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# True love, green paint, and a whole lot of explaining

Paul wants to throw the book at graffiti artist inspired by song

PAUL -- A 19-year-old Rupert man who says e was inspired by a country-western song is

now starring in his own country ballad, replete with love, crime, a small-town water tower and maybe a stretch in the heartbreak hotel. Last week Brandon West was charged with

Last week Brandon West was charged with two misdemeanors: injury by graffitl and viola-tion of a City of Paul ordinance against elimbing the municipal water tower — for allegedly

tion or a City of raul ordinance against climbing the municipal water tower — for allegedly painting a love note there in September. According to the Minldoka County Sheriff's Office, West confessed that he climbed the old

tower to spray-paint "I hav Staci," as homage both to his I6-year-old true love and to a country-western time.

The crime initially went unsolved, but on Oct, 23 Paul Public Works Director Richard Rai informed the local law about a rumor circulating at his daughter's school. Deputies seart-ed interviewing Minidoka County School

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Signs warning visitors that it is unlawful to

# displayed on the legs of the tower. The struc

# Craig's rider axed by Dems

Move complicates salmon case, threatens Nez Perce water deal

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

Democrats have removed language inserted into a federal spending bill by Sen. Larry Cralg that would have pro-tected a major water rights agreement between the state and the Nez Perce

between the state and the Noz Percer of Tibe.

Without Cruig's portion of the bill, a federal judge could jeopardize the deal, tribe's claims to massive water rights on the Snake River, and threaten other Idabo water users.

"We're certainly disappointed," said Craig spowseman Sid Smith.

"That (deal) was something that was already agreed upon by a huge number of water users, the tribe, the state and the federal government." Craig's spending bill rider would have directed the Interior Department to implement without further delay a

to implement "without further delay" a federal plan to manage Northwestern dams that was ruled illegal by U.S. District Judge James Redden. That plan was integral to the Nez Perce deal. Redden is expected to rule soon on another federal dam plan after

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# **Just to be sure**



Linda Berry, a supervisor in the drug screening department, holds up the tools of the trade: specimen bottles and baggies that are used in urise analysis for detection of street drugs like cocaine, methamphetamine and THC. Berry says that home bits are useful to an extent but parents who use them may have trouble knowing how to read the results.

# Parents among those purchasing personal drug tests

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

The products promise quick

results.
Cut between 90 and 120 of your teenager's hairs off his head and seal them up for shipping. Within two business days, you'll know if hes been doing meth.
Or, test his urine now with this handy kit, and you'll know in a matter of minutes — no more

Methamphetamine is a scary drug—not to mention the other things a teen could be sticking into his system. That's what sends some parents to local pharmacles — searching for home drug tests — or into the Twin Falls office of Wienhoff Drug Testing, administrative assistant Cindy Hunt said. "It's one of those issues that a lot of people think," It's not going to affect me and not going to hurt me," but it's something that Methamphetamine is a scary

## I FARN MORE

For more information on personal drug tests, consult your pharmacist or contact:

• Wienhoff Drug Testing, 732-

0260
• Brent Evans, St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 732-3174

very much does," Hunt said Thursday.

Simple drug tests have been around for a long time, Hunt said. But a price drop in recent years, as meth became more of an issue in Idaho, has made them more accessible to parents concerned about their kids' behavior.

Along with the home tests

behavior.
Along with the home tests described above, parents can seek testing help at hospital offices, through school districts

Please see TESTS, Page A3 At Magicvalley.com (Adrug) esping company replicits about parents having their kids tested.

# Gooding home appeals state licensing decision

Times-News writer

The administrator of the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center confirmed Thursday that the center will appeal the revocation of its license by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare In the Wednesday letter to the nursing home's staff, Cheryl Randolph, and Adamson, president of Northwest Bec-Corp — which owns the facility — said they "disagree With the action taken against the home's believe and Medicaid Services. The administrators chanked the home's employees for the care they give the

# NewsTracker

Lest we knew: Health and Welfan revoked the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center's license earlie this month, allowing 28 days to

appeal or close.
The latest: The center started the appeal process on Tuesday.
What's next: An automatic administrative review of the department's

home's residents and said they began the appeals process on

began the appeals process on Tuesday. Rhonda Scruggs, who helps coor-dinate activities for the home, said the letter and a visit from Adamson were welcome reminders that her

"I think that they have it in for us, I really do."

- Rhonda Scruggs, who helps coordinate activities at Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center

company is willing to go to bat for her and her coworkers.

"think that they have it in for us, I really do," she said of Health and Welfare, which revoked the center's license on Dec. 5. "They have been fitting us harder than any other facilities in the state."

Debbie Ransom, chief of Health and Welfare's Bureau of Facility

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# Security screeners become unpopular face of government

WASHINGTON - Hand sanitiz-

WASHINGTON — Hand sanlitz-er makes it through security in one airport, then it's confiscated at another. Screening lines back up because only two of six lanes are open. And then there's the occa-sional all-too-intimate patdown. Those complaints and other instrations make the nation's dir-

port security agency about as pop-ular as the IRS.

ular as the IRS.
Indeed, only the Federal
Emergency Management Agency,
still suffering from its mishandling
of Hurricane Kattina, ranks below

the Transportation Security
Administration
least-liked fedcard agencies,
according to a
new Associated
Press-lpaos poli,
TSA tied with
agencies rank.

the perennially unpopular tax collectors in a

collectors in a favorability ranking of a dozen executive branch agencies. "I am so frustrated with TSA that I am ready to stop flying" one traveler wrote in a Sept. 7

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# MINI-CASSIA

Today:No new snow likely with skies starting to clear. Highs

per 20s. night: Parily cloudy and cold. Lews low teens. morrow: Chilly with a mix of sun and clouds - Highs upper

Complete weather report: See page B8

# TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Charles Dicknes "A Christmas Carol - The Musicall" a co-production of the nexStage Theatre and Laughing Stock Theater Company, 7 p.m., nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum, \$25 for adults, unreserved seats; \$15 for children (14 and under), unreserved seats; \$15 for children (14 and under), unreserved seats; \$15 for reserved seating in center front rows, 726-4857. The Standards Christmas concert "A Night To Remembler," 7 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Center, \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth ( age 17 and under), 308-1255 or www.TheStandards.com. www.TheStandards.com.

The Disabled American Veterans Auxillary public dance, 8 p.m., D.A.V. Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls, \$2 dona-8 p.m., D.A.V. I tion, 734-5208

## **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Members of the Twin Falls High School graduating class of 1947 luncheon, open to all 1947 classmates, 1 p.m., Jaker's on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, Twin Falls, cost of meal, 733-7410 or 420-9435.

## GOVERNMENT

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

## **HEALTH AND RECOVERY**

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym. Gooding ISDB gym., Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Center and Blaine County Campus Gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475 (last

class; to resume Jan. 14).

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.,
Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly,
737,5009

737-5988. Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 11 to 11:45 a.m., Oakley Fire Station, 315 E. Main St., Oakley, 737-5988. Celebrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight biblical principles, 6 p.m., Cafe Agape, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, 737-4667. Al-Anon/Alatena family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, hot-line: 1-866-592-3198.

## HOLDAY FESTIVITIES

Santa Story Time, Santa will read to the children for story hour, 10:30 a.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave.,

## MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planeterium Festival of Trees, "Season of raukner Planetanum Festival of Trees, "Season of Ugint," 11 a.m.; "Steamfoling through the Hollidays," 1 p.m.; "WSKY: Radio Statlon of the Stars," 2:30 p.m.; "Season of Ugint," 4 p.m.; "The Christmas Star," 7 p.m.; and "Steamfolling through the Hollidays" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center, CSI campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

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

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# ■ MORNING BRIEFING

# AROUND THE WORLD

## UTAH

## Idaho man pleads guilty in Air Force base threat

SAIT IAKE CITY — An air-craft mechanic pleaded guilty Thursday to felony charges for sending e-mails claiming he would detonate explosives at a Unah Air Force base and kill six hostages if the U.S. did not remove all troops from Iraq and Afebankton

six hostages if the U.S. did not remove all troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. William Jeffrey Stiffler, 39, of Ciliton, Idaho, sent both emails in July to FBI headquarters under the name of a friend of his wife's to cause trouble for the friend, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Carlos Esqueda.

One e-mail was sent from Stiffler's workplace at Hill Air Force Base and the other three hours later from his home, Esqueda said.

Five buildings at Hill Air Force Base were evacuated until the threats were determined to be false. A search unned up no bombis, and all six purported hostages — Stiffler's family and an acquaintance — were found Stiffler's family and an acquaintance — were found in no danger

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Volunteers and officials from ti ent store gather Wednesday for a memorial service

## NEBRASKA

## Shoppers, workers return to store 15 days after shootings

OMAHA — About 50 employees held hands and lined up across a department store's entrance. Thursdip before parting to let a crowd of holiday shoppers enter for the first time sline a gunman killed eight people there 15 days carlier. Eight wreaths were placed near the entrance to memorialize the eight victims, and a blue ribbon crossing each wreath carried the message "We remember." Customers applauded as

"We remember."

Customers applauded as the gates opened, and employees greeted them at the entrance. Many shoppers immediately took escalators to the third floor, where most of the deliberature area.

to the third floor, where most of the victims were shot. By, midday the store was crowded — more so than similar stores nearby, "We always think about the victims and their families," said Pamela Perry, 39, "But I'm not scared to go in the store."

# WASHINGTON

## U.S. fertility rate sustains population .

For the first time in 35 years, the U.S. fertility rate has climbed high enough to sustain a stable population, solidifying the nations unique status among industrialized

status among industrialized countries.

The overall fertility rate-increased 2 percent between 2005 and 2006, nudging the average number of babies being born to each woman to 2.1, according to the latest



Rose Tani looks up at a cardboard cutout of her son, astronaut Daniel Cape Canaveral condominium on Oct. 23. Ro Lombard, II., when a train struck her vehicle, police said. (See story below)

federal statistics. That marks the first time since 1971 that the rate has reached a crucial benchmark of population growth — the ability of each generation to replace itself. "It's been quite a long time since we've had a rate this high," sald Stephanic Ventura of the National Center for Health Statistics, "It's a mile-stone."

stone."
While the rising fertility rate stone."
While the rising fertility rate was unwelcome news to some environmentalists, the so-called "replacement rate" is generally considered desirable by demographers and sociologists because it means a country is producing enough young people to replace and support aging workers without population growth being so high it taxes mational resources.
"This is a noteworthy event," said bont Bongaarts of the Population Council, as NewYork think tank. This is a sign of demographic health. Many countries would like to be at this level."

## TEXAS

## Astronaut mourns his mother from orbit: he comes home in January

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HOUSTON — Daniel M.
Tani's 90-year-old mother
ded in an are rection this
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getting home until late
January He must grieve from
more than 200 miles away—
in orbit, aboard the international space station.
It's a heart-breaking situation no other American astronaut has experienced. And it's
made all the more tragle by
Tani's devotion to his mother,
Rose, who raised him and his

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Tani's devotion to his mother, Rose, who raised him and his siblings alone in suburban Chicago after their father died when he was 4.

"He is obviously pretty sad," the astronaut's brother, richard Tani, said in Thursday's Chicago Suntimes. The was pretty close to her. We are all close to her. We was loved by everyone."

Tani's wife and a flight surgoon on the ground broke the news in a video conference call with the 46-year-old astronaut. But phone calls and e-malls from space are as close as Tani can get to the loving embrace of his family.

Tani has been on the space station since late October and had been scheduled to return to Earth as early as Monday of

had been scheduled to return to Earth as early as Monday of this week aboard space shut-tle Atlantis, but fuel gauge problems delayed the Dec. 6 launch until January.

A Russian Soyuz spacecraft is docked at the space station but must be reserved in case the two Americans and one

Russian aboard need to evac-uate the outpost in an emerncy. Tani's mother was struck

fani's mother was struck and killed by a train in Lombard, ill., on Wednesday. Police said she was stopped behind a school bus at a rail-road crossing and decided to drive around the vehicle and lowered gate. "It's a unique situation to be

on orbit, without a ride home maybe, for a long time and on orbit, without a ride nome maybe, for a long time and something this tragic hap-pens in your family," said the Rev. Rob Hatfield, a minister at the elderly woman's

# NEW YORK

## Nickelodeon considering teen pregnancy special

Nickelodeon is considering a special for its young audi-ence about sex and love fol-lowing the news that 16-foyar-old "Zoey 101" star Jamie Lynn Spears is pregnant. The televi-

sion network has made no announcement about the future of "Zoey 101," its popular program aimed primarily

marily at youngsters spears youngsters aged 9-14. Filming for the show's fourth and final season has finished, and episodes are scheduled to begin airing in February. For the special, Nickelodeon said it's talking with landa Elterbee, the veteran newswoman who has stepped in frequently in the past with shows on talking to children about difficult issues in the news. She's done shows about same-sex parents, AIDS, the Columbine shooting and President Clinton's impreachment scandal.

ing and President Clinton's impeachment scandal.

"I think it's Important that something be done," Blierbee told The Associated Press on Thursday, "But I think it's important that it be done In But a think it's important that it be done In a measured way, and not just to feed the beast of news stories. A Nickelodeon spokesman. Dan Martinsen, confirmed the discussions but said no decision had been made.

## OHIO

## Coroner identifies 4 Mexican workers, all stabbed in the heart

CINCINNATI Mexican construction workers who were beaten and stabbed in the heart in a suburban apartment were related, and two of them were brothers, a coroner sald brothers, Thursday

brothers, a coroner said.
Thursday.
The men, who had been dead more than a week when their bodies were found last week, were identified by Hamilton County Coroner Oddell Owens as Manuel Davila Duenas, 21, Lino Guardado Davila, 45, and Manuel Lopez Guardado, 21, who was Identified by Mexican authorities as Conrado Lopez Guardado, Owens did not say how the brothers were related to the other men. other men.

other men.
All four men were from the town of Zacaton in the north-ern Mexican state of San Luis Potosi, a spokesman at the Mexican embassy in Washington said earlier.

# ISRAEL

## Israel examining Hamas truce proposal

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel is examining a Hamas ruce proposal delivered by Egypt, defense officials said Thursday after at least six Palestinians were kilted in a day of Israel air and ground strikes aimed at stopping rocket salvos from Gaza. The Israeli officials, speak-ing one worlding of anought

strikes aurice or crocket salves from Gaza.

The Israeli officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, said the I lamas proposal was limited to stopping the rocket fire in exchange for a fail to baracture. They said I lamas gaze assurances it could impose the truce on the militant groups that are firing the rockets — Islamic lihad and the Popular Resistance Committees.

There was no immediate connect from the Egyptian government.

Despite the tentative contacts, there were more Palestinian rocket barrages Thursday, Ohe rocket fired by millitants in Gaza expinded next to an Israeli school, terrifying children, Lue Thursday, Hamas said it fired three rockets at Israel, its first such claim weeks, puning the truce talk in doubt.

## ENGLAND Bartender tells court

# Diana's driver drunk. 'walked like a clown'

Walked like a clown'

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\*\*LONDON — Princess
Diana's driver was drunk the
ruight she and her boyfriend
Dodd Fayed died in a car crash
in Paris, a bartender told the
court investigating the
princess' dear was visibly inthe court faut was visibly inrush, Alain Williaumez told
the inquest into Diana's death.

"His eyes were brilliant, his
eyes were wide open and he
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system of the was visibly looking in abnormal
condition." Williaumez
sald, noting that Paul bumped
into a member of the hotel
staff as he was leaving.

"He had not a precise and
accurate walk. He was walking like a clown, a little bit like
a clown, "he said.

Diana and Fayed died on
Aug 31, 1937, after Paul lost
control in the Pont d'Alma
annel, colliding with a pillar.
French and British police
both concluded that he had
double the legal limit of alcohol in his blood and lost control of the car as it raced alhead
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# Tests

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Cordineed from page A1 and with private companies such as Wienhoff. An instant urine test can cost as little as \$15. Hunt said, and about twice as much to send the results to a lab for confirma-tion.

tion.

Parents often call first with questions about the treatments before taking any action, sile salet.

"A for of them take squetime to decide if they really want to test their kids," she said.

said,

'And they often visit in clumps, with a rush of parents one month and fewer the next. It's the same for those buying tests straight from the pharmacy, said Kent from the pharmacy, said vent Jensen, owner of the Medicine Shoppe in Twie Falls. His customers can choose from a variety of tests that measure as few as one and as many as five different drugs, and can even buy

Appeal

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Standards, said Thursday
that she had not received
notification of an appeal. She
said the bureau's decision
was based on the center's history of problematic inspec-

tory of problematic inspections.

"We don't enter these things lightly." Ransom said.
"We've made our decision."

It's true, Scruggs said, that one staff member didn't check properly on a resident the night he committed sui-check properly on a resident the home. But the center has since fired that employee, she said, and the rest of the staff is competent and dedicated.

small breath tests that meas-ure alcohol — all remarkably accurate, he said. Jensen said he doesn't usu-

Jensen said he doesn't usa-ally give parents who pass through his store any more advice than they ask for. "If they're taking the initia-tive to do the test, they're already pertry aware of the problem," he said. Of course, that can will

already pretty aware of the problem, he said.

Of course, that can still mean many questions, Brent Evans, drug-free workplace coordinator for St. Lake's Magie Valley Regional Medical Center, said parents call him asking about everything from testing options at the hospital to how safe testing kits are when hough of the Internet, One of their greatest concerns, he said, is how private testing is the mospital to how private testing is the hospital's Occupational Fealth office.

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the same licensing standards and investigation process as any other home in the state. It causes as any other home in the state (tansom said. That includes the center's right to appeal, the act of which has triggered a process that could last for as long as two years. The ini-tial appeal, she said, goes to an administrative review board. The center has a vari-ety of outlons after the

ey of options after that, including an appeal to the state Board of Health and Welfare and, as a last resort, district court.

district court.

Few centrers have actually been closed by the state, Ransom said, and three's always the chance the Goodfing home could win an appeal or negotiate its way back into a fleense.

"I think it's probably a 50-50 shot, depending on what comes forward," she said.

guilty. Evans said.

The scary thing for Evans has been watching the change in drug trends in the area. For area employees, by far his most frequent customers, marijuana if stiff the No. 1 drug. But necth has worked its way up from near the buttom of the istandard five drugs tested — meth. In arrijuana, occaine, opiates and PCP — to nearly first place.

Nate Poppino may be reached at 735-3237 or npop-pino@nagicvalley.com.

The center is licensed by two different agencies, and administrators will also have to convince Medicare to let them keep serving residents supparted by the federal program. Spokesman Michael Marchand sald Thursday that the federal agency had yet to receive any appeal from the center. While the federal ficense only regulates the Medicare and Medicard programs, it is just as important as the state license — which allows them to operate in the first place.

allows them to operate in the first place.
"Even if they came in com-pliance with what the state, requirements are, that does-n't mean they would start receiving the federal (match-ing funds), "Marchand said." If they're not getting the fed-eral match, I'm not sture they could keep their doors open."

# Graffiti

Continued from page A1 District students named Staci and stopped when they reached the object of West's

acceled the Object of West's affection.

The manhunt ended Nov. 26, when West and his attorney. Stan Cole, net with Sheriff's Detective Eric Snarr. West told the lawman he was inspired by the Montgomery Gentry song 'My Town,' which he and Staci had listened to together. Gentry's lyrics describe a place where there's 'just up he road, a pale-blue water tower, with 'I love Jenny'

serven paint at Wals-Night Works atterney hater asked Ban II the city would accept restitution and avoid charges. On Dec, 12 Ban bumped it up to the Paul Gity Council, which came down as hard as a West Tesas rain. Looking at a \$1,970 bill to wipe away West's profession of love, the council voted to ask the Minidoka County Prosecutor to press charges. "If it was a young teenager!

painted in bright green." Authorities say West con

slapping his hand, but we're talking about a young man here," Mayor Randy Jones

Authorities say West con-lessed that he bought his green paint at Wal-Mart. West's attorney later asked And they wanted to send a message to any lovesick vandals.

lovesick vandals.

"If we don't do this now, we're going to have people on the water tower and all sorts of problems," said Councilman Brent Stimpson. West could not be reached for comment.

Rich Greene is a South Idaho Press stuff writer.

# Water

and a Cathornia Democra, to pull Craigs language from the bill in September. . Craig had recently lost political clout on the Senate Appropriations Committee following an airport bath-room say seardal

following an airport bath-room sex scandal.

This week, the delegation again issued a joint state-ment against removing Craigs rider.

"Three years ago, Congress approved the Snake River. Basin Adjudication to resolve a devades-old dispute over the use of water in the Snake River," the statement said. An agreement was reached to meet the various demands for the water, and it was one

was meant to reaffirm Congress's commitment to the law of the land. The delegation contends the agreement is still binding, despite Redden's rulings. "Regardless, the law still stands, and we hope that federal judges pay attention to that because it is our best hope to restore salmon and maintain our economy." the Idaho Republicans said. Environmentalists have said the previous plans, and the one currently before Redden, don't do enough to protect salmon. Earlier this month, Redden indicated the newest plan still list's ade-

newest plan still isn't ade-quate and said he may take dam management into his dam management into his own hands instead of asking the government to draft another proposal.

r proposal. o water users worry

the judge could require the state to release thousands of acre feet of water — includ-ing water in the Nez Perce

ing water in the Nez Peter Agreement — to increase downstream flows for salmon. One acre foot typically meets the demands of two homes for one year. That could mean unmitigated disaster for farmers and utilities in southern Idaho, Norm Semanko, executive director of the Idaho Water Users Association, said shortly after Democrats indicated they'd remove Craigs rider.

rider.

President Bush is expected to sign the spending bill, and Redden is expected to make his ruling early next year.

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

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for the water, and it was one agreed to by a broad array of users, Congress and the president. The language we worked to insert into the omnibus appropriations bill

# Screeners

and dedicated.

"(The employee involved that hight) was not doing her job, and I'm glad she was let go," Scruggs said.

The Gooding home faced

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complaint filled with the
agency. "I'm sure this doesn't matter to you hecause
my tax dollars are already
paying you."
The AP poll, conducted

The AP poll, conducted Monday through Wednesday, found that the more people travel, the less they like TSA. ke TSA. But It also found that 53

percent of air travelers think TSA does a "very" or "some-what" good job.

TSA does a "very" or "some-what" good job.

The inconvenience of security was the top com-plaint of air travelers, men-tioned by 31 percent of those who had taken at least The figure hose to 40 year-cent for those who have taken five to 10 trips.

TSAs parent agency, the Department of Homeland Security, also ranked at the bottom of an index of con-sumer satisfaction released this week, supplanting the

this week, supplanting the IRS as the prime subject of grumbling in that survey. grumbling in that surve Customer Satisfaction Index questioned 10,000 people about their experiences with about their experiences the federal government.

## Public opinion of TSA ranks low

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of Dollarse
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Administration IIS Co NOTE: Poil of 1,004 adults from Dec. I margin of error = 3.1 percentage points

TSA officials say they understand the frustration and are working to minimize hassles. They say while it can be annoying, atroot screening is essential because intelligence reports show aviation remains a top target for terrorists. A review of complaints the traveling public lodged with TSA in September helps explain the low standing, while passengers generally understand TSAs mission.

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airport on Sept, 4. In an e-mailed complaint to TSA, the mother said the TSA screener was rude and inconsiderate. While she was in secondary screening, the mother was made to face away from her daughter. "Someone could, have taken my daughter," the woman wrote, "I understand you have to have security, but your people don't need to be rude!"

On Sept. 3. a man leaving Orlando, Fla., filed a lengthy complaint because he said a screener louched him "like no man ever has — not even my doctor." they could do without cer-tain parts of the pre-board-ing experience. Take, for example, a moth-er and daughter traveling out of the Dallas/Fort Worth

my doctor



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Saturday

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## MINI-CASSIA

Today:No new snow likely with skies starting to clear. Highs

upper 20s. Tonight: Partly cloudy and cold. Lows low toons. Tomorrow: Chilly with a mix of sun and clouds. Highs upper

Complete weather report: See page B8

# TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

## ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Charles Dickons "A Christmas Carol - The Musicall" a co-production of the nexStage Theatre and Laughing Stock-Theater Company, 7 p.m., nexStage Theatre, 120 5. Main St., Ketchum, \$25 for adults, unreserved seats; and \$55 for reserved seating in center front rows, 726-4857. The Standard Christmas concert "A Night To Remember," 7 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Center, \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth (age 17 and under), 308-1255 or www.TheStandards.com.
The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary public dance, 8 p.m., D.AV, Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls, \$2 donation, 734-5208. Charles Dickons' "A Christmas Carol - The Musicall" a

## **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Members of the Twin Falls High School graduating class of 1947 funcheon, open to all 1947 classmates, 1 p.m., Jaker's on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, Twin Falls, cost of meal, 733-7410 or 420-9435.

## GOVERNMENT

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

## **HEALTH AND RECOVERY**

College of Southern Idaho's Your 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High fold gym), Rupert Civic Center and Blaine County Campus Gym; and 1130 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475 (last class; to resume Jan. 14). Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Aggleiss Sentor Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, 737-598.

737-5988.
Fit and Fail Proof Exercise Class, 11 to 11:45 a.m.,
Oakley Fire Station, 315 E. Main St., Oakley, 737-5988.
Celebrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight bib-lical principles, 6 p.m., Cafe Agape, Lighthouse Christian-Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, 737-4667.
Al-Anon/Alatean family groups, to help friends and fami-lies of alcoholics, hot-line: 1-866-592-3198.

## HOLDAY FESTIVITIES

Santa Story Time, Santa will read to the children for story hour, 10:30 a.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., 878-7708.

## MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium Festival of Trees, "Season of Ught," 11 a.m.; "Steamrolling through the Holidays," 1 p.m.; "WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars," 2:30 p.m.; "Season of Ught," 4 p.m.; "The Christmas Star," 7 p.m.; and "Steamrolling through the Holidays" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center, CSI campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for familiae, 72:56566

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# COMING TOMORROW IN RELIGION

# In time for the flakes Our Lady of Snows new church is dedicated in Sun Valley.

# MORNING BRIEFING

# AROUND THE WORLD

## UTAH

## Idaho man pleads guilty in Air Force base threat

SALT LAKE CITY — An air-craft mechanic pleaded guilty Thursday to felony changes for sending e-mails claiming he would detonate explosives at a 0 Und Air Force base and kill six hostages if the U.S. did not remove all troops from Iraq and Afghanistan.

and Afghanistan.
William Jeffrey Stiffler, 39, of
Clifton, Idaho, sent both emails in July to FBI headquarters under the name of a
friend of his wifes to cause trouble for the friend, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Carlos

trouble for the Iriema, san-Assistant U.S. Attorney Carlos Esqueda.

One e-mail was sent from Sidifer's workplace at Hill Air Force Base and the other three hours later from his home. Esqueda said.

Five buildings at Hill Air Force Base were evacuated mult the threats were deter-tioned up to hombs, and all six purported hostages— stiffler's family and an acquaintance—were found in no danger.

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Stiffler's family and an acquaintance—were found in the danger of the stiffler is the defended when Stiffler is sentenced on March 6, Esqueda said.

Stiffler faces up to 10 years in prison on the homb direat and up to five years for the kidnap threat, and he faces fines of up to \$500,000, Isqueda said.



Volunteers and officials from t city of Omaha, and the Von Maur department store gather Wednesday for a memorial service

# NEBRASKA

## Shoppers, workers return to store 15 davs after shootings

OMAHA — About 50 employees held hands and lined up across a department store's entrance Thursday before parting to let a crowd of holiday shoppers enter for the first time since a gumnan killed eight people there 15 days earlier.

Eight wreaths were placed near the entrance to memorialize the eight victims, and a blue ribbon crossing each wreath carried the message "We remember."

Customers applauded as the gates opened, and employees greeted them at the entrance. Many shoppers immediately took escalators to the hirld floor, where most of the victims were shot.

By midday the store was crowded — more so than slimit ar stores nearby. OMAHA - About 50 nployees held hands and

"We always think about the victims and their families," said Pamela Perry, 39. "But I'm not scared to go in the store."

# ·WASHINGTON

## U.S. fertility rate sustains population

For the first time in 35 years, the U.S. fertility rate has climbed high enough to sustain a stable population, solidifying the nation's unique status among industrialized countries. countries.

The overall fertility rate increased 2 percent between 2005 and 2006, nudging the average number of bables being born to each woman to 2.1, according to the latest



Rose Tani looks up at a cardboard cutout of her son, Tani, on the balcony of a Cape Canaveral condominium on Oct. 23. Rose Tani died Wednesday in Lombard, II., when a train struck her vehicle, police said. (See story below)

federal statistics. That mads the first time since 1971 that the rate has reached a crucial benchmark of population growth — the ability of each generation to epilace itself. "It's been quite a long time since we've had a rate this high," said stephanie Ventura of the National Center for Headth Statistics. "It's a mile-stone."

stone."
While the rising fertility rate was unwelcome news to some environmentalists, the so-called "replacement rate" son-called "replacement mate is generally considered desis able by demographen able by demographen and second services and support again to replace and support aging enough young people to replace and support aging workers without population growth being so high it taxes national resources.

"This is a noteworthy event," said John Bongaarts of the Population Council, a New York think tank. "This is sign of demographic health. Many countries would like to be at this level,"

## TEXAS

## Astronaut mourns his mother from orbit; he comes home in January

comes home in January

HOUSTON — Daniel M.
Tani's 90-year-old mother
died in an auto accident this
week, but he has no way of
getting home until late
week, but he has no way of
getting home until late
January. He must grieve from
more than 200 miles away —
in orbit, abbard the international space station.

It's a heartbreaking situation no other American astronaut has experienced. And It's
made all the more tragic by
Tani's devolton to his mother.
Rose, who raised him and his
stiblings alone in suburban
Chicago after their father died
when he was 4.

"He is obviously pretty sad,"
the astronaut's brother,
Richard Tani, said in
Thursday's Chicago SunTimes, "He was pretty close to
her. We are all close to her, We are all close to her, we are all close to her, we are all close to her. Tuni's sund and allight surTani's wife and a filight sur-

Times. "He was pretty close to her. We are all close to her. She was loved by everyone."

Tani's wife and a flight surgeon on the ground broke the news in a video conference call with the 46-year-old astronaut. But phone calls and e-mails from space are as close as Tani can get to the loving embrace of his family.

Tani has been on the space station since late October and had been scheduled to return to Earth as early as Mondayof this week abourd space shuttle Atlantis, but fuel gauge problems delayed the Dec. I aunch until January.

A Russlan Suzuz spacecraft is docked at the space station but must be reserved in case the two Americans and one

Russian aboard need to evac-uate the outpost in an emer-

uate the outpost in an emer-gency.

Tani's mother was struck and killed by a train in Lombard, ill., on Wednesday.

Police said shaw was stopped behind a school bus at a rail-road crossing and decided to drive around the vehicle and the common that the con-traction of the con-t

maybe, for a long time and something this tragic hap-pens in your family," said the Rev. Rob Hatfield, a minister elderly church.

# NEW YORK

## Nickelodeon considering teen pregnancy special

Nickelodeon is considering a special for its young audi-ence about sex and love fol-lowing the news that 16-year-old "Zoey 101" star Jamie Lynn Spears is pregnant. The televi-sion network

has made no announcement about the future of "Zoey 101," its popular program aimed primarily at the contrasters.

has made no

amed primarily as Spean young sters a young sters and young sters and policy fourth and final season has finished, and episodes are scheduled to begin airing in February. For the special, Nickelodeon sald it's talking with Linda Ellerhee, the veteran newswoman who has stepped in frequently in the past with shows on talking to children about difficult issues in the news. She's done show about same-sex parents, AIDS, the Columbine shooting and President Clinton's impeachment scandal.

ing and President Clinton's impeachment scandal. "I dhink it's important that something be done," Ellerbee told The Associated Press on Thursday, "But I think it's important that it be done in a important that it be done in a measured way, and not just to feed the beast of news stories. A Nickelodeon spokesman, Dan Martinsen, confirmed the discussions but said no decision had been made.

## OHIO

## Coroner identifies 4 Mexican workers, all stabbed in the heart

CINCINNATI i — Four Mexican construction work ers who were beaten an stabbed in the heart in a sub urban apartment were relat

ed, and two of them were brothers, a coroner said Thursday.

The men, who had been dead more than a week when their bodies were found last week, were identified by the said of the said o

brothers were readed to other men.
All four men were from the town of Zacaton in the northern Mexican state of San Luis Potosl, a spokesman at the Mexican embassy in Washington sald earlier.

## ISRAEL

## Israel examining Hamas truce proposal

GAZA CFTY, Gaza Strip — Israel is examining a Hamas truce proposal delivered by Egypt, defense officials said truce proposal delivered by fgppt, defense officials said Thursday after at least six Palestinians were killed in a day of Israeli air and ground strikes aimed at stopping rocket salvos from Gaza. The Israell officials, speak-ing on proposition of anonymi-

rucket salvos from Gaza.
The Israedi Officials, speaking on condition of anonymiybecause of the sensitivity of
the issue, said the Humas proposal vas limited to stopping
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Humas pave assurances it
could impose the trace on the
trillitant groups that are firing
the rockets — Islamic Jihad
and the Popular Resistance
Committees.
There was no immediate
comment from the Egoptian
government.
Despite the tentative contacts, there were more
Palestinian rocket barrages
Thursday, One rocket fired by
millitants in Gaza exploded
next to an israeli school, terrifying children, Lue Thursday,

next to an Israell school, terri-fying children. Late Thursday, Hamas said it fired three rock-ets at Israel, Its first such claim in weeks, putting the truce talk in doubt.

## ENGLAND Bartender tells court Diana's driver drunk,

walked like a clown'
LONDON — Princess
Diana's driver was drunk the
night she and her boyfriend
bodf Fayed died in a car crash
In Paris, a bartender told the
court investigating the
princess death.
Henri Paul was visibly inebriated and walking unstead;
ly as he left the bar at the Ritz
Hottel in Paris the night of the
crash, Alain Willaumez told
the inquest into Diana's death.
'His eyes were brillant, his
eyes were wide open and he
was visibly looking in abnormal condition,' Willaumez
sald, noting that Paul bumped
into a member of the hotel
staff as he was leaving.
"He had not a precise and
accurate walk. He was walking like a clown, a litub bit like
a clown, he said,
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tunnel, colliding with a pillar.
French and British police
both concluded that he had
double the legal limit of alcohol in his blood and lost control of the car as it raced ahead
of pursuing photographers.

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# **Tests**

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Parents often call first with questions about the treat-ments before taking any action, shesaid.

"A lot of them take squee time to decide if they really want to test their kids," she said.

And they often visit in chumps, with a rush of parents one moutht and fewer the next. It's the same for those buying tests straight from the pharmacy, said kent lensen, owner of the Medicine Shoppe in Twin Falls. It is customers can choose from a variety of tests that measure as few as one and as many as few different and as many as five different drugs, and can even buy

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Standards, said Thursday
that she had not received
notification of an appeal. She
said the bureau's decision
was based on the center's history of problematic inspec-

small breath tests that meas-ure alcohol --- all remarkably

accurate, he said. Jensen said he doesn't usu

accurate, he said.
Iensen said he duesn't usually give parents who pass through his store any more advice than they ask for.
"If they're taking the initiative to do the test, they're already prevention," he said.
Of course, that can still mean many questions. Brent Evans, drug-free workplace coordinator for St. Luke's Welley Regional Medical Center, said parents call him asking about everything from testing options at the hospital to how safe testing kits are when bought of the Internet. One of their greatest concerns, he said, is show private testing is through the hospital focusional Health office.

now private testing is through the hospital's Occupational Health office. "It's kind of that guilt com-plex that, if you're in there for a drug test, that means you're

the same licensing standards

the same licensing standards and investigation process as any other home in the state, Ransom said. That includes the center's right to appeal, the act of which has triggered a process that could last for se how as two years. The ini-

a process that could last for as long as two years. The ini-tial appeal, she said, goes to an administrative review board. The center has a vari-city of options after that, including an appeal to the state Board of Health and Welfare and, as a last resort, district court.

Welfare and, as a last resort, district court. Few centers have actually been closed by the state, Ransom said, and there's always the Ehance the Gooding home could win an appeal or negotiate its way back into a license. "I think it's probably a 50-50 shot, depending on what comes forward," she said.

guilty," Evans said.

scary thing for Evans has been watching the change in drug trends in the change in drug trends in the area. For area employees, by far bis most frequent customers, marijuanu is still the No. 1 drug. But meth has worked its way tup from near the bottom of the standard five drugs tested — meth, marijuana, cocaine, opiates and PCP — to nearly first place.

and PGP — to mem, place.
Not only is it more com-mon, Isvans said, but meth is in the body for a shorter amount of time, meaning more people are taking more of it. And that's just the peo-ple be carches — the tests, after all, can only do so nouch.

"Obviously we're not eatch-ing all of them." he said.

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

The center is licensed by

The center is licensed by two different agencies, and administrators will also have to convince Medicare to let them keep serving residents supported by the federal program. Spokesman Michael Marchand said Thursday that he federal agency bad yet to receive any appeal from the center. While the federal license only regulates the Medicare and Medicaid programs, it is just as important as the state license — which allows them to operate in the first place.

Then if they came in complementations, the doesn't mean they would start receiving the federal (matching funds). Marchand said, "If they're not getting the federal match, I'm not sure they could keep their doors open."

# Graffiti

Continued from page A1 District students named Staci and stopped when they reached the object of West's

The manhunt ended Nov.

The manhant ended Nov. 26, when West and his attorney. Stan Cole, met with Sheriffs Deceive Brie Start.
West told the lawman he was inspired by the Monagomery Gentry—Song. "My Town," which he and Starchad listened to together, Gentry's lyries describe a place where there's "just up the road, a pale-blue water tower, with "I love Jenny'.

painted in bright green."
Authorities say West con-

painted in bright green."
Authorities say West con-lessed that he bought his green paint at Wal-Mart.
West's attorney later asked Ran if the city would accept restitution—and avoid charges. On Dec. 12 Ran humped it up to the Paul Cay Council, which came down as hard as a West Fests rain. Looking at a "\$1,970-bill" of whip ways West's profession of love, the council voted to ask the Minidoka County Prosecutor to press charges. "If it was a young teerager I wouldn't tave a problem

slapping his hand, but we're talking about a young man here," Mayor Randy Jones

said. And they wanted to send a message to any other lavesick vandals. "If we don't do this now, we're going to have people on the water tower and alsorts of problems," said: — Gameriant—Henri Simpson. West could not be reached for comment.

Rich Greene is a South Idaho Press staff writer.

# Water\_

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Confineed from page A1 rejecting two previous proposals he said didn't do enough to protect salipion. Idahoks entitle congressional telegation lobbied to keep Caraly, fider in the spending bill after Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., asked Sen. Dianne Feinstelin, chair of the Senate Appropriation subcommittee and a California Democrat, to pull Craigle Sanguage from the bill in September. Craig had recently lost political clout on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Graig had recently lost political clout on the Senate Appropriations Committee following an airport bathroom sex scandial. This week, the delegation again issued a joint statement against removing Craigs rider.

"Three years ago, Congress approved the Sanke River Basin Adjudication to resolve a decades-old dispute over the use of water in the Sanke River." The statement said River, the statement sale River, the statement sale for the water, and a canada for the water, and it canada for the water, and it canada for the water, and it canada for the language water of tasers. Congress and the president. The language we worked to insert into the omnibus appropriations bill

was meant to reaffirm Congress's commitment to the law of the land." The delegation contends the apreement is still binding, despite Redden's rulings. "Regardless, the law still stands, and we hope that federal judges pay attention to that because it is our best hope to restore salmon and maintain our economy." the ldaho Republicans said. Environmentalists have said the previous plans, and the one currently before Redden, don't do enough to proteet salmon, Earlier this month, Redden indicated the neveest plan still list't ade-

newest plan still isn't ade-quate and said he may take dam management into his dam management into his own hands instead of asking government to draft nother proposal. Idaho water users worry

the judge could require the state to release thousands of acre feet of water—including water in the Nez Perce Agreement—to increase downstream flows for salmon. One acre foot typically meets the demands of two homes for one year. That could mean tunnifigated disaster for farmers and utilities in southern Idaho, Norm Semanko, executive director of the Idaho Water Users Association, said shortly after Democras indi-

shortly after Democrats Indi-cated they'd remove Craig's

rider.
President Bush is expected to sign the spending bill, and Redden is expected to make his ruling early next year.

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

# tory of problematic inspections. "We don't enter these things lightly. Ransom said. "We've made our decision." It's true, Seruggs said, that one staff member didn't check properly on a resident the night he committed suicide—the most recent coinplaint against the home. But the center has since fired that employee, she said, and the rest of the staff is competent and declicated. "The employee involved that hight) was not doing her job, and I'm glad she was let go. Scruggs said. The Gooding home faced Screeners

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Confined from page A1 complaint filed with the agency, "I'm sure this doesn't matter to you because my tax dollars are already paying you." The AP poll, conducted Monday through Wednesday, found that the more people travel, the less they But it also found that 53

percent of air travelers think TSA does a "very" or "some-what" good job. The inconvenience of

what good job.

The inconvenience of security was the top complaint of air travelers, mentioned by 31 percent of those who had taken at least those who had taken at least one trip in the past year. That figure rose to 40 per-cent for those who have taken five to 10 trips. TSA's parent agency, the Department of Homeland Security, also ranked at the

Department of Honeland Security, also ranked at the bottom of an index of consumer satisfaction released this week, supplanting the IRS as the prime subject of grumbling in that survey. The authoritative American Castomer Satisfaction Index questioned 10,000 people about their experiences with the federal government.

# Public opinion of TSA ranks iow

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TSA officials say they understand the frustration and are working to mini-mize hassles. They say while it can be annoying, airport screening is essential

it can be annoying, alriport screening is essential because intelligence reports show avaitation remains a top target for terrorlsts. A review of complaints the traveling public lodged with TSA in September helps explain the low standing, while passengers generally understand TSA's mission.

NEED HELP WITH QUICKBOOKS\*? Call Rita at 737-0087 TRAINING, SETUP & SUPPORT they could do without cer-tain parts of the pre-board-ing experience.
Take, for example, a moth-er and daughter traveling out of the Dallas/Fort Worth

airport on Sept. 4. In an e-mailed complaint to TSA, the mother said the TSA screener was rude and inconsiderate. While she screener was rude and inconsiderate. While she was in secondary screening, the mother was made to face away from her daughter. "Someone could have taken my daughter." the woman wrote. It understand you have to have security, but your people don't need to be rude!!"

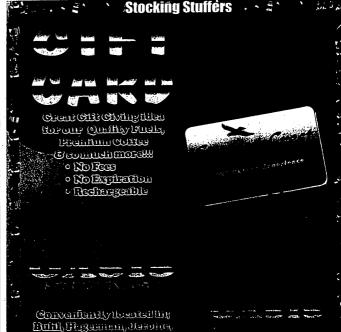
On Sept. 3, a man leaving Orlando, Pla., filed a lengthy complaint because he said a screener touched him "like no man ever has — not even my doctor."

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# Bush says Democratic Congress wasted time and taxpayers' money

By Terence Hunt Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON President Bush, successful in forcing the Democratic Congress to bend to his will, complained Thursday that lawmakers had wasted time and taxpayers' money. His aggressive stand set a con-frontational tone for Bush's final year in the White

final year in the White House.

Bush used a year-end news conference to scold layenakers for stuffing 9.800 special-intenests projects into a \$550 billion spending neasure. He directed his budget director to explore how to crase what hush considers wasteful spending.

What hegan as a troubling year for Bush, facing a new energetic Democratic

Congress, ended in triumph for the president as frustrat-Congress, ended in triumph for the president as frustrated Democrats mitsed their losses. Democrats failed in their No. 1 objective to stop the war in fraq and bowed to Bush and his veto threats on ax policies, energy legislation, children's health insurance and general spending.

After months of bitter fights, Bush said the year was ending on a high note. It's an antagonistic world from some people's point of view," the president said. 'I try to make it less that way and to focus on high priorities."

But that did not stop him from presenting a litany of complaints. Bush said he was disappointed Congress had lumped government spending into a single 1,400-page omnibus bill. "When



President Bush speaks during a news conferent Press Room at the White House in Washington.

Congress wastes so much time and leaves its work to government," he said. the final days before He also complained Christmas, It is not a Congress had not renewed a

this is a point of disagree-ment."

"Democrats conceded bush's success. "President Bush's vecess. "President Bush's vecess. "President Bush's vece pen prevented the kind of significant change our country needs," said flep, Rahm Emanuel of Illinois, head of the House Democratic Caucus. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said. "Next year, I hope the president will stop trying to block progress and work with Congress and work with Congress to deliver for the American people."

The news conference covered a wide range of sub-

government cavesdropping bill to combat terrorism and said that should be a first priority when lawmakers return in January. Another priority is to make sure Congress does not raise taxes, he said. "I understand this is a point of disagree-ment."

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president refused to
say whother-it was appropria
to far the CIA to destroy the
tapes, saying he would withhold Judgment until completion of hearings and
inquiries by Congress, the
Justice Department and the
CIA's inspector general.
Bush said there was no
ambiguity in his statement
that he could not recall
being told about the tapes
and their destruction before
being briefed on the matter
by CIA Director Michael
Hayden on Dec. 6.

# Even in minority, **GOP** dishes out the pork

By Charles Babington Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON WASHINGTON — The demise of the bridge to nowhere notwithstanding. Sen. Ted Stevens and other Republicans remain the kings of pork-barrel spending Republicans remain the kings of pork-harrel spending, proving that GOP mastery of "earmarks" can withstand public scorn, a president's rebuke and even a Democratic takeover of

Democratic takeover of Congress. The Senate's two biggest sponsors of this year's pet spending projects are Republicans Stevens of Alaska and Thad Cochran of

Alaska and Thad Loenran on Mississhiph, according to preliminary reviews of fiscal 2008 spending bills by Taxpayers for Common Sense, a nonpartisan group. Two of the House's three biggest claimants of earmarks also are Hepublicans. The Continued success at steering billions of taxpayer found. Their continued success at steering billions of taxpayer follars to their constituents is all the more impressive—or arguably hypocritical—since President Bush and other prominent. Republicans sharpened their criticisms of earmarks after Democrats took over the House and Senate majorites in January. It underscores the coxy and murky nature of appropriating, in which longtime friendships and mutual back-scratching seem to trump the steely partisanship seem elsewhere in Congress. It also reflects Democrats' calculation that there is political soft that the soft that the

deeply.

"It kind of takes the sting out of their accusations if they are taking 40 percent of the pie," said one House Democratic aide. Most of all, the continued

enthuslasm for earmarks by some of Congress' most sen-lor members proves that vot-ers crave the health clinics. crave the neutricines, community centers and thousands of other projects that earmarks fund — even if they criticize the practice in the abstract.

Elected officials reflect the publics probleman agreement of the product of the product of the public probleman agreement of the p

public's ambivalence, often denouncing carmarks before denous ing carrantes before enacting them into law, Last month in Indiana. President Bush ridiculed a labor-health-education spending bill, which he vetoed, because it contained "waste-ful projects" such as a prison museum, sailing school and Portuguese as a second language" program. "Congress needs to cut out that pork," Bush sald.

But the museum and Portuguese earmarks termained in the sprawling "omnibus" bill, which Bush signaled Thursday he will sign despite his misgivings.

# Panel subpoenas ex-CIA official who ordered destruction of tapes

By Pamela Hess Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The

WASHINGTION — The House Intelligence Committee issued a subpose na Thursday for Jose Rodriguez, the former CIA official who directed that secret interrogation videntapes of two suspected terrorists be destroyed. The panel ordered Rodriguez, the former head of the CIA's National Clandestine Service, to appear for a hearing on Jan. 16. Committee Chalrman Silvestre Reys, D-Texas, said Rodriguez. 'would like to tell his story but his counsel has advised us that a subpoena would be necessary.'

APVICEC.

reserving judgement on hether the CIA was right to destroy tapes of its agents roughly questioning top

files to congressional investi-gators Thursday, inviting them to the agency's Virginia headquarters to begin reviewing documents and records related to the video-

tapes. House House Intelligence Committee staff members want to know who author-ized the tapes' destruction: who in the CIA, Justice Department and White House knew about it and when, and why Congress was not fully informed. The committee, which had threatened to subpoena: the records if they did not get access this week, also wants to know exactly what was shown on the tapes, which document the harsh interrogation of two al-Qalida suspects in 2002. The CIA destroyed the tapes in 2005. "We learned we have a long way to go, that there are

"We learned we have a long way to go, that there are a number of people involved that we need to talk with," sald a committee official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation of the tapes' destruction is ongoing. "Many in the executive branch will be called." The committee is still drawing up

oranch will be called. The committee is still drawing up its list of witnesses to call. At the justice Department, investigators were combing through CIA e-mails and other documents and planning to interview former agency officials. See what's new at Magicvalley.com MERRY



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# Breast cancer patients not told of reconstruction options when choosing surgeries

By Marilynn Marchione Associated Press writer

Most doctors don't talk about breast reconstruction with-women-before cancer surgery, depriving them of key information that can sway-their decision about whether to have the whole breast or just a lump removed, new research sug-gests.

removed, new season gests.
Only one-third of the roughly 1,200 women in the study said surgeons discussed cosmetic remedies with them in advance, When the topic did come up, women were four dimes more flikely to choose the more drastic operation, mastectomy.

ikely to choose the more drastic operation, mastectomy.

That could be because they liked the breast reconstruction options, which include implants that are not available for flying odd-shaped defects left after lumpectomies. But mastectomiles can be a dubious choice because breast-conserving lumpectomies usually suffice. "Our point is not to say that one decision is better than another, but that women need to know all their options," said Dr. Amy Alderman, the University of Michigan plastic surgeon who led the study. There are positives and negatives to both. We shouldn't be paternalistic and tell patients, "This

## Leading cause

Breast cancer remains the estimated leading type of n cancer cases in U.S. wome this year. Lung and breach cancer lead in deaths.

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an Cancur S is what you need."
Dr. H. Kim Lyerly, a breast

surgeon and director of Duke University's Comprehensive Cancer Center, agreed.

"This is an important issue," he said. "We clearly need to be better at it."

The study was published online Friday by the journal Cancer and will be in the Feb. Lisano.

It is the second report in recent days to call attention to the often-neglected cosmetic consequences of cancer surgery.

# Babies do the driving in Univ. of Delaware robotics lab that seeks to help immobile kids

Associated Press wifter

NEWARK, Det. — With a 6month-old at the controls,
researchers, at the University,
of Delaware are encouraging
underage driving.
Their ultimate goal is to
help immobile, disabled
children move and explore.
The researchers are using
robotics in an odd contraption that's sort of a cross
between a bumper car and a
robot. In a recent test, Anitya
Harris, a normally developing 6-month-old, scooted,
across the floor in delight by
pushing a joystick on the litthe vehicle, She's ton young to
steer it.

"I think she thinks.

"I think she thinks, Joystick means go.' I'll take that right now," said Cole

Joystos means as a communication to the state of the communication of th orthopedic problems or muscular dystrophy. Wheeled robots could enable them to move and explore the world around them, which studies suggest is critical to their develop-

Researchers in the United Kingdom have been working for years on powered mobili-



Six-month-old Anlya Harris guides a robol, dubbed UDI, toward her aunt Daina Montgomery, Nor. 30, in Newark, Del. Researchers at the University of Delaware believe UDI holds the promise of opening up new zons for disabled infants, especially those with orthopedic problems or muscular dystrophy.

ty for toddlers. However, Galloway said, conventional wisdom has held that because of safety issues, chil-dren aren't considered ready for that until age 4 or 5; the earliest age doctors might recommend powered mobil-ity is age 3.

ity is age 3.

That means too many children are at risk of losing out

on the important early link between mobility and their overall development, he

said.

"As soon as you're reaching, as soon as you're walking, your cognition explodes," Galloway explained.

Sunil Agrawal, a professor of mechanical engineering at

the university, has been working for years on wheeled robots with infrared and sonar sensors that can avoid obstacles. A prototype based on those models is being used in studies involving about a dozen typically developing infants and a smaller number who have special needs.

# Child Study Center cancels controversial autism 'ransom' ads

By Robin Shulman The Washington Post

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The Washington Post

NEW YORK — The words, in blocky typeface, read like a ransom note. "We have your son. We will make sure he will no longer be able to care for binsself or interact socially as long as he lives. This is only the beginning."

The note is signed Autism, and it is an advertisement, placed along with five other hansom notes—steement, placed along with five other hansom notes—colon, Asperger syndrome, obsessive-compulsive and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorders — on billboards and kiosks in this city by the New York University Child Study Center, intending to urge parents to seek treatment for children with the disorders and spark a broader conversation.

But Wednesday, the center withdrew its ads, after receiving thousands of calls and emails, many from people who said they found the notes offensive and hurtful, more likely to spread stigma and fear than to help is the debate was getting more and more focused on the ads, and not on the children who have disbilities." said Hardo Koplewicz, the founder and

director of the center, whose goals are to improve the treatment of child psychiatric disorders through scientific practice, research and education, and to eliminate the stigma surrounding them.

Opposition to the ads came from some of the very advocates who share the goals of the center, including adults who have psychiatric and neurological disorders. The Autistic Self Advocacy Network organized a campaign in the blogosphere, signed up more than 20 disability rights groups to their cause and collected more than 1,000 signatures on an Internet petition.

"These ads reflect some very old and damaging stereotypes about people with disabilities by suggesting that we are not entirely present and not fully within our

own bodies," said Ari Ne'eman, president of the network, who has Asperger's. The intention was never to

spread stereotypes, Koplewicz said. Instead, he hoped to use a provocative metaphor — that an untreat-ed disability can hold a child hostage — and make an

nossage — and make an impact.

There is a public health risks in this country, "he said. There are 12 million children with psychiatric disporters. An overwhelming number gounteneted. They're uninsured. It's under-researched." The pro bono campaign by the agency BBDO launched in New York on Dec. 1, with ads on about 200 klosks, Koplewicz said. The campaign was originally intended to spread to four other chies, including Washington, in coming months, he said.

Instead, Koplewicz plans to hold a virtual town hall dishold a virtual town hall dis-cussion in lanuary with some of those who opposed his campaign most voiferously and create a new campaign to be produced by BBDO early in the new year. John Osborn, president and chief executive of BBDO New York, said the ransom

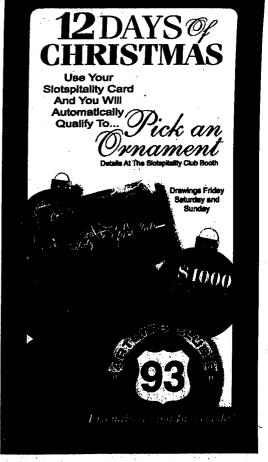
through the clutter, and heighten the urgency of inter-vention and improve the lives of kids."

of kids."
Koplewicz said that when he and his colleagues first saw the campaign, "we had a visceral response to it, saying it was too strong, it might be

he saw reactions from focus groups made up of mothers, a third of whom had a child with one of the disorders. 'The initial response was 'Oh, this is too harsh, this is too scary, it's frightening me,' 'oh said, ''After 20 minutes, par-ents recognized that the facts were bassber than the ads." ents recognized that the fa-were harsher than the ads.







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# **EDITORIAL**

# **Dangerous criminals** shouldn't be in mental hospitals

n ordinary Cyclome fence surrounds Idaho's largest mental hospital, located in a residential neighborhood on the castern edge of Blackfoot. A determined 10-year-old could escape.

And yet State Hospital South is the temporary home of Harley Park. In 2003, police say the drifter kicked a Camas County golf course owner to death with steel-toed work hoots. In 2006, Park was ruled mentally incompetent to stand trial for killing Lynn Stevenson. Last month, Park was ruled mentally incompetent to stand trial for killing Lynn Stevenson. Last month, Park was ruled spend sp

up to three months.

mitted to a mental institution for up to three months.

Park's move prompted an outcry from state hospital employees who contend that neither they nor the facility are equipped to deal with such a dangerous patient.

But the Idaho Department of Health and Wesfare, which runs the hospital, doesn't have anyplace else for violent mentally ill prisoners. It's time the Legislature remedied that. Efforts are under way to remodel existing facilities, or to build a new secure wing at one of the two state mental hospitals. That could cost \$70 million.

Lawmakers are considering an interim solution, including remodeling a section of the Idaho State School and Hospital in Nampa to provide 25 secure beds. But that \$3.3 million project requires legislative approval, and can't be ready before 2009.

Health and Wesfare and the Idaho Department of Correction are exploring ways to both safely confine and to treat the dangerous mentally iii. The most cost-effective, long-term fix is a 300-bed secure facility jointly built and operatred by both agencies. Lawmakers in 2007 reserved \$3 million to plan and design the facility, and they need to do at least as much for it during the coming session.

Meanwhile, violent patients are being shuffled between Idaho's prisons and mental hospitals.

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# Does it really matter how pretty Hillary is?

ne of my male col-heagues was explaining why men age better than women.
"It's evolutionary," be said, "As we wear out our wives, who are running around tak-ing care of the kids, we know we're going to have to get amother, younger wife, so we stay good-looking,"
He was kidding, if think, "We were discussing Hillary's latest hurdle; the Old Hag routine.

latest burdle: the Old Hag routine.

When men want to put down a powerful woman in a sexist way, they will say she's a lag or a non an age or a witch or angry or hysterical.

First, the Republicans tried to paint Hillary as angry, but that didn't work because she has shown a steady composure and laughted a lot (even if the laughter isn't always connected to people saying anything funny). She has kept her sense of humor — which has a tart side — mostly under wraps, so she won't he accused of being whichy. But some conservative pundits who disagree with a woman on matters of policy jump straight into an attack on the woman's looks or personal file.

And so the inevitable come.

nal life. And so the inevitable came And so the inevitable came to pass this week when Rush Limbaugh began riffing about an unflattering picture of Hilbary in New Hampshire that Matt Drudge put up on his Web site with the caption, "The foll of a Campaign." "So the question is this," the radio personality said, "Will this country want to



actually watch a woman get older before their eyes on a daily basis."

Observing that Hillary is stuck with a looks-obsessed culture and that the presidency ages its occupants, including W. Jambaught on several that "men aging moses of their mose

would run by checking rus weight.
Limbaugh finished up with this: "Let me give you a pic-ture, just to think about. The campaign is Mit Ronmey vs. Hillary Clinton in our quest in this country for visual per-fection, humn?"

Paul Costello, who was an

aide to Rosalynn Carter and Kitty Dikakis, calls this "the snake belly of the campalgn," and notes drily: "We've been staring at aging white men from the beginning of the democracy."

staring at aging white one from the beginning of the democracy. Yet it's true that books matter in politics, even though Abe Lincoln still ranks as our favorite president, IFA's tan and Nison's 5 o'tlock shadow helped turn that 1960 debate in Kennedy's favor, Just as Gore's waxy orange makeup and condescending miten burt him in a debate with W. It is also true that perfecting the outer shell has become an obsession in this country. We're a nation of Frankensteins and the monster is us, lennifer Love Hewitt was on the cower of People last week and ended pydeferfulling her less swelte pictures with her new fiance in I lawaii, writing on her Web site. 'A size 2 is not fat' Women are still serutinized nore critically on their looks, which seem to fluctuate more on camera, depending on lighting, bloating and wardrobe.

Mit Romney, Barack
Obanta and John Edwards almost always look good, and pretty much the same, in dark suits or easual wear. Fred Thompson always look good, and pretty much the same, in dark suits or easual wear.

tark stats or cistan wear. Fred Thompson always looks crepuscular and droopy. Often Hillary looks great, and sometimes she looks fred, heavier or puffier. Jim Cole, The Associated Press photog-rapher who took the offending shot, said that there were several other pictures that

ant."

An older lowa man, who saw her this week in the Mars, was impressed. "Hillary is much more handsome—or heautful—live," he full The New Virk Times left Zeleny, "She doesn't photograph very well."

Since this is the first them.

well."
Since this is the first time we've had a woman who was a serious contender for president, it's been an adjustment to watch her more change-able looks, and to see the lengths she goes to get the right wardrobe cholees. She has a much more consistent

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right wardrobe choices. She
has a much more consistent
look than she did is first lady,
when she made a dizzying—
and disconceding—a rarry of
changes in her hair and styke.
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worry about the race. She has
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lack in the Sy crace, Clinton
polisters devised strategies to
humanize her and make her
seen more warm and maternal. Fifteen years later, her
campaign is devising strategies to humanize her and
make her seen more warm
and maternal.
The public still has no idea
for what part of her is stagemanaged and focus-grouped,
and what part is legit. It's
pretty pathetic, at this stage
of her career, that she has to
wage a major offensive, by
helicopter and Web testimonials, to make herself appear
warm-blonded.

Maureen Dowd is a colum-nist for the New York Times.

# Waiting for the other shoe to drop in the market

ASHINGTON —
There is a vast gap
of perception
between the real economy of
production and jobs and the
financial economy. If old in
financial economy. If old in
economy, though weakening, is hardly in a state of collapse. in 2007, it has grown
about 2 percent; payroll jobs
are up by 1,3 million. Even
economists who expect a
recession generally think it
will be mild. Meanwhile,
financial markets are

will be mild, Meanwhile, will be mild, Meanwhile, will be mild, Meanwhile, and the state of the mild, with a few state of the mild, will be shown in the mild, will be a "credit crisis." This contrast reflects fear of the unknown. Since 1880, Americas financial system has changed drimatically in ways that are now arousing videspread anxieties. Many loans once made directly by banks are "securitized"; packaged into bondlike securities and sold to investors (pension funds, investing chosen funds, investing the package funds and banks them. funds and banks them-

There's been an explosion of bewildering financial



Instruments — currency swaps, interest-rate swaps and other derivatives—that are used for hedging and speculative trading. Until recently, the transformation seemed a splendid success, Credit markets had broadened; risk was being spread to a larger spectrum of investors, So it was said, This was an Illusion. The securities contains soon. The securities contains was said, This was an illu-sion. The securities contain-ing 'subprime' morrgages — loaus to weaker borrowers — have experienced unexpect-ed defaults, rating down-grades and losses. The umpleasant suprises have ignited fears among bankers and investment managers over how the new financial system operates. Credit and financial mar-kets subsist on trust and

subsist on trust and

confidence. The subprime crisis has corroded both, Isatimated losses range upward from \$50 billion. Because trading in subprime mortgage securities is thin, how can they be accurately valued? Who holds them? Banks and investors have reacted to these uncertainties. For example, banks now find the "Interbank market" — banks lending to each other — risker than before, because they don't know which banks are most exposed. The three-month LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate) jumped to more than 2 percentage points above U.S. Treasury bills, triple the historic bills, triple the historic "spread" of 0.6 percentage

The subprime debacle also posed a question: What if it's posed a question: What if it's not the only problem? Consider "credit default swaps" (CDS) as a possible sequel. CDS are, in effect, insurance contracts on loans or bonds: The seller receives a payment and, in return, agrees to pay the buyer some or all of the amount of a designated loan or bond if the borrowing company (say, General Motors or IBM) actually defaults. But note

General Motors or IBM) inctually defaults. But note, neither party to the CDS has to be the underlying lender or borrower. They usually are outsiders. They are simply betting on the creditworthiness of different borrowers. Since 2004, the volume of CDS has increased about sevenfold, Possible losses could dwarf those on subprime mortgages, argues Ted Seides of Protego Partners, an Investment fund. In a strong economy, defaults on corporate bonds and business loans have been low. On "high yield" bonds (aka "Junk bonds"), they we been about 1 percent recently, compared with a historic average of about 5 percent and 10 percent in recessions. As the economy weakens, junk bond defaults will increase, Seides says. This will give rise not only to junk, bond defaults will increase, Seides says. This will give rise not only to direct loan losses but to additional losses on CDS. There's a pyramiding effect; the economy has become more vulnerable to

credit setbacks. In theory, one investor's CDS Insses should be offset by another's gains. In practice, Seides expects some CDS investors themselves to default. The capital and loss reserves of banks and investment houses would suffer, limiting their ability to lend to businesses and consumers.

and consumers.

What utilimately matters is the connection between the financial economy and the real economy. In housing, that's clear. Subprime losses reduced mortgage lending, housing construction, sales and prices. In some other markets, something similar has occurred. If too many junk bonds were soid at fool-billy low interest rates to finance "private equity" deals—buyouts of companies—then the process had to reverse someday through higher rates and fewer bonds being soid. That's not turness that the process had fewer bonds being soid. That's not turness that the process had fewer bonds being soid. That's not turness that the process had fewer bonds being soid. That's not turness that the process had fewer bonds being soid. That's not turness that the process had fewer bonds being soid. That's not turness that the process had fewer bonds being soid. That's not turness that the process had fewer bonds of the process on investments. Despite all the bluster, eydence of a widespread credit crunch is so far scant. and consumers. What ultimately matters is

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Though credit standards have tightened, bank lending is still increasing. Many U.S. companies have paid down companies have paid down companies have paid down companies by the companies of the

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Subsidies for corporate farms inannropriate

farms inappropriate
Today's (Dec. 19) editorial
was wrong, it is not appropriare to use taxpayer dollars to
subsidize corporate farms
and dairies. Your new editor
didn't even specify dollar finalinder, there were any.
The original farm subsidies
program was designed in the
Depression Era to help family
farmers make enough profit
to cover their annual land
payments.

to cover their annual land payments. I see my taxes helped a local dairyman to the tune of \$318,000, Come on, fulls. Lefs get real, Schoolteachers have mortgage payments, toof Or, have about subsidies for the working poor? WAYNE SKEEM Twin Falls

## Reader disappointed in loss of stock report

Regarding the stock report: One of the reasons I read the paper is the stock report, do not want to go "online" to

get it.

I hope all interested partie
will voice their objection to
this deletion.

is deletion.
MICHELLE PARK
Twin Falls

## Leap of faith required to find joy and love

Mr Walch acker Mlarcotta. Mr. Waish asks: Why cele-brate Christmas (and new life) in so troubled a world? Dear John: This question is not new to

This question is not new to me, I put me up against the wall when contemplating marriage and kids at the height of Vietnam, a war brought on by another God-fearing Christian nationalis with a blue stripe up his back. Uried the hippies, the communists, the asbram, even the Nazis — and stuffed envelopes for McGovern! went to Appalachia to "save

the poor" and studied sociol-ogy, psychology, religion and anthropology, I jumped into ecology, microbiology, evolu-tion and genetics. Did I mention philosophy and quan-tum mechanics?

the political world was a muddled mess. Science or erated more questions than answers, Religious "biodiver-sity" rang hollow in the face

of rampant hypocrisy.

I found beauty everywhere in nature, I fed my spirit on the mysteries and courted

in manue. Hed my spirit on the mysteries and counted to the mysteries and counted to even the mysteries and counted to even the mysteries are mysteries. It can be found to the mysteries and the mysteries and the mysteries and mysteries and mysteries. Her chains were tidiculous, or true. Hound much there that "resonated my soul," At the center of her emanation far higher than the mysteries and a pund was the person of lesus of Nazardh, Was be nuts or true? A question demanding an answer.

My heart wanted to believe in the reality of incarnated hope and immortal love, but I would not allow that horse to lead. The dispassionate reason of her documents embraced every facet of human existence with a "radical" openness to love and file, notwidstanding the ubiquitous sins of her members—this horse shall lead, But at the edge of a chasm, it stopped and would go no further.

A leap of faith was

ther.

A leap of faith was required. I stepped into the abyss. I found solid ground. I found the reallty of incarnate hope and immortal love amidst the beauty and awe of elegant simplicity and an afforcement. effervescent peace and joy — in the midst of this veil of

tears, That, John, is the why of my Christmas. PHIL AUTH Berger

# Do not burn this newspaper while reading

The Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch is staffed by people who cling to the absurd notion that people are capable of exercising com-

capable of exercising com-mon sense. For 11 years, they have been making fun of manus-facturers who attach obvi-ous warning labels to their products

products.

For example, this year's first prize went to a small. first prize went to a small tractor manufacturer that " warned on its label; "Danger: Avoid Death." I think warning people to avoid death is a perfectly

sensible caution, one that should be uttered more

sensible caution, one mashould be uttreed more often rather than less, I would attach that warning to everything from chain saves to facial tissues, which can cause sufficial tissues, which can cause sufficial tissues, which can cause sufficially of them at one time.

Lam starting death in the eye at this very moment because my wife wants me to hang our noutdoor Christmas lights. The rick-eye at this very moment because my wife wants me to hang our noutdoor Christmas lights. Christmas lights, chuckling softly in sleft. The lights, only half of which will work, are tangling themselves into an impenetrable half of wires and bad connections. I will do my work at twillight son no one will see me when I fall off the ladder and an istrangled by a finn skein of feiche lights. A simple warning on the extension cord, Thanges and an istrangled by a finn skein of feiche lights. A simple warning on the extension cord, Thanges wereted this tragedy.

So let us not be so cavalier in mocking companies that try to protect us from ourselves.

For example, a Pennsylvania woman won

ourselves.
For example, a
Pennsylvania woman won
second place for a label
she found on an iron-on Tshirt transfer that read, "Do
not Iron while wearing
shirt."



DAVID CHIMES

This warning seems as a gender tend to be less familiar with irons than wanten

innen. In an attound to care In an attempt to save time, a man might attempt to fron his shirt while he is wearing it. Whether he would crawl up on the ironing hoard while he is doing this is anybody's

guess.
Another prize went to a Another prize were to a Michigan woman who spied a warning label on a letter opener that read: "Caution: Safety goggles

recommended."

A letter opener can be a deadly weapon in the wrong hands. A firm grip is required, or else the thing can go flying across the room, impalling the dog or your mother-in-law, depending on who is quicker on her feet. All letter-opening duties should be relegated to the CIA, assuming it can find the time between destroying videotapes and issuing contradictory reports. If a CIA agent is not available, I strongly recommend that you gird yourself in body armor.

Previous winners include A letter opener ca

Previous winners include the warning on a baby the warning on a baby stroller: "Remove child before folding" and a flush-able toilet brush that

able toilet brush that warned "Do not use for personal hygiene." A cardboard car sun shield that keeps sun off the dashboard warned: "Do not drive with sun shield in place."

A can of self-defense pep-per spray warms users: "May irritate eyes." A dishwasher carried this warning: "Do not allow chil-dren to play in the dish-washer." asuer. This is all helafal advice

This is all neighbor acres and I want to personally thank all of you conscien-tious manufacturers out there who are looking out

for my health and well-being. Now, if you could send somebody around to hang my Christians lights, that would be excellent.

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# IRS paid contractor \$188,000 to provide \$38,000 clerk

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service pald a contractor \$188,000 to provide one person to do chemostron work over 11 months. The contract was included as one example of financial waste in a government report Thursday on the IRS involvement in a program ordered by President Bush in 2004 to develop more secure ID cards for federal workers.

Bush in 2004 to develop more secure ID cards for federal workers.

The Treasury Department's inspector general for tax administration said the IRS also needlessly spent at most 52 million on a computer security system that teax agency does not planusing at this time.

The IRS was responsible for developing and putting in place the program for providing more secure identification cards to some 150,000. Treasury employees. The program's projected cost was put at \$421 million over 14 years.

years.

To provide one person for a clerical support job updating contact lists, assigning and tracking equipment and processing trip reports, the

cointractor was paid \$128 an hour.

Auditors for the inspector generals office were told by generals office were told by generals office were told the work could have been done by an employee with a ranking of GS-7, eligible for a starting salary of around \$38,000 plus benefits. The contractor and the temporary worker it provided were not identified.

Of the \$30 million the IRS has committed so far for the

Of the \$30 million the IRS has committed so far for the project, about \$3.5 million was spent on acculsitions that should have heen avoided, the report said. "The IRS accepted this responsibility for the Treasury Department," said J. Russell George, the

J. Russell George, the Treasury inspector general for tax administration. "It Treasury inspector general for tax administration. "It must change its present course and proceed in an efficient, cost-effective and responsible manner." Steve Ellis, vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense, a private budget

Sense, a private budget watchdog group, said it was "staggering" that more than 10 percent of initial spend-ing for the project had been

"If any agency should be responsible for our taxpayer dollars it should be the IRS,"

he said. "They are in the front lines of collecting revenue from our citizens, and you want then to be careful with every dime they spend."

The IRS, in a statement Thursday in response to the report, said it agreed with the inspector general's findings and had acted to ensure more rigorous contraict management and oversight. In noted that last May it shifted from a stand-alone approach to using General Services Administration solutions in issaing the new identification cards.

Among the costs the report says should have been avoided.

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been avoided:

The IRS spent \$1.9 million to buy 350,000 Public Key Infrastructure certificates in 2005. PKI is an cates in 2005. PKI is an encryption system that veri-fles the validity of each party in an electronic transaction and the certificates will be needed in the future so employees can use their ID cards to access computer

systems.

But the IRS does not expect to use the cards at this time and Treasury said

the certificates purchased had a three-year life span.

• The IRS spent \$8330.00 in September for 18 PKI servers that were never used for the program. The report said some servers have been used on a very limited basis, for other IRS projects, but it was clear "that the servers were purchased prematurely and the funds could have been used more effectively."

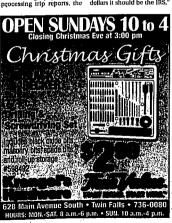
• A Treasury program management office under IRS leadership spent \$431,000 to establish an ID badge laboratory. That lab has been closed and deemed unnecessary now that

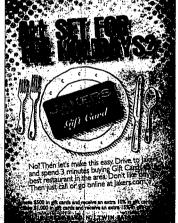
unnecessary now that Treasury is planning to share that work with the GSA.

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The inspector general's-office also criticized the IRS for not maintaining documents to back up costs; saying it was only able to account for about 70 percent of the obligated spending.

Controls were too weak to hold contractors accountable for work performed and the IRS pald contractors without verifying the work was carried out, the report sald.





# Police, protesters scuffle in New Orleans over public housing demolition

By Cain Burdeau Associated Press writer

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NEW ORLEANS — Despite

occasionally, violent, protests,
outside, the City Council

voted Thursday in favor of
demolishing some 4,500 public housing units, a milestone
in the city's effort to balance
ris heritage and its burricane
rebuilding efforts.

The unanimous vote to
permit the federal government to tear down four public housing developments —
a critical moment in a protracted fight between the U.S.
Department of Housing and
Urban Development and residents, activities and preservationists — followed hours of
debate and periodic clashes tionists — followed hours of debate and periodle clashes

in the street.

Police used chemical spray Police used chemical spray and stun gams as dozens of protesters tried to force their way into the pucked City Council chamber. One woman was sprayed and dragged from the gates. Emergency workers took her away on a stretcher. Another woman said she was stunned by officers, and still had what appeared to be a Taser wire hanging from her shirt.

shirt.
"I was just standing, trying to get into my City Council meeting," said the dazed woman. Kim Ellis, who was taken away in an ambulance. "Is this what democracy



looks like?" Bill Quigley, Loyola University law profe sor who opposes demolitio sor who opposes demolition, said as he held a strand of Taser wire he said had been shot into another of the pro

afternoon storm thinned the demonstrators, some of whom had been waiting since 7 a.m. to enter, and the crowd disappeared altogeth-er shortly after the afternoon

At the peak of the confu-on, some 70 protesters were

Orleans City Council char

holding a meet ing about tear-

housing but ings in New

ed police and 40 more law enforcement officers on for. Details on arrests were not immediately available. The meeting itself was mostly peaceful, although an early fight in the chamber between protesters and police caused a brief inter-ruption.

# Neighbor of Clintons is arrested in wife's killing

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WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — A neighbor of former President Bill Clinton and—illiary Rodham Clinton waters are steed Thursday and charged with murdering his wife, who he châmed had charged with murdering his wife, who he châmed had charged with murdering his wife, who he châmed had charged with murder on a chark suburthan road.
Carlos Perez-Olivo, a dis-barred lawyer who was wounded in the Nov. 18, 2006, shooting, faces one count of second-degree murder and two counts of lilegal weapon possession. If convicted, Perez-Olivo, 59, would face up to life in prison.

Prisons need by the head as she and her husband were driving from Manhattan toward their home just three doors from the Clintons in Chappaqua. The teacher's assistant at a Chappaqua school died two days later. Prosecutor Perry Perrone, who argued against ball for

Carlos Perez-Olivo, called the killing "a cold-blooded, well-planned execution" and said there was a "compelling circumstantial case, a compelling circumstantial case, a compelling circumstantial case, a compelling circumstantial case, a compelling circumstantial case, "All investigative roads led to one person only," Perrone said.

Perez-Olivo's lawyer, Robert Buckley, said his client "maintains his innocence, as he has all along," Westchester County Judge Jeffrey Cohen sent Perez-Olivo to jail pending a Friday count appearance.

Carlos Perez-Olivo, 59, "a beformen."

Onto to Jay perunia; a Francy court appearance. Carlos Perez-Olivo, 59, was shot in the abdomen when his wife was fatally wounded. He said the shots were fired by a man who cut off their sport utility whicked on a dark road, then climbed into the vehicle and shot both of them. Perez-Olivo was questioned for hours at his home and at police stations in ensuing days. Police released a sketch based on his description. court appe Carlos

# Virginia Tech to turn classrooms where massacre took place into center for peace studies.

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BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — he Virginia Tech classroom one virginia tech classroom wing where a student gun-man killed 30 people and himself and wounded two dozen others last spring will be turned into a place to study peace, the school announced Thursday.

be turned may a possession peace, the school announced Thursday.

Having vowed never again to use Norris Hall for general classes, school officials said the rooms will house the new Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention.

'It was an opportunity for something new and different

and hopeful to emerge," said provost Mark McNamee, who headed a campus task force that reviewed proposals for the use of Norris Hall.

the use of Norris Hall.
Besides the peace center,
the second-floor classrooms
where Scung-Hui Cho killed
30 of his 32 vletims will hose
an interactive learning space.
After the April 16 killings,
ideas for the future of the
three-story gray stone building ranged from restoring
classes as usual to turning the
building into a memorial or
razing it.



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# CSI men tangle with Treasure Valley in 2007 finale

# Admission to tonight's home game \$1

Times-News writor
Tonight, the Golden Engles
have something to defend.
The No. 2 College of
Southern Idaho men's hasketball team enters tonight's
home game against Treasure
Valley Community College
Valley Community College
Ore, at 11-0, owners of the
program's longest seasonpperting win streak since the
2004-05 season that saw the
Golden Engles finish third in
the nation. While tonight's
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date to CSIs forward momentum, the final game of concernments of the concernment of the c

Tonight: No. 2 CSI (11-0) vs. Treasure Valley mmunity College (1-7), CSI gymnasium, 7:30

p.m.
Last time they met: The Golden Eagles defeated the Chukers 131.59 on Tuesday, Dec. 1.1 in Ontario, Ore., behind sophomore Juan Patitilo's 23-point. 127-bound double-double.
On the horizon: The Golden Eagles are off until the Thursday, Juan. 3 start of the Donnelley Sports Invitational in Twin Falls, CSI will open the tournament with an 8 p.m. game against the tournament with an 8 p.m. game against Wyoming's Laramie County Community College.
On the radio: Tringit's game will be broadcast live on 1270 AM KTFI.

## Eagle Eyes

On the cheap: Admission to tonight's game is

coached, Part of that reason

new things or getting better at what you're doing, you have to do it now or you

won't be there by the end."
Peery is calling this team
possibly the best he's



# TIGERS PROWL

# No. 2 Jerome rolls past Wood River

Ilmos-News wittor

JEROME.—The Tigers are on a mission. So far things are going very well.

The Jerome girls shut out visiting Wood fiver in the first quarter on their way to a dominating 59-15 Great Basin Conference West basekubal victory Thursday.

Twery game we want to come out with the same intensity and ready to play. One game same intensity and ready to play, One game same intensity and ready to play. One game guard Aubrec Callen, who I gers sophomore guard Aubrec Callen, who I gers sophomore guard Aubrec Callen, who I gers sophomore man tended any thoughts of a \*Class 4A state tourhament for the Tigers (11-1, 3-0 Great Basin Conference West). They are determined to not let that happen again as they sit atop the district standings though the first half of the season.

It all started on the defensive end. With a It all started on the defensive end. With a

they sit atop the district standings though the first half of the season. It all started on the defensive end. With a smothering press that forced 11 first-quar-ter turnovers and 25 for the game, the fligers tossed in 20 points in the first period while keeping the Wolverines off the board. Senior lordan Burnham, who added nine points, scored the first two inside before Callen tossed in seven straight on a 3-pointer, two free throws and a fast break lay-up. Freshman Carrie Thibault and Callen had back-to-back steals and lay-ups off the press as Wood River tallied just five attempts during the period. While the Wolverines (1-10, 0-3) have

while the Wolverines (1-10, 0-3) have experience inside, they start a freshman and a sophomore at the guards. It was a tough task against the Tigers "We knew Jerome was good. We came in

"We knew Jerome was good. We came in with a game plan but when things started to go bad we panicked. Then things got worse," said Wood filver coach Brent Candulf. "I am disappointed in the way we played, but Jerome is a good team." Ferume took the press off in the second and Wood filver found some success inside as Good's senior post Lauren Morgenthaler converted in the paint at the 6:53 mark. Morgenthaler added a couple more buckets while Aille Freund nalled a jumper.



BOVE, LEFT: Jerome's Carrie Thibault dribbles the ball on a breakaway during the first half of play agains Wood River Thursday in Jerome. ABOVE: Jerome's Jordan Burnham goes up for two during the Tigers' game against Wood River.

anthaler finished with a team-high

eight points.

The Tigers didn't let up, Thibault nailed a 3-pointer to open the quarter then added a

pair of buckets inside as she finished with a

Please see TIGERS, Page 84

Johnson leads Utah to 35-32 Poinsettia Bowl win

Off the indept numeration to unique a pumera (S) season leaders (minimum apply, averages, made missed in parenthesis).

Points: Jody Shaw 191 (17-4): Juan Patitio 136 (15.1). Rebounders: Board Ba £2 (8.0); Art Parakhouski 66 (6.0). Assists: Kevin Galloway 96 (8.7): Regipe Gulyon 44 (3.9). Steales: Galloway 32 (2.9): Harvey Perry 30 (2.7). Blocks: Parakhouski 181 (1.6); Galloway 9 (0.8). Field goal jercentage: Parakhouski. 663 (57-80); Galloway 10.2 (4.1-67). 3print percentage: Parakhouski. 663 (57-80); Galloway 10.2 (4.1-67). 3print percentage: Nick Hinsten 403 (33.77); Joey Shaw ,373 (32-63). Free throw percentage: Guyton .944 (17-18): Hansen .929 (13-14).

Please see CSI, Page B4

# Second-half slowdown dooms Bruins

By David Bashore Times-News writer

POCATELLO — Twin Falls dug itself an early hole and managed to almost negate it. Then the Bruins dug another one they couldn't get out of, and the Highland girk held firm on their home court to lead the High Country Conference race.

Leading by three at halftime, Highland scored the first 14 points of the third quarter in crutising to a 55-45 win over Twin Falls on Thursday night. The Rams now lead the Highland might. The Rams now lead the Highland start of the Highland scored the Falls of the Highland start, and Bruin guard Kelly Vilesman, who scored nine was the Highland start, and Bruin guard Kelly Vilesman, who scored nine points and keyed a brief fourth-quarter rally. We played well in the fourth quarter and in da lot of energy but to start the second half we just weren't there:

It didn't help that the Bruins' post parasis whisted for 25 fouls in the game, compared to just seven for Highland, and shot just five free throws compared to 25 from the Rams. But freshman jazlyn Nielson earned coach Nancy Jones' praise for 'stepping up into a conference game like this and playing well.'

The 9-3 frams' helgit advantage was pronounced in the opening stages of the game, but it was during that second-half surge that the arthleticken, combined with that helgit, became even more stark.

Using long hands to clog passing lanes and leaping ability to gain a significant rehounding edge, Highland held off a pair of changes from the firmis 61-11 f.CD.

Ling things at the first level we got a lot more in the second level tonight," said tighland casch Scott Hansen. "It seems that along with Madison we have some of the biggest girls in the conference, and we try to exploit that whenever we can."

Post players Breanna VantEvery and Emma Fillaga combined for 25 points as the Rams press defences forced a bey of Twin Falls mistakes, and converted the turnovers into the decisive point advantage.

# 2007-08 NCAA FOOTBALL BOWL SEASO'N



SAN DIEGO — The Utah Utes are taking this bowl business seriously. Brian Johnson threw for one touchdown and ran for another, and Utah opened the bowl senson with a wild 35-32 victory over the Nay Midshipmen In the Poinsettla Bowl on Thursday night.

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San Diego area, scored the first and last touchdowns for Utah (9-4), which won for the eighth time in nine

the eighth time in nine games.

The Poinsettia Bowl is run by the same group that puts on the Holiday Bowl, so it was fitting that the teams com-bined for 50 points in the sec-ond half.

bined for 50 points in the second half.

The game came down to a
crazy final minute.

Navy pulled to 35-32 on
Kalpo-Noa KaheakuEnhada's 58-yard touchdown
pass to Zerbin Singleton with
57 seconds left.

Singleton recovered the
onside kick at the 42, but
Kaheaku-Enhada was intercepted by safety loe Dale on
the second play of the drive
to seal the victory. Dale had a
team-high 12 tackles.

Navy (8-5) had its four-

game winning streak snapped. Johnson expertly ran Utah's spread-option offense in leading Utes back from a 17-7 deficit by going 9-for-9 for 130 yards in the third quarter.

17-7 denet by going 5-tor-9 for 130 yards in the third quarter.

After Jerome Brooks scored on a '23-yard end-around pitch to pull the Utes within three, they went shead on Johnson's 40-yard pass to Derrek Richards with 1:12 left in the third quarter.

Johnson scored on a 19-yard scramble early in the fourth quarter to give Utah a 24-17 lead.

Navy, which scemed to be wearing down against the larger Utes, got a 10-yard touchdown pass from Kaheaku-Einhade to Shun White, and a conversion run. White, and a conversion run by Kaheaku-Enhada to pull

to 28-25 with 8-48 left.
Mack's 1-yard TD run with
1:27 left seemed to give Utah
a safe lead before KaheakuEnhada's big pass play.
Johnson was 20-0f-25
passing for 236 yards, with
times for 69 yards.
After three turnovers in the
first 7:20, the teams settled
down.

down.
Mack scored on a 5-yard
run midway through the first
quarter for a 7-0 Unah lead.
Navy then got its tripleoption offense moving to
score 17 straight points.
Kaipo-Noa KaheakuEnhada scored on a 1-yard
run, Joey Bullen kicked a 39yard field goal and Eric
Kettanl broke a 46-yard scoring run.

Kettani carried 12 times for 125 yards.

# VARSITY BASKETBALL STANDINGS

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	Conference			 	
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# Class 1A

Magic Valley Northside Conference			Magic Valley Northside Conference			
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Richfield	3-0	8.0	Shashane	5.1	6-6	
Community School	2.1	6-1	Dietrich	4.2	9.2	
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Bliss	1.2	1.4	Community School	0.5	1.7	
Dietrich	1.3	2.7	Camas County	0.6	6.9	
Camas County	0.4	0.9	,		••	

# Magic Valley Southside

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Oakley	4.1	4-3	Raft River	5.0	8.4
Hansen	3-1	3.4			
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Hagerman	3.2	5-4	Hansen .	4.3	8-6
Castleford	3.2	4.5	Oakley	2.5	2.8
Murtaugh	2.3	5-3	Murtaugh	0-4	0.10
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Magic Valley Chr	istian0-5	1.7			
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Coaches: To report game results, call 1-800-658-3883, Exts. 239, 230, 229 or 220, or 735-3239.

# Newberry makes Kimberly even stronger

Times-Nows witter

Twenty-one points. Ten rebounds. Six steals. Five blocks.

Stat lines that like just don't magically happen, for Kimberly senior forward Kassic Newberry, this week's dominating performance against Decho didn't start in pre-game warm-ups. It didn't start in Monday's practice or with a big bowl of Wheaties on game day.

For Newberry, it started this past summer. That's when she joined two of her standout teammates on an AMI basket-ball squad. That experience carried over ball squad. That experience carried over ball squad. That experience carried over total started that each and even for the pre-game of the special started that each and even for the pre-game of the special started in the

The results, including Tuesday's eye-catching effort against Declo, have been

cutering cutor against Decor, nave occa-impressive.

"Kassie's coming into her own this year, said Kimberly coach Rich Bishop, "She's just playing really confi-dent this year,"

Playing on a team with stars like Kayla

Hutcheson and Alex Pfefferle has relegated ed Newberry to the background in the past. But she's stepped out of the shadows this sea-son

son.
"She's let teams know that we have

know that we have more players that can scure," added lishop.

Of course, Newberry Isrit concerned about points, Victories are het op priority and she says the same is true of her teammates. This year, the chemistry of our team is so guear, said Newberry, "We like to play together. We don't pay attention to who sceres or who gets the recognition."

When most players are asked about goals, they talk about conference championships and state titles. Not Newberry, She responds with a line about keeping chemistry and maintaining friendships with teammates.

And who's to argue, The Bulldogs are

And who's to argue. The Bulldogs are 12-0 and coming off a 20-point win over

# Magic Valley Prep

FRIDAY DECEMBER 21, 2007

# **Athlete** of the Week

the team that figured to be their chief challenger for the Savetooth Central Idaho Conference tide.

Whether she stuffs the stat sheet or defers to Pfelferle or Hutcheson, Newberry is happy. Even after her big game against the Hornets, she shumed the personal spotlight.

Asked altout her 21, 10, six and five, Newberry replied, 'ft was really exciting to get out and play as a team.

Maybe that's why the Bulldogs are undefeated.

Mike Christensen may be reached at 735-3239 or sports@magicvalley.com.

# Idaho High School Boys Basketball Media Poli

# Class 5A

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2. Timberline (3)	8-1	32
3. Vallivue	7-1	24
4. Madison	5.1	21
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# Voters

# Tribune Devid Bashore, Times-News Matt Baney, Lewiston Tribune

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3. Vallivue	9-2	44					
4. Eagle	10-1	18					
4. Lake City	7-3	18					
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3. Bishop Kelly	82
3. Middleton	83

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## Idaho High School Girls Basketball Media Poll 8-3 22 2. Parma (5)

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	Dan Thompson, Idaho State	
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# Paterno turns 81 on ordinary day NASCAR champ

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Joe Paterno's plans for his filst birthday on Friday sound about as ordinary as those rolled-up khakfs and black senders he wears on the sideline. As Paterno sticks to his late December rouse, two familiar questions are in the air again in diappt. Valley: How much longer will he coach, and who replaces JoePa when he leaves?

"Hopefully, I'm not going to be a crotchety old man, and you know, not handle it," Paterno said when asked about his future at a news conference last week. When It's move 1 hand to go, go, right?...! Just feel so good right now. I hate to put a time frame on when I'm going to get out of here.

The 42-year head-coaching veteran is about to enter the last year of a four-year contract that expires following the 2008 season.

about to enter the last year of a four-year contract that expires following the 2008 season.

Paterno's friend and Florida State coach Bobby Bowden earlier this month agreed to a plan devised by administrators to designate offensive coordinator limbo Fisher as the next Seminoles coach. Bowden, 78, will be season the season of a State Seminoles coach. Bowden, 78, will consider of the season of the season of Paterno for most among major cathege coaches.

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Paterno who took endinge coaches.

Paterno who took endinge the season endinge from the past.

Tought to call Bobby and see when he's going to roll over, "Paterno said." I'm kidding, I don't mean to be filippant, because I think that's a serious question, but I haven't got the glouchy in Happy Valley, Paterno has some loyal supporters — many of them deep-pocketed donors — who say the coach has carned the right to leave on his own terms.

Administrators are tightlipped. Paterno doesn't have an agent, and any formal discussions about an extension likely won't start until the season ends. Athlete director Tim Curley said this week he planned to meet with Paterno to review the program, as they



Penn State coach Joe Paterno runs onto the field with his team before a football game against Ohio State in State College, Pa., In this, Oct. 27, file photo.

typically do following each suspans.

With possibly as many as 18 staters returning next season, the Nittony Llons are stocked with the kind of veteran talent that could help fuel a championship run to send Paterno off on a high note. Even Paterno acknowledges that his tenure is nearing an end, though he continues to say that he could go for at least another three years or more if his health allows. When he does leave, Paterno has said he'd like his replacement to come from within. Among the veterans on his staff is defensive coordinator Tom Bradley, a master recruiter and the architect of a perennial top-15 defense, who has been at Paterno's side for 29 years.

29 years.

But another recent high-profile coaching life last spring might be a clue to the school's way of thinking. Penn State hired Goquese Washington, who had no previous ties to Happy Valley, to replace Rene Portland as women's basketball coach. Portland resigned in March following 27 seasons.

"I think when I start to get the feel, I'll sit down with the right people and say. 'Hey, maybe we ought to start talking about my getting out of here if i benefits us," Paterno said. "But right now that hasn't even come

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Penn State's bowl opponent, Texas A&M, has had eight head coaches since Paterno took over the Nittany Llons in 1966.

"It's pretty amazing when you look back on the just being able to know that this guy has been around that many games," center A.Q. Stipley said. "It's pretty amazing to realize the uniqueness of 500 games."

# starts golf tourney

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The last time Jimmle Johnson climbed on top of a golf cart was disastrous — he fell off, broke his wrist and was embarrassed by the controversy the stunt caused.

But for charity, the NASCAR champion might be persuaded to climb on top of one

again.,
Johnson and good friend Nick Lachey told
Johnson and good friend Nick Lachey told
The Associated Press on Thursday they had
partnered to form the Super Skins Celebrity
Golf Classic, which will be held in Scottsdale,
Artz., in conjunction with the Super Bood,
Johnson, who was horsing around on top
of a cart when he fell last December during
Mike Hampton's celebrity tournament, didn't
rule it out.

Mike Hampton's celebrity tournament, didn't rule it out.

"I might be talked into such a thing, if I can get some bindings to hold me on and make sure I wont fall off," he joked. "It is for charity, after all."

after all."
"We're going to play chicken on top of the golf carts." Lachey quickly chimed in. Johnson, the two-dime defending Sprint. Cup champion, had been trying for some time to organize an event with pop singer. Lachey. The two have been friends for years, and Lachey is a frequent guest at NASCAR mees.

They usually attend the Super Bowl tog er, and decided it was a perfect venue their first charitable event.

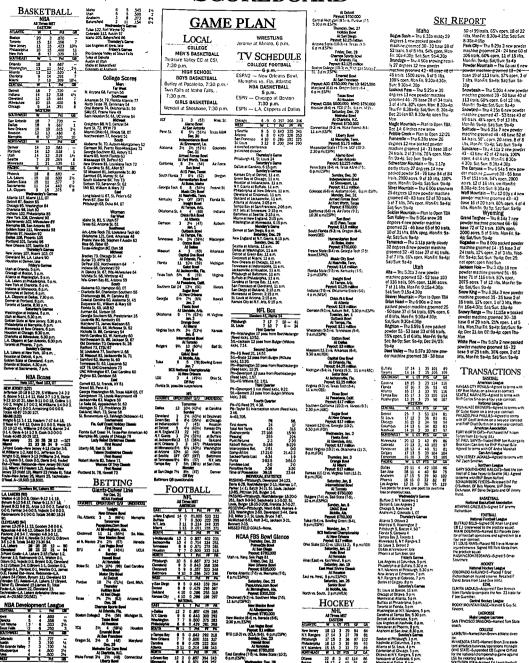
their first charitable event.

The event will open with an exclusive party at Scottsdale nightculto Axis Radius, and the tournament will follow on Feb. 2. Lachey and Johnson have each pledged \$125,000 for the purse, which has already reached \$400,000 through outside sponsorship. The wol tops to fatter the purse through an Eboy auction that allows fars to bid on a chance to play the event with either Johnson or Lachey.

chance to piay use the control of the charty of their charty. Each hole will be worth \$20,000, and the winning team will designate the earnings to the charity of their choice.

"If we can actually win a skin, we can donate the money to our personal foundations, but I am not counting on that happening." Lachey said.

# **SCOREBOARD**



# Mariners agree to terms with pitcher Silva on \$48 million, 4-year contract

SEAITIE — Pitcher Carlos Silva and the Seattle Mariners finalized a \$48 million, four-year contract Thursday.

The 28-year-old right-hander was 13-14 last season for the Minnesota Twins with a 4.19 ERA — better than every Mariners starter other than hard-throwing Felix Hernandez. Seattle likes that Silva pitches deep into games, generally stays low in the strike zone with a sharp sinker and walked just 38 batters in 202 innings last season.

He Jolns a Seattle rotation that includes Hernandez, Miguel Batista and Jarrod Washburn.

Washburn.

"We feel that signing Carlos addresses one of our main needs, adding a quality arm to the starting rotation," general manager Bill Bavasi said. 'Our goal heading into the off-season was to identify the best available pitcher on the free agent market and we feel we got the best one."

## SOCCER

# U.S. Cup qualifying schedule released

CHICAGO — The United States would play its first-ever World Cup qualifier at Cuba on Sept. 6 if both nations advance to this sentifi-nals of the North and Central American and Caribbean region. The Americans, who have a first-round bye, were drawn last month to play Barbados or

Domenica in the first round. The U.S. team would open at home from lune 11-14 and play on the road from lune 18-21, the U.S. Soccer Federation said Thursday.

If the United States advances to the semifinals, it would open the six-game round on Aug. 20 at the winner of Guatemala's series against St. Lucia or the Turks and Calcos Islands, then play on Sept. 6 at the winner of Cuba's series against Aruba or Antigua and Barbuda,

parbuda.

The U.S. team would play its first home game on Sept. 10 against the winner of Trinidad and Tobago's series against Bermuda or Cayman Islands.

or Cayman Islands.
Assuming the favorites all reach the semifi-nals, the Americans would host Cuba on Oct.
11, play at T&T on Oct. 15, then close at home against Guatemala on Nov. 19.

# MAGIC VALLEY

## CSI baseball holds winter camp

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TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern
Idaho baseball program will host its annual
winter camp from Thursday, Dec. 27 to
saturday, Dec. 29 at the Eldon Evans Expo
Center on the CSI campus. The camp, taught
by CSI coaches, former players and former
professional players, will focus on instruction
of the fundamental aspects of the game.
For more information, call Skip Walker at

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734-6285, Boomer Walker at 733-2834 or visit http://athlctics.csi.edu/baseball/camp.asp.

# CSI basketball holds winter camp

CSI basketball holds winter camp
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern
Idaho men's and women's basketball teams
will hold their annual winter camps FridaySaturday, Dec. 28-29 in the CSI gymnosium.
The camps, which run from 9 u.m. to noon,
are for boys and girls in grades k-8. The registration fee, which includes a T-shirt, poster
and ticket to a CSI game, is 560 per camper.
The camp is presented by CSI head coaches
Barret Peery and Randy Rogers, along with
their staffs and players. For more information,
call Peery at 732-6496, Rogers at 732-6490 or
the athletic office at 732-6466.

# TFHS opens Little Dribbler registration

TWIN FALLS — The 10th annual Little Dribbler basketball camp is accepting registration for January.

The dates set for 2008 are Jan. 12 and 19 as well as the halftime presentation at the Jan. 22 Twin Falls Bruins girls varsity basketball game

against the Minico Spartans.

The Bruhns baskedball straft is also offering an inauquard competition camp for boys and girls in grades 4-7 on the same dates. This camp will focus on crowning the best 2-o-2 and 3-on-3 players in the area dong with their individual competitions such as broshot shooting and free throws. The cost of the camp is \$30, which includes a custom Bruins basketball and T-shirt. Camp forms will be distributed to the elementary schools and at Donnelley Sports. Registration is also accepted at http://www.fibsbruins.com by clicking on the Bruins Basketball Camp banner.

For more information, contact boys varsity coach Matt Harr at 737-5208, ext. 3050.

# T.F. seeks hoops officials

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation is seeking adult basketball offi-cials. Game knowledge is preferred. Those interested in the part-time position may call Louis Esquizia at 733-3965 or 733-5033.

# Holiday Youth tourney in Idaho Falls

IDAHO FALLS — Idaho Premier will hold its annual youth basketball tournament Dec. 28-29 in Idaho Falls. Boys divisions include grades 5-8 and girls include grades 5-7. Registration deadline is Dec. 18. For more information, visit http://www.tidahopremier.com.

Pitcher Grimsley

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# Minico keeps Columbia winless

RUPERT — Sometimes a team gets just what the doc-tor ordered.

Thursday night the ailing Minico High School girls-basketball, team was handed the perfect prescription to cure its five-game losing streak.

That prescription: a home game against the 0-11 folumbia Wildcars, a team which came in averaging just 25.4 points per game. Every Spartans player

scored in a much-needed 41-32 Victory, a game in which Minico actually found itself tied with the winless Wildcars at halfulme. However, Kendra Bailey scored the first seven points in the second half, snappling a 13-17 Lie as, the Spartans, did not look back. The sophonore scored 10 of her team high 12 points in the third. Minico, which secuped siaguant on offense in the first balf, came out determined to pound the ball down low.

Sophomore

Phillips scored seven points, matching the Wildeats' height advantage with skilled post play and intensi-ty, an intensity missing from the Spartans in the first half.

the Spartans in the first half. Despite a rotation of three centers at least 5-foot-11, it was the Wideaus-5-5 substitute, Gloria Zamudio who came away with six boards in the first half. The Spartans began the game by playing down to the level of the visiting Wideaus, matching them turnover, but not matching their motivation.

Their intensity returned in the second half, however, as a number of Spartans made high-energy plays and began crashing the boards. The 5-7 Spartans are off until after the New Year when they host Preston on Jan. 2.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Jose Canseco, Lenny Dykstra, Glenallen Hill and Geronimo Berroa were accused of using sterolds former major league pitch-

er Jason Grimsley in a federal agent's

Grimstey in a cacused affidavit unscaled Thursday. Grimsley also accused Chuck Knoblauch of using human growth hormone; Chuck Knoblauch of using human growth hormone; David Segul and Allen Watson of using perform ance-enhancing drugs; and the control of the con

they would play after base-ball banned amphetamines. Clemens, Pettitte, Roberts and Gibbons were not men-tioned-in-the-unscaled-affi-

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lust after the newspaper's report was published, Kevin Ryan, then the U.S. Attorney in San Francisco, said it contained "significant inaccuratine"

Petitic and lay Gibbons have admitted in recent weeks that they used human growth hormone, with the pitcher saying he used HGII twice in 2002 — three years hefore it was banned by basehall. Earlier this month, Gibhons was suspended for the first 15 days of next season.

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Hoberts admitted a single use of steroids in 2003, and chemens has denied using any performance-enhancing drigs.

Grinsley declined to coop-crate with former senate najority leader George Mitchell and this staff.

According to Novitzky, Grinsley said he had been referred to an amphetamine source by former New York Yankees strength coach Brian McNamee Grinsley said he obtained steroids, 11GH and amphetamines from that source, Novitzky said.

In Mitchell's report.

McNamee said he injected

McNamee said he injected Clemens with steroids and that he provided Pettitte with

Canseco, Grimsley, Knoblauch, Watson and Hill all played on the 2000

# Hagerman edges Raft River in Southside battle

Hagerman pulled out a two-point Magic Valley Southside Conference road win as the Pirates nudged the Trojans 45-43. "It was a good battle," said Raft River coach Jerenty Qualls, "Hagerman is a good team that we have a lot of respect for."

n. Raft River senior standout Nicole

Harper scored a game-high 18 points and junior Sally Hansen followed with 10.

10. Sophomore Amanda Regnier led the Pirates with 14 points and senior Shambray Pendley added 11. Hagerman bosts Mortaugh and Raft River (B-5, 5-1) is at Lighthouse Christian on Friday, Jan. 4.

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## RIMROCK 44, CASTLEFORD 43

Castleford lost a heart breaker buzzer as Jackie Thurman of Rir er at the hit a 3-pointer to edge the host Wolves

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girls."
Innior Rikki Wiggins led Castleford
with 14 points and Ellic Cantrell of the
Raiders scored a game-high 21.
Castleford (7-6, 5-2) is at Oakley on

Friday, Jan. 4.

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# Boys basketball

SHOSHONE 49, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 42 SHOSHONE 49, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 42. Lighthouse Claristian senior Jeremy Bldredge scored a game-high 23 points that the Lions still came up short on the scoreboard as the Shorshone Indians beat the visiting Lions 49-42 in non-conference play. "We had a hard time with Eldredge," said Shoshone coach Larry Messick Wilchie (Hansen) played well on the boards and gave us some hig put backs."

Hansen registered a double-double for Shoshone with 12 points and 11 rebounds.



Shoshone (4-4, 2-2) hosts Gooding and Lighthouse Christian hosts Hagerman on Jan. 3 at the Jerome Middle School.

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# KIMBERLY 58, VALLEY 47

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The Bulldogs enter the winter break with a 500 record after a 58-47 victory over Valley Thursday.

Evan Jerke recorded a 12-point, 11-rebound double-double, A.J. Schroeder poured in 11, and Eric Marvin had his best night of the season with nine points as the Kimberly boys shared the ball to great effect.

Defense aftsop layed a strong part of Kimberly's first-half dominance as the Vikings found the press tough to break.

The Bulldogs (1-4, 1-1 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference) travel to Italiey to face Wood River on Jan. 5.

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## Wrestling

BRUINS SPLIT TRI-MEET IN POCATELLO Bruin grapplers Brent Martinez, Joe Hamilton, Will Keeter and Zak Slotten

each came away from a District V tri-meet against Pocatello and Preston with a pall of wins Thurday. Martinez (189 pounds) pinned Nick Bowls of Preston in less than a minute, then put Pocatello wrestler Ben Dah's stoulders to the mat in 1:2M. He was the only Bruin to win both bouts via pinfall. Hamilton earned a pin and a decision at the 112-pound class, as did Stoten at 152. Keeter, a 125-pounder, claimed a technical fall over Tyson Adler, then wom a tight 3-1, decision over Pocatello's Nate Armstrong In overtime.

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The Valley Vikings varsity squad fell to the Kimberly junior varsity wrestlers on four forfelts, two decisions and one pin. James Sizemore scored a majo decision over Tyler Bringhurst in the 135-pound class for Valley's only non feeful actions.

# Tigers.

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Thibault made it her goal to play on the varsity team this year.
"It was something I wanted to do and to show others that is possible," said Thibault, who added a handful of assist, and steals. "I just try to help the team and do anything I can to put points on the board," After the break

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Wolverines but the Tigers kept
the pressure on and build the
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hird to put the mercy run in
effect for the final period.
Halley Long chipped in
seven for the Tigers.
Jerome was on attack
mode as it earned 26 trips to
the free throw line compared
to just six for the Wolverines.

"We played hard and executed well. We were able to take them out of what they wanted to do," said Jerome coach Brent Clark.

Jerome takes a break for the holldays before hosting Bishop Kelly, the only team to defeat the Tigers so far this cason, on December 29. The Wolverines don't play again until after the New Year when they host Minico on Jan. 4.

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# **Bruins** Continued from page B1

Vanilvery scored H of her points in a first quarter which saw the Rams score the first seven points of the game and take a seven-point edge into the second period. That's when the Brains made their first charge, cutting the gap to two — with the ball — in the closine stages of the the closing stages of the

the closing stages of the second quarter.

But their chance to the the game went begging and they never saw a one-possession game again after their second sluggish start to a half on the evening. The two half-starting runs aside, Jones felt Twin Falls played well. The Bruins got the lead down to nine points with three milniques remaining, but the well went dry and they were forced to fou! Instead of being able to sit back and being able to sit back and try to steal their way back to

think we're giving up, and we will go hard until the end of the fourth quarter no matter how far we're behind," said Jones. "We made a few runs, and I am proud of that resillency. We've got some time to break the film down and see what tight're so well for us. what didn't go so well for us We haven't lost many games this season, so this is a good learning experience for the girls." Twin Falls resumes the season at Burley on Jan. 2.



David Bashore may be reached at 735-3230 or david bashore

# Bonds in court today

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—
Indicted slugger Barry
Bonds is scheduled to make
a brief court appearance
Friday for a hearing to determine it some of bis attorneys
have a conflict of interest in
his federal perjury and
obstruction case.
The judge called the hearing to decide whether the
lawyers can still work for
Bonds even though they
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Dec. 7to four counts of per-jury and one count of obstruction of justice for allegedly lying to a grand jury about his drug use. In court papers made public Thursday, federal prosecutors identified Bonds' new attorney, Cris Arguedas, as having repre-sented disgraced track star Tim Montgomery and foot-ball players Chris, Cooper, Chris Hetherington and Tyrone Wheatley, all of whom testified before the grand jury.

In addition, lead attorney Allan Ruby represented Bonds' personal surgeon, Dr. Arthur Ting, when he was called before a grand

yars, "Dr. Ting is likely to be a witness for the government at trial," the government's court filing stated.

The government said it doesn't plan on calling

court filing stated.

The government said it doesn't plan on calling Montgomery or the football players, but it "can not foreclose the possibility" of calling them to the witness stand.

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Prosecutors are concerned that Ruby and Arguedas conduct ingrouss of the standard of the stand

Arguedas and Ruby didn't immediately return phone calls for comment Thursday.

# CSI

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is the continuity CSI has enjoyed in returning five players from last year's old players from last year's fourth-place team, along with Nick Hansen from the 2004-05 third-place team. Whereas nearly every Golden Eagles player went through Peory's system for the first third-plast year, this year's proposed to the play the player of the pl is the continuity CSI has enjoyed in returning five

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give his players a six-day holiday break from basket-ball before if Golden Eagles hold their content and winter camp and more practice on Friday, Dec. 28. While a number of CSI players won't he able to travel home for the break it's still a welcome reprieve from the last five months of nonstop basketball.

Five days is like nothing.

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"Five days is like nothing,
but it's enough to relax the
brain a little bit," sophomore
center Art Parkhouski said.
"It's nice to relax from basketball before it starts
again."

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CSI will be back in action on Thursday, when it hosts Larante County Community Comm

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# www.magicvalley.com



# Parcells signs deal to lead Dolphins' football operations

POVIE, Fla. (AP) — Bill—Parcells led Super Bowl win-ners from the sideline. The Minni Dolphins hope he'll do the same from the front office.

do the same from the front office.

Parcells signed in four-year contract Thursday to lead the Dolphins' football operations, one day after jurining down essentially the same role with the Adanta Falcons. The two-time Super Bowd champion coach will report directly to Miami owner Wayne Huizenga, whose affinity for big-name help now has led him to Parcells—a 66-year-old former coach of our NFL clubs with owns a home in South Florida and how has a job there, too.

"He has a proven track record of success everywhere he has been in the National Football League." Huizenga said. "And his football acur-

men will help put the Mianit
Dolphins franchise back
among the elite of the NI;
On Wednesday, the expectation around the league was
that Parcells would take over
in Adanta, it is the afternoon,
however, the deal had fallen
apart, and the Dolphins
moved quickly to get Parcells
to sign a contract.
"I'm honored to join such
an illustrious franchise as the
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Huizonga." Parcells said. "He
shares my same commitment to winning, and I told
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can to help turn around the
team's fortunes.

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The team made the amouncement shortly after the locker room was closed for the day, and roughly 45 minutes after Dolphins



Former Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells coaches during a football gan against the Washington Redskins in Irving, Texas in this Sept. 17, 2006,

coach Cam Cameron side-stepped at least a half-dozen questions about Parcells — even refusing to say if he's

ever met the coach.
"There will potentially be a
time to have that discussion,"
Cameron said, "Today, I don't

secita-being that day or this-time."
Parcells will be formally introduced on Dec. 27, the team said.
Illis arrical has taken nearly all the attention off the Dolphins' game at New England on Sunday, But even as it appeared certain Parcells was coming, players didn's say much on the hot topic. "The guy's a legend," run-ning back torenzo Booker said. "There's no doubt about it. Ile knows what he's doing.

it. He knows what he's doing Obviously, his resume is Obviously, his resume is a mile long, But I'm a new guy in this league, so I don't even know what a vice president does, to be honest with you, so I'm waiting to find out as much as you guys."

Parcells Insisted that he will not coach in Mlaml—but could see himself helping the coach, whomever it is

"It's young man's game in terms of coaching, and I know it's time for someone else to be doing those things," Parcells said on ESUN, which employs him as an analyst. 'If can assist that person in any manner of speaking with my experience or even in the technical aspect and he would seek out that, then I'm happy to contibute."

So now, let the questions begin.

What happens to Cameron?
What happens to general manger Randy Mueller?
"Well. I'm not going to be doing either one of those jobs." Parcells said. "So when I get down there. I'm going to just have to look at the situation and speak with those fel-las and evaluate things and

# Steelers surge past Rams

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Najeh Davemport is a career backup running back with typi-cal non-descript statistics. Lecept when he's playing the St. Louis Barrier, up-rated defense was porous again in a 41-24 vic-tory over the St. Louis Barns on Thursday night. But Davier.

defense was portite again in a 41-24 victory over the St. Louis Rams on Thursday right.

But Davenport's three touchdowns and 123 yards rushing on 24 carries in relief of more and 123 yards rushing on 24 carries in relief of more and move one step closer to a playoff berth.

Isaac Bruce caught a 12-yard touchdown pass and moved into third place on the career yards receiving list, moving athead of James Lotton, for the Rams. Marc Bulger threw three touchdown passes but was intercepted twice, and Jac Taylor's 61-yard return on an expense of the career yards receiving list. The properties of the relief of the Rams was 10-point lead on a 29-yard field goal by Jeff Reed only seven plays earlier.

Besides the Bruce milestone, the only other highlight for the Rams (3-12) was retiring Marshall Faulk's No. 28 Jersey at halffune of the Rams home finale. St. Louis finished 1-7 at home and had three games blacked out because it didn't sell out, and in each of the last two weeks there have been nearly as many visitors as home finas in the Edward

eks there have been nearly as many tors as home fans in the Edward Jones Dome,
Parker, who leads the NFL with 1,316

yards rushing. Ilmped off the field with a broken bone in his lower right leg in the first quarter after only one carry for



Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Nate Washington, left, catches a 33-yard pass for a touchd as St. Louis Rams cornerback Jonathan Wade defends during Thursday's game in St. Louis.

minus-1 yard. Davenport eased any worries with a game that rivaled his 178-yard effort for the Green Bay Packers against the Rans, In a 45-17 Monday Night victory In 2004. He was filling in for Alman Green at the time.

Ben Roethlisberger was 16-for-20 for 261 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions for the Steelers (10-5), who had lost three off five to fall into a tie with the Browns for the AFC North lead. Roethlisberger had his first 200-yard passing effort in five games by halftime, belping to revive a struggling offense.

The Steelers, 8-8 last season, can

clinch the division with a Cleveland loss at Cincinnati on Sunday. They also can clinch a playoff berth if the Titans lose to the lets.

clinch a playoff berth if the Titans lose to the Jets.
Davenport entered the game with 349 yards, a 4.9-yard average and three touchdowns as Parker's backup. His best game before Thursday came against the Scahawks when he had 58 yards rushing on seven carries and two touchdowns.
Bulger was 18-for-35 for 268 yards and Steven Jackson had 65 yards on 12 carries for the Rams, who had 316 yards total offense.

# Belichick has high praise for Dolphins

FOXBOROUGH. (AP) — Bill Belichick remembers the 1972 Mlami Dolphins as "an awesome team." He was "a big fan" of their coach, Don Shula.

And the only team to go undefeated in NFL history was "fun to watch."

undefeated in NEL history was "fun to watch."
So any expectations the Patriots coach who is trying to match that perfect record would he his usual unenlightening self were dashed Thursday, three days before Miami (1-13) visits New England (14-0).
Belichtick was tumusually alkative — and compilmentary — about that accompilishment, even though Shula has suggested an asterisk be placed next to the Patriots' record.

The reason: Belichtick and

Patriots' record.

The reason: Belichick and
the Patriots were punished
by the NFL for spying on New
York Jets coaches with a sideyork jets coaches with a side-line videocamera during the season opener. Shula later softened his tone, but con-tended that New England's success is diminished by

Spygate.
"We had dinner in the off-season," Belichick said, "I don't think I've talked to him

since then."

He hasn't responded to Shula's remarks, but the links between Bellchick and the

Shula family don't appear to contain any animosity. They started in Ohio between Belichicks father, who attended Western Reserve in Cleveland, and Shula, who went to John Carroll in a suburb of that

Shula, who went to John Carroll in a suburb of that city.

Belichick was studying for his bachdor's degree in economics at Wesleyan in Middletown. Conn., when his 172 Dolphins went 17-0, beating Washington in the 1972 Dolphins went 17-0, beating Washington in 1975, Belichick got his start in the Super Bowl. In 1975, Belichick got his start in the RIL. as a special assistant for Ted Marchibroda with the Baltimore Golts, the team Shula coached from 1953-69. The first time I really with him was 1975, dimediately and the was with the Colts and he was with the Bolphins, Bellchick said. "Pregame warm up and stuff like that, just bumping into him."

him.\*
From 1992-95. Belichick
and Shula's son, David,
couched in the same division: Belichick with
Cleveland and Shula with
Cleveland and Shula with
Cleveland. He also knows
Shula's son Mike, who spent
four scasons as coach at
Alabama before becoming
quarterbacks coach this season for Jacksonville.

# Rookie QB Smith will start against Seahawks

OWINGS MILLS, Md. —
Rookle quarterback Troy
Smith will make his first start
Sunday when the Baltimore
Ravens, with the Seattle
Seahawks.
With Kyle Boller missing
his second consecutive day
of practice due to lingering
effects from a concussion,
including headaches and
sensitivity to light, Ravens
coach Brian Billick confirmed Thursday Smith will
take his place.
"With Kyle, it would be
problematic for him on
Sunday, so, hopefully, he will
be available to back up,
Billick said. "Missing two
days of practice would make
it tough. We're certainly not
going to put him at risk."
Billick acknowledged that
Smith, last year's Heisman
Trophy winner at Ohlo Sate,
may also the season finale
against the Pittsburgh
Steelers due to Boller's linjury.
"Concussions are very
unpredictable;" Billick said.
Smith will be the third
quarterback to start for the
Ravens this season. Steve
McNair started sko of the first
nine games, but struggled
with injuries and ineffectiveness and was placed on
injured reserve on Dec. 3.
Smith rushed for a touch
down in his NFL debut
against Indianapolis on Dec.
9, and directed a game-tying
drive in regulation in a 22-16

overtime loss to the Miami Dolphins on Sunday. "He's a very strong person-ality," Billick said, "If things get ugly with him, he'll be all right through whatever hap-pens. He's a very strong-willed young man."

## Bills invite Everett to attend home finale

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y.

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y.—
The Bills are making plans for tight end Kevin Everett to attend the team's home finale Sunday, which would be his first trip back to Buffalo Since assessing as "We're not positive." Bills general manager Marv Levy sold The Associated Press late Wednesday. Levy said the Invitation was extended by Russ Brandon, the team's executive vice president of business operations.
Brandon did not immediately return a message.
Attending the game against the New York Giants would mark the latest step in Everett's remarkable recovery. The player was inferenced to the control of the property of the player was inferenced.

mark the latest step in Everett's remarkable recovery. The player was intitlally paralyzed from the neck down while attempting to tackle Domenik Hixon during a kickoff return in the Bills season opener against Denver on Sept. 9.



# LeBron, Cavaliers edge Kobe, Lakers

CLEVELAND.— LeBron James scored 64-points and shut out Kobe Bryant when the two superstars guarded each other in the final 2:23, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 94-90 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers

two sup-final 223. leading the Cavenance a 94-90 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Haursday night. James, the NBAS leading scorer, added 10 two the Cavenance on Bryant in the final minutes that helped the Cave bonnee back from a dismal defensive effort in a loss at New York on Wednesday wight,

if New York on Wednesday in New York on Wednesday in Hryant finished with 21 points, but missed two shorts with Ignus chasting line and the Lakers with Ignus chasting line and the Ignus chasting line and the Ignus chasting line in Ignus chasting line i

# NETS 107, HEAT 103, 07

MIAMI — Vince Carter scored 31 points Richard Jefferson added 29 and the Nets overcame a seven-point deficit late in regu-lation before beating the Heat 107-103 in overtime. Carter was 10-for-10 from the line includ-

ing four in overtime.
Former Miami forward Malik Alien scored

Former Miami forward Malik Alien scored a season-high 10 points on 5-0-r1 shooting, Jason Kldd had 11 rebounds and 10 assists, and John Bone scored five of his 11 points in overtime for the Nets.

Dwyane Wade had his second season-high scoring effort in two nights for Miami—and saw both wasted in overtime losses. He scored 41 points on 15-for-23 shooting Thursday, one night after scoring 37 points in defeat at Atlanta.

Udonis Haslem had 19 points and 12 rebounds, including the overtime-forcing



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant (24) drives to the basket against Cleveland Cavallers guard Larry Hughes (32) during Thursday's game in

basket at the end of regulation, for Miami—which dropped to 3-9 at home and, at 7-19 ewerall, is 12 games under ,500 for the first time since the end of the 2002-03 season. Dorell Wright finished with 13 points, and Shaquille O'Neal had 12 points and seven rebounds in 36 minutes before fealing out of his fourth straight game, a new career high. Down hy seven with 452 left in the Tourth, the Nrs careful found at 12 points.

the Nets nearly found a way to win in regulation.
Carter's 3-pointer with 10 seconds left put
New Jersey up 94-92, but Haslem controlled
a low pass from Wade and hit a 19-footer
over Kidd as time expired, sending Miami

into overtime for the second straight night.

— The Associated Press

# Fields, Pitt dump Duke in OT

NEW YORK — Levance Fields hit a 3-pointer with 4.7 seconds left in overtime to give No. 19 litishargh a 55-64 victory over No. 6 Duke in a matchup of unbeatens. Thursday night.
— Dukes-Jon Scheyer took a running 3 and was able to grab the rebound and get off a final shot but it was another miss for the Blue Devils (10-1).

Fields, who finished with 21 points for the Pauthers of 11-0), hit all three of Pittsburght 3-pointers in the made was part of a 12-0 run that gave the Pauthers a 50-49 lead with 5:27 to play in regulation, their first since 2-0.

Sam Young had 17 points

Sam Young had 17 points for Pittsburgh, while fresh-man Deluan Blair had 15 points and 20 rebounds and bls energy on the boards was a big key for the Ponthers in their comeback from a 13-point deficit four minutes into the second half.

Singler and Henderson both had 17 points for Duke, while DeMarcus Nelson added 14.

NO. 15 CLEMSON 90, PLEBTO RIDO-MAYAGUEZ 73 GUANYABIO, Puerto Rico-KC. Rivers had 21 points and 11 rebounds to help the Tigers beat their Division II opponent. Rivers. 9-for-12 from the floor, scored eight consecutive points in the second half to give the Tigers their biggest lead of the game. 78-51.

OKLAHOMA CITY — Longar Longar scored 16 points, including the go-

Pittsburgh's Levance Fields cele brates with a teammate after hit-ting the winning shot to beat Duke 65-64 in overtime in Thursday's game at Madison Square Garden in New York.

ahead basket, and Oklahoma anead basket, and Oklahoma overcame a scintillating per-formance by Gonzaga's Jeremy Pargo to upset the No. 18 Bulldogs 72-68 Thursday olicht night.

For a time, it appeared
Pargo would will Gonzaga (9-

 to victory with the most impressive performance of his career but he ran dry with just enough time Oklahoma (9-3) to rally.

Oklahoma (5-2) to rally. Pargo, who scored a career-high 28 points, had two final chances to the it. After Blake Griffin hit one of two free throws to give Oklahoma a 70-68 lead, Pargo charged under the basket and missed a layup underneath with 12 seconds left.

NO. 22 MIAMI 85, MORTH FLORIDA 63 CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Jack McClinton and Dwayne Collins each scored 13 points to lead the Hurricanes to their 11th straight win to start the season.

Miami is three shy of the

Hurricanes' previous best, to start the 2001-02 season. Tom Hammonds scored 13 points for North Florida (1-9). For the Ospreys, it was their points for North Florida (1-3). For the Ospreys, it was their second consecutive defeat in a two-game South Florida trip after losing at Florida Atlantic 70-64 on Tuesday.

Atlande 70-64 on Tuesday.

ORAL ROBERTS 74,
OKLAHOMA STARE 59

OKLAHOMA CITY
Hobert Jarvis scored 21 points
to help Oral Hoberts heat
Oklahoma
State 74-59
Thursday night and give Scott
Sutton a win agains.
The brothers sean in the first
meeting between the two as
The brothers, who had
been on opposing staffs as
assistants before, had been
and Scan Sutton Called it a
flavor't o get his younge
brother's program a rare television appearance.
It turned into the second

victory against a Big 12 oppo-nent in the past two years for the Golden Eagles (7-4), who also pulled off an upset at third-ranked Kansas last season. College of Southern Idaho

Solige of Southern Idaho conching legend Bodie Southern Legend Bodie Southern, their tather won 798 games at Crelphton, Arkansas, Kentucky and Okhahoma State. He watched from a courtside seat across from the Cowboys bench and cheered lightly when each was introduced. He watched most of the game with his feel flow resting on a table, occasionally resting his child in his hand. There was influcted into the All-College Classic Hall of Fame at halftime.

College Green
at halftime.
— The Associated Press

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Davingseay Wednesky and

# North Carolina women wallop Western Kentucky

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.—Rashanda McCants had 19 points, rebounding from a bloody fall earlier in the week to lead No. 3 North Carolina to a 93-60 victory over Western Kentucky on Thursday night.

McCants caucht an elbow

Thursday night.

McCants caught an elbow
in the forehead from teammate LaToya Pringle in
Monday night's 82-58 win at
nearby Coastal Carolina.
McCants was face first on
the court as trainers and
doctors cleaned up the
blood.

blood.

McCants had five points during a 14-6 first-half run that put North Carolina (12-1) ahead 31-20. She later added a jumper and a 3-pointer as the Tar Heels went on a 10-2 run to start the second half and grab a 53-30 lead.

HARRISONBURG, Va. — Laura Harper scored 24 points and Maryland rallied to beat James Madison, ending the longest Division I home winning streak at 30

home whiting stress (14-1) games.
The Terrapins (14-1) trailed by as many as 10 points in the second half but lought back behind Harper and Marissa Coleman, who finished with 19 points. Tamera Young led James Madison (6-3) with 28 points.

points.

It was a successful but frustrating homecoming for Maryland point guard Kristi Toliver, who got a big ovation from the near-capacity crowd. Toliver, who grew up in Harrisonburg, was held to elight points on 3-of-10 shooting. She came into the game averaging a team-high 17.5 points.

NO. 9 OKLAHOMA 121, CENTRAL ARKANSAS 48 NORMAN, Okla. Courtney Paris recorded her 71st consecutive devisits 71st consecutive double-double with 14 points and 13 rebounds and Oklahoma tied its single-game scoring

tled its single-hain mark.

All but one of the 12 players who suited up scored for
Oklahoma (8-2), which hasn't lost since failing to
Maryland and Tennessee in
Maryland and Tennessee of
the Sooners' first two games
of the season. Eight of them
reached double figures,
including freshman Jenny

Vining, who had 18 points

# GEORGE WASHINGTON 66, NO. 10 TEXAS A&M 65, OT WASHINGTON — Sarah-

WASHINGTON — Sarah-Lawrence scored a career-

WASHINGTON — SaranJo Lawrence scored actreerhigh 29 points, including a
game-tying 3-pointer at the
end of regulation, and
George Washington upset
FEMSA A&M.
Patrice Reado scored 21
and had 10 rebounds for
Texas A&M 19-2). Antella
Patrish had 10 points and 10
rebounds, and Kimberly
Beck scored 10 points for
George Washington (9-3).
Lawrence hit a 3-pointer
from the left corner with 4.3
second left in regulation to
send the game to overtime
tied at 60.

NO. 15 DEPAUL 102, NORTHWESTERN 64 EVANSTON, III. — Allie Quigley scored 31 points to lead DePaul past

Northwestern.
Deirdre Naughton added
17 points, Natasha Williams
had 12, and China Threatt 10
to help the Blue Demons, off to their best start in history, improve to 10-0. Williams also had nine

NO. 23 MICHIGAN 5T. 73,
PROVIDENCE 35
PROVIDENCE. R.I.
BRITTHEY THOMAS SCORED 15
POINTS and Kallisha Keane
added 14 to lead Michigan
State to a rout of Providence.
The Spartans (8-3) played
all but 5 minutes of the first
half without 6-foot-9 center
Alyssa Delhan, who drew
her second personal foul 3
minutes after the opening
top. Delhan played 18 minutes and scored nine points.

NO. 25 OLD DOMINION 70, DELAWARE ST. 28 NORFOLK, Va. — Jessica Canady had 12 points and 13 rebounds to help Old Dominion beat Delaware State.

State.
Megan Pym added 12
points and 12 rebounds, and
Tiffany Green had 11 points'
and 12 rebounds for the
Monarchs (7-3).
Brittany Washington led
Delaware State (3-77 with
seven points. The defending
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. If you thought the PGA Tour was greedy for tackin on a few unofficial payday at the end of the real sea-son, get a load of college football's "silly season." It kicked off Thursday

son, get a load of college footballs "silly season."
It kicked off Thursday night with the Poinsettia Bowl and stretches all the way to the ItCS National Championship on Jan. 7. That's 32 games in all and somehow the folks at the Bowl Championship Series, their Chamber of Commerce pais and the college presidents with only championship Series, their Chamber of Commerce pais and the college presidents with all that the college presidents with all that was a series of the president of the president with the college presidents with all the college presidents with all the kids who have been working played "for the kids." They tell us that all the kids who have been working played "for the kids." They tell us that all the kids who have been working hard in the classroom and on the practice field deserve abreak — not just the ones on teams that would be going to a playoff.

They tell us the kids are stressed out with exams as it is, and the last thing they want is for the season to spill over into next semester. They tell us a few days in the stin spent soaking up the sights and playing one final game is their reward. That, and the Nintendo Wittons same kids will be digning out from the bottom of

those same kids will be dig-ging out from the bottom of ging out from the hottom of a gift bag even before their suitcases hit the bed.

It would be easier to believe if just once the kids were pocketing some of the cash being handed over by



sponsors whose names are slapped on, wedged in or embedded in the bowls' mames in every way imaginable. And if some of those bowls weren't being played in sun-drenched garden sylot like Detroit, fromto and Boise, Idaho. And the talk about a play-off being tougher on acad-denties might be the silliest excuse of all. No less an old-school authority than Penn State cacad hoe Paterno shot

coach Joe Paterno shot holes in that alibi a while "Whenever the talk turns "Whenever the talk turns to having some kind of a playoff, they say you can't units classes and yet we't units classes and yet we't units classes and yet we'n she day of the da

story of this college football season has already been

written. It's about little beat Michigan to begin it and last week beat Delaware to notch its third straight 1-

and last week beat Delaware to notch its third straight 1-AA national championship. The hus the Mountaineers rode from their campus in Boone, N.C. to the championship game in Chattanooga broke down on the way back, but coach Jerry Moore didn't let it ruin the celebration.

Maybe that's because Moore knows a thing or two about adversity and how much sweat equity went hno each and every one of those titles. He was hired at Appalachian State in 1989, survived some lean years and learner hudgers, and still managed to graduate kids and put a first-class product on the field almost every time.

and put a Inst-cuss prome on the field almost every time.

And even with the bus breakdown, the Mountaineers made it back in time for exams — and without enough cash, despite winning the whole thing, to cover the cost of the stadium expansion the school approved earlier this year. But all those obstacles were exactly what made the wind the school approved carlier this year. But all those obstacles the school approved earlier this year. But all those obstacles in the school approved earlier this year. But all those of stacks were exactly what made the wind the school approved earlier this way that the weight of the provided provided the school and the school

chools with athletic bude ets that rival emerging nations but graduation rates

that are meager at best.
Plus, some of the games
will be shown on channels too few people get or they'll shochorned into time slots only a TiVo could love

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Fans of long-suffering Indiana will have to find a bar with the NFI. Network to watch their Hooslers kiek off against Oklational State at the Insight Bowl — and new Year's Eve. And anyhody who wants to carch Missouri playing Arkansas in the ATRF Cotton Bowl should forget going out on New Year's Eve altogether. That game kicks off at 11 a.m., EST, which is about the time most people on the West Coast will just be coming home.

Worst of all, at the end of the whole "silly season," we could still be left with a half-dozen, two-loss teams jab-bing their index fingers into

bing their index fingers into the air — "We're No, 1" and a computer could wind

and a computer could wind up picking among them. If that doesn't sound like a scam somebody cooked up to make money, well ... But hey, at least the kids will be able to play "FA Sports Tiger Woods PGA Tour '08" on brand-new conselors

lim Litke is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press, Write to him at flitke@ap.org.

# Papelbon's pooch eats World Series ball

BOSTON (AP) — The World Series hall is pone, and lonathan Papelhon has an excuse My dog afte it. Earlietched or not, that's what the Red Stox closer insists happened to the sourcenir from the final out of Boston's seeep this year. Recally, Papelbon blamed it on his building, Boss. Red By, Papelbon blamed it on his building, Boss. The plays with basehalls like they are his tors, "Papelbon old the Hautesburg (Rilss.) American, "He jumped up one day on the cunter and snatched it. He likes rawhide. He tote that thing to pieces, Nohody knows that, I'll keep what's left of it."

one marting to precess, stationly knows that. If keep whats left of It.

While the Red Sox have swept two of the past four World Series, they we had less luck when it comes to preserving the ball that was caught for the final out. It took a prolonged negotiation before first baseman Dong Michtelkewizz agreed to donate the 2004 ball to the Hall of Fame.

Papellon, who has a home in Hattlesburg, struck out Colorado pinch-hitter Seth Smith to finish off Game 4 on Oct. 20. Papellon threw his glove high in the air while card-per lason Wariek tucked the ball in his back pocket.

After the game, Variek said he plannet to give the prize to the team. A few days later, he said he'd given it to Papelhon, Instead, the selfer pitcher said, Boss got hold of the doggone ball.

Papelhon told a similar tale to the New Endand Source.

gone ball.

Papelbon told a similar tale to the New England Sports
Network for a story that aired Nov. 30 — but with a slightly
different ending. He told NESN be threw what was left of the
ball in the trash.

afficient ending. Ite told NESN be threw what was let of the ball in the trast,

"It's in the garbage in Florida somewhere," he said.

"It's in the garbage in Florida somewhere," he said.

The fare of the last ball begine an issue in 2004 when the Red Sar sweep IS. Louis in the World Series to end an #6-year champlonabil prought.

Mientklewicz, who caught a toss from pitcher Keith cauke for the final out, kept the ball. The team wanted it back. Mientklewicz eventually agreed to lend the ball to the Red Sox for a year and then donated it to the Itali of Farne.

The Red Sox didn't sound particularly concerned with what happened to this latest souvenir.

"The 2004 ball is obtinuely very special to us because it was the club's first World Series win in #6 years," team spokesman John Blake said. "This ball was in the hands of one of the players and we take his worl at what happened to it, but it's a non-issue as far as the club's concerned."

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nday during a news conference at LSU in Baton re Bowl Championship Series National Champion Rouge, La. The Tigers begin practice in preparation for the Bowl Cha football game on Jan. 7, 2008, against Ohio State in New Orleans.

# College bowl games highlight a sudden boom for New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — By the time LSI or Ohio State is crowned national champion in the Superdome, nearly \$500 million will have been injected into the New Orleans economy by a triple dose of bowl games. The estimate by University of New Orleans comomist Janet E. Speyer envisions hotels and restaurants, Bourbon Street claths and French Quarter shops packed with visitors. The bowl bacchanal stars Friday night with the New Orleans Bowl, matching Memphis and Florida Mandiati. Then in comes Gengia vs. Hawaii in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. I, followed by the EKS title game between the Tigers and the Buckeyes on Jan. 7.

on Ian. 1, followed by the BCS title game between the Tigers and the Buckeyes on Jan. 7.

The bowl bucks will fatten what has been the hustest event scheddig in New Orkens since Hurriane Sartins affect in 2005, and it only gets better in the early months of 2008.

"Our sports business is better than it's ever been, with the Hornets back, the sold-out Saints games and these bowls," said Bill Carl, spokesman for the Superdome and the adjacent New Orleans Area. That was the reason we worked so hard to bring the Superdome back quickly. It's both as symbol of our recovery and a draw for business for the city." The stadium will be the first to host three codlege bowls in one postseason. Heavily lamaged in Katrina, it opened 13 months later after a \$184 million renovation. Boom times began just after Thanksglving when people crowded into the city for the Bayou Classic, the annual football game between Southern and Gambiling State universities. Although the crowd was smaller than pre-Satrina, it still filled 63 percent of the hotel rooms in the city and over \$5,000 scats at the game.

After the bowls come Mardi Gras, the NBA All-Stat game, the NCAA women's regional March 28-31, more than 1 million people will visit the Superdome and

Arena, said Curl.

Through Thesday, about 29,000 tickets had been sold for the New Orleans Bowl.

"Attendance may be down a bit for Forda Atlantic because of the distance," said Billy Ferrante, executive director of the bowl. And Memphis started slow but seems to have picked up.

Although the New Orleans Bowl will only contribute about \$15 million to the economy, it and the other bowls have a much bigger impact, said Jay Cierco, president of the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation.

"The exposure the city gets, the positive news, the broadcast components to each of the games, provides a big boost for the well the city handles those events and they can tell were hack and can handle their event."

event.

For the Sugar Bord and BCS champlonship game, both of which are sold out, the Dome will sent 2200.

"Bellew me, if we could squeeze anymore in we would," said Dunne Lewis, spokesman for the Sugar Bowl,
in addition to fams, the Sugar Bowl will draw about 500 members of the media, the title game close to 1,000, Lewis said, assuring the events and the city plenty of national attention.

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"All of those reporters are going to see a city with the hotels packed, the French Quarter basis, everyhody having a good time." Curl basis, everyhody having a good time." Curl basis, everyhody having a good time. Curl live to the control of the contr

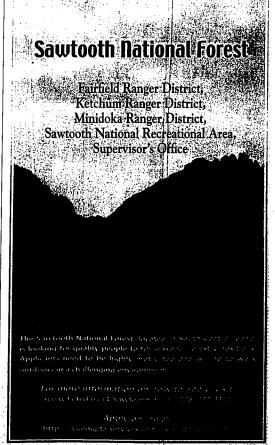
# OSU player suspended from BCS title

COLIMBUS, Olio (AP) —
Ohio State backup corner-back tagene Ciliford will not play in the BCS mational championship game against LSU after being suspended Thursday for an undisclosed violation of team rules. Columbus station WCMII-TV and The Columbus Dispatch reported earlier

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that Clifford, a freshman, and starting cornerback Donald Washington had both been suspended for the game on Jan. 7 in New Orleans. The school released a statement later stating only Clifford would be suspended. Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith did not immedi-ately extreme a thress-

Athletic department spokes-woman Shelly Poe said no further comment on the situ-ation was expected. Clifford was expected. Clifford was a prized recruit from Cincinnati's Colerain High School. He was listed as Matcolm Jenkins' backup at border corner on the Buckeyes' latest two-deep chart.



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# New climate change exhibit headed to Hagerman

The Hagerman Fossil Beds debut next month a new trav-cling exhibit on climate

The display, developed by NASA and the National Park

Park Service officials expect it to arrive early next month, and admission to the exhibit

... The basic message is cli-

In Outdoors

Pick of the Week: Fossil Beds offer diversity.

mate change is happening, it has implications for all of us and there is much we can do

to deal with it," said Stephanie Martin, a Park Service employee at the Fossil Beds. The exhibit will kick off other climate change-themed programs at the Fossil Beds programs at the Fossil Beds that will continue throughout

next year.

The display is 8 feet wide and 10 feet tall and accompa-

nies a brochune about climate change.

Officials are expected to release more information about the traveling exhibit before the end of the year.

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

# **AROUND** THE VALLEY

## Gravestone fundraiser gets more attention

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The young gil who kicked off a fundraising effort to buy a headstone for a boy when was smother and the second of the second o

remaining money needed for Mahnke's effort, said the girl's mom, Mindy Sauer, Additional dona-tions will be placed in the Kynli Mahnke Kids' Head-stone Fund at First Federal stone Fund at First Federal Bank, Sauer said, "She wants to purchase head-stones for kids who may get murdered in the future."

Donations can also be dropped off at Xavier Charter School in Twin Falls.

## Jerome Rec District has board vacancy

The Jerome Recreation
District seeks interested
persons to fill a vacancy on
the Jerome Rec District
board for sudistrict 4. The
board is a policy-making
board that is fiscally
responsible for the district.
Meetings are held monthly
on the United Thesday at responsible for the district. Meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday at 7 am. The selected applicant will be appointed by the current broard of directors, and shall serve until the first director election thereafter. Interested persons must reside within the vacant subdistrict boundary and be a registered voter. Subdistrict of lincoles all city residences west of Lincoln and county property south

district 4 includes all city residences west of Lincoln and county property south of West Main/West Boad and morth of 200 South descriptions may be picked up at the Jerome Recreation District, 202 S. Lincoln Street. Letters of interest out-lining why you would want to serve on the board should be submitted to the Jerome Recreation District offices on or before fan. 11, 2008. The candidate will, be selected at the district's regularly scheduled board meeting in January. For information: Gary Warr, 324-3309.

## Twin Falls water line breaks along Washington Street

Twin Falls Water Department recess responded Thursday norning to Washington Street South where a 30-inch main water line broke, flooding parts of the roadway from Orchard Drive and South Park. Homes within the area experienced pressure problems, while other homes did not have water problems.

experienced pressure problems, while other homes did not have water service while crews sought to repair the damaged line. If you are a homeowner

If you are a homeowner who is still experiencing water problems, call 735-7228.

### THE WEATHER FIGHTING



# Hodges appointed to magistrate bench

Lawyer has deep roots in Magic Valley

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

Twin Falls lawyer Mick Hodges has been named the newest Cassia County magistrate Judge, Magistrate Commission Chairman Barry Wood announced Thursday, Hodges, a long respected Twin Falls lawyer, beat out four other applicants for the position.

"Can you believe it?" Hodges asked Thursday at his Twin Falls office. "I'm just stunned. I'm delighted. I'm honored." Hodges, 54, has practiced

homored."

Hodges, 54, has practiced law since 1987. He served as a hearing panel chairman for the State Board of Medicine since January and has been an administrative hearing officer or the Idaho Department of Transportation and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare since 1994. He curently practices law in Twin Falls.

Hodges, a Rupert native,

ralls.

Hodges, a Rupert native, credits his experience for earning him the job.

"I've heen around a long time." he said. "I've practiced just about every kind of law, and I think that mattered.
Hodges was chosen over Timothy Shane Darrington of Burley, Brent R. King of Bolse and Kerry D. McMutray of Burley. He replaces Michael Crabtree, who was appointed to a district court bench in October.

October.
Hodges is widely known in Magic Valley. He recently represented Janet Rasmussen, who was found living at her cat boardinghouse with 323 cats. Hodges was also active in cats. Hodges was also active in a grass roots movement to block a coal-fired power plant from Magic Valley. He said he'll approach his new position "with humble-ness."

ness."
Hodges will serve an 18-month probation period and then face a county retention election. If voters approve, he'll serve a four-year term.

Matt Christensen may be eached at 735-3243.

# The Goliath of groundwork

Elko firm sends 252,000-pound dozer to T.F.

By Hilarey Johnson -Times-News correspondent

When the price of gold went to \$800 an ounce, the Cortex Gold Mine in Elko, New, decided to buy all new equipment. Now, the mine company's rebuilt 1996 Komatsu D475A Dozer is for sale through Ag-Industrial Equipment in Kinsberty. The 25,000-pound machine — which measures 16 feet from the ground to the top of the cab, is 45 feet long and has a 20.5 foot blade — is priced at \$255,000.

Dubbed Goliath, the bull-

Dubbed Gollath, the bull-dozer was completely disassembled and transported to Twis Falls to await sale.

You have to tear it all the way down, because of the weight, said Jeff Hanchey, salesman at Ag-Industrial Equipment.

Regulations prevent prospective buyers from inspecting the bulldozer at the mine but Rick Reinstein, owner of Ag-Industrial Equipment, just wanted it close to home.

"It makes it easier for us to



Brad Wheeler, left, and Ionas Johnson, both of Western States ment, finish assembling a 252,000-pound buildozer Thursday

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goes," Hanchey said.
The buildozer is not average farm equipment; it will possibly be used in another

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There are several prospective buyers from as far away as Canada, Russia and China.

"Those are the open bids right now." Hanchey said.

Hilarcy Johnson may be eached at mv.hjohnson@ gmall.com.

# Soldier, Magic Mountain ski resorts open Saturday

Ski seison is in full swing around; the Magic Valley, as heavy snow on Thursday provided enough snowpack, to open the remaining resorts in southern idaho.

Magic Mountain Ski Resort, located in the South Hills of

the Sawtooth National Forest, will open Saturday with all lifts in till operation, including its tubing hill behind the lodge. The lifts will remain open through jan. 6. It will be closed 'Christmas Dey New Year's Eve and Jan. 2 and 3.

Soldier Mountain Ski Area

in Fairfield will also open on Saturday. The resort will remain open through Ian. 6, 2008, with the exception of Christmas Day. After Ian. 6, the resort will resume its regu-lar schedule of 9 am. to 4 p.m., Thursday, through Sunday. Sunday.
Pomerelle Mountain Resort

in Albion opened on Thursday, and Sun Valley Resort has expanded lift nurs since its initial opening date on Nov. 24. Magic Mountain received 14 new inches of snow Thursday on top of seven inches already on the base. "Last year we opened on

Dec. 18, so we're only three or four days behind," said resort co-owner Terry Miller. The resort will be in its second year of operating a tubing hill, this time with the lift operating closer to the lodge.

At Soldier Mountain, the resort reported 27 inches at the base on Thursday with 35

inches on the top. Resort offi-cials said seven new inches had fallen by Thursday morn-Ing.
For Soldier Mountain information: www.soldiermoun-tain.com or call 208-764-2526. At Magic Mountain: www. magicmountainresort.com or call 736-7669.

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# HONOR ROLL

BUHL — Buhl Middle School announced its first quarter honor roll.

# Highest honors

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Hedges, Stevie Higibarger,
Jacob Klimes, Diana Lara.
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Littlefair, Mckayla Lively,
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Gallegos, Kellen Gillins, Joel Hamilton, Kyanna Jacobson, Gray Jones, Adam Mclean Army St.

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Anderson, Parick Arroyo,
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# Organization starts new vear with new leaders

The Minidoka Company, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, has started the 2007/08 year with Lova Taylor as presi-dent.

with Lova Taylor as president.
Other officers and board members are, first vice president Deann Goodwin; section of the president Deann Goodwin; section of vice president Dadene Montgomery: secretary Montgomery: secretary Heasurer, Lelen Mitchell; registrar, Lois Hillerbrand; historian, June Potter, chaplain, Darlene Hansen; organist, Mauricen Parker; parliamentarian, Wendy Lowder and public relations, Linda Pethtel. The Minidoka Company consists of five campa; sensitis of five campa; sensitis of five campa; and helian Patin Brush led

The Syringa Camp is led by Captain Elsie Wilson; first by Capitali Bále Wilson: first vice capitalin, Darlene Hansen; second vice capitalin, Dorlene Hansen; second vice capitalin, Dona Skinner; secretary, Marilyn Eskelsen and treasurer, Melba Nilesen, Theyare having a Christmas dilmer at Lola Nelson's home for their meeting on Dec. 7. The Camp meets the second Friday each month. Snake Rilver Camps Capptain is Cleora Bills; first vice capitalin, LaDonna Mingo; second vice capitalin, LaDonna Mingo; second vice capitalin, Ladorna Mingo; sec

captain, Latbanna Mingo-second vice captain, VerGean Baker and scere-tary/treasurer. Vonnie Edmondson, In September camp members enjoyed a salad bar opening social before the history and les-son. The history was on William C. Mitton, the great grandfather of Betty Poulton. The Camp meets at the Emerson Ward building on the second Friday of each month. They are hayon the second Friday of each month, They are hav-ing a Christmas potluck for their December meeting and are bringing canned foods to donate to the local

foods to donate to the local shelters.

The Star Bright Camp officers are, captain, Fern Poteet; first vice captain, Edna Lou Eames and secre-tary/treasurer, Sarahmay Griffin, They meet at the Rupert Stake Center on the second Monday of each rough.

Sage Brush Beauties held closing social to Sage Brush Beauties held a closing social in June when they toured the Cassia County Historical Museum in Burley followed by a picture of the cast Reversible Park. The camp captain is Violet Anderson: first vice captain, Deann Goodwin: second vice captain, Leta Jackson and secretary/treasurer, Arlene Koyle. The camp meets the second Monday of each month at the Heyburn LIDS Church. The Indian Paint Brush

Heyburn LDS Church.
The Indian Paint Brush
Camp is led by Captain
Luluana Winder; first vlee
captain, Shirley Egbert; seeond vice captain, Rosemary
Barfuss; secretary, Linda
Puthel and treasure. ond vice captain, Rosemary Barfuss: secretary, Linda Pethici and treasurer, Ginger Fox. The Camp meets each month on the third Monday at the Rupert West Stake Center. They are planning a white elephant of the Center of the Center Christmas refreshments for their December meeting.

christmas refreshments for their December meeting. Anyone interested in join-ing a camp in the Minidoka ing a camp in the Minifoka. Company of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers and is a woman over the age of 18 who has an ancestor that came to the Utah Territy before the completion of the railroad, May 10, 1869, is eligible to Join D.U.P. For more Information: Lova Taylor, 436-4025.

## K. Marie Pierce

K. Marie Pierce, 75, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, Dec. 18, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Reg-ional. Med-ical Center. Marie was

al Center. Marie was orn March , 1932, in



Piece, Marie Hoved to Ivan Falls in 2005 from Fresio, Calif, Marie Hoved to spend time with her family. She incomplete the property of the and grandmother, always and grandmother, always making sure her children and grandchildren were taken care of first. She worked as a caregiver, taking care of people with special needs for 28 years. She fowed to travel, saying "If I go tomorrow at least I got to do

the things I wanted to." She also loved to play card games, especially with her family.

Marie is survived by four tramity.

Marie is survived by four sons, Mike Wilson of Fresno, Calif., Mark Tammyy Wilson of Twin Falls, Doug (Ida) Wilson of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Tim Wilson of Henderson, Nev; two daughters, Paula Willis of Twin Falls and her husband, Steve Willis of Hugerman, and Ithonda Hamett (Early Twin Falls and Left, Bornie Weltner of Twin Falls; one sister, Bornie Weltner of Twin Falls; one sister, Bornie Weltner of Twin Falls; one sister, Bornie Twin Stephildren; four step great-grandchildren; four step great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by ber parents. nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, seven brothers and one sis-

ter.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

# **Ewald Theophield 'E.T.' Thaemert**

Ewald Theophield "E.T." Thaemert joined his Heavenly Father and began his eternal life on Dec. 19, 2007.

his eternal life on Dec. 19, 2007. He passed away peacefully at his home, Woodstone Retirement Center.
On March 1, 1921, he was born in Clover. 10

Clover, to Edwin E Thaemert and Thaemert, Clover, to Edwin F. Thaemert and Thekla Niemeyer Thaemert, Ewald was raised in the Magic Valley and married Virginia Ann Hafer on Inne 4, 1944, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tvin Falls. Ewald was a dedicated farmer for 63 years, lie enjoyed all outdoor activities, especially the time he spent hunting. Fishing, camping and raising Holstein helfers.

Ewald devoted his life to his faith, his family and his

Holstein helfers.
Ewald devoted his life to his faith, his family and his friends. His steadfast service to the Lord included singing in the choir, being a Scout leader and holding numer-new players offices. ous church offices. As the spiritual rock of his family, Ewald was a witness to oth-ers. His faith held strong through challenges of health

and times of loss.

Ewald was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Virginia; and his sisters, Lucille and Adeline, Ewald is Lucille and Adeline, Ewald is survived by daughter, Connic Thompson (Richard) of Gooding; and sons, Ron Thaemert (Donnette) of Bellevue and Kurt Thaemert (Teri) of Boise. He also his seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Ewald appreclated the attention and care shown by family, friends and the Woodstone staff. He will always be remembered as a humble, gentle and amazing spirit.

spirit.
The family would ask that in lieu of flowers, memorials be given to the Idaho Commission for Libraries Talking Book Service, 325 W. State St., Bolse, 1D 83702-6055, or the Immanul Lutheran Church radio program.

Latheran Church radio program, wiewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21. at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." A private family graveside service will be at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, with the memorial service held at 12 noon Sattradg, Dec. 22. at the Immanuel Latheran Church.

# **SERVICES**

Dorfs Elaine Arrington Shelley of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Ralph Hatch Savage of Provo, Utah, and formerly of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Grandvlew LDS South Stake Center, 1122 N. Grand Ave. in Provo, Utah: visitation from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Berg Mortuary in Provo, Utah):

Earcflee Allen of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N. in Buhl.

Gary Ray Child of Burley, Gary Ray Child of Buriey, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Unity LDS Chapel, 275 S. 250 E, in Burley; visit-ation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today - at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

William G. "Bill" McKay of Boise and formerly of the Magic Valley area, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the LDS Chapel, 5900 Castle Drive in mapel, 5900 Castle Drive in Bolse: graveside service at 4 p.m. today at the Hagerman Cemetery in Hagerman (Relyea Funeral Chapel in Bolse).

Vida E. Doty of Wendell, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Patricia Gibson of Rupert, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Saturday at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert (Hanse Rupert Chapel).

Rose Marie Schaeffer of Twin Falls, memorial service

at 11 a.m. Saturday at 'the First Assembly of God Church, 709 Locust in Buhl.

Ronald Smith Tanner of pert, funeral Saturday at the Rupert LDS 5th Ward Chapel, 324 E, 18th Str. visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Jeffrey Edward Petersen of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls LDS West Stake Center, 667 Harrison St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Calvin C. "Cal" Hahn of Boise, funeral at noon Saturday at the King of Glory Lutheran Church in Boise (Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise).

Terry Paul Weeks of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at White Mottuary in Twin Falls; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the mor-

Farlss May of Rupert, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the

Edith Louise Woodall Stacey of Twin Falls, open house for family and friends from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Edith's home, 63 Alturas Drive N. In Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

## **Edward Laats**

Edward Laats, on Falls, died Wednesday evening, Dec. 19, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional M e d i c a i Center in

Center in Twin Falls. E d w a r d was born March 5, 1922, in Bos-

1922, in Boston, Mass, the son of Christian and Minnle Brockman Laus. He grew up and attended schools in the Boston area, graduating from Sutgus High School. He then described the control of the Bentley College before entering the U.S. Army in 1944. Bilward served his country proudly in World War II, serving in the Raimbow Division; he was bonorably discharged in 1947.

1947.
On May 3, 1947. Edward married Edlth Irene Eperjesy in Austria. Following his military service, he finished his education at Northeastern thay accepted the second of th where Ed was the controller for McGregor Triangle Company, While in Boise, they had a daughter, Cindy, they moved to Twin Falls in 1971, when he accepted the position of controller for Niclsen and Company. Ed and Edde lowed to travel, in particular taking crulses their last several years together. Ed enjoyed reading and doing research on the computer for both current events and a variety of historical and other topics. Ilis

love was his family and

love was his family and spending time with them, especially all of his grand-children, and being the best "Popi" he could be.
Edward is survieed by his son, Steve (Marfe) Lants of Phoenix, Artz, his daughter, Clindy (Jeff) Harmon of Twin Falls, his daughter-in-law, Jacque Laats of Meriddan; and his brother, Carl Laus of Twin Falls. Also surviving are his nine grandchildren. Twin Falls. Also surviving are his nine grandchildren, Christie (Brad) Holt, Steve (Jenny) Laats, Henther, Kristopher, Emily and Jaime Laats, Jenny, Alexander and Andrew Harmon; as well as his two great-grandchildren. Hannah and Emma. He was preceded in death by his par-ents; his wife, Edith of 56 years; one son, Tom Laats; and a sister-in-law, Claire Laats. A rosary prayer service will

and a sister-in-inv. Claire
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Physics revice will
spin all 12:30 p.m. Saturday.
Dec 22. at St. Edward the
Confessor Catholic Church.
161 Sixth Ave E in Twin Falls.
The funeral Mass will follow
at 1 p.m. Saturday at St.
Edward's Catholic Church,
with milliarly honors by the
Magic Valley Veterans
Association. At Edward's
request, there will be no public
viewing hurial will follow
at Sunset Memorial Park.
If you wish to make a
memorial contribution in
Edward's name, the family

memorial contribution in Edward's name, the family suggests St. Edward's Catholic School or the College of Southern Idaho Foundation. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, PG. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303. The family wishes to thank Edward's caregivers, Carolyn for her year of care, as well as Lena for her devout care and love for more than three

love for more than three years for Ed.

# DEATH NOTICES

# David A. Craner

BURLEY — David Arthur Craner, 77, of Burley, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007, at the Cassia Regional Medical

enter. The funeral will be beld at The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at the Star LDS Church, 100 S. 200 W. in, Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, at Rasmissen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:40 a.m. Thursday at the church.

## James E. Utt

VANCOUVER, Wash. — James E. Utt, 55, of Vancouver, Wash., died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007, at Southwest Regional Medical Center in Vancouver, Wash.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin

# Glen L. Klier

BURLEY — Glen 1. Klier, 84, of Burley, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007, at St. Lukes Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls,

# Wanda M. Whipkey

HAGERMAN — Wanda M. Whipkey, 85, of Hagerman, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at St. Lukes Regional Medical Center in Bolse. Arrangements will be announced be Demaray's Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

# Thomas W. Kirkwood

WENDELL - Thomas W.

Kirkwood, 78. of Wendell, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2007, at his home. No funeral service will be held. Cremation is under the direction of Demarny's Funeral. Service, Wendell Chapel.

## Lawrence Dudley

JEROME — Lawrence Dudley, 78, of Jerome, died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls, Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Funeral Service, Wendell Chand

## Nathalie L. Fox

Nathalie Louise Robertson Nathane 12.... Fox, 74, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, a

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

# Wayne E. Ellis

BUHL — Wayne E. Ellis, 79, of Buhl, died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at Snake River Rehabilitation in Buhl. Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

## Jennie M. Egbert

BURLEY — Jennie Marie Egbert, 57, of Burley, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at the Springdale LDS Church, 559 E. 200 S. in Burley, visitant from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church. The funeral will be held at

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# Feds' proposal for Idaho roadless lands draws some criticism

BOISE — A government oposal for managing proposal for managing Idaho's 9.3 million acres of roadless land is drawing early toattess land is drawing early criticism from conservation-ists who claim it diverges sig-ufficantly from the goals laid out a year ago in a state plan. The U.S. Forest Service released a draft Environmental Impact

The U.S. Forest Service cleased a draft Environmental Medicada, it's the latest step in a contentious process to seitle how lidados roadess backcountry, pristine national forests and other untouched lands will be managed and preserved or opened to logging, mining and other uses. The document analyzes the environmental impacts of a series of recommendations submitted to the federal government last year by them.

submitted to the federal gas-criment last year by then-Gov. Ilm Risch, now servling as Idaho's Reutenant governor. The Forest Service has also crafted its proposed rule for managing Idaho's 201 distinct and diverse roadless areas. Under-the agency's propos-al, about 609,000 acres would be managed as "general for-est," a designation that would be open to logding, ndning, or coad building and an amount higher than the 525,000 acres

recommended for develop-ment in the state plan. Those lands are currently protected under the 2011 Clinton-era roadless rule.

But the biggest sticking point, critics say, is the way the agency device up the remaining 0.7 million acres of roadless land in Idaho, which is second to Alaska in having the most roadless mational forest land.

The proposal calls for keep-

the most roadless national forest land.

The proposal calls for keeping 3.2 million acres protected, but puts another 5.2 million acres moder a so-called "hackcountry", restoration" designation.

Environmentalists say the wording that defines "backcountry restoration" could swing the door wide open to logging and other uses because it allows temporary road building to protect public health and safety "in cases of significant risk or imminent threat of flood, fire or other catastrophic event."

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Jonathan Oppenheimer, senior conservation associate with the Idato Conservation League, says the proposal clearly steps away from the goals contained in the state other a term.

goals contained in the state plan a year ago. "It appears a lot of Idaho's roadless lands would be man-aged to a higher level of allowance for development,"

Oppenheimer said. "The botton line is we think the exist-tion line is we think the exist-ing rulestratedyallow for feet-bility to responding to risk issues in Idahu's roadless backcountry."

The state's vast roadless accas now operate under rules proposed in 2001 by the Clinton administration, even though those rules have been—and continue to be—chal-lenged in courts in several lenged in courts in several

ed in con-ern states, aho, under then-Gov was the western states.
Idaho, under then-Gaw.
Dirk Kempthorne, was the
first to challenge Clinton's
plan, The Bush administration in 2005 issued a replacetion in 2005 issued a replace-ment rule giving states more control. In September 2006, a California federal judge over-turned the Bush edict, and Clinton's original rule was reinstated. Still, Kemphome accepted the Bush administration's par-ticipation offer and began a process, later assumed by Risch, of writing a state man-agement plan for roadless lands.

lands.

Risch last year submitted those recommendations, which were accepted in December 2006 by the U.S. Agriculture Department, touching off the environmental review and rulemaking

The draft EIS issued this

k sets in motion a 90-day

week sets in motion a 90-day public comment period that will include several public meetings across the state. The proposed rule will be pub-lished in coming days in the federal Registor. Risch, who has been work-ing with federal officials in developing the rule, will attend several of those meet-ings, said David Hensley, legal counsel to Gov. E.L., "Butch". Otter, Hensley said Otter has also been involved in the process and endorses the pro-posed.

josal.

Hensley disagreed with critics who say the federal pro-posal rolls hack the state's into ial recommendations.

"Fart of that may be rheto-ric," Hensley salid Thursday," I don't think everyone has had the benefit of seeing the rule to determine whether it's been a denarture.

to determine whether It's been a departure.

"We've worked really hard since the (state) petition was submitted to capture the spirit and letter of what Gov. Riself proposed." Hensiey sald.

Although It's early in the public review process, early indications suggest support among mining and timber interests. An official with Intermountain Forest Association applauded the document as a "homegrown. Idaho-hased solution."

# North Side Center offers new classes

GOODING — The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center announce spring 2008 semester classes. Classes begin the week of km. 14. English and sign lan-

semester classes. Classes begin the week of lan. 14.
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Anatomy and Physiology 1, General Microbiology, and Physical Geography, Courses from the Fine

Courses from the Fine Arts Department this semester are Ceramics 1, Ceramics 2, Studio Art Ceramics, and Funda-

mentals of Oral Com-munication, along with the humanities core classes of Music Appreciation and Tables.

Music Appreciation and Ethics.
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School, Shoshone High School, the Jerome Recreation Center, and the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding. One-credit \* computer courses offered through the North Side are Introduction to Commuters. https:// to Computers, Intro-duction to Excel, Basic PC Troubleshooting, 3-1) Computer Animation, and Using Photoshop Elements.

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# Craig shows Risch around Capitol Hill

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sen. Larry Graig, R-Idaho, appears to be keeping at least one promise; not to seek reelecto be keeping at least one promise; not to seek reelection. Craig — who famusly amounted held retire months ago after pleading guilty to disorderly conduct in a Minnesota airport restroom, then changed his mind — ushered his likely successor around the Capitol Tuesday. He Introduced Idaho Lt. Gow, Rames E. Risch, R. to GOP sentors and even to Democrats such as Sen.

Max Baucus, Mont.

"Max, I want you to meet the next senator from Idaho."

Graig told Baucus, "I'm sorry to disappoint you."

With another year in office to go, Graig said this week that he will start 2008 in California. He and his wife made lists of three places they wanted to visit, and both picked Pasadena, home of the flose Bowl parade and the farmous college football game. Graig told reporters he's not going to the "grand-addy" of how games, but is Just going to watch the parade and see "where the floats are made."

mph. "Who in the world sues a child?" she sald. "It just bogges my mind every day." Pfahler's Denver attorney, lim Chalat, declined to comment on the specifics of the case.

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The sulf seeks compensation for physical therapy, vacation time, nursing services provided by Pfahler's wife and other expenses.

It estimates the couple's losses at more than \$75,000.

# Exxon Mobil court brief outlines Valdez argument

IUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Exxon Mobil Corp. says a \$2.5 billion punitive dam-ages verdict for one of the nation's worst oil spills con-tradicts 200 years of mar-itlme law. That is essentially its argument to go before the U.S. Supreme Court next year, according to a recent court brief the company filed.

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The Esson Valdez tanker hit a reef in Prince William Sound and spilled I mili-marred more than 1,200 miles of coastline in Prince William Sound II years ago. The company has held that it should not be respon-sible for the ship's captain, logsept Hazelwood, who the company says violated clear company rules when the ship ran aground on March CENTURY STADIUM 5 & BURLEY THEATRE IN BURLEY

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in its brief, filed Monday, the company asserts:

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• Puntitive damages for spills such as the Exon Valdez are not available in federal maritime tort aertions,

federal actions.

• Maritime law does not actions ounitive damages.

permit punitive damages.
The plaintiffs' attorneys have argued that the maritime law Exxon embraces

titine, law Exxon embraces no longer has current appli-cation. Bather, it was meant for ships leaving port and risk never being seen again by their owners for months, if not years. Technological advances mean communication is ongoing, they aroue.

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# Man, 60, sues 8-year-old boy over Colorado ski slope collision Swimm, said her son weighs 48 pounds and couldn't have been going more than 10 mph.

VAIL Colo, (AP) — A 60-year-old man is taking an 8-year-old boy and his dad to consider calming the third-toder calming the phird-toder calming the phird-older color of the color of lision that left the older man with a shoulder injury. David J. Pfabler of Altentown, Pa., filed suit in Denver federal court clalming. Scott Swimm of Vail, then 7, was sking fast and recklessly when they arm into each other in January. Pfabler's suit says he suffered a torm shoulder tendon. Scott Sather, Robb Swimm. ott's father, Robb Swimm.

sald he saw the crash and uras Scott was skling slowly and in

control.

"It wasn't a violent collision or anything, Scott Just kind of tapped his ski boots," he said this week.

ils week. Scott's mother, Susan

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# Phoenix store becomes center of immigration debate

Associated Pross witter

PHOENIX — Every weekend, the battle lines are
redrawn outside an old furniture store in east Phoenix as
the city confronts a generations-old problem with illegal
immigration.

On one side of the street,
Hispanies and civil rights
activists come with handdrawn banners and megaphones. Together, they
announce their right to gather
along the narrow Sidewalk,
and, if they want, to ask for
work without someome challenging their immigration stations. See the other side business.

tos.
On the other side, business-men, bikers in leather vests and others fed up with illegal immigrants spread out hold-ing American flags the size of ed sheets

ing/American logs includes bed sheets.

"We are not criminals" shout the Hispanics.

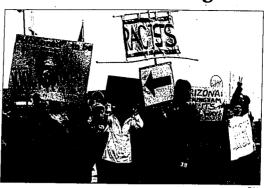
"Go back to Mexicot" the businessmen and bikers reply. The frustrations from both sides spilled onto the sidewalk in front of Prulit's farmiture stice; a" stately" red-brick building east of downtown Phoents. Hispanic leaders, businessmen, civil libertariass, immigrant curn vendors, white ractists men in Santa claus smis, angry horn-horiking moordists and many others have squared off on the sidewalk during the past several weeks.

eral weeks, Salvador Reza started bringing protesters here to pressure the store's owner to

stop paying off-duty Maricopa County shertiff's deputies to patrol his parking for the street of the county of the

issue, but neither side would agree.

"We really hoped that we could get this resolved before the holidays." Gordon spokesman Scott Phelps said. "It's complex because every-body has rights. Pruitt's has a



Human rights activists and immigration advocates protest across the street from Pruitt's furniture store in Phoenix Dec. 6. Every weekend, the battle lines are redrawn outside this old furniture store in east Phoenix as the city confront as generation-sold problem with lingal immigration.

right to conduct business.

right to conduct business. People who want to protest and carry picket signs have a right to do that. And Phoenix police find themselves down there in increasing numbers to make sure to mise are violated to make Sun-that the peace is preserved."

On a recent Saturday, processer some contest of the processer is a proper of the processer in the processer in the processer is not provided the sidewalks and screamed at each other across the busy street. A few dozen police officers watched as cars withzed by some of

as cars whizzed by, some of

the drivers honking or slowing down to yell encouragement out the window.

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A man from the Hispanic side crossed the street with a megaphone and stood amid the American flags as bikers cursed him and made obscene gestures to his face when the man said, pointing his megaphone into their faces.

Despite the original Intern of Rezals practs, the dialogue on both sides quickly devolved linto a general

debate over illegal immigra

debate over illegal immigra-tion.

"They're trying to re-con-quer us," said Russy Childress, a Buick dealer, who stood with the bikers. They want their land back. That's all pretty serious about it."

Childress, who founded the border security group United for the overeign America, said for the overeign America, said for the overeign America, said was up,

"We should be able to say who comes into our country,

who gets to stay, and who gets to go," Childress said. "Their opinion is that there's no such thing as an illegal human being. Well, their argument lies in the face of federal immigration law." Inside Praitits, the staff set out plates of chocolate-chip cookies and brownles for the customers who crossed through the protest to come in and look at furniture. "Tifs crazy, isn't fit' co-owier

in and look at furniture.

"Its crazy, Isri It?" co-owner Mike Sensing, said of the protesters outside.

Sensing, said the dustup with fleza's group began more than a year ago, when a near-by hardware store hired police to shoo away day laborers looking for work. Sensing said the workers spilled out from the hardware store's parking to and started accosting customers at Pruitt's and other nearby businesses. nearby businesses.
Pruitt's hired off-duty police

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Pruitts hirde off-duty police
officers to patrol the area, a
move that angered Reza's
organization. Reza said no
day labores ever walked onto
Pruitt's parking lot. And the
police officers were stopping,
people simply because they
looked illspanic, he said.
Reza's group protested
Pruitt's last year. But the
protests stopped when
sensing agreed to stop hiring
the off-duty police. In return,
Sensing said Reza promised to
help organize a work center in

help organize a work center in the area for the day laborers.

The work center never materialized, Sensing said, and so he turned to the deputies.

# Utah prosecutors will drop murder charge in 1980 death

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP)

— A cold case turned colder
Thursday as a prosecutor
announced he will drop a
murder charge against a
man accused of strangling a
woman in 1980, after new
tests cast doubt on the evidence.

the primary suspects, said Rawlings. Strom, 25, was strangled in June 1980 at her home in Woods Cross, north of Salt Lake City. Owens knew her and had worked with her

cutor's one-page

statement does not explain what was found in the additional rests. But defense attorney. Michael Studenter of the statement o does not mean auto murder."

# CDC investigating SIDS deaths in N. Idaho

COEUR d'ALENE (AP) —
The Kootenal County coroner says three infants have
died of unexplained causes
in the past two months, and
the Centers for Disease
Control is investigating.
The babies were all four
months old, coroner Dr.
Hobert West told the Coeur
A'ldnen Press. Two had
recently been vaccinated,
with one immunized about a
week before death and the
other about two days before
dying. The third child had
been immunized as well, but
it was more than two weeks
before death, West sald.

CDC spokesman Curtis Allen confirmed the agency's investigation into the deaths, but said it was unlikely they were related to

vaccines.

"The bottom line is that as far as we know there is no connection between the vaccines and the deaths,"

Allen said. "In many cases anything that will happen to a child between two four, or six months is going to happen sometime near a vaccination. Any time tiere is a death of a child it's very very unfortunate and we are reviewing it."

None of the children had

been vaccinated with vac-cines recently recalled by manufacturer Merck and Co. after reports of a contamina-tion risk.

The CDC is reviewing the medical records, including autopsy reports, to see if there is any link among the cases, Allen said,

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# Hidden rooms in Iraq reveal torture by extremists, silence in village

Associated Press writer

BAGIIDAD Bloodplotches on walls, clunins hangling from a ceiling and words on the killing thou words on the killing thou the artifacts left a dissurbing taie of binatalities inside a suspected al-Quida in fraq torture chamber. But there was yet another chilling fact outsside the diff-floor damagen.

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forge alliances with tribes seeking to reclaim their

regions.

The reports and tips now pouring in build a harrowing

WASHINGTON



In this image released by the U.S. Army, Thursday, a soldier stands next to the site of an alleged torture chamber near Muqdadiyah, about 60 miles north of Baghdad, Iraq on Dec. 9.

portrait of rule under al-Qaida and its backers: mass graves, ruthless punishments, self-styled Islamic courts ordering summary executions. Such a lead brought sol-diers earlier this month to the hidden room in Muqdadlyah,

about 60 miles north of Baghdad, the U.S. military said Thursday, Graffiti on the building proclaimed "Long Live the Islamic State" — a ref-erence to the Islamic gover-nance, or caliphate, sought in Iraq by Sunni extremist

groups that include al-Qaida. Scrawled in white paint above a bed in the torture area was a Qurantic phrase in Arabic normally used to well-come a quest. But the context suggested only sadistic mockety. The floor was litered with food wrappers, plastic soda bottles and electric cables that stacked to a metal bed frame, presumably where detailness were shocked, according to the U.S. account of the discovery during a Dec. 8-11 mission.

cry duming a local or mo-sion.

The rooms "had chains, a hed — an iron bed that was still connected to a battery— knives and swords that were still covered in blood," said U.S. Army, Maj. Gen. Mark P. Hertling, the top U.S. com-mander in northern trad, Nearby were nine mass graves containing the remains of 26 people, he said. Villagers knew about the

Villagers knew about the torture site, but did not tell

authorities as they were afraid of reprisals from the militants, a local policeman told The Associated Press. He spoke on condition of anonymity as he was still afraid of being target-ed by extremists.

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He said he thought the chamber had been used for a

year,
It was not the first such tor-It was not the first such tor-ture chamber discovered in Iraq. But it serves as a reminder of the extremist grip in parts of Iraq despite grow-ing optimism as violence con-tinues to fall.

And Diyala province —

where the pristy discovery was made — remains one of the most volatile regions as U.S. and freat forces struggle to match the clear activation in the clear activation is a significant to the clear activation in laughdad and the western desert of Annuis and Shiftes — often called a "little leaq" and a remnant of trap hetric severarian blondlerting and a remnant of trap hetric severarian blondlerting and a remnant of trap hetric severarian blondlerting and the country along religious lines. Dysals capital, Boquotha, also is the self-proclaimed seat of the insurgents' caliphate.



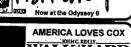
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ernment has been well docu-mented and tens of thou-sands of U.S.-supplied verspons have gone missing terrorist groups allegedly have used some of the firepower. In one case, Turkish officials complained to U.S. authori-ties that guns the Turks selzed from a Kurdish militant group had markings matching those on weapons intended for traqi-forces.

other allies. Smith said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.
"Over the long haud, as security develops here in fact, they're going to be able to develop their economic mover, said Smith, "I don't know that we can afford to be supporting over a terriby long period everything that a nation needs to provide for its authority appropriate that they go in a direction of purchashing their own equipment." But there are risks in pushing more weapons into a country with a government striving for stability.



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# **Bombings** mar peaceful holiday of Eid al-Adha in Iraq

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The discrepancy could not immediately be reconciled, it was unclear how many Iraqis were wounded in the attack. The assistant police chief of Kanaan, Capt. Waleed Mitteb al-Karklit, said they included three children and two women.

women.

In Baghdad, a car bombing killed four people and wounded another nine outside a store selling liquor in the center of the city, police said.

the center of the top, pone-said.

Despite the bombings, this season has been markedly cabner, than the same time last year, when at least 80 Iraqis were killed on the first day of lift al-Adha, one of the most important holidays of the Islamic calendar. So far this month, 536 Iraqis have died in war-related vio-lence — compared to 2,309 last December, according to an Associated Press count.

# Aruba prosecutor: Holloway suspect referred to teen's death on Internet

By Margaret Wever Associated Press writer

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ORANJESTAD, Aruba — A main suspect in the disappearance of American teenager Natalee Holloway wrote in a chat session that server was dead — a key clue that fell and the state of the session of the fell and the fell and the session of the fell and the fell a

he said at a new concence.

The Aruban prosecutors say they cannot prove a crime was committed without a body.

Mos said he understands the frustration of Hollowny's family, which has criticized Aruban law enforcement and their decision this week to dismiss the case against the case against the case of the critical said their decision this week to dismiss the case against the c

and their decision this week to dismiss the case against the three main suspects. Attorney General Nico Jorg sald the case against the three could be reopened if additional evidence sur-faces.

But if they were to go to trial now with virtually no hope of guilty verdicts, they would lose the opportunity to try them later if strong evidence emerges.

# Strong quake rattles northern New Zealand

By Ray Lilley Associated Press writer

WELLINGTON, WELLINGTON. New Zealand — A strong earth-quake struck New Zealand on Thursday night, collaps-ing at least three older build-ings in one coastal city on North Island, sparking small fires and forcing authorities to declare a state of emer-gency there.

ency there.
Only 10 minor injuries

were reported in the port city of Gisborne, which was hit hardest by the quake and suffered the most property damage, although it was felt all over the country, officials said,

said, The magnitude 6.8 quake, which struck at 8:55 p.m. (2:55 a.m. 1871) was centered in the Hikurangi undersea trench off North Island, 25 miles below the surface, and about 30 miles southeast of

Gisborne, the GNS Science geological agency reported. The U.S. Geological Survey recorded the quake at magnitude 6.6.

magnitude 6.6.
Police cordoned off a large
part of Gisborne's central
business district until engineers could inspect damaged buildings and ensure
they were safe to enter, said
senior police Sgt. Moira
Brown as dawn broke Friday.
"We have got a lot of dam-

age and are still assessing the situation," police inspector Waata Shepherd said, 'Some roofs have collapsed. We are still trying to ascertain the amount of damage.

The central city aren had been 'locked down' because of the damage, he said.

Power lines were down in some areas, and the quake had left a huge hole in one of Gisborne's main roads, he added.



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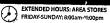
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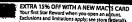


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Muslims pilgrims wali oning of the devil' in Mina, in Saudi Arabia, Thursday Thousands of Muslim pligrims threw pebbles at stone pillar representing the devil in third day of Halji carrying out a cleansing ritual at a site just outside the holy city of Mecca that has been the scene of disasters in previous years. Thousands of Muslin In previous years.

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# Performing the hajj is the Muslim faithful's ultimate dream

MINA, Saudi Arabia— The 60-year-old Egyptian farmer spent years scraping together \$1,000 to bring his wife and son here to per-form Islam's hajj pilgrimage. They have slept for days in tiny one-person tents near the hajj's sacred sites and

walked for miles from ritual to ritual—despite his wife's ball to read to read

at Mina, the ancient spot in

at Mina, the ancient spot in the desert outside Mecca where for the second day more than 3 million pilgrims stoned symbols of the devil. For many Muslims, per-forming the halj is a litelong dream, a chance to fulfill a requirement of their faith and win forgiveness for their sins.

and win rugs cos-sins.

The rituals at Mina com-memorate Abraham's ston-ing of Satan, who is said to have appeared three times to the prophet to tempt him. It is symbolized by dree "pillars" — long stone walls called the Januarat— which pilgrims pelt with pebbles.

On Werlnesday, the ritu-

pebbles.

On Wednesday, the ritual's lirst day, pilgrins threw seen stones at the largest one. On Thursday and again on Friday, they pelt all three with seven stones each.

Millions filed past the walls Thursday along a huge platform-bull's or that pilgrins on the ground floor and above can perform the ritual at once. They vigorously hurded pebbles at the pillars, chanting 'God is Great' with each throw—and sometimes hitting the pillars, chanting 'God is Great' with each throw—and sometimes hitting the pillars, chanting 'God is Great' with each throw—and sometimes hitting the pillars, chanting 'God is Great' with each throw—and sometimes hitting the pillars, they had the heart of them.

Afterward, most walked approach to the pillars, They had the look of conquest, having crushed the devil and his temptations with pebbles the size of chickpeas.

Nizar Mohammed, and Afghan bent with age and wearing a turban and shelwar kamiz. — loose pants and a tunic — rested on the side of the ramp after hurling his stones.

Tiecl very good, I am in good hands, he said.

Over the years, the stoning ritual has been one of the most dangerous of the half, with stampedes that of pilgrins in 2004 killed 24 people, and the following year more than 360 were killed when several pilgrins ripped over baggage while others behind them kept

pusning aneau.
After that accident. Saudi authorities tore down the platform around the case of the case of the platform and the platform around t

"If we strive in this direc-tion, our differences will diminish, the distances between us will shrink and between us will shrink and together we will make a world full of understanding and peace, where progress will be a fruit for all of us to enjoy." he sald. Friday is the last day of the three-day Muslim Eid al-Adha, ending five days of hail rituals.

Friday is the man on the three-day Muslim Eid al-Adha, ending five days of half ituals. Pligrims return to Mecca to perform the "farewell" circling of the Kaaba — a cube-shaped stone structure draped in black cloth that Muslims around the world face during the five daily prayers. Tradition says the Kaaba, known as God's House, was built by Adam and rebuilt by Abraham and the descendants of Noah.

The pligrims also walk back and forth seven times between the hills of Safa and Marwa, re-enacting the search by Abraham's wife Hagar for water for her infant son ishmael in the desert. After her seventh run, the spring known as Zamzam sprang miraculously under ishmael'sfeet. The majority of pligrims come to the halj on organized tours, staying in large, relatively well-kept tent compounds organized by the Saudi government. But hundreds of thousands of poorer pligrims, like Ali, come on their own, sleeping in the open or in makeshift enviewer penny in make the journey, they are intent of light all odds to complete the rituals.



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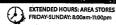
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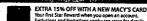
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# Queen Elizabeth II now oldest British monarch

Associated Press writer

LONDON Queen
Elizaheth II becaute Britain's
oldest-ever monarch
Thursday, reaching; a new
milestone in a job she has
held for more than a half
century — one that comes
with luxurious accommodation, long hours and little
charce of retrement.
Elizabeth, '81, passed the
mark set by her great-greatgrandmother Queen
Victoria. Her son, Prince,
Charles, closed in on the title
of longest-waiting heir to the

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Victoria was born on May Victoria was born on May 24, 1819 and lived for fit years and 243 days. Beekingham Palaec, calculating longevity down to the hour, said Elizabeth moved past her predecessor at about 5 pm, (mon 1871). Palace officials said there would be no special events to mark the occasion, and

appearances scheduled Thursday. She spent the day

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Thursday, She spent the day
working quietly at home on
royal paperwork.
Royal historian Robert
Lacey said the milestone
would likely bring the queen
some quiet satisfaction."
"She is a modest person,
never one for blowing her
own trumpet, and I think
that is one of the reasons for
her success and longevity."
Lacey said.

her success and longevity." Lacey said. Elizabeth, who took the throne in 1952, is one of only live kings or queens since the 1066 Norman Conquest the 1066 Norman Conquest to reign for more than half a century. Currently the fourth longest-reigning English monarch, she would over-take King Henry III on March 5, and King George III in

take King Henry III on March 5, and King George III in 2012. On Sept. 9, 2015 she would pass Queen Victoria, who ruled for almost 64 years, as the longest-reigning British monarch.

Elizabeth can already claim to have been active longer than Victoria, who retreated from public life for more than a decade after the deep of the deee

Princess Diana.

the death of Charles ex-wite he death of Charles and the Month of the

ago on Nov. 14.

Anti-monarchist group Republic urged the queen to mark the milestone by giving up her job. Spokesman Graham Smith said her retirement would allow Britain to debate, reforming its constitution to create a new head of state.

"Elizabeth Windsor is now 81, well past the normal age for retirement." Smith said.
"Over the next few years question marks are going to be raised about her continue ability to nerform her

be raised about her continuing ability to perform her official duties. It would be in her interests and those of the country if she stepped down and onjoyed a peaceful retirement."



II waves to guests, patients and staff and su. at the Mildmay Centre in first day of her -1-1visit to Uganda.

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# Thieves make off with paintings by Picasso and Portinari in Brazil

Associated Press whiter

SAO PAULO, Brazil

Armed with nothing more
than a crow bar and a car
jack, it took theleves just three
minutes to steal paintings by
Pablo Picassa and Candido
Portinari, worth millions of
dolfars, from Brazils premier
modern art niusecim.
Authorities said they hit
the Sao Paulo Museum of Art
just before dawn Thursday

— a time when the city's
busiest avenue is deserted
and the guards inside were
going through their shift
change.

Jumping over a glass parti-

and the guards inside were going through their shift change.

Jumping over a glass partition, they climbed an open concrete studence leading up to the concrete studence leading up story modernist building, which hovers over a large plaze on stills of seed.

For a short time, they could have been seen from blocks away, But the thieves worked quickly, A few jabs of the crowbar, and they were able to slip a common car jack under the metal security gate. A few more cranks and they squeezed inside.

Hazy Images from a security camera shows three men going in at 5:09 a.m. They smashed through two glass doors, ran to the miscumit, on floor and grabbed the understanding men and they studied because the plantings from a worlding nearby guards.

The alarm never rang, and by 5:12 a.m., they were making their reseape.

The was a professional job; it was something they studied because the paintings



Paulo Museum of Art Is an uno photograph of Pablo Picasso's painting 'Portrait of Suzanne Bloch.' This was one of two p ings stolen from the musem

were in different rooms," said the lead police Investi-gator, Marcos Gomes de

said the lead police investi-gator. Marcos Gomes de Moura.

Picasso painted "Portrait of Stizanne Bloch," in 1904 during his Blue Period. It is among the most valuable pieces in the collection, museum spokesman Eduardo Cosomano said.

They also took "O Lavrador de Cafe" by Portinari, a major Brazilian artist.

"The prieces paid for such works would be incalculable, enough to glow you vertigo,"

enough to give you vertigo," said curator Miriam Alzuri of the Bellas Artes Museum of Bilbao, Spain.



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# Study: Foster care better for kids' brains than orphanages By Lauran Neergaard Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON WASHINGTON Toddlers rescued from opphanages and placed in good foster homes score dramatically higher on 1Q tests years later than children who were left behind, concludes a one-of-a-kind project in Romania that has profound implications for child welfare around the globe. If The boost meant the difference between borderline retardation and average

intelligence for youngsters.
Most important, children removed from orphanages before age 2 had the biggest improvement — key new evidence of a sensitive period for brain development, according to the U.S. team that conducted the

that conducted the research.
"What we're really talking about is the importance of getting kids out of bad environments and put into good environments." said Dr. Charles Nelson III of Harvard Medical School, who led the study being

published Friday in the jour-

published Friday in the Jour-nal Science.

The research is credited with influencing child-care changes in Romania, and UNICEF has begun using the data to push numerous countries that still depend on state-run orphanages to start shifting to foster carellke systems.

"The research provides concrete scientific evidence on the long-term impacts of the deprivation of quality care for children." UNICEF child protection specialist Aaron Greenberg said. "The

interesting part about this is the one-on-one caring of a young child impacts ... cog-nitive and intellectual devel-opment."

That orphanages are not optimal for child 'development comes as no surprise. Earlier studies have found that thousands of children adopted during the 1990s from squalld orphanages in Eastern Europe, China and elsewhere continued to face serious developmental serious developmental problems even after moving to affluent new homes with doting parents.



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# Safe, sensible survival

A few weeks ago, at taddsson Hotel adjacent to Los Angeles International Ariport, four women, this writer and 250 other seminar flessomes teamed up and were given this scenarie. A plane you were riding in has crashed in the desert, thus are 60 miles from any semblance of civilization. Day-time temperature reaches 115 degrees and there are no clouds. You are able to salvage 10 frems from the airplanes weredange rank them one to 10 in usefulness for your group to 15 few survival: a for your group's survival: a hottle of salt tablets; a map of the area; a compass; a knife; a flashlight; a large jug of water; one top-coat per person; a gun with bullets; a parachute and a mirror."



Rowny's RENDEZVOUS Ron Yates

Thankfully, in our group it was I alone who possessed the testosterone. One more male and we all would have surely died. This, as you may have guessed, was a test of how to work with others more so than a real survival test. Still — please participate and write your answers down. You have one minute. Using five simple words that ensure your survival will be easiler attitude, shelter, water, fire, and food (in this order). Look at your list again. Do you want to change an Item's importance?

tunce?
We compared answers and
persuaded each other to
accept our choice and
explained why. Survival
quickly became secondary
to proving that we were right
about our choices.

Sara and Tass had us eating cactus, chewing said the
lablets and walking out durling the night. After all it was
only 60 miles. Cathy wanted
the gun to shoot coyotes, but
not eat them. Amy, to her
credit, phanned to signal rescuers with the mirror while
also using it to start a fire. I
kept my mouth shut until a
consensus had been reached
for each item and then
assertively suggested a realsitic alterative. This worked,
but only once.
As you may have assessed, Sara and Tess had us eat-

suc atterative. This worked, but only once. As you may have assessed, the elements were the least of our problems. My fellow humans and their opinions stood sequarely in the way of survival. These five survival priorities will give you a starting point. Most people simply don't have years of experience.

## Attitude

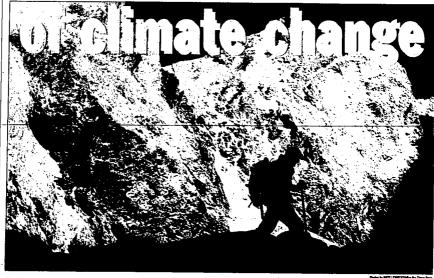
Within hours or even minwithin hours or even min-utes after the onset of sur-vival stress, the attitude you take, and the decisions that result from it, may mean the difference between life and death. Accept the present situation and deal with each moment as it comes.

Regardless of the weather, we all seek this instinctively. Make it your first priority before you panic. Get out of the rain, snow, wind, sun, cold or heat first. If you are injured, treat a medical condition and seek shelter simultaneously.

mon and seek sneder imultaneously. Shelter can be this low-ech-simple: Stand under a pine tree when snow is falling. Wear a hat. Flip the sun-visor down to block the sun's glare. Move your body to a natural shelter or create

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# Skiing in the age



Alex Kittrell gets a little mileage on the anow, skiing beneath the vertical walls of Duncan Ridge.

It is vital to match this uncertain time of shifting weather

patterns with a

shifting attitude. Though the conditions were far from perfect,

the winter's slow

start did provide

# Trio contemplates future on peaks of Pioneers

Times-News correspondent

When you live in a ski town, you do a lot of waiting for the snow to fail. After a few early season storms that left the valleys wet with rain, the high peaks of the Pioneers were coated with a light blanker of white. It didn't last long. More than a week of warm sunny weather in early November made quick work of the white stuff. With little prospect of skilling in the near future, a scramble up the south ridge of Cobb Peak seemed a good aiternative.

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After several hours
of climbing knifeedge ridges to the
summit, our threesome enjoyed a
sunny and calm
lunch looking out
over the mountains
of central Idaho.
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was this Start did On the descent, we several at down intermittent patches of sun-baked, spring-like snow. More often, however, we descended slopes saturated with melt-water that sprouted green shoots stretching towards the sun. It was a beautiful day in the mountains, but I couldn't shake the fact that it felt more like late May than early more like late May than early November.

You know, 2007 is the first year that global warming has really seemed to take hold in the public consciousness," said a friend and fel-low ski guide, "and so far this winter

we have already had several rain events, he lamented.

I couldn't have agreed more. Though it was only Thanksgiving, the warm storms, meager snow-pack, and dry forecast certainly made ne wonder what the future of skiling in Idahos mountains would be like under the influence of human-raused climate change. It seems that the debate is over. Tean time greet that human activity is indeed impacting the elimate of our planet. There are predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude. The area of the predictions of average stobale temperature attitude attitudes the predictions of average stobale temperature attitudes attitudes attitudes attitudes attitudes atti

provide community in which was a large percentage of our waster almost waste with a community in which load to be community in the last five years represent a shift towards warmer whiter storms? Is the winter weather pattern that drops a large percentage of our annual moisture going to move north? Or south?

Despite the uncertainty, we still several advantages.

Despite the uncertainty, we still have to live our lives. So when I was



Please see CHANGE, Page D3 Alex Kittrell negotiates a narrow gully while skiing in the Pioneers.

# PICK OF THE WEEK:

# Hagerman fossil beds offer diverse, plentiful fossil spectra

This may not be your typi-al outdoors destination, cal outdoors destination, but for those interested in the science aspect of the great outdoors, Idaho does-n't offer much better than

ht other much better han the Hagerman Fossil Beds. From Buhl, head north-west out of town on U.S. Highway 30 toward Hagerman, making a left just before crossing the Snake River into Gooding County, Continue 2.5 miles

along this road to the monu-ment entrance. There you will indeed a pair of helpful vis-tion and the left of the pair of the left of the left of Enigent Trail on the left side of the road, and detail-ing the history of the Hagerman Horse and the Fossil Beds themselves. The actual visitor center itself is located further north along U.S. 30 in the town of Hagerman across from Hagerman High School. Though there are many different fossil sites in the state, Hagerman's offers

arguably one of the most diverse and plentiful fossil spectra from the Pliocene Epoch, which spans roughly 1.8 to 5.3 million years ago. The most well-known of these fossils is the Hagerman Horse, which some scientists believe closely resembled the modsome scientists believe closely resembled the mod-ern-day zebra and whose remains can be seen in the bluffs carved out by the Snake River.

Congress established the

Snake River.

Congress established the over 4,000-acre area as a national monument in 1988

In other to study and preserve the fossils as best as possible.

Of course, if the more traditional outdoor activity of hiking is more your cup of tea, the 6-mile round-trip Emigrant Trail near the monuments entrance is sure to offer some challenges and rewards.

But that's another story for another week.

David Bashore may be reached at 735-3230 or dbashore@magicus!

# Getting there

From Buhl, take U.S. Highway 30 toward Hagerman, turning left Just before crossing the Snake River. Continue 2.5 miles to the monu-

ment's entrance.
Entry fee: none
Other information: Visitor
Center is actually in

Hagerman, across from

# Top picks for gear of the year

From marathons and mountain climbs to kayak trips through the jungle of Quintana Roo, 2007 proved to be another epic year for the Gear Junkie. But year for the Gear Junkie. But without the right apparel and equipment, these adventures would not have been possible— or at least not quite as flut. Here are 10 top products that helped make it happen, ava-lanches, whiteware, crocu-diles and all.

## **Newton Running Gravity Shoes**

On runs ranging from my nightly neighborhood romps to the 26.2-mile Twin Cities Marathon, Newton Runnings Gravity shoes kept me upright, forward and feeling upright, torward and feeling fast. What makes them so special? The shoes' rubber lugs—called "actuators"— extend a quarter-inch from the sole, promoting a more efficient and natural running technique, \$175, www.new-tonrunning.com

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in the form of direct monetary payments. habitat

in the form of direct mone-tary payments, habitat improvement projects, and access development proj-ects, but other types of com-pensation or assistance are considered," said Rrad

ects, but other types of com-pensation or assistance are considered, said Brad Lowe, Landowner/Sports-men Coordinator for the Idaho Fish and Game. The program also provides signs to landowners to help-inform-the-public-about-access conditions or per-mission requirements. The program operates on a competitive hid-process. Bids are reviewed by a local Sportsman's Review Committee, which recom-mend properties for fund-ing based on criteria such as diversity of use, the number of acres, huming opportuni-ties available, and bid price.

The number of properties enrolled is limited by the availability of program funds.

"Landowners do not give up control of their land! Lowe said. The program is designed to allow landowners to stipulate access conditions (e.g., foot, horse or whiche access) and manage the types of activities that sportsmen can participate in on their property. We can design any type of program the landowner wants. Annual contracts are the most common, but multi-

Annual contracts are the most common, but multi-year bids are welcomed." In 2007, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game enrolled a total of 43 Department of Fish and Game enrolled a total of 34 landowners in Access Ves! in the Magic Valley Begion providing public access to 193,550 private acres at an average cost of \$1.09 per acre. These properties also provided access to 351,810 acres of public land. Enrollment this year was up-from -37-landowners-and-183,000 acres in 200 acres in 200 interested landowners need to submit by accepting bids for enrollment in 200, 100 interested landowners need to submit displications 200-324,4358 acres in 200-324,4358 acres of the public landowners in the l

# Fossils are where you find them

y articles usually focus on a specific feature or loca-

tensure operation to the control of the control of

Fessil Beds knows that fos-sils do occur in our area, and the possibility of encountering one is a dis-tinct possibility. But Just what is a fossilf Most people tend to asso-ciate fossils with the pre-served remains of large animals. But a fossil is any-thing that has been pre-served, whether it is an animal, a plant, or a trace of something as inconspic-uous as a preserved rain-drop pattern in a piece of sediment. So this brings me to the point of where one finds

drop pattern in a plece of sediment.
So this brings me to the point of o'where one finds fossils. Clearly to create a fessils, you need sediment. The only exception to this is the rare case where law or jash surrounds a large tree, burning the tree any but leaving a cylindrical hole in its place. But if you're looking for a fossil to place in the museum or on your display stand, then a sedimentary environment is needed.

Trace fossils and petrified wood are much more abundant than bones. The cresson is obvious plants

reason is obvious plants need soil and water to survive. Therefore, when a plant dies or falls to the ground, it is more likel be quickly buried and scaled from the atmos phere by a layer of sedi-ment. Animals, on the ment. Animals, on the other hand, prefer drier conditions. When an ani-mal dies, its carcass may be scavenged and the bones scattered and left lying high and dry on the ground where they decom-nose quickly.

ground where they decom-pose quickly. I would offer that the most promising locations to hunt for the fossilized remains of animals in southern Idaho are around old lake deposits contain-ing a mix of sand, all and clay layers. The large area west of Hagerman Fossil



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Beds and south of Highway
Pols one such target area.
Look for exposed hillsides
that have clear bedding,
then examine the contacts
at the base of sand layers.
Another good target may
be the walls of an incised
stream where exposures
are good and the stratigraphy is clear. Well-bedded
sedimentary deposits also
may contain leaf and other
impressions including impressions including

ns and snails.

impressions including clams and smalls. Free-standing petrified wood, while associated with sedimentary deposits, is often found in areas of altered, nonwelded ash flow units where silica from the decomposing ash has preserved the wood. These areas are wide-spread through the southern part of the State, but are usually very restricted in size. I have found wood along the south side of Camas prairle, in northen Newada, and along the Owyhee Front, all associated with altered ash deposits in a sedimentary environment. Fossilized bones should not be collected but left in

environment.
Fossilized bones should not be collected but left in place. Notify the local land authority if something signals, the state of the stat material. And always remember to respect private property.

vate property.

Correction: In last week's article about the Big Trail. I stated that motorized rail whiches were not allowed on this roal. This is not entirely into this roal. This is not entirely allowed on the upper trail above the junction with the East Caw Canyon trail. Access to this area is from the Caw Canyon traille adding Forets Service road 528. My thanks to Mr. Mel Quale for clarifying this point.

# Wolf meetings exist to discuss management methods

Question: "I have read several articles in a couple newspapers about the Department's meetings to discuss wolf management. I was unable to attend. What's the gist of the meetings?" Answer: Sometimes our public open house meetings become a forum for special interest groups to grandstand their views. However, the intent of these meetings was to discuss strategles and the intent of these meetings was to discuss strategies and methods for wolf management not to debate whether we should or shouldn't have wolves or whether we should or shouldn't allow harvest.

Those issues were settled long ago when the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service approved the Wildlife Service approved the Management Plan that was developed and adopted by the Idaho Wolf Management Plan that was developed and adopted by the Idaho legislature, Idaho has a manage-



Gary Hompland

ment plan. That plan says wolves are here to stay and wolves will be managed. The tools include hunting. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service intends to begin dellsting wolves from the Endanger Species Act on Feb. 29, 2008. After the record of decision is recorded in the Federal Register the process requires a 30 day public comment period. The Department has been informed several special interest groups intend period. The t has been several special groups intend interest to file groups in a law suit

prevent delisting.
We are hopeful if this occurs the courts will income the courts will be a court with the courts will be a parties to the law suit argue their case in federal court.
The Department's open house meetings were designed to inform the public of our management approach to this point as well is gather ideas from Idaho citizens about how they want us to manage woff populations and what strategies they favor.

tions and what strategies they favor.

The results of the meetings The results of the meetings and the input provided by citizens will take some time to digest. The Idaho Fish and Game Commission will rely on Department expertise and this public input to develop management plans. This will include discussions of hunt-

ing seasons in areas with human conflict, harvest quo-nes, and huming methods. If anyone would still like to provide input they can pro-vide written comments to the Department at the address below. Please make sure they include their name and mail-ing address or email address o Department staff can cor-respond with them in future mailings.

so Department san can con-respond with them in future mailings.
If you have any further questions you may call the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at 324-4350 or e-mail via the Fish and Game website at http://fis-handgame.idaho.gov.

Gary Hompland is a Regional Conservation Officer for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

# Officials say avalanche danger extreme in Idaho backcountry

BOISE (AP) — Star officials say recent weather changes have created extreme avalanche conditions in many parts of diabos backcountry. Rich Gunnnersall, outdoor cere-ation coordinator for the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, says snow nacks are usefuller right more

Department of Parks and Recreation, says snow packs are unstable right now due to dramatic shifts in weather conditions all over the state.

In many areas, he says the base layer of snow has feed over from rains, And in the past two days, those ice slabs have been capped with several inches of snow, creating the perfect composition for avalanches.

The department has recorded more than 20 avalanches across the state in the last five years. More than half involved snowmobilers,

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# Mars at opposition: 2003 vs. 2007

n Aug. 27, 2003, Mars got closer to Earth than it had been for many millionik. Even though it's not nearly as close this year, it may put on a better show in telescope eye-



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of Mars (that is, when Mars is or economend this year's opposition was obtained to the Survival of Survival of

# Sky Calendar through Thursday:

Planets:
One hour before sunrise:
Venus: SE, low
Saturn: SW, high
Mars: WAW, very low
One hour after sunset:
Mars: ENE, very low
Moon: Full moon Sunday, 8:16 p.m.
Extremely close to Mars Sunday
evening.
Other data: Winter solible today, 11:08
p.m. Longest night of the year.
(14 hours 57 minutes).

(24 hours 57 minutes).

Mars had been straight up.
This year, with Mars at opposition in winter, the opposition point soars high overhead since the sun arcs so low. And Mars is currently over three degrees above the elliptic, placing if 74 degrees above the horizon at its apex. Views through telescopes will peer through just four percent more atmosphere than if Mars were at the zenith (which in never achieves from our latitude). In effect, we'll be seeing Mars through half the turbulent air, dust, moisture, etc. that lives in the atmosphere, and etc. that I we see in the atmosphere and the result of the seeing that in 2003.

Next weeke Earth's closest approach to the Sun for 2008.

Next week Earth: to the Sun for 2008.

Chris Anderson is a production spe-cialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

# **Blackpowder** [ bonus

All muzzleloaders not created equal

By Rob Morris Times-News cor espondent

My introduction to muzzle. My introduction to muzzle-loader hunting took place more than 16 years ago at the suggestion of a friend. "Look at the advantages", he squawked, "most of the hunts are later, when there is

to take care of the meat, there is tracking snow and it's easier to take care of the meat, there are fewer hunters and they've (Idaho Department of Fish & Game) given us some really

All it took was one hunt and I was hooked. I purchased a muzzleloader the next week and now actually prefer to hunt big game with one, for iust tho e masan

Just those reasons.

Maybe you've been thinking of purchasing a primitive
weapon to broaden your
hunting experience or perhaps you have one on your
Christmas list. Before Santa
Claus takes your order and
must the above. Claus takes your order and puts the elves to work, here are some things to consider.

Under current law, deer, Under current law, deer, pronghorn and mountain lion can be taken with nothing less than a .45 caliber muzzleloader, while elk, moose, bighorn sheep and black bear with nothing less than a .50 caliber. The most common calibers used are common callibers used are 50. 54 and occasionally the .50. 5.54 and occasionally the .50 cs. 50 cs.

## Traditional vs. ultra-modern

Not all muzzleloaders are created equal. Many brands of muzzleloader have more than a few modern accoutrements: Internal ignition systems that use 209 shotgun primers to ignite the powder charge, scoped sighting systems, and use of pelletized,

pre-formed powder charges.
Currently, in the state of diaho, a muzzleloader must have an external, rotating hammer that strikes an exposed flint, percussion or musket cap; 209 shotgun primers, pelletized powder charges and rifle scopes are not legal in Idaho for muzzle-loader only hunts.

Additionally, there is the issue of the projectile. Many of the ultra-modern models are designed to shoot jacketed-pistol bullets misde sabots. Meaning shoe in French, a sabot is nothing more than a plastic cup; the bullet then fits inside the cup and the entire-apparatus-la-loaded-over the powder charge.

In muzzleloader hunts, only lead projectiles (round balls or lead-only conteal bullets) are legal. To add to the confusion, such ultra-the company of the confusion, such ultra-there accompany of the projectiles fround balls or lead-only conteal bullets are legal. To add to the confusion, such ultra-there is ecompany of the projectiles fround balls or lead-only conteal bullets are legal in add to the confusion, such ultra-there is ecompany of the projectiles fround balls or lead-only conteal bullets are legal in add to the confusion, such ultra-the company of the projectiles fround balls or lead-only conteal the confusion and the c

lt seems as if the muzzle-loader technology is some-what self-limiting and though the additional trap-pings will extend the muzzlepings will extend the muzzle-loaders range, they do not transform the muzzleloader into a modern centerfire rifle. So, what to tell Santa and his

elves?

Currently, if you own a muzzleloader with an external rotating hammer, that strikes an exposed, legal ignition system (not a 209 shotgun primer) you possess a legal weapon to hunt in any muzzleloader unit as well as in a short-range weapon hunt. There is only one more item to consider.

## Let's all do the twist

Twist is a measure of the spin your barrel will impart to your projectile; the faster the twist of the barrel, the better twist of the barrel, the better



The author sights in his muzzleloader

heavier, conical bullets.

A fast twist is usually defined as in the 26s; In 28, 1 ln 24, or I in 20, some muz-zleloaders, such as the lyman Great Plains rifle, are meant to shoot a patched round ball only and have a slow twist, such as I in 66.

Round-ball only muzzleloaders are preferred by the authentic crowd: those who try to duplicate the conditions of the Mountain Men: explorers such as Rit Carson, Ifim Bridger, Hugh Glass and others.

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They eschew modern shortcuts and try to be true to the spirit of the early explorers. If you want to Join their tof for a rendezvous, be sure to show up with a muzzle toader that only shoots round balls, or at least, leave you conical bullets at home.

Most muzzlefoader manufacturers install barrels that are a compromise, with twists such as 1 in 48. These compromise barrels will shoot to the patched round balls and lead conical bullets.

As the twist starrs to get faster, such as 1 in 32 to those in the 1 in 20 something range, a round ball actually starts to become over-stabilized and accuracy suffers. A fast twist will stabilize heavier conical bullets that are used on bigger game such as elk for this reason alone, is why favor them.

Many hundrens are not able to duplicate the accuracy

favor them.

Many hunters are not able to duplicate the accuracy with a conical that they achieve with a patched round ball; the cloth patch that surrounds the ball acts as a gas

rounds the ball acts as a gas seal and equalizes pressures. It's possible to get the same gas seal with a conical by using an Ox-Yoke Wonder Wad (available at most sporting goods stores) correspon-ding to your caliber. Many a round ball shooter has been converted to conicals by using these small com-pressed wool disks, reducing their group size by half.

lust as your centerfire rifle has its preferences for certain builet combinations, your muzzleloader will too, Spend some time at the rifle range trying a variety of bullet types, weights with various powder charges. Your owner's nual for your rifle will have some suggested loads and bullet combinations. If you know any muzzleloader hunters, ask them what they

suggest for loads, bullets, etc.
Even though real men
never need directions, be
sure to read the cleaning section of your manual, as the
care and feeding of a muzzleloader is nothing like a centerfire

## F&G commission meeting

Just when thought it was safe to go shopping, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game commissioners are meeting January 16 through the 18th to consider the cur-rent muzzleloader regula-tions.

the 18th to consider use tar-rent muzzleloader regula-tions.

According to Gary Hompland, Magic Valley Regional Conservation Officer: "The comments that have been received so far are that muzzleloader hunters are o'k with the restrictions on sabots; the in-line issue might be another matter."

If you have an opinion or comment, you can submit then online at http://www.fis-handgame.idaho.gov/cms/pu blic or send them to Idaho Department of Fish & Game, PO, Box 25, Boise, ID 83707 attn: Brad Compton. P.O. Box 25. Boise, ID 83707 attn: Brad Compton. Alternatively you can fee com-ments to: (208) 334-2148 or 334-2114, attn: Muzzleloader Comments.



Alex Kittrell finds a turn or two of nearly perfect wind buff as he descends to the valley floor.

# Change

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able to wrangle a free day from the commitments of work and being a new father, I headed into the mountains to make some turns. From the summit of Cobb three weeks earlier, t had spied some ribbons of snow that connected for nearly 1,400 feet from a high point on Duncan Ridge, it looked awfully meager, but skilable. It is vital to match this

It is vital to neach uncertain time of shifting weather patterns with a shifting attitude. Though the conditions were far from perfect, the whiters slow start did provide several advantages. The lack of snow allowed us to drive into the summer trailhead cutting three miles off the normal approach. We even rode our bikes a mile up the trail speeding up our access time to the high peaks. The last week of warm temperatures and sunshine had thopefully baked the snow into a skilable surface. At the same time, the shallow snow-pack meant relatively little availande hazard in terrain that normally is "off-limits" until stable spring conditions. It was after 7 a.m. when the same time the high of the same time that the portion of the property of the weather patterns with a shifting attitude. Though

There's plenty of time to talk during the approach to these mountains. We spent much of it discussing the potential challenges our society faces and what we, as individuals can do about it. As we started up the steeper terrain, the physi-cal effort silenced our words and the discussion turned inward.

As I put one foot in front of the next, I remembered a recent article in the New of the next, Femenhored a recent article in the New York Times about water issues related to climate change. In the story, Nobel laureate Steven Chu from the Lawrence Berkeley

National Laboratory noted how even optimistic cli-mate models predict a 30 to 70 percent decline in west-To precent decline in west-ern snow-packs by the lat-ter halfer fibb century. In a region of the country that depends on nature's high-alpine snowfall for much of its water cand skinge, that is an alarming forecast. "There's a two-thirds chance there will be a dis-aster." Clus said, "and that's in the best scenario." My parture Alex and I enjoyed another clear, sunny day on an Idaho sunny day on an Idaho

enjoyed another clear, sunny day on an Idaho peak. We both agreed that whatever changes climate change threw our way, we didn't want to give up exploring or skiing in the mountains. It seemed clear, however, that a shifting attitude towards skiing was not voine to be the only not going to be the only requirement.

As individuals in the local

As individuals in the sound global community, we need to shift our attitude when it comes to consumption and our standard of living. Is it necessary to buy a new pair of skis every season? Does the road trip to Sail Lake, Grand Targhee, or Canada have to happen on a regular basis or should we explore the mountains closer to home?

There is a lot of discussion today about reducing our "carbon footprint." This begins at an individual level and requires an artificial results of the season o and global community, we need to shift our attitude

sides of these peaks. I doubt I would have enjoyed doubt twould have enjoyed the day any more with brand new skis beneath my feet. I even take pride in the fact that the "new" skis waiting in my shed are, in fact, a used pair I picked up from the shop where I tune with

Despite the lack of snow, we were happy to be here, skiing down the mountains in our backyard. As we look toward the future, I hope to share a similar experience in a dozen or so years with my daughter.

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one. You must draw a line
between your body temperature and the elements that
surround you.
Shelter will calm your
emotions. Fear will be
replaced by confidence or
long mild will be continued to the
you will be able to think. You
are alive. You are in a position to think clearly and
begin to summon help.
Seenario: The only suggestion 1 made that stuck with
my group was this. We stay
with the plane's wreckage. It
probably will offer some form
of shelter. It may have a
working transponder that
emits a radio signal for help.
Alriplanes fily between two
points on a map, and rescuers look in that area first.
First, we must avoid the heat.
Sit (do not exert) in the shade
of the wreckage or make a
shelter with the parachute.
Parachutes are often colorful
and can be spotted from the
air. Keep your body temperating the top-coat for Insulation against the heat.

The human body is 45 to 75 percent water depending on the amount of body fat. Virtually every body function requires water. Think you don't need it? Thy this at home: after dinner do not drink anything. The next morning drink a 12-ounce glass of water. You will actually feel your body absorb it and want more. You have been without water for only 12 hours and in a cory environment to book. An adult needs two to three quarts a day. Lack of water will eventually affect your ability to think.

Scenario: Use the para-chute (nylon) to build a sola still that will produce drink-able water from the earth and any plant material (molsture in follage), urine or unfiltered water you can add. This works with a greenhouse effect from molsture in the earth evapo-rating and condensing onto the nylon and dripping into a container.

Often fire is thought to be most important, but consider this: You are soaking wet or cold in the snow, you have no skill for primitive fire-making and you possess no modern fire-making and you do? Look for a place to get out of the elements and maintain body heat; that's right, you seek shelter. Fire still takes a close second to shelter in a cold, wet surstill takes a close second to shelter in a cold, wet survival setting. Fire uses include signaling for help, heat, purifying water and cooking. Fire is also a constant companion. Building a fire with what is at hand does take practice.

Scenario: Do we need fire hear? We for signal from a

here? Yes, to signal from a safe distance from the shel-ter. Look around. What can u ignite with a snark. static electricity, some fuel/oil or even fabric?

Who needs it? Mostly your mind for the first two days. By now you have probably began to munch on ve tion, insects, snalls, m gan to munch on veget what ever you can catch.
Remember, once you have
shelter, water, and fire, you
have plenty of time to search
for food and prepare it. able, but we do not know how much. If we did have food to eat you would need even more water so that your even more water so that you body could properly process it.

## My picks and why

My picks and why

1-2. Top-coat/Parachute
(Shelier): 3-4. Water and salt
tablets (Hyponatremia, low
sodium in blood, may occur
with heavy perspiration); 56. Mirror/Flashlight
(Signaling): 7. Knife
(Construction tool): 8. Gun
(Signaling): 9-10.
Map/Compass (Determine
location & convince others
to stay put).
It's better to contemplate
a survival secnario and
never be in one than to find
yourself needing basic survival skills and be clueless.
Help yourself by answering
your own questions and
obtain a copy of a
survival/first-aid book.
One guide, "Outsmart
Outhack," is a super 72-page
booklet. Thin as a pencil
and shirt-pocket-sized, it
fits easily into your purse,
glove box, or day-pack,
Idaho Fish and Game has
distributed 140,000 copies,
nearly 10,000 per year, in

distributed 140,000 copies, nearly 10,000 per year, in their hunter safety/educa-tion program. I spoke with Ron Dawson of Ontario, Ore., who authored this booklet. Dawson has a love of the outdoors and a passion for teaching others to be safe therein. Dawson enlisted the guidance of knowledge able emergency medical treatment persons to priori-tize treatment and received

input from experienced hunter safety instructors.

Dawson, who has 40 years of survival experience, fond-

## Survival guide

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ly recalled one of many sur-vival trips into remote coun-

vival trips into remote cour.

Y. On one trip into
Canada's Northwest
Territories, we were privileged to observe the
Esklmos whaling along the
North American Banks of
the Arctic Ocean," he said.
"Here, using 'umlaks' (prin live Esklmo boats consisting of hide covered wooder
frames) and using barbed
spears as harpoons, we wit
nessed survival as a way of
life."

During another survival trip — Involving five male and five female students in the Three Sisters Mountain (near Bend, Ore.). Dawson recalled how differently men and women react in survival situations.

"After almost two days without food, the men were were surface and the men were surface."

"After almost two days without food, the men wen more than a little disheartened," he sald. "The ladles plugged along, building a fire and cooking up a souplike brew consisting of salamander tails, pine needles, and water. When the first wisp of smoke appeared, five pairs of male feet slo gravitated toward the fire that the ladies had built."



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# **RV** industry gains attention as profits grow

More families buying RVs to avoid costly vacations

By Joshua Palmer Timos-Nows writer

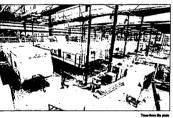
Despite the rising cost of fuel and lingering credit worries, the recreational vehicle industry is reporting increased profits as consumers continue to buy up the hig ticket items. Although industry experts were gauging growth based on industryvide sales, it was made clear Thursday morning when motor home manufacturer Winnehago

Industries Inc. reported that its profit rose about 26 per-cent in the first quarter. The manufacturer sald more customers were buying more profitable high-end motor homes and the com-pany spent less on promo-tions.

-- Harest---- City-Imsed company reported a profit of \$10 million, or 34 cents a share, in the three months ended Dec. 1, up from \$7.9 million, or 25 cents a share, a

million, or 25 cents a stare, a year ago. But high-end motor homes are not the only recreational vehicle that is showing sales growth. According to the RV

Piease see RVS Page D5



Production of travel trailers at Jayco Inc.'s newest manufacturing facility earlier this year. Jayco Inc., which manufactures recreational low- and mid-priced trailers in Twin Falls recently expanded its manufacturing facilities to keep up with growing demand for the trailers.

# **Social Security** warns of local scam

The Social Security Administration in Twin Falls

The Social Security Administration in Twin Falls is warning residents of south-central Idaho about a scam that involves an unknown caller who poses as an employee for Social Security Administration.

Distince Schuster, acting district manager of the Social Security Administration. Twin Falls, said the unknown caller has already tried to manipulate a Buill resident into releasing her bank account information.

She said the caller identified bimself as the Social Security Administration, which was calling about a tax refund of \$1,000 per month for three months.

"The caller alleged that he needed to verify the person's bank account information so the refund could be deposit-

ed accordingly," Schuster said, "But the local resident, suspicious of the call, acced wisely, she insisted that he caller gives her his phone number so she could call him back — and the caller hung m."

up."
She said scam artists pretending to be Social Security Administration employees have used a variety of meth-

have used a variety of meth-ods to try and convince people to release their per-sonal information.

She said residents should never provide their social security number or other personal information to any-one over the telephone unless the resident initiates the contact.

To verify if someone is a representative of the Social Security Administration, call the Social Security office at 1-800-772-1213, or 1-800-325-077B for the deaf and hard of hearing.

# Part of the big picture

How big economic trends affect a typical family

By Neil Irwin The Washington Post

The chanter about the economy tends to focus on the big picture. How much did gross domestic product rise? How many jobs were created? What's the precor of it?

But most people have never bought a burrel of oil, need only one job to be happy and couldn't jell GDP from MRC. So how do the macroeconomic data behind-ul-did to that call the country of th

affect your family?
To find out, we dissected the average financial situation of American households. We took government data

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Wages and salaries
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rnment social benefits

Motor vehicles and parts Furniture and household Other durable goods

Clothing and shoes Gasoline and oil Fuel oil and coal Other nondurable ge

ASSETS

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Financial Statement of the Average American Household

on how much money all Americans are making, how much they spend, what they own and what they owe—and divided it by the number of

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and divided it by the number of
households.

You can think of the result as the
average financial statement of an
average American household. When a
company releases its earnings, it produces an income statement; how
much it made and spent, how much
was left over. And a balance sheet—
information about the assets and liabilities the company had on hand.

We've broken down the American
family's finances the same way, and
it's useful to understand how the twosets-of-duta-interrelate. Think of-savings—what a family makes minus
what it spends—as the equivalent of
a company's profit. Savings (or profit)
ends up somewhere on the family's (or

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company's) balance sheet, increasing net worth.

We've annotated the numbers to Show hith the untertain economy could affect your household's financial statement and vice versa. Economists worry that the housing downturn and credit crists will cause a recession. This financial statement shows how that might happen, but also how it might be avoided: If the job market stays strong and incomes keep rising, consumers could keep spending money. Or they might reduce their savings rate or borrow more to keep buying.

The chart shows how the decisions overy-family musks, will, determine whether the U.S. economy falls into recession in the coming months — or glides through another threat, barely scathed.

# **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

# CSI to hold class for first-time homebuyers

First time homebuyers are invited to attend two lowcost information sessions called "Finally Home," a program that teaches people how to buy their first house. The next classes will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, lan, 22 and 29 in room 276 of the Taylor building at the College of Southern Idaho. The 'program, which is funded by federal grants and

state and local partnerships, educates first time home-buyers about home shop-ping. realtor selection,

insurance, down payment, closing costs, and other aspects of getting into their first home.

Those who complete the two-evening course may qualify for reduced mortgage insurance premiums, down payment and closing cost assistance, and other

special lender programs.
The cost for both classes is
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Industry analysts and RV manufacturers say most of the consumers are 55 years and older, but say the dayers and collenge.

The younger demographic might be due to the same cost increases that many people expected would be damaging to the RV Industry.

Higher fuel prices seem to be causing more families with children to avoid lengthy vacations that include costly lodging and entertainment expenses. According to the RV Consumer Group, more families are buying low- to mid-priced RVs—considered 550,000 or less—in order to take advantage of a more cost-friendly vacation in the outdoors.

Dave Yoden general manager of Jayco Inc., told the Times-News in an earlier interview that one of the main reasons why Jayco expanded its Operations in Idaho was to bring it colore to its market base.

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ty of," he said.
Jayco plans to increase its production from 19 units per day to 23 units by February. In order to meet demand.

Thor Industries — the parent company of Dutchmen Manufactures recreational trailers in Burley — has also posted profit growth during 2007.

The recreational vehicle industry has faced a difficult market in the past few years as fuel prices and interest rates climbed.

However, Winnebago CEO Bruce Hertzke said he was pleased with the quarter, which included higher sales of Cash. And the consumers had been buying lower cost and lower profit smaller units.

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"Consumers confidence
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will take some time for the
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The Associated Press con-tributed to this report.

# BANKRUPTCIES

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Laura Frances Alarcon, also Laura Frances Alarcon, also known as Laura Joost, 1160 Echo Hill Drive, Hailey, Individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 07-40974.

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much of a rush.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.
21): Make things clear. You
can't expect people to respect
boundaries if they don't know
where they are. Secret resentment can poison the atmosphere. do under the circumstances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):
Take the gloves off. If you are
unhappy about something,
be direct instead of tiptocling
around the issue. Any misunderstandings that occur now
could be caused by pretending to be agreeable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take
credit for coming to the rescue. You are a whize when an
emergency lets you demons
strict a deft owned take paying too much for something
of dubious value.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
Relationships could be sidetracked at a way station.
Things might not go just as
you planned on the road to
happiness. Walt out this brief
period while unrealistic
expectations create an
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Non Seguitur THAT'S WHERE GROWN-UPS GO TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET FOR CHRISTMAS

important such as a new business or an educational project.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Misunderstandings can cause mistakes. You may have second thoughts about giving a present that is already sitting under the tree. Don't plan an exchange, as your doubts are unfounded.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Pair up with the right person. Your most reliable friends and companions could seen somewhat lackluster or boring. You might end up having regrets if you hook up with someone new.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Give it the old college try. You proming wacation plans or incoming guests and risk scattering your energies unwisely. Do the best you can



expectations create an impasse.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):
Last-minute shoppers are left with the dregs. If you still have some gifts to purchase, wait until tomorrow as your good taste is not trustworthy. It could be that you are in too

where they are. Secret resent-ment can poison the atmos-phere.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You might not make headway but you can keep from backsilding, Remain on imm footing with your friends even if someone seems mys-terious.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Purchases made today could prove disappointing. Be cautious about forming not be cautious about forming the exercises. The Insy can be a Secrooge in disguise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Dreams are Just an avenue leading to wish fulfill-ment. The new person who pops into your life may only syntholize what you really want and need.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Read the tea leaves of trends. It is a good Idea to take a second look at a fad before you buy into it. New hookups may be here today and gone tomorrow if you have an opportunity to filit.

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# Beetle Balley By Mort Walke NOVELS! Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake The Born Loser By Art Sansom, & Chic CAUSE I SURE HOPE SANTA DO THEY HAVE TV AT THE NORTH POLE ? HEARS ABOUT ALL THESE COOL NEW TOYS THEY'RE ADVERTISING!















# Supermarket Santa keeps girl's holiday hopes alive

daughter and I were at the supermarket, we ran into Santa at the deli! You can't imagine my daughter's sur-prise — not to mention my

imagine my daughters sur-prise — not to mention my own.

There he was, with his per-fect bowling ball head and full white beard. He had a jolly big helly, rosy checks, even small square whre-freesed in the standium in the full point in the radium in the lady outfit; he was casually dressed.

My daughter, who is 9, had

dressed.

My daughter, who is 9, had started having serious doubts about Santa last year, but she sure does believe now. She ran up to him and said, "I knew it! knew you were real! Where's you reindeer?"

The www picked at me.

Where's your sleigh? Where's your relindeed?"

The man winded at me, looked down at my daughter and said. "Sweetheart, they're at the North Pole. I'm in the area checking things out before 'christmas,"—Then-he-asked her if she had been a good gift. When she said yes, he advised her to write him a letter. It was wonderful.

I know some people don't believe, and I know some feel it is technically lying to children, and not everyone shares the same religious beliefs. It espect their right to eclebrate the holidays in their own ways.

own way.

I grew up poor, I knew when Christmas morning came it would be no different than the year before on Christmas Day — there

DEAR ABBY Jeanne **Phillips** 

would be nothing. I missed out on so many wonderful things in my childhood.

I see many parents, I want things in my childhood.

I see many parents, I want my sid to have the childhood part of the c

IN OHIO DEAR STILL A BELIEVER:

DEAR STILL A BELIEVER: It is a wise parent who not only enjoys the holiday sca-son, but also uses it as a teachable moment to show children the true spirit of giv-ing to others. Happy holidays

DEAR ABBY: My friend

DEAR ABBY: My friend 'Phil' books an annual-trip every year for a closely knil group of 12 friends. We pay him by check and eventually receive light schedules, hotel reservations, etc.

We have recently learned that Phil receives about \$500 ayear in perks and credit card points for booking these trips. He never mentioned it to any of us. Instead, he makes helieve that we're indebted to him for his service.

ice.

Isn't it customary and ethical to redistribute such
money to everyone in one
form or another? Should we
confront him about this?

confront him about this?

— COUSIN ROB
IN NEW YORK
DEAR COUSIN ROB: I see
to reason to confront Phil.
Nor do I see why he should
compensate you and the other

compensate you and the oth-res for any money he received for doing all the work of arranging the trips. The arrangement you have described is not uncommon. However, if you and the others feel cheated because Phil was compensated for something you assumed he each of you should take turns making the travel nians so the each of you should take turns making the travel plans so the perks and airline points are automatically divided among you. (When you do, you may find that Phil worked hard for the money.)

# TODAY IN HISTORY

Today Is Friday, Dec. 21, the 355th day of 2007. There are 10 days left in the year.

# Today's highlight:

On Dec. 21, 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Mass.

## On this date:

On this date:

In 1804, British statesman Benjamin Disraell was born in London.

In 1937, the first feature-length animated cartoon in Technicolor, Walt Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," had its world premiere in Los Angeles.

In 1946, Gen. George S. Patton died in Heidelberg, Germany, of injuries from a car accident.

In 1946, the state of Elire, or Ireland (formerly the Irish Free State), passed an act declaring listelf a republic.

In 1997, the comedy-drama "The Graduate," starring Distsin Hoffman and Anne Bancroft, was released.

In 1968, Apollo 8 was

launched on a mission to

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In 1971, the U.N. Security Council chose Kurt Waldheim to succeed U. Than as Seotetary-General.

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In 1387, in New York, three white teenagers from the Howard Beach section of Queens were convicted of manslaughter in the death of a black man who was chased onto a highway, where he was struck by a car; a fourth defendant was acquitted.

In 1388, 270 people, were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pam Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland, sending werekage crashing to the ground.

Ten years ago: President Clinton, accompanied by his wife and daughter, left for Bosnia to spread holiday then even that he wanted U.S. troops to remain there indefined.

accused of failures in investigating and reporting the deaths. (Charges were later dropped against two of the Marines accused of murder, and two of the officers accused of derelection of duty.) Final results showed opponents of Iran's ultra-conservative president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, wilning nationwide elections for local councils.

# TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Country singer Freddle Hart is 81, Actor Ed Nelson is 79, Tilk show host Phill Donalheu is 72. Actors Ed Nelson is 79, Tilk show host Phill Donalheu is 72. Actors Larry Bryggman is 69, Musician Albert Lee is 64. Conductor Michael Tilson Thomas is 63, Actor Samuel I. Jackson is 59, Movie producer Jeffrey Katzenberg is 57. Tennis star Chris Everi is 57. Tennis star Chris Everi is 57. Tennis star Chris Everi is 53. Actoress Jane Kaczmarack is 52. Entertainer Jim Rose is 51. Actor-comedian Ray Romano is 50. Rock musi-

cian Murph (Dinosaur Jr.) is 43. Actor-comedian Andy Dick is 42. Rock musician Gabrielle Glaser is 42. Actor Kiefer Sutherland is 41. Actress Karri Turner ("JAC") is 41. Actress Julie Delpy is 38. Country singer-musician Brett Scallions is 36. Rock singer Lukas Rossi (Rock Star Supernous) is 31. Country singer Luke Stricklin is 25. cian Murph (Dinosaur Jr.) is

# THOUGHT

"It is not necessary to understand things in order to argue about them.'

— Pierre Augustin Caron de Beaumarchais, French author and dramatist (1732-1799)

# Man discovers co-worker is his birth mother

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — Steve Flaigs long search for 1hs birth mother ended at an incredible place: the checkout line of the home-improvement store where he works. Flaig had met Christine Flaigh aft met Christine Tallady after she started working at Lowes several months ago, but it was only recently that the 22-year-old delivery driver figured out she was the working at the 22-year-old delivery driver figured out she was the worden and opion. It took him a few weeks, and a started of the control of th

her," Flaig told The Grand Rapids Press for a story pub-lished Wednesday. "You don't come stocked with informa-tion on how to deal with

tion on how to deal with this."
With support from has adoptive parents, Flaig had asked the agency, DA Blodgett for Children, for information on his birth mother when he turned 18. Tallady, who was single and not ready to be a mother when she gave birth to Flaig in 1985, had left the adoption record open. Figuring he would want to contact her one day.
Flaig received information, including Tallady's name, but

Internet searches turned up nothing. He didn't make the connection after meeting his birth mother because he did-n't know her last name. In October, Flaig looked and

nt know her iast name.

In October, Flaig looked at
the paperwork again and
realized he had been spelling
Tallady's surname wrong. He
soon came up with a home
address around the corner
from where he was raised,
and less than a mile from the
Lowe's in Plainfield Township,
just outside Grand Rapids.
When he mentioned it to
his boss, she said, You mean
Chris Tallady, who works
here?"
Twas like, there's no possible way," Flaig said.









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2008 LINCOLN MARK LT PICKUP TRUCK

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dworthy By Ken Chester, Ir Motor News Media Corporation

The Lincoln Mark LT combines the functionality of a full-size pickup truck with the elecance and relinement of a luxury sedan, The Mark LT is based on the sophisticated Ford F-150 pickup chassis and available in two or shifton-the-fly four-wheel drive configurations.

The Mark-LT-adds-SIRIUS satellite radio as standard equipment for the 2008 model year. In addition, a new available Rearview Camera System provides enhanced visibility at the rear of the cargo box.

Power for the Lincoln truck is generated by a 5.41. Triton V8 engine joined to a 4R75E four-speed automatic transmission with overdrive In addition to the standard 5.5 foot cargo box, a longer 6.5-foot cargo box is an available option. The long cargo box version rides or a longer wheelhase, with a longer overall length. The increase in cargo bed length adds 10 cubic feet of cargo capacity.

On the road, the Mark LT is responsive and driver friendly with impeccable road manners. The Lincoln pickup is built on a stable hydroformed frame that forms a closed "box" section



as opposed to the traditional "C" frame rail design. The result is increased stiffness and a stronger foundation for body and suspension components for above average handling and a quiet, composed ride.

Suspension hardware for the Lincoln Mark LT consists of coil-on-shock, longspindle double wishbone with a cast aluminum lo control arm in front and

a traditional Hotehkiss-type, non-independent live setup at the rear. The rear suspension also includes wide three-inch leaf springs and outboard shock absorbers for maximum benelit in directional control, wheel travel and ground

Inside the cabin, Lincoln engineers paid close attention to the needs," wants and desires of the

passenger compartment is roomy, with plenty of room for driver and passengers front and rear. Oversized cupholders in the center console hold large cups. Two dash mounted power points support small electrical appliances such as laptop computers and cell phor A power point located at the rear of the center console makes power available to re

luxury truck audience. The

seat passengers. Cavernous storage in the center console is designed to hold a great quantity of items.

The Mark LT also features comfortable armrests front and rear for added comfort and convenience. The rear seat is a 60/40 split that features a seat cushion that folds up and out of the way -- allowing for the ideal combination of passengers and/or secure cargo carrying

## 2008 Lincoln Mark LT Picklip Truck by the Numbers

PRICING
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2008
Uncoin Mark IT pickup truck starts
from \$38,340 for twowheel draw
and from \$41,440 for AWD. Destination charges add \$925.

MHEELBASE: 138.5; overall length; 223.8; widh; 78.9; height: 73.5 (2WD), 76.0 (4WD). Long cargo box WHEELBASE:

150.5; overall length; 235.8; width; 78.9; height; 73.5 (2WD), 76.0 (4WD) - all ve

ENGINE: 300 hp at 5,000 rpm and ft of torque at 3,750 rpm. TRANSMISSION:

EPA FUEL ECOI 14 city/18 hwy PAYLOAD CAPACITY: 1,650 lbs.

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