta Thrashers 4-3 in Thursday night's playoff

3 in Thursday night's playoff opener.
The Thrashers, in their seventh NHL season, were playing their first postseason game. They desperately tried for a tying goal in the final minute with a power play, but were dented.

With the tight victory in the



helped make sure New York enjoyed a better start in this series. The Rangers outshot the Thrashers 38-24.

The Rangers drew only two penalties in the game, includ-ing one against Thomas Pock for holding the stick with 1:11 to play.

Red Wings 4, Flames 1

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DETROIT — The Red Wings
DUT a Calgary player on his
back and had the Flames on
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the flames with a crushing Detroid
get starred in Game 1 of their
first-round playoff series.
The Red Wings led 4-0 by the
middle of the second period —
on Pavel Datsyuk's and
Mathieu Schneider's goals —
gving goaltender Downlik
Hasek more than enough
offense.

and improved goaltending to avoid the early exits in the play-offs that have haunted them in

Devils 5, Lightning 3

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.I.—
Zach Parise scored his second
goal on a give-and-go with
Jamie Langenbrunner early in
the third period. Scott Gomez
set up power-play goals by
Parise Elias and Brian Rafalakd,
and the clinching goal by Brian
Gionta with 1:22 to play for
New Jersey.
Devils goaltender Martin
Brodeur, who set a single-sea-son record with 48 wins, looked
ordinary in making 23 saves in
the game determined by power
plays and turnovers.
Vincent Lecavaller: scored
twice to rally the Lightining
from a 3-1 defletic, and Martin
St. Louis had the other for EAST DITTHEREORD, N.I.

Warriors fleeing past, chasing playoff spot

OAKLAND, Callf. (AP) — The Golden State Warriors had Just begun celebrating a blowout win lover Ulan this week when somebody pulled the fire alarm at Oracle Arena. The stems didn't have a prayer of drowning out the boisterous behavior in a locker room that hash been this much fun in at least 13 years. The Warriors just laughed and shouted even louder as Stephen Juckson skipped into the room, shouting gleefully to his teammates. "Oh, not They don't want us to make the playoffs!" Ohn they don't want us to make the playoffs! They don't want us to make the playoffs! They don't want us to make they have been considered they want to be a support of the playoffs! They don't want us to make they have been supported they want to be a supported to the playoffs! They don't be playoff mace for the first time since 1994. After 12 miserable losting seasons, the Warriors (38-40) are clinging to eighth place in the Western Conference standing, battling to hold off the Clippers (37-40) and Homets (37-41). No matter the outcome of the rej.

Western Conference standings, basttiling to hold off the Cilippers (37-40)
and Homets (37-41). No matter the outcome of the regular season's final week, the Warniors
are reveiling in finally being relevant
during the NBA's longest stretch out
of the playoffs. With a recycled coach
and a revamped-roster. Don Nelson's
team has given baskethell-crazy
Oakland a reason to be excited in
April, even if its lovable losers fall
short again.

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100.
But the Hornets pushed the Warriors into eighth place by beating the Clippers in overtime Tuesday night while Jason Richardson sweat-



Golden State forward Stephen Jackson descends from a dunk April 9 against the

ed out the result on his couch at home.

"That was the first time I ever watched a game and checred for a team," said the swingman, a skx-year veteran steeped in his only club's losing culture.

Most franchises wouldn't be quite so eager for what's likely to be a brief first-round playoff matchup with the Dallas Mavericks, one of the best regular-season teams in league history, let it would mean the world to the Warriors, who are beyond weary of early summers highlighted by phagong alled the world to the Warriors, who are beyond weary of early summers highlighted by phagong alled, excuses and nay, phagong alled, excuses and nay, print of the world to take that next step his season," said point guard Baron Davis, who has led Golden State to 12 whis in his 16 games since returning from knee surgery. Nobody is worried about stats. Nobody is getting caught up in personal accolades, we know that if we make the playoffs, this city is going to love everybody on this team, one through 15.

The Warriors weren't always an embarrassment to the Bay Area or Philadelphia, their former home where the club became one of the NBA's three remaining charter franchises. Those Warriors words 1812, and Rick Barry led Golden State to the 1975 title.

Hafner, Angels take down Indians

MILWAUKEE — Travis Hafner hit a three-run homer in the eighth luning as the indians beat the Da Angeles Angels 4.2 on Thursday, sending Cleveland back to Jacobs Field with a victory in its homestand away from home.

The Indians took two out of three in the series, moved from Crevland to Milwakkee's Miller Park after snow wined out a four-same series against

- to Milwalukee's Miller Park after snow wiped out a four-game series against Seattle and left lacobs Fleid unplayable. The Indians expect to play a true home opener against the Ciciago White Sox on Friday right. Soot Stields (0-1) walked his first two batters in the elghth before Hafner homered. Aaron Fultz (2-0) and the Borneyli was the series of the Borneyli was the series of the Borneyli was the Series of the Se

got one out, and Joe Borows pitched the ninth for his third save.

Orioles 2, Royals 1

BALTIMORE — Jay Gibbons, who fouled out with two rutiners on base in the eighth, lined an opposite-field single to left with the bases loaded and two outs in the 10th off Jason Franchick (2).

and two outs in the 10th off Jason Standridge (0-1). Only 13,229 showed up on a chilly night, the second-smallest crowd in the 16-year history of Camden Yards. Chris Ray (1-1) worked a perfect 10th to earn the win.

Tigers 5, Blue Jays 4

TORONTO — Brandon inge home-red and drove in three runs, and Mike Maroth (2-0) limited Toronto to two runs and nine hits in six innings as Detroit won for the fifth time in six games.

Joel Zumaya pitched two innings for his first save.

Twins 3, Devil Rays 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Justin Momeau homered off Brian Stokes (0-2) leading off the bottom of the ninth. Tampa Bay's Ben Zobrist tied off the top half with a single off Joe Nathan (1-0), and Car Crawford lind a double into the right-fleid corner. Crawford headed for third after Zobrist stopped at the bag, and the



Cleveland Indians' Casey Blake slides safety into second under a falling Los A second baseman Howie Kendrick during the seventh inning Thursday at Miller

two teammates met each other on the base as Michael Cuddyer's throw from fight field was cut off by second-baseman "Luis Castillo. Castillo turned and threw home to catcher Joe Mauer, who chased down Zobrist and tagged him out. Crawford broke back for second, and Mauer threw him out for a 3-4-2-6 double play.

National League Nationals 2, Braves 0

ATLANTA — Ronnie Belliard hit a o-ahead single in the eighth inning If John Smoltz, and Washington beat tlanta to stop a six-game losing

Atlanta to stop a streame toome streak. Ryan Zimmerman also hit an RBI single for the Nationals (2-8), who had never before led a game this year at the time a pitch was thrown. Their only previous win was April 4, when Dmitri Young hit a game-ending sin-gle that capped a three-run ninth

inning in a 7-6 victory over visiting Florida.

Mets 5, Phillies 3

NEW YORK — Tom Glavine (2-1) beat Jamie Moyer (1-1) in the oldest matchup of left-handed starters in major league history, getting his 292nd win.

major league history, getting his 252nd win. Glavine (2-1) allowed three runs and four hist — two of them Jimmy Rollins homers — in six innings, lose Reyes hit a two-run, fourth-inning single that turned a 3-2 deficit into a 4-3 lead. Glavine is 41 and Moyer 44, and together they total 85 years, 163 days. The previous high for a matchup of lefty starters was 83 years, 299 days, when the Tommy John of the Yankees and Jerry Reuss of the White Sox met on May 2, 1988, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

LeBron, Cavaliers secure home-court edge

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron lames looked play-off ready. The New Jersey Nets aren't quite there yet, James scored 35 points in 36 minutes and the Cleveland Cavaliers

Larry Hughes added 19 points for Cleveland (47-32), which tled idle Chicago (47-32) for the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference. The Cavs have three games left, and they'll

probably have to win them all and hope the Buils — who own the tiebreaker between the clubs — stumble to avoid a possible firstround matchup against the Miami Heat.

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Tennis Twin Falls JV 9, Gooding 2

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls IV beat Gooding's varsity 9:2 Thursday. The Bruins had strong performances across the board. Gooding's lone winners were Alysa Reed in girls singles and Chase McLeod and Samir Baccouche in boys doubles.

Twin Falls JV 9, Gooding 2 has single: Judan Orles, Yata Fall, del. José Barr 6-1, 6-2 Mar Falls, Teste Falls, del. Side Herr 6-7, 7-4, 6-2 Sero Beneferon, That Falls, del. Anthre James 7-4, 6his singles films flowd Conding, del. Andrew In 1.3, 6-5 Syring Styres, Yole Falls, del. Junios Inteller 6.1, 6.3

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Pairings set for Buhl Amateur

BUHL — The Watkins Distributing Buhl Amateur will be Saturday, and Sunday at Clear Lake Country Club. Below are pairings and tee times for

250 a.m.

9:30 a.m. 12:40 p.s Ed C. Halma, MI Lymp

150 p.m.

Late Wednesday Tennis

Jerome downs Mountain Home

MOUNTAIN HOME -- In a clash of the Class 4A Tigers, the

Jerome Tigers defeated the Mountain Home Tigers 7-5 on

Mountain Home would his winding streak to eight match-s, while Danny Jackson earned his seventh win. Dorothy Lopez and Breanna Giber also won their matches, Jerome hosts Burley on

Weary Masters champ starts slowly

Kelly, Els out in front early at Hilton Head

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C.— Masters champion Zach Johnson says he came to the Verizon Heritage to win, Johnson's tired play Thursday showed otherwise.

otherwise.
After three days of celebrity meetings and TV guest appearances, the weary Johnson shot an up-and-down 70 at Harbour Town Golf Links; He was seven shots behind Jerry Kelly, the first-round leader at 8-under 63. Ernie Els was second was a sec

seven as made and the second and the second as made two being the second as the se

Kurt Warner.

And the adulation didn't stop at lightour flown, Johnson was greeted with Cygers' at nearly every green. "Nice Masters," a teen fan shouted, Johnson, gaaning, flashed a surfer's "hang 10" sign balk.

is a surrounded by TV cameras a refer the round, pro Billy Andrade waved a refer with congrutulations. Thanks, briddy, Johnson said.

Johnson says he's done his best the past 72 hours to remain the same, humble, unassuming family man from Cedar Rhoids.

'm not a rock star," Johnson sald, "Far

from it."

3fost Masters winners don't usually make the drive to South Carolina's coast fog this week's stop, Vijay Singh in 2000 wags the last to try and pair Harbour Town's tartan winner's coat with the green

jacket.
Johnson Started quickly with a birdle
on his first hole, the 10th, By the time he
rolled in a birdle on the par-5 second,
Johnson was 3 under and hot on Kelly's
heels. That's when Johnson's whirfwind
week took its toll:



Johnson's approach on the third hole dribbled off the back, leading to a bogey. He three-putted from 65 feet on the par-3 fourth hole for a second straight bogey. After a crowd-pleasing eagle on the par-5 fifth, Johnson blew up on No. 6, four-putting from 35 feet for a double-brone 6

louripating from 35 feet for a double-loggy 6.

Timiss, I miss, I miss, I make, "said Johnson, parrotting Seve Ballesteros' famous explanation for his Augusta four-putt nearly two decadles ago.

"Obviously that was just a complete mental lapse, So, whatever."

Kelly, three shots behind Johnson last

Kelly, three shots behind Johnson last week, threatened to stead the Harbour Town spotlight from the new Masters champ. When Kelly knocked in a 4-foot birdle putt on his 15th hole. No. 6, he stood 9-under pur with an outside shot to break 60. The run ended two holes later after Kelly put his approach into a bunker and could not save par. Kelly was glad for the sunny, mild conditions after last week's major Augusta chill.

ouldn't put this golf course that far

"I wouldn't put this golf course that far away from Augusta, but if just shows how difficult Augusta was." Kelly said.
Els ustally plays well at Harbour Town—he has six top-10 finishes in elght previous trips—and that continued Thursday. Els opened the round going birdie-eagle, then holed a sand shot on the par-3 17th to move two strakes behind Kelly.

arm to a tournament minus major draws such as Woods and Phil Mickelson. Jim Furyk, No. 2 in the world, heads a field that includes just three of the world's top

that includes just once. I think is that Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were just a whithfund. Johnson said. "I won a very prestigious ovent. But at the same time, you've got to stay, in the present."

With Sorenstam out, Ochoa takes aim at No. 1 ranking

REUNION, Fla. — Lorena Ochoa would prefer a head-to-head victory against Annika Sorenstam to become No. 1 in the women's world rankings.

The 25-year-old Mexican star might have to settle for gaining the top spot a different way — with Sorenstam injured

have to settle for gaining the top spot a different way— with Sorenstam Injured and out of the mix.

Ochoa shot a 6-time 56 in the opening round of the Ginn Open on Thursday, viying Laura Davies for the lead and moving a step closer to supplanting sorenstam atop the rankings.

Twould love for her to be playing, yes, "Ochoa said, "So I guess right now it's the way it is. But I think! Detter keep playing good and just take advantage of that. But I wish her all the best. Hopefully she will be (back soon)."

I wish her all the best. Hopefully she was be (back soon).— Sorenstam will be sidelined at least a month because of a ruptured disk in her back. She withdraw from the Glinn on Thursday and planned to see a neurosur-geon in Miami to figure out what to do

next.

"Ye been playing with quite a bit of pain for the past several weeks," Sorenstam said in a statement. I couldn't take it much more and decided it was time to see someone.

Sorenstam, a 10-time major winner, said doctors discovered a ruptured disk and a bulging disk. It marked the first significant injury in her 13-year career that includes 89 LPGA Tour victories.

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includes 69 LPGA Tour victories.

Sorenstam was never a factor in the first major of the year, the Kraft Nabisco Championship two weeks ago. She shot B-over 296 for her highest 72-hole score in a major in mine years.

Ochoa could have taken over the top spot in the rankings with a victory there. But she tied for 10th after closing with a 72.

The 43-year-old Davies, a 20-time win-ner whose last tour victory came in 2001, made five birdies and an eagle en route to her lowest round of the year. Brittany Linctone, in the same group as Ochoa, fed off her playing partner's success and was a stroke behind at 5 under. Ma Pil Kim, Sherri Turner and Mi Hyun Kim were 4 under.



area at-Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga., in this Oct. 28, 2006 file

Kenseth surging since Daytona — up to 4th

FORTWORTH, Texas — Matt Kenseth was already behind before the first race, and warn in much better shape after it. When this car failed inspe-tion after qualifying at the Daytona 500, Kenseth was penalized 50 points. Then with a chânce for a likely top-10 fin-ish, he crashed on the final lap of the senson genery.

ish, he crashed on the final tap of the season opener. Five races later, Kenseth has made quite a comeback — moving from 40th to fourth in NASCAR. Nextel 'Cup points with 836, 130 behind leader Jeff

with 836, 130 behind leader Jeff Gordon.

"When I look at how everything went, I don't think we can be in a much better spot than what were in," said Kenseth, the 2003 series champion. "To have only had five races since then, I don't think we could also r much more than that."

Kenseth won the second for much more than that."

Kenseth won the second race in California, just as he did a year ago when he was the Nextel Cup runner-up to champion Jimmie Johnson. And he hash't linished lower than 11th since, moving within one spot and 37 points in the standings of where he was at the same point in 2006.

Now Kenseth hus a chance to make up even more ground.

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Now Kenseth has a chance to make up even more ground.

After Nextel Cup's Easter break, the series is back Sunday in Texas, the high-banked 1½-mile track where kenseth is one of 12 different winners— in 12 races.

Kenseth won at Texas in 2002, and has three top-10 fin-bles there in six races since without finishing worst than 18th. He was second last spring following a third-place with the second last spring following a third-place without the second last spring following as the place in 2005.

Tve always liked the high-banked fast race tracks.

Kenseth said.

Sure he does, because he's

had a lot of success on those.

Before the last two shorttrack runs in NASCAR's Car of
Tomorrow at Martinsville and

Bristal, Kenseth finished third, at Allanta in his Roush Fenway Racing Ford. While Texas is faster, Atlanta is very similar and owned by Bruton Smith.

"It's always been challenging, it's kind of unique because it's kind of a flat entry to the corner." Kenseth said of Texas. Treally liked it after the track widened out. ... There are a couple of groove's here, and that's what makes it a lot more fun.

fun.

Kenseth also looks forward
to this weekend because he
gets to drive his "old" car again.

Texas is the only track in a
four-race span where the Car
of lumorrow isn't being used.

"Bu C'Il's return for Phoenix.

of Tomorrow isn't being used. The COI's return for Phoenix. Once they get rid of them, you won't hear all the talk about it because that will just be what we race. Kenseth said. The ear of today just drives so much better and has so much stick and just looks more like a race car, compared to that new ear.

race cat, company car.
"To get back to Texas should be a good feeling. Even if our car isn't running good, it will still be a good feeling," he said.

Ragan wins Busch nole in Texas

pole in Texas

FORT WORTH. Texas —
David Ragan earned his first
NASCAR Busch Series pole
Thursday right, edging Roush,
Racing teammate and series
points leader Carl Edwards.
Ragan ran a lap of 191.063.
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Ragan ran a lap of 191.0

Williams, Jankovic, Golovin in quarters at Family Circle

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Venus Williams cruised into the Family Circle Cup quarterfinals Thursday, routing China's Chan Yung-Jan 6-2, 6-

Milliams, unseeded and in her fourth tournament since recovering from a wrist injury eutiler in the year, reached 125 mph with her serve and need-ed just over an hour to win the

match on a bright, breezy day on the green clay at Daniel

Island.
In Friday's quarterfinals,
Williams, ranked No. 29, will
face Anabel Medina Garrigues
of Spain, a 64, 7-5 winner over
eighth-seeded Li Na of China.
Williams won in Memphis
in her return, advanced to the
third round in Miami and
made the quarterfinals last

week at Amelia Island.
"The been off so long and I'm eager to play and I'm eager to ge my nabling up and I'm eager to ge my nabling up and want to play and mether. She said. "I'm excited shout the snowhall effect." Second-seeded Jelena lankovik of Surbia defeated Mara Santangelo of Italy 6-3, 6-0 in 47 minutes, Iosing only six points in the second set.

Fourth-seeded Dina Safina of Russia also won sets. defeati Saina of Russia also won in straight sets, defeating Lourdes Dominguez Lino of Spain, 6-2, 6-2. Safina will face Tatiana Golovin of France, a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 winner over Peng Shaul of China.

Softball

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above most expectations. CSI is hitting a conference-best 340 in SWAC games while NIC is a close second at 312. The main difference bowds are sensitively as the main difference bowds are proposed to the availability of NIC are supposed to the availability of NIC are supposed to the availability of NIC are supposed by the team for the last series. NICs workhorse has compiled a 17-6 record ont he season and struck out 215 batters in 184 innings pitched, With both teams 'mst of patential shut-down pitching and power offense, it's anyone's guess what kind of games the weekend will provide.

'I'll like to say Pknow,' Baumert said. I think it could be a little bit like our Snow weekend alst weekend where you get a game that's 9-7 or something like that, then you get a 2-1 game. July 184 is supposed to the control of the season and the Cardinals have provided to the season and the Cardinals have lift a SWAC-best 440 in the season and the Cardinals have lift as SWAC-best 440 in NIC. Offensible, Evans is hitting 333 on the year, including a SWAC-best 440 in conference competition. Evans says that CSI's anypical success for a first-year team is due largely to the extra efforts of the Colden Engles players and canaches.' I think everybody on the team works really



CSI player All Spear fields the ball Thursday practice in Twin Falls.

eaders and obviously win the region and see if e can host," he said. "I think that's our goal in we next three weeks. It would take a big effort do that."

Baumert's amusement? That comes along with being in a position to realistically dream

at big.
"It's exciting for us, putting ourselves in that no examing for us, putting ourselves in that position, being a first-year program," Baumert said. "It's kind of like, Huh?, Are we supposed to be here?"

Baseball

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29 (3-25 SWAC) Spartans.
Today and tomorrow's fourgame conference series marks
the last time in the regular season the Golden Eagles will
defend their home field. The
goal: Sweep the Spartans and
stay in good position to make
stay in good position to make
sture that Saturday's last game
won't be the final game played
at Walker Field this season.
"This weekend, definitely,
with four wins would boost us
for the next two road series,"
CSI sophomore right fielder
Brad Mady said. I think we'll
be up pretty good with four
wins and then come out big
against Eastern (Utah') and
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Southern Nevada."
While the tendency would be to look toward the fooming showdown in two weeks with a Community College of Southern Nevada team that is tied atop the conference standings with CSI, the Golden Eagles know they can't look past a Spartan team that loayed them, tough in the seasons entire series in Hangely. son's earlier series in Rangely, Colo. CSI swept the series, but with wins of 6-3, 4-2, 4-3 and

9-0.
While the three narrow wins may mean this won't be a cakewalk, four wins — narrow or not — would be just fine for CSI.

"You can't take anything for granted here in conference, and these games are as big as our games last weekend or our games the following week-

"You can't take anything for granted here in conference, and these games are as big as our games last weekend

or our games the following weekend." CSI head coach Boomer Walker

end." Walker said. "Because this time of year, you just have to find a way to win games." Winning games has been exactly what CSI has had little trouble doing at The Skip, where Walker says his team plays visibly looser and with more confldence than on the road. CSI has posted an impressive 17-3 home record. The conflict of the conf to give their sophomore play-ersa nice bost on sophomore day and run their season home record to 21-3, which Walker said would be one of the best finishes in school his-tory. "It like to leave here with the last four wins." Mady said. "I know all the sophomores want to win this last little home stand." CSI will again have the serv-

ices of sophomore catcher Grant Vickers who will return from a concussion, but sopho-more pitcher James Wallace will miss one more week while he tries to regain strength and range of motion in his injured

will miss one content of the program strength and range of motion in his injured throwing arm.

We know we need James. Walker said. "We know our chances of winning this league without him are real slim. We don't want to push it. If it were regionals this weekend, that guy would try to find a way to fight through it, but we'll rest him another week.

A CNC team that carries a 2.11 team batting average and a team Elva of 6.45 Isn't going to scare CSI by any means, but the Spartans have recently shown that they're capable of throwing a werench in opponents plans of a sweeping. COM sweep the Spartans have recently shown that they're capable of throwing a werench in opponents plans of a sweeping. COM sweep the Spartans has COM sweeping. COM sweep the Spartans has compared to the Region of the Region of the Region 18 Tournament.

Tim definitely going to miss playing here, but I know we'll be back. Mady said. "Were going to host for sure. We'll be back."

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

CANADIAN FORECAST

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Sunrise and Sunset

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

USOC to decide between **Chicago and Los Angeles**

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

NEW YORK (AP) — Pacific Ocean or Lake Michigan, Sunset Strip or Magnificent Mile. LA, glitz or Chicago brawn.
One of America's two leonic cities will get the mod Saturday as the country's candidate to host the 2016 Olympics. Although winning this part of the selection process will be something to celebrate, it will only be the start of the hard work.

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The real race is in the quest to win over the International Olympic Committee and earn 60 wotes in 2009, when the games are awarded. The field is expected to also include Madrid, Rio de Janeiro, Rome and Tokyo.

Plading a way to win those 60 ories has been the crux of every speech, every presentation, very detailed list of instructions the U.S. Olympic Committee leaders have given the cities since the USOC commandeered and retooled the domestic selection process 21 moints ago.

The winner will be the city our board will believe has the competence to sell 60 international voters, "USOC chief executive officer Jim Scher said.

Neither Scherr nor Bob Ctyrtlik, who led the USOC effort to refocus its selection process would handicap Saturday's vote

would handicap. Saturday's vote in Washington.
"We don't have enought time for me to start doing an analysis." Civrtilk said.
Basically, the decision comes down to which strengths the 11-person USOC board of directors wants to highlight in its bid and which risks it feels it can more easily obscure. There are big differences which figure to once again come to the fore when the cities give their final.

40-minute presentations before the vote. In Los Angeles, the USOC would have a candidate with major venues already in place—a spruced-up LA Collseam would host opening and closing ceremonies and track—and a long record of hosting big events, including the 1984 Olympics, the first to turn a profit.

There's also the gliz factor. But the Summer Games have already been there twice, and the typical concerns about La sprawd and logistics certainly will factor in.

In Chicago, the USOC would have a first-time host for the Olympics that offers the promise of a compact games with gleaming new facilities set across the backdrop of Lake-Michigan.

But the venues, including a \$366 million standam, aren't bulk. Nebody at the USOC can forget the 2012 Olympics selection process dum, aren't bulk. Nebody at the USOC can forget the 2012 Olympics selection process can calculate fell part a month before the 10C onto.

One of the most telling moments in this process came last November when San Francisco dropped out after learning its hopes for a stadium had been surficed when the 49ers unexpectedly nixed negotiations for a new downtown venue. inexpectedly nixed negotiations for a new

downtown venue.

Worse, the news broke while the USOC was holding a seminar for the clides, emphasizing the need to avoid hig surprises.

"I think it's a testament to our process that San Francisco chose not to go forward when we were insistent on a high level of guarantees." Cwrtlik said. "The guarantees that have come from both of the clides are, by far, the highest level of security ever provided by a U.S. bid city."

HORSE RACING

Hard Spun set for Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Hard Spun passed his test at Churchill Downs and will return in three weeks for the Kentucky Derby. The 3-year-old colt handled the distrack with ease during a Thursday morning workey.

The 3-year-old coit handled the dit track with ease during a Thursday morning workout, which was what trainer Larry Jones needed to see before committing to run in the Derby on May 5.

"He went over the track very nice and came back very rice and came back very determining key, just to see how much it took out of him having to fight the track and there apparently was no fight to 1. He just kind of skipped across it, which is great. Hard Spun, a winner in five of six naces, covered five fur longs in 160.20.

Indication, Hard Spun did not like the dirt tank at Oaklawn park, where he finished fourth in-the Southwest Stakes for his only depth of the southwest Stakes for his only depth of the first tank at Oaklawn Park, where he finished fourth in-the Southwest Stakes for his only defect. The cold teams

in the Southwest Stakes for his only defeat. The colt came back and won the Lane's End Stakes at Turfway Park on Polytrack, and then was sent

to Keeneland to train on its synthetic surface.
Jones had considered Saturday's Blue Grass at Keeneland as a final prep, but changed plans. With a goal of running in the Derby, he wanted to find out if Hard Spun could handle the Churchill Downs track.

If he didn't, the choice would have been the Lexington Stakes at Keeneland on April 21, skip the Derby, and then the Preakness.

the Derby, and then the Preakness.
Now, Jones is preparing to saddle his first Derby starter.
"I've got three weeks to really get the litters, because up to now it vas just kind of a dream—now it can feel like a reality," said Jones, a native of Hopkinsville, Ky.

Street Sense has trainer confident for Blue Grass

LEXINGTON, Ky. — So far, Street Sense has done every-thing right for trainer Carl Nafzger. As a 2-year-old, the bay colt

closed out a championship season with a dazzling 10-

length victory in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile. In March, a bigger and In March, a bigger and stronger Street Sense opened his 3-year-old campaign by nosing out Any Given Saturday in the Tampa Bay Derby after a stretch-long

Derby after a stretch-long duel.

Nowcomes the final race in Nafzger's master plan to get his colito the Kentucky Derby — the Blug Grass Stakes at Keeneland on Saturday.

He's been an exceptional colit up to now, Nafzger said Thursday morrling at Churchill Downs in Louisville. A cheep going, he'll be an unbelievable colit. But it gets tougher from now on.

Nafzger doesn't seem worrled. The 65-year-old trainer who won the 1990 Derby with Unbridled expects nothing short of victory. He's not alone: Street Sense is the 4-5 morning-line favorite in a seven-horse field.

'A win is what I want,

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"A win is what I want,"
Nafzger said. "A second or
third does not mean we're out
of it, but we want to win."

DA apologizes to Duke players, but lawyers, family don't accept

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The local prosecutor who charged three Duke lacrosse players with raping a stripper apologized to the athletes Thursday

with raping a stripper apologized to the athletes Thursday
and said the North Carolina
attorney general's decision to
drop the case was right.

To the extent that I made
judgments that ultimately
proved to be incorrect. I apologize to the three students that
were wrongly accused.
Durham County District
Attorney Mike Nifong said.
On 'Wednesday-AttorneyGeneral Roy Cooper nor only
dropped all remaining charges
against the players Reade
Sellgmann, Collin Finnerry
and David Evans, but pronounced them innocent and,
said they were the victims of
Nifong's "tragic rush to
accuse." Cooper branded
Nifong a "rogue" prosecutor
who was guilty of "overreaching."

I have every confidence

who was guilty of "overreach-ing."

I have every confidence that the decision to dismiss all the charges was the correct decision based on that eyi-dence." Nifong said.

decision based on that evidence. Nifong said.

In what appeared to be a plea to the athletes not to take any further action, such as a leasuit, he said: 'It is my sincere desire that the action's of Attorney General Cooper will'serve to remedy any remaining injury that has resulted from these cases.

Nifong refused to answer any questions after handing the statement to an Associated Press reporter outside his office in Dutham.

Sellgmann's attorney. Jim Cooney, responded bitterly to the public of the

son refuses to know all the facts and then makes a judgment, that's far worse — parleularly when that judgment destroys lives.

Nifong stressed that it was his own decision to remove innself from the case that gave Cooper's office the opportunity to review the evidence against the athletes.

'If I did not want to subject ... my own performance to such scrutiny — If, in other words, I had anything to hide — I could have simply dismissed the cases myself, he said. 'The fact that I instead chose to 'seek that review should, in and of itself, call into question the characterizations of this prosecution as 'ogue' and unchecked.'' Finnerty, Safther, Kevin Finnerty, said Nifong' was attempt at an apology was

Finnerty's father," Kevin Finnerty, said Nifong's "attempt at an apology" was "disingenuous and insincere."



ifong speaks at a mu-i at the Durham County I Building in Durham, N.C., in The shelo.

"It falls well short of whatev-er it might take to even remotely repair the damage he

Yesterday's Weather

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has inflicted on so many people, Finnerty said.
When asked if he accepted the apology, Finnerty said: 'I do not. Too little, too late.'
Evans' attorney, Joseph Cheshire, accused Nifong of engaging in 'revisionist history' with his statement.
'It's not an apology, it's an excuse. Cheshire said. 'It's not an acceptance of responsibility, it's a self-serving attempt teaching the control of the co

tinued changing her story dur-ing his office's review of the

case.
"We started out knowing we had a problem ... and the way, it turned out, it was much worse than we thought." Cooper said in excerpts released by CBS. He also said he was offended by Nifongb conduct.



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Idaho Air preparing to deplo

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Rural Idaho counties get money to manage growth

TWIN FALLS — Many cities in Idaho are feeling the brunt of growth with more subdivisions, congested traffic and overwhelmed elected offi-

cials.

Help is on the way.

More than \$600,000 in federal,

state and local funding has been set
aside for ongoing assistance in rural
daho, including one country in the
Magic Valley that will get at least
\$30,000 in federal aid.
Idaho Commerce and Labor has

already begun allocating \$250,000 that the state Legislature approved last year, and is in the process of dividing \$300,000 from a recent federal grant.

Bellevue, Carey, Fairfield and

eral grant.
Bellevue, Carey, Fairfield and
Camas County are among the state's
12 beneficiaries receiving state aid
for the past few months. Blaine
County, like Teton County, will
receive only state funding because
the average Income is too high for
federal funding.
The bulk of the money will go to
smaller and lower-income parts of

smaller and lower-income parts of the state. A rural city is defined as

having fewer than 10,000 people. In January, the U.S. Department of Agriculture approved a \$200,000 request for the federal Bural Community Development Initiative; it will go to 21 other cities that were denied state money. Camas County will: receive between \$30,000 and \$35,000 from federal funding. The state funds have already begun to help cities in planning and zoning, the management of subdivisions and comprehensive plans, said Greg Selbert, an economic development specialist with Commerce and Labor.

"We're mixing and matching where we can and where we're not allowed to give the money. Selbert said. It takes a little of the maneuring of the funds to meet what we need it to do and meet the requirements of the grants. With the state dollars we don't have any limitations. The villerome between the two kinds of funding is that while the state itself-chose the chites getting state money, the federal government determines by its own standards the recipients of the grant. Initial state funding comes as a

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match by the cities putting forth a dollar per-capita. The city of Bellevue put forth \$2,400 and offi-cials have already begun two train-ing session with the Association of ing session Idaho Cities

Idaho Cities.

"It's a very positive step because
we have limited funds for broadening our expertise in some of the
departments," said Craig Eckles,
Bellevue's planning and zoning
administrator.

Government reporter Jared S. lopkins can be reached at (208) 735-

Buhl revives utility rate committee

Growing new leaders



Thompson, both of North Gem High School in Bancroft, take FFA Leadershi the College of Southern Idah 'It's taucht m FFA coures-tion. Yeah, I've learned a lot of leader-

FFA organization meets at CSI for leadership conference

By Joshua Paimer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Almost vernight, the number of gricultural experts in Twin all County more than dou-

bled.
That's because the College of Southern Idaho once again is hosting the annual Idaho
State FFA Leadership State FFA Leadership

Conference. The event, which
began Thursday morning and
will continue through
Saturday, brings in the best
and the brightest from high
school FFA organizations
throughout Idaho.

Although the National FFA
is almost 89 years old, officials say the organization is

"The membership is much more than just agricultural producers. It encompasses leadership, preparation for careers in agriculture and other fields, and also personal growth."

- Allison Touchstone, Idaho State FFA advisor

changing as it attracts more students seeking leadership opportunities.

For almost five years, FFA experienced a decline in membership as some students lost interest and schools scrapped the program. However, a little more than a year ago, membership numbers started to grow again.

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producers," said Allison Touchstone, Idaho State FFA advisor. "It encompasses leadership, preparation for careers in agriculture and other fields, and also person-al growth."

al growth."
She said students from subone said students from sub-urbs are now joining the organization for resume-building opportunities and to be part of a tradition. Currently about one-third of the group's members are first-

generation FFA participants.
But students involved in
the FFA say it's not an easy
undertaking.
Because the organization is
intra-curricular students of
school to compete in FFA
competitions. They must
memorize the creed, learn
new skills and prove their
knowledge at local and state
competitions.
"We believe in the future of

City looking for citizen volunteers By Blair Koch

Ilma-News correspondent
BUHL — Buhl's utility
rate committee will now
include a representative of
the public.
The City Council took the
action this week, amending
an ordinance. Previously
the panel consisted of a
mixed bag of industrial,
commercial and city delegates. The ordinance was
changed so that the fire
chief would no longer hold
a committee seat, making
room for a resident to
serve.

a committee seal, musuic room for a resident to serve.

All positions are filled by mayoral appointment.

The rate committee has been a "semi-functioning" sounding board to the city, for years, Council President Bob Vandewater said, its latest project included pro-viding the city with feed-back for the \$23 million in-matter and wastewater bond issues passed lary year.

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We described to the sample of determine water and wastewater rates should they need to be changed.

VandeWater said. "Once they make their input they then take their recommen-dation to the council for consideration."

With so many utility proj-ects now underway in the West End. city officials are calling on the group to meet more frequently and are looking forward to hav-ing all interests heard when utility rates need adjusting.

"One area the committee."

are looking divisions to ling all interests heard when utility rates need adjusting. "One area the committee was lacking was residents," Mayor Charles Sheridan said. "We needed a better cross-section of water and wastewater users."

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Buhl wants you

Residents interested on serving with the rate committee can call Buhl City Hall at 543-6650.

Snowpack *Levels*

fire-risk check held Saturday

KIMBERLY — The U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management will conduct free spark arrester trappections of a simulation of the simulation of the

The inspections are part of a larger effort by the departments to educate the public about fire pre-

the public about fire pre-yention.

The Forest Service says motorized vehicles, partic-ularly those without spark arresters, start numerous fires each year.

YOUR WEEKEND

Strike up the band

concert will be



ne: King Fine Arts Center.

Where: King Fine Arts Center, Burley. When: 7:30 p.m. How much: Tickets, which are \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3 for students and \$15 for families, are available at the



A country classic

When: Today and Saturday, 8 and 10 p.m. and 10 p.m. How much: Tickets, which are \$30, \$35 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-

Dilettantes' dinner

What: The Dilettante Group of ~

the Magic Valley will hold its annual Hall of Fame dinner e: Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave.,

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agriculture," said Ott Clark.
19. a state reporter for the
FFA from Snake River High
School near Blackfoot, as he
reclied the FFA creed.
And more than 3,800 FFA
members throughout Idaho
feel the same way as they
wear their blue Jackets with
pride.
"The Jackets were developed in 1930 and they are a
tradition." Trouchstone said.
"Some of the kids here even
have their great- grandfather's
FFA Jacket."

Where: Turf Club, 7:34 rails Ave., Twin Falls When: Cocktall hours starts at 8 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m., with a program to follow. How much: Tickets, which are \$20 for adults and \$8 for those 18 and under, are available at

'Glori-ous' concerts

what: Magic Valley Chorale will perform five versions of "Gloria," including all 10 move-ments of a "Gloria" by Vivaldi and a composition by Twin Falls native Randy Cox. Where: College of Southem Idaho Fine Arts Center auditori-um, Twin Falls.

When: Saturday, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, 4 p.m. How much: Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and students, are avail-able at Clos Office Supply,



OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

DEATH NOTICES -

David E. Halbert Sr.

RUPERT — David E. Halbert Sr., 69, of Rupert, died Monday, April 9, 2007, at the Countryside Care and Rehabilitation Center in

Rehabilitation Center in Rupert.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, April 13, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Burley, with John Leoni officiating, Burial will follow at the Albion Cemetery, A potluck dinner will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Burley Senior, Citizen Centers, No public viewing is planned. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Thomas E. Dryden

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Tom Dryden, 69, of

Sandpoint and formerly of

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11, am. Saturday, April 14, at The

Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-Day Saints, 620

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19, Sandpoint Schweitzer Cut-off Roau in Sandpoint, with President Buss Hlatt conducting, Interment will follow at Pack River Cemetery in Sandpoint. Friends may call from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, April 13, at Coffei Funeral Service in Sandpoint. Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.coffeitfuneral.com.

Steven E. Hayslip

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GOODING — Steven E.
Hayslip, 55, of Gooding, died
Wechesday, April 11, 2007, at
his residence.
The funeral will be at 10
a.m. Monday, April 16, at
Demaray Funeral Service,
Gooding Chapel. Budmi will
follow at the Halley Cemery,
Visitation for family and
friends will be from 4 to 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 15, at the funeral home.

Claudette E. Shindle

NAMPA — Claudette Elaine Shindie, 69, of Nampa, died Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at her home due to natural caus-

. The funeral will be at 1 p.m. The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday, April 16, at the Nampa LDS 4th Ward Chapel, 121 N. Canyon St. in Nampa. A viewing will be from noon to 12:40 p.m. Monday at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Zeyer Funeral Chapel in Nampa.

Paul Victor

TWIN FALLS — Paul Victor, 85, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, April 11, 2007, as the result of an automobile accident.

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

Ruby Victor

TWIN FALLS — Ruby Victor, 84. of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, April 11, 2007, as the result of an automobile accident.

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

Alice McIntyre

TWIN FALLS — Alice McIntyre, 79, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at her home.

at her home.

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

Zelma A. Garrison

TWIN FALLS — Zelma A.
Garrison, 93, of Twin Falls,
died Wednesday, April 11,
2007, at the Twin Falls Care
Center in Twin Falls.
Arrangements are pending
and will be announced by
Reynolds Funeral Chapel in
Twin Falls.

Curtis R. Hall

BURLEY — EOD2 (DV/P)) Curtis Ralph Hall, age 24, of Burley, Joined our Heavenly Father on Friday, April 6, 2007.

while protect-ing others in a place near Kirkuk, iraq. He was

He was serving as a member of

He was serving as a member of the United States Navy, where he was a member of the Explosives Ordinance Disposal. Mobile Unit 11 Detachment 1 based at Whidbey Island, Wash. This was his second tour in Iraq. He was born June 10, 1982. In Burley, Idaha, to Clarence Ron' and Pamela Hicken Hall. Curits gained his early education in Burley attending the Company of the

Joining the Nasy on Aug. 27, 2001.

He was the youngest of five children but, as the saying goes, the best is always saved for last. And it was definitely true in his case. As a young child, he was well loved and casy to be around. He worked his way through high school at both King's and Stokes Grocery as a stock boy. All who worked with him were amazed at the outstanding work ethic for such a young man. It was this same work ethic that made him the successful sallor

he was and will always be remembered for. Curtis was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the doc-

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the doctinal training he received there is what was at the core of the child training he received there is what was at the core of the child training he received the child training he cerecited he child training he niver in a control to the true character and hero that was inherent in Curtis. He later went on to receive his Eagle Scout Award as well as the New Heat was the county of the second of

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Seturday, Deadline is 3 p.m. for next day publication. The e-mail address for oblusties is oblished magicalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be piaced until 4 p.m. every day. To view or sub-mition of the control of the co

Brenda Blakeslee

FILER — Brenda Blakestee.
55. of Filer.
passed away
at her home
on Sunday.
April 8, 2007.
Brenda was
a loving mother
er and grandmother. She
was a lone. was a long-time employee of the U.S. Post

Office and will be missed by

A memorial service will be held at 4 pm. Saturday April 14. at Amazing Grace Fellowship, 1061 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls. In 1leu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be mide at U.S. Bank to help cover costs of accumulated medical bills and funeral arrangements.

Theodore 'Ted' William Mever

KENNEWICK, Wash. died March 26, 2007, at a ho-pital in Kennewick, Wash. He was

He was born Dec. 13, 1951, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. He lived and started school

in Spokane, Wash, Then

in Spokane. Wash. Then Wash. Then He family moved to Renn, Nev. then spent a short time in Wells, Nev. Then the family moved to Jerome, Idaho, whiere he went to school until starting his working career. Ted was a hard-working cement. (Inisher. where he worked around the construction industry and in the family businesses. Ted was baptized at St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Jerome. Idaho, at an early age.

in Jerome, Idaho, at an early age.
Ted-enjoyed hunting, fishing, drag racing and hot rods, and he loved to watch all sports, including baseball, football and basketball. He was a caring, patient (at times) and generous. man. Ted was very devoted to his family and

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Everyone deserves the best!

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especially his mother. He loved to have a good time. Ted worked steadily until a cancer-filled his chest. Radiation treatments at this time burned

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from the gradually stowed his abilifilled his complications from
this lungs. Complications from
this lungs. Complications from
this gradually stowed his ability to have a functional life. His
breaths became less and less
until they stopped.

Ted is survived by his parents, Herbert W. and Mary C.
Meyer of Kennewick. Wash.;
brothers Val 'Rocky' Meyer of
Kennewick. Wash., Randy
(Jane) Meyer of Nampa, Idaho,
and Ronnie Meyer of Baker
City, Ore: infeces and nephews.
Chris Meyer. Mark Stephens
and Teresa Meyer and their
son Caleb. Elizabeth Meyer
and her daughter Aryanna.
Dakota Meyer, Jessica Meyer,
Judy and her daughter Solby
and 'Raelor, numerous aunts,
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HAULERS

Minidoka County American Red Cross hold blood drive

RUPERT — Despite the fact that there were many cases of flu and it was Presidents' Day, the second American Red Cross blood drive of 2007 took place. Monday, Feb. 19 at Rupert Civic Building. A total of 108 residents turned out to net 100 plnts. This is very good: however.

Turned out to net 100 pints.
This is very good: however,
more people need to participate in order to make the
goal of 105 units to supply
the needs at Minidoka
Memorial Hospital.
The following men and
women received gallon pins:
one gallon, Gene Hansen
and Lauta Fessenden; two
gallon. Dan Lloyd and
Norma Claridge; three gallon, Dan O'Donnell; and six
gallon, Evelyn Fassett.

ion. Dan O'Donnell: and six gallon. Evelyn Fassett. Organizers offer congrutula-tions to all of the donors for giving the gift of life. Many people participate to make these events happen. The Minidoka Memorial vol-unteers alded the donors during the drive. Methodist Ladles Organization hosted

BURLEY — The Cassia County Parade committee announced its annual theme

Themes submitted need to be related to the general topic of Cassia County

and served the canteen Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks members unloaded and reloaded the unloaded and reloaded the Red Cross vans, a committee of six local ladies made the reminder calls to all of the donors, and the Rupert 5th Ward young women deliv-ered posters throughout Minidoka County, and other individuals who always are there to help make the drive a success.

All of the above deserve the thanks of the local residents.

All of the above deserve the thanks of the local residents, organizers say. They made it possible for everyone in Minidoka County to rest assured that care is being given to their possible needs with the same than the same tha

BURLEY — Colleen Nordin, 67-year-old Burley resident, died Wednesday, April 11; 2007, at her home in Burley. She was

2007, at her home in Burley.
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bur Feb. 13
19 Selling. Okla.,
the daughter
of Joseph and
plan brecamp and
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Merdian brecamp and as a secretary at the Office
ording and gardening.
Colles was an addined an
deacon.

Ariz; four sisters; are synchildren and five great-grand-children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and two sisters;

A memorial service will be at 3 pm. Sunday, April 15, at St. James Episcopal Church, 2000 Oakley Ave. in Burley, with the Rt. Rev. Harry Bainbridge III. And the strength of th

Colleen Nordin

Survivors include her husband. Vernon of Burley, four children, Mrs. Randy (Nancy) Korb of Burley, Mrs. Mikel (Gwen) Hayden of Boise. Robert Nordin of Star and David Nordin of Phoenix. Ariz. four sisters; six grand-children: and five great-grand-children.

SERVICES

Glendora "Dodle" Busby of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Roy Elmer Sisiam of Bellevue, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Bellevue Cemetery (Wood River Chapel in Hailey).

George Ray Tate of Idaho Falls and formerly of Hagerman, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1480 Jefferson Ave. In Idaho Falls (Wood Funeral Home in Idaho Falls).

Geraldine A. "Gerry" Harms of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Ghabel Arazil of Twin Falls. graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Serenity Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls).

Susan Kobe of Halley, rosary and vigil at 7 p.m. today at the Wood River Chapel in Halley funeral Mass at 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles

Catholic Church in Hailey.

Robert A. Meulman of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert United Methodist Church; graveside service will follow at the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen-Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Mary Ann Walters Winquist
Densley Coyne of Rupert,
funeral at 11 am, Saturday at
the Rupert LDS 1st Ward
Church, 806 G St; viewing
from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the
Hansen Mortuary Rupert
Chapel, 710 Suth St, and one
hour before the service
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Russell Henry Jensen of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel, 515 E. 16th St; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 1040 a.m. Saturday at the church.

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GOODING — The Petrifled Watermelon Pickers Club are holding a Rock and Gem Show from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Gooding Recreational Center p.m. Sunday at the Gooding Recreational Center Gymnasium located on the campus of the Idaho State School for the Deaf and Blind, 1450 Main St. Trophies will be awarded for best earth science display

Entertainment. Deadline is April 18. A cash prize of \$50 will be awarded to the person with the winning theme. Send entries to, Kim Razee, 177 S. 250 E., Burley, ID 83318.

by school group or student. The show will also feature demonstrations, rock dealers, grab bags, silent aucins, door prizes and displays.

Admission is free. The show is being sponsored by Stall kneeth 1. Morg an Museum and Kounting House. For more information, call 365-1653 or 324-3670.

Task force aims to stop online predators

BOISE (AP) — Federal and state officials have launched a program called Project Safe Childhood designed to pro-tect children from sexual

Chilanood designed to pro-tect children from sexual predators on the Internet.

"It is not an exaggeration to say that we are in the midst of an epidemic of sexual exploitation of our children, brought on largely by the internet and new technology."

Pilot in friendly fire case part of Air Guard

deployment to Iraq

technology designed to improve communication with ground commanders and lower the risk of friendly fire mistakes. Vincelli said. The cockpits now feature color display systems, text messaging software and infrared technology for night flights.

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squadron's deployment willnot be made public.
For many, the trip overseas
is nothing new.
For Lt. Col. Kirk Kingsley.
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U.S. Attorney Tom Moss said Wednesday at a news confer-ence in Boise to announce the program.

The U.S. Department of

The U.S. Department of lustice program alms to edu-cate parents and teens about internet dangers, and to increase cooperation among law enforcement agencies in finding and prosecuting child pornographers and

Internet predators.
Moss said an estimated
\$50,000 predators are 'trolling
for child victims on the
Internet' at any given time.
The Spokesman-Review
reported.
In Idaho, there are 20 such
cased being investigated or
prosecuted, said Jim Peters,
assistant U.S. attorney.
Peters said child pornogra-

phy involves "crime scene photos of children being raped. These are gruesome photos that are being traded over the Internet." Idaho Altorney General Lawrence Wasden sald parens can help protect their children from Internet predates the property of the protect their children from Internet predates the protect property of the protect protect of the protect protect of the protect pr

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Communication with the entire community is key, he said.

"Having the committee in place and educated on what is going on is a way to get that information out to the com-munity." Sheridan said. "They can field questions and gather comments—to—bring—back—for-

discussion."

In other council news, residents will be seeing a special message in upcoming water bills explaining the need for more foster parents in the area, leremy SasserCollins, a foster family coordinator, explained that while Idaho has an 84 percent child-parent reunification rate (well over the parent reunification rate nationally), social ills such as

methamphetamine abuse could lower the score. "We are hitting a crux point," SasserCollins said. "With the meth problem of the area we are getting sometimes four to six kids at a time that need fos-ter care."

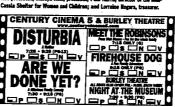
"I think we'd be happy to that, at the very least," Sheridan said.

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squadron performs its mission. "Our lob is to protect and serve and so (friendly fire) is the worst thing that can happen," Kingsley said. is retired. When the squadron returns to Iraq, pilots will fly A-10Warthogs equipped with a package of new cockpit Idaho Press Tribune appoints new publisher

NAMPA (AP) — The Idaho ress-Tribune is getting a new

the incident unlawful and the leak of a damaging cockpit video set off a media frenzy earlier this year.

One of the pilots will be deployed next month because of his extensive com-bet asperience, Air Guard spokesman 1st Lt. Tony Vincelli said, The other pilot is retired.

BOISE (AF) — About 200 Idaho Air Guard members, including a pilot involved in a 2003 friendly fire incident that drew international attention, are making final preparations for their new mission in Iraq next month.

The aimmen are part of the Boise-based 190th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron. Two of the unit's A-10 pilots were involved in the death of British soldier Lance Cpl. Many Illu. 25, was killed and at least four others wounded when at least one U.S. Jet fired on his convoy in the southern larq city of Basta on Manch 28, 2003.

The U.S. military hasn't released the names of the A-10 pilots, who were cleared of the A-10 pilots, who were cleared of the A-10 pilots, who were cleared to the incident unlawful and the be incident unlawful and the leak of a damaging cockpit video set off a media frenzy

ublisher. Rick Weaver, 54, will assume

Rick Weaver, 54, will assume his new role in July, the news-paper reported Thursday. Weaver is currently publish-er and president of the Bozeman Daily Chronicle, of Bozeman, Mont., where he has worked for the last nine years. Weaver replaces Stephanie Pressly, who served the Press-Tribune for 3th years. Pressly will take over Weaver's post at the Bozeman Daily Chronicle.

This individual has been High Risk Sexual Predator by The Idaho Sex Offender Classification Board.



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Wildlife group eyes voter initiative on elk ranches

initiative on ... POCATELLO (AP) — The persident of an Idho-based widdlife management and conservation group eaps their table, and the state about the possibility of a voter initiative to ban ciknuting ranches.

Kent Mariot, president of the Idaho Wildlife Federation, said the fishire of the Legislature this year to regulate elix ranches has led to the discussion on the voter initiative within the chails to the discussion on the voter initiative within the chails of the deal with hunting and Isahing Isaues. He said than 5 portions and a single property of which deal with hunting and Isahing Isaues. He said things as densettle elix such the property in the present the plant of the property rights. More right and the property rights. More right and the plant of their property rights. More right and the property rights. More right and the property rights. More right and the property rights.

saying it was a violation of their property rights. More rig-prous Democrat-backed plans

also failed, such as one to outlaw shooter bull ranches
where wealthy hunters shoot
buils behind high fences.

The Elk Breeders
Association did not immediately return a call from the AP
on Thursday.

The elk breeding industry is
regulated by the state
Department of Agriculture.

"When I have to be frank
about this, I don't think the
Department of Agriculture has
the ability financially or staffwise to take care of the problems." Marior said.

To place an initiative on the
ballot, some 46,000 signatures
would be needed. Marior estimates more would be needed.

after signatures from people
who aren't registered to vote
are excluded.

"Wed have to go out and
collect about 60,000 signa-

are excluded.
"We'd have to go out and collect about 50,000 signatures." Marlor told the Idaho State Journal. "You just can't do something like this half way. These things are not cheap."

If the groups decide to go ahead, they would have until. April 30, 2008, to collect the signatures.

April 30, 2000, to conect and signatures, idaho has 78 ranches that raise elk for meat and antier velvet. Seventeen also allow fenced hunts for trophy bulls.

Search goes on for grizzly bear that attacked man near home in E. Idaho

game wardens tried traps, snares and fresh bait, but still came up empty in their first attempt to capture a grizzly bear that mauled an eastern Idaho man this

grizzly bear una manache grizzly bear una this week.

Yet there is evidence suggesting the bear returned to the scene of the attack.

When wardens arrived Thursday morning, they found one of the traps sprung and signs that a fine street of the scene of the scene of the street of the scene of the scene of the school of the

on his head, shoulders, back and huttocks.

Authorities said Henderson was attacked by the bear moments after stepping outside his home to look for his barking dog.

Schmidt said Henderson did the right thing when attacked; the stayed on the ground, curied in a fetal postition to protect vital organs, and didn't engage the bear. After the bear left, Henderson walked back to his house and was later flown to the hospital.

Wardens believe the grizzly was attracted by a moose carcass that was found in an area of lishe keyer about 50 yards behind Henderson's home.

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Its the same place wardens laid traps, snares and the

roadkill deer.

The trapping team is optimistic that the bear will continue to return and feed on the moose and deer carcases. So the moose and deer carcases. So the continue in cannest. The continue in cannest in continue in cannest in continue in cannest in cannest

decision has been made on the animals future. If it is captured, Grizzly attacks in Idaho are rare. This was the first since July 3, 2006, when a female grizzly attacked a hilzer near the western border of Yellowstone. National Park.

Grizzly bears have been protected for decades under the Indiangered Species Act, but the federal government hap the Great of the Common that the Great government hap the Great growth of the Great government hap the Great government hap the Great growth of the Great growt



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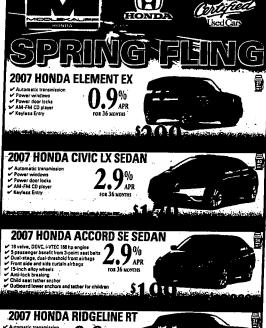
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Prosecutors say Ohio man in alleged bomb plot was dedicated to al-Qaida

COLUMBUS, Ohlo — Federal authorities say an Ohlo man was so dedicated to committing violent lihad that he angrily told a fellow al-Qaida member that the terrorist group should never consider scaling-back military operations.

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The government alleges that fail spent years providing rioney and training to others who would join him in plotting to bomb European tourist risorts and U.S. military bases overseas. According to the indictment, he spent time

Officials say

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In 2005, about 340,000 cases were reported.

The disease can lead to speem complications in women, including infertility. It also incredises the risk of fequiring other sexually transmitted diseases, including tity.

MIV. Gonorrhea can be treated with antibiotics, but the bacterium has been developing seismands not the first drugs to fight it. West Introduced in the 1930s.

to legit it were introduced in the 1930s.
The CDC began recom-mending fluoroquinolones in 1993. Around 2000, fluoro-quinolone-resistant gonor-

duinolon-resistant genor-rhea began emerging in flawall and California.

Health officials believe it driginated in East and Southeast Asia and spread through the U.S., first among gay men and then heterosexu-als.

Hawaii and California soon

sixed doctors to stop using fluoroquinolones, but drug-resistant forms of the disease continued to spread.

By Jia-Rai Chose Los Angeles Ti

drug-resistant



l e a r n i n g hand-to-hand fighting and how to use grenades and assault rifles at an al-Qalda camp in Afghanistan in

Post 1990s.

Friends say that sounds nothing like the man they know.

From the things I know, he is a loving husband and he has a wife and parents in town, and Ahmad Al-Akhras, vice chair of the Coutenius chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. They are a good family together.

Al-Akhras said his group will work to make sure Paul's constitutional rights are respected.

The investigation into Paul spanned four years, three continents and at least eight countries. Fill agent limited in the countries of the coun .. The investigation into Paul

Friday on prosecutors' request that Paul be held without bond. Paul's lawyer. Don Wolery, declined comment. Bill Hunt. first assistant U.S. attorney. declined to say whether any of the alleged plots were carried out. People whom Paul associated with in Europe have been arrested, he said.

said.

A friend of Paul's, Hisham Jenhawi, 32, said he found the charges hard to believe.

I don't think it's even close to his personality to act upon something like that," he said at the courthouse. 'He's a very kind person, 'bu would meet him on the street and he would want to hug you with the heart that he has."

The Indictment says Paul

the heart that he has."
The Indictment says Paul traveled to Germany about April 1999 to train co-conspirators to use explosives to attack European and U.S. targets, including government buildings and vacation spots frequented by American touriers.

tourists.
It does not name specific resorts or buildings that might have been targeted, but gives U.S. embassies, military bases and consular premises in Europe as examples.

New Jersey governor breaks leg, ribs in motorcade crash

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — Gov. Ion S: Corzine underwent surgery Thursday night after suffering several broken ribs and a broken leg when his motor-cade was involved in a car accident, a doctor said. A trooper and an aide to the governor also were injuried in the crash, which lappened shortly after 6 p.m. on the Garden State Parkway All three were taken to Cooper University Ilospitial in Camden.

Dr. Steven Boss hand of

three were tuesn't in Tuniversity Hospital in Camden.

Dr. Steven Ross, head of trauma for the hospital, said at a news conference that Corzhie was still in surgery for the break to his left lig around 10 p.m. EDF Thursday night. The said of the break to his left lig around 10 p.m. EDF Thursday night. In the said, on the left of the break to his left lig around 10 p.m. EDF Thursday night in the break to his left light of the break said. On the left of the le

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Corzine was riding, he said.
"It looks as if the trooper did a tremendous job doing what he could to

ne could to maintain control of that vehicle."

control of that vehicle." Fuentss.
The condition of the trooper and the aide were not immediately available.
At the time of the crash, the governor was on his way from Adantic Cay to his marssion in Adantic Cay to his marssion in meeting between Don Imma and the Rugers University women's basketball team.











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Charity begins at home, Virgo

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If you possess certain highminded principles, then stick
to them. Buy things of good
taste or great beauty and you
till be pleased with the results.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20):
Wish upon a star. Belief in
things you don't understand or

or abused. There is no reason to make a mountain out of a tiny molehill.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): No apologies, no regrets. You may be called upon to go the extra mile for a friend. If you start quarreling about what a shadow on the wall represents, you can lose sight of the substance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Charity begins at home. Benevolent instincts make it easy to forgive those who have not been fair. Strike a compremise and be generous if you want to fatten you'r hungry piggy bank.

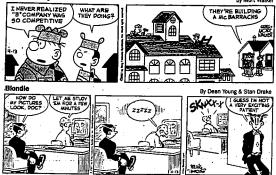
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take the high road when dealing with questions of moral standards or ethics. You will earn respect and help your reputation by adhering to your convictions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The truth shall set you free. All you must do is act honestly and sincerely. People will be more likely to grant favors of give you a recommendation under these celestial condi-

when you is recommendatify under these celestial conditions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21): Make a choice. The past can effect the present only to the extent that you allow it of, you may let the past become a building block in a firm four-dation or a ball and chain.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 19): A certain friendship may have reached its expiration date. Don't tempt fate by trying to breathe, life time a dead date. Don't tempt fate by trying to breathe, life time a feet of the control of the



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Young man won't stop moping after losing love of his life

DEAR ABBY: One of my sons, "Clayton," is in his early 209 — tuli, slim, handsome and intelligent. It is dated a grid in high school "Italic. They broke up and got back together several times, until she finally moved on and married a nice young man. Clayton gradutated from college and has a well-paying job. The problem is, all he does is go to work and stay in his room watching TV (yes he still at home with my wife and me) until fc's time to go back to work. Rarely does he even eat dinner with us. He does go to church on Sunday mornings, but speaks to be try to talk to birn. Several people his age, male and female, have approached him trying to strike up a conversation, but he is rude to them and won't even say helio.

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them and won't even say hello.

He refuses to go to restaurants with us because he
"might see someone" he
knows. He says that Jalie was
the only girl for him, and if
if's not Julie then he isn't
interested in anyone — ever.
Any suggestions? We don't
necessarily want thim to date
If he doesn't want to, just to
have some friends, male or
female, and get all the
— DISTURBED DAD IN
— SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR DISTURBED DAD: I o have one. Your son needs



ABBY Jeanne some professional counseling in order to get on with his life. The behavior you have described is not normal. Clayton could be chronically depressed or even mentally ill. Please don't let the status

DEAR ABBY: 1 am a single, 32-year-old woman with an older sister who has 12 grandchildren from her three kids.

quo continue any longer. See that he gets the help he

reamtenance mater how hard try to be fair to all the kids, their parents and grandmother get angry at me for splitting the children into groups and not taking them all together all the time.

I try to split up the outings into age-appropriate activities, but that apparently isn't good enough. They insist that I am not being entirely fair to the group.

an not being entitiety ion of the group.
Abby, I admit I sometimes ask the older children, particularly the three soon-to-be-teenage gifts, over for slumber parties a little more often-than I do the others — but that's because they are growing too old to want to spend

time with their aunt, and I want to take advantage of whatever precious time I have left with them. The little ones will have their turn as pre-teens, too. Is there something wrong with splitting them up into smaller groups so I can spend with splitting them up into smaller groups so I can spend instead of simply haby sitting or playing referee? Am I asking too much to expect the parents of the younger children (ages 7 and under) to explain to them that they are placts, with the promise of an outing lust for little to go some places, with the promise of an outing lust for them later? If you think I'm being unfair, I'll have to stop all the slumber parties because I just can't handle all the kidsal and the control of the control of

- FRUSTRATED AUNT IN

FRUSTRATED AUNT IN DIANA DEAR FRUSTRATED AUNT: There's an old saying. There are none so blind as those who will not see." In other words, you can't force the words, you can't force the words and the words will not see." In other words frather ignore. You don't need to be sorry for your "shortcomings, which seem perfectly reasonable to me. Entertain the number of kids you are comportable with, and stop apologizing. From where I'm sitting, you -are -al-oving, and attentive aunt, and the children are fucky to have you in their lives.

Pope preaches in Sarajevo, 1997

Today is Friday, April 13, the 103rd day of 2007. There are 262 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight In

On this date:

In 1598, King Henry IV of France endorsed the Edict of Nantes, which granted rights to the Protestant Huguenots. to the Protestant Huguerious. (The edict was abrogated in 1685 by King Louis XIV, who declared France entirely Catholic again.)
In 1742, Handels "Messiah" was first performed publicly, in Dublin, Ireland.
In 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born.
In 1870, the Metropolitan Museum of Art was founded in New York. (The original museum opened in 1872.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial.

Jefferson Memorial.

In 1957, the Jury-deliberation movie drama "12 AngryMen," starring Henry-Fondaopened in New York.

In 1958, American pianist
Van Cliburn won the first
Tchalkovsky International
Plano Competition in
Moscow.

Plano Competition in Moscow. In 1964, Sidney Politier became the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award, for "Lillies of the Field." In 1986, Pope John Paul II wistled a Rome synagogue in the first recorded papal visit of its kind. In 1992, the Great Chicago Flood took place as the city's century-old tunnel system and adjacent basements filled with water from the Chicago

River.
Ten years ago: With tanks, sharpshooters and thousands of police deployed to protect him. Pope John Paul II preached forgiveness during a muss in Sarajevo. Tiger Woods became the youngest person to with the Masters Tournament and the first paper of partly African Increase of the protection of

Five years ago: Venezuelas interim president, Pedro Carmona, resigned a day after taking office in the face of protests by thousands of supporters of the ousted president, Hugo Chavez.

One year ago: Confessed al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoul expressed no remorse for his role in the Sept. 11 attacks as he took the stand for the second time in his death-penally trial in Alexandria, Va. British author Dame Murlet Spark died in Florence, Italy, at age 88,

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Stanley Donen is 83. Former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell. R-Colo. is 74. Actor Lyle Waggoner is 72. Actor Lyle Waggoner is 72. Actor Edward Fox is 70. Playwright Lanford Wilson is 68. Movie and TV. composer Bill Dowis 62. Singer Al Green is 61. Actor Ron Perlman is 57. Actor William Sadler is 57. Singer Pabb Bryson is 58. Cate Wilson is 61. Actor Wilson Perlman is 57. Singer Peabb Bryson is 55. Clate Night with Conan O'Brien' bandleader/rock "Late Night with Coman
O Brien" bandleader/tock
musician MacWeinberg is 56.
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Thought for Today: 'In most things success depends on knowing how long it takes to succeed.' — Charles Louis de Montesquieu, French philosopher (1689-1755).

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"The true lest of civilization is not the census, nor the size of cilies, nor the crops — no, but the kind of man the country turns out."

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Taiwanese zoo worker has arm reattached after crocodile attack

TAIPEI. Tulwan (AP) — A zoo worker had his forearm reatherd Thursday after his colleagues recovered the severed limb from the mouth of a 440-pound Nile crocodile, an official said.

The crocodile severed Chaing Po-yus forearm on Wednesday at the Shaoshan Zoo in the

said.

The Liberty Times newspaper said Chang failed to notice the crocodile was not fully anesthetized when he stuck his arm through an iron rail to med-

icate it. As Chang was rushed to the hospital on Wedneday, a zoo worker shot two bullets at the crocodile's neck to retieve the forearm, said Chen Po-tsun, a zoo Official. "The crocodile was unharmed as we didn't find any bullet holes on its hide," Chen said.



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in this undated photo taken in the

TV networks run. joint program calling for release of kidnapped **BBC** journalist

By Mpkanused Daraghasel Associated Press writer

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RAMALLAII, West Bank —
Three International news networks held a joint broadcast
Thursday calling for the release
of BBC journalist Alan
Johnston a month after he was
iddnapped by Palestinan gunJohnston and
The 25-minute broadcast by
the British Broadcasting Corp. —
Al-Jazeera and Sky News —
with a contribution from CNN —
was part of a day of public
events meant to put pressure
on the iddnappers, Including
an appeal from Johnston's
father to "let my son go. Now.
Today."

Alan Johnston, a Scotland

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And who was abducted at
suppoint Mach 12, has been
held longer than any other foreigner kidnapped in Gaza,
johnston, the only foreign
reporter based in Gaza, was
sanatched just weeks before he
was scheduled to end his
three-year siint there. There
has been no sign from him
since, and no word from his
captors.
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Mahmoud Abbas told the BBC
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"Abbas andes Sexb Erckart said
the Talestanian pressible effort to
ensure his release."

"I have never been more
ashamed as a Falestinian than
what I feel now with the continued abduction of johnston."
Trekat said.

These-called 'Day of Action'
no behalf of Johnston was
on behalf of Johnston was
not been that the plight is not longuiten.
In a morning news conficence in Landon, the journalist's
tighter, Graham Johnston, read
an appeal to those holding
him.

"You have families. Please
think abod what this is doing
to my family," he said.
Latter, the BBC, Sly and AlJazeera English cut mo their
regular programming in the
counsing on Johnston.
The 25-minute commercialfree live broadcast was
anchored by Jeremy Bowen,
the BBC's Middle East editor,
from the main square in the
West Bank city of Ramallah.

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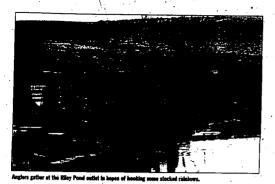
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Hatchery heaven

Facilities supply the need for Magic Valley anglers

n a perfect world, anglers would be surrounded by a multitude of fertile waters that produce as many fish that produce as many fish Magic Valley, however, where the southern Idaho desert is defined by limited water believe southern Idaho desert is defined by limited water being worked by a large number of fishermen, by a large number of tisnermen, the supply simply can't meet the

demand.
That's where fish-rearing facili-ties like the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Hagerman State Fish Hatchery come into play.

To learn more ...

For more information on fishing and other recreational opportunities associated with the

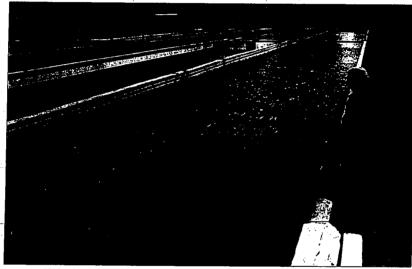
Dies associated with the Hagerman State Fish Harthery and other state fish-rearing facilities, wat http://fish-andgame.ideho.go/yfish/hatcherles/ For Information on where and when specific waters get stocked throughout ideho, visit http://fish-andgame.ideho.go/ycms

Blessed by spring water at a near-perfect 58 degree tempera-ture, the facility can grow lots of fish to help enhance the supply. Originally constructed in the late 1940s, the department's largest state troot hatchery annually produces around 3.2 million fish ranging from fingerlings to eatchables, which stock idaho's streams, labora and reservoirs.

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According in the Haggerman hatchery's manager joc Chapman, nearly all the fish that go through he facility arrive from somewhere else as fertilized eggs, These "eyed" eggs are incubated in small raceways inside a covered building. After hatching and upon a chieving a certain size, the thry fish are promoted to larger outside" nursery raceways, and then finally graduate to the larges concrete containments, all with that nurturing spring water flowing around them. As might be expected, the species most well represented at the hatchery is the rainbow trout. As the containments, and with the argument of the proposed of the

rith wild fish upon release. In the last several years, a "yel-



Story and photos by Mike Cothern

low" rainbow trout has been obtained from a local private hatchery. Exactly the same but for the color, this trout has become widely popular due to the fact it's more visible to anglers, and when landed, receives lots of "oohs" and "ashs" for its uniqueness. Other species III more specialized niches. Half a million coho salmon are usually shipped to Cascade Reservoir each year. They head out in two bunches: four-inch fish leave in the spring and seven-inchers make a fall departure.

An exotic fish from Pennsylvania

the tiger muskle, is used primarily to control over-populated brook trout waters throughout the state. These flere predators, a sterile cross between northern pike and muskle, can be found locally in Dog Creek Reservoir. Regardless of the species raised at the hatchery, all require constant supervision and monitoring from the first day they eartive until they reach their final destination. Bacteria, viruses, and other sicknesses can move rapidly through the concentrated populations and can eause serious mortality in a short amount of time. Chapman points out other

short amount of time.

Chapman points out other
threats not related to sickness.

Coho, a schooling fish, can in certain situations pack themselves so
closely together that many may
suffocate. A change in diet at criti-

Once ready to be transported to puble waters, many factors influence any species' shipping dafe. While most fish are released in the

out after a few warm March days stimulate anglers' desires. The water temperature at the release sites needs to be at least 42 degrees, which sometimes arrive later than desired, at least for Chapman, By April, he's usually

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Basalt lava abundant in Bennett Hills | Jerome rod, gun club

A large area of dissected basalt lava flows can be found in the Bernett Hills between Bliss and Hill City. This is a landscape of broad, tilling surfaces and near vertical canyons sloping uphill to a crest of nearly 7,000 feet.



Access to this area is afforded by the Clover Creek Road that runs between Bilss and Hill City. The road traverses between the season of the s

olite. the confluence of Clover At the confluence of Clover and Squaw Creeks, the upper-most rhyolite is a nearly while, loose to slightly com-pacted altered pumice ash resting on a thick series of welded rhyolite flows and buried under one or two thin basalt flows. Due to its higher croslivity, the ash unit forms more gradual slopes while the more gradual slopes while the basalt and rhyolite form near

vertical cliffs.

It appears that Squaw Creek had carved a narrow valley with a central deeper canyon



about thirty feet deep parallel to and just west of its present course before the basalt was

course before the basalt was erupted.

This old channel did not cut entirely through the soft ash which at this locations was about one hundred feet thick. When the basalt erupt ed from a volcano just to the west and flowed across this area, it blanketed the surface area. It blankered the surface with a layer about twelve to fifteen feet thick except where it filled the old channel and vailey. Where it filled the channel, the basalt created a north-south oriented linear pile just over thirty feet thick and a thinning wedge away from the channel toward the west. Same Cook reseates west. Squaw Creek reestab-lished its canyon further to the east where it is found today, eventually cutting

through the soft ash and into the welded rhyolite below. The history of Clover Creek above its confluence with Squaw Creek is a little less clear. It almost appears that the present course of Clover Creek didn't even exist until after the eruption of the lava that filled the Squaw Creek channel.

that filled the Squaw Creek channel.

The redirected Clover Creek, now flowing east instead of south, was required to flow across the lave. Alled carryon and valley of Squaw would have created a waterfall in the channel of Cover Creek that would have produced chuming at its base, securing out the ash to create a cave beneath the basalt dam.

um. Once the dam was under-

mined, Clover Creek contir ued to erode the loose ash from under the thinner val ley-fill portion of the basalt cover as the removal of the cover as the removal of the ash continued upstream under the basalt. This would have created, a large void under the basalt and a lava bridge may have existed for a shore period of time until enough of the ash had been removed that the whole thing colleges?

collapsed.

Visiting the site today, you can see the large blocks of basalt lying in the Clower Creek canyon and, looking, closely, you may be able to see small patches of the underlying soft, light-colored ash pecking between the blocks in places. Looking at the mesa that forms the the mesa that forms the north canyon wall, notice how the valley-fill portion of the basalt thins to the west away from the thick canyon fill nearer Squaw Creek. This may define the limit of the old Squaw Creek stream valley.

old Squaw Creek stream val-ley.

There is no obvious route to the overlook. If you have a map of the area, the closest tralihead point is where the road curves to the west and then a half mile walk across sage and basalt.

Laurence Growney is the past president of the Idaho Association of Professional Geologists. He welcomes e-mail at larrypgrowney@

holds Sunday event

JEROME — The Jerome Rod and Gun Club will hold a shoot on Stunday Competition begins with a 9 a.m sign- and a shoigun start at 10. This is a 100-target event. Cost is \$20 for members, \$23 for non-members, \$14 for juniors under 18; and \$17 for non-member juniors.

First-timers who have never

shot sporting clays at Jerome Gun Club get their first 50 tar-

gets free.

The club is located ¼ mile cast of Highway 93, mile marker 64 or 11 miles north of the junction of Highway 93 and 1-84.

I-84. ur first Saturday shoot will held on April 7, was a at success. Thanks to all who made this

Thanks to all who made una possible.

The club will begin its sec-The club will begin its sec-ond annual Sporting Clays league on Saturday, April 21, it consists of 300 targets that are shot over six weeks. This event is on Saturdays only, with 50 targets per week, individual scores and no

Our next scheduled shoot will be May 5. For more infor-mation, call Kenny Siemens at 733-6045.

MV Fly Fishers feature

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'Casting For Recovery'

TWIN FALLS — The Magic
valley Fly Fishers will feature
the Casting For Recovery program at their next meeting at 7

prin. Thursday, April 17 in
Room 117 of the Shields
Building at the College of
Southern Idaho.

The public is on contraged
and the public is not entered
to Casting for Recovery (ICFR)
to the featured speaker.

Casting for Recovery (ICFR)
is a national, non-profit support and educational program
for women who have, or have
had, breast cancer.

Founded in 1996, CFR has
offered free retreats across the
country, which-langeroprotate
counseling, educational services, and the sport of fly-fishing to promote menutal and
physical healing.

There will be a raffle at the
meeting, with the Magic Valley
Fly Fishers donating the proceds to CFR. For more information on this meeting, the
agic Valley Fly Fishers, or
CFR, call Connie Herbert at
539-9334.

Sun Valley closes season; fewer skiers hit slopes

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SUN VALLEY — Sun Valley's
71st ski season closed April 8.
A total of 362,317 skier visits
were logged for the season.
— in 2006, the resort posted its
most successful year with
420,517 skier visits in 152
days. This season lasted 137
days.

Audubon society to discuss changes in soil

Prairie Falcon Audubon Society, a local chapter of the National Audubon Society, will host a program about bio-logical soil crusts. Miniam Austin will discuss

Mirlam Austin will discuss moss, lichens, and cyanobacteria and the critical roles they play in nitrogen Ekation, nutrient cycling, erosion and weed control. The program is 7 p.m., Wednesday April 18 in Room 201 of the Shields Building at the College of Southern Idaho. The control of the College of Southern Idaho. This unique presentation. This unique presentation.

public is welcome.

This unique presentation will review the complex roles fulfilled by biological soil crusts, introduce identification of crust organisms, iden-

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tify the roles of biological soil crusts in Great Basin and other western ecosystems, and will introduce a wariety of conservation and management considerations. The presentation will include a unique hands-on "mini-tab" the night of the presentation. There will also be an opportunity for a follow-up field trip to view crustal organisms first hand.

St. Helens presentation takes place at museum

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TWIN FALLS — College of
Southern Idaho geology processor Shawn Wilsey will presnet "Mount St. tiebes Then
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Helens extensively since the cruption in 1980 that re-awakened Washington state's

aveidencet Washington states volcano.

Thave seen some dramatic changes occur in the crater over the past 1½ years, and 171 have some photos from my ascent of the mountain last August. Willsey said of his presentation. He also will talk about the 2004 eruption and other volcanoes in the clascade Range of the control of the property of the property

Parks and Rec slate three outdoor events

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department has planned three events for outdoors enthusiasts.

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A geological tour will take participants to a site that exposes them to nearly the entire geologic history of the Snake River Plain in less than one mile. An easy two-mile round-trip walk on a sandy road is required to reach the area. Participants should bring a snack and plemy of fluids and meet at 10 a.m. April 2a at the parts and ceresion office, 136 Maxwell Ave. Cost is \$35. Pre-registration is required.

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• A one-day scuba diving workshop will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. April 21 at the Twin Falls City Pool. Participants, who must be at least 8 years old, will learn the basics through professional instruction and have an opportunity to try scuba diving. Cost is \$20. Register at the parks and recreation office.

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• Professional skatchoarder shaw Black will teach skills and tricks to beginning and intermediate skatchoarders in a skatchoarding clinic set for 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays, April 21 through May 12, at the Twin Falls Skate Park, which will be reserved for exclusive use of clinic participants during clinic hours, Ages 6 and above are invited. All participants will receive a helmet and pad set from the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition. Cost is \$35, Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, call 736-2265 or step by the parks and recreation office at 136 Maxwell Ave.

The sage grosse receives on the periphery of the let, the 'dancing grounds' where grosse come to mate, challengs such other for hors, literal 25, sort Recitional. According to Dave Delebanty, an essecute professor of biology at Make State University, an elaborate dance performed such spring by male sage grounds is part of a process income as sexual selection. It entails pessing on traits that don't offer an immediate survival benefit but have a reproductive advantages. Dance of the sage grouse

By Bill Schaefer Idaho State Journal

POCATELLO — Blame it on the fernale for the male's extreme behavior. According to Dave Delchanty, an associate professor of biology at Idaho State University, an elaborate dance performed each spring by male Sage grouse is part of a process known as secual selection. It entails passing on traits that don't offer an immediate survival benefit but have a reproductive advantage.

At first sight, it seems too strange and absurd. Here in the Curlew National Grasslands, 20 miles south of lockland, our in the middle of what was once idaho's undisturbed sagebrish steppe, now that was once idaho's undisturbed sagebrish steppe, now lies a combination of sagebrish, cheatgrass and barren patches where caulie graze on grasses and slake ther thirst. It is here and throughout the high deserts of the West that sage grouse roosters and hems play out a spring friend as old as the thills that line the Curlew POCATELLO - Blame it on

The roosters put on a show of extraordinary plumage, inflating and popping their air sacs, all to impress the fickle hens, hoping

to be chosen as a mate.

Valley. It, is in these dancing grounds, called leks, that the sayeg grouse come to mate. The roosters put on a show of extraordinary plumage, inflating and popping their air sacs, all to impress the fickle materials, hoping to be chosen as a mate. According to Delchanny, the female is in charge of the mating rhual.

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That is why sage grouse behavior is so extreme. They imalest can't force a fermale to pick him. They have to compel a female to pick him. They have to compel a female to pick him. The makes make the mating decision. Delehany said while discussing grouse behavior on the

lek.
The grouse mating system is called lek polygyny, one male and many females.

said. 'One male will often get 80 percent or more of the copulation on the lek.'

In the hierarchy of a lek, there will be an alpha middhat attracts a majority of the females, and the other males will surround the alpha lek and try to catch the eyes of the females with their dancing. Hens will breed after the first winter of life but males typically do not have the size, stamliy do not have the size, stamli

ly do not have the size, stami-na or social dominance for two

na or social dominance tor two to three years.

"It takes a few years for the male to work through that system to occupy the center position." Delehanty said.
Each rooster's lek measures a few square meters. Lek is a Swedish word meaning "to play." In a lek, the roosters gather to advertise and attract fermales to breed. The hens

come to observe the roosters and examine the heelth and physiological quality of the roosters by their dancing. But these are tough days for sage grouse survival.

A lex these days is lucky to have 20-30 roosters whereas ploneer observers reported seeing leks of 200-300 roosters. Its been estimated they are not to the control of the c seeing leks of 200-300 roosters.
Its been estimated that more
than 90, percent of the sag grouse historical range has
been converted from sags
steppe to agricultural use.
According to Delehanty,
sage grouse persistently return
to the site of their leks.

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"In Bancroft they built a road over a lek, and the birds still return to the site." Delehanty said.

Habitat loss, habitat degradation and habitat fragmentation. combined with West Nile drivas, and a population boom of rawens, have impacted present sage grouse populations.

"I think that Idahoans should cherish and protect their sagebrush steppe if we walke our wildlife heritage." Delehanty said.

Number of federal workers cut at National Bison Range

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Is reducing the number of federal workers at Montana's National Bison Range.citing a lack of funding, and is moving some of the animals to federal reserves in other states. The decisions complicate the relationship between the federal government and public for the federal government and federal government and public federal federal government and public can be considered to the federal government and public can be considered to the federal government and public federal government and government and government go

In December, the interior Department abruptly can-celed an interim plan that had allowed the tribe a role in managing the range. Later that month, the

department reversed that decision, saying it would re-establish that relationship in 2007, under certain condi-

2007, unuer cereminations.
But the new contract is still being negotiated, according to the interior Department, leaving future control of the range up in the air.
"We don't have a contract right now," sald Dean Rundle, writes supervisor for the

a refuge supervisor for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Because the range is cur-rently under federal supervi-

Rundle said the govern-ment has currently author-ized 17.5 jobs on the range. The cuts, effective immediately, will bring the number of full-time employees down to

6.3.

Because many of the current jobs are vacant and some workers are planning to change jobs anyway. Rundle sald, the agency will not have to lay off any workers. Temporary and seasonal workers will pick up the slack, he said.

he said.
In a statement, Mitch King, the agency's Mountain-Prairie regional director, said the range has "played an

essential role in the conserva-tion of American bison for many and the conserva-tion of American bison for "Its Important, however, to temember that the National Wildlife Refuge System is con-stantly changing and adap-ing to meet the nation's con-servation challenges, includ-ing operational realities that require we focus on our core mission and trust responsibil-ties," King said. The changes at the range reflect this reali-ty".

ty."

The Fish and Wildlife
Service began moving some
of the bison among ranges
late last year, to better manage the bison.

Idaho F&G plans carp rule changes

BOISE (AP) -- Commercial BUINE (AP) — Commercial fishermen would sometimes be able to use gill nets to fish for carp under new rules proposed by the Idaho Department of, Fish and Game.

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Under the proposal, the department director would be able to approve the use of gill nets by commercial fishermen for some species, including

carp.
The gill nets would only be used for nongame species and

the nets would have to be clearly marked with buoys and emptied at least once every 18 hours. The net fishing would only be allowed on a would only be allowed on a case-by-case basis after the director determined that the targeted fish was the primary species in the water and that other methods of catching the fish were impractical.

The department is secepting public comment on the proposed change, officials said.

Poachers beware. California has a ...

CSI team for wildlife

By Rone Tempest . Los Angeles Times

ORICK, Calif. — An hour before dusk, when the redwood shadows on the popular Brown Creek hiking truil are long and dark, a mountain ilon sprang from a huckberry bush onto Jim Hammis back, gripped his face with giant claws and tore at the back of his skull with its funzs.

the back of his fangs.
Looking at the ghastly photographs a few hours later, wildlife forensies specialist lim Banks shook his head. "Darm near scalped him," Banks mutangar scalped him,"

released its hold.
After the attack, hunters summoned to the scene in Prairie Creek Nedwoods State Park north of Eureka had shot and killed two mountain lions. The urgent task for Banks and his colleague, geneticist Jeff Rodzen, was to determine if one of them was the attacker. Like the popular TV crime show, Banks and Rodzen form a kind of wildlife CSI team grack.

ind of wildlife CSI team, cr ng cases in their state epartment of Fish and Game

Department of Fish and Game forensics laboratory outside Sacramento, the state capital. In 1995, the lab became one of the first state widdlife facilities in the country to use DNA evidence to positively identify wild an inmals that statek humans and livestock, and to humans and leventock, and to DNA to Tack (ill legally humans, Banks, 69, and Rodzert, 31, have used DNA to track (ill legally humansless).

and Rodzen. 31, have used DNA to track tilegally harvested bear gallbladders and Scarmento River sturgeon caviar thieves. Having built a comprehensive DNA file on the state's deer population, their next project is to genetically map depicted red abalone pop-ulations. In animal-attack cases, their work exponences animals nearly

map depletes rea assource populations.

In animal-attack cases, their work exonerates animals nearly as often as it convicts them.

In fact, one of the first things that worried Banks about the Jan. 24 mountain lion attack was that it would spawn a rash of false reports in other parts of California. Sometimes, he said, these are coverups for human foul play, A number of alleged bear and mountain lion attacks that Banks has investigated over the years actually turned out to be homicided over the years actually turned out to be homicided in the fact of the property of t

nom a mountain lion.

Banks recommended an autopsy — and the grateful coroner discovered three bullet holes in the man's head. The carnage to the body was done by coyotes and bears after his death.

death.

In Jim Hamms case, the type of perpetrator was never in question. According to game warden Paul Welden, the first on the scene, the mountain ilon

on the scene, the mountain ion or mountain ill nos were still lurking nearby. Welden and a park ranger walked into the darkened ferest, and a 12-gauge shougun. Welden was startled when the ranger blurred suddenly. Twe got eyes in the bushes right there.

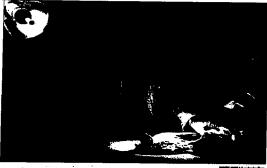
Soon, both men saw a moun-tain lion moving in the huckle-berries and ferns only 30 feet

away.

They contacted local professional hunters Jace Comfort and Blue Millsap, and Millsap released his coonhounds into the woods. The dogs treed two mountain lions, a male and a female, both of whom Millsap killed with his 30-30 rffle.

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But until blood, hair and sali-va samples taken from the mountain lions and the victim



Wildlife forensics specialist lim Banks, left, and geneticist left Rodzen examine Game laboratory outside Sacramento, Calif. The lab uses DNA evidence to posit

could be matched, supervising game warden Lr. Rick Banko had to assume that a dangerous big cat, was still at large. He closed the section of the piopular state park where the attack occurred.

Another warden, Paul Cardoza, drove all night in his pickup to reach the forensics lab with the first Millsap kill—the 68-pound mountain lioness—and Hamm's blood-soaked clothing and backpack. He was

and Hamm's blood-rosked clothing and table blood-rosked clothing and table blood rosked to have considered to be seen and to grant gate to the seen and to dear gate in Bancho Cordova when Banks and Rodzen arrived the next moning.

The mountain lioness measured fie feet of inches from tall tip to head. Wearing surgical gloves, the two investigators hovered, over the cat's body, stretched out on a stainless-steel table in the labs necropsy room. They swabbed samples

sisted table in the labs necropy-room. They swabbed samples from the lloness' mouth and chest and from under the leath-ery folds of skin at the base of her retractable claws. The state of Cats are mediculous about cleaning themselves. Banks explained, but they have trou-ble reaching this area around their claws. If we find human blood, dits is the most likely— place.

blood, uns is un.

place.*

Banks had hoped there
might be some obvious physical sign linking the lioness or
the larger male lion — who
arrived latter in the day on a Fish
and Game plane — to the
attack. The investigators had
the bent ballpoint pen that Nell
Hamm had used to fend off the
attack but could find no mark
on either animal.

This could be a tough one, Banks said.

"A real whodunit," said state
wildlife veterinarian Danie

"A real whodunit," said state wildlife veterinarian Pamela Swift, who ordered both animals tested for rables. Inside the Fish and Game regional headquarters on the American River east of Sacramento, opinion was divided among those who thought the attacker was the lioness, who lion — or neither. Banks, who has 35 years' experience in criminal and wildlife forensies, favored the lioness. Swift was betting on the male.

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The wildlife detectives knew that a lot was at stake. A speedy determination would keep within force in about the stake.

mountain lions. "If we don't get the right cat," said swift, "then everyone out there will be packing guns and shooting cats and claiming self-protection."

For Banks and Rodzen, the first step toward solving the first step toward solving the first step toward solving the mystery was to determine whether human blood was on one of the mountain lions. When the scientists arrived at the lab the next morning, they had hoped for — and they had narrived the investigation to single mountain lion.

The human antibodies had

single mountain flon.

The human antibodies had reacted to all of the samples from the mountain floness. The male flons samples were negative.

male lion's samples were negative.

Based on this result, Banks was able to call game warden-Banko at Mad River Community Hospital in Arcain, where Jim Hamm was being treated for fils wounds.

We are now certain that it is the female lion. Banks told him. Most of her front paws had human blood. We don't know for sure yet that it is the victim's blood, but what are the chances of a lion walking around with another human's blood on its paws?

The results were enough to reopen the trail and reassure the public. Once we had this, I know we were golden. Banko said.

Several days later, DNA sam-Several days later, DNA sam-

said.
Several days later, DNA samples tested at the Fish and Game lab and, for extra confirmation, at UCLA's Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, produced conclusive evidence.

Hair found on Hamm's shirt Hair found on Hamm's shirt was from the mountain Boness. Blood found on the Boness' chest and paws matched Hamm's "Everything turned out as we expected." Banks said.

out as we expected. Commercial.

Banks introduction of forensic science into wildlife management has made him a hero
to the states 250 game wardens
— and the bane of poachers.

Today, wardens say, most
poachers faced with DNA evidence just pleat guilty.

"Im Banks is God," said
Welden, who works out of
Crescent City. "When Jim gives
an answer, it is the answer.
When Jim says it, it is the runh."

When Jim says it, it is the truth." Before Banks and DNA, said Banko, "All we had was a gut

pile that some poncher had left bethind. Now we can say for sure that it is the same animal as the ment we find in some one's freezer. It's changed the whole ballgame.

Over the last decade, Banks and Rodzen have used DNA evidence to break elk poaching rings, round up sturgeon caviar collectors on the Sacramento River and investigate the mysterious drowning of several hundred immature terms in Long Beach Inarbor.

DNA study of the state's deer population that allows them to determine within a few miles the home habitat of a slain deer. In the next year, faced with the proposed reopening of commercial abalone fishing on San Miguel Island off the Southern California coast, they plan a similar DNA census of the abalone fishery from Oregon to the Mexican border. Science has made a believer out of Ronnele Vaughn, a 39-year-old Orick resident who will be controlled the summer of the summer of the country of the summer of the country of the summer of the summer

noon.
"Me and game wardens have been having run-ins and play-ing hide and-seek all my life, he said. "A lot of us around here are that way. But this DNA ha caught us up and passed us Anyways, I'm through w poaching, that's for sure."

Deer foundation slates fundraiser

For the Times-News

TWIN FALLS - People who love mule deer, mule deer hunting, or just want to help mule deer can attend the 11th Annual Mule Deer Foundation Fundraiser Personnel County Faligrounds in Filer.

"It is always a great time." It is always a great time. The foundation and Wendell resident. The food is great; we have tons of prizes and we are raising money for mule deer how much better could it ber".

ber — The dours will-open-at-3-Jm. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. with B-B-Q Tri-Tlp Steak. Dutch oven potates, vegeta-bles, salad and admer roll as the main course, The meal will be topped off with Dutch oven desserts.

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Tickets range in price from \$225 for a sponsorship, which includes: a regular membership, two dinner tickets, \$100 in affle tickets, and a 1-in-10 chance of winning a Browning A Bolt Medallion rille. A regular membership and two dinners cost \$75, with children between a 12 years old costing \$10 cach.

The money all goes to a good cost of the control of the property of th

in the Magic Valley, Mule Deer Foundation members have been instrumental in the effort of improving mule deer habitat. More than \$6,000 has

May 5, Tests Ratio County.
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Happy hour begins at 4 p.m.
three at 5 16-51.3
For more information; call Ron.
Bishop at \$24-571.9 or Dan.
Hansen at 73-7270.
Mule deer fundralser in Filer
on May 5.

gone to the purchase of bitter-brush this year alone.

Last-year, club-members-cooked meals for more than 400 volunteers who planted 36,000 bitter-brush plants across the Magic Valley's mule deer winter, range. This were across the Magic Valley's mule doer winter range. This year they are planning meals for more than 500 volunteers that are working toward planting 56,000 plants. "It is a huge effort, but work-ing with the Idaho

ing with the idaho Department of Fish and Game on this project has provided our chapter and membership

our chapter and membership some great satisfaction.⁷ Ilansen said.
"We know we are doing something good for mule deer around the areas that we hunt and live.
Buy tickets early, Seating is limited to 250 people and those purchasting tickets, before April 21 will be eligible to the early held of the conto the early bird prize of a tra-ditional muzzleloader.

For more information on the banquet, call Ron Bishop at 324-5719 or Dan Hansen at 731-7270.

Endangered pygmy rabbits becoming treats for predators

EPHRATA. Wash. (AP) — The 20 endangered pygmy rabbits that were reintro-duced to the wild with great fanfare last month aren't far-ing so well.

The state says 14 of the 20.

The state says 14 of the 20 rabbits have been killed by

predators.
Only four of the rabbits released on March 13 remained at the Sagebrush Flat Wildlife Area as of

Tuesday, said David Hays, pygmy rabbit coordinator for the state Department of Fish and Wildlife.

the state Department and Wildlife. Hays said two males were removed earlier this month and will be returned at the end of April.

The other 14 rabbits are believed to have fallen victim to predators, mainly coyotes, but also hawks and owis, Hays said.

Hatchery

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Codbased from page D1 using all the available raceways near full capacity and would really like to see them go elsewhere. In addition, fertilized eggs will soon be arriving for next year's crop, demanding even more of his attention.

The stocked fish's destination is hopefully determined a year in advance. Doug Megargie, Fish and Game's regional fisheries manager, places orders to Chapman on size, number, and forecasted location.

location.
According to Megargle, past catch rates for specific waters are obtained from creel surveys and returns of jaw tags by

successful anglers. Areas with the best catch rates, along with waters predicted to be the least affected by adverse conditions like drought, then

conditions like drought, then receive the highest priority for stocking.

In the end. 40 percent of all fish raised at the Hagerman State Fish Hatchery stay in the Magic Valley. Whether cleased as something ready to be hooked, or fish that might need a little time to grow, the programs success depends on as many fish possible getting caught.

But that won't happen unless anglers play a part by grabbing their favorite gen and getting a line wet

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Briefing with the boss

Employer support of National Guard and Reserves drums up local business participation

JEROME — At the end of April and through the beginning of May, some 250 Magic Valley residents now serving in the Army Magic valley residents now scrving in the Army National Guard and Reserves will return to their

After a brief vacation, these folks will be contacting their bosses so they can return to work. Some employers, either ignorant of the law or just ignoring it, may tell them that they no longer have jobs.

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ment Rights
Act.
Lt. Col. Tom Rasmussen,
commander of the Idaho
National Guard's 116th
Brigade Troops Battalion,
said it's heartwarming for a
soldier returning from war
to receive support from the
community and their
employers — especially
since it can be a great disruption for an organizatio
to, abruptly, lose, part, of its
workforce.

We appreciate when our

"We appreciate when our soldiers can come home and get their Jobs back." Rasmussen said.

Sometimes employers do more than they have to for deployed workers.

Gooding Police Chief Jeff Perry was presented the "Above and Beyond Award during the event for his role in taking care of an officer on duty.

in taking care of an onices on duty.

Sgt. Trent Lykins was deployed with the Marines to Iraq last August. After he left, some suspects in a case he had been working on hefore to his deployment began harassing his family.

They were getting threats and some stalking threats and some stalking

situations occurred at my home, "tykins said. 'I had a wife and two little boys back here and I was help-less to do anything about it couldn't concentrate. With that in mind. I called the chief and he had a couple of the chief and he had coupled the chief and the chief and he had coupled the chief and the ch cers there 24/7. I was able to cut my deployment in half, given the circumstances, and I came home and it all worked out. The chief really went above and beyond.

Perry shrugged off his actions off as "the right thing to do." I've are a family-oriented department. he said. "It is our job rotake care the sofidiers' families and homes while they are away, as well

our job to take care under diers' families and homes while they are away, as well as hold their positions for them for when they return. We would twe done that for alwooding Police Department is familiar with reservists and Guard members being deployed. Besides Lymans. Kins. another

Besides Ly-kins, another officer - has served abroad and a third may go soon. "We just hired another reservist and I am sure at some point

e Quard and reservist and I sure at some point he will be deployed. Perry said. When he returns, he will, be taken care of just like the other ones have been. Perry Is also in the running for the national Patriot Award for the way he handled Lykins situation. Diana Obenauer, Jerome County commissioner and Idaho Region 5 director of LESCR, explained that the group just wants business support.

group Just wants business support.

Our organization has been dormant down here for awhile, 'she said. 'This tuncheon was the first tuncheon was the first effort in getting more visible. By bringing these public officials and executives together we can garner enthusiasm and support for when our troops return. The military needs our support and be should be The military needs our sup-port and be should be awestruck with a home-coming, by both the com-munity and their employ-

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

Getting a good deal

Mini-Cassia residents pay less for electricity than national average

Residents in Rupert, Burley and Heyburn are getting a pretty good deal on their elec-trical rates, considering what others across the county are

Torking our Rupert takes the tri-city comparison for its low rate charged to some 3.100 homes at 5.20 cents per kilowat hour (kWh). Heyburn is close behind, offering its 1,103 customers it rate of \$2.2 Burley's 3.651 households pay 5.78 cents, only slightly more than the state average of \$5.67. These figures were supplied by officials in each city.

While Mini-Cassia residents are paying some of the lowest

are paying some of the lowest electrical rates in the country, electrical rates in the country, others across the nation are paying an average of 9.81 cents per kWh. Connecticut leads the pack in the contiguous states at 17-91 cents and liawall comes in at a whoping 21-94, according to the U.S. Department of Energy of the U.S. Department of Energy of the U.S. Department of Energy of the U.S. Department 2006 report. Old December 2006 report. Indistricts with power auxiliarity with power auxiliarity with power auxiliarity.

All three local clies supply residents and business and industries with power pur-chased from Bonneville Power Administration. The clies' cost for power can fluctuate almost daily depending on factors like cost and availability of fuel, construction and mainte-nance for power plants, supply, and demand, global events, and weather. Costs can also be affected by state and local taxes.

affected by state and local taxes.

When city council members set electrical rates, it can be quite a balancing act to determine a fair price for city customers without going in the hole if BPA's prices go up, said Rupert's Interim Director of Public Works Dennis Andrew.

DOE officials say the biggest actor in determining electricity actor in determining electricity anoushold uses a month. To some extent this can be controlled by turning off lights, turning down thermostats, turning down thermostats, turning down thermostats, turning and lights.

Figuring out what a customer pays for just the elec-



oke punches in the reading from a Rupert resident's electrical meter. According to the U.S. Dep ecomber 2006 electric report, Maho offers the lowest average residential rate at 5.67 cents p s December 2006 electric report, Idabo offers the lowest average residentia: na comes in second at 6.15, Utah 7.30, Washington 7.10, Oregon 7.55, Mor

tricity on a city utility bill can be tricky. Most bills include charges for other services like garbage pick-up, sewer, water and the city's base electrical charge—a service charge that covers maintaining customer records, meter reading and billing.

Other charges that can appear on the bill include service fees for disconnect notices, extra charges for yard lights and possibly state and local

and possibly state and local taxes. The base charge appears on the bill even if the customer does not use any electricity that month.

In Rupert the base charge of \$15 is rolled into the usage calculation and has prompted.

Officials to consider changing the city's billing system to help clarify that charge for customers. In Burley the residential base charge is \$8, in Heyburn it is \$9.59.

tomers. In Burley the residen-tial base charge is \$8, in Heyburn it is \$9.59.
Customers can figure out the electrical usage portion of a city utility bill by multiplying the number of kilowatt hours used in the home by the city's rate. Instructions on how to read a meter can be found on the DOE were presented to the : DOE web : wl.eere.energy.gov/kids.

Rupert mulls policy change for electrical deposits

Officials in Rupert are work-ing to update the city's electri-cal deposit policy after it drew criticism from some long-time residents who wanted their

The cost of electrical power

Comparing the cost of the national average monthly residential electrical use (938 kWn in 2005):

**Rupert \$48.78*

**Heyburn \$48.96*

**Burley \$54.22*

**National average \$92.02*

- Nationwide average \$92.02 Haweii \$205.80

money-back,
"It's just progression and it needs to be dealt with at this time," said Carma Maxey, city clerk.

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Hesidents questioned city council members recently about the policy that retained electrical deposits indefinitely or until a resident disconnective service. The council responded by requesting the city office gather information and move-toward updating, city policy to bring it more in line with neighboring cities. "We did a lot of research to find out what other cities were doing," Maxey said.

City policies dealing with electrical deposits vary somewhat, and both Heyburn and Barley refund deposits after a period of on-time payments of morthly bilis. The council has been distribution and is moving the council and is a cou

rie council has been dis-cussing it and is moving toward refunding the deposit after a period of time if the cus-tomer has a good payment record," said Dennis Andrew,

Electrical deposit policies

Buffer: Nee the monthly bill.

If the bill is paid on time for a year, the deposit along with interest is credited to the bill. However, the deposit along with interest is credited to the bill. However, and the common of the control of the control of the bill during a financial crunch, spoly it to the social crunch; spoly it to the secound or pick it but in cash. No interest is paid.

Respect \$200. The policy is undergoing revision after residents complained about the city retaining deposits indefinitely or unit service was disconnected. No interest is paid.

interim public works director.

Andrew said the move forward will create a lot of extra work for employees in the city office as they try to unrawed the control of the city o

World Bank president admits 'mistake' in helping friend with job transfer

By Jeannine Aversa Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — World Bank WASHINGTON - World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz acknowledged Thursday that he certed in helping a close female friend get transferred to a high-paying job. 71 made a mistake for which I am sorry. The said. The growing controversy has more received to the property of th

about whether wontowitz was stay on the job.

At issue is the generous com-pensation of a bank employee.
Shaha Riza, who has dated Wolfowitz. She was given an assignment at the State

Department in September 2005, shortly after he became bank president. "In hindsight I wish I had

"In hindsight I wish I had russied my original instincts and kept myself out of the nego-dations," Wolfowitz said. He said he met Thursday morning with the World Bank's, board and than members were looking into the matter. He declined to discuss what actions, if any, the board could take.

"I proposed to the board that they establish some mechanis to judge whether the agreement reached was a reasonable out-come," he said, referring to Riza's transfer. "I will accept any remedies they propose."



World Bank President Paul
Wolfowitz takes his seat prior to a
news conference at the
International Monetary Fund
(IMF) building in Washington,

Jobless claims hit highest level in two months

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans filling new claims for unemploy-ment benefits rose last week to the highest level in two

to the highest level in two menths.

The unexpected spike was blamed on the Easter boli-days rather than fundamental labor market weakness.

The Labor Department reported Thusday that applications for jobless benefits totaled 342,000 last week, up 19,000 from the previous week.

week.
The increase, which followed a rise of 13,000 the previous week, was much larger than forecast and pushed total claims to the highest

level since the week of Feb. 10.
But analysts attributed the surge to problems in adjusting the data for changes in layoff patterns that reflect different times each year for school breaks and the Easter building.

legent tunns-school breaks and the Easter holidays. In other economic news, the nation's major retail chains reported better-than-expected sales in March, However, there were con-cerns that rising gasoline prices could lead shoppers to curtail their spending in com-ine months.

ing months. Stores, whose wai-Mart Stores, whose customers cut back on shop-ping because of high gas prices last year, warned about a tough sales environment this spring, while Federated Department Stores Inc. said

its first quarter sales will come in at the low end of expectations. In another report, the price of imported goods rose by 1.7 percent in March, the biggest jump in 10 months. The Labor Department said the spike in import prices was driven by a 9 percent tise in the cost of imported petrolem. The price was the price of the cost of imported petrolem imports rose a more modest imports pose a more modest of the price of

Convicted felon: Using stolen identities to apply for tax refunds easy

By Jim Abrams Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A man serving prison time for fraud told Congress Thursday that using stolen identities to apply for tax refunds was "an easy way to make money quickly."

The system in my eyes is institute refunds the property of the control of the property of the control of the property of the property

quickly."
"The system in my eyes is inviting criminals like myself to steal from the IRS, banks, et cetera." Evangelos Dimitros Soukas sald in testimony before the Senate

Finance Committee.

Soukas, 28, serving nearly eight years in prison for defrauding the government, hanks and individuals of \$1.1 million, said he was puzzled why the Internal Revenue Service doesn't require PIN numbers or use of a mother's maiden name when filing electronically or seeking information from IRS call centers.

The head of the IRS told the panel that stopping identity

panel that stopping identity thieves isn't simple, but the senators weren't mollified.

In a heated exchange, Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., asked IRS

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Commissioner Mark Everson
Commissioner Mark Everson
Soukas suggestions. Turning
to Soukas, Baucus said his
criminal acts were 'not a mark
of your accomplishment, it's
anark of the government's failure to protect taxpayers."
Sen. Charles Grassley. Rlowa, top Republican on the
panel, also faulted the IRS,
saying it was "not reaching out

to help the taxpayers who fail tettin, but is instead interrogating them as though they were the crooks.

Everson said he would study new deterroin safeguards but new deterroin safeguards but trade-off between acting new rotections and efforts to make taxpaying more consumer irlendly. "If you stop everything that you think is questionable, then you will be damaging the Interests of many legitimate taxpayers," he said.

Market Watch

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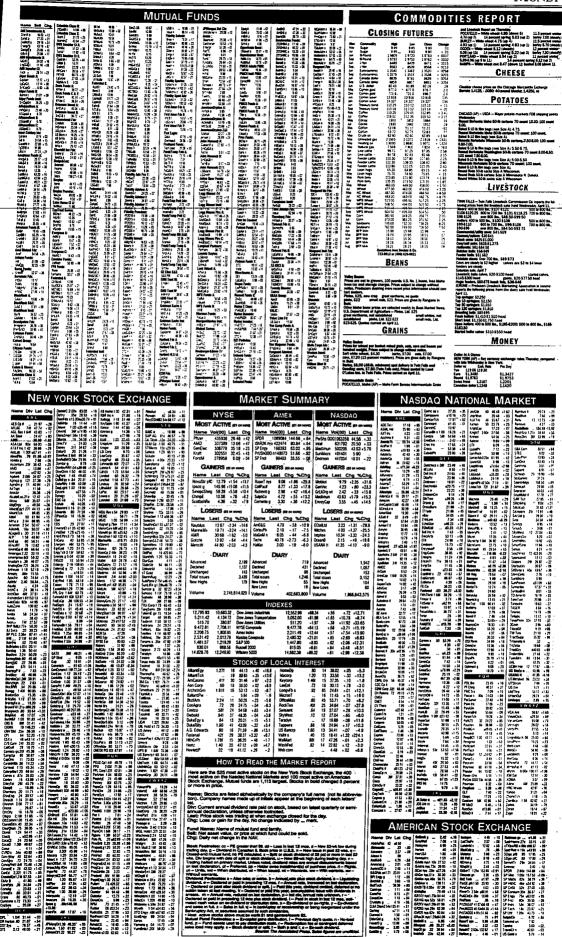
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Suicide bombers kill 18 at Iraqi parliament, bridge

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber alipped through the tightest security net in Baghdad and blew himself up in the mildst of lawmakers having tunch in the parliament dining hall Thursday. U.S. officials said eight people, including parliament members, were killed in the deadliest-ever attack in the American-guarded Green Zone.

Zone. The stunning breach of Security, on the same day that a massive bombling destroyed once of Baghdad's main bridges, laid a cloud of heavy doubt about progress in the latest U.S.-Iraqi bid to clamp off violence in the capital. The drive has put thousands of troops on the streets in a massive operation to round up militants and their weapons.

A news video camera capared the moment of the blast sured the moment of the blast.

about 2:30 p.m. — a flash and an orange ball of fire causing



Jalaluddin al-Saghir, a startled parliament member who was being interviewed, to duck. Smoke and dust billowed through the area, and con-fused and frightened lawmak-ers and others could be heard-screaming for help and to find

ices fook for sur vivers next to a collapsed bridge in Baghdad, Iraq Thursday. A sol-cide truck to the exploded on the exploded on the al-Seraffya bridge in Baghdad early sending cars top-pling into the Tigris river below, police and wit-

colleagues

A woman was shown kneeling over what appeared to be a wounded or dead man near a table and chairs. The camera then focused on a bloody, severed leg:— apparently that of the suicide bomber.

Three miles north and seven hours earlier, a bombing sent a major bridge linking east and west Baghdad plunging into the figris River. Several cars plummeted into the murky, brown water, and at least 10 people were known to have died.

Many more

Many more were believed missing

Many more were believed missing. Police blamed a suicide truck bomber for the attack on the al-Scarliya bridge, which the British built in the 1950s. AP Television News video, however, showed the bridge broken in two places—perhaps the result of two blasts.

perhaps the result of two blasts.
Security officials at Iraq's parliament said they believed the bomber in the cafteria-attack was a bodyguard of a Sunni lawnaker who was not among the casualites. The hombing, which wounded both Sunnis and Shiltes, showed that determined suicide assailants remain capable of striking at will.

U.S. military 'spokesman Maj. Gen. William Caldwell

said the attack bore the trade-marks of al-Qaida in Iraq. The terrorist group is flighting not only to oust U.S. forces from Iraq but also against fellow Sunnis In the west of the country who have begun to leave the insurgency and side with U.S. and Iraq's soldiers. "We don't know at this point.

who it was. We do know in the past that suicide vests have

al-Qaida," the U.S. military, spokesmas said.
One of the lawmakers killed on the attack, Mohammod Awad, was a member of the moderate Sunni National Dialogue Front, according to party leader Saich al-Mulay A female Sunni lawmaker from the same list way wounded, he said.

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In harm's way in Baghdad's Green Zone

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The bomb exploded no more than a few yards away. First, a brilliant flash of orange light like a starburst, then a giant popping sound. A gust of debris, flesh and blood threw me from my chair as if I were made of card-beard

board.
T was lying on a bed of shattered glass on the floor of the cafeteria of the Iraqi partiament building, covered with ashes and dust. Small pieces of flesh clung to my bluejeans. Blood, someone cleek, spectamend glasses. Blood, mine-ozed from my left hand, punctured by, a thry shard of glass.

oozed from my lett munpunctured by, a tiny shard of
glass.

"Are you okay? Are you
okay? asked Saad al-tzt, one
of The Post's fingl correspondents, standing over me, his
face famed by an eerie yellowish glow, his voice distant. I did
not teply.

Thave always thought about
this moment. In Iraq, every
journalist does. But I did not
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inside the Green Zone, the
nerve center of the Iraq government and its backer, the
United States. To enter, you
must pass heavily armed U.S.
soldiers. Feruvian security contractors, bomb-sniffing dogs,
one you are inside, there are
checkpoints sealed by concrete
barriers on nearly every stretch
of, road. Then, more body
searches, metal detectors,
bomb-sniffing dogs, and identity checks.
Saad and I had arrived at the

bomb-sniffing dogs, and iden-ity checks.
Said and I had arrived at the parliament building at around 2 p.m. on Thursday. The cafet-ria on the first floor was packed with scores of politiclars, aides and others working to rebuild traq. There were Sunnis, Shilter and Kurds, the religious and the secular, scated at glass-topped tables. Walters served roasted chicken on beds of rice and coffee.

coffee.

We met Mustafa al-Hiit, a
Sunni member of parliament.
He motioned for us to sit down.
A few feet away, at a nearby
table, sat his friend,
Mohammed Awar, another
politician. Hiit greeted Awar,
then returned to our table.
The bomb detonated at the
edfo of the 25 minute interview.
Saad initially thought a mortar

shell or a rocket struck the celling. In recent weeks, such attacks had taken place in the Green Zone. Later: Sand death of the control of the control of the celling. Dr. Mustafa was lying next to you. He was sturing at me. I knew that you were having the same problems with your ears. I was shouting at you. Sand helped me up. The smoke was thick as glant rain clouds. It was difficult to breathe. Dust covered the carpeling too. like snow. Hundreds of shoe imprints pointed toward the exit — and illustrated the chaos. We walked through the apocalypide landscape, cerily silent save for the crites of ghostly, didn't know it then, but my left eardrum had been perforated. At the bottom of a staffease, an old man writhed in pain. He had somehow worked his way down the steps. He had two more to go, but he seemed to have given up. We didn't stop. Outside, I raigs, men and women, young and old, were hundled in groups. Some punched the buttons on their phones. Others wept. Most appeared stunned and solemn, deep inside their own realms, like I was.

appeared stunned and sommin, deep inside their own realms, like I was.

At 4:40 p.m., we heard another blast.

"Car bomb?," Hiti asked Sand, We weren't sure.

An armhulance arrived to treat the wounded. They put a young man with a green cloth wrapped around his head into the vehicle. His shirt, like mine, was peppered with blood stains. At the main U.S. military hospital inside the Green Zone, a military ear doctor said 20 percent of my left ear drum was perforated. It would heal naturally in a month or two. By then, the hospital was treating 20 to 30 wounded fragis, said Maj. William Alken, a hursing supervisor.

Alken said that usually, after a bombing, he has to fix a patients missing arms, legs, their very souls, I still had all of that, and more.

"I don't believe in coincidence," said Alken, from San Antonio, Texas, Willer.



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Equipped with an all-new, more powerful exterior design and a plethone of new convenience features, Dodge keeps the heat on the marketplace with the introduction of the full-size Dodge Durange SUV Exterior changes and enhancements in-clude the following: new form and rear fascias - body mounted to eliminate gaps for a more precise look; new front fenders, grille, hood and headlangs; new body side middings; new lifegate light bar that incorporates the Dodge logo; and new, in the design and the design of the design and the

designation. Dodge also offers the optional 5.7L HEMI V8 enne with the automaker's ulti-displacement System

Multi-asplacement System (MDS).

Consumers may choose between two- or four-wheel drivetrain configurations. Torque for the Vis communicated to the wheels through a 42RLE four-speed automatic transmission with overdrive, while the V8 engines are boiled to a 5-45HEE five-speed automatic gearbox. Dodge offers wo different transfer cases for the all-wheel drive systems the single speed NVI-44ID (standard with the 4.71.V8) in the two-speed NVI-44ID (standard with the 5.71.V8) IEBM). Power is transferred to the ground via a four- or five-speed



automatic gearbox.

Underway, the Durango equipped with the optional 4.7L WH Fixzhe engine is a delight to drive. Willingly responsive and easy to handle at speed, the Fiexzhed prime mover gives the motorist additional options with regards to the daily operating costs of the Dodge SUX. The foundation of the Durango is a platform featuring a hydroformed and fully boxed frame for added stiffness and refinement. The steel which body is mounted on the frame with 10 rubber losialoix. The suspension hardware is bolted

to this foundation and includes upper and lower 'A' arms torsion bars, gas-charged monotube shock absorbers and a stabilizer bar in front. He and the absorbers and a stabilizer bar in front. He and the absorbers and stabilizer bar in the rear. Inside the cabin is a delight for driver and passengers. The driver enjoys a commanding view of the road, with large, easy to read displays, intuitive fingertip controls and switches. Seating is roomy and comfortable from front to rear, Side view mirrors are large for easy viewing, while the center con-

sole is versatile, including a

sole is versatile, including a power point, storage, arm rest and dual grippy cupholders. Durango's rear duors open some 14 degrees to facilitate ingress and egrees to the second and third row seating positions. Second row seating is a 40/20/40 split bench seat with a fold and tumble design. Additionally, the rear doors feature windows that fully retract to let all the air in. Access to the, optional two-passenger thirdoptional two-passenger third-row 60/40 seat is further aide by hand grips built into the sides of the "C" pillar-make ingress and egress easier. The rear hatch is a light-

2007 Dodge Durango SUV by the Numbers

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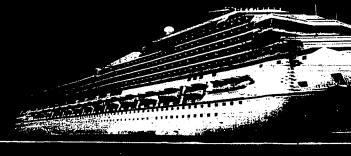
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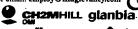
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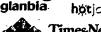
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Budweiser Grand Nationals: 1. Louis Lopez; 2. Jerry Rice; 3. Jerry McKean; 4. Randy Price; 5. Willie Dalton; 6. Ernie Hall; 7. Bill Manker: 8. Terrence O'Brien; 9. Jeffrey Meads: 10. Mike Wilson.

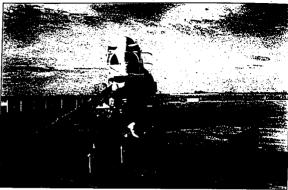
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Construction is already underway on a hospitality area at Magic Valley Speedway, just one of the projects new owner Eddy McKane kas in the works for the facility.

New owner behind the wheel at Magic Valley Speedway

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - With the start of the 2007 season, a very long chapter in the books of the Magic Valley Speedway is ending and a new one is about to begin. The track is different, the pits are different, some of the racing rules are different and, most notably the

ownership has changed hands, On March 30, it was announced that Eddy and Lynnette McKean of McKean Racing completed the purchase

of the speedway from Steve York. York had been owner/promoter of the track since its inception in 1986, evolving the facility from a dirt track to a NASCAR sanctioned asphalt track which now has the capability of seating more than 3,000 spectators. Over the past 21 years, York has also made improvements with more rest-

rooms, concession stands, new lighting for the track and a large scoreboard with a transponder scoring

However, former racer Eddy McKean has been working fast and furious to add even more to the

The pit area has been expanded and additional concrete pads for the race cars are already in place, McKean believes this will be a big plus for the drivers who often spend several hours in the pits before race time setting up their rides.

"I've been to a lot of races out there and I know what it's like having to work in the dirt," he explained. "I think this is going to be better for the racers."

Additionally, McKean has set aside a designated parking area for the sponsors and work is underway on a hospitality pavilion. Soon he hopes to have work completed on a tech building in the pits.

The inspection building will be a little more of a private and cleaner area for the techs," McKean said. There's also going to be restrooms and a concession stand in there."

One of the most obvious changes for MVS fans will be to the infield, where McKean has built an additional oval track approximately one-fifth mile in length. The barriers have been removed and protective concrete walls have been built around the light poles. Plans are to have several different racing classes compete on the new smaller track.

As far as track personnel, McKean reports that while there will be some changes, most of the speed-way employees will return to their jobs this season. "Id say 95 percent of the people who worked there last year are coming back this year — very little

change," he said. As for former track owner Steve York, his plans are

somewhat undetermined at this point.

"I will try and help Eddy all I can," he said. "At least until he no longer needs my services. But obviously I have to leave my options open, because I don't really know what Eddy would like for me to do, nor have we formally agreed on a particular employment aspect. Have I researched some other opportunities? Yes. Do I know which one I want to do? No. But I like the zip code here."



MVS right on track for 2007 season

By Linda Brittsan Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - With the sale of Magic Valley Speedway to McKean Ricing, transformations not only to the facility but to the weekly racing program are quickly

taking shape. Some of the old favorites are back, but new concepts will also be introduced to the drivers and fans in the 2007 season.

The Pepsi Premier, Budweiser Grand Nationals, NAPA Pony Stocks, Magic Valley Pipe Thunder Stocks, Quale Electronics Homeis and Queen Bees will all return this season, along with the addition of a new class, the Teen Bees, The Teen Bees will run in the three- or four-cylinder cars, but the drivers must be a minimum of 14 years old and no more than 15 years of age before the first event.

The schedule has also expanded for the class, with eight races on tap for the Hornets and Oueen Bees along with 10 races for the four "enduro" races scheduled for the Homets, which will consist of 200-lap events taking place on a along with Memorial and Labor

This year the Hornet division drivers will also be eligible for NASCAR monitory awards at the end of the season along with the Premier, Grand Nationals and Pony Stocks divisions.

New for the Grand Nationals division this year is the crate motor, which will now be allowed in the class. A major revision in the rules is that beginning this season. the Intermountain Pro Trucks will be allowed to race alongside the Grand Nationals if they choose, Pitting cars against trucks in a 25lap main event race will be something that MVS has not seen in the past. The idea is to pump new life into the class which has dwindled in numbers in recent years.

The Grand Nationals will have a lot of rule changes with them. said new MVS owner Eddy McKean, "I thought it was a do-ordie thing. But in the long run, I think it will help them out. We'll see. This year will tell. With the exit of the Northwest

Series from the NASCAR program, Teen Bees, Additionally, there are the Rocky Mountain Challenge drivers will have an additional night added to the MVS schedule and are slated to run five events at Thursday evening in June and July the Twin Falls track this season. The Intermountain Pro Trucks will



Series, above, and Intermountain Race Truck classes, below, are set for five events at MVS this season.

also run five events at MVS, with the first race set for Saturday

Look for the Super-Sixes to make five appearances as well. while the Legend cars will make three rounds at the track this sea-

For fans who like nothing more than-crashing and smashing, rest assured that the trailer races will return with two events, July 3-and August 25. The bus races which were introduced last season will also be on tap for the same nights.

"Change is good, but I don't want too much change." McKean





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New sponsor, championship format await drivers

Whelen All-American Racing Series debuts this season at MVS

By Linda Brittson Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Two years ago NASCAR threw the geographic region structure of the short track series out the window and split the raceways into divisions consisting of random tracks from across the United States and Canada. Magic Valley Speedway was placed into Division III along with tracks as close as Las Vegas, Nev., and as far away as Hickory

The racers in the feature class at each track then battled it out for points within their division as the driver with the highest point total carned the divisional champi-

The national champion was then determined by the driver having the highest point total of the four divisional winners

For the 2007 season, NASCAR chose to shake things up once again, announcing a new structure to the short track program which has now become the Whelen All-American Racing Series. Whelen is a manufacturer of automotive, aviation, industrial and public emergency lighting and warning systems which took over the short track racing series title sponsorship last fall.

This year, each of the 24 U.S. states and three Canadian provinces boasting NASCAR sanctioned short tracks will crown a champion this season. A total of 57 tracks comprise the Whelen All-American Racing Series, including Idaho with one, Magic Valley Speedway, and North Carolina with the largest number of raceways within its boundaries at six.

As Idaho's only NASCAR sanctioned track, the state champion is a shoe-in to come from MVS, but the big difference is in the amount of prize funds the winner will



2007 is the first year of the Wholen All-American Racing Series. Wholen; a manufacturer of auto and public emergency lighting and warning systems, takes over the title sponsorship of the short track racing series.

receive compared to those states

receive. The national champion will be the driver who earns the highest overall total of NASCAR points. with additional funds awarded to

that driver. "The NASCAR Whelen All-American Series features the most highly competitive racing in the short track industry," George Silbermann, NASCAR's Managing Director of Racing Operations, said in a press release this past December, "Having state champions will allow us to recognize more of our talented competitors on a national level than ever

The top 500 feature division drivers in 2007 will also be ranked

with more than one track in the program. Whelen will provide \$2,000 in prize money per track in the state or province, meaning the more competition, the more prize money each state champion will

nationally according to points the top 500 drivers will receive a awarded from NASCAR. At the certificate of recognition displayconclusion of the season each of ing their ranking.

champion format, a new point award system will also go into effect for the feature division this

The new structure will consist of an inverted format. Points will be awarded in ascending order versus descending as in the past two seasons. The last-place car will receive two points, next to last, four, continuing through the filed

Iwo-point increments Therefore, in a field of 10 cars, a feature division winner will earn 20 points, while the winner in a 20-car field will receive 40. The number of feature division races considered for point awards has also changed, with the competitors counting their 18 highest point finishes during the season, up from 16 last year.

We believe the new title sponsor, championship structure and revised points system will give new life to this series and benefit the drivers, tracks and the future of our industry," said Silbermann.

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MVS enjoying benefits of being NASCAR sanctioned

By Linda Brittsan

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS—The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing was formed in 1948 by William France, Sr., who envisioned a sanctioning body for the sport which would benefit drivers and fans alike. Since then, NASCAR has grown into one of the most popular sports in the United States and shows no signs of slowing down.

NASCAR began sanctioning short tracks in 1982 and today nearly 60 tracks in the United States and Canada belong to the Whelen All-American Weekly Racing Series program. The tracks range in size from five-eighths to one-quarter mile with the racing events ran on either asshall or dire.

Magic Valley Speedway has been with the sanctioning body since 1991, when promoter Steve York decided NASCAR was the way to go.

"This must, I'm not from here. I'm from the south," York said with his noticeable southern accent. "Racing is hig down there and NASCAR was very hig. In 1986 when we started the track, no one knew very much about racing in southern blank. As people started to learn about racing. I felt the track was to be about racing with the said with the latest the said with the latest latest was NASCAL. That is no latest latest



The NASCAR banquet at the Mandaley Bay Resort in Las Vegas, Nev., is a highlight for the feature division champion.

There are other sanctioning programs—offered to short tracks such as American a Speed Association or the United Speed falliance Racing, but York believed an important aspect NASCAR offered the drivers was in the insurance program.

..."It was by far and away the best insurance available," York said. "We did it more for the drivers than anybody."

The program provides coverage to all who have a valid NASCAR license should they be injured while participating in a

NASCAR-sanctioned division race.
However, there are other advantages to having NASCAR sanctioning than just the widely known name and insurance bene-

fits.

"There are some drivers that have moved on that the fans would have never seen had we not been NASCAR sainctioned." York added. "Our drivers get a lot of recognition they would not get if it we were not a NASCAR track."

Additionally, the NASCAR Whelen Alf-American Weekly Racing program will award prize money to not only the feature division drivers, but to other NASCAR classes which race at MVS.

But for the feature division champlun, a trip to the NASCAH lianquer at the couplision of the season is a highlight for any driver. The banquer has been held in cities such as Orlando, Fla., Nashville Tenn, and last November the awards corn mony took place at the Mandalay Bay Hotel Resort in Las Vegas, Nev.

"That was quite an experience, It was kind of overwhelming," 30 bibly Latham III said of his tip to the NASCAR banquet as Magic Valley Speedway points champion for 2006. "You walk in and everything was, all top-noted classy stuff, When we were standing there on stage everyone gave us a standing owation it was one of those things that III remember for the rest of my life, it was assessme.



Local residents see NASCAR dream come true

Peggy and Walt Hamby of Hollister meet Tony Stewart at Las Vegas Motor Speedway

By Linda Brittsan

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - As an avid NASCAR fan, Hollister resident Peggy Hamby spent many Sunday afternoons watching Nextel Cup events on television just like millions of other racing enthuslasts across the country. And like so many of those fans, Hamby longed to attend a race in person. She wanted to soak up the sights and sounds and get caught up in the enthusiasm of the crowd as they cheered on their favorite driver. It was an experience she could only imagine as the race was being broadcast from hundreds of miles away.

"I've wanted to go to the race in Vegas for the last four or five years," Hamby said. "But we hadn't been able to afford it."

- Hamby-had- undergone :gallbladder surgery and was diagnosed with colorectal cancer. Her dreams of attending a NASCAR race had to be put on hold.

This year it metastasized into my bones and my lungs," Hamby explained. "And they basically told me it was terminal."

But thanks to some caring members of the Magic Valley community, Peggy and her hus-band Walt "Red" Hamby, who is also a big racing fan, were able to have their NASCAR dream fulfilled after all.

· Lori Donaldson, general manager of the Twin Stop Chevrons where Walt and Peggy are a Peggy's situation and got things rolling. She contacted Magic Valley Speedway promoter Steve York, who was able to secure tickets with special wheelchair accommodations for Peggy to the NASCAR races on March 10-11 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Donaldson then presented the tickets to the Hambys at an employee gathering over the Christmas holidays and Peggy knew that in just a few months she and Walt could finally be able to say they were going to be at a Nextel Cup race in person.

"She definitely shed a few tears that night," Walt said.

Tickets in hand, the Hambys made the trek south in March. and were met with one of the most beautiful sun-filled weekends the Las Vegas racing events had seen in several years. It was there on that bright Saturday afternoon that Peggy had what she describes as her "Make-a-Wish for an Adult" dream take another tum.

As the Hambys stood in the busy infield shortly before the Sam's Town 300 Busch Series event, Peggy and Walt met up with Nextel Cup champion driver Tony Stewarr, who gave the Hambys something not many fans will ever experience - a few personal minutes shortly before he jumped into his car for the start of the race.

"We were behind the stage where the Busch drivers were being introduced and then he (Stewart) came over and visited with us," Peggy said.

As the conversation took place with Stewart on the greener-than-on-television grass of the infield photos were snapped and autographs from the champion driver were collected.

The Hambys later took their seats in the stands, taking with them more than they ever Imagined possible on their first trip to a NASCAR program.

"Hes a very very personable person," said Peggy of Stewart. And if the Hamby's weren't the biggest Tony Stewart fans before, they certainly were afterward, for there's always room for another favorite driver. Certainly Stewart picked up two new fans that weekend.

"We were leaning toward Tony, but one of our favorites is Dale Earnhardt Jr.," Walt admitted. Peggy nodded, but quickly added, "But after meeting Tony,

I'm more so for Tony. It was York who was able to arrange the meeting with Stewart, issues to the driver at a promoter's meeting in Daytona Beach, Fla., late last year. "I knew it would be very special

to her to go into the garage area," York said. "After the meeting I told Tony Stewart what the situation was, that I was working with NASCAR to try and get Miss Hamby in the pits and would be spend a minute or two with her. He said. Absolutely.

Stewart was true to his word. and with just a few minutes of his time, stepped away from the spotlight and instead let it shine upon, someone he knew could use a little brightness in her life.

York sums Stewart's character up this way: "The truth is Tony Stewart can be very outspoken." he said. "He's very competitive. In 2005 he was in New York on stage because he had more points than any of the other drivers. But I'd say that day in Las Vegas, when he met with Peggy, that's what made

him a champion, not points." That Sunday the long-time residents of the tiny town with an approximate population of 250 took their seats among nearly 150,000 fans and experienced a Nextel Cup race the way it was meant to be. Fast and loud.

"Where we were sitting we could see the whole track," Peggy said. "And everyone there was just

after mentioning Peggy's health so awesome Anything you need-said. 'And the comradery ed they would just go out of their amongst the people at the track is way to help you. The best part about the weekend was the whole thing The crowd, seeing the drivers and equipment up close and,

of course, meeting lony. Walt Hamby agreed. "The difference between seeing it on TV and being there live ... is the vibration of the engines of the guys going by. You can feel it." he

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great. You become race fans and race friends no matter who your favorite driver is. We would deffnitely go again. But the biggest thing was watching her. Walt said nodding toward Peggy.

Stewart may have finished seventh in the race that day, but he came in first in the hearts of Peggy and Walt Hamby.



Peggy and Walt Hamby, NASCAR Nextel Cup champion driver Tony Stewart and Lori Donaldson (from left) pose for a photo in the infield at Las Vegas Motor Speedway March 10.



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Moving up: Latham accelerates into new territory

By Linda Brittsan Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — After capturing the feature division title in the lepsi Premier Series in 2006, libibity Lutham III would likely letter the contenders for the track championship at Mage May Speedway this scalar of the properties of the properties of the state of the properties of the state of

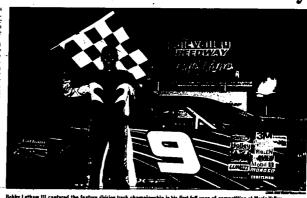
A virtual newcomer to the feature division series at MVS last season, Latham accomplished what often has taken others years to achieve. But with the Prenier Series track championship under his belt, the 21year-old driver says he is ready to take that experience to a new level.

"Being the track champion my first full year was preity awesome. I couldn't ask for much more," Latham said, "I learned a lot and my crew got more comfortable with the car and that helped for moving up like we're going to do this year." The RMCS schedule includes five races at MVS this season, meaning home-track advantage could certainly play into Latham's hand in his bid for the RMCS champlomship.

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"I definitely learned that
patience pays off big thee," he
said. There's obt of times I'll be
out on the track behind somebody and I knew something was
going to happen. Then someone
else counts changing though the
field, passes me and gets in a
week. (Butlence) is something
that I will definitely take with me
wherever I gat.

Latham won the track champlouship at MVS on the final night of the season with pass series champion Steve Innes, who had a three-point lead in the points going into the night, sidelined at the hospital following emergency surgery. But Latham had already proven to be a strong figure throughout the season, finishing the year ted with Jones with four main-event wins, while driving his way to cight Top's finishes.

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Bobby Latham III captured the feature division track championship in his first full year of competition at Magic Valley Secondary in 2006.

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Nuthak's Thunder cruises into 2007 season

By Linda Brittson Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Craig Nurbak TWIN FALLS — Craig Nutnax knows how important it is to put in the best performance possible every time the green flag falls on a main-event race. Nuthak raced to three wins at Magic Valley Speedway in 2006, but perhaps even more impressive is the fact the current Magic Valley Pipe Thunder Stocks track champion

drove to 12 Top-5 finishes.
While Nuthak knew he had a good car going into the season. the track championship was not something he thought was in the

bag.
"I figured I had a Top-3, maybe a Top-5 car," Nuthak said, "Whether I thought I had a car that could win the championship? ... 1 at least thought 1 could be a contender. The big thing is consistency. Last year I was very consistent. Out of the 16 races I only had one that was not a Top-5 finish."

That day came on May 13, 2006 when Nuthak finished eighth in the main, but his perseverance in the following races helped him capture the points lead going into the final five events of the season.

He never let go of that advantage. Nuthak's ability to deliver reli-



Thunder Stocks driver Craig Northale (left) secured his first track championship last year at Magic Valley Speedway.

able finishes was just what he needed in his hunt for the champlonship last season, as each driver has a good shot at baccine a trip to victory lane each time

"Nobody completely domi-nates the class year after year," Nuthak said, "We had eight or nine different winners last year." Many new competitors to the sport choose to get their feet wet

in the Thunder Stocks division as the drivers are not charged an entry fee to race from week to week but also receive no purse money for racing in the events. However there are rules to follow and the Thunder Stock cars are not overlooked when it comes

"The techs have a job to do," Nuthak explained, "And they do a good job. We all know the rules, and if we're bending the rules, then we should fix it. I will say that every time the track has deemed something illegal on my car and they've made me fix it that night. I've always ran a better race than I had previously. So I compliment the track on making me legal so I can run faster."

This year, thanks to a rule change, Nuthak will be allowed to compete again in the Thunder Stocks division and plans to return to the field in the role of defending champion. However, repeating as champion will prove difficult as Nuthak anticipates

missing some events this season. But the goal this year for the 38year-old driver is not really any different than it was at the beginning of last-season. He simply wants to race and have fun doing

There is however, something he would like see more than once this go-around.

"I hope my wife (Kamie) gets in the winner's circle more this year." Nuthak said. "I think she really deserves it. She's come a long

Lopez set for another round in Grand Nationals

By Linda Brittson

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Louis Lopez went into the final race of the 2006 season third in the point standings in the Budweiser Grand Nationals Division. He was seven points behind leader Jerry Rice and three points back of Jerry McKean. But after 25 laps Lopez had helped everyone remember that as long as you have a shot, anything can

-Lopez not only won his fourth mainevent-race the final night of the season at Magic Valley Speedway, he also captured his second track title in the division in as many years, this time in dramatic fashion. His championship was won by just one point — the narrowest margin of the four NASCAR classes,

Lopez says his 2006 championship was even more satisfying than his title run in 2005 when he had a substantial lead going into the final race.

"It's probably more gratifying coming from behind just because you have to overcome all these obstacles and hope that the other guys finish behind you," Lopez said, But all the circumstances did fall into place for me and I was able to get it. I think it made it a little sweeter that way. That was



Louis Lopez drove his way to back-to-back championships at Magic Valley Speedway in the No. 55 Grand Nationals car.

the fastest-my car had ever been was that fast." night. It was the perfect time for it to get But that was last year and the 2007 sea-

significant changes in the Grand Nationals division. One of those is an option in the type of power the cars can carry under the hood. Lopez however, is confident he's made the right choice in his decision to make a switch to a factory sealed engine. They did change the rules on us and I

son at Magic Valley Speedway will see some

have upgraded to the crate motor. Lopez-said. I think the guys with the regular motors are going to be a little down on horsepower so I think the crate motors are the advantageous way to go.

A more noticeable rule change for fans and drivers alike will be the opportunity for the race trucks, after a few adjustments, to compete alongside the Grand Nationals in the Saturday night events.

Lopez not only is wide open to the new challenge the addition to the series may bring he all but draws a line in the sand when it comes to calling out the competi-

"I'm really looking forward to seeing a few trucks out there this year to come out and play," Lopez said emphatically, "The more the merries."

However, Lopez, believes the Grand Nationals will be able to carry their own

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Whited returns to starting gate in Pony Stocks

By Linda Brittson

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — NAPA Pony Stocks driver Jason Whited captured the division title by the widest point margin of any of the four NASCAR class track champions at Magic Valley Speedway in 2006, finishing the season with a 46-point lead over minner-up Dustin Wilson.

Whited also won the most main-event races of any driver in any of the weekly racing classes at Magic Valley Speedway with five victories and seven Top-5 finish-

"It was an awesome season for us. It was unbellevable," Whited said, "We managed to stay out of trouble most of the time. It was a real good year and everybody got alone."

Coming off such a solid season last year, it wouldn't be unreasonable to assume Whited might pick up in 2007 right where he left off with his championship car. Instead, the 26-year-old, driver, decided the time was right to break in a new ride.

"I guess I, was just bored over the off-season," Whited said. "So we cut up the old car and built a new one. The old car was kind of bent up, but it was fast. I'm hoping that a straight car will be even faster."

Now entering his fifth season in the Pony Stocks division, Whited



Jason Whited won five main-event races in the 2006 season at Magic Valley Speedway while capturing his first track title in the NAPA Pony Stocks division.

knows the ups and downs racing can bring to any driver in the weekly racing series. That's especially true late in the year at MVS when the points are tightened up in the chase format, putting the title up for grabs in the final free races of the year to the Top-10

drivers in the division. It was pressure that Whited was well aware of as this past season came down to the wire.

"There were a few times when I was pretty nervous especially after they reset the points," Whited said, "You never know

from there even if you have a huge lead there toward the end. We just had a good run going and there was some bad luck for some real; ly good guys. That last mee fell pretty good, but before that, I was counting points every day."

Whited knows the competition will be strong once again throughout this season.

"I think losh (Pitz) will do well this year just because of his bad luck last year. If he gets that out of the way he's going to be fast, 'said Whited, "Dustin Wilson, he came out of nowhere last year, He's really going to be the one to watch. That class is so compelitive the way it was, anyone can win out there. It's bust luck."

With a new car to coax along this season, Whited also realizes he's taking a gamble when it comes down to his chances to repeat his 2006 track championship.

"If I would have kept the same can. I'd say they were real good." he said. "But with this new car now, I don't really know. I hope we'come out fast but we might be tweaking on it all season. That yo biggest fear Bringing out a new car after having a championship one and having everybody give me hard time because I cut up my good car."

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As Magic Valley Speedway feature division champion, Latham received an invitation to the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series banquet held in Las Vegas this past November where he was honored along with track champions from across the country.

Along with his strong showing in the Premier Series, Latham also proved to be a viable force in the Rocky Mountain Challenge Series races he entered at MVS, winning the 75-lap July 1 race.

This season, Latham intends to put his main focus on the RIMCS title, foregoing the two-event mees he participated in last season when the Premier Series and Rocky Mountain Challenge Series races were held on the same night. Latham does, however, intend to run a limited schedule in the Premier Series at MVS.

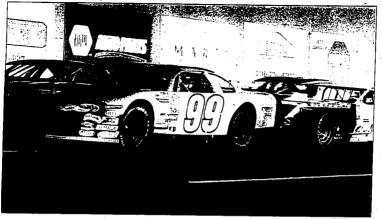
We're running for the champi-

onship this year in the Challenge Series," Latham said, "We'll be concentrating on that."

With that said, Lutham has also fastened up a deal with Thompson Motorsports in lerome and is looking forward to driving in at least five NASCAR Grand National West Series races this year, collecting as much driving experience as possible.

"I'm really excited about that," Latham sad, "I's a hig jump from the local stuff and what tour things I did last year, but we'll see, how it goes. My goals though, and some might say that I'm out of my assement that you had been supported by the same that the same that had been to be supported by the same that the same that had been the same that th





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MVS drives view sponsors as 'business partners'

By Linda Brittson

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — They're every-where you look, Everything from beer to breakfast cereal. Buy this cell phone plan. Fat this kind of

Sponsors have long been a big part of NASCAR racing, with the corporate message branded on every car, uniform and piece of

equipment possible. NASCAB lans are loyal and protective of their favorite driver's backer, and the drivers have no shame in mentioning their sponsors as many times as possible or casually taking a sip from the bot-tle of Pepsi they just happen to have with them while they're on camera.

On the local level, things are not quite as intense. Nonetheless, the connection between driver and sponsor is invaluable.

Magic Valley Speedway Pepsi Premier Series driver T.J. Woodhall, manager of Snake Harley-Davidson in Twin Falls, sees his relationship with his supporters as more than just a sponsorship agreement

"They are really advertising partners," Woodhall said, "It's a good way to get their name out there. They see it on the car and they get their name called out there (at the track) every Saturday night. We also go out and do personal appearances to help get their

name out as much as possible."
The loyalty goes both ways.
"I think about my sponsors when I go huy gas or go out to eat." Woodhall said. "I try to show my

support for them, too." David Patrick, who runs Patrick Farms, a farming operation in Twin Falls, is going into his third year of racing in the Premier division. Patrick says outside monetary support is, of course, appeal-ing, but going out and getting it is another thing

"I don't enjoy that very much." he said. "I never enjoy asking for money. But I learned over the last few years that the more you hit, the more notice you get and the more yesses you'll get. The people I talk to first are the people I do business with. But for me, where I do business with a lot of ag companies, it's harder for them to justify getting into that kind of publicity."
In the end, Patrick puts a sub-

stantial amount of his own dollars into his hobby of choice.

"They (sponsors) amount to about a third of what I put in," Patrick said.

Steve York, Magic Valley Speedway promoter over the past two decades, also realizes the value of a good husiness partner when it comes to billboard and class sponsors at the speedway.

"I think the people that have been involved with the race track over the last 21 years have exposed their businesses to the most loyal sports fans of all," York said, "Sport fans are loyal to sponsors and all the studies say race fans are even

more loyal than any other race fan. "Most of them feel the fans of the speedway appreciate their support of the speedway and the sport they love and they tell them that when they go into their husi-

York says he values the connection he has had with the supporters of the speedway over the years. and feels the same alliance with them as Woodhall.

"If it weren't for the support of the sponsors, MVS would not be anyway near as successful or as nice of a facility as it has been with-out their help," he said. "Actually they're business partners, not

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weight in the division and predicts new speeds will be reached in the racing action this year for the street stock-type cars.

The Grand Nationals are definitely going

to be faster this year," he said, "it's going to be

a lot of fun.

But will Lopez have enough for a threepeat in the division?

"It's hard to say", he admitted: "It depends on how stout the trucks are when they show up. I think they have a better suspension advantage, but we may have a little advantage in our gearing. I think my chances are fair. If I have to play catch-up all year, then, oh

But it's no secret that Lopez has already been there and done that.

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