WHY WINTER?

The science behind the season's fur and frost.



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Public responds to art council's plea for donations.

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Hawaii's Colt Brennan is named WAC player of Year.

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Good Morning



Wolf plan unveiled

Lawsuits from environmental groups could derail delisting



About 50 people attended a discussion on Idaho Department of Fish and Game's wolf population management plan Monday at the department's

By Matt Christensen Times-Nows writer

JEROME -- Hunters who stalk Idaho's newest big game

IEROME — Hunters who stalk Idaho's newest big game antinal could soon be setting their sights on Idaho's most controversial predators. Wolves are expected to be removed from the federal endangered-species list in February, when states could assume management overwolves and end-a 34-year-hunting ban. Idaho unveiled its management proposal Monday at a public meeting attended by about 50 people at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's office near Jerome. The plan calls for curbing conflicts between wolves and humans by cutting wolf populations through controlled hunts—a strategy applauded by ranchers and hunters but loadthed by environmentalists.

"It's really an interesting

"It's really an interesting process because we've never been given a new big game

U.S. Fish and Wildlife biologist Mike Ilmenar, left, and Ed Bangs take biologic collaring operations in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming in Janu ing collaring operations in Yellowstone N now roam Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

animal to manage," said Dave Parrish; head of Fish and Game's Magic Valley office.

Under the plan, wolves would be categorized the same as elk, deer and bears — a far cry from how the

public perceived wolves, decades ago.

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School board drops bids on cable project

Months of competitive bidding came to an abrupt end Monday night when the Twin Falls School Board threwout all offers it received for a cable project at the new high school.

high school.

Rather than accept the lowest bid – which came in the others 2 trustees upheld a recommendation presented by their construction management firm and its district employees.

agement firm an employees employees. The recommendation was to trash all five bids received for the project-due to "ambi-guity" of the bid documents and then to eventually "clarify" project specifica-tions before a possible re-bid.

ciariny project specifica-tions before a possible re-bid. The district's management firm, Beniton Construction Company, had previously recommended on Nov. 20 that the board trash only the lowest bid from Boise cable firm System Tech Inc. Benition said System Tech's bid contained "non-respon-sive data," didn't utilize the district's preferred brand of cable—known as Pandult— and didn't account for work not listed on the bid form. Monday night. System

Monday night, System Tech Owner Troy Mortensen

district and its taxpayers

district and its taxpayers to accept.

The brand of cabling that System Tech cited for its 8836,500 offer – called Siemon – has been used by the United Nations and the the United Nations and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mortensen said. The company has also used the cable in numerous public and private projects in Idaho including the Idaho State Capitol renovation Forject-he-eald. But the district's L-year IT Administrator Brett Keller

nut the district's 11-year IT Administrator Brett Keller told the board that new standards of cabling could provide savings to the district. He didn't name a brand, but he said his researched the lissue at great length of the same and the brade in a vacuum." Keller told the board.

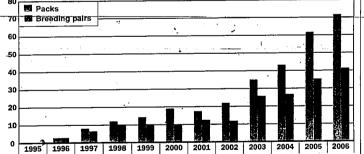
Then he went on to recommend trashing all of the blds to eliminate any "ambiguity," he said.

At least four other companies put in bids for the project.

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Wolf comeback

Number of documented wolf packs and breeding pairs in Idaho from 1995-2006.



Schools detail lice policies, treatment options

Lice season has hatched, elementary school principals said Monday. As temperatures drop, more children tend to come down with the parasite.

parasite.
"It just happens this time of year, with the cold weather and being locked up inside," said Bill Brulotte, principal of Perrine Elementary School in Twin Testle.

Falls.
Last week at Perrine, three children from one family were because of learning were sent letters, but schools don't name the affected children.
Contrary to popular opinion, it's not an indicator of a dirty home, "ead Sawtouth Elementary Principal Randy



Ruledge.

The nurse for the Twin Palls School District, Kyle Hodges, strongly agreed.

"It's just another fact of life, bugs are part of the community," he said. "The stigma associated with it probably adds to the stress. It can happen to anyone."

Lice usually affect two or three familles every year at Perrine, and before last week, they last popped up in

Cold weather control
with jackets and hats and
closer contact in the classroom, said Beth Olmstead,

room, said Beth' Olmstead, the principal of Lincoln Elementary School.
"We've had probably a little more (lice cases) this year than last year," she said. "I don't feel it's a huge epidemic. We've had it worse," Olmstead said.
Lice can spread through

head-to-head contact, and sharing hats, brushes and headrests. The parasites don't fly, jump or hop, but they do crawl, according to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. "Every year there's isolated little outbreaks in the schools," Hodges sald, "We should get to the point where parents on a regular basis check their child's head." Children usually begin scratching their heads when lice crawl and feed on their

scratching their heads when lice crawl and feed on their

"Once a week, take a peek," Hodges said.
Around 10 to 15 children have been sent home from Lincoln with the pesky parasite so far this year, Olmstead said.

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Smoke shop owner may sue T.F. County

Beer, wine permit to get another look

The owner of the Smoken-N-Head Shop may sue the Twin Falls County commissioners to win a heer and wine license.

The commissioners said Monday they'll reconsider a beer and wine license.

The commissioners for Allen Nagel, owner of The Smoken-N-Head Shop.

But Pat Brown, Nagel's attorney, said the plans to file suit in any event because the commissioners made the decision of thout any legal commissioners made the decision of thout any legal commissioners made the decision of thou tany legal commissioners made the the decision of thou tany legal commissioners made the thems at Nagel's side — flavored tobacco, various herbs and plants, and glassware to smoke them – are appropriate for Twin Falls. Commissioners rerry Kramer said the store didn't fit well with the community and the commissioners wanted to make a "statement."

On Monday, the commissioners, cited state law and said they'll reconsider the request Dec. 10 if he submissioners referenced provisions for license requests to the state, not the country. Nagel has passed

license.
During a brief meeting with the commissioners Monday, Brown tried to refer them to a section he said covers county licenses. In that section, counties are required to have a method for reviewing the alcohol licenses.

When Brown asked for the formation, he received a solution - from Jan. 3,

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Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

MaryTime Club moeting and Christmas dinner, noon, home of liene Mai, Filer, 735-5213.
Magic Valley New Neighbors Club luncheon, with Betty Jo Olson on the piano keyboard, 11:30 a.m., Riley Creek Restaurant, 607 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. \$12, 23,2000.

GOVERNMENT

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Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S. Hadley, 788-5500.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoin, 644-42700.

Albion City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 124 S. Alain, 673-5352.

Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-224.

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

Kimberty-Fooline-Commission, 7-p.m., community-contor.

Kimberly-Zoning Commission, 7-p.m., community contor

120 madison W., 423-4151. Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600.

Shoshorie City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., cob-2030. Filer City Council, 7:30.p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St., 326-5000.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

Coffege of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Gotting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary and Hagerman High School Gym; and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School Chemporary location: LDS church on-Main), no cost, 732-6475. Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, 737-5988.

737-5988 Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988. Ongoing exercise program for popple with Parkinson's disease, offered by St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2917.

131.2917. SilverSneakers Fitness Program, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

non-nsured, 7:3-4384, Take Off Pounds Sensibly ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., and meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Feltowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2002 Filer Ave.E. 7:36-7237 or 7:36-9282. Arthritis Walking Class, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 7:37-5:988.

5988. MinInCassIa Shelter for Women & Children women \$ sup-port group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C St., Rupert, 436-098-7. The MinInCassIa Lapband Surgery Support Group, for any-one who has been banded, is waiting to be banded, or is considering the procedure, 6:30 p.m., Heyburn Police Department conference room, 1800 J St., Heyburn, 431-

Road 2 Recovery, a 12-step program, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., Burley,

Celebrato Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557or, 324-7237.

<u>Museums</u>

Faulkner Planetarium "Season of Light," 7 p.m. and "Steamrolling," 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center, CSI, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for

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 strowne@magic-valley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PQ,0xo 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

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MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE WORLD

VERMONT

Storm brings heavy snow, weather warnings to Northeast

STONE — A winter storm that wreaked have on the Upper Midwest began its snowy assault on the East on Monday, spelling trouble for travelers but elation for six several travelers but elation for travelers but elation for six several travelers of the travelers of the storm of the region had to navigate a mix of rain, sleet and snow as the storm — which was blamed for at least 17 deaths — humbered eastward, blanketing northern New England overnight and threatening to dump as much as 20 inches in places.

"It's not snow, It's white gold," said Christopher Francis, innkeeper at ve Olde England Inne, a 30-room inn in the shadow of Stowe Mountain Resort.

At the same time, a new storm system began lashing the West Coast and was expected to give the Midwest as second blast of snow starting Tuesday.

In Vermont, 7 inches of snow welcomed skiers and snowboarders welcomed skiers and snowboarders who morning. School was canceled or classes delayed from New York to Maline and wind gusted to "Gruptete" storm warnings swere in effect in Vermont, New Hampshire, Maline and northern and western New York.

At Portland International

At Portland International Jeport in Malne, flights were canceled because of poor conditions at connecting air-

AFGHANISTAN

Official: Al-Oaida may be stepping up activities

KABUL — The U.S. military is seeing early signs that al-Qalda may be stepping up its activities in Afghanistan, a senior defense official revealed for the first time Monday as Secretary Robert, Gates made his third trip to this country.

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this country.

Gates said he has not yet
seen data on any uptick in alguida activity, but he said
increasing levels of violence
in the country are a concern
and he plans to talk about it
with other defense leaders
from NATO nations operating in Afghanistam.

"I'm not worried about a
backslide as much as I am
(about) flow we continue the
momentum going forward,"
Gates told reporters in
Djibouti on Monday just
before he left for Kabul. "One
of the clear concerns that we
all have is that in the last two
or three years there has been
a continuing increase in the
overall level of violence."

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The senior defense official said the U.S. military is condefinitive signs of greater activity by al-Qaida and for-eign fighters, but the U.S. has not seen enough proof to draw any final conclusions. The official discussed the ter-

The official discussed the ter-rorist network on condition of anonymity because of the security concerns.

As Gates headed to Kabul, U.S. officials also said they are now considering the pos-sibility of providing arms to local tribes in Afghanistan, along with training, equip-ment and other support. The



This photo, provided by the Primate Research Institute in Kyoto, Japan, sins price, provided by the Filman in research institute in rybot, pulpar, shows a chimpanzee named Ayumu performing the second stage of a memory test on a touch sensitive monitor in which he must recall the location of numerals that have changed to squares, in December 2006, at the institute. (See story below right)

effort would be modeled after successful efforts in Iraq mer successful efforts in fraq to empower the locals to police their own neighbor-hoods.

hoods.

While no decisions have been made, officials said the plan is under review.

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Troops unearth mass grave, remains of 12

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BAG IDAD — Iraqi troops
uncarhed a mass grave with
the mention of 12 people
including a paramedic who
disappened more than a
year ago, officials said
Monday, the interst gisly discovery in a former stronghold
of al-Qaida in traq.
Morque workers wearing
masks to protect them from
the stench of decomposing
bodies dug through bags of
bones and tattered clothes as
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bones and tattered clothes as they sought clues to the identities of those killed. More than 100 hodies, including women and children, have turned up since October in the remote desert terrain surrounding Lake Tharthar, a man-made body of water straddling the predominantly Stond provinces of Anhar and Salahuddin about 60 miles northwest of Baptidat. Most of the victims have no Dis, but officials have said the strain surrounding the strain and and the strain and other insurgents. The U.S. milltary_laks. The U.S. milltary_laks. elained significant pragress since last summer in forcing al-Qalda in Iraq out of Anhar province with the help of Sunnt tribule adders and local officials. Iraqls forces have taken advantage of these

Sunni tribal leaders and local officials. Inally forces have taken advantage of these recording and the state of the state

RUSSIA

Russian election called undemocratic

MOSCOW — European officials and vote monitors Monday denounced Russia's

Monday denounced Russias parliamentary elections as an undemocratic exercise engineered by President Vladimir V. Puth and his party. "Neither a free, fair nor democratic election," said a German government spokesman. "Steered democracy," said the Swedish foreign minister. "Not a level playing field," added the European observer mission.

With Puth's second presidential term drawing to a close and political uncertainty shadowing the country's future. Russians trooped to the polis Sunday to elect a lower house of Parliament, alloting widely regarded as a pleibiccite on the president's ability to run the country. After an intense and often surreal campaign that featured Putin as its star and almost sole player, voters defivered a landslide victory to his United Russia part. Russia ministers, he called upon-Parliament to assemble for its first session quickly, rather than wait the susal 30 days after an elec-

quickly, rather than wait the usual 30 days after an elec-

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The victory at the polls was a sign of trust." Putin said. Thussians will never allow the mount of the said of the

IOWA

Clinton cranks up rhetoric against Obama. other rivals in lowa

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CLEAR LAKE — Hillary
Rodham Clinton suggested
Menday that Barack Obama
has too little experience and
perhaps too much ambition,
pressing an increasingly
aggressive campaign against,
her chief rival for the
Democratic presidential
nomination.

Both candidates were in
lowa, one month before the
nation's leadoff caucuses
with new polls showing
Obama had whitted away
her enty lead and they were
virtually tied among
Democrats in the state.

"So you decide which
makes more sense: Entrust
our country to someone who
is ready on day one... or to
put America in the hands of
someone with little, national
or international experience,
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or international experience, or international expensions of international expensions of the day he arrived in ident the day he arrived in the U.S. Senate," Clinton

the U.S. Senate," Clinton said.
For the second day in a row, the New York senator and former first lady turned up the heat in her race with the Illinois senator.
Her rhetoric — and counterchanges from Obarna underscored the tightness of a race in which poils show a

dead heat hetween them, with former Sen. John Hitkards of North Carolita also in strong contention. Many lowa caucus goers say they still haven't made up their minds or could yet change them.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Accused Clinton office hostage taker called manipulative, desperate

manipulative, desperate

ROCHESTER — The man
accussed of taking hostages
at a Hillary Rodham Clinton
campaign office last week
watched impassively during
his video arraignment
Monday as he was portrayed
alternatively as a sick man
desperately seeking psychiaaric help and a manipulative longitime criminal.
The judge ordered Leeland
Elsenberg held on \$500,000
changes and ordered a psychiartic evaluation for him.

"I think it's very, very
important, to keep this man
under lock and key for now
until we get to the bottom of
list mental health problems." Hochester District
Court Judge
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ental neatth prob-Rochester District Judge Daniel Gourt Judge Cappiello said, Prosecut

Cappiello said.
Prosecutor Janice Rundles asked for the high bail, saying Eisenberg, 46, has a long criminal record, including two rape convictions; and would be a threat to the public.

lic.
She said he was sentenced to 10 years for rape in Worcester Mass., in 1985 but apparently escaped the next year and committed another rape. He was sentenced to 11 to 20 years for that, she said.

NEW YORK

Chimp beats college kids in computer game

NEW YORK — Think you're smarter than a fifth-grader? How about a 5-year-old chimp? Japanese you're smarter than a fifth-grader? How about a 5-year-old chimp? Japanese researchers pitted young chimps against human adults in tests of short-term memory, and overall, the chimps won.

That challenges the bellef of many people, Including many scientists, that "humans are superior to chimpanzees in all cognitive functions." said researcher Tetsuro Matsuzawa of Kyoto University.

"No one can imagine that chimpanzees — young chimpanzees at the age of 5-hawe a better performance in a memory task than humans," he said in a state-ment.

One memory test included three 5-year-old chimps who dbeen taught the order of Arabic numerals 1 through 9, and a dozen human volunteers.

human volunteers.
They saw nine numbers displayed on a computer screen. When they touched the first number, the other eight turned into white squares. The test was to touch all these squares in the order of the numbers that used to be there.
Results showed that the chimps, while no more accurate than the people, could do this faster.

- compiled from wire reports

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Cable

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How they filled out their forms is uncertain since the district has yet to provide copies of all the bids, after repeated requests by the firmes-News, District officials said Monday no copies were in the district office and were only in Bendton's System Tech had a rocky relationship with the district before it even put in its bid. Early on, the district had specified its bid to Pundnin. But System. Tech wanted to put in a bid for Seimon, which it said would also meet project specifical store.

tions.
So in September the district obliged the company and amended its bids to allow for three brands of

cable: Pandui, Siemon and AMP brand. Board members didn't say much Monday. Trustee; Keniey Young sensed some heat between Keller and Mariensen. "Thanks guys, back to your corners for now," Young, said after volging for the re-former industrial to reject all-bids.

immeridation to repers an-bids. Mortensen said he would put in another bid for the project, assuming he can meet whatever specifica-tions it may have. The board approved one single bid project Monday night, for steel totaling more than \$3 million. It was the second time the project was bid by Steel West Inc. out of Pucatello, the only bidder. Pucatello, the only bidder, officials said.

Wolves

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Wolves in the West were added to the federal endan-

Wolves in the West were added to the federal endangered-species list in 1973. The povernment reintroduced wolves to the Western Rockies in 1995 and 1996. The recovery goal for Idaho was 300 wolves a number reactied in 2002. Officials now estimate nearly 700 wolves provel Idaho's forests. That's too many for ranchers and himters, who say wolves are depredating livestock and hig game appulations. Nearly 200 sheep and 29 cattle were killed by wolves in 2006, according to Fish and Game. The effects on big game are harder to gange, though officials suspect it is significant.

Conflicts between wolces and humans led to at least 45 wolf dearlis in 2006, 8th were shot by ranchers, who were shot by ranchers, who would be a state of the conflicted state they attack livestock, and 39 were killed by powermment officials after reports that wolves bad threatened ranch attinads. Redincing funithers wolf conflicts is a top priority in the state's management plan, which will rely mostly on hunting to keep wolf numbers down in high-conflict areas.

Wolf conflicts in Magic Valley are rare and virtually

Wolf conflicts in Magic Valley are rare and virtually non-existent in residential areas, although reports of wolf skirmishes are rising in the Wood River Valley. "There are a couple of

"There are a couple of packs in the Magic Valley,"

suid Regau Berkley, a biologist in Fish and Gaure's Magic Valley office. But we don't have the density that other place sto.' Elsa we don't have the density that other Fish and Gaure's proposal calls for maintaining 15 breedling pair—two adult wolves with at least two pups that survive from yeals bire's Har could mear as faw as 60 wolves or as many assecered hundred. Any Idaho walf hunting

ny Idaho wolf hunting ans and limits would be

ser by the state's Fish and Game Commission after debsting which could occur as early as February. The commission is expected to review the plan in March. Auticipated lawsuits from environmental groups could derail the debsting, sald Steve Nadiean, the Fely and Game's Laige Camivore manager."

Matt Christensen may be reached at 735-3243 or at matt.christensen@lec.net.

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"The reason not to wait is
my guy is losing money
everyday," he said. "Why
should we wait? We were all
should ve wait? We were all
doday was reconsideration
day."

Milessell said the issue has
merely changed from a decision based on morality to
one that will now focus on
standard procedure.
"We didn't have the information to make a quality
decision," he said. "It was not
included in the application."
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All the said in the said and will not make the blusness at 347 Washington St. N.
go away. Nagel passed a
criminal background check
from the state. He said he's

offering legal smoking prod-ucts. And city and county police authorities said Nagel's complying with the

law.
Commissioner George
Urie said that they've
received public support for
the rejection but now they
need to follow a procedure.

"SAVE BIG"

He and Mikesell plan to review the entire licensing process in the future. Kramer wasn't present Monday for the discussion of the alcohol license

license.
"I don't think we have a choice because of the laws," said Urie, "We have to take personal opinion out of it."



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The principals said
younger children tend to get
lice more often than older
children in the elementary
schools. But lice can also
spread to older siblings and

spread to order their parents. When outbreaks happen When outbreaks happen in classrooms some teachers have asked students to place their jackers and backpacks into individual plastic bags and then hang them on hooks, Olmstead said.

And cradicating the bugs from heads can be challengine.

Over-the-counter shampoo treatments can cost between \$15 and \$20, and sometimes more than one treatment may be needed. Their effectiveness seems to be waning for at least some cases, Hodges and Olmstead

cases, Hodges and Olmstead said.

"It can take hours to comb out an infested head," Hodges said.

That's not including the time it takes to clean clothes, bedding, and vacuum.

Some principals said lice have not been too bad this year—at least yet.

"It's getting to be the season. It's getting toold, We'll probably sair seeling more of it," Ruitedge said.

Itodges said donated lice kits are available for families on limited incomes, and she recommends using metal combs as opposed to plastic combs for more effective treatment.

Andrea Gates may be reached at 735-3380 or Andrea.Gates@lee.net







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Tapping demand: Impact fees important to Twin Falls' future

robably five years after they should have been in place, it's clear that the City of Twin Falls will impose some kind of impact fees — costs for growth assessed to developers and builders — during 2008.

The fees, favored by several members of the City Council and used by comparably sized cities in Idaho and elsewhere, received an important endorsement last

important endorsement last week when the Developers and Engineers Council signed

predict costs and promote job

growth.

A city-commissioned study by BBC Research & Consulting estimated that the maximum impact fees the city cauled charge for a single-family home would be \$4.910. They would be \$3.982 for multi-family apartments, \$1.366 per square foot of retail, \$4.51 per square foot of office space and \$3.37 per square foot.

fees.

Much needs to happen before Twin Falls can actually impose the fees. The city must appoint a committee to recommend the exact fee structure to the council, which does not have to abide by the BBC

Times-News

Brad Hurd publisher Steve Crump Opinion editor The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hurd, James G. Wright, Steve Crump, Traci Bilss and Bill Bitzenburg.

That's significant because impact fees will play a critical role in how Twin Falls man-

role in how fivin Falls man-ages—or mismanages— growth in the next 20 years.
The premise behind impact fees is simple; Those who make the city grow should pay the costs of that growth, in the form of fees charged to the builders of homes, rental property and retail, office and industrial space. Land-use experts consider the fees to be neficial to a community over time because they gene-ate money to make growth more orderly, help developers predict costs and promote job between Twin Falls managing growth and simply enduring it. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Our view:

Impact fees

could mean the difference

square foot of office space and \$3.37 per square foot of industrial property.

But no one in city government or in the developer, builder and finance communities expect Twin Falls to assess the maximum anytime soon.

The money will go to law enforcement, fire protection, parks and streets.

To maintain the current level of staffing, the Twin Falls Police Department will need \$13.9 million in the next decade. The city's fire department will require \$7.4 million.

Spending for parks is estimated at \$31 million, and future capital improvements for streets total \$52.8 million.

million.

The BBC Research & Consulting report says levying the maximum impact fees would bring Twin Falls \$36.11 million in added revenue through 2017.

That's crucial, By all projections, growth is about to strain-city-sovices to the limit.

strain-dip sportices to the limit.

Local builders, who would actually pay the fees, haven't backed the concept yet. They're concerned about the depressed real estate market, and with that adding inpact fees would part morigages out of reach for some home-buyers because the builders would past shem on.

But while it's not vibrant, the local real estate market isn't moribund. Given Twin Falls' population growth rate projected at between 1.5 percent and 2 percent a year, it's clear there will be strong demand for housing — more than enough to absorb impact fees.

Research & Consulting study's results.

The council should act soon. Growth hasn't waited in the past, and it won't in the future.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Chinese making

money off Christmas

While in a local home improvement store recently. I noticed a massive display of "fake" Christmas Trees. After further investigation, I noticed every single one of them was "Made in China," as well as every ornament and decoration in the store. How is it that the Red Communist Chinese, who do

not even celebrate Christmas, are the world's largest manufacturers of Christmas-related products? Unfortunately, nearly every-thing we purchase is made in China.

I can't exactly put it into words, but somehow co munists profiting from Christmas is especially

annoying. TOM YOUNG Twin Falls

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Illegal aliens work hard for the money they make

Regarding the letter to the liter, "Driver's licenses for Illegal aliens a bad idea": The Hispanics come to

liegal allers a technists for lilegal allers a bad idea? The Hispanies come to this country for a simple reason; they want a better life for them and their families as your ancestors did, wherever they came from. Those Hispanies, which want a better life, surely don't get it for free. They work the hard jobs that no one wants, like milking cows from dawn to dusk. The Hispanies work long hours and long weeks, Yes, you are cornect, maybe some have "fake" Social Security numbers which

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their bosses chose to lenore their bosses chose to ignore because reality is, most American citizens don't want to do those arduous jobs. To go to their jobs, the 'illegal immligrants or aliens,' as you call us, must have a driver's license, which, by the way, is meant to prove that a person knows how to drive safely, it is not meant as a proof of citizenship.

izenship.
If your data is correct. "eight million questionable Social Security numbers," think how much money the U.S. government is making from the illegals paying these "fake" Social Security numbers, assuming every illegal worker contributes \$1,000 dollars a year in a "fake" Social Security. That will equal to \$8 billion per year free to the Social Security Administration — money that will never benefit the illegal workers earning the wages.

About the priest that is protecting the Hispanic families: It is comforting for me

to see that someone has mercy for the Hispanics that pick up our crops, milk our cows and contribute to our. cows and contribute to our Social Security benefits. I suggest you withdraw your negative attitude and have more respect for the Hispanies. Thanks to them, your kids have fresh milk and vegetables on the table. VERONICA LEONARD Buh!

Family running dairy the proper way

I have written strong opin-ions regarding a specific dairy and would like to make some clarifications. This dairy has had issues

that date clear back to 1976 and for approximately 20 years was a "sleeping mon-ster," but now that monster ster," but now that monster-has been awakened. The Department of Agriculture will state that it in "sub-stantial compliance" but is not taking that considerable level of nul-sance to the surrounding neighbors at its present level of operation. That being said and not the purpose of my letter, let me continue. Let me express my admiration for the Bill and Donna Stoflaz Family Dairy and the upcoming

and Donna Stointz runny Dairy and the upcoming opening of their new opera-tion in Buhl. I had the pleas-ure of watching a group of

people who have worked hard to bring a fresh product to this community. As the first bottle of milk was filled. In this columnum, 28 ofte the room enupred in cheers and the pride that all felt was palpable. Bill and Dornza and their family and coworkers have much to be proud of. If elt privileged to be a part of what I am certain will be a huge success.

I hope all the surrounding families will visit Bill and Dorna and enjoy their fresh and exciting new products. It will truly let you experience the "goodness of milk" and the feeling of the family dairy.

dairy. KIM HELSLEY



Venezuelans value freedom above Chavez

ARACAS, Venezutela – President Hugo Chavez has narrowly lost his latest attempt to push forward a revolution-ary socialist agenda. His oil-rich country, still bent on humbling the United States, is un instructive place from which to view the world, so here are eight rules of mod-ern political life as seen

ern political life as seen from Venezuela: 1. Trade trumps politics. Even as Chavez has been calling President Bush 'the devil.' U.S.-Venezuelan commercial ties have blos-somed. This is the Western Hemisphere's equivalent of the Taiwn-China relation-ship; political enemies engaged in bonding business. Bilateral trade will amount to about \$47 billion. engaged in booming business. Bilateral trade will amount to about \$47 billion this year, up from 2006, with Venezuelan exports to the United States reaching \$47 billion (overwhelmingly oil), and imports totaling close to \$10 billion. Chavez derides the "little Yankees" but can't get enough American cars and clothes for his "21st-century socialism." Such-links-diluter-danger—2. Globalization breeds nationalism. Global financial flows and technology limit the real power of politicians, who compensate with what's left; and onal identify. Cliavez's last speech in an insuccessful campaign to turn Venezuela into a state with a formally socialism.

turn venezueta mto a state with a formally socialist constitution had nothing to say about the ideas involved, but much to say about "our real enemy, the American empire," anti-colonialism, Bolivarian glory, and alleged threats

Roger COHEN

from the Central Intelligence Agency or CNN. The radical-ization of political discourse matters more than its con-tent, as the 2004 U.S. elec-tion campaign also suggest-ed.

tent, as the 2004 U.S. elec-tion campaign also suggest-ed.

3. Oil centralizes power. Venezuelan oil fetches a lower price than most because it's harder to refine, between 5th ballion and 5th between 5th billion and 5th between 5th billion and 5th between 5th billion and 5th pentyeen 5th billion and 5th and 5th billion and 5th than 5th billion and 5th pentyeen 5th the second second second pentyeen 5th the second second pentyeen 5th the second pentyeen the second pentyeen 5th the second pentyeen the second pentyeen 5th the second pentyeen 5th the second pentyeen 5th the second pentyeen 5th the second pentyeen 5th

been the case.
4. Anti-U.S. networks are 4. Antl-U.S. networks are here to stay. Chavez is throwing his one-pipeline-state petrodollars around to cultivate bands beyond contrades in Cuba. Nicaragua and Bolivia, Ties with Iran, Russia, China, Argentha, Evenador and Caribbean states are intensifying, Never mind if it takes three weeks to ship oil to to pariay his petrorevenue and pseudorevolution into a

to pariay his petrorevenue and pseudorevolution into a global anti-American role. Moscow is selling him arms; Beijing is selling marms; Beijing is selling whatever it can. These trends will continue beyond-Bush-High-oll-prices will tend to accentuate the long-term erosion of American dominance.

5. Ideologies are now served a la carte. Chavez makes common cause with the Cuban Revolution. But he parades under banners of lesus Christ and calls Christ the "first revolutionary." So much for Communism's dismissal of the oplum of the people. The Venezuelan leader talks a lot about women's rights, but abortion,

people. The Venezuelan leader talks a lot about to member sights, but abortion remains illegal, lust as Chinese Communism can be capitallst, and Russian democracy look Leninist. Chavez's Cuban-inspired socialism can be Catholic: What counts is power preservation.

6. Democracy is tested. Chavez has held several referendums and elections since coming to power nine-coming to power ninecards and national identity cards are bought for a few hundred dollars, when tens of billions of dollars go miss ing in the national budget, when the judiciary is subwhen the judiciary is sub-servient and corruption a way of life, democracy is challenged. But his conces-sion of a very narrow defeat was reassuring, yet his long-time readiness to forge an open and accountable soci-

ety remains to be seen.
7. Utopias live. Decades of neglect of Venezuela's poor by ruling elites opened the way for Chavez's "revolution," with its promise of socialist cooperatives, improved health care, better otherwise, and "resolute. improved neath care, feeter aducation and "people"s power." In some areas — power." In some areas — power." In some areas — power. In some areas — power. In some areas — the cation — Chaves has delivered to the cation — Chaves has delivered to the cation of the cation

Roger Cohen is a columnist for the New York Times.

What if the United States had drawn map of Middle East?

s an Israeli-Palestine summit convenes this week, take a moment to contemplate one of the more lutriguling what is of history. What if he United States had been landed with the acoponishility of ruling Palestine after the end of the Ottoman empire? And what I that mandane had included all of todays street, Jordan, Would the Middle East have been better off than it is more than the state of the world has fongatten the King-Crane Commission that Would the Middle East have been better off than it is more than the world order. Wilson set in moulon in 1919 at the Paris Peace Conference. To sort out new ourld order, Wilson urged that a commission be sent to "clucidate the state of opinion" in Greater Syria about how people wanted to be governed now that the Turks were goine. The allies reluctantly accepted the commission but then bowed out.

The British and French had

The British and French had already divided up the terriarready divided up the terri-tory between them in a secret agreement. And, as the United States had not fought in the Middle Bast, nor had it ever declared war on the Ottomans, the allies felt it was really none of America's business.

business.
But neither Wilson nor the
United States, just emerging
as a world power, could be
totally ignored.



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In the end only Henry King, president of Oberlin College, and Charles Crane, heir to a plumbing fortune, took off for the Middle East, took off for the Michtle East, Neither knew anything about the region. After falking to hundreds of people of all confessions, the commission decided that Greaner Syria should be treated as a unitary state and morelivided among the allies. Sing and Crame thought Syria should be given independence, preferably under Emit Paisal whom Lawrence of Arabla had helped to chase out the Turks.

If there were to be a League of Nations mandate, however, the region's Arabs said they would prefer to be ruled by Americans, rather than by British or French, according British or French, according to the commission's report. Reasons were that the Americans were not considered true imperialists and could be counted upon to leave one day. Also, Americans had the wherewithal to develop the region, Dissenting from this opinion, however, were the

Zionists who had just been promised a fewish homeland in Palestine by the British. The Baffort Declaration also said that a fewish homeland should not interfere with interfere with interfere with interfere with should not interfere with he rights of Arabs, thus setting apa contradiction that he rights of Arabs, thus setting apa contradiction that have book "One Palestine Complete," chonicles the British Mandate, the early Zionists feared Wilson's obsession with democracy. Themocracy in America." a Zionist publication, esplained, "too commonly means majority rife without regard to diversities of types or stages of civilization...," Since Zionists were a majority in neither Palestine nor the test of Greater Syria, American style democracy would be bad for the Jews. The commission angued against a levish state on the grounds that to disregard the wishes of the Arab majority would be contrary to

wishes of the Arab majority would be contrary to Wilsonian principles. The Jews, and the Christians of Lebanon, should seek auton-omy within a Greater Syria, but not independence. Crane would later be branded as an would later be branded as anti-Semile, justly as it turned out, but the commis-sion's recommendations against a Jewish state was based more on skepticism concerning the unreconcil-able contractions in the



dreds of Iraqi refugees returned to Bagl government halled as a sign of growing public confidence that Iraq is finally on the road to stability.

Balfour Declaration, Since Balfour Declaration. Since the Arab majority opposed a lewish state could not be achieved without force of arms, and it would take not less than 50,000 troops to achieve it, the commission

una. When the commissioners When the commissioners returned to Parks, their nonment in history had passed. Wilson had already sailed home, where shortly afterward he fell ill and died. The British and French carved up the Middle East between themselves. American participation in the

League of Nations was still-horn, and the commission's report was not even pub-lished until 1922. Would an American man-date have been any better than the British and French bundled 2 Behering and mandates? Palestine was a nightmare for the British, trying to ktep Zionists and ing to keep Zionisis and Agabs from each other's throats, and the French were plagued with more than a dozen revolts in Syria. Perhaps the United States would have been quicker, after World War II and the Holocaust, to recognize a

Jewish state, but would the plight of the Palestinians and the travails of Lebanon be any better today if America had been in charge between the two world wars? America's performance in Iraq would suggest that we all should be thankful that the modern Middle Past was

modern Middle East wa iever made in America. It's tempting to say that, on the whole, things were better off under the Turks.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Idaho F&G mismanaging wolf program

Won program
We need the assistance of
all concerned Idahrctitzens
and sportsman in promoting our ballot initiative,
Without the success of this
ballot initiative, we will continue to be at the mercy of
government bureaucrats to
continue their incpt management of this issue.
The Idaho Fish and Game

The Idaho Fish and Game recently announced a pro-The Idatio PISE and Same cently announced a proposed wolf management plan to deal with this predator. The head Fish and Game, well biologist Steve Nedeau, in a recent meeting in northern Idaho, told our group that there are at least 27 different pro-wolf advocate groups that plan on challenging delisting through the courts. These lawsuits will likely sideline the proposed management plan and allow these predators to multiply and run free in our Idaho wilderness for many years to come.

tors to multiply and run free in our Idaho wilderness for many years to come. Mr. Nedeau is ithe proclaimed wolf expert for the Fish and Game management plan. Mr. Nedeau is like the "fox watching the chicken coup." His priority is promoting the perpetuation of this non-native Canadian gray wolf species at the expense of our defenseless Idaho ungulate wildlife. Our Idaho Fish and Game has horribly mismanaged this program since is inception. The clitzens of Idaho need to send a strong message to our state and federal bureauerats that we will no longer tolerate the mismanagement of this Canadian gray wolf processing the control of the Canadian gray wolf processing the Canadian gray wolf processing the control of the Canadian gray wolf pro-

Canadian gray wolf program.

Depredation of our calfcow elk counts have fallen
below sustainable levels. The
turrent situation is dire and
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federal bureauçats have
horribly mismanaged this
program. This falled "experiment" is jeopardizing the
future survival of our Rocky
Mountain elk herds. Idaho
citizans must demand
immediate drastic corrective
measures to this falled program. Fallure of such will
result in the Rocky
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becoming an endangered
species in Idaho.
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INS has to profile to do its job

Regarding Mrs. Parra's let-ter Nov. 26, I agree this is a great nation and we all deserve a chance to, make it. Those of us that are here legally deserve a chance. If you sneak into the United legally deserve you sneak into the United States illegally, then you are a criminal and deserve to be sent back, period.

Yes, you are right, there are Americans who are taking advantage of our welfare system, I have a problem with that also. I still say 'so what' on racial profiling, If an Immigration and Naturalization Service agent stops a Mexican-American and proof of citizenship is shown, they are released, similar to a traffic stop. If INS agents are not allowed to profile, how can they stop lilegal aliens? Are they supposed to randomly pick a person and ask for proof of

citizenship? That's not going to work; you have to target the problem group to solve

the problem.

As for having someone follow me around, sure go ahead, I have nothing to

ahead_e) may ... As for your comment about working in 100-degree weather, I do that already. I bust my butt outside in the rock, dirt, dust and sage-

brish year round. I'm not afraid to work.
And your de-it-for-half-the-money comment, that wouldn't be an issue if pen-ple were not sneaking into the country and working for lower wages and paying no taxes. There are a lot of legal citizens who are out of towns who might not be if illegals weren't taking up jobs.
Racism is not really the

issue here. Peuple turning a blind eye to illegal intruders and then asking that special provisions be made for them is the issue. T have problems with hav-ing to ask for people to speak English. We live in Idaho, USA. English is our lan-guage; if you move here, learn it. ERIK WENSINIK

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Manufacturing expands moderately in November

Jayco one of several RV manufacturers seeing growth ...

Times-News staff and wire reports

U.S. manufacturing expanded in November as new orders and production improved, but weakness in employment suggested that industrial jobs may not be asplentiful in coming months.

However, recreational vehicles

ele manufacturing in south-central Idaho is still adding jobs. "We just finished hiring

some new people and in about six months we plan to bire about 60 more," sale Dave Yoder, general manager of Jayco Inc., which already employs about 280 workers in its - three manufacturing plants.

employs about 280 wnexcome its stree manufacturing plants.

The company will need additional employees to meet increasing demand for the recreational tradiers, Jaycos facilities in Pains to produce 19 units per day, inswever, it plants to produce 23 units per day by February. According Group, a non-profit group that monitors the industry, almost all RV manufacturers are seeing the plants of the plants of

mid-priced RVs — likely due to the higher cost of family recreational activities that require lodging, transportation and meals.

— However, not all-sectors of the manufacturing industry see the same increases.

— The Institute for Supply Management, a Tempe, Ariz, based, trade group, said Monday that its manufacturing index replstered 50.8 has month, down from 50.9 in October. A reading above 50 indicates growth; below that spells contraction.

— The November results.

spells contraction.

The November results, which marked the 10th consecutive monthly expansion, were slightly stronger than the 50.1 expected by analysts

polled by Thomson/IFR
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The Common are struggling,
manufacturing continues to
grow due in continuing
strength in new orders, and a
recovery in production from
last month. Norbert Ore,
chairman of the Institutes
business survey committee,
said in a statement. "Prices,
thiven higher by energy
prices, are once again the
major concern." ajor concern.

inator concern."
Wall Street stocks briefly
dipped after the report was
released because signs of economic strength could reduce
the chances the Federal
Reserve will cut rates at its
Dec. 11 monetary policy

Hands-on learning

Purchasing



meeting.
But the stock declines were limited as investors turned their attention to remarks by

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, who realfirmed a plan to try to stabilize the mortgage market by reducing forcelosures on adjusting transportation. The manufacturing report showed a decline in the employment index to 47.8 from 52.0, indicating manufacturing is observed in the forcelosure of the property of the property of the forcelosure of the property of the property of the forcelosure of the property of the property of the forcelosure of the property of the property of the property of the forcelosure of the property of the property

from \$2.0, indicating manufacturing, jobs are contracting, according to Doug Potter, deputy, chief economist at BMO Capital Markets.

"The one concern in the report is the steep drop in the report is the steep drop in the report is the steep drop in the weak result could foreshadow a disappointing national employment report on Friday, he added.

Paulson: Agreement is near on industry-wide effort to freeze mortgage rates

By Martin Crutsinger Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON Tensury Secretary Henry-Paulson-said-Monday-he-is-confident there will soon be-confident there will soon be-an agreement to help thousands of homeowners avoid mortgage defaults by temporarily freezing their interest rates.

Paulson told a national housing conference that this effort involved a "pragmatic response" to current realities as the economy goes through the warst howston-

enor involved a pragnature response to current reallities as the economy goes through the worst housing shump in more than two decades. The number of homeowners struggling to meet higher payments because their initial introductory rates are resetting is currently soaring. Paulson and other top Treasury officials have been holding talks with major players in the mortgage industry over the past several weeks to hammer out an agreement that would freeze.

ar weeks to nammer out an agreement that would freeze the lower introductory rates to keep them from resetting to higher levels for a period

"We are working aggres-sively and quickly, utilizing

available tools and creating

available tools and creating new ones, to help financially responsible but struggling tomeowners, Paulson said in a speech to a national-housing conference-sponsored by the Office of Thrift Supervision.

One of the outstanding issues is how long the freeze will last. Some government regulators are pushing for five to seven years but investors, who will see lower payments on the loans, are arguing for a shorter period of one to two years.

An estimated 2 million subprine mortgages, loans

arguing for a shorter period of one to two years.

An estimated 2 million subprime mortgages, loans offered to borrowers with spotty credit histories, are scheduled to reset to much higher levels by the end of 2008. Those resets will push the payment on a typical mortgage up by \$3.50 per month, taking it from \$1.200 currently to \$1.550.

Pautison said he believed the disagreements can be resolved without delay. Some expect the administration to unveil the completed deal faiter this week, but Pautison was not as specific in his remarks, saying only. Tam confident they will finalize these standards soon."

Dan Davis of Filer, left, and Ben Whipple of Twin Falls, take part in a business simulation game at the College of Southern Idaho on Saturday. The

Business simulation gives students real-world experience

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Wine tasting, silent auction Wednesday

The Magic Valley Advertising Federation will

Advertising Federation will host awine tashing and auction on Wednesday hegin-ning 530 pm.

The silent auction runs from 530 mill 7 pm.

Foweral items will be auctioned totaling more than \$2,000 in value.

Cost to attend is \$20 per person. For more information or to reserve tickets, call Debbie Currier at (200) 736-0023 or email deurrier-mms@aol.com

New business to file air quality permit

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has received a request from Packaging Specialities of Idaho for an air quality permit to con-struct a new printing facility in Burley. struct a new printing facility in Burley.

A public comment period on the permit will be pro-

vided if a written request is submitted to DEQ by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18. For more infor-

mation, go to: www.deq.idaho.gov/pub-lic/comment.cfm

PGI growers elect' new officers

BLACKFOOT — PGI growers elected new offi-cers and ratified the new role for the organization during its annual All Grower Meeting. Those elected to move the organi-zation forward in it's more Grower Meeting Those elected to move the organi-zation forward in it's more specialized role are President Ray Tominage Blackfoot, Vice-President James Hoff of Idaho Falls. and Secretary Treasurer Willie Heward of Burley willie Heward of Burley.
Other members of the
down-steed board are Paris
Penfold, Driggs, representing seed growers, and
Kamren Koompin from
American Falls.

— from staff reports

By Blair Koch

Times-News correspondent

College of Southern Idaho Business Director Dennis Heiner explained that the remer explained that the two most important areas of any business is getting your product sold (marketing) and managing your money (finance).

(finance).

When it comes to becoming a big-wig business executive, companies often find promise in these two areas of operation.

promise in these two areas or-operation. In order to give students, and local businesses hands-on experience in marketing, the coilege — through the Small Business Development Center — held a simulation called, The Marketing Game. "Yee been doing this simu-lation for 10 to 12 years now, and it is really very popular. The simulation training gives participants the opportunity to apply marketing, princi-pals in a more real-life situa-tion," Heiner said. "Students-have ranked the program as

one of the most educational

one of the most educational functions of the class." About a dozen participants took advantage of playing the game on Saturday. The winner of the simulation would be chosen by which company made the most money.

company made the most money.

For John Garrett, 20, of Twin Falls, the simulation was harder than he thought it would be. He wasn't striving to win, but to take applicable, knowledge away—that—could be used in running his own business one day.

"Well, we're trying to self a volce, word processor unit and we have to make all these decisions on how to market, who to market to market, who to market to so that at the end of the day your company is profitable. so that at the end of the day your company is profitable." Garrett said. "I'm trying to take what I've learned in class and apply it here. It's pretty hard to get; all the, costs right and stay in budg-et. Already, I've learned that I need to watch my spending

"I've been doing this simulation for 10 to 12 years now, and it is really very popular. The simulation training gives participants the opportunity to apply marketing principals in a more real-life situation.

-- Dennis Heiner, CSI business director

and try to stay in budget."

As a sales manager for Qwest, Ben Whipple, of Twin Falls was hoping the simulation would help him in his

current career.

"Marketing is a huge part
of what I do and this has
helped me transform what I helped me transform what I know into running a prof-itable, 'business,' Whipple suld. 'The main thing I need-ed was more hands-on learning and this has really helped.' I leiner, explained that while the simulation is free for students the \$20 partici-

pation for Js well worth the cost to local business people. "This simulation helps companies and business owners see what the ins and outs are to marketing," Heiner said. "Most people walk away with real-world experience they may not otherwise get."

The simulation is offered at the college three times a year. For more, information call (200) 732-6452.

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Intelligence report counters Bush's warnings on Iran

WASHINGTON — In a surprising new report, the U.S. intelligence community said Monday that Iran balled its secret military program, to develop nuclear weapons four years ago, most likely in response to international criticism.

The new National Intelligence Estimate runs commer to Bush administration warnings about Iran's weapons development program, specifically its suggestion of the program of the program of the program of the program and read in medicar bomb. The report said trans effort to turn melcar material into an actual bomb ended in 2003 and has not been restarted. A top White House official and the result of the latest findings.

said there would be no change in U.S. polley toward ram as a result of the latest findings.

According to the new assessment by U.S. intelligence agencies, Iran is containing its effort to enrich uranium to produce weapons-grade material and "at a minimum" is keeping open the option of developing nuclear weapons. But, the report said, Iran faces "significant technical problems" and probably could not amass enough highly enriched uranium for a bomb until "some time."

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Despite rhetoric from Iran's fight to develop nuclear weapons, the intelligence report said Irlan's develop nuclear weapons, the intelligence report said Irlan's decisions. about nuclear weapons seem to be guided by weighting the custs of international sanctions and diplomatic solation, rather than by a single-midded, about mals to produce the program of the produced of the program of the produced of the program of the produced of the program suggests it is less determined to meabor weapons.

"Tebran's decision to halt its nuclear weapons: program suggests it is less determined to develop nuclear weapons than we have been judging since 2005," said file intelligence assessment, released by the Director of National Intelligence, Mike McConnell.

For President Bush, who warned in October that Iran's nuclear ambitions could ignite "World War III," the new report appeared to be a

warned in October that Iranis nuclear ambitions could ignite "World War III," the new report appeared to be a cold dash of reality. "This is challenging information," national security adviser Stephen Hadley said.

But he insisted that the new Tractiligence "pudgments" bolstered the White House's confidence that interfrational pressure, rather than force, was the right way to deal with Iran.

Bush had been asked in an Oct. 17 news conference about tran's medear with Iranis and the state of the

from having the knowledge to make a nuclear weapon." Hadley said that Bush was briefed on the new findings Wednesday, a day after the intelligance assessment was finalized. He said that 'months earlier' Bush was told there was new informa-tion on Iran but that it was not confirmed and that it would take some time to complete the assessment. "I'le was not told to stop talking about Iran's nuclear weapons program." Hadley said.

said.
Hadley insisted that Bush's strategy of bringing international pressure on Iran had not changed before or after he learned of the new intelli-



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gence assessment.
Hadley also disclosed that Vice President Dick Cheingy, who warned in October, that "we will not allow fran to have a nuclear weapon," was a nuclear weapon," was priefed on the new intelligence findings during thanksglving iweek, a week before flush was briefed.
The administration is seeking agreement at the United Nations Security Council for a third round of economic

sanctions against Iran. Its case seemed to be bolstered over the weekend by a statement by the new chief Trantam negotiator, Saeed Jalili, that all previous diplomatic understandings on Iran's nuclear program were hosperative.

The new National The new National Intelligence Estimate, a form of report that is the most authoritative written judg-ment of the U.S. intelligence community, was ordered by

the former director of national intelligence. John Negroponte, more than a year ago, in response to questions being raised by both administration officials and Congress. Completion of the assessment was originally due last

completion of the assess-ment was originally due last spring but was delayed for additional work and a com-prehensive "scrubbing" and review, intelligence officials

The assessment, released

Monday as an unclassified summary of the full, classified report, is the "inautinous judgment of all U.S. intell-gence agencies, including the CIA", the Defense intelligence Agency, collection and analy-stsoffices at the Départments of Energy and State, and others.

ers.

It said many of its key judg-ments were made "with high-confidence," a phrase that indicated to intelligence pro-

lessionals that the differences deep inside lrans rolling elites.

"You don't normally say high confidence without corroborating, multiple

communece without community control or a track record with." Said John Mctaughlin, a sentor career, CIA officer who was deputy director and chaired the National Intelligence Council which produces the national estimates.

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Patriots rally in final minutes

BAITIMORI: — The New England Patriots are still perfect, but looking mighty vulnerable. New England pulled off its greatest escape thus far to become the sixth team in NFL history to start a season with 12 victories. For the second straight week, it was a struggle against a losing team, but the incredibly resourceful Patriots got Tom Brady's Payard touchdown pass to Jabar Gaffney with 44 seconds left to beat the Baltimore Ravens 27-24 Monday night.

The winning drive in the final minutes cov-

ered 73 yards and required two fourth-down conversions, one on a defensive holding penalty 6 seconds before Gaffiney beat Dawan Landry in the left corner of the end zone. Driven to distraction by a Bultimore defense at imas reminiscent of the 2000 unit that led the Ravens (4-B) to a Super Bood Vetory, Brady came through late — as he always seems to. After edging Philadelphia, the Patriots kept alive their pursuit of the only unblemished record in NFL bistory, Mamil's 17-0 in 1972. With Pittsburgh (9-3) up next, the Patriots must recapture some of their record-setting

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As the higgest road favorite in a non-replacement game (P points), the Patriots nearly laid a dud in swirling winds and occasional snow littries. They trailed for 'nucle of the game,' but Brady relentlessly guided them downfield for the

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady rolls on the turf after being sacked Monday in Baltimore.



MMA fighter dies weeks after being injured

HOUSTON — A mixed martial arts fighter has died

moustin — A macu marital aris fighter has died in a hospice about six weeks after he was injured in a sanctioned bout, a rare fatality for a combat sport that is growing in popularity. Sam — Vasguez, 35;—01 Houston, was injured at the Toyota Center on Oct. 20 and died Pidhy. The Hurris Colling Medical Examiner? Office confirmed Vasquez's death, but spokeswoman Stacey Mitchell said it could be several days before the official cause is determined.

Mixed martial-arts fighting, a free-for-all combina.

official cause is determined.

Mixed martial-arts fighting, a free-for-all combination of judo, boxing, karnte.
Muay Thai, kickboxing, tae
kwon do, Jujitsu and
wrestling, has grown in
popularity and attracted
large pay-per-view television audiences.
To broaden its fan base,
the sport has limited the
violence, attracting new
fans without allenating its
original hard-core base.
Visquez was hospitalized
after he was knocked out by
Vince Libardi of San
Antonio in the third round

Vince Libardi of San Antonio in the third round of a fight at the Renegades Extreme Fighting show. He

lost conscinusness and suf-fered a seizur.

The l'exas Department of Licensing and Regulation, which sanctioned the fight, said it investigated the incident immediately ofter the fight. The group examines the certification of the fight. The group was the first such group of the fight. The group was the first such lighter to die from an injury incurred or aggravated while competing in a regulated bout, though no official statistics were available. In 1998, American Doug Dedge died after being knocked out in an unregulated fight in the Ukrailine.

after being snotsed on an unregulated flight in the Ukraime. Vasquez had been in intensive care at St. Oseph Medical Center before being transferred to a hospice last week. Vasquez suffered a massive stroke while hospitalized. Comments attributed to his wife, Sandra, or the mixed martial arts forum www.txmma.com indicated. www.txmma.com indicated he had been in a medically induced coma and had undergone two surgeries to remove blood clots in his brain.



Kuhn, O'Malley, others elected to Baseball hall

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - At last, Bowle Kuhn beat Marvin

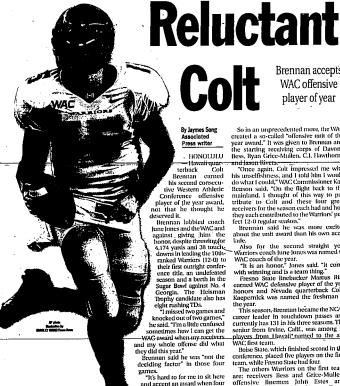
NASHVILE, Tenn.— At last, Bowle Kuhn beat Marvin, Miller at something.

The late commissioner was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame on Monday while Miller was rejected by a revamped Veterans Committee stacked with those he regularly opposed — and beat — In arbitration and bargain ing sessions that altered the history of the game.

Bowle was a close fiend and a respected leader who served as commissioner during an important period in history, amild a time of change, commissioner but Sells sald, adding: "I was surprised that Marvin Miller did not receive the required support given his important impact on the game."

on the game.
Former Dodgers owner Walter O'Malley, managers Dick
Williams, and Billy Southworth and ex-Pirates owner
Barney Droyfuss also were elected.

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Brennan accepts WAC offensive player of year

By Jaymes Song Associated Press writer

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games.
"It's hard to for me to sit here and accept an award when four of those victories we had in the WAC this year came from my other teammates," he said. "I think it's important they get recognized just as much."

So in an unprecedented move, the WAC created a so-called "offensive unit of the year award." It was given to Brennan and the starting receiving corps of Davone Bess, Ryan Grice-Mullen, C.J. Hawthorne

Bess, Hyan Grice-Mullen, C.J. Hawthorne mend-jason Hive mand-jason Hive mand-jason Hive a spain, Coli: Impressed me with his unselfshomes, and I told bim i would do what I could." WAC Commissioner Karl Benson said, "On the flight back to the mainland, I thought of this way to pay tribute to Coll and these four great receivers for the season each had and how they each contributed to the Warrfors' perfect 12-0 regular season." Hremáin said he was more excited about the unit award than his own accolade.

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Also for the second straight year,
Warriors coach June Jones was named the
WAC coach of the year.
"It is an honor," Jones said, "It comes
with winning and is a team thing,"
Fresno State linebacker Marcus Riley
earned WAC defensive player of the year
honors and Nevada quarterback Colin
Kaepernick was named the freshman of
the year.

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Jones: Florida's Tim Tebow is a 'system' quarterback

HONOLULU — Tired of his prolific passer being labeled a so-called system quarterback, "Hawaii coach June Jones on Monday pointed to another star quarterback running a system: Floridas

on Monday pointed to another star quarterback running a system: Floridas Tim Tebow. Jones said the key difference, however, is that his record-breaking quarterback. Colt Brennan, runs an NFL-style offense while Tebow runs a 'college system.' "My quarterback has been labeled a system quarterback for three years, Jones said." He is the best passer in col-lege history. He is. There is no question about it. Tim Tebow is in a system.' Jones acknowledged Tebow was a

great quarterback who will probably win the Heisman Trophy and a national championship. However, "a lot of his stuff comes off little dives, fades, things he is not going to to in the National Football League. That's my point." The former NFL quarterback and coach addressed comments he made about Tebow late Sunday to ESFN. He questioned whether the Horida quarter-back could run Hawall's run-and-shoot, which is the nation's highest scoring offense. Brennan, meanwhile, could run 'any system,' he sald. Jones, who said his comments were not meant to demean Tebow in any way.

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nnounced Wednesday. His comments have infuriated Gators

"His comments have infuriated Gators fans, who expressed their displeasure in Internet chat rooms and blogs. They'll have their chance to volce their opinion in person when the Warriors open their 2008 season at The Swamp.
Tebow, who broke his right, non-throwing hand against Florida State on Nov. 24, has accounted for \$1 toech-downs this season, making him one of the favorites to win the Heisman. Landa and 22 touchdowns, tying an such accounted fisses and 22 touchdowns, tying an such account of his passes for \$3.32 yards and 29 touchdowns. He has Jusy six Interceptions.

3,000 attend **Taylor** funeral

MAM (AP) — The little gild entered the big gymnasium in a stroller, askeep and oblivious to the 3,000 people on hand to pay last respects to her father, Sean Taylor.

Later, 18-month-old lackie Taylor was wide awake and runnling wind sprints past he huge flower arrangements in front of the stage. Wearing a red dress she stood and applauded with the rest of the audience following the introduction of her father's team, the Washington Redskins, She waved a milk bottle, sucked on a pacifier and went up and down the front row hugging grieving relatives.

and down the front row hug-ging grieving relatives. There were plenty of tears at Taylor's three-hour funeral Monday, but also ripples of laughter and words of-inspi-

laughter and words of inspiration.

"Let me hear you scream!" shouted the Rev. Jesse lackson, urging the audience to cheer Taylor's memory. "One more time! This is a celebration!"

The 24-year-old Taylor

The 24-year-old Taylor died last Tuesday, barely 24 hours after he was shot in the bedroom of his home a few Police say he was a victim of a botched burglary, and four

Police say he was a victim of a botched hunglary, and four young men have been changed with unpremeditat-ed murder.

Three of the suspects were transported from Lee County jail to Manni-Dade County jail to Manni-Dade County jail to Manni-Dade County jail to Agandow 18 Jason Mitchell, 19, and Venjah Charles Wardlow, 18 Jason Mitchell, 19, and Venjah Hunte, 20, were expected to appear in court Tuesday morning, I alla Isald.

Hunte, 20, were expected to appear in court Tuesday morning, Hall said.

The fourth suspect, Eric Rivera, 17, would be processed at a juvenile detention center in Miami-Dade County, Hall said.

A lawyer for one suspect said a fifth suspect was being sought.

sought.
"It's times like this that all of us struggle to find mean-ing in life," NFL commission-er Roger Goodell told mourn-

ing in life." MFL commissioner Roger Gondell told mourners.
"Today my heart is broken," said LaVar Arrington,
wiping away tears as he
recalled his two years as
taylor's teammate with the
Redskins. "I'll get through it.
The funeral sought closure
through payers, tributes and
gospel music. One singer
expended so much emotion
she collapsed lint a chair
upon leaving the stage and
weerleaving the stage and
weercontinued.
Eulogies by family, friends
and dignitaries praised
and clignitaries praised
actraordinary athletic skills.
"Many times God must
have looked down and said.
'Man, I made a great football
player," Redskins coach Joe
Gibbs said.
Michael Outar recalled the

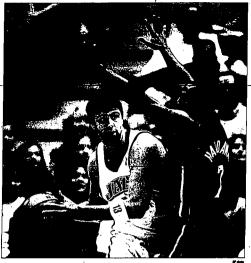
Gibbs said.
Michael Outar recalled the start of his nephew's football career as a 6-year-old with the Homestead Hurricanes. Young Sean was assigned No. 66 and a place on the defen-

the Homestead Hurricanes. Young Sean was assigned No. 66 and a place on the defensive line.

"He asked me, 'Uncle Michael, what do I do?' I told him. 'Hit the guy with the Ball.' That's what he did, over and over.' Outer said.

Taylor gree wint on a hard-hitting safety. He helped the Miami Hurricanes win the 2001 national championship beame a life of which the NFC in Interceptions this season when a knee injury sidelined him last month.

The list of celebrities in attendance was long. They included more than two dozen former Hurricanes towin the NFL, among them Edgerrin James. Devin Hester and peremy Shockey. Former Hurricanes coaches Larry Coker and Butch Davis sait in the front row, along with current coach Randy Shannon.



Jazz defeat Heat for eighth straight win

28 Doints, including four 3-pointers, to lead Utah past Miami 180-101. Ricky Davis made two free throws to cut Utah's lead to 94-92 with 34-34 to play, but the Jazz went on a 9-2 run to clinch the gazw. ent on a 9-2 run to clinch the gazw. Chart was purit that put the Jazz ahead 103-94 with 1:19 to play. Carlos Boozer had 24 points and 15 rebounds white Deron Williams added 24 points and 15 assists to give the Jazz their cighth straight win at home.

Dwyane Wade led Miami with 26 points and 10 assists but missed a crucial shot during Utah's final run and went just 60-12 from the free throw line, Jason Williams and Davis both socrael 15 points for the Iteat, who have lost four of their last five games.

TRAIL BLAZERS 106, GRIZZLIES 105

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MRIPHIS, Tenn. — Travis Outlaw's scored 21 points, including the winning 6-foot runner is the buzzer sounded, to give Portland its first road victory of the season, 106-105 over Memphis on Monday night. — Officials-reviewed-the-basket-after-diegame not only to see if Outlaw got the shot off in time, but also whether the clock start-ed properly when Portland inbounded the ball with 24 seconds feft.

Outlaw took the inbounds pass near indicourt and drove the right side on Mike Miller before firing the off-balance bank shot. Outlaw scored the last seven points for the Trail Blazers over the game's final 56 seconds.

seconds.

It was Outlaw's second buzzer-beater of
the game as his 30-footer at the horn cut
Memphis' lead to 80-78 at the end of three

quarters.
Rudy Gay had 30 points, including a sweeping rebound tip with 2.8 seconds left to give Memphis the lead before Outlaw's winning basket.
Miller had a season-high 30 points for

Miller use a second to the Grizzlies.

Brandon Roy had 26 points and nine assists for Portland, which had lost its first nine road games this season.

HAWKS 88, 76ERS 79
PHILADELPHIA — Josh Smith scored 22
points and Marvin Williams and Josh
Childress both added 16 as Atlanta

Philadelphia.
Joe Johnson scored 15 points and Al Horford had 12 points and 13 rebounds for the Hawks, who has two nat Philadelphia on March 21, 2003. Adata improved to 3-5 on the road this season.
Willie Green scored a season-high 23 points while Andre Miller added 18 for the Skers, who lost for the 10th time in the last 13 games.

Sixers, who lost for the 10th time in the ast 13 games. Philadelphia was 2-of-11 from 3-point range, Over the last three games, the Sixers have hit just 5-of-37 3-pointers, including an 0-for-14 effort in last Friday's one-point win over Washington.

RAPTORS 98, BOBCATS 79

TORONTO — Kris Humphries and Carlos Define both scored 17 points and loby Graham added 13 as Toronto shrugged off injuries to three top players. Jose Calderon had 12 points and nine assists for the Raptors, who won their fourth straight at home.

Gerald Wallace scored 19 points and 10 rebounds for Charlotter which has loss six Straight.

Toronto played without forwards Chris

Toronto played without forwards Chris Bosh (strained groin) and Andrea Bargnani (hyper-extended left knee) and guard T.J. Ford fleft thumb). Toronto is 2-1 in the three games it has played without Bosh, who leads the team with 16.8 points and 7.9 rebounds.

MAVERICKS 103, BULLS 98
CHICAGO — Josh Howard scored 27
points and Dirk Nowitzki added 25 for Dallas, which saw a 16-point fourth-quarter lead dwindle to three.
Andres Nocioni hit three free throws to
pull Chicago within 10.198 with 11.6 seconds left. lason Terry answered with two
free throws for Dallas, and Chicagos Kirk
Hinrich shot an airball on a 3-pointer from
the corner.

Hinrich shot an artibation and six assists.
Howard had 10 rebounds and six assists.
Erick Dampler added 10 rebounds and six blocks, and Terry secred 18 points.
The Mavericks were leading 85-99 after lerry Stackhouse's dunk with 816 left, but had to sweat this one out because of Nocioni and Hinrich.

— The Associated Press

Hall

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Manager Whitey Herzog and umpire Doug Harvey each missed induction by a single vote.

Dreyfuss helped bring peace between the American and National Leagues by arranging the first World Series and West Consts under baseball's flag when leimoved the Dodgers to Los Angeles after the 1957 season. Southworth and Williams won World Series tides.

Kuhn presided over the introduction of night games to the World Series and baseball's first, tenacitye steps into national marketing. But the game

and baseball's first, tenta-tive steps into national marketing. But the game also changed in ways he flercely resisted: Free agency, salary arbitration

and dozens of other benefits that Miller won for the players as the head of their union.

"I think it was rigged, but not to keep me out. It was rigged to bring some of these (people) in. Its not a preity picture," Miller said by telephone after being by telephone after being by telephone after being the properties of the properties o

The original 15-member panel was expanded to include every living member of the Hall, but that

group failed to elect anyone in three tries. It was replaced by three separate panels — one for players, one for managers and umpires and one for executives and ploneers, leaving Miller's fortunes largely in the hands of the same group he once fought. In collective bargaining and the courts.

in collective bargaining and the courts. In collective bargaining and the courts. In collective bargaining and the courts. Come close, the collecting only three of 12 possible votes. Under the previous system. Miller received 63 percent of the votes earlier this year while Kuhn got 17 percent — a reversal noticed by Miller's successor at the players' union, Donald Febr. Kuhn, who died in March at the age of 80, is the first commissioner elected since Happy Chandler in

since Happy Chandler in 1982,

Clock ticks on Yankees' talks for Santana

NASINVILIE. Tenn. (AP)—
The New York Yankees appeared by the pull out of transparent of the pull out of the pull out of the pull of

the time only to resume talks late. Web. got. good. players. We have players that maybe other clubs would like to equite. The sold. We've had a lot of years where we keep going over and picking up the phone receiver to be make sure the dial tome was still (there). We couldn't get the phone to ring.

That's not a problem these days, with the Yankees and Boston Red Sox both pursuing Santana, a two-time Cy Young Award winner who can become a free agent after next season, and other teams inquiring about closer loe Nathan.

While Cashman usually is surrounded by media, even with the Santana spotlight on him Smith leads a low-key existence.

1 passed through the bobby, I can still go under the

radar. There aren't many people who know who the heek I am." he said.

New York offered pitcher, Phil Hughes, center fielder Melky Gabrera and a middered prospect. The Red Sox are thought to have offered fon Lester. Clay Buchholz or Jacoby Ellsbury.— but only one of them — as part of a deal.

Santana's agent. Peter

deal.

Santana's agent. Peter
Greenberg, sald bis client
was angered by a report that
he has told the Twins to only
trade him to the Yankees or
Red Sox. Santana has made
no such request. Greenberg
sald, and also hasn't ruled
out returning to the Twins
nextseason.

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"He was very adamant about that. He wanted to make sure we clarified that. That upset him," Greenberg said. Tie's been very clear all along that he wants fill to make the best deal possi-ble."

While the Venkow's research

ble."
While the Yankees pressed for a decision, Red Sox gen-eral manager Theo Epstein didn't express any time pres-sure. He said there was no expiration date on any of his

expiration date on any of his trade talks. New York dld get a left-hander Monday: Andy <u>Poutite decided to pitch for</u> the Yankees next season rather than retire. Pettittes' agent, Randy Hendricks, said Monday that the 35-year-old lefty had started telling teammates on Sunday. Hendricks then informed Cashman of the news.

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Hendricks said Yankees captain Derek Jeter and catcher Jorge Posada had lobbled Petitle to return, and the plicher consulted his wife.

After Petitite declined his \$16 million option last month, wanting more time for his decision, the Yankees left him a standing \$16 million offer. "Sure. I'm happy," Steinbrenner said. "There's still a couple details to work out there."

SI names Favre 2007 Sportsman of the Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Brett Favre's standout season for the resurgent Green Bay Packers has earned him the title of 2007 Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year, making him the fourth quarterback to win the award in its 53-year history.

The 38-year-old Favre joins fellow quarterbacks: Terry Bradshaw (1979), Joe Montana (1990) and Tom Brady (2005) as recipients of the award, given to an athlete who symbolizes the ideals of sportsmanship.

sportsmanship, Favre, a three-time NFL

MVP, said in the cover story of

MVP, said in the cover story of the magazine's Dec. I o'th issue that leadership is about finding ways to raise his team's level of play. Favre has started a quarter-back-record 249 consecutive games, and this year sur-passed Dan Martino for career touchdown passes and pass attempits. He is 450 yards away from breaking Martino's career record of 61.361 yards. Favre has had one of the

61,361 yards.
Favre has had one of the best seasons of his 17-year career with 3,412 yards with 18 touchdowns.

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winning score and his 41st touchdown pass of the season of the

But they couldn't manage

But they couldn't manage to hang on, although a 52-yard completion to Mark Clayton got them to the New England 3 as time ran out.

The Ravens went in front 17-10 as McGahee starred with six carries for 48 yards on a third-quarter drive. He carried two defenders into the end zone on his 77-yard TD that lifted him over 1,000 yards rushing in his first season with Baltimore. His score also woke up the dormant Patriots offense. His core also woke up the dormant Patriots offense. Brady found a rhythm on a 72-yard drive capped by Randy Moss' 3-yard touchdown reception.



SPORTS D.J. White has career-high 29 points and No. 15 Indiana survives injury to Gordon

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP)

— D.J. White was on pace for a career best even before high-scoring freshman Eric Gordon was injured.

After that, he had no choice

After that, he had no choice but to keep shooting. "My teanimates did a good job getting me the balf early." said White, who scored a career-high 29 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in the 15th-ranked Hoosiers' 84-72

victory over Tennessee State on Monday night. "I had to step, up. Our leading scorer, our playmaker got hurt, and we all knew we had to step up

and play."
The Hoosiers (7-1) led The Hoosiers (7-1) led early by as many as 19 points, but Gordon left the game-with about 6 minutes left in the first half after he fell hard to the floor, bruising his lower back. He was taken

for precantionary X-rays and is expected back for Saturday's game against Kentucky, coach Kelvin Sampson said.

With Gordon gone. With Gordon gone, the Tigers (2-4) rallied within seven points before two straight 3-pointers by Indianus Lance Stemler-Two-free throws by Jamarcus Ellis then gave Indiana a 73-58 lead and Tennessee State

came no closer than 12 for Indiana, which held on for its 22nd straight victory in White, a 6-fout-9 senior Assembly Hall.

Whose previous high was 23 Bruce Price, who led

whose previous high was 23 points, was perfect in eight shots from the field in the first half and finished 11-of-16 overall, He was 7-of-9 from the free throw line and had four-blothed-blothe.

Mike White finished with 11 points, Ellis had 10 and Stemler finished with nine

Assembly Hall.

Bruce Price, who led

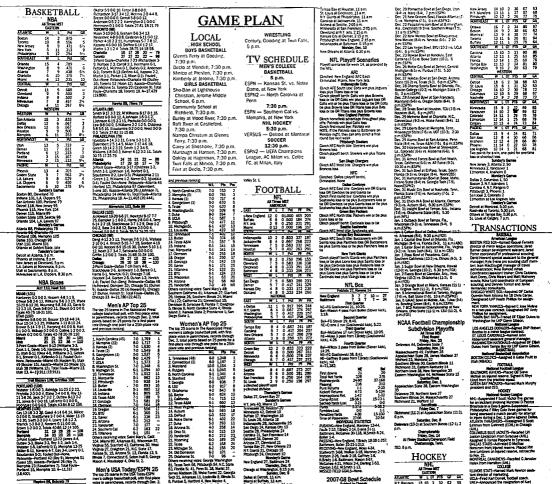
Tennessee State's comeback,
scored a career-high 34points, all but six after the 6-4
Gordon left the game.

Tennessee State coach Cy
Abeaunder said—the Figurepressing defense affected
Indiana in the second half.

Gordon, who had played

all 40 minutes in the past two gaines. finished with eight noints, the first time in his college career he scored fewer than 20. Gordon was 1-of-4 from the field and was knocked to the court as he passed off to White, who was fouled and -hit-bith-free-throws-for-a-35s-17 lead. Gordon remained in the game briefly, but he left limping shortly after that.

SCOREBOARD



Utah Jazz coach Sloan gets 1-year contract extension

SALT LAKE CITY — The Jazz have reached an agreement with Jerry Sloan on a one-year contract extension that will keep the coach on Utah's sideline through the end of next sea-

son. a, who took over the Jazz in 1988, is the franchise's winningest coach and needs just 47 victories to become the first coach in NBA history to win 1,000 games-with-the-same

finatchise.
"Jerry has led the Jazz franchise for the past
20 years and I wouldn't want it any other way,"
Utah owner Larry Miller sald in a release
Monday. "He teaches the game the way it
ought to be played."

.COLLEGE FOOTBALL MWC award goes to BYU player

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — No. 19
Brigham Young and San Dlego State, the only
teams playing a football game in the
dountain West Conference last weekend, got
weekly awards on offense, defense and special
teams Monday.

BYU defeated the Azties, 48-27, in a game
that was rescheduled because of wildfires in
southern California. The Cougars moyed up
two spots to No. 19 in The Associated Press
poil after the victory.

BYU freshman Harvey Unga won the conference award on offense after carrying 23
times for 161 yards and sooring a career-high
four tourchdowns. It was his third consecutive
game of more than 100 yards and his seventh
his year.

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this year.
He has 1,211 rushing yards for the season, the most for BYU since Luke Staley's 1,582

Jan Jorgénsen won honors on defense with seven tackles for BYU, including five solo and one sack. He has 11.5 sacks for the season, best in the conference.

San Diego State's Garrett Palmer won the special-teams award, hitting two field goals in two attempts, one from 40 yards and another form 41. He has 17 career field goals of 40

Dorrell fired after mostly mediocre run as UCLA Bruins coach

run as UCLA Bruills Coaci
LOS ANGELES — Karl Dorrell was an
acknowledged success in building his players
charecter as the UCLA coach. His won-loss
to come to the coach was another story.
UCLA athletic director Dan Guerrero, who
hired Dorrell to his first head coaching lob five
pears ago, fired him on Monday after the
pratins completed a 6-6 regular season.
Dorrell was dismissed of day after UCLA
accepted a Las Vegas Bowl bid and two days
after a loss to cross-town rival Southern
California.

BASEBALL Red Sox poised to bring back longtime short reliever Mike Timlin

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox and rellever Mike Timlin reached a preliminary agreement on a one-year contract worth \$3 mil-

lion.

The deal, which is pending the results of a physical, was confirmed Monday by a person with knowledge of the negotiations who spoke on condition of anonymity because the agreement had not yet been announced.

Sports Shorts their programs. - Anyone interested in attending is encour action of the street of

The 41-year-old Timlin went 2-1 with a 3.42 ERA in 50 games for Boston this year. He also made six appearances in the postseason, including five scoreless outlags.

Cuban says there's little movement on Cubs front

CHICAGO — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban is a frequent visitor to Wrigley Field and has made it clear he's interested in pur-

hasing the Cubs.
There's been little movement on that front,

though.

Nothing's changed. Right now we're walting for the (economic) reports to come out in January. Cuban said before Monday's game between the Mavericks and Bulls.

Tribune Co. put the Cubs on the market last season, but the process has moved slowly, Many don't expect a sale to be completed until well into 2008, and some believe baseball owners may not let Cuban into their club.

MAGIC VALLEY CSI sets time for Coca-Cola luncheon

TWIN FALIS — The College of Southern Idaho baskerball programs will hold a luncheon for the annual Coca-Cola Classic tournament at noon, Friday in Room 277 of the Taylor building, Coaches from each of the participating teams will be on hand to discuss

TFHS hosts Girls Night Out

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls varsity glisb basketball team will hold Girls Night Out when the Bruins face Skyline Thursday at Bain Gymnasium. The first High Country Conference game of the 2007-08 season will admit elementary-age glis for free. Santa Glus will also be on hand to pass out candy canes. The junior varsity Bruins will play at 6 p.m. with the varsity tipping off at approximately 7:30.

Burley holds hoops sign-ups

BURLEY — The Burley Lions Club will hold registration for flith- and sixth-grade boys besketball from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at White Pine Intermediate School In Burley. The cost is \$15, or \$5 and a good used coat.

T.F. adult soccer holds meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Adult Indoor. Soccer League will hold an organizational meeting at 6 pm. today at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation office (136 Maxwell Avenue). Rules, fees and league setup will be discussed. All teams wishing to participate should have a representative present. At least-eight teams are needed to run the league. Contact the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation office at 736-2265 with any questions.

- Compiled from staff and wire rea



































21): You need not be suspi-cious of the new and differ-ent. In the end you will find that you can rely on some-one who initially seems wild-ly out of control. SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may like being the center of attention. Since you are apt to feel your needs-are the most important, you might briefly disregard the needs of others. A minor spat can clear the air. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will find that you can't take half measures. You may wish to make a change, but want to test the waters first. The only thing that will bring success is true com-

bring success is true commitment.

AQUARIUS (Ian. 20-Feb. 18): You will be more successful by being soft and pilable than hard and uncelenting. The cold businessificatitude that you sense from others could be merely your own reflection.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It is OK to be a trendsetter. That 'out with the old, in with the new' attitude might hide a true blue character. You have the knack of making people feel like they fit in — no matter how odd the situation.

Blondie





By Dean Young & Stan Drake

By Art Sansom, & Chip



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The Wizard of Id



Dennis the Menace



SHOULDN'T **YOU** START BEIN' GOOD FOR CHRISTMAS PRETTY SOON, MR. WILSON &

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Where do you think I should go, Mommy?"

Office popcorn fragrance causes some to swoon

DEAR ABBY: I laughed out ud when I read the letter loud when I read the letter from "Believes in Decorum Eugene, Ore." (Oct. 15) whose office reeked of pop-

Edgene. Ofer. (Oct. 197), whose office recked of popocorn.

I work for a theater company that shares office space with two sister companies and-an investment firm. All are owned by the same family. Several times a month someone will make popcorn, and yes, the smell travels throughout the building. Co-workers often stop in the companies of the stop in the companies of the stop in the companies. The share of the stop in the share of th

DEAR ABBY: Those of us who are allergic to corn or other ingredients in microwave popcorn most certainly DO, object to pop-corn fupnes. They make us deathly III I avoid any busi-ness that pops popcorn, or I



DEAR ABBY Jeanne **Phillins**

risk a severe allergic reaction, risk a severe allergic reaction, which, can include anaphylaxis among other serious symptoms. The office minager in that office is right to put a stop to microwave popcoru. It's not safe for everyone. — DONNIE

IN CONCORD, MICH.

DEAR ABBY: I am a lawyer. Lagree with the office managine. The chemical smell of microwave popcorn is nauscating and, indeed, unprofessional. Recent stories in the media have revealed that the fake butter chemicals clacety can cause cancers in factory workers who produce it. Also, this is a smell commonly associated with castal entertrainment venues such as movie theaters, county fairs, and nights at home in front of the television.

It is not appropriate for a DEAR ABBY: I am a lawyer.

It is not appropriate for a law firm unless the office is law firm unless the office is large enough and has a sophisticated air filtration system so the odor can be confined to a back room.

— ANN ARBOR LAWYER

DEAR ABBY: The smell of nuked popcorn makes my

throat itch and my eyes water. There is supporting evidence that the funes supporting evidence that the funes may be finazirdous to your health. May I suggest an alternative? Switch to something healthy like granula bars or herbul teas, and perhaps adopt, a "general autitude adjustment."

adupt, a 'general attitude adjustment. — GLENN, ALEXANDRIA, VA. DEAR ABBY: The woman who was concerned about the popcorn stuell in their office needs to know that the odor may be the least of her problem. In many public offices and huidings, it's against the fire code to microwave popcorn. The hags catch fire easily because the fat inside generates a lot of heat while cooking the kernels, and they can go from 'pop' to 'black' in only a couple of seconds. Many fires have started this "Bullitages," should invest.

"Believes" should investigate what the regulations are in her area. She may have a valid reason to ask "Suzy" to switch snacks.

— CATIE B.,

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIE

TO MY JEWISH READERS: The eight days of Hanukkah begin at sundown. I can't believe how early it has fallen this year. Allow me to wish all of you a happy Festival of Lights!

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 4, the 338th day of 2007. There are 27 days left in the year. The Jewish Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, begins at sunset.

Today's highlight:

On Dec. 4, 1783, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York.

On this date:

In 1816, James Monroe of Virginia was elected the fifth president of the United

States.
In 1875, William Marcy
Tweed, the "Boss" of New
York City's Tammany Hall
political organization,
escaped from jail and fled the
country.
In 1918, President Willy
set sail for France to attend
the Versailles Peace
Conference.

Conference.
In 1942, U.S. bombers struck the Italian mainland for the first time in World War II.

II. 1942, President Roosevelt ordered the dis-mantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during

the Depression.
In 1965, the United States launched Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Commander James A. Lovell aboard.
In 1977, Jean-Bedel Bokassa, ruder of the Central African Empire, crowned dimself emperor in a lavish ecremony. (Bokassa was deposed in 1978; he died in 1996 at age 75.)
In 1976, San Francisco got its first female mayor as City Supervisor Dianne Felnstein was named to replace the assassinated George Moscone.
In 1991, the original Pan

loscone. In 1991, the original Pan merican World Airways

American World Airways ceased operations.

In 1996, the Mars Pathfinder lifted off from Cape Canaweral and began speeding toward Mars on an odyssey of 310 million miles. (It arrived on Mars in July 1997.)

Ten years ago: The

1997.)
Ten years ago: The National Basketball Association suspended All-Star Latrell Sprewell of the Colden Stare Warriors for one year for choking and threatening to kill his coach, Pl. Carlesimo, three days earlier, (An arbitrator later reduced the suspension and reinstat-

ed Sprewell to the Warriors, which had terminated his

ed sprewell to the Wartiors, which had terminated his contract.)

Five years ago: United Airlines lost A6 bild or \$1.8 billion in federal ion guarantee and the second section of the second properties of the second propert

mat such its abortion opponents.)
One year ago: Lacking the Senate votes to keep his job. Cembattled 'Lib.' Armbassador John Bolton offered his resignation to President Bush. Lance Cpl. Daniel Smith was convicted in the Philippines of raping a Filipina woman and sentenced to 40 years in prison. Track driver Tyrone williamy laws convicted in Jouston of the deaths of 19 liegal lumigrants crammed into a sweltering tractor-trailer. NASA announced plans to build an international base, camp on the moon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actress-singer Deanna Durbin 186 Cames showhost Wink Martindale is 73. Actor-producer Mas Bear It. is 70. Actress Gemma Jones is 65. Rock musician Bob Mosley (Moby Grape) is 65. Singer-musician Clinis Hillman is 63. Musician Terry Woods (The Pogues) is 66. Rock singer Southside Johnny Lyon is 59. Actor Jeff Bridges is 58. Rock musician Gary Rossington (Lynyrd Skriyny): the Rossington Collins Band) is 56. Agress Particia Wettig is 56. Agress Particia Wettig is 56. Agress Particia Wettig is 56. Jazz singer Cassandra Wilson is 52. Country musician Brian Prout (Diamond Ro) is 52. Rock musician Bob

Griffin (The BoDeans) is 48. Rock singer Vinnie Dombroski (Sponge) is 45. Actress Marisa Tomelis 43. Actress Chelsea Noble is 43.

Noble is 43.
Actor-comedian, Fred
Armisen is 41. Rapper Jay-Z is
38. Actor Kevin Sussman
("Ugly Betty" is 37. Actressmodel Tyra Banks is 34.
Country singer Lila McCann
126. Actress Lindsay Felton is
23. Actor Orlando Brown is 20.



"People who have what they want are fond of telling people who haven't what they want that they really don't want it."

— Ogden Nash, American humorist and poet (1902-1972)

Jennifer Love Hewitt isn't laughing

ing her curves after photos of her in a bikini were ridiculed

her in a bikini were ridiculed on the Internet.

"I've sat by in silence for a long time now about the way women's bodies are constantly scrutinized," the 28-year-old actress writes on her Web site. "To set the record straight, I'm not upset for me, but for all the girls out there that are strug-

gling with their body image."
The photos show Hewitt, with a bit of cellulite, on a Hawaii beach with her new flance, Scottish actor Ross McCall.

McCall.
Several sites posted the shots, along with some less-than-complimentary comments. TMZ.com. for example, said, "We know what you ate this summer, Love — everything"

ful." "What I should be doing is celebrating some of the best days of my life and my engagement to the man of my dreams, instead of having to deal with photographers taking invasive pictures from head angles."

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because the suckers wino pay the freight by uning into the the suckers wino pay the freight by uning into the the suckers wind the suckers Meanwhile, college footballs national championship is more "mythical" than ever. Since thijacking the games postseason in 1998 with the promise of matching No. 1 vs. No. 2 in the title game, the BCS has delivered exactly twice. "Once it 2002, when undefeated Miami and Ohlo State met, and again in 2005, when Texas and Southern California did the same.

Southern California did the same.

This year? Don't ask. Befuting a season that began with a colossal upset and get more unpredictable as! tunfolded, Ohio State will play LSU on lan. 7 in New Orleans. The Tigers' appearance marks the first time a two-loss team made the champlonship game. That means any of the four other two-loss teams that are ranked among the top seven— That means any of the four other two-loss teams that are ranked among the top seven—Virginal Tech, Oklahoma, Georgia and USC — could win their bowl game and make a plausible argument about being national champs. Still, when it comes to tortured logic, they'd all have to take a back seat to the HCS. — I don't think that it's so much the system as it is the year, BCS childrand Southeastern Conference commissioner Mike Silve said Stonday night, in a classic case of blaming the victim. It's not the teams' responsibility to sort themselves out. Mike, That's what championally a first the difference is that just all the control of the

Fox Sports, their cronies, apologists and hired computer geeks

But their cynicism doesn't end there, in the past, the BCS fend-ed off demands for a playoff by "tweaking" the format — a half-dozen times in its brief tenure —

Tweatong, are contracted to the dozen times in its brief tenure—only to find another tweak or two is needed the following year. What they've done the past two years to escape the blame for the mess they've made is suggest they might be ready to chunge. "What I find interesting about this year. is this year an anomaly or is this year a precursor to what we might see in the future," Silve said. "And then trying to analyze that question leads us to the discussion we have had on numerous occu-



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sions about whether this format needs an adjustment."
Sieve and his plast back at head-quarters already know how the "format" should be adjusted—and have from the leginality a playoff of some sort. That's why affill BCS game was tucked into the current. We deal that must frough the 20 blook Konson as a plass of the current We deal that must frough the 20 blook Konson as a plass of the current We deal that must frough the 20 blook Konson as a plass of the current of the current who have the current who finish the year.

Translation: We aint changing any time soon. We like things exactly the way they are and as long as we have the TV rights and the backing of the university presidents from the power conferences, we'll keep naiking it up as we go along. If the truth-in-advertising laws applied to college football this season, the BCS would just go-ahead and cancel the title game. There's no clear No. 1—010 to start has the same and the son the little game. There's no clear No. 2, either LSU lots both its games in triple overtime—but against earnst and and far linked B-4 (Arkanssa) and that finished B-4 (Arkanssa) and that finished B-4 (Arkanssa) and that finished B-4 (Arkanssa) and 7-5 (Kentucky) and outside the BCS Top 25. The cases for all

BCS Top 25. The cases for all the other contenders get even weaker from there on ou. College football's national champlons were "mythical". long before the BCS inserted itself into the process. Teams played in bow games based on conference ties, and afterward, writers weighed in and people angued over their handlwork for dreades.

angued over their handuvorx andecades.
All the BCS has done Is take over the tabulating, add a dose of psuedo-science — check out the three computers that ranked Missouri ahead of Oklahoma, even though the Sooners beat the Tigers twice, once on a neutral field — and pocket a nice chunk of the profiss. McDonadd's couldn't get away with that, either.

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McFadden plays brilliant again

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of 2007 Heisman Trophy candidate profiles written by The profiles written Associated Press.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP)
— Week after week, Darren
McFadden calmly answered
questions, doing his best to
shrug off all the hype about
the Heisman Trophy.
Then he'd take the field—
and hear about it some
more.

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"A lot of trash talk going on after plays." McFadden said. They were always just-said. They were always just-like... Come-on-lieisman." They say anything when they tackle you, you know?" McFadden should exuse those defensive players if they were a little mouthy. Tackling him is quite an accomplishment.

After finishing second in the Heisman voting last year, the Arkansus tailback is again a top candidate to win college football's most prestigious award.

McFadden's run at this year's honor really began last season, when he rushed for 1,617 yards and led the Razorbacks to the Southeastern Conference title game.

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Southeastern Conference title game. He had no chance to outpoil Ohio States Troy Smith, but as the Helsman runner-up, he had a head start tills eason. Everyone wanted to know what was instore for McFaddens junior season. The answer: more of the same.

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Arkansas running back Darren McFadden [5] jumps over LSU safety Craig Steltz during the third on period of their college football game in Baton Rouge, La., on Nov. 23. McFadden rushed for three to d threw for another to lift Arkansas to a 50-48 victory over the top-ranked Tigers.

"When Darren McFadden "When Darren McFadden is at his highest level, there's not a defense in this country that can stop him," said Reggie Herring, who took over as Arkansas' interim coach when

coach when Houston Nutt resigned last week. "He needs blockers just like every other great running back, but what he's done over the past two years is more than enough to secure a Helsman Trophy.

Those two increased fan against Nutt,

McFadden faded a bit in October. He ran for only 43 yards in a 9-7 loss to Auburn that dropped that dropped Arkansas to 0-3 in the SEC. That

Arkansas to 0-3 in the SEC. That game remains a significant blems. See that so the see that see that

time.
"I just want my guy to be mentioned in that Heisman I place with in year to be mendoned in that Heisman (nece). Next said what Heisman (nece). Next said where the LU gen Reach back and was liked by Mississippi. "He was second last year in the Heisman Trophy bellot and he's having a better year this year, so why wouldn't he be there?" McPadden is third on the SEC's career rushing list at 4.485 yards. He can turn pro after this season, so if the Cotton Bowl is his last

me, he'll need 73 yards on New Year's Day to pass Kevin Faulk for second

McFadden also became

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McFadden also became
the second SEC player to
rush for 1,000 yards as a
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For McFadden's home state of Arkansas, though, the Heisman is Important; The Razorbacks have never had a Heisman winner, and their fractured fan base could use a reason to cheer a menithuous year draws as a tumultuous year draws

to a close.

McFadden has made his bld. Now it's up to the vot-

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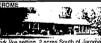


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sort it is easy to overthink the problem. You may be able to defeat their game, but putting them under maximum pressure as fast as possible will probably be the winning tactic. Just jump to five clubs and let them sort things out from there.

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# What makes winter?

# The science of the season

Take a few steps outside, and there's no escaping it—it's cold, frost laces to air is crisp and cold coloses in earlier each day.

But why? What causes animals to develop thick costs, or water to run in a ditch when, all around, puddles are frozen? For a city dweller, winter can be a nuisance, causing snow days and silding cars. But when crops or livestock are on the line, knowing the whys and hows of winter is more important—for even small farms, that can mean the difference between profit and loss, success and fore-closure.

#### Why winter in the first place?

Chalk that up to the tilt of the earth. The planet rotates on its axis once every 24 hours — that's what makes night and day — but it also tilts to one side. If the Northern Hemisphere is closer to the sun, it will be summer there and winter in the Southern Hemisphere, and vice versa. If the earths axis were perpendicular to its orbit, there wouldn't be essaons.

perpendicular to its orbit, there wouldn't be seasons.

"We could pick the climate we wanted based on how far away from the equator we were," said Todd Bronson, assistant professor of chemistry at the College of Southern Idaho. And if the earth didn't rotate, and the U.S. happened to be on the side turned away from the sun, we wouldn't have days. "If we didn't get any sun, we'd be frozen solid right now."

Because the carth does rotate.

Because the earth does rotate and it does tilt relative to the sun the planet has seasons, and day-light hours get shorter for half the year. With less sun shining down, it gets colder.

eets colder. Thus, winter. Of course, other factors play a role as well, including global changes in climate like the one most scientists agree the planet is undergoing. Longitime southern idaho residents like retired farmer Francis Karel of Buhl have noticed achanges in lust a few decades.

Francis Karel of Bulh have noticed a change in just a few decades. "I don't think we're getting as much snow now as we used to, 20 or 25 years ago or earlier," Karel asid, When he was growing up in the '40s and '50s, he said, his family had to shovel out after a big snow as many as a dozen time a year, while last year he had to break out the tractors only twice.

#### Thicker coats and shedding trees



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now, but Karel wishes winters would get harder again, because less snowfall means less water in the spring, which spells danger to

the spring, which corps, "We're hoping we get more snow the spear, and it'll turn around, because we need the water. If we don't get snow in the mountains, especially, we're in trouble," he said.

source get show in the monitane, sepecially, we're in trouble." he sal Akareks farm, he has adjusted to accommodate cold weather. The pipes that bring water to his livestock troughs are buried three feet deep so they don't freeze, and he goes out each morning the mercury drops to break the lee at the top of the troughs. With no green pastures for grazing, he must put out alialifior hy to help the cows produce enough energy to fight the cold, and the diesel engines in his farm equipment require plug-in heaters to get them going on the coldest mornings. Winter may not be Karel's lavorite season. 'A little bit of it goes a loing ways,' he said. 'It's harder to get around and harder to work because you have no have more clothes on.' But he has fond more continuous to have more clothes on.' But he has fond more continuous grown of the safety cold, too, such continuous for the course of the safety cold, too, when four feet of snow cold toos when four feet of snow cold bobsted sou of fence posts and wood-en boxes.

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Dragging that bobsled was a horse, which undoubtedly had at horse, which undoubtedly had at thick winter coat. To strive, animals adapt to the same factors that cause the cold—shorter days and thus less warming sun.

"The length of the day) has a big impact on the pineal gland. This gland secretes a hormone called melatonin that's secreted at right, not during the day,' said Barry Pate, animal science instructor at CSI. This same hormone causes seasonal affective disorder in some humans, but in animals it regulates—when-thick—insulating—winter half begins to grow, when extrain species become fertile, and winter half begins to grow, when the contract of the contract

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Some plants grow well in cold weather, while others do not: this start hutable to differences in the composition of fluids and cell walls. Some plants have more antifreeze in dother plants is if they get cues that it's spring, and then are frozen again. The start is a good of the start hall the start in the with contract the start they will reeze and it can crack the bark; he said. The same is true for all live trees at Christmastime. A Christmast in Grow An again of the said of the same is the will break dernancy and the new growth will be killed by frost.

Most of Karel's trees have survived well over winter, except for a few. "Iff gets down to 30 below or something for any length of time, it'll kill our peach trees and we have to start over," he said.

#### When water meets winter

The idea behind freezing sap in trees and freezing water on a lake is the same. At a certain tempera-ture, every liquid becomes a solid. For water, that temperature is about 32 degrees, when it turns to

about 32 degrees, when it came a clee.

When that water is vapor in the ali, it turns to frost, failing onto lawns and windshields and leaving a fine white dusting of ice. When that water is high in the atmosphere, it falls as snow.

—Depending on the temperature of the air and the ground, snow can be lange, sticky flakes; tiny, smooth pellets; or a variety of other appearances. What's best for snowmen and snowball lights?

"If (llakes) form more densely or higher up, or at temperatures when they're partially liquid, they



## Helping backyard critters through the season

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Make life a little easier for a squirel,
Or a raccon, Or a skunk.

"Although with animals are able to
ddapt to survive cold winter temperatures and food limitations, there
are small things that people can do
to help them this time of year,' said
Laura Simon, field director of urban
wildlife for The Humane Society of
the United States. "We suggest several gifts of the season that can
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Neep bird feeders full in the wintor, as food garlability is limited for
nor-migratory birds.

"Fill large pine cones with peanut
butter and roll them in sunflower

might be stickler at that point, if it's really cold, they're not going to stick together at all," Bronson said. So plan your snowball fights when the temperature is near 32 degrees for the sticklest snow

Skiling, on the other hand, is bet-ter well below the freezing point when the snow isn't as sticky.

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"When you skl, you're not sliding on snow." Bronson said. The
pressure from the blades causes
the snow to melt between the skis
and the snow, so you're really sliding on water."
If your place aren't burled as
deep as Karel's, beware of using
copper instead of plastic.
Water expands when it freezes,

seeds. Attach a string to the top and hang from trees for birds. • Invest in a heated birdbath and keep it filled all winter. Birds need the water when most natural

Put decorative snowflakes 4 inches apart on any windows where birds might hit, or have hit in the

past.
• Put covers over window wells to

Put covers over window wells to prevent enlineals from becoming stuck. Animals with poor climbing shillites (think stunks) commonly fall into window wells.
 Use only emfronment-friendly sidewalk sall for mething lea, such as Safe Paws Ice Meiter. Regular sidewalk salls pollute the environment and can irritate cats' and dogs' paws.

and plastic does a little but copper doesn't. so copper pipes may be a prevent that, two solutions are to keep the water running a little or to empty the pipes. Motion gives the water molecules enough energy to keep them from freezing even when the temperature is below 32. This is why you may see water moving in a dictor when the puddle next to it is frozen solid. Frozen and cold, the winter landscape is a wonder of beauty and science. Enjoy it while It lasts, as spring isn't far behind.

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# 4-H blends gender equality, technology for Jerome youth

Boy competes nationally in family, consumer science

By Candace Baltz-Smylle Times-News correspond

4-H isn't just for farming

kids anymore. Fashion, technology, lead-ership and home sciences are all growing areas in what is

generally considered an agricultural youth organization.

'The 'stereotype of 4-H is cows and cooking — but the beginning of 4-H was a corn club for the boys as a way to try and improve produce for farmers," said Mary Jean Craig, an Idaho state 4-H office extension associate. Farmers didn't want to use new practices, and researchers realized if they taught the kids new processes and showed them they could

get better yields, then they'd show their parents and their parents would adopt the new

processes." In a way, 4-H is returning to its roots of testing cutting-edge technology and industry trends and providing-youthwith skills to help them into adulthood. Last weekend idaffo 4-H held a robottes competition that utilizes solar power and Legos, Craig said.

uc. With an increased focus on

(www.4h.uidaho.edu): (www.4h.uldaho.edu),— 6.5-million American children participate in the organiza-tion. Also according to the site, "4-H participants explore careers and positive lejsure-time activities. The 4-H Youth Development program cre-

ates an educational environ-ment for positive develop-ment of culturally diverse youth that enables them to reach their fullest potential.<sup>3</sup> Boys and girls are becom-ing less concerned with gen-der roles, Craig' sald, with-more girls participating in traditionally male programs like archery and more boys participating in traditionally female programs, like fash-female programs, like fash-

The two Idaho 4-H dele-

gates representing the family and consumer sciences program at the national confer-ence last month were both

boys.
"It varies from one year to
the next," Craig said. "We typteally see more girls doing
'boys' things by about three to

one."
Ten-year 4-H member
Jared Gardner of Jerome just
returned from the annual

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potted poinsettia for

# For your holiday house, here's a bouquet of lively houseplants

Does the world need yet another variety of poinsettia? How many shades of red are How many sustitutere, anyway?

there anyway.

The Serrouge in the Serrouge moment: it's just that I'm scratching my head and wondering how we have such a defining role in the holiday season. Lopic and reason have little traction here. The poinsettia's link to the sacred Christmas (as opposed to the secular consumerism of the holiday) is tenuous at best. Certainly no tenuous at best. Certainly no one in Bethlehem 2,007 years

sumerism of the holiday) is semuons at best. Certainly no one in Bethlehem 2.007 years ago would have seen Euphorbia pulchertima, a tropical shrub from the Americas, and definitely not one wrapped in foll.

The poinsettla became the holiday pot plant thanks to the marketing and growing skills of the Ekee family, four generations of nurserymen who succeeded in instilling the plant as a living icon of the season. Approximately a skills of the Ekee family, four generations of nurserymen who succeeded in instilling the plant as a living icon of the season. Approximately a still the plant is a simple proposed in the season. Approximately a still the plant is a still the plant is a simple season in the plant is a still the plant is a still the plant is a still that of the Ekes, I say. Their is one of the great success stories of American floriculture.

You will have sensed that I am not a huge fan of poinsettias, but I accept that many of the newer varieties reflect some brilliant hybridizing skills. Modern versions are more — colorful, — densely branched and tolerant of imperfect conditions than early varieties all moses, in the growing environment. I cringe when I see them kept in supermarkers in dark, dry corners, or stacked near the store entrance and subjected to cold drafts.

Are there alternatives? Yes, Dutch hybrid amaryliks come

to cold drafts.

Are there alternatives? Yes, Dutch hybrid amaryllis come close to the poinsettla in their gaudiness. Red Lion is the ubiquitous scarlet variety, but I prefer some of the tamer ones, such as Picotec, white with a fine red edge, or



an orange bloomer called Solomon. The butterfly amaryllis (Hippeastrum papillo) is more refined, and with orchidlike striations on the petals. This species, though, is still hard to find, and

orchidike stratums on uncetals. This species, though, is still hard to find, and expensive.

What we need is something cheap and cheerful. Fortunately, we have it in the Norfolk Island pine. For Holly Shimizu, who as executive director of the U.S. Botanic Garden is in daily contact with thousands of choice, rare plants, the common old Norfolk Island pine still works its charm. You can put a red bow on it and some little white lights," she said. "Its Christmassy." Its feathery follage and rarecful form are a plus, but what it really has going for it is its case of care. It prefers a room with bright indirect light, temperatures on the cool side and some humidity. But it will take a lot of abuse and still look good. Buy a leadily-looking plant and expect some need drop if the tree is moved to lower light completions and sufficiency as keeper. If it has a drawback, it is that in

the wild it grows to 200 feet. Indoors, it hits the ceiling after 15 or 20 years and doesn't take to a trunk reduction.

years and doesn't take to a trunk reduction.

Another keeper, if fusisler, is the gardenia. It is a tender shruh that doesn't like hot, dry, overheated rooms, it also needs even moisture. If you like the political to the political transport of the developing flower buds and you will miss out on that way white blossom and its heady secent, lust bringing the plant home from the misrery can risk bud drop, Gercens said. Keep It away from bot or cold blasts of air.

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Assuming you beep a coal of two — buy a sweater had rejoice in your shrinking car-bon footprint — you could also grow a cyclamen. I have a bright, west-facing dining room where my houseplants and tropicals spend the win-ter. By closing the doors and slutting off both heat vents, I can get the temperature down to the low 60s. I throw in a humidifier for good measure, and the plants love measure, and the plants love measure, and the plants love an a humidifier for good measure, and the plants love it.

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The cyclamen has attrac-tive flaglike blossoms, held aloft from the clustered

leaves, in pinks, white and a deep red but fits the statutes wilkely that fits the season. Temperatures above 65 degrees are likely to stop the plant's continuous flowering should sho, the cyclames should sho the cyclames should sho watered from below, its pot placed in fukwom water it from above, you run the risk of rotting the committee in the committee of the

the bulblike organ at the soll line.

When spring temperatures sies above 70 degrees, the leaves yellow and die as the leaves yellow and die as the plant goes into summer dormancy. This is mistaken for death, Gereens said. But if the corn ls cured and stored, it can be replanted in October and started again. After a few seasons, the corm grows large and a single plant can be as much as 24 inches across, bearing hundreds of blooms, Gereens said. Surely this is a much more rewarding way to nurture a hollday plant year to year than the effort needed to get a poinsettia to live and re-bloom.

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The Christmas cactus (a tropical succulent from Brazil) makes a great gift

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plant and is casy to get to reflower if you don't keep it of effower if you don't keep it in a warm room in the fall, when you should be trying to initiate bloom. Summer the plant in a shady spot outside, and leave it out in the fall but protected from early frosts. After a month of nighttime temperatures in the low 50s, bring it into a room with bright but indirect light and allow the top inch or so of soil to dry out between staterings.

If you live in a house with warm rooms, pick a moth

If you live in a house with warm rooms, pick a moth warm rooms, pick a moth rorbid, the common name for the phalaenopsis. The plant will accept temperatures in the 70s and dislikes it cooler than the low 60s, and it will adjust to average or low light. Don't remove the flower spike after the blooms drop. If the orchid is happy and the spent flower spike is a thick as a pencil, a second flower spike is should grow from the first, Gercens said. If a leaf begins to yellow, wait until it can be pulled off by hand rather than cutting it.

This will be healthier for the plant. With all his enthusiasm for poinsettia alternatives, Gercens might be a little weary of the Scarlet Screamer. Or so I thought. They're wonderful plants, he said, and getting better with new varlegated varleties not as grating as those five, 10 years ago. "Ite likes the Winter Rosserles, in red, plnk and an

series, in red, pink and ar off-white, in which the flow

series, in tect, pink and an off-white, in which the flow-ering bracts are small, down-turned at the tip and puck-turned at the tip and puck-solitors are some size of the size solitors are size of the size of the come in red, white or pink varieties, with variegated foliage. He advises seeking out these and other more tinusu-al varieties, healthy robus-plants available at independ-ent garden centers. He sug-gests putting one in a large container with a cyclamen and a miniature rose, hiding their ankles with moss: 'Very high impact for a very short

high impact for a very short amount of time." You'll find me in the Norfolk Island pine section.

# Several options to fix sickly blue spruce

By Scott Aker Special to The Washington Post

Q: My Bakerii blue spruce has been losing its needles on its leader and other branches and generally looks sickly. It remove the ones in reach, but what about the others?

A: If you can't spray the trees, your options are very limited. The ever-popular

is acephate is available for use on trees in the form of Bonide Systemic Insecticide Bullets, but you have to drill holes in the trunks of the trees to insert the insecticide cartridges. The resulting wounds can compromise the health of the trees and may be an entry point for wood-decay organisms.

You also can contract with

bagworms emerge, usually around late June or early July around late lune or early luly, if they are sprayed shortly after they hatch, a pesticide containing Bacillus thuringiensis would be effective. Spinosad is another good option for control of bagworms and will control even the fully grown caterpillurs as long as they

Hevergreens are complete-ly defoliated by bagworms, they seldom recover. You might want to assess the trees to see whether you need to invest your effort into replacement of the trees or treatment of the bagworms.

Scott Aker is a horticulturist at the U.S. National Arboretum.

## Thinning boxwoods in the winter will help them in the spring

By Scott Aker Special to The Washington Post

Q. I have four large American boxwoods as foundation plants. They need to be reduced in size but they are bare inside and would look ugly if cut back hard. Would they regenerate, and when should this be done? A. Boxwoods can with-stand severe pruning if they are healthy. Even if

cut to the ground, they can be expected to grow back. The best time to do severe pruning is during the late whiter or early spring. If you find this too drastic a you find this too drastic a step, you can gradually thin out the branches in the canopy in winter. The thinning will spur new growth in the crown of the shrub. You can then cut the large branches back to reveal this new inner growth.

### Use mosaic to cover broad area

Q. Do you have any suggestions for an evergreen ground cover for a large shady slope, 70 feet by 10 feef 1 don't want pachysandra, iyo or vine.

A. For a space that size, 13 suggest a mosale of several different plants. If you take this approach, the failing of a few plants in a particularly shady or dry part of the area won't be so obvious.

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Christmas ferra is a nice option; and you maybe able to succeed with creeping raspberry. Rubus cabyernaldes, which will spread over a broad area with time. Mondo grass, though it spreads more slowly, also would work in this situation. Add a few epirmediums, and some daffodils, and, your ground-cover area can be a four-season garden that has a lot more interest than an expanse of a single plant.

shopping or cooking.

"I can live on my own now, I don't need my parents to help or anything, he sald. 4-H has also given him the continuous major at the College of Southern Idaho.

"4-H ties you in with the community and world," it makes you aware of the world," Gardner sald. "Instead of Just beling part of a little Idaho town, you get to see and do things; it opens your yess, you can do anything you want."

Candace Baltz-Smylle may be- reached candacebaltz@gmail.com.

Bleeding heart transplant By Scott Aker Special to The Washington Post

O. My cousin has an incredibly beautiful and large bleeding beart plant. I would like to take a division of it for my garden. Can I alig up part of the root, and when should this be done?

A. Now is a good time. Bleeding hearts go dorman in summer heat and may be divided any time after the foliage begins to yellow and

dle back. The Job must be completed before winter sets in, to allow the transplant's roots to grow in the fall. Bleeding bearts have very brittle roots, so die carefully.

Bleeding hearts have very brittle roots, so dig carefully. Don't attempt to keep all fragitients of root; only pleces attached to buds will grow. Into. new. plants. Takecare not to plant them too deeply. The buds should lie just below the soil when you are done.

## Autumn in the country



More of our readers' best fall photos.

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National 4-H Congress in
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Atlanta where he competed
in family and consumer science activities such as putting together outfits and
modeling them for judges.
"There was a little tiny
stage and I had to strut my
stuff, but I was pretry good at
it," Gardner sald. "I had to
model stuff I made and go
buy clothes ... we very
judged on what looks best,
what can be used over and
over, things like that."
The skills involved,
Gardner sald, will help him
become an independent
adult because he won't have
to ask anyone for help with

# Outside help Office on Aging searches for volunteers to represent the elderly, infirm

Times-News writer

There are 12 licensed nursing homes in the eight counties comprising south-central ldaho, and 33 assisted-living facilities. The 36 homes hold a combined 1.61h residents.

And Mary Edgar visits all of them.

Edgar, head of the College of Southern Idaho Office on Agings ombudsman program, and assistant ombudsman Sandy Kevan are nursing-home residents bear friends.

The office is one of six regional agencies run by the Idaho Commission on Aging, all created by the 1965 Older

Americans Act. Among other things, Edgar said, it's the agency's job to stop by all 46 care facilities at least once every three months and make sure everythings running fine. Sometimes that means answering a quick question from a resident. Other times, it means alertine administrators

means alerting administrators to something they're not doing. It's a job they take seriously. But it's become one, Edgar said, she's afraid they can't do with-

siles arrite they can't do with-out help.
"That's a lot of work for two people to do in Magic Valley." Edgar said.
That's why when Idaho decided the various Offices on Aging could hire volunteer

#### Learn more

Interested in volunteering as an ombudsman? Call 736-2122 and ask for Laurene Trostel.

ombudsmen, Edgar and Kevan pounced on the idea, recrulting six to spread out the work. It was good while it lasted, Edgar said, but now her office is down to one volunteer and she's looking for more.

looking for more. The issue is about more than just covering all 46 facilities, Edgar said. The region is home to four of the state's seven centers with behavioral health units. While mentally ill residents only make up 10 percent

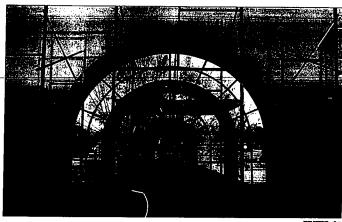
of the population, she said, they definitely account for much more than 10 percent of the orbudshen's work. Incidents involving mentally ill residents can take far longer to resolve, especially if they have no family. And the large number of beds for behavioral-unit patients draws residents from across klain, Oregon and Nevada—the last of which has no musting homes that accept such patients, Edgar said. Working with out-of-area family members can complicate a case even more. "Their cases are more com-

"Their cases are more com-plicated," Edgar said of

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Mary Edgar, left, and Sandy Keyan, who both work with the College of Southern Idaho's Office on Aging ombudsman program, stand next to some of the 154 open complaints for residents in local nursing homes. The office is looking for additional volunteers to visit nursing homes and talk with residents.

# COSTLY LEAK



The Twin Falls County Courthouse has sprouted a forest of scaffolding as workers repair damage from a water leak last month.

A pipe on the fourth floor oozed hot water from a steam-broiler in the basement and overflowed a drainage system. The water leaked through the third floor over the grand staircase, causing boils that chipped paint on the ceiling and hot water than ran down the walls.

Two weeks ago, workers brought in fans to blow air over soggy spots. Late last week they installed scaffolding to reach the ceiling to chip and repaint.

The cost of the repairs is not yet known.

## Twin Falls City Council doles out grant money

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

After a Twin Falls City Council subcommittee pri-orlized eight community-oriented agencies that oriented agencies that applied for more than \$100,000 of grant money, the council on Monday approved a request by the applicant that ranked lowest.— The 5-1 vote approved a

S5,000 funding request by the South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association. The council denied requests by Family Health Services and Interfaith Volunteers Caregivers, both of which ranked higher than SCITR-DA. Both asked for \$10,000. A three-member subcom-mittee-of-council-members-and a city finance official

made recommendations based on their involvement with the city and the citys goals, the groups financial needs, and strategy, among other things.

The granted amounts are as follows, with requests in anentheses:

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as follows, was parentheses:

• Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley — \$25,000

Twin Falls Municipal

(\$40,000)

• Magic Valley Arts Council

• \$10,000 (\$10,000)

• Crisis Center of Magic Valley — \$14,000 (\$15,000)

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Valley — \$14,000 (\$15,000)
 South Central Idaho
Tourism and Recreation
Development Association —
\$5,000 (\$5,000)

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# Arts center funding on course despite delays "I think that we're doing really good," especially if the grauts come through, Madsen said Monday." I think this is all coming together very nicely for us." The council ended up with a little more fundraising time after planning for its floors and the rest of the two buildings set the construction date for the project back to next

One month after a public plea for donations, the fundraising campaign for the Twin Falls Center for the Arts is right on course, organizers

Iwin Falls Center for the Arts Is right on course, organizers Is right on course, organizers The Magic Valley Arts Council, the force behind the permanent arts center, has already raised \$766,000 in private donations, according to a letter last month. But the group could need as much as \$740,000 more to complete work on the structure—which would include auditorium and classroom space. The bad news Is that's about the same amount the council reported in July. But the good news, Executive Director Stacy Madsen said, is the community base responded to the Now. I call for help, and donations ranging from hundreds to thousands of dollars have been coming into the council's Main Avenue office.

The money, Madsen said, will hopefully be combined with outside grams to finish the center of the content of the first two floors of the River—fowers—at Federation Pointe in north Twin Falls.

development, which includes six existing buildings and two for which excavation began -Florence Please see CENTER, Page D4

an additional six months to finish off the floors.

The towers will be the cen-terpiece of the River Vista

and the rest of the two build-ings set the construction date for the project back to next spring. Construction was originally to begin by mid-August, but Fran Florence, one of the project's develop-ers, said the towers were a bit more complicated than the construction of the project's develop-tion of the towers were a bit more complicated than "It's taken not more design' time than anticipated," Florence said. Developers plan to submit the building permit by the end of the month, Florence said, and construction could start in spring once the weather warms up. Basic construction could take about one year, he said, with an additional six months to finish off the floors.



rartist's rendering of the lower floor public lobby of the Twin Fall

### AROUND THE VALLEY

#### Matheney pleads not guilty on rape charges

guilty on rape charges
The Rev. Ron Matheney
pleaded not guilty Monday in
district court to four felonies
and one misdemeanor stemming from his wife's allegations that he raped het, beat
her, and, stopped her from
calling for help, all on one
summer night.
Matheney, pastor of
Jerome's First Presbyterian
Church, is accused of waking
his wife Darlene in the middle
of the night on Aug. 13 and

of the night on Aug. 13 and forcing her to have sex, beat-ing her and preventing her from calling police. Ron maining her to have sex, ocar-ing her and preventing her from calling police. Ron main-tains Darlene was the aggres-sor and threw the first punch, although he admits hitting her twice during the fight.
Fifth District Judge Randy
Stoker scheduled Matheney's
trial for March 12.

trial for March 12.

Matheney denled to the Jerome County Undersherilf Jocelyne Nunnally he had mped his wife. Although he said she resisted him that night, he though the reluctance was part of a game until she hit him.

Florida count, records

Florida court records obtained by the Times-News show Matheney has a prior conviction of domestic vio-

## Landry's sentencing

A man who pleaded guilty to stabbing two brothers who

blocked him and other unin

blocked him anti other unin-vited guests from entering a Filer late-night house party in June, will spend one more week in jail before he hears a judge's sentence. Fifth District Judge Randy Stoker reset Jason Landry's sentencing hearing on Monday back to Dec. 12 at, the request of the public defender, who said he had not been given an opportuni-ty to review a pre-sentence report.

ry to review a pre-sense-report.
Landry, 30, had been await-ing trial, in jail on a \$100,000 bond, when he pleaded gully on Nov. 16 on two counts of aggravated buttery in the stabbings of Zuchary and Joshua Lynard of Filer.
Twin Falls County prosecu-

tors had charged only Landry in the June 9 altercation, and chose to seek an enhanced sentencing penalty, including a persistent violator enhancement.

#### Nuclear power firm moves to Idaho

which plans to build an energy complex in Owyhee County that could include a 1,600-megawatt nuclear reactor, sald the move will help it handle the company's

primary venture.

The project, called the Idaho Energy Complex, could also include a biofuels

could also include a biotues plant.

"The IEC is one of the largest and most advanced nuclear power plants currently proposed in the United States and such an initiative requires our headquarters move to Idaho," said the company's president and CEO Don Gillispie. Tive pretry much been living here for the past six months, and I've found idaho is a terrific place to live and run a business."

#### Buhl man killed in wreck Friday night

A Buhl man was killed

Friday night northeast of Filer when he lost control of his 1999 Ford pickup on an

his 1998 Ford pickup on an icy road.

At .9:45 p.m., William Mason, 68, came across a portion of the road that falls under regular shade by trees along the wayside of 4100 North and 2450 East.

"There's an icy patch because of the trees," said Nancy Howell, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office. "It stays shaded and so it is a really, hazardous."

Mason was pronounced.

Mason was pronounced dead at the scene. No other information was available

#### Dean 'Dino' Colvin

JEROME — Dean "Dino" Colvin, 67, of Jerome, died Friday, Nov. 30, 2007, at his home, following a short ill-



Friday, Nov. 30, 2007, at his home, following a short illness.

He was born Jan. 7, 1940, at Whittier, lowa, the son of-Don and Elsie Bowles Colvin and was reared and educated in lowa and California, where the family had moved. In 1963, he was inducted into the U.S. Army and was assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion of the 29th Infantry Division. Following his discharge, he married Carrie McMillan at Huntington Park, Calif., and they later moved to Jerome, where he has since resided. Dino worked as a contractor for many years, doing painting and drywall work. In

addition, he also owned the well known "Dino's" Burger

addition, he also owned the well known "Dinos" Burger and Brew.

Survivers include his wife, Carrie of Jerome; his mother, Elsie Colvin of Kingman, Arlz.; and two sons, Floyd and, Mike (Annie) Colvin, both of Jerome, Also surviving are two sisters, Ann-Colvin of Phoenix and Suc-Colvin of Boise; and four grandchildren. Spencer, Jeffrey, Jeremy and Hannah. He was preceded in death by his father and one grandson, Jared.

A viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel, with a graveside committa service to be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Jerome Cemetery, with mill-tary rites.

Funeral services and cre-Funeral services to be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Jerome Cemetery, with mill-tary rites.

tary rites.
Funeral services and crematlon are under the direc-tion of the Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

#### Verta D. Rainwater

FOREST GROVE, Ore. — Verta D. Rainwater, 86; a resident of the Forest Grove community, died Thursday morning, Nov. 29, 2007, at The Beehlve Assisted Living Center in Forest Grove. A private interment will be held.

verta Darlene Rainwater

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was born May 9, 1921, in Milton, ore., the daughter of Ellsworth L. Stowell and Lena Alice



Stowell. She was raised and received her early education in Mitton, later moving
with her family to Central
Point, Ore, where she graduated from high school, Verta
later attended Cullinary
School in Portland, Ore,
where she received her training as a chef. She worked in

the restaurant industry for many years. Verta was a member of the Women's Professional Business Group,

member of the Womens Professional Business Group, having served in several capacities over the years. Among her interests, Verta enjoyed sewing, crocheding, the was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Irene Rhodes and Bonnie Ielmick: and a son, Richard Dudley Hinkley, Vera is sur-vived by two sons, Loren Hammon and Ronald M. 'Ron' Leeson, both of Forest Grove, Ore: two daughters, Katherine R. Sherman and April D. Loeson, both of-Twin-Falls; 16 grandchildren: Falls; 16 grandchildren: Katherine It. Sukuman-Aprill D. Leeson, both of Twin-Falls; 16 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 31 great-grand several nicees and nephews.
Fulten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home (503-357-2161) in Forest Grove, Oz. is in charge of the arrangements.

### DEATH NOTICES

#### **Guadalupe Castro**

PAUL Guadalupe
Castro, 16, of Paul, died
Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007, in
Rupert.
Mass of Christian burial
will be held at 11 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the St.
Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; rosary will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

#### Thelma M. Caldwell

Thelma Mae Caldwell, 90 Twin Falls, died Friday

## SERVICES

Jack Leonard Jensen Sr. of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 324 E. 18th St.; visitation from 10 40 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Vernon Olden Miller of Gooding, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Donald Wayne Black of Eden, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Jerome LDS Stake Center, 26 N. 100 E.; vls-ltation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, and one hour before the funeral Thursday at the

Falls.
Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Nov. 30, 2007, at Bridgeview Estatus in Twin Fails. A celebration of life grave-side service-will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Sunset Memorial Park visita-tion from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Fails.

Delbert Hartley KIMBERLY — Delbert Hartley, 71, of Kimberly, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2007, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin

Christina Ann Cuevas of Declo, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Burley LDS 3rd, 7th and Spanish Branch Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.; visitation from noon to 12:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Rudy Bernard Kipp Hagerman, memorial serv Hagerman, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Billingsly Creek Lodge.

### Athelia M. Llewelyn Green

Athelia M. Llew-elyn Green died Dec. 1, 2007. She-was-born Aug-30, 1928, to Evan She-was-born-Aug-30, 1928, to Evan John and Leona Llewelyn. She mar-ried Warren Green on Feb. 8, 1949.

Feb. 8, 1949.
She was preceded
In death by her husband:
daughter, Shirley VinSant;
grandson, David; six brothers and five sisters. She is

survived by a sister, Rachel Garff; and two brothers, Evan Llewelyn-and-Frank

Llewelyn- and Frank Llewelyn.
A visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday.
Dec. 5. at-Larkin Sunset Gardens Mortuary, 1950 E. 16600 S. in Sandy, Utah, with a grave-side service to follow in the cemetery.

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## Filer student organizes book fair

By John E. Swayze Times-News correspondent

FILER — When Filer High School enior Kelsey Richards started considering options for a graduation project, the decision came easy.

project, the decision came easy.
"I really love reading and want to share that with my fellow students," she said. "I'm planning on majoring in literature or English and music in college."
Assisted by Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Richards has organized a book fair at the Twin Falls bookstore from 1 to 10 p.m. on Friday.

Friday.
Customers will be allowed to designate 10 percent of their books purchase price to go to to , go

the Filer High library.

"We can use that money to purchase books in the store." Richards sald. "We'll also have a table with a list of books that people can purchase for the school."

list of books that people can pur-chase for the school."

The book fair will also include a special Christmas music program. The Filer High School Madrigals and Jazz Band will perform from 5

The Filer High School Matrigues and Jazz Band will perform from 5 to 9 p.m.
This is the third year that Filer High and Barnes & Noble have held a book fair to benefit the library. "Something like this is great, "Something like this is great, because last year we were able to receive about \$1,000 and buy 158 books," said school librarian hudy Youngman. "I'm hopeful that we can do the same thing this year."

## **Breakfast With** Santa Saturday at CSI Student Union

The College of Southern Idaho will hold its Breakfast With Santa event for local chil-dren from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday in the CSI Student Union. The event will include a buffet breakfast

The event will include a paner beauties and a coloring contest. Prizes will be awarded to boys and girls in three age from

2 to 12.

A photographer will be available for pictures with Santa.

The event is free of charge for CSI students with current ID cards; \$5 per person for the general public. Children under 3 admitted free.

## Depot rehab nears completion in Potlatch

POTLATCH (AP)
Residents are nearing completion of an eight-year,
\$550,000 effort to rehabilitate the exterior of their century-old railroad depot,
once the hub of commerce
in this northcentral Idaho

in this northcentral idano timber town.

The project, which some in 2000 called "money down the drain" as plans took shape, that shape the shape that the shape the shape that the day when steam trains chugged in empty, then left laden with white pine from the region's forests.

"There's been no negative. It's all positive," Don Somers, president of the Washington, Idaho & Montana Rallway Illistory timber town.

Somers, president of the Washington, Idaho & Montana Railway History Preservation Group, told the Lewiston Tribune of the reaction now, "Italf the town has come by to watch what's regions or "

has come by commercial structures, where the second floor was home to the business offices of the wood-products company that today has become the

Potlatch Corp., nowbased in Spokane, Wash. The historical society acquired the depot in 2000. After negotiations with its owner, Water Companies, which operates the local railroad, the building was left in place.

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After years shrouded in protective tarps and decorated with only a "Save Out Deport" sight they have been added to the protection of the protection

aved. Somers said.

The main funding came from \$500,000 in federal highway money that came through the Idaho Department of Transportation. Potatach's historians had to come up with a \$57,000 match, which they raised through several sources, including another \$20,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's program to help trutal, often-economically disadvantaged communities. vantaged communities.

## CDA cruise raises money for N. Idaho raptor center

COEUR d'ALENE (AP) —
A northern Idaho raptor rescue outfit held a week—end-bird-watching-cruise-to-raise \$5 million to build a visitors center on Lake Coeur d'Alene where baid eagles hunt for kokanee salmon every fall.

Birds of Prey Northwest wants to build the 10,000-square-foot education eenter starting in 2009 in Wolf Lodge, Just off U.S. Interstate 90 east of Coeur d'Alene. There, the organization would display its collection of eagles, hawks, owis, and falcons that have been rehabilitated from wls, and falcons that have een rehabilitated from

been rehabilitated from injuries.
Jane Cantwell, president of the group and a raptor biologist, said completing the complex would give residents and tourists a place where they could see eagles year-round — not

just in the fall when the bald eagles swoop over the lake or sit in trees waiting for a glimpse of the spawnfor a glimpse of the si ing landlocked salmo On Sunday

On Sunday's cruise, Cantwell described to par-

Cantwell described to par-ticipants how the eagles come to the region for its fish and relatively mild temperatures. "You might think it's coid out there." Cantwell told the Coeur d'Alene Press, while holding 'Liberty." a rescued bald eagle. 'But to the eagles, Wolf Lodge's like Miami." Earlier this year, the bald eagle was removed from Endangered Species Act protections because its national population

national population increased to 9,789 breed-ing pairs in the lower 48 states. In Idaho, bald eagle nests numbered 216 in 2006.

## Group taking donations for food baskets

Community Valley Community
Helpers are taking applications for Christmas food
baskets for Eden- and
Hazetton-area residents.
Applications are available at
U.S. Bank, 255 Main,
Hazelton; Lakeve
Apartments, 856 S. 1900 E., Hazelton; or Silver and Gold Senior Center, 210 Wilson, Eden. Applications are due by Dec 7. Donations of food, money

or an unwrapped toy can be dropped off at U.S. Bank in Hazelton. More informa-tion: Diane, 829-5441.

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patients in behavioral units.
"Their needs are greater."
And the ombudsmen

And the ombudsmen would-have more time to handle their cases if they had more volunteers to handle the smaller things — complaints about food, for example, or questions about nursing-home regulations. A revitalized volunteer program could also make it cas-

ler for the agency to visit homes in Halley, the Mini-Cassia area and Gooding, all a fair drive away from Twin Falls and all, like the others, requiring a significant time investment.

investment.
"We really want to get the program out away from Twin Falls," Edgar said.
Volunteers have to go through a criminal background check and can't be

motivated to help by a per-sonal grudge against a facili-ty or resident. Edgar said, But once they meet those qualifications; she said, the job is perfect for those with good people skills who would enjoy talking to resigood people skills who would enjoy talking to resi-dents. And the agency rec-ommends it for retired peo-

"It seems to work best if we find people who are retired,

because otherwise jobs. Interfere, volunteer coordi-nator Laurene Trostel said. Volunteers get to be certi-fled as assistant ombudsmen by the state. But they also get the satisfaction, Edgar said, of helping others. "(Residents are) dealing with situation."

"(Residents are) dealing with situations they don't know how to handle, and they just want someone who can help them."

### Center

ntimed from page D3 Blueprints for the arts cen-

bluephints for the arts cen-ter's floors are almost com-plete, Madsen said. But even without "Inal" "prints," die council has already received some large donations, including some people who signed stocks over to the nonprofit.

The remaining funds are a sizeable sum. But Madsen said she's confident the council will find the money is needs, especially if some of the grants — several of which

look promising - come through. The council is currently gathering architectural drawings and cost estimates to submit to some of the

to submit to some of the grant organizations. "When you make it to the next level like we have, you're getting closer," Madsen said. "It's not guaranteed, but it's a step in the right direction for us."

Nate Poppino may be reached at 735-3237 or npoppino@magicvalley.com.

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Councillman David E.
Johnson, who was not on
the subcommittee, proposed granting the SCITDRA because he felt the clty
would get a higher 'return
on Investment' than the
other two groups. Johnson
serves as an ex-officio member to the North Rim Park
planning committee, which
is under the SCITRDA.

Councilman Trip Craig,
who opposed the measure,
said all the denied requests
should be reviewed.

hould be reviewed.
"They might have just as

compelling arguments," he said.

Last year the council doled out more than \$84,000 in grant money to

S84,000 in grant money to six agencies.

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Downtown
Business in Downtown
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Business the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, and the city of Twin Falls dis-cussed the future of the BID and its responsibilities.

At Issue was who would

At Issue was who would enforce downtown policies — or If anyone has the authority to do so.

Officials struggled to determine who should over-see long-term BID responsi-bilities, including the

see long-term BiD responsi-bilities, including the enforcement of parking penalties, landscaping and event planning and market-

Some even asked if the

BID was still relevant to the downtown area.

"Today we need to determine whether or not the BID serves a function," said shawn Barjar, president of the chamber of commerce. "If it doesn't serve the function, then the organization should go away — that's my opinion."

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# Duncan pleads guilty to 10 felonies for abductions, slaying

BOISE — Convicted sex offender Joseph Edward Duncan III, who beat a north-cert Idaho mother, her fiance and, oldes-som -to-death-in-2005 before abducting her two youngest children, pleaded guilty to 10 federal counts Monday in the kidnapping and tengthy sexual abuse of the children and the murder of one of them.

Duncan, 44, faces a possible death penantly for the crimes, when a sentencing jury hears arguments scheductures, when a sentencing jury hears arguments scheducture in the control of the BOISE — Convicted sex

bility for his actions.

"I just wanted to say that slace my arrest I have never made any attempt to deny my responsibility," he said, read-ing from a yellow legal table!

"My plea today is not a confession-in-the sense that I already confessed ... I will continue to accept that responsibility to the death." Assistant U.S. Attorney Tracy Whelan told the court that Dimean held 8-year-old Shaisa Groene and her 9-year-old brother, Dylan, at a remote Montana campsite, escually abusing them for nearly two months and threatening them with death if they disobeyed him. Whelan said Buncan used recording and computer

equipment to videotape the abuse of Dylan before shooting the child to death with a sawed-off. Iz gauge shorigun. Duncan did not make a plea deal. He faces a possible death penalty on three of the reloniest kidnapping resulting in death, sexual exploitation of a child resulting in death, and using a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence resulting in death. He also pleaded guilty to kidnapping, two counts of aggravated sexual abuse of a minor, being a felon in possession of a firearm, transportation of a stolen litearm possession of an unregistered portation of a stolen firearm, possession of an unregistered firearm, and transportation of a stolen vehicle

of a stolen vehicle.
Duncan's plea means that

Shasta, now 11 and the only survivor of the attack on her family, will be spared the trauma of testifying at his trial. It was not clear if she will

trauma of testifying at his frial. It was not clear [fshe will be expected to give a victim impact statement for a federal sentencing force. The control of the control of

phone in Coeur d'Alene, was relieved by the news.

For my family, we're happy, Greene said. She (Sheata) does not have to testify in this phase of this.

Shasta was at school did to the said of the would tell her of Duncan's plea later in the day. He declined additional comment, etting a pag order that Lodge did not consider a media request Monday to lift or modify the gag order. Attorneys on both sides from the comment of the comment of

against children,
—Court\_documents say he
was on the run from a child
molestation charge in
Minnesota in May 2005 when
home on Internate 200 est of
Goeur of Alene. spotting
Shasta, then B, and her 9year-old brother, Dyfan, playing outside. Dunean stalked
the Groetic family for several
days hefore attacking the
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In his plea, Duncan admitted kidnapping Shasta and Dykan from the home and driving them into the mountains near St. Regis, Monta, where he sexually abused them for weeks before killing Dylan. The boy's body was found at a temote campsite.

## Victim of Evel Knievel bat attack to try to collect

By John Rogers Associated Press writer

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LOS ANGELES — Of all the bones 'Evel Kinlevel broke on the years, the costliest and the state of the years, the left arm of a 18t man by the left arm of a 18t man by the press of Shelly Saltman.

Saltman won \$12.75 million in damages against Knievel after the motorcycle-daradevil attacked himwith absaeball bat in 1977 in a rage over a book Saltman had written about the showman.

With interest, the still uncollected sum has grown to more than \$100 million by Saltman's estimate, and he

to more than \$100 million by Satiman's estimate, and he intends to try to collect it.
"We are going hot and heavy after his estate," Saliman told The Associaced Press after Knievel died Pridaya 169. "What he tried to do to me and how it hurt my family, I'm owed that." Whether Knievel's estate has that kind of money is unclear. Knievel's son Kelly would

unclear
Knievel's son Kelly would
not discuss the size of his
father's estate or comment
on the dispute. The daredevil's longtime friend and promoter, Billy fundle, declined
to discuss the incident in
detail. Knievel's widow,
Krystál, was not granting
interviews.

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-interviews.
Although little remembered today, the incident
made headlines worldwide
when the death-defying
motorcyclist approached
Saltman in the parking lot of
20th Century Pox on Sept. 21,
1977, and suddenly started
swingling a bat. Saltman, then
a studio executive, raised his
arm to protect his head, a
move he says doctors told
lim probably saved his life.
His arm was shattered and
is held together to this day
with a steel plate and screws.
Knievel, who broke nearly
40 of his own bones during

40 of his own bones during his many motorcycle stunts, served six months in jail and would never again enjoy the public acclaim he had when he tried unsuccessfully to jump Idaho's Snake River Canyon on a jet-powered motorcycle in 1974 — an event Saltman had promot-

ed.
"I've always felt pity for him." said Saltman, 76.
"Because of this foolish act, he ruined his career."



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# Grizzlies surge in Rockies; some want to push back

By Matthew Brown Associated Press writer

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BILLINGS, Mont. —
Grizzly bears, the West's largest and most fearsome preductors, are back in a big way in the Northern Rockles — rising in numbers, pushing into new territories and mauling hunters who stumble across them in the wild.

While state and federal officials laud the bear's remarkable comeback from near-extlaction last reentry—others—say—this time to lift the remaining protections that helped them recover and point to the recent grizzly encounters as evidence.

"Wive got gizzly bears eating people who come here to hunt," said Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks' Commissioner Vic Workman, who fended off a grizzly during a Nov. 25 hunting trip near Whitelish. "It's getting out of whack. We've got too many bears."

The grizzly charged after Workman stumbled upon it guarding a fresh deer carcass. Workman fired a shot from his sife and was to fire.

workman strong a fresh deer carenss. Workman fired a shot from his rifle and was not injured. It was not known what happened to the bear, which ran down the strong strong

that not too many are killed crossing highways or in other human-related accidents.

crossing highways or in otner human-related accidents. Workman's close-call was the latest in a string of bear attacks and near-misses this year in Montana and portions of Idaho and Wyoming near Yellowstone National Park, While there is no comprehensive data on grizzly-human conflicts, an Associated Press tally shows at least a dezen grizzly bear attacks reported since April. Seeven victims were injured, including several severely: Noone was killed but at least five grizzlies were, either during the attacks or later by wildlife agents.

agents.
Servheen said it would be a
mistake to tie those run-ins to
whether protections should
be lifted.

That wouldn't have changed what happened to Mr. Workman in any way shape or form," he said, "If you walk close to a bear that's over a carcass, it doesn't care if it's a delisted bear or not. It's going to change."

## Romney to speak out about religion

By Glen Johnson

Associated Pross writer

MANCHESTER, N.H.—
In mid-November, Mitt Rommey dismissed the prospect of a speech discussing his Mormon faith, using his business-mass bottom-line focus to say. "There's no particular urgency because I'm making progress in the states where I'm campaigning."

Three weeks later, with rival Mike
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Rommey's cal cul used.

On Thursday, he' will draw national attention to his religion, a subject of curlosity for many people, with a speech at the George Bushresidential Library and Museum in College Station, Texas.

There are risks, which

Presidential Liberty
Museum in College
Station, Texas.
There are risks, which
helps explain why the
strategy hasn't been
employed during the previous 11 months of his
campaign.
The risk is that it
brings to the fore the way
Mormonism diverges
from conventional

from conventional
Christianty, and it will
make people ask the
question, 'Do I really
want to vote for someone
who believes that conventional Christian
churches are 'spostate?''
said Mathew Schmalz, a
religious studies professor at the College of the
Holy Crass

sor at the cone-Holy Cross.
Mormons, for example, believe that authentic Christianity vanished a century after Jesus and was restored only

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through loseph Smith, whom Mormons consider a prophet. Smith also revised—and, in his view, corrected—large sections of the Bible in the 19th century, an act of heresy in the eyes of Pritestant and Roman Catholic leaders.

In a poll last month by The Associated Press and Yahoo, half of those surveyed expressed discomfort voting the company of the co

Christ of Latter-day Saints, the formal name for his Utah-based faith.

## Man convicted of destroying more than 500 trees

By Ashley Powers
Los Angoles Times

HENDERSON, Nev. —
Clouked by darkness, a sawtucked under his Jacket,
Douglas Hoffman skulked
through subvolla, methodically killing trees.

His severed some Others
he siliced just enough so
they would slowly die. In a
year's time, authorities said,
he wiped out more than 500
trees near an upscale retirement community just
south of Las Wegas.

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many neighborhoods, glimpses of the Spring and Muddy Mountain ranges — and The Strip's neon skyline — have vuntshed.

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The retirement haven of Sun City Anthem is typical of the neighborhoods that have ballooned Henderson's population from almost 65,000 in 1990 to more than 240,000 last year. The development's 7,000 or so homes are governed by a list of ruies that took a real-estate agent more than an hour to explain, said Charles Davis, a resident who runs a Sun City Web site.

Web site.

Aside from the bridge and open clubs, neighbors take an active role in community policies and politics — sometimes trading insults on several blogs. Five years ago, Holfman and his wife. Debble — who live most of the year in Goodyear, Ariz. — bought a 1.632 square-foothome on Colvin Run Drive. Doughas Holfman, who had

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scaping classes scaping classes and spent hours pruning in the "Hendesson yard." "Plant life-is precious to him," said Debbie Hoffman, 44. "It's not a human life, but it's a life. When a bush would die, he wouldn't be crying-upset, but he'd be upset." Sun City was in its infancy when they moved into their words and the property of t

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home, with a back deck that overlooked the peaks rimming the valley and The Strip. Soon the trees, some of which had grown 8 feet fall, marred the couple's view. The Hoffmans saked if they could swap them out for shrubs but were told no. Deute said.

Davis sald.
In October 2004, the tops of about 60 nearby trees were lopped off. "We thought it was a

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fluke thing, maybe teenagers," said Sasha Jackowich, a spokes-

said Sasha Jackowich, a spokes-woman for the community's developer, Pulte Homes. Over the next year, even more trees — some worth \$1.450 apiece — were felled. — The developer hired a private security company.



# Chavez not pulling back from agenda after loss

CARACAS, Venezuela — In gracefully accepting his first electoral defeat, Hugo Chavez is casting fitneself as a true democrat and deflecting charges of despotism from Washington and critics at

home. But the Venezuelan presi-

fint the Venezuelan president is not pulling back from his socialist agenda, and his opponents—for now—have neither the cobesion nor the cloud to stop bin.
Chaeva narrowly lost a constitutional referendum Sunday that would have enabled birn to remain in power for life and drive changes—throughout Venezuelan society. Venezuelan society.

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Some leaders might react to such a setback by toning down their rhetoric and adopting a more moderate approach to

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"I want you all to know I'm not withdrawing a single comma of this proposal," a soher and introspective Chavez said early Monday as he conceded defeat. "I will continue making this proposal to the Venezuelan people. The praposal is still alive."

Even without the constitutional overhaul he had hoped for, Chavez already has fareaching authority to single-handedly reshape the government, the economy and society.

ment, the economy and socae-ty.

He wields special powers granted by the National Assembly this year to enact laws by decree in areas from the economy to the justice sys-



Men walk past graffiti depicting Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez in Caracas, Monday. Humbled by his first electoral defeat, President Hugo Chavez said Monday he may have been too ambitious in asking voters to let him stand indefinitely for re-election.

remain in effect until mid-2008, could enable Chavez to nor equitably in what he restructure state institutions, raise taxes on the fich and adapt existing legislation to times, Chavez's conflict-prone.

larger-than-life personality leaves little room for compro-mise, ensuring more friction in a country now deeply polar-ized by his vision of a socialist

bed by his vision of a socialist utopla.
Chawez sald perhaps the country was not yet ready for the revisions he proposed.
The revisions he proposed.
The revision was revisionally was not yet ready for the wrong timing? It could be it could be that we aren't mature enough. Chawez told state television Monday tight. Heefore scarching for guilty ones, have to say that I could have made a mistake in my selection of a time to make the proposal.
Chavez blamed his loss on low turnout among his sup-

who received his home from Chavex's government. But offices who previously backed Chavex were less for spring of mappant crine, corruption and shortages of basic supplies such as milk. And some feared the implications of the 69 proposed constitutional changes, which included indefinite decree power for the president to make changes in the economy, new forms of communal property and of communal control of the feared property and of community and the community of the feared property. In effect to be part of a community regime, said Cecilia Goldberger, a 56-year-old lousewife. Chavez blamed his loss on low turnout among his sup-porters, even as many poor and working class Venezuelans continue to see their leader as a savlor. "He's a man who doesn't want to see his people suffer," said Carlos Orlando Vega, 47, Goldberger, a Joysum on housewife.

A narrow victory could have opened Chavez to accusations of forcing reforms on a dissenting public. Chavez acknowledged as much. saying: "I wouldn't have wanted that Pyrrhic victory."

British teacher leaves Sudan after being pardoned in teddy bear case

By Rob Harris Associated Press writer

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LIVERPOOL, England —
Gillan Gilbons' family, gadrered with theer, wine and flowered with theer, wine and flowered with theer, wine and flowered with the british
teacher jailed by Sudan for
allowing her students to name
a teddy bear Muhammad.

"It's been a strange old
week, very stressful and particularly bad for the family, but
now she's coming home, fingers crossed," her son, John
Gilbons, said after It was
amionized his mother lead
been pardoned and left
Sudan, "If his week has taught
en anything, it is that any-

me anything it is that any-thing can happen."

Foreign Secretary David Millband praised the 54-year-

old teacher.
"I did say to her that it must "I did say to ner tina a mass have been very tough over the last week and she did say. "Well, it was prison but it was-n't too bad a prison," or words to that effect," he said. "She's shown very good British grit."
Sudan's ambassador in London, Khalid al-Mubanik, sidi he was 'overjoyed' that Gibbons was partioned by Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir, ending a case that set and angered many moderne Muslims. "What has happened was a cultural misunderstanding, and thope she, her family and the British people won't be affected by what has happened." he said. The envoy called a demonstration in Sudans capital or Triday in which some participants called for Gibbons' execution "an argument from the

pants called for Gibbons, calcution "an argument from the

fringe."
Gibbons' case was the latest in a tense relationship

between the West and Sudan's hard-line. leader, who has been accused by the U.N. of dragging his feet on the deployment of peacekeepers to the country's war-torn Darfur region.

She was freed after two Muslim members of Britain's liouse of Lords met with al-Bashir and the teacher sent Utip president statement saying she didn't mean to offend anyone with her class project. "I have a great respect for the Islamic religion and would not knowingly offend anyone." Gibbnon sald in the

not knowingly offend any-one," Gibbons sald in the

statement, which was released by al-Bashir's office and read to journalists by British Baroness Sayeeda Warsi.

"L am Jooking forward to seeing my family and friends, but I am very sorry that I will be unable to return to Sudan," Gibbons wrote.

Al-Bashir insisted Gibbons had a fair trial, in which she was convicted of insulting Islam's Prophet Muhammad, but the president agreed to pardon her during the meetingwith the British delegation, said Ghazl Saladdin, a senior

presidential adviser.
Gibbons flew out of the country Monday evening, landing several hours later in Dubal. She was expected in. Dubal. She was expected in. London this morning.
Gibbons slept for much of the flight, telling reporters: I just want to relax. I don't want to say any more. I'm too tired, according to The Times of London, whose reporter was on the plane.
The show of outrage in Sudan puzzled many in the West.

Hard-line Muslim clerics

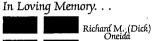
denounced Gibbons, saying she intentionally aimed to insult Islam.



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