### A SNOWY WELCOME

New Our Lady of the Snows church opens

RELIGION, D1

Network loss affects thousands

### 100? 125? 150?

How many points did CSI men score Friday night?

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Alberdi to step down in 2008 T.F. Canal Co. manager

was at the helm 15 years

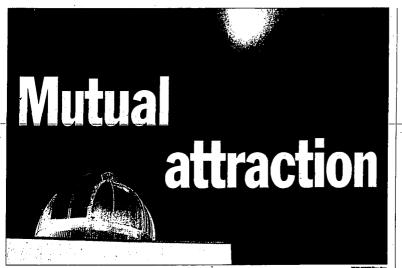
Water users will lose an advocate for senr water rights this winter.
Vince Alberdi, Twin Falls Canal Co. manager, has announced he will retire before the

start of the 2008 irrigation season.

start of the 2008 irrigation season.
Alberdi is recognized by water users and
coworkers as a manager who fought hard
for canal company rights, modernized an
aging canal system and improved water
quality in the valley.

"They're going to miss him. Ite's such a
fighter," said Ted Diell, manager of the
North Side Canal Co. in Jerome.
Alberdi himself calls his announcement
bittersweet: Ite's enjoyed his career but
leaves as the company faces unresolved
water-rights issues.

By Cindy Snyder For the Times-Now:



The housing of the Centennial Observatory at the Herrett Center in Twin Falls can be seen with a backdrop of the moon and stars in the southeastern sky Thursday

# NASA gives asteroid 1-in-75 odds of hitting Mars

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

From time to time, objects in space hit one another. And while scientists would complain if something hit Earth, they get excited about other celestial collisions. That's why astronomers with the Near Earth Object Program at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory are so worked up about a roughly 200-foot-wide asteroid that could slam into Mars on Jan. 30. From time to time, objects Jan. 30.

Right now, the asteroid is predicted to miss the planet

by 55,000 miles — a near miss in astronomical terms, said for the Greenawald, 'planetari-lum manager for the Herrett Center for Arts and Science in Twin Falls. But it has a 1 in 75 chance of

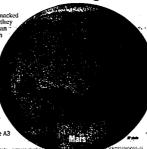
hitting the planet, an act that could provide scientists with their first up-close look at a

their first up-close look at a meteor impact. "Most likely it's just going to whiz by and nothing will hap-pen." Greenawald said. "Every once in a while, interesting things can happen." In 1994, astronomers were

able to witness the scars when fragments of the comet

Shoemaker-Levy 9 smacked into Jupiter. But they have yet to witness an asteroid impact with another planet. With three differ-ent spacecraft in orbit and two orbit and two NASA rovers still roaming the sur-face, Greenawald sald, Mars would be the perfect tar-

get.
"(The orbiters could) capture incredible images of



berdi, who is retiring from t any, poses for a p

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### Idaho board denies closed-door meeting

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho Board of Education offi-cials say they did not have an illegal closed meeting to debate ending a ninth-grade standardized test. The board announced earlier this month

transardized test.

The board announced earlier this month in a news release that it was ending the ninthgrade version of the idaho. Standards Jerome students Achievement. Test to save money, and help balance the budget. After the announcement, The Spokesman-Review newspaper filled a complaint with the Idaho attorney general's office any long the matter had been discussed during a closed meeting in apparent violation of the idaho Open Meeting Law. The Idaho Allied Dailles, an association of 16 newspapers. filed a slimilar complaint, and the attorney general's office is investigating.

But at a meeting Thursday, board President Millford Terrell said it was the first time the board had met to discuss the

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# FDA finds deaths from improper use of painkiller patch

By Lauran Neergaard Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Improper use of patches that emit the painkiller fentanyl is still killing people, the government said Friday — its second warning in two years about the powerful narcotic.

Some of the deaths came and doctors prescribed the patches to the wrong patients, the Food and Drug Administration said. Some of the deaths came after

The drug is only for chronic pain in people used to narcotics, such as cancer patients, and can

cause trouble breathing in peo-ple new to this family of "opioid"

cause trouble distantily of "opioid" painkillers.

Yet the FDA found cases where doctors prescribed it for headaches or post-surgical

pain.

The FDA said patients also accidentally overdose by using the patches wrong, such as puriting on more than prescribed, replacing them too frequently or getting them too hot.

"Wille these products fill an important need, improper use

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Among the fentally warnings

# Nation's neediness more apparent this holiday season

# Donations are falling and many families seeking assistance

CHICAGO - A Salvation shelter in a well-to-do Army shelter in a well-to-do Kansas county has an unprecedented waiting list that includes families who've lost their homes to foreclosure. In Florido, a real estate agent who said she was having a tough time making

Salvation Army gives av holiday boxes.

Wendell students

participate in gift-giving. See page B1

it this year sought assis-tance from a food bank for herself and her children.

And in Maryland, one agency that serves families says it's seeing more young, working, single mothers who move into shelters and ask family members to care for their kids.

They just can't afford rent

Stories like these tell of a holiday season rife with need across the country, but also what aid workers

or calling a disturbing and growing need for assistance all year found. Everywhere, people are feeling the crunch of rising gasoline and grocery prices, as well as utility bills, rent, and mortgage payments. Those factors also are cutting into people's ability to, donate.

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Tia Martins, a 4th grader at the Lafayette Specialty ol, rec a gift from gta Claus John Mulyanny, CFO of Navista Financial Corp.



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Complete weather report: See page C8

# Today's happenings

#### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carot.-The Musicall" a co-production of the nexStage Theatre and Laughing Stock Theater Company, 7 p.m., nexStage Theatre, 120 S.-Mein-St.-, Ketchum, \$25-for-adults, unreserved-seats: Charles Dickens' children (ages 14 and under), unreserved seats; 0 for reserved seating in center front rows, 726-

1403/.
The Standards Christmas concort "A Night To Remember," 7 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Center, Twin Falls, \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth (ages 17 and under), 308-1255 or www.TheStandards.com.

#### BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

A Bell Ringing, sponsored by Thrivent Financial For Lutherans with \$1000 matching funds as a fundraiser for the many Salvation Army programs, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., in front of Kmart, 2258 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, 420-

#### **EXHIBITS**

"Ceramics from the Bray: The Idaho Connection," with featured artists Donna Flanery, Margaret Gregg, Jeanette Rakowski, David Peters, Keila Jackson and Peter Rudd, 1 Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center, CSI cam-

#### HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

Santa's fire truck visit, West End Fire and Rescue will take Santa around town on fire truck distributing Christmas candy, 1 p.m., beginning at Paul fire station,

### MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "loy Worlds/Saving the" Night/Live Sky Tour," at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; "Season of Light," at 7 p.m.; and "Steamrolling" at 8:15 p.m. Herrett Center, CSI campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for familles.

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 sbrowne@magic-valley.com; by sax, 734-5358; or by mail, Times-News, PO.Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

### COMING SUNDAY IN THE TIMES-NEWS



# Getting a head start?

Local program administrators worried about funding uncertainty.

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MONEY



# December delights

Idaho boys basketball players struggling to find homes in college hoops. SPORTS

Magic Valley families share their cherished holiday habits.

FAMILY LIFE

### WHAT'S NEW AT MAGICVALLEY.COM

· Check out the scene at the Salvation Army as food,

clothing and toys are distributed for Christmas.

Want to see beautiful holiday light displays? Go to
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Christmas" button.

# MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE WORLD

### WASHINGTON

### Rice says US has 'no permanent enemies'

WASHINGTON WASHINGTON Secretary of State Condoleczza Rice on Friday held out the prospect of improved relations with the remaining two members of President Bush's 'axis of evil,' Iran and North Korea, as long as they meet international demands over their nuclear programs.

demands over their nuclear programs. Rice said the Bush admin-istration in its remaining year would welcome fundamental changes it its dealings with the two countries, as well as with Syria, and as an example polinted to warming ties with Libya, which renounced weapons of mass destruction-te 2003 in 2003, "The United States doesn't

have permanent enemies, we're too great a country for that," she told reporters at a State Department press con-

State Department press conference.
But she stressed that neither North Korea nor Iran
would benefit from closer
relations with the U.S. unless
they come clean about their
weapons intentions.
The third member of the
Taxis of evil, Saddam
flussein's Iraq, did not do so
to Bush's satisfaction and was
invaded in 2003, although no
weapons of mass destruction
were found. The administration has said it wants to deal
diplomatically with the
threats it sees from North
Korea and Iran. Korea and Iran.

#### NEW YORK

#### Sacha Baron Cohen says he's retiring Borat and Ali G

NEW YORK — Borat is dead. Sacha Baron Cohen tells The Daily Telegraph that he's retiring the clueless Kazakh journalist, as well as his alter ego, aspiring rapper Ali G.

All G.

"When I was being All G and Borat I was in character sometimes 14 hours a day and I came to love them, so admitting I am never going to play them again is quite a sad thing," the 36-year-old actor-comedian says in the British newspaper's Friday edition. "It is like saying goodbye to a loved one. It is hard, and the problem with success,

a loved one. It is hard, and the problem with success, although it's fantastic, is that

problem with success, although it's fantastic, is that every new person who sees the Borat movie is one less person I 'get' with Borat again, so list a kind of self-defeating form, really."

Baron Cohen brought Borat Sagdiyev — an anti-sentitle buffoon in search of Pamela Anderson — to the masses last year with his smash comedy. "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Clorious Nation of Kazakhstan," He first introduced the character on 'Da Ali G Show, which was carried in the U.S. on HBO."

"Its much easier forms to be in character and it's a lot more faun," he says. "If 'done the entire promotional campaign for, (the 'Borat' revoka Se much of the 'Borat' revoka Se mushelf' is wouldn't rev

more tun, he says, it to done the entire promotional campaign for (the Borat movie) as myself it wouldn't have developed in the same way."

### TEXAS

### Texas slaps 'pole. tax' on strip joints

DALLAS — Texas, where strip clubs have given rise to Anna Nicole Smith and many other less-generously



endowed performers, is about to make it more expen-sive to watch a little bump and grind,

hat some have dubbed

In what some have dubbed the "nole tax," the Lone Star state will require its 150 or satisfication of the proceeding the state of the proceeding the state of the proceeding sping to help rape victims. The tax goes into effect on New Years Day, Club owners and some of heir customers say the money is going to a noble cause, but they argue that the tax infringes on their First Amendment right to freedom of expression, that it will drive some bars out of business and that it unfally links their industry to sex crimes. their industry to sex crimes.
"We'll be fine. I've already

we're raising our cover charges. But this is going to kill some of the smaller clubs," said Dawn Rizos, who

still a second leaves to the second leaves a flowing way inspired place that has exotic animal heads on the walls and is packed after Dallas Cowboys games at nearby Texas Stadhum. The strip clubs are suing to block the tax, which state officials estimate will raise more than \$40 million a year, based on liquor sales figures. If accurate, the estimate sugests at least 8 million people a year go to Texas strip clubs to get a lap dance or watch women pole-dance in a G-string.

### FRANCE

#### Ducasse aims for the sky with new Eiffel Tower restaurant

PARIS — Alain Ducasse has already taken haute culsine to great heights, in menus for the Concorde jet and for astronauts. But opening a restaurant in the Elifel Tower comes with its own chal-lenges.

restaurant in the Euro I ower comes with its own chal-lenges. Though only 410 feet up, there's no gas cooking because of safety concerns. All the decor had to be light so as not to weigh on the 118-year-old Iron structure. And because space is tight, food is washed and prepared in au indeground kitchen. The celebrity chef's new endeavor — called the Jules Verme, like the restaurant it replaced — opens for its first dinner today. As staff rand-cally unwrapped carrons

cally unwrapped cartons Friday, spilling bubble wrap and shards of cardboard onto

and shards of cardboard on the new carpeting. Ducasse took time out for an espresso and a char about his vision.

I think our only alternative in this monument is to be 100 percent French, he told The Associated Press. So what exactly is his vision of modern French culsine?

"Beautiful products, perfect harmony at the precise, reduced sauces, (everything) in harmony with French wines," he said. Despite the buzz

around the restaurant, critics have not yet sampled its cui-

since, asset, who, has \_16.

Ducasse, who, has \_16.

Michelin stars and more than 20 restaurants around the world, says the menu price is "accessible to everyone" about \$108 for lunch and \$216 for dinner, without wine. He shrugged off a question about whether setting pin Frances most famous landmark — with more than 6.7 million visitors last year — might be too touristy for his elite branch.

"For us, the Eiffel Tower is a restaurant more than a place

"For us, the Biffel Tower is a restaurant more than a place to visit," the 51-year-old chef sald, adding that he hopes to cultivate the right mix of tourists and Parislans. The restaurant seats at least 120 and takes reservations. As of Friday, there were still tables available for the first few days of business.

### PAKISTAN

### At least 50 killed in suicide bomb attack

CHARSADDA — At least 50 people were killed and more than 200 injured Friday when a suicide bomber attacked a mosque on the holy day of lild al-Adha in a remote town

Eld al-Adha in a remote town in Pakistan's North-West Frontier province. The attack was apparently aimed at former interior minister Aftab Khan Sherpao, who was among those offering special Eld prayers in his home town, some 40 miles from the provincial capital of Peshawar.

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Sherpao survived the attack, though one of his sons was injured. Sherpao is a candidate in Jan 80 parlia should be shall be s

and injured more than 50.
This time, police said there was a metal detector at the mosque door and extra secu-rity in place because of threats on Sherpao's life.

### JAPAN

#### Japan halts plan to kill humpback whales in Antarctic hunt

TOKYO — Humpback whales are safe — at least for

now.
Giving In to U.S. pressure and worldwide criticism, Japan's government on Friday announced a whaling fleet now in the Southern

British actor Sacha Baron Cohen, dressed as his character 'Borat' poses near the Eiffel tower in October 2006. Cohen told Friday that he's retiring the clue-less Kazakh journalist, as well as his alter ego, aspiring rapper Ali G. (See story below

Ocean for its annual hunt will not kill the threatened species as originally planned. The fleet will, however, kill some 935 minke whales, a smaller, more plentiful species, and 50 fin whales. Japan dispatched its whaling fleet last mount to the southern Pactific off Antarctica in the first major hunt of hunt plant fleet has the hunt of humback whales

Antaretica in the first unfor-hunt of humpback whales since the 1960s, Commercial hunts of humpbacks have been banned worldwide since 1966, and commercial whaling overall since 1986. The fleet was to kill 50 humpbacks for scientific research. But the plan gener-ated immediate criticism from environmental groups, which oppose the hunts to begin with but were outraged by the inclusion of hump-backs because they are so rare.

by to backs because they are so rare.

"Whaling issues tend to become emotional, but we hope that the discussion will be carried out calmly on the basis of scientific evidence,"

"that government

chief government spokesman Nobutaka Machimura said in announcing the halt. It was a stunning turnaround for Japan. The U.S., which currently chairs the International Whalling Commission, recently held several rounds of talks with Japan to seek a one to two year suspension

of talks with Japan to seek a one to two year suspension of the humpback hunt. "We applaud Japan's decision as an act of goodwill toward the International Whaling Commission," said U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos Guiterrez. But he added that Washington and Tokyo still have "opposite views on research whaling."

### UTAH

### Inmate says he needs sword, Thor's hammer to worship Nordic gods

SALT LAKE CITY — An inmate is suing the Utah-Department of Corrections for denying him his right to practice an ancient Nordic religion while behind bars. Michael Polk is serving time for aggravated assault and robbery. He filled a law-suit against corrections offi-

and robbery. He filled a law-suit against corrections offi-cials in federal court, accus-ing them of denying him reli-gious items that he says are necessary to practice the Astru religion.

Asaru religion.

The religion worships ancient Nordic gods like Odin, Thor, Tyr and Heimdal. In the lawsuit, Polk says he has been a member of the Asartu faith since 2005, and in order to properly practice it he needs items including: a Thor's Hammer, a prayer cloth, a Mead Horn used for drinking Wassali, a drum made of wood and boar skin, a rune staff and a sword.

- compiled from wire reports

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A PART ENTORNATION

### Alberdi

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"In a perfect world, the adjudication would be done, the water rights would be done," he said, "I don't think retirement can be predicated on that, there's always going to be another corner."

There have been many corners in the 15 years since Alberdi came to the TFCC.

His accomplishments

Alberdi came to the TFCC.

His accomplishments include constructing or refurbishing structures, which allowed Alberdi to take advantage of his experience as a salesman and then general manager for Wills. A home-building company based in Twin Falls.

Not long after Alberdi was hired, the TFCC board of directors skeed him to build a new office in Twin Falls and consolidate the Built and Castellord departments into one division.

Alberdi also remembers inspecting the Low Line Slphon, which carries water er Rock Creek south over lock creek sould of Kimberly, on his second day on the job. He assumed the siphon had been replaced at some time but was shocked to discover it was the original steel pipe that had been to discover it was the original steel pipe that had been made in Pennsylvania and shipped to Idahto in 1905. During his tenure, Alberdi Inspected the canal system, made improvements and

Continued from page A1 and misuse can be life threat-ening," said FDA pain chief Dr. Bob Rappaport, "It is cru-cial that doctors prescribe these products appropriately, and that patients use them correctiv."

rrectly." The FDA first warned about

The PDA first warmed about improper patch use in 2005, when it announced it was investigating 120 deaths. Although FDA has investigated the new reports for several months, Rappaport refused to say Friday how many additional deaths the agency has learned of since that first warning. He called the number of reports small but concerning because "they are preventable."

Patch .

automated the weirs and gates at Milher to ensure a consistent flow of water. He also implemented water quality programs that have proven effective and changed farming practices in Magic

forming practices in Magic Vality, cannot stop, water quality is something were quality to something were quity to have to stick with. Alberd and "This is a culturating to have to stick with a continuating to the farming mentality that is being adopted right now as the right hing to do."

Phil Blick, chairman of the TFCC board of directors, said Alberdi's greatest strength has been ensuring that stock-holders get their water. "Water is what we're all about. He has worked very diligently to get water to our purons," Blick said, "So often with the said of the done and had it done for we even knew about it."

Alberdi is a veteran in the

Alberdl is a veteran in the Alberdi is a veteran in the canal company business. He worked for the North Side Canal Co. in college, He rejoined the North Side in the 1980s, where he was assistant manager for five years before joining the Twin Falls compa-

ny.
Diebl and Alberdi have a close working relationship,

ate special medication guides that will come with every box, spelling out proper use in easy-to-understand lan-

inge. What kind of mistakes are

What kind of mistakes are happening? The consumer advocacy Institute for Safe Medication Practices highlighted some cases last summer. One patient died after heing given a patch for post-surgery pain despite having pneumonia and being new ton arcotics. Two others survived, an elderly man taken to the emergency room after heling given a patch together with paticilling pilis and an elderly woman who became delirious while wearing several

ly woman who became denri-ous while wearing several patches at once.

The FDAs main message
Friday: Do not prescribe fenwhich has allowed them to which has allowed them to sooperate on projects such is refurbishing Milner Dam r improving water quality in he Snake River.
"I took him under my wing ind showed him some things acd never seen before," Diehl oked.

hed never seen before. Diebl joked.
Alberdi also credits anoth-er source for showing him the canal ropes. His father was a ditch rider for NSCC for many years.
Alberdi leaves at a pivotal time for the canal company is at the canal company is at the center of ongoing administrative battles over administrative battles over Idaho's water. He expects the issues will ultimately play out in court, and plans to remain manager until the state makes a ruling on one of

those issues.
"I love this company. I'm

"I love this company. I'm committed to this company, yaid, Alberdi, who will also continue to serve on a state committee developing an aquiffer management plan.

"We wish him the best," said Blick, who added the board had hoped Alberdi would stay ar least another two years. "He's entitled to enjoy his retirement."

Cindy Snyder is a corre-condent for Ag Weekly.

tanyl patches to anyone new to opiotiks, the painkiller family that includes morphine. Absorbing fentanyl through the skin is a powerful way to deliver the potent drug, and thus poses serious risk to anyone not already opiod-tolerant. Rappaport explained. Doctors who aren't specially trained in pain manage-

bottom. explained.
Doctors who aren't specialby trained in pain management may not know that. But
Rappaport said FDA isn't considering curbs on prescribing
because there is a great need
for the patches among the
millions of chronic pain sufferers, few of whom get care
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The patches were first approved under the brand name Duragesic in 1990, but generic versions are sold by other manufacturers.

### Mars

FROM PAGE ONE

Cortinued from page AI a could be a boon of information to scientists studying this." Traveling at eight miles a second, the rock—known as 2007 W105— would leave a mile-wide crater similar to Meteor Crater in Arizona. According to the IPI. scientists, the asteroid would probably hit Mars near its equator, close to where the rover Opportunity has been exploring the Martian plains since 2004, the Associated Press reported. The robot is not in danger, the scientists said, because it lies outside the impact zone.

the impact zone.
The asteroid, Greenawald The asteroid, Greenawald said, is about the same skeas the unknown object that exploided over Siberia in 1908, flattening 80 million trees over an area of 830 square miles. But that doesn't mean the never object will exploide. Mars' atmosphere is less dense, he said, and the odds are good that the Siberian object was an icy comet that vaporized.



Meteor Crater in Arizona. The asteroid headed toward Mars a crater the same size.

Backyard astronomers shouldn't get their hopes up just yet. Any impact would be so small, Greenwald said, as to be invisible to smaller tele-scopes — It wouldn't even send soil or water vapor across the planet. The famed lubble telescope might not pick up the collision in any great detail.

But pictures and readings But pictures and readings

from the Mars-based crafts could reveal more about pos-sible deposits of fozor mos-bile deposits of fozor mos-bilden beneath the crust, and answer other questions scientists have. And the pub-lic will still have something pretty to look at: The Red Planet, Greenawald said, is near its closest distance to near its closest distance to Earth, and is visible in the eastern sky right after sunset.

# **Board**

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"done in executive ses-slon." He said the earlier news release had been in error.
"This is your first oppor-

"This is your first oppor-tunity as a board to hear my findings, conclusions and decisions regarding these negotiations and related outcomes," he said, Idaho's open meeting law allows closed sessions only to discuss specified topics; budget shortfalls and testing programs arent on the list. Tercell has said he thought the board had acted properly, but declined to discuss the alleged closed session duri-ing the investigation.

During Thursday's meel-ing, the board voted 5-1 to change its \$22 million test-ing contract with the test

contract with the test developer, Data Recognition Corp., to eliminate the ISAT for ninth-

graders.
State Superintendent of Schools Tom Luna was the lone dissenter, saying the did-ni want to eliminate money for the life of the contract, which runs for four years with the option of four more. Instead, Luna said, he had hoped to end the funding for just one year.

just one year.

High school students must pass the 10th-grade version of the test before they can grad-

uate, and the standardized tests are used to determine if schools are succeeding under the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

The ISAT is still being given twice yearly to students in hird through eighth grades and to 10th gradests — the grades targeted for testing under the No Child Left Behind Act. High school juniors and seniors who don't pass the 10th grade exams can retake the test as needed.

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age, per sc. This is a shortage that's been building," says Ross Fraser, a spokesman formerica's Second Harvest, a domestic hunger-reiler organization based in Chicago, At Thanksgiving, the organization estimates that food banks nationally were short a total of 15 million pounds of food, or roughly 11.7 million meels.

Since then, his agency has heard about recent shortages at food banks, from New York, lillinois and Tennessee to Texas and California. One food bank in Dallas reports having to spend \$100,000 a month buying food, because of declining donations of excess food from grocery stores and farmers through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"I don't think anybody ever

the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
"I don't think anybody ever thought food banks would be going out and buying food," Fraser says.

going out and onlying local Fraser says. One food bank in Orlando, Fla., he says, told of a single mother who was forced to get food donations because her income as a real estate agent fell from \$66,000 last year to just \$18,000 this year, due to

Rebecca Wagner, executive director of Community Ministry of Montgomery County Mit, also has seen the need for emergency ald growing among the working poor.

"Before they were cobbling together three and four jobs to make ends meet," Wagner says. "Now dat utility bill is a backbreaker."

She's been encouraging donors to make pledges beyond the holiday season—for instance for utility bills and rent next year.

and rent next year.
"Toys and bags of oranges

"Toys and bags of omnges only go so far when you can't kep your heat on," Wagner says. But, she adds, families always appreciate the help at the holidays, too. "All of it helps," she says. Considering that individual donors represent about three quarters of all charitable contributions, it means the last few months of giving in a year are critical, says Albert Ruesga of The Meyer Foundation, which funds aid organizations in Washington, D.C., and beyond. tions in Washington, D.C., and beyond. "The giving that happens

around the holiday season is really the lifeblood of many organizations that serve our poorest communities," he

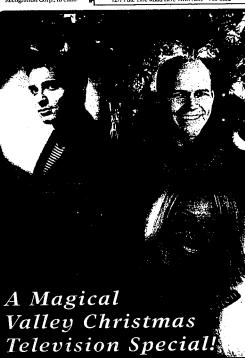
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so key. That includes Navistar Financial Corp., the Schaumburg, Ill.-based finance subsidiary of the International Truck and Engine Corporation.

Engine Corporation.
Among other things, employees from the company give gifts each year to hundreds of students at the Lafayeure Specialty School, and school that serves toddlers all the way up to eighth-graders in Chicagos Humboldt Park neighborhood.
John Mulvaney, Navistar Financial's chief financial officer, recently played Santa Claus as he and his staff handed out the gifts to excited students who'd written "letters to Santa."

is, a fourth-grader, was one of those. She asked for an electronic diary, "so I can write all the things that happened to me, so I would never forget them."





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# States are pressing convicts harder to pay restitution

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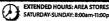
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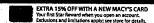
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The 7-year-old's fund-raising project was part of an effort by teacher Carole Stevens' class to do something for someone outside

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The city is owed about \$30,000 for past-dire water, sewer and garbage services, which are hard to collect <a href="mailto:see-especially">see-especially</a> after renters out.

That, it seems to us, is City Hall's problem, not the landlords', A bet-

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ter solution would be compelling tenants to make a deposit with the city before the water is turned on. Alternatively, it could require renters to sign a service agreement with the city, which would have the legal force of a contract.

Putting landlords on the hook for their tenants' had debts will only teduce the number of rental units

on the market in Buhl, which in turn will hart young families and single parents.

CHEERS: To the Twin Falls County Commission, for reversing a bad decision.

Commissioners in November rejected an alcohol license for the Smoke-N-Head Shop in Twin Falls, saying, they disapproved of the items it sold — Bavored tobacco, various berbs and plants, and glassware to smoke them—because they didn't fit well with the community.

Trouble was, there was no legal basis for such a ruling, which the county's lawyers quickly pointed out, Both the state and the City of Twin Falls signed off on the license.

So the commissioners put aside their personal views and followed the law, although they still disfavor the business.

"I didn't fall off the turnip truck today," Commissioner Tom Mikesell said earlier this week. "I don't believe the products are catering to legal tobacco smokers," In the wake of the controversy, commissioners say they'll revise the county's application process—presumably to give the county application process—presumably to give the county and controversy commissioners. That's fair enough,

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### Options for caring for old horses

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There is nothing wrong with people that cat horsement. These plants are inspected the same as others, You said it's sad that the champion race horse ended up "winner for dinner," All Champion cattle, hogs and sheep end up "winners for dinner," and you people seem to enjoy it.

ners for dinner," and you people seem to enjoy it.
I suggest that your society invest in a "care center for horses," You could buy this light-rifec hay and grafit, employ a vereran to check they are in no pain. What relief for horse owners not having to send them to through the sale yard, then to a packing plant. We would charge you regular price per pound, same as at the sales yard. Also, most horses will be donated.

SPARK ZEBARTH
TWIN Falls

### Seeing players return was a joy

I would like to say a big thank you to the College of Southern Idaho for bringing in the CSI II-Stars this last month to play in the toolse Office Equipment Baskethall Tournament.
What an absolute joy to see these ladies return to CSI and play again, even though it's been years since some of them have played and most of them have married and had children.
They play with much skill and great poise. If you missed seeing them play, you missed a class act.
Thank you, Jadies.

Thank you, ladies, PAULA GREENE

### Most nurses are dedicated workers

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It always amazes me how people revel
in the misfortunes of others. We want to
place our family members in nursing
homes so that we can feel good about
ourselves and not have to feel responsible for their care. Then we can sit back
and criticize those who do ny to care for
them. Those devoted caregivers who are
willing to work shifts that make it difficult to have a good family life. Most of
the ones working in nursing homes are
truly dedicated and love the olderly and
dedicate their time and effort to their
care and netsd. Who else would be willling to change the dispers of the elderly
and do other unmentionable cause.

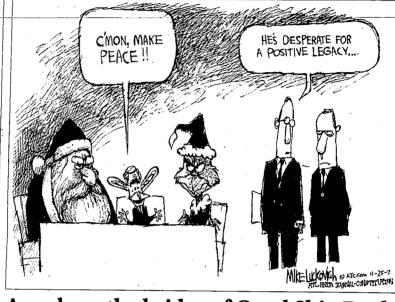
Instead of being critical, how shout
stepping up to the place and being part
of the solution instead of the problem.
Yes, even in the best of facilities, bad
things can happen, water pipes break.

res, even in the best of lacifities, bad hings can happen, water pipes break, what a disaster, but stand up and be counted as being the one who brings about a solution instead of an added problem. We need more heroes and

fewer critics.

problem. We need more heroes and fewer critical reverse response are going into nursing because there are so many demands made on them and, let's face it, with all the dreaded diseases, who wants to be exposed to that? We are trained nurses and are dedicated to the care of those in which we serve. We are not maids, we are not servants, we are not mindle workers (well, maybe sometimes), but for the most part, we are struggling young people with small children that are lust trying to make ends meet. Give these special workers applause, not a slap in the face. Do the things that you can do for your loved ones and free the nurses up for real nursing care.

A friend to nurses everywhere, GLORIA CHOCKER
TWINFAILS



# Awash on the bridge of Good Ship Bush

culations, the fleet was header straight for disaster. But Sir Clowdisley was a bold leader unburdened by doubt. He was dead certain he was headed in the right direction.

the right direction. Invasigation by an inferior was forbidden in the Royal Navy, "according to Dava Sobel in the Polyal Navy," according to Dava Sobel in the Polyal Navy, according to Shovell had the man hanged for mutiny on the sport. The 57-year-old Sir Clowdisley stade the course, oblivious in his gnorance and upright in his optimism, until, one by one, his sips worked in the Seilly Isles with great loss of life, including his own.

With great loss of the American his own.

Sir Clowels we steeding Robert Draper's 'Dead Cerain, the presidency of George W. Bush. Dissenters were not hanged in the Bush White House, but their exclusion from the quarterdeek, was the bureaucratic equivalent of the long drop. At least Admiral Showell had a man in uniform willing to bring him bad news.

In the Bush White House, no

In the Bush White House, no one Said: "Let's slow down and rethink this," Draper writes. "I made the decision to lead," Bush told Draper. "And therefore there" lib et imes when you make those decisions; one, it makes you unpopular; two, it makes people-accuse you of unilateral arrogance. And that may be true. But the fundamental ques-



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a result of your leadership Sir Clowdisley might hav made the same statement ment a made the same statement and asked the same question. For an essential part of leadership is not just dead certainty, but find-ing the right course, and being flexible enough to change it when the circumstances war-

tion is: Is the world better off as

Iraq may be more stable now. Iraq may be more statue now, but it was an unnecessary war in the first place and there is no end in sight. It is destined to drag on long after Bush has left the stage, perhaps longer than the Vietnam War, rudlealizing another generation of Muslims, and immeasurably empowering lean.

Iran.

And under Bush's leadership,
the war in Afghanistan may be
lost too. It will be hard to argue
that Bush has left the world in
better shape than when he
found it

found it.

As for the American people,
Bush, "the First Optimist, made
pessimists out of them," Draper
writes. A few Bush lieutenants

writes. A few Bush lieutenants sometimes wonder if, in the cond. was 'his compulsive onlimism... worth the sacrifice of redibility?

Draper poses the question: Was his plain speech just intelectual laziness, the strategic vision merely disrespect for the process, the boldness really

According to Draper, Bush is thinking hard about his legacy. He is "consuming history books," Draper writes, with the "same voraciousness" with which he pounds back hot dogs. "His presidency now all but consigned to history, Bush (is) immersed in the past, and gleaning from its portents what the future would say

about America's 43rd president, "Draper writes.

recklessness, the strength an unreflective self-certainty? Draper doesn't answer the ques

tion.

The villain may be, however,
Bush's "elemental compulsion"
to "accomplish big things."
Draper quotes Condoleezza Rice

D stomps...

Draper quotes Condoleezza Rice as saying:

"This is a time when the US has unparalleled power and you can try and ist on it and husband it and use a little bit here and a little there... or you can try to make big strategic plays that will fundamentally alter things in the way that the US did after 1947.

It is bush's big, strategic moves that have gotten us into some that have gotten us into some that have gotten to the less moved that have gotten to the less moved that have gotten us into some some some that the description of the some some productions. There are some indications,

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administration. There are some indications, however, that this administration, in its 11th hour, is shedding some of the 'almost petulant heedlessness to the outside world' that Draper ascribes to George W. Bush. His letter to Morth Koreas Kim Jong-II would not have been conceivable

when the old we-don't-talk-toevil theology reigned in the
White House. Inviting Syria to
White House. Inviting Syria to
the recent Middle East summit
was another indication. There is
a new flexibility that is helping
to dispet some of the hubris of
the last seven years.
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gleaning from its portents what gleaning from its portents wh the future would say about America's 43rd president, " Draper writes. Karl Rove gave him a biography of the young Churchill

Churchill.

Bush looks to the ghosts of Churchill, and Harry Truman too, as heroes who were at one time considered failures, upon whom history now smiles. But, sadly, it's too late. It is the ghost of Sir Clowdisley that crowds the Oval Office.

H.D.S. Greenway is a colum-nist for the Boston Globe.



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### LETTERS OF THANKS

### Family grateful for care of their ailing relative

On behalf of Betty Dazis, ther family would like to Do behalf of Betty Dazis, ber family would like to express our gratitude to the staff at Cassia Regional. Medical Center for the excellent care they provided to our number and wife during her lengthy stag in the hospital. Everyone from housekeeping to administration touched us with their kind-touched us out the same of our lives into something special and we are very thankful for each of you. A special thank you to Carol McClellen, Il Lindsey, Stephani Shirley, Cindy Moreno, Karen Burton, Rowena Miller and the pharmacy and lab departments. ESTELLA COOPER

appreciates support

# Kimberly youth association

The Kimberly Youth Association would like to express its appreciation to the businesses that sponme ousmesses that spon-sored the sports programs for the 2007 year in Kimberly. The support given helps ' make it possible for our youth to be active and enjoy

youth to be active and enjoy all the programs offered through the year. Thanks to Travelers Oasis Truck Plaza, Idaho National Guard, Maxie's in Kimberly, Green Acres Dental, Pacific Supply, Overacre Insurance,

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HOUSTON — I want to believe.

I beard what President Bush said as he signed the new energy bill Wednesday morning — "a major step forward In reducing our dependence on foreign oil" and all that — and I wanted to cheer him on.

After all, if you buy the bype, the bill is supposed to save us \$80 billion in energy costs by 2030. But it seems long on promise and short on meaningful influences. Control of the most supposed to the most provide of t

Over time, the fluorescent bulbs are supposed to save money, even though they cost two or three times as

sed light bulb maker and

blg backer of the energy law, estimates the fluorescent bulbs will save \$18 billion

onios will save \$18 billion annually, according to Bloomberg News. That's an average of about \$60 a year for each of us.
For all the attention the bulbs have received, this provision hardly seems like a major sten toward easting off

much as their incand predecessors. Royal Philips Electronics, the Amsterdan Kevin Trainor (attorney), K&T Steel, D&T Automotive, Burks Tractor, Plant Foods, Wart's Hydraulic, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Forever Green, Stutzman Inc., Kimberly Education, Association, Snapple, TKO Builders, James Bay Construction, Northwest Foam Products, McKay Construction, Oak Valley Dairy, Puradise Landscaping, Forger-Me-Nots and Keveants Dairy, Paradise Landscaping, Forget-Me-Nots and Keegan's

IAMIE CARLTON President KIRBY NEBEKER Vice President Kimberly Youth Association Kimberly

### Gooding hospital volunteers tireless workers

The Gooding Hospital Foundation wishes to thank the many volunteers that came together, shared their adents and worked friedessly the special state of the s The Gooding Hospital

Ethanol still a fuel without a real market

ethanol," the glimmering El Dorado of blofuels. Dorado of blofuels. Ethanol has a lower energy content than gasoline, so we use more fuel to drive the same distance. I learned that firsthand driving an ethanol-powered Chevrolet Suburban

firsthand driving an ethanol-prowered Chevrolet Suburban last spring.
Speaking of Love Boat-size monstrositles, Congress also wants to ralse the minimum vehicle mileage standards by about 40 percent, the first increase since the mid-1970s.
The standards, though, are average benchmarks, so Ford or Chevy can import the lat-est miorrized roller skate from Europe and bonst about its stingy gas mileage while still cranking out all the Hummers, Suburbans and other Galaxy-class SUVs the market will bear.
We could simply call it a good start and hope for more substance next year, but by then, the worst parts of this bill will be extracting a cost from all of us.
We will be paying more for

We will be paying more for everything from light bulbs to automobiles, all with the promise that we will save money later. That may be a

necessary sacrifice, but it may also help push us into a

LOREN STEFFY friends and neighbors, and we are sincerely grateful to

SUSAN FAULKNER Publicity Chairman Gooding County Memorial ospital Foundation ospital Fo Gooding

#### Christmas Cantata was a success because of support

Success because or support On behalf of the Gooding Community Chorale and, Community Chorale and, Dicks Strickland, we thank at the you and your staff for your excellent coverage of our Christmas Cannata. Also, a special thank you to the Walker Center in Goodling for providing a wonderful place to neefform.

proviting a women in passito perform.

The community support was overwhelming and the Chorale and Orchestra sends Chorale and Orchestra sends them a special thank you. We had people from all over our great Magle Valley attend, mostly because of the Times-Neros excellent coverage.

Again, thank you to all who participated in making this, without a doubt, the best cantata yet. We look forward to next year's canitata with great joy.

BEV HBUSTON

Publicity Coordinator
Community Chorale and Orchestra
Gooding

### Despite reduction, Safe Harbor appreciates help

While Safe Harbor has had

in part to increased ethanol production food prices are creeping toward record levels. Government economists

production food prices are creeping toward record levels. Government economists tell us those costs don't count toward inflation, but they don't pay from the same wallets as the rest of us. For the average consumer, food and energy costs are significant expenses, and this bill, as kep, loe Barron, Texas, pointed out, may do more to accelerate a recession by raising consumer prices than it does to address America's energy needs. Opening more areas to new drilling, while umpopular, would have a men immediate effect at the purpose of the control of the contr

with a vitable market.

Increasing tax breaks for improving energy efficiency in our homes.— from light bulbs to window seals—might make the dim chemical lighting more bearable. Lifting trade barriers to imported sugar or sugarbased ethanol would allow the free market to decide on the most efficient and economic alternative fivel.

Those kinds of initiatives would have made the promises of the energy law easier to believe.

As it is, squinting through the glow of our congression-ally mandated fluorescent

Houston Chronicle business

ally mandated fluoresce bulbs, the benefits are h

to reduce the number of Saturday meals which it offers, we are extremely appreciative of everyone at the Twin Falls First Christian Church for allowing us to serve several of our meals there each month. In addi

there each month. In addi-tion, they have extended their generosity to allowing us to serve breakfast at its facility from Dec. 24 to 28 this year. In addition, we offer our sincere thanks to the follow-ing recent donors: Costco, Crossroads United Methodist Church, Fred Meyer, GLC Products, Gen State Pater, Glaubla and Smith's Food, PIYLLIS BERG Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter

Shelter Twin Falls

#### Library book sale a success thanks to many

Thank you to everyone who helped make my Hagerman Library Book Sale fundraiser a success. Thanks for donating your books and ır time. vo

An especially big thank you to Dr. Eric Thomas at

Sawtooth Dental in Sawtooth Dental in Hagerman for letting me use the walting room at the office, I couldn't have done it

without you.

### Coats for Kids thanks supporters

The Twin Falls Optimist Jub wishes we could per-onally thank each one of you

Club wishes we count per-sonally thank each one of you that gives a cost or donates money to the 'Coats for Kids' project. However, we can acknowledge you help make the project work. Also, we can thank the groups that have organized their own projects to benefit 'Coats for Kids'; The Corvette Club and the Magic Valley Snowmobile Club, who raised funds to buy new coats the Association of Realtors, who conducts a coat drive on our behalf; Eldon Evans, who has for years given a generous personal donation; the busi-nesses throughout the valley-test coarticinate with donathat participate with dona-tion bins; Bekins-Ford

Transfer for storing our coats; KMVF for alring our public service announcements; the Times-News for mining our ads; and all the people who have so generously respond-ed with donations.

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The Optimist Club is a tax deductible entity, and 100 percent of your contributions go toward serving local children. We thank you on their behalf.

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# columnist Loren Steffy can be reached at loren.steffy@chron.com. His blog is at http://blogs.chron.com/lorenwiston hardly seems the a major step toward cauting off the yoke of foreign oil dependency. Then there's gasoline. Congress wants to boost the chanol content of gasoline to 20 percent by more than quadrupling the production of blofuels. Were already paying, both at the pump and the grocery store, for the 10 percent ethanol blend we now have. recession. Oil prices are 45 perce higher than they were it year at this time, and the se last

now have.
While the increase would be a boon for ethanol producers, whose stocks rose laweek as the bill passed the Senate, the benefits for con-

senate, the ceneuts for con-sumers are less clear. The increased production itself may be unattainable. Ethanol remains a fuel with-out a real market. It exists

Ethanol remains a fuel with-out a real market. It exists only because the government pays for it.

Congress not only wants to broaden that subsidized mar-ket, it's betting that doing so will lead to the development of more economic feedstocks such as the elusive "cellulosic

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# Stamp of approval for Japanese-American vets

LOS ANGELES -- Months after Japan attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor, the U.S. government impris-oned Robert Ichikawa in a desolate World War II intern-

desolate World War II intern-ment camp.

But the Totrance resident volunteered for the U.S. mill-tary anyway. He wanted, he said, to prove his loyally to his American homeland over his ancestral hand of Japan.

More than 30,000 "Nisel."

More than 30,000 "Nisel," or second-generation lapaneses Americans. did likewise by volunteering for military service claring World the mostly-Nisem played the mostly-Nisem lapaneses and 100th Infantry Battalion, whose valor under fire made it among the most highly decorated units in U.S. military listony. Others indust the service was a service with the service was a s

orated units in U.S. millitary history.
Others joined the Military intelligence Service as inter-rogators,—translators—and interpreters, crucial roles credited with shortening the war by as many as two years. About 300 Nisci women served in the Women's Army Corps and Cadet Nurses Corp.
Now. as Lapauese—American World World

Now, as Japanese-American World War II veter-ans rapidly dwindle in num-ber — many are in their 80s — their supporters are pushing

J. Russell

oldest American World War I vertan, dies

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"They have stamps for flowers and animals and Elvis Presley and Superman. But these guys are living Supermen. They did so much despite all of the adversity they faced at home.' - Rabbi Shmuel Novack of Jacksonville, Fla.

commemorative postage stamp in their honor. And they have attracted support from an unexpected quarter; the Jewish commu-

quarter the Access of the Acce nity.
At a Los Angeles news con-

By John Seewer Associated Press writer

Associated Press water

TOLEDO, Ohio — J.
Russell Coffey, the oldest
known surviving U.S. veteran of World War I, has died.
The retired teacher, one of
only three U.S. veterans
from the "war to end all
wars," was 109.

Coffey died Thursday at
the Brian Hill Health Campus
in North Baltimore, where
he had lived for the past four
or five years, said Gaye
Boggs, nursing director at
the nursing home. No cause
of death has been deter-

campaign

Artillery Battalion's aid in lib-erating Dachau. It was a "good deed that resonated with me," Rosenbluth said at the City Council meeting. Rabbi-Shmuel Novack of

Rabbi Shmuel Novack of Chabad Southside in Jacksonville, Fla., joined the campaign because his grand-father, Lt. David Novack, commanded many of the Nisel solders as an offeer in the 100th Battalion. The younger Novack trav-eled to a Las Vegas reunion of Nisel war veterans in

Nisei war veterans in November, hearing for the first time their stories of his grandfather's bravery, includ-ing shattering his leg on a

Now, Novack said, he is a passionate supporter of the

passionale supporter of the stamp campaign.
"They have stamps for flowers and animals and Elvis Presley and Superman," Novack said, "But these guys are living Supermen. They did so much despite all of the adversity they faced at home."



Don Seki, at the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, lost an arm when his unit freed a Texas battalion trapp by the enemy in France in World War II. The Japanese American unit lost four men for every Texan saved.

launched four years ago but has just begun to pick up steam. It has attracted sup-port from more than 50 port from more than 50 California cities and 10,000

petition signers.
Community organizations,
Such as the American lewish
Committee and Japanese
American Citizens League,
have endorsed the campaign.
So have numerous federal
and state lawmakers, including Sen. Daniel Inouye, Dpetition signers.

Hawaii, a veteran of the 442nd who lost an arm in bat-

Proposed resolutions are pending in Congress and in several states, said Wayne Osako, stamp campaign chair

Osako said the Postal Service has issued commem-orative stamps honoring minority veterans in the past. It issued a stamp in 1984 hon-oring Hispanic veterans and another a decade later nizing the black Buffalo Soldiers. The Nisel veterans stamp would be the first to honor an Asian-American

honor an Asian-American military group.

The Postal Service's citi-zens' stamp advisory com-mittee will review the propo-al in a selection process that usually takes about three years, Osako said. The veter-ans stamp could be issued in 2010.

Coffey,

mined, she said Friday, His health began failing in October.
More than 4.7 million Americans joined the milliary from 1917-1918. Coffey never saw combat because he was still in basic training when the war ended.

The two remaining U.S. veterans are Frank Buckles, 106, of Charles Town, WVa.; and Harry Richard Landis, and Harry Richard Landis, and Giy Center, Fla. according to the Veterans according to the Veterans according to the Veterans according to the John Charles (1918). The proposed in the Canadian army and is

the last known Canadian veteran of the war.

the last known Canadlan veteran of the war.
Coffey once confled to his daughter, Berty lo Larsen, that he wished people would remember his contributions rather than his old age. "He told me "even a prune can get old," she said last spring. She deld in September.
Coffey had enlisted in the Army while he was a student at Ohlo State University in Cortober 1918, a month before the Allied powers and Germany signed a cease-fire agreement. He was discharged a month after the war ended.



I. Russell Coffey, the oldest known living World War I veteran in the U.S., talks to a reporter in April at Blakely Care Center in North - Baitimore, Ohlo. Coffey died Thursday, according to a funeral home.

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Salvation Army employee, stands in

front of a semi trail-

er filled with turkeys and other frozen food for families Friday afternoon.

w,' Becker said

as he waited for 20

families that had yet to pick up their Christmas food

# **Buhl High** to launch **START** program

**Tutoring sessions** aimed at raising graduation rates

"What we're trying to do is bring student perform-ance up," said Mike Gemar during Tuesday's Buhl-School-Board-meet-

John School Board-meet-ing.
Gemar said the high school will begin the Students Taking A Right Turn program during the second semester, Jan. 21, as a way to increase learn-ing, decrease failure rates and create a culture of success at Buhl High

The program, Gemar said, will occur every school day and impact students with a D or F grade, as well as students who are not turning in assignments. These students will be required to attend tutoring sessions.

Students will be assigned a START adviser who will assist them in making sure work is turned in and that per-

rurned in and that per-formance increases.

"Will this replace or complement Saturday school?" asked Trustee Ken McDonald.

No, the START program would not replace Saturday classes, as they

No, the START program would not replace saturday classes, as they are used as both academic and disciplinary purposes, said Genar I want to stress that this is not designed for disciplinary reasons. This is to focus on the academic, the said. Genar said that Twin falls High School has used the program and is seeing results. He hopes the new approach will raise graduation rates and better prepare students for college. Even students who aren't required to attend

pare students for cottege. Even students who aren't required to attend the extra tutoring time but want to, are velcome to participate. While the rest of the student body will be rewarded with an hour-long lunch period, those required to participate in START will get the normal 30-minute lunch break. "This sounds like a good program," add Trustee lay Anderson. The school will try the program during this school years second

The school will try the program during this school year's second semester. The district will then critique its perform-ance before deciding whether or not to continue with it next year.

Blair Koch may be reached at 316-2607 or blairkoch@gmail.com.

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black hair, brown eyes; has multiple tattoos Wanted for: Fallure to

Wanted for: Fallure to appear; original charge, burglary; bond, \$100,000 The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office asks aryone with information about McGrew to call 735-1911 or Crimo Stoppers at 732-5387, where tipsters can remein anonymous and

# INSIDE: Obituaries, B2 | Idaho/West, B3 | World, B4 Salvation Army gives families holiday boxes

By Hilarey Johnson Times-News correspondent

The last of the Twin Falls Salvation Army holiday food boxes were distributed Friday afternoon at the organiza-tions kitchen, 348-4th Ave. N. More than 500 children and

250 Online were served, See Friday's activity at the Salvation Army at Magicvalley. Kelly Pensa

Kelly Pensa-bene, social director of the Twin Falls Salvation Ar-my, said cli-ents are most-ly those on a

fixed-income. People started signing up for the holiday food baskets Dec. 3.

Everyone is just paycheck to paycheck," Pensabene said of the clients, noting that if Sit-down dinner

The Salvation Army will host a sit-down meal for anyone who wishes to attend, 348 4th Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information: .733-8720

illness or other adversiti happen, it becomes even more difficult for the fami-

This is the first year Pensabene has overseen the entire production of food and gift donations and distri-

and gift donations and distribution.

"It all went really smoothly, thanks to the detention center kids," she said, noting that volunteers stayed late organizing the night before, "They are all coming out and help;



ing us, all these wonderful kids."

Tara Davis, who monitors community service for the Juvenile Probation Depart-

ment in Twin Falls, brought Ar kids\_all\_week\_to\_assist\_On\_the S kids\_all\_week\_to\_assist\_On-Friday\_she, brought\_seven youth to help, "We love it," Davis said.

Amanda Sinnasone from the Snake River Youth-Center, said she enjoyed helping,

donations.

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# MOVING DAY



e. fills her new cubby with school books Friday at Su Taylor Alarcon, a fourth grader at Central Elementary School in Jero exciting for the fourth g

# New Jerome school is like an early 'Christmas gift'

Although Friday morning was cold and windy, Jerome fourth-graders were bubbling with excitement as they car-ried books from their old school, Central Blementary, to their new school, Summit Elementary. "The new school is like a Christimas gitt, sald student Nicole McDermott.

That sentiment was echoed by Vice Principal Eva Meyerhoeffer. "It's our gift

to them," she said. "It took three tries to pass the bond, but their (the students') smiles are worth it. This is the first time the fourth-graders are all together in one hall, and here they have light." Central Elementary had small windows, Meyerhoeffer said, and one room only had one window. Some of the students were a little sad about leaving their former school, so Meyerhoeffer said they had them pick their favorite thing at Central and took a pleture of the student standing by it.

All the students said goodbye, leaving their hand prints in the school's base-

their hand prints in the schools obserment.

The students were eager to add why they approved of the new school.

"It's new I love it," said Anna I lankins.
Dallon Sultur said he thought the new gym was the best part of Summit, while Mckenzie Dowton liked the Idea that they are the first students to use the new school.

# Dog sledding returns to Camas Prarie

FAIRFIELD Lin
Vanskike just turned 90, but
he remembers the dog sled
races in the 1920s and '30s
like they were yesterday.
The only way into town in
winter was by sleigh, skis or
dog sled. Homesteaders
from all around the prairie
gathered on Saturdays to
socialize, pickup their
groceries, and take in a dog sled
or skijoring race. Local businesses contributed prizes of
a new pair of gloves, a hat or
a sweater.

nesses contributed prizes of a new pair of gloves, a hat or a sweater. "Those were the good old days for me," Vanskike, now of Truth or Consequences, usys for me," Vanskike, now of Truth or Consequences, N.M., said Thursday, As a lad, he owned the fastest sled dog on the Camas



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in downtown Fairfield, where they not many dog and races.

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Post section in State of at Section Supply from downtown Fairfield, and at 8 edy. Sunday. For more Information: Dennis Stitt,

West will gather here just like in the old days to test their speed. Camas County resi-dent and race marshal Dennis Siltt partnered with fellow mushers, the City of Fairfield, the Camas Fairfield, the Camas Chamber of Commerce, and the Camas County School District to bring an early-season dog aled challenge he thirks could become an annual event.

# Getting in the spirit of the season

Wendell students pass out gifts, food to area families

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

With the hustle and bus-tle defining the weeks prior to Christmas, one can easi-ly forget about the families who just flat can't afford a

who just flat can't afford a turkey or ham dinner, gifts or even a tree. For more than 15 years Wendell schools have held a food and toy drive with the aim of making sure area children don't go without the items that some people tend to take for granted during the hol-idays.

On Friday, 50 high school volunteers, along with 25 community mem-bers, spent the morning filling food boxes and wrapping gifts for 90 fami-lies and 300 children in the Wendell a

Wendell area.
Not only do the baskets
contain gilts for children to
unwrap Christmas morning, and food for a holiday
meal, but organizers try to
provide extra staples such
as cereal, potatoes and
bread so that children
don't go hungry during the
extended school break.

The High School

"The High School Student Council really helps spearhead this proj-ect," said Rebecca neips spearhead this proj-cet," said Rebecca Ashmead, chairwoman of the Wendell Food Basket Committee. "The entire community really deserves the accolades, because so

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Kyrisa Morrill, 17, and Kayla

### DANGERS OF TOBACCO



Fourth-graders at St. Nicholas Catholic School In Rupert learned about the effects of smoking at a presentation Nov. 30. Minidoka County School District nurse Laurie Stimpson showed the students a DVD and visual aids depicting the types of damage tobacco can cause, including an actual lung from a deceased cancer patient. From left, back, Ana Tellez, Gia Camarena, Suleyma Alamillo; and front, Colton Dwight and Kaylee Knopp.

### Donations

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"It is my first time here," he said, "I just didn't think e even had something like

this.

Many of the volunteers who stayed to distribute food were former donation recipients.

Aleksandr and Tamara Veneshelagin, recipients of holiday food baskets and regulars at the food kitchen, are citizens of the United State who emigrated from Russia.

"We very hanny to be in

ed from Russia.
"We very happy to be in United States," said Tamara with a smile. "Very, very kind people."
Area Salvation Army offi-cials are not sure how much money has been ralsed this year, because the red kettle donation pots have not yet been collected. been collected.
Local donations to the

Salvation Army never see the national headquarters, said Becky Bonnett, business manager of the Twin Falls office.

"It stays right here in your community," she said. "We feed lunch to over 50 people a day. We also, on the worrage, give about 150 poor food boxes a month."

But Bonnett said helping the needy with food, utilities and clothing are just a few of the services the organization provides. "Pensabene said she thanks the community for its generous support. "If our community doesnessing the said of the stay open," added Bonnett.

Hillary lohnson

Hilarcy Johnson may be reached at mulijohnson@gmail.com.

### Students

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some students such as
fulianna Roeloffs, 18, go
above and beyond to make
the project a success,
flooloffs spent countless
hours on the phone pitching the cause to area businesses in hopes of upping
cash domations to purchase
food. Her efforts helped
bring in more than \$5,000.
Magic Valley food drive
domations this year have
been down.

"I was on the phone a lot," said Roclotfs. "I heard that donations were down and I wanted to do everything I could to help. Not one business I called turned me down. Each and everyone one of them contacted helped out." This is Roclotffs' third year assisting in the high school project and said the payoff is in seeing happy parents and kids come and pick up the goodles. Food and gift boxes were scheduled to be picked up by applicants Priday afternoon.
"Those come in smilling."

"They come in smiling and feel good because someone cares. They are all really thankful for the stuff and they all really need it." and they all really need it Roeloffs said.

Blair Koch may be ached at 316-2607 or blairkoch@gmail.com

### **Everard Franklin Gergen**

Everard Franklin Gergen, 82, died peacefully on Friday, Dec. 14, 2007, at Ashley Manor Care



service held Monday, Dec. 17, at the St. Anthony Catholic Church in Portland,

Catholic Church in Portland, Ore, where he was married more than 50 years ago. Everard was born Aug. 12, 1925, in Idaho Falls, to Nick and Ada Feltman Gergen, the third of seven children. While 1925, In Idano Frans, to such and Ada Felhuan Gergen, the third of seven children, While he was growing up, the family lived in Idaho Falls, Hansen, Eden and finally settled in Hazelton, where he attended schools. He was drafted into the LN, Army in 1943, where he served in the Bulinchand Gentral Burgham 1945, where he served in the Bulinchand Gentral Burgham 1945, where he was drafted into the Runnel and Runnel and Hamman 1945, where he served in the Bulinchand Gentral Burgham 1945, which is the Runnel Burgham 1946, which is the Runnel Burgham 1946, which he was a summer and was always anxious to learn and do his best on any lob he was given. After his discharge from the service, he farmed with his brothers and others for several years and eventually went thin the custom haying went to the service of the farmed with his brothers and others for several years and eventually went into the custom haying went to the service of the service of

his equipment of the control of the continued familing locally for screen years, then moved to Tillamook, Ore., in 1971, where they owned and oper-ated a restaurant. A few years later, another move took them to Redmond, where again they bought and oper-ated a restaurant. After they sold that business, Everard returned to working with farmers of the Madras-redmond area during the summers. During the spring planting and fail harvest sea-sons, he loved to return to

this area and work with his brothers, Bernard and Jerry, and nephew, Kevin, and to run his own truck, hauling seed and other farm produce. He enjoyed those weeks back in the old nelighborhood, visiting, enjoying meals and playing cards with riends and family here.

Everard was an uncomplicated, the sample things of life—a friendy smile, winning a friend smile between the sample things of life—a friendy smile, winning a 1,000-plece jigsaw into the companionship of his belowed animals, Snapper, Boxer and Soot, He also enjoyed a few special friends over the years. Askled from those favorites, the thing he over the years. Aside from those favorites, the thing he

those favorites, the time, the liked best was work. Whatever else he did during his life, he was always a farmer at heart.

Everard its survived by his wife of 51 years, Phyllis Avery Gergen of Redmond, Ore; two sons, Marty (and fiancee toyee Graft) of Meridian and Jim (Lindy) of Bend, Ore; two sons, Marty (and fiancee toyee Graft) of Meridian and Jim (Lindy) of Bend, Ore; two grandefulfren, Megar Gergen of Helman, Megar Gergen of Helman, Megar Gergen of Tolm Falls and the state of the second of the s

### DEATH NOTICES Fred J. Walmsley

HAGERMAN — Fred J. Waimsley, 76, of Hagerman, died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at his residence, A memorial service will be conducted 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, at the Living Waters Presbyterian Church in Wendell.

#### Patricia Korb

BURLEY — Patricla Korb, 73. of Burley, died Friday, Dec. 21, 2007, at Countryside Care in Rupert. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@maglevalbe.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To kiew or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.maglevalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

### Lois Kroft

Lots Kroft, 81, of Twin Falls, ed into a higher plane at n. Sunday. Dec., 9, 2007.

passed into a h 9 p.m. Sunday She did not experience any pain, but her left side وحسو was para-lyzed for sev-eral weeks. シニン She passed quietly in her home with her husband holding her

She was born June 1, 1926

in Argos, Ind., to Charles and Emma Johnson. Soon after her birth, they moved to David City, Neb, Lois attended the school system in David City and graduated

with honors. She married Richard Kroft on June 23, 1946, and they were married 61 years. They had two daughters, Jolene Hoppe of Arradia, Calif., and Sissan McIntosh of Twhin Falls, They had two daughters, Jolene Hoppe of Arradia, Calif., and Sissan McIntosh of Twhin Falls, Lois was a wonderful wife, mother and and Twin Falls. Lois was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and will be missed by all who knew her. Lois is survived by her hushand. Bichard; two daughters: five grandchildren Lois had were great-grandchildren. She was cremated at Parkes Magic Valley Funcari Iome in Twin Falls. A memorial service will be held later in Arizona.

### **SERVICES**

Vida E. Doty of Wendell, funeral at 10 a.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

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

Rose Marie Schaeffer of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the First Assembly of God Church, 709 Locust in Buhl.

Ronald Smith Tanner of Ronald Smith Tanner of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert LDS 5th Ward Chapel, 324 E. 18th St.; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Jeffrey Edward Petersen of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls LDS West Stake Center, 667 Harrison St. (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Calvin C. "Cal" Habn of Bolse, funeral at noon today at the King of Glory Lutheran Church in Boise (Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise). Ewald Theophield

Thaemert of Twin Falls, memorial service at noon today at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls),

Edward Luats of Twin Falls, rosary prayer service at 12:30 p.m. and funeral Mass at 1 p.m. today at St.

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2:00 • 4:10 • 7:30 • 8:35 (PG-13) ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Terry Paul Weeks of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin

Fariss May of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., visita-tion one hour before the funeral today at the mortu-

K. Marle Pierce of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Sunday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Edith Louise Woodall Stacey of Twin Falls, open house for family and friends from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Edith's home, 663 Alturas Drive N. In Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

David Arthur Craner of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Star LDS Church, 100 S. 200 W. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:40 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Jennie Marle Egbert of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Springdale LDS Church, 559 E. 200 S. In Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Re-

p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

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# Summit

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"It's cool," said Courtney
Argyle, "The best school I've
been in."
While the students and

While the students and teachers were bissy getting set up in the classrooms, the school's maintenance crew loaded up desks at Central and unloaded them at Summit. Principal Alice Hocklander praised the

men, saying, "They are the real heroes of the move. They have been working hard for weeks." Hocklander said the new school will make a definite difference for the students, not only in the pride they feel for the school and community, but also in having a better learning environment. She said all the light

they will have in Summit's classrooms will aid in the

classrooms will aid in the learning process, After Friday morning exertions, the students boarded the bus and went back to Central for a pre-Christmas vacation assem-

bly.

Not only do the students have a new school to come back to after the New Year,

but they have a shinny, newly-minted Idaho quarter they received from the school during a previous open house to commemorate the opening of Summit. The next big event will be the opening of a new middle school. Hocklander said she thinks that spring break has

thinks that spring break has tentatively been set for that change over.

## Races

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Local businesses donated to a \$1,000 purse — an upgrade from the old days—and any profit will go to Camas County Schools, whose mascot is the Musher. Stitt said Wednesday he hopes the event will boost school spirit.

No Camas County residents have registered for any of the four race categories, but Stitt offered to sponsor a high school student.

high school student. Although some students were interested, safety con-

were interested, safety con-cerns won out.

"I just didn't see putting a kid out there on a sled with-out any training." Stilt said. Several idaho mushters have registered including Twin Falls resident Shannon McLimans. Other teams hall from Utah, Montana and

Oregon.
"We've had great commu-

nity support." Stitt said Wednesday. "Fairfield's really come together. We even had some people out there breaking in the trall with sleds." The trails start on Camas Avenue and lead north toward Wells Summit with the longest loop totaling 30 invigorating miles.

Before paved highways, snowmobiles and four-wheel drive, dog stedding could mean a whole lost more than just winning a race in the crisp winter air. Dog sleds linked a snowbound community with mail and supplies. Roads to the pralific were inadequate even in summer. In winter they were impassible, except to a few

summer. In winter they were impassible, except to a few postal workers who braved the elements by dog sled to get the mail through.

In 1912, the Oregon Short Line came to Fairfield, and carried with it a mall con-

tract. In the early 1940s, how-ever, the trains stopped com-ing through six days a week. The Gooding mall contract went to Lowell Fields, a local trucker who shipped gro-ceries between Fairfield and Bolse.

Boise.
Fields was an avid musher, and the sport stood him in good stead in his new job. Many residents still recall the winter of 1949 when it snowed so hard the trains couldn't get through and school was out for 14 days. Twice. Fields harmessed his dogs and brought Fairfield the mail.

ne mau. Fields and his team made many snowy trips from Corral to Hill City with the mail, and not just in the bliz-zard of '49.

zard of 49.

Mary Fields of Gooding,
Lowell's daughter-in-law, Lowell's daughter-in-law, recounted a story about Verla Ruby, a Hill City resident at that time, "Verla was out rid-ing and Lowell's dogs scared her horse and it ran off," Fields said Thursday, "Lowell gave her a ride home on his sled."

gave her a ride home on his sled."
Frank Burton, now of Gooding, was a close friend of the late Lowell Fields. "I used to go with Lowell When he had the dog sled team, and my daughter, too, when she was little," Burton said. "We had good times."
Fields once entered his team in the American Dog Derby in Ashton, Idaho. With new snow and beautful Soldier Mountain in the background, Sitt feels Fairfield has something to offer the sport of dog sled rucing. "It's a perfect location for beginners to get started," he said.

Amy Ballard may reached at 764-3631.



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# Hundreds seek answers on Payette nuclear plant plan

PAYETTE (AP) — An executive with a company that is considering building a nuclear power plant outside this southwest Idaho city says a decision to pursue permitting and construction could come as early as next fall.

Bill Fehrman, president of

Bill Februan, president of MidAmerican Nuclear Energy Co., told about 400 people at a meeting here Thursday night that more answers will be fortheoming as the company decides whether to build the plant. For many at the meeting, the biggest concern about the project appeared to be whether there is enough water to go around. Payette is a high desert town tied to familing and located near the confluence of the Sinake and confluence of the Snake and Payette rivers, "Where are we going to get

the water when even our farmers can't get enough?' asked Kurt Key, a Payette car-

penter.

The reactor would use an estimated 25,000 acre-feet of water annually, more than a quarter of the water storackin Lucky. Peak Reservoir near Boise, Fehrman said.

noise, reniman said.
The company has several options for buying water and is studying strategies to get it at the least cost and without hurring existing water users, he said.
Walt Bosse, a retired

Bosse, a retired cement plant supervisor, quizzed Fehrman on envi-ronmental safeguards the

company intends to imple-

company means ment ment "If they have a problem, they're going to flood the reactor," Bosse said, "What are they going to do with that water?"

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February said many of the details will come later when the company selects a reaction of the said will come later when the company selects are the said of the said will give to design and completes needy a year of said y just of more forward.

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and had no worres successfully.

"I pulled up a map of nuclear sites," Youngberg said, "The last Coast is dotted with them. What do we have to be afraid of?"

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Peter Rickards, an antinuclear activist from Twin
Falls, suggested radiation is a
chief concern and he urged
residents to press lawmakers
to enact laws to stop the pronosal

posat.
"Let's not let it into Idaho."
Rickards said, drawing brief
applause from the crowd.
Former Idaho Sen. James

Utah family refuses to return

adopted boy to biological father

McClure has been hired as a consultant by MidAmerican, a subsidiary of MidAmerican farency Holdings Go, based in Des Molnes, fowa. That company owhs Rocky Mountain Power, which was expected in the Molley Mountain Power, which was expected to the consultant annotation of the community. He said the current assessed valuation of Payette County is list over \$1 billion. Bringing a plant to the county, he said to as much as \$10 billion. "It's a wery very good deaf for Payette County," said McClure, who supported nuclear power initiatives when he served as chairman of the Senates Energy and Mattrial Resources Committee. Others were rout constitution of the Senates Energy and State of the Senates Energy and State of the Senates Energy and Chief Senates Energy and State of the Senates Energy and State of the Senates Energy and State of the Senates Energy and State of this Invented of New Disposition, and the Senates Energy from the Senates Energy and State of this Invented of the Senates Energy and State of the State of the Senates Energy and State of the State of the Senates Energy and State of the State of t

cerned about living down-wind.
"You'll see me on horse-back with a protest sign wherever you go," he said to a round of applause.
The company — which has built fossil fuel plants

and renewable-energy projects, but not nuclear power plants — has been doing plants — has been doing geologic testing on 3.300 acres of private land about 70 mlles north of Boise near Paddock Valley Reservoir.



conference in Los Angeles. The family of a 17-year-old girl, who died hours after her health insur HealCare belatedly decided to pay for a liver transplant, plans to sue the company, Geragos sald.

# Family to sue insurer in dispute over transplant for girl who died

LOS ANGIELES (AP) — The family of a 17-year-old teukomia potient blamed Cigna Corp. on Friday for her death, saying the health insurance giant's initial refusal to pay for a liver transplant contributed to her death. "They took my daughter wawy from me," said Nataline Sarkisyan's father, Krikor, with tears in his eyes at a news conference at his lawyer's office.

Natalitic Surasyana surreKrikor, with tears in his eyes
at a news conference at his
lawyer's office.

The Philadelphia-based
insurer had initially refused
to pay for the procedure,
saying it was experimental.
The company reversed the
decision Thursday as about
150 marses and community
its office in Glendale in suburban Los Angeles. Nataline
died just hours later.

The insurer "maliciously
killed" Nataline because it
did not want to hear the
expense of her transplant
and aftercare, said family
attorney Mark Geragos. He
did not say when or in what
court he would file the civil
lawsuit.

Geragos also said he
would ask the district attorney's office to press murder
or manslaughter 'charges
against Cigna, an allegation
that one legal expert
described as difficult to
prove and "a little bit og
randstanding."

A district attorney's office
spokeswoman declined to

comment, saying it would be inappropriate to do so until Geragos submits evidence supporting his request.

The family's "loss is immeasurable, and our thoughts and prayers are with them," Gigna said in a news release Friday. "We deeply hope that the outpouring of concern, care and love that are being expressed for Natalline's family help them at this time."

family help them at this time."

Nataline was diagnosed with leukemia at 14 and received a bone marrow transplant from her brother the day before the day before the day learned a complication that caused her liver to fail. She was in a vegetative state for some time, her mother Hilda said.

Nataline was taken off life support at the University of California. Los Angeles Medical and the California control of the support at the University of Daylor and the University of Daylor and the University of the California. Los Angeles Medical and the University of the California of of the Califo

Nataline duet within an income income.

In a Dec. 11 letter to Clgna, four doctors had appealed to the insurer to reconsider. They said patients in similar situations who undergo transplants have a six-month survival rate of about 65 percent.

One of Nataline's doctors, Robert Ventick, declined to comment on her case, UCLA Medical Center staff refused to make her other doctors.

available for comment.

The case raised the question In telled circles of whether a liver trasplant is a viable option. It is a viable option in the control of the Introduced control option for Introdu

The procedure 'would be fulle,' he said.

Geragos' attempt to get the district attorney to press murder and manislaughter charges against Cigna charges against Cigna unless the defense can show that the company somethow. Intentionally caused Rebecca Lonergan, a law professor at the University of Southern California.

"My personal opinion is that this is a little bit of grandstanding,' said Lonergan, a former Los Angeles County and federal prosecutor.

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## Crews save 2 wild elk from Colorado pond; 2 others die

PAGOSA SPRINGS, Colo.
(AP) — Emergency crows who were "making things up as we went" swed two wild elk that were trapped in a frigid pond after breaking through the ice, but two others. The color of th

COBUR d'ALENE — A
Utah couple are refusing to return their adopted baby to its biological father in Coeur d'Alene, despite a judges order earlier this month.
Mant Tenneson, 20, is upset and sadd he may ask authorities to charge led and Callie Nielston of American Fock, Utah, with a crime for festissing to return his son. "Were working with the police in Idaho and Utah," Tenneson said. Thursday, "They are in direct violation of the court order."
Last week, Magistrate Barry Watson ruled that Tenneson, 20, be given tem-

frigid pond after breaking through the lee, but two others died. The animals were spotted struggling in the pond on private land south of Pagosa Springs, 200 miles southwest of Denver, last weekend, Division of Wildlife officials said Friday. An impromptu team of wildlife officers, sheriff's deputies, firefighters, police and search-and-rescue members pulled three cow elk out, but one was euthanized when it appeared it wouldn't survive. The fourth, a young bull, died before he could be rescued.

The elk apparently were walking toward open water on Dec. 15 when they broke through the lee, DOW spokesman poe Lewandowski said.

Its not clear who discov-

through the lee, DOW spokesman loc Lewandowski said.

-lis not clear who discovered them, but the State Patrol alerted DOW officer James Romero and emergency of the least state of the least state of the least state of the least state of the least shall be least swittle. Romero and volunteer fire-lighter Thad McKain donned ice rescue suits and rope

fighter Thad McKain donned ice rescue suits and rope tethers and crept out on the

ice.

"Then we just started making things up as we went," said Mike Reid,

another DOW officer.

To Romero's surprise, a cow of surprise of surprise

brought to shore and holb-bled.

The crew dried the elk, drove them to Forest Service land about 20 miles away and released them. One — which had fought hardest against rescue — charged the crew grazing a rescuer as she reared an another cow eventually protecting the other two. She and another cow eventually left, but the third was never able to stay on her feet and a deputy cuthanized her. "It was fustraining to see, but the deputy made the right call," Romero said. Romero said that the other two elk appeared to recover.

two elk appeared to recover.
"I think they had a pretty good chance," he said.



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# Muslim pilgrims say farewell as hajj winds down in Saudi Arabia

Associated Press writer

MECCA. Saudi Arabia —
After five days of echaustion and hardships, Muslim pilgrims were saddened to see the annual bail come to a 
close Friday, ending what for 
many is a spiritual high point 
of their lives.

"Bidding farewell is hard," 
said Afaf al-Nuweihl, her 
voice choking with emotion. 
"I wish I could stay longer —
in a place of worship where 
you pray and get closer to 
God."

Al-Nuweihl, a 61-year-fold 
retired teacher from Egypt, 
spent her nights during the 
hajl sleepling on roadsides in 
her tent and her days moving 
from citual to ritual with 
some 3 million of their pilgrims. Sail, she is ecstard.

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hardship and suffering in 
order to wash away our sins, 
She said. "I hope God will 
give me strength to sustain 
my hajl spirituality after I get 
back home because it's going 
cho edifficult for me to comeback again."

Amina Hallaq, a 47-year 
old Syrian, sat on a plastic 
mat on the pacement.

"Til be even happy if we 
could stay at least another 
week", she said. "Believe me, 
I am sad to be leaving."

After performing the ritual 
of stoning pillars that represent the devil in Mina on 
Friday, pilgrims proceeded 
to the nearby holy city of 
Meccau to hid "farewell" to 
the Kaaba by circling it seven 
times in the final rite of the 
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holy sites.
Interior Ministry
spokesman Mansour AlTurkl said the arrests came
about a week ago but gave no
intribut details on the number or Identity of those
arrested Saudi-owned satellite television station Altrabipa deseribed them as
Saudis.
Thousands milled through
the massive four-story
mosque in the center of
Mecca housing the Kaaba
and completed the final
steps of their pilgrimage with
more than a hint of sadness.
"It is a difficult and bitter
thing," Fadhed Abdallah, a
33-year-old Yemeni petroleum engineer, said as he said
the mosque reading his
foran. "The atmosphere

33-year-old Yemeni petroleum engineer, said as he saat in
the mosque reading his
Koran. "The atmosphere
here is so spiritual that one
cannot experience it anywhere else."
He said he had left behind
the anxiety and stress that
plagued him at home.
Above the Kaaba, on the
wast mosque's third level, a
pair of Pakistani friends
watched the slow, hypnotic
movement of the faithful
around the courtyard.
"When you simply look at
the Kaaba you feel rewarded
by God," said Usman Haidar,
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Muslim pilgrims pray out-side the Grand Mosque after finishing their Hall in Mina near Mecca, Saudj Mina near Mecca, Saudi-Arabia, Friday. Despite five days of extension and hardships, Muslim pilgrims were saddened to see the annual hajj wind down to a close Friday, ending what for many is a spiritual high point of their lives.



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# Smith's passing leads FAU to 44-27 victory in New Orleans Bowl

NEW ORLEANS — Howard Schnellenberger is still unde-

Schnellenberger is still unde-feated in bowl games, and now so is the fledgling college foutball program he built from nothing. Russy Smith threw for 336 yards and a New Orleans Bowl record five touchdowns to lead Florida Atlantic to a 44-27 victory over Memphis on Friday night. It was the first bowl game for FAU, which has had a football team for only seven

seasons and didn't join the NCAA's Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A) until

2005.
The game also marked another meaningful step for the young Sun Belt Conference. The league champion has now won three of seven New Orleans Bowls, including the past two by convincing margins, with by convincing margins, with Troy beating Rice 41-17 last

year.
It certainly wasn't the high-est-profile bowl victory for Schnellenberger, who led

Miami to the 1983 national championship with an Orange Bowl triumph over Nebraska. He is now 5-0 in bowl games over his 23 so sons as a head coach. He wa sons as a head coach. He won the 1980 Peach Bowl with Miami and two bowl games with Louisville, the 1990 Fiesta Bowl and the 1993 Liberty Bowl.

Liberty Bowl,
Still, this one had to be spe-cial, given that he is the father of FAU's program and the only head coach the Owls have ever known. As the final minute ticked away, the 73-year-old's

NEW ORLEANS BŒWÏ

head of white hair and blue blazer were left drenched by a bucket of ice water his players dumped over him in celebra-tion. But the old coach didn't

even flinch.
Florida Atlantic started fast and never trailed. Smith had 102 yards passing and a pair of touchdown tosses in the

first 10 minutes. His second, a short pass that Dilvory Edgecomb turned into a 29-yard score, gave FAU a 17-7 land. yard lead.

au. Edgecomb also set up FAU's ist two scores with kickoff first two scores with kickon returns of 42 and 62 yards. He added a 4-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

Memphis quarterback Martin Hankins helped the Figers keep the game competitive into the second half, throwing for 203 yards and three touchdowns. The Tigers got as close as 30-27, but he

left the game late in the third quarter with a right leg injury after getting tangled up in a heap of players after releasing a pass.

Reserve quarterbacks Will Hudgens and Mart Maloud finished the game for Memphis, which couldn't muster a significant threat in the final quarter.

Smith also had touchdown passes of 4 yards to Charles Pierre, 16 yards to Charles Home, and 16 yards to Willie Rose and 16 yards to Jisson Harmon.



شعرهه Il Commissioner Bud Selig apeaks during a news conference in New hursday, Dec. 13.

# Selig support strong among **MLB** owners

Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Bud Selig
could be baseball commissloner for life if he wanted.

His backing among owners
is as strong as ever after the
Mitchell Report, which
accused owners and players
of ignoring performanceenhancing drugs.

"I'm not sure exactly what
you'd say was Bud's crime! I
mean, what was he supposed
to do? former commissioner
fay Vincent said. "He has no
magic wand. He has got to
work willto womers. He has to
Two things matter most in

Two things matter most in professional sports: winning and profits. Selfy has delivered both.

"More clubs have a chance of win the World Series Decause of the revenue-sharing rules negodated during its 15-year tenure. And the Algane set attendance Pecords in 2007, topping \$6 billion in revenue for the first that.

"He has total support of the ownership total support, Chleago White Sochairman Jerry Reinsdorf said.

Selig received \$14.5 million in the 12 months ending Oct. 31, 2005, according to Major League Baseball's last available tax return, and owners think he's worth it.

"He's a terrific commissioner, and he's doing the right thing in trying to clean up the sport, "Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said through spokesman Howard Rubenstein." I am fully supporting him." Selig has said he plans to retie in two years, when he's 75, but some owners think they can persuade him to stay on.

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they can persuade him to stay on.

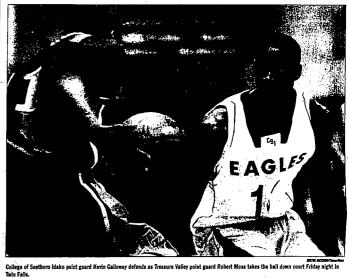
"Believe me, we're going to certainly try." Reinsdorf said.

"The job is not done yet. He shouldn't leave until he knows that he's accomplished all he wants to accomplish and there's somebody in place to pick up the ball and go the rest of the waw."

way."
Sellg, who had owned the Milwaukee Brewers since 1970, became acting commissioner in September 1992 when clubs forced out Vincent. Sellg became permanent commissioner in

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# **Not a moment to Treasure**



CSI men fly past visiting Chukars



College of Southern Irlano for

Sometimes you're the rolled-up newspaper. Sometimes you're the puppy who went on the carpet. The pups — Treasure Valley. Community College's 11 freshmen, along with a pair of sophomores — got the Sunday edition early as the No. 2 College of Southern Idaho men's baskeball team served up a 131-76 tap on the Chukars' collective backsides.

ketball team served up a 131-76 tap on the Chukars collective backsides. The nonconference game was of little consequence to either the 12-0 Golden Eagles or the 1-9 Chukars of Ontario, Ozr. However, CSI kept its undefeated season allew shile TVCC played better than it did during last weck's 131-58 home losis to the Golden Eagles. CSI won mainly on sheer size, outrebounding the visiting Chukars 82-29 behind sophomore Juan Pattillos 29 points and 14 rebounds, both game highs. The Golden Eagles pulled down 14 more offensive rebounds (43) than the Chukars grabbed in total. "That's one of our M.O.S. That's who we are," CSI head coach Barret Peery said.". "When we get a stat like that, that makes me feel real good."

Eight CSI players finished in double figures as freshman Dacquon Montreal added 18 points and 11 rebounds. Joey Shaw finished with 13 points, while point guards Kevin Galloway and Reggie Guyton each doled out eight assists.

assists.
Every CSI player on the roster saw at least seven minutes of action, as every CSI player aside from sophomore Terry Fields scored. Fields did contribute 10 rebounds, in the end, Peery was pleased with the way his squad finished out its pre-New Year schedule.

Inished out its pre-New Year schedule.

You can't go into the locker room after winning by 55 and be upset. Peery said. The guys came out and did the job they needed to do. The streets of Kimberly emptied into the CSI gymnasium as a large contingent of Friday's crowd came to see former Buildogs standout Jason Mumm. The 6-foot-7 Chukars freshman finished with 12 points, six rebounds and six assists.

Treasure Valley was led by Shane Miller's 17 points, while Ityan Goodwin was hot early, scoring nine of his 15 points in the first half.

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# Suspect in murder of Redskins' Taylor seeks plea

Associated Press watter

MAMI — The attorney for one of the four suspects charged with killing Washington Redskins star Sean Thylor said Friday he is talking with prosecutors about a plea agreement that may lockude testifying against the others. Michael Hornung, who represents Senjah Hunte, said his client has maintained throughout that he was not sware that anyone had a weapon when liney arrived at Taylor's Mamil home or inta violence would occur, and that he was not inside the home when Taylor was shot Nov. 26.

"He has said from the very beginning that he wants to accept responsibility for his limited role," Hornung said. "He is willing to cooperate and to speak

truthfully about that." The attorney's com

ruthfully about that."
The attorney's comments came after a brief hearing for the four suspects, who have already filed written pleas of not gully to charges of first-degree felony murder and armed burglary. Mamibade County Circuit, Judge Dennis Murphy set an April 7 trial date, but indicated that might be delayed.
Murphy also expressed concern that too much investigative material was finding its way into the news media, saying he is considering issuing a gag order on the lawyers in order to ensure a fair-trial.

trial.

"Hippefully it won't get to that point."

Murphy told the attorneys. "Hopefully
my point was made today."

A hearing was set for Jan. 8 on a
request by the lawyer for suspect
Charles Wardlow to scal from the public

ements made by the defend

statements made by the defendants to police. Normally most investigative material becomes public under Florida law once it sigven to delense attorneys. There's a tremendous amount of information that's out there already, said David Berner, who represents Wardlow. It's unfair. Prosecutors also filed papers asking for the statements to be sealed temporarily — including two that were videotaped — and that lawyers not publicly reveal the contents of their clients confessions." This may prejudice both the state's

confessions."
"This may prejudice both the states investigation and the co-defendants," said Assistant State Attorney Reid Rubin in the court filling.
Murphy also denied Brener's request

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# Wendell girls grind out road win over Shoshone

SHONHONE — A big first half—by Wendell's Erian Offfrien beliped the Todans to a 53-43 victory over the host Shoshone Indians. O'Brien secored 16 of her 22 points before internission as the Indians could find no one to stop the Trojans Jun-lon.

or. Wendell held a 27-19 lead Wendell held a 27-18 lead at the half but was outscored by Shoshone 19-11 in the third period. Shoshone sophomore Lacey Kniep threw up a 3-pointer as the buzzer sounded ending the quarter and was fouled, kniep sank the free throw resulting in a 38-38 tie. Wendelf scored 15 points in

Shoshone only managed five points.

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Hot start sends I.F. to win over Bruins

half.
"We had a lot of motiva-tion to win," Gulliford said.
"I wanted to beat Wendell mostly because I just hate losing. The big difference in

tosing, the big anterence in the game was their run in the first quarter."
Shoshpine (6-7) is at Richfield on Jan. 2 and Wendell (7-4) travels to Filer Jan. 5.

Wendell 53, Shoshone 43
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Wrestling MINICO 51, JEROME 6

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The Minico Spartans kept on keeping on Friday night, when they hosted — and hammered — Jerome in a dual match against their conference foes. Jerome won just two matches in the entire varsity event, something which served as encouragement for the Spartan wrestlers during the match, it should also help them in the future.

during the matter. It should unso near in the future.

"Ferome is important for us because they're in our conference and these (matches) have a lot to do with (conference tournament) seeding so it was a big match," said Minico coach Brad Cooper, "Our kids wrestled well, both IV and varsity."

Minicos next test comes at the Bult Invitational on Jan. 4-5.

Minico 51, Jordan 62, 11, May Jones, America 62, 11, May Jones, America 62, 11, May Jones, America 62, Clark Charle 72, 11, May Jones, America 62, Clark Charle 73, May Jones 74, May Jones 74, May Jones 74, May Jones 62, 12, May Jones 62, May Jones 74, Ma

Late Thursday Bovs basketball

ROCKLAND 55, DETRICH 53

A 3-point attempt from Dietrich senior Authony Pitman ratted in and out with about two seconds left to play and Rockland shout two seconds left to play and Rockland or a 55-53 with on its home floor on Thursday.

Pitman had 20 points, including a trio of treys, for the Blue Devils (2-8), who were helped out by 11 points and 13 boards from Jaren Stoddard.

Rockland was led by Justin Spillett with 19 points, with 17 coming — including four 3-pointers — from Tim Jones.

Dietrich hosss Richfield on Jan. 5.

Times-Nows

The Twin Falls boys basketball team spoted host Idaho Falls a 23-6 first-quarter advantage on the road Friday night, and freever Gollette went off for 31 points to make that lead stick as the Tigers eased to a 59-43 win ower the Brutins in High Country Conference action.

The Brutins (3-4, 0-2 HCC) compounded their first quarter funk by letting Collette get but early, and both mistakes combined to kill off the game almost before it got started. "We fell behind early and we let their best player get some open looks, and when you're on the road in a conference game, when those two things happen you're not going to win," said Twin Falls assistant Shaun Walker. "We're probably an even team with ladio Falls, we just got off to a sow start and let their bost player get 31. We got beat: It's than simple."

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Twin Falls hosts Class 4A No. 2 Century on Ian, 3.

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3-point goals: Twin Falls 3 (Withams, Hamber, Petersen), Idaho Falls 5 (Codetti 5) Totals focks: Twin Falls 20, Idaho Falls 16, Fouled out Teth Falls, Hambler, Technical Falls, soone

Class 4A No. 1 Burley got off to a fast start in the first quarter, draining three early 3-pointers to extend its win streak to 28 genes as the Bobeats avenged their last loss, and their only one form last season, by beating Pocatello on the road Friday, 64-53. Ren Searle scored 16 first-balf points to help Burley (8-0), which was led in scoring by fordari flosteen wildt 22 and Colton Moon with 19, to the win.

Tewns nice to get a little revenge." Burley coach Jack Bagley said about getting payback over the Indians. "We started really strong and came out shooting well-but got into some foul trubble so we couldn't pressure the ball as hard as we wanted to in the second half.

second half.
"But Pocatello is a tough place to play and
we were fortunate enough to come out with
the win on the road."

the win on the road."
Despite being on such a roll, Bagley thinks
the Chrismias break comes at a good time
for his Bubeats, who are off until they host
Preston on Jan. 3.
"We've got some guys banged up so it'll
be nice to take a week or so and come back
strong for the second half of the season,"

PROVO, Utah — Jonathan Tavernari scored 15 of his 19 points in the second half and Brigham Young extended its home winning streak in at games, the longest active streak in the nation, with a 70-55 rout of Southern Utah.

49-2 run mid-

A 9-2 run midway through the second half gave the Cougars (10-2) a 53-37 lead, the largest of the game. The T-Birds (2-10) pulled within nine points with 5:50 left, but could

within nine points with 5:50 left, but could get no closer.

Both teams took a while to heat up, and 5 minutes into the game BYU led just 3-2.

Once BYU got warm, Sam Burgess' consecu-ive baskets spurred a 9-0 run by the Cougars, giving them a 28-15 lead with 2:54 remaining in the half.

Davis Baker and Geoff Payne ied Southern Utah with 15 points each.

NO. 10 MARQUETTE 89, COPPIN STATE 42
MILWAUKEE — Dominic James and Jerel
McNeal scored 18 points each and No. 10
Marquette beat Coppin State 89-42 on

No. 21 BYU routs Southern Utah

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suffocating under 40 points in 10 points been held under 40 points in 10 points two games.

Lazar Hayward added 17 for the Golden Eagles, who have won five straight since losings to Duke in the Maul invitational.

Brian Chesnut scored 13 to lead Coppin State (3-9), which lost its seventh straight and remained winless on the road.

### NO. 15 CLEMSON 90, DEPAUL 74 GUAYNABO, Puerto Rico — Trevor

SOMEWABO, Puerto Rico — Trevor Booker scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Clemson over DePaul in the San Juan Shootout.

nootout. Booker was one of six players in double gures for the Tigers (10-0), who got 15 plats from Cliff Hammonds and 14 from

points truit Clar American Demontez Súltt. Clernson, who trailed by one at the break, took control by opening the second half with a 19-4 run, capped by Hammonds 3-point-er that put the Tigers ahead 59-45 with 14-45 left. Súltt started the run with seven consecu-

tive points.

Daelon Burns led DePaul (2-7) with 27 points. Karron Clarke added 14 and Dar Tucker had 13.

- The Associated Press

# Millsap's 28 helps Jazz end road losing streak

ORIANDO, Fla. — Paul Millsap scored a career-high 28 points to help Utah end a seven-game road losing streak by defeating Orlando 111.034

113-94. The Magic, who went 13-4

The Magic, who went 13-4 in November, have now loss six of eight. They haven't won a home game since Nov. 24. The lazz hadn't won road game since Nov. 28, but made this one look easy. Carlos. Boozer had 24 points and nine rebounds for the lazz. Deron Williams had 7 points and sand seven assists and Matt. Harpring and C.J. Miles each added 10. Hedo Turkoglu scored a season-high 27 for Orlando and Dwight Howard had 20 points and 13 rebounds.

### LAKERS 106, 76ERS 101

"PHILADELPHIA.— On. a. night bulus Erving and Philadelphias 1983 championship team was honored. Andrew Bynum and the Lakers spoiled the celebration. Bynum scored a careeringh 24 points and grabbed 11 rebounds and Lamar Odom had 21 and 11 to lead Los Angeles to a 106-101 win over the Sixers on Friday night. Erving tried to motivate the Sixers with a speech at the morning shootaround. The Sixers could have used the Hall of Famer in his prime instead.

prime instead.

Andre Miller scored 21
points, Andre Iguodala had 20,
and Samuel Dalemhert had 10
points and 14 rebounds.

and samuel Diamener had in points and 14 rehounds.
Kobe Bryant took 10 of his 20 shots in the first quarter and finished with 19 points. Bryant failed to thrill his hometown fans, but he did leave Philly with a more memorable keepsake: the Lakers' first regular season win in the city since February 2000.
Derek Fisher scord eight straight points during a 10-0 run late in the third, including a go-abead jumper off the break, that put the Lakers alteral for the points during a first point first points during a first point first poi

fourth. He finished with

### CELTICS 107, BULLS 82

CELTICS 107, BUILES 82
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Kevin Garnett, who had 12 points and seven rebounds, also sat out the entire fourth

NO. 17 NOTRE DAME 67, IUPUI 44 INDIANAPOLIS — Charel Allen had 12 points and five steals and Notre Dame won

- The Associated Press

### Treasure

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CSI led 56-30 at the half despite forcing a modest 12 turnovers in the first 20 minutes. Montreal and Pattillo both entered the break with 10 points.

Each of the 10 CSI players that saw action in the first half played 10 minutes, as Peery replaced his on-court squad every five minutes. The Golden Eagles are back in action on Thursday, Jan. 3,

hosting the Montana Western junior varsity during the first day of the Donnelley Sports Invitational in Twin Falls, The invinuonal in Ivan Palis, The three-day home tournament marks CSI's final weekend of play before the Scenic West Athletic Conference regular season begins.

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Eric Larsen may be reached at 1-800-658-3883, Ext. 220 or



oran sace turnaru carios Boozer, right, gets past Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard (12) for two points during Friday's game in Orlando. Utah won 113-94. rios Boozer, right, gets past Orlando Magic cente

PISTONS 92, GRIZZLIES 67

HAWKS 97, WIZARDS 92 WASHINGTON — WASHINGTON — Joe Joinson scored half of his 32 points in the final quarter and Atlanta moved past the Wizards and into second place in the Sauthana Thirl

in the Southeast Division. Marvin Williams added 22

lead for good.

quarter. Garnett had a scare late in the first half when he was poked in the right eye by Joakim while fighting for a rebound; he did not leave the BOBCATS 105, KNICKS 95 CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gerald Wallace scored 27 points and Charlotte domi-nated New York. PISTONS 92, GRIZZIJES 67
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. —
Tayshaun Prince scored 16
points and Antonio McDyess
added 11 points and 10
to form of the most of the

TIMBERWOLVES 131, PACERS 118

MINNEAPOLIS — Playing on a gimpy ankle, Antoine Walker made six 3-pointers and scored 23 points to help Minnesota Timberwolves beat Indiana.

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Al pelferson scored 15 of his

Display beat Indiana.

It is the third quarter
and added 13 rebounds and

Sebastan Tufair had 27 points
and 11 assists in all 48 minutes
for the Timbervolves, who
snapped a sk-game losing
streak and won just their
fourth game of the season.

Mike Dunleavy had 30
points for the Pacers, who led
by as many as 21 points in the
first half before Walker ignited the Wolves.

ed the Wolves.

— The Associated Press

# in the Southeast Division. Marvin Williams added 22 points and Josh Smith had 15 points and 14 rebounds for the Hawks, who hadn't won at Washington since December 2003. Antawn Jamison led the Wizards with 30 points and nine rebounds, but the team's top scorer, Caron Burler, was limited to 13 points on 5-of-14 shooting. As the teams went back and forth early in the fourth quarter, Johnson scored 10 straight Hawks points. Then, with the game tied at 86 and a little more than a minute to go, Johnson set up Smiths 3pointer to give Atlanta the No. 12 Cal pounds Kansas 74-41

BERKELEY, Calif. — Alexis Gray-Lawson scored 16 of her season-high 25 points in the first half and No. 12 California returned from an 11-day break for final exams to beat Kansas 74-41 on Friday night in its last non-conference game of the season. Gray-Lawson scored 12 points in the first 11 minutes, making four of five shots as Cal began the game shooting 61 percent.

NO. 14 DUKE 92, BUCKHELL 49 DURHAM, N.C. — Chante Black and Joy Check each scored 19 points and Duke routed Bucknell. Abby Waner added 16 points, Jasmine Thomas had 12 and Wanisha Smith 11 for Duke (9-3).

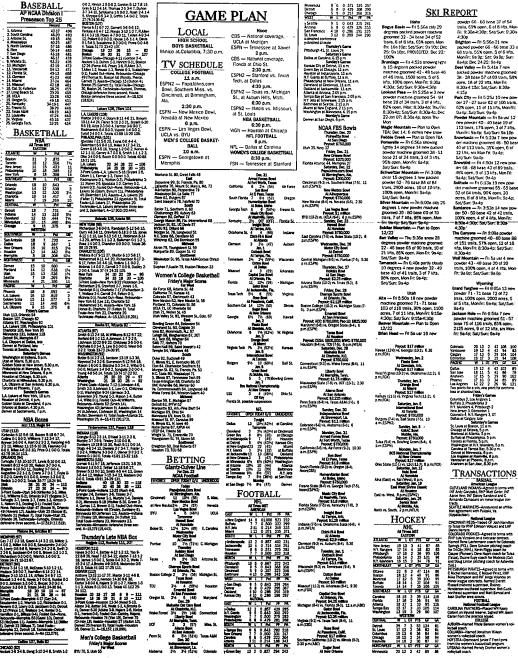
its eighth straight.

Devereaux Peters had 11
points and four blocks,
Lindsay Schrader scored 10
points and Tulyah Gaines
tied a career high with nine
assists for the Irish (10-1).
Jernisha Cann led IUPUI
with 15 points and 14
rebounds, Julia Whitted
added 10 points and seven
rebounds for the Jaguars
(3-9).

— The Associated Press

Marquette beat Coppin Sum Coppin Fidey night.
Fidey night.
Marquette (9-1) held Coppin State scoreless for more than 7 minutes during a dominant 22-0 run that put the game out of reach
midway through the second half, playing www.magicvalley.com

# **SCOREBOARD**



# Bellotti staying at Oregon after being contacted by UCLA

search for a nead coach, said Friday nes staying put.

"You're always flattered when others want
to talk to you, but that's because of the success
we've enjoyed based on our players, our support staff and our administration," Bellout
said in a statement posted on the university
Web site. "Thave been, and continue to be, 100
percent committed to the University of
Oregon and our pursuit of a national championship."

nship." Bellotti, who turned 57 on Friday, is in his

Bellotti, who turned 57 on Friday, is in his 13th season as Oregon's coach with a record of 105-52. The university confirmed Thursday that he had spoken to UCLA officials. "I was approached by them on several occasions and finally agreed to allow them to come to Eugene and speak with me," his statement said.

### BOXING

# **Utah Supreme Court says state**

can't oun enter court says state
can't be sued in boxer's death
SAIT LAKE CITY — A state commission that
regulates boxing can't be sued for negligence
in the death of a boxer who collapsed in the
ring.
The ruling was released Friday by the Utah
Supreme Court.

Brad Rone died of an irregular heartbeat in 2003 after collapsing in the first round of a fight in Cedar City.

Rone was trying to win money to fly to Ohio for his mother's funeral. He welghed 259 pounds and had high blood pressure.

Rone's starc claims the Pete Suzzo Utah Athleite Commission was negligent in permitting him to enter the ring.

But Utah's highest court says the commission performs a governmental function and is immune to the lawsuit.

### SOCCER

# Beckham expected to train

Beckham expected to train
with Arsenal in MLS offseason
LONDON — David Beckham is expected to
train with Premier League club Arsenal early
next year to prepare for the Major League
Soccet season.
Beckham would likely use the clubs training facility, which is close to his English home,
before the Los Angeles Galaxy begin their season on March 29, Arsenal manager Arsene
Wenger said Friday.
"We will help him to get fit and prepare for
the season," Wenger told BBC Radlo. "There's
a good chance that he will come in Januáry,
but it's not decided."
Beckham is hoping to play his 100th game

Beckham is hoping to play his 100th game for England on Feb. 6 in an exhibition against

Switzerland, the first match for new coach Fabio Capello.
"(Beckham) has 99 caps and I hope he will get 100, if not 100 then 120," Wenger said. At his age he needs to keep fit.
The 32-year-old midfielder's last game for the Galaxy was an exhibition against the Wellington Hurricanes in New Zealand on Dec. 1.

### MAGIC VALLEY

### Jerome Rec hosts NETA classes

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District and NETA, a non-profit fitness professional association, will sponsor two nationally recognized workshops.

"Group Exercise" certification will be held atturday Jan. 5, 2008, where potential and current fitness instructors can learn basic academic and practical application of teaching group exercise. No college, science or teaching background is required. The workshop includes a full day review, written exam, two-year certification and membership.

"Cycle Smart (Indoor Cycling" will teach safe,

effective techniques to teach a variety of populations. The techniques include bike scup, equipment repairs, safe body positioning and alignment and coaching the class. Lesson plays are provided for beginner workouts. To register, call 1-800-4BROBIC (1-800-297-6842) or sign on to http://www.netafit.org. Paula Potter is the local contact and can be reached at 324-3369.

### ldaho Youth Ranch Basketball Tournament dates set

BURLEY — The Idaho Youth Ranch 28th Annual Basketball Tournament will be held Feb. 14-16 for girls in grades 5-6 and 7-8. The tournament for boys in grades 5-6 will be Feb. 21-23, while grades 7-8 compete March 20-22. For more information, contact Tony Bell at (200) 532-4117.

### Times-News seeks sports

Ilines-News seeks sports video correspondent
The Times-News and magicvalley.com is looking for a paid freelance correspondent to shoot video of high school games and other local productions of the seek of the s

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AP MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: TOM BRADY

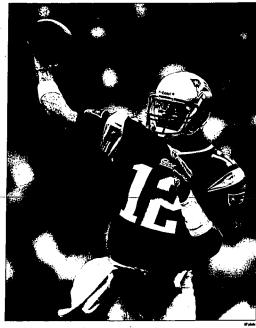
# Brady makes being a superstar QB look routine

FONDOROHGH, Mass. (AP) —
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team to go undeteated or an emmassuper Bowle season.
This, however, Is what teammates see and respect:
"When you see him here at 6:15 in the morning, Bilting weights, watching film and working out, I think that's not a sign of a guy that's getting a big head," safety Rodney Harrison said.
And that is why Brady was both lattered at heing selected The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year, and determined to spread the Year, and determined to spread the Year, and determined to spread the Year, and the Year was to the Year, and the Year was to you will be responsible for what each of us accomplishes as individuals and for what we all accomplish as a team."
Brady received 51 votes from members of The AP 18 more than runner-up Roger Federer, who won his fifth straight Winbledon and fourth straight U.S. Open tennis tournament In 2007. They were followed by Tiger Woods, Manning, Barry Bonds and Josh Beckett.
Lorena Octoba, who wen eight tournaments including the Women's British Open and became the first LPGA Tour player to win 54 million in a season, was the runaway choice as top fermed eather and the Year of the Year of the Payer in 1989 and 1999.
"You look at Joe Montana, who

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You look at Joe Montana, who was one of my role models growing up. Lance Armstrong Tiger Woods. Thealy said. Thely're all great role models for children and adults with the said of the s was one of my role models growing



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady throws down field during a game against the Washington Redskins at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass., in this Oct. 28 file photo.

On Aug. 22, his ex-girlfriend, actress Bridget Moynahan, gave birth to their son. By that time, Brady was dating former Victoria's Secret model Gisele Bundchen.

In the locker room two days before the birth, Brady discussed how he avoided the distractions of

how he avoided the distractions of impending parenthood.
"I'dl hate to come in here and have my mind on 100 different things when that's not going to help this team at all." he said. 'And then when I leave here I deal with that and my team takes ... a step backward."

The year started poorly: a 38-34 loss to Indianapolis in the AFC champlonship game in which the Patriots blew a 21-3 lead. It was sealed when Marlin Jackson intercepted Brady's pass with 16 seconds

left.

When he left the locker room. Brady got a kiss from his mom and a hug from his dad. Then they walked down the finllway, a somber stroll in a season that ended too soon.

a season that ended too soon.
"It was over, that was my only
thought," Brady said after the game,
He and the Patriots haven't lost

since then.

Brady has had plenty of help: a line with three Pro Bowl players, new receivers Randy Moss and Wes Welker and an improving running game.
Still, the offense revolves around

Still, the oneme com-him.
"There's nobody I'd rather have." coach Bill Belichiek said. "He's done a great job for us, this year and in previous years."
Brady wasn't drafted until the

sixth round in 2000, a snub that has driven him. He took over from injured Drew Bledsoe as the starter in the third game of 2001 and won the first of his two Super Bowl MVP

the first of this two Super Bowl MVP awards that season.
New York Jets coach Eric Manginl was an assistant coach for the Patriots in Brady's first six seasons.
"Tom was impressive from the day he got in the building," Mangini said a few days before losing to the Patriots 20-10 on Dec. 16. "Vas he's gotten more successful and more accolades, he hasn't changed his work ethic, his intensity, his selfiessness."
This season Brady's Patriots have posted mind-hoggling numbers.
In the seventh game, he threw a franchise record six TD passes and had a perfect passer rating. The

### 2007 Male Athlete of the Year Voting

Federer Tiger Woods
Barry Bonds
Peyton Manning
Josh Beckett el Phelps Alex Rodriguez LeBron James Floyd Mayweather

Patriots won their first eight games by at least 17 points each. By that time, just halfway through the sea-son, he had thrown 30 touchdowns

son, he had thrown 30 touchdowns and only two interceptions.
In three of the next six games, he showed he hadn't lost his knack for pulling out narrow victories by coming from behind in the fourth quarter.

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So, what Is it that sets Brady apart from other quarterbacks?

"Poise, patience," Moss said, and going, out there determined to killy you at any given time. They can give you a fourth-and-24, and Toms still-ready to kill you.

The pretty-boy looks hide a flerce competitiveness. After throwing for the first touchdown in a 34-13 wimper.

Dec. 9, he confronted Pittsburgh-cornerback Anthony Smith, who quaranteed a Steelers win, and started jawing.
"I don't care to repeat it, especially if my mother reads it." Brady said. She wouldn't be very happy with what I said."

If you're an opponent, you don't want him mad at you. If you're a teammate, you couldn't have a better one.

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"He is a legitimate superstar invery sense of the word and yet you talk to people within that locker room and they love the guy, said television commentator and Hall of Farne quarterback Troy Alkman, "They love playing for him, they think the world of thim, he takes care of those guys, the organization likes

Mhy not? Brady does a better job deflecting raise than opponents do deflect-

Braty over a brate prints than opponents do deflecting his passes.

The great thing about playing quarterback here is that you've just got to do your job. You don't have to worry about a whole lot of otherhings, because you have great confidence that all the other guys are going to do what they're asked to do. he said. The just got to dropback and try to throw it to the guys in blue.

Right now Brady is doing that as well as anyone ever has.

AP FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: LORENA OCHOA

# New No. 1 Ochoa keeps making history on LPGA Tour

NEW YORK (AP) — Lorems Octoo didn't have a blueprint for becoming the best in the world, and she certainly didn't have a role model. Mexico had yet to produce anything resembling a world-class golfer, and Ochoa did not look like one at age 12.

So It was surprising when she told her coach she wanted to be No. 1.

"At that time, with the way! was playing, and being in NEW YORK (AP) -

as that time, with the way I was playing, and being in Guadalajara, it was a little bit crazy to think that way." Octoo said toward the end of a historic season. "But I did it. It took me a long time, but I did it."

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It might have seemed like a long time from when she was 12, but she took only five years on the LPGA Tour to establish her reign.

She replaced Annika Sorenstam at No. 1 in the women's world ranking. She captured her first major championship at the Women's British Open, making history as the first female to win a professional event at \$X\$, Andrews, And she capped off the year with a fearless shot that defines her style, becoming the first LPGA Tour long season.

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Maybe it wasn't such a razy dream.

Maybe it wasnt such a cray dream. Such was her dominance that for the second straight year, Ochoa was the overwhelming choice as the Associated Press Fermale Athlete of the Year. It was the fifth straight year a golfer has captured the Fermale Athlete award, the longest streak of any snort.

any sport. Ochoa 'received 71 votes



Lorens Ochoa looks at the tropky after winning the ADT Championship 2007, in West Palm Beach, Fla., on Nov.

from members of The Associated Press, equal to the combined total of the next seven athletes below her on

the list.

She Joined Sorenstam,
Kathy Whitworth, Mickey
Wright and Babe Zaharias as
the only golfers to win the
award in consecutive years.

"Being compared with
such exceptional players
makes me feel honored,"
Ochoa said in an e-mail from
Mexico, where she is spendine a hard-earned vacation. ing a hard-earned vacation.
"My main goal is to maintain
myself as the No. 1.
Therefore, I can promise to

keep improving."
Justine Henin, who won
her third straight French
Open title in tennis, was second with 17 votes. Rounding
out the top five were New
York Marathon winner Paula
Radcliffe, Tennessee basket-Radellife, Tennessee basker-ball player Candace Parker and Allyson Fellx, the second woman in history to win three gold medals at the World Track and Field Championships. Tom Brady, who led the New England Patriots to 14 consecutive wins and was on pace to break Peyton Manning's single season

touchdown pass record of 49, was the AP Male Athlete of the Year. Brady received 51 was the AP Male Athlete of the Year. Brady received 51 votes, 18 more than runner-up Roger Federer, the Swiss tenuls star who won his 5th consecutive Wimbledon and 4th consecutive U.S. Open, his 11th and 12th Grand Slam Never afraid to fail, Ochoa

Never atraid to fall, Ochon has been scaling heights since she was a girl.

She broke both wrists when she fell 15 feet from a tree at age 5. When she was 12, she trained sk months to climb the snowcapped top of Pico de Orizaba, Mexico's

tallest mountain at 18.405 feet. Her rise to No. 1 also was

leet.
Her rise to No. 1 also was hard work.
Twice she had a chance to reach No. 1 by winning tour-naments, but a triple bogey in the third round derailed her bid at the Kraft Nabisco Championship, and a double bogey on the final hole cost her the title at the Ginn Open.
The 26-year-old Ochoa became No. 1 during a week off in April. In her first tournament as the LPGA's top player, with a fenzied gallery in Mexico ready for a coronation, she finished two shots behind unheraided Silvia Cavalleri.
Even more pressure came

Even more pressure came in the majors, the only achievement Ochoa was

achievement Ochoa was missing.
After blowing her chances at the Kaff Nabisco, Ochoa was tied for the lead in the U.S. Women's Open with five holes to play until two poor tee shots left her short again. But she burled those demons for good at the Women's Brillsh Open, where a grity chip on the dangerous Road Hole secured a four-shot victory.

Hole secured a four-shot vic-tory.

"There were a lot of people saying that I wasn't good enough, or that I couldn't win a major, or when am I going to win a major," Ochoa said. 'And I always have taken all of the comments and under-stood very well because I did-n't win. I just think now it a big step forward. I did It, and there's no more to say."

But she didn't pack it in.
Ochoa will sook in a view from the top of a mountain, but her eyes are quick to scan

### 2007 Female Athlete of the Year

Voting Athlete Lorena Ochoa Justine Henin Paule Radcliffe Candace Parker Aliyson Felix Shawn Johnson Marta 6 Venus Williams 2 Anja Paerson 1

the horizon for the new mountain to climb, she wonher next two starts on the LPGA Tour and finished the 
season with eight victorlesfinishing out of the top 10 
only four times. 
"I don't like to look back." 
she said. "I was always very 
motivated to become: No. 1, 
because of what it meant and 
passion I have put in during 
ny life to golf. Now that I am 
No. 1. I'm even more motivated to keep giving my best."

Two of her cousins made a 
documentary of Ochoa this 
year, bringing a head-held 
wideo camera to all the tournaments. They live in the 
United States, and often tried 
to expand Ochoa's rocabulary.

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to expand Ochoas vocabu-lary.

Instead of saying she had a good day during the U.S.
Women's Open, she said it was "delightful," and then looked to her cousins to make sure she used the word, properly.

Perhaps the next word to learn is sensational. Her play-has been nothing but that for the last two years.

# Bonds argues to keep all-star legal team intact

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds told a Judge Friday that he wants two bop-notch Bay Area defense lawyers to lead his legal team even though they previously represented potential witnesses against the skuger.

Bonds, who is charged with perjury and obstruction of Justice for allegedly lying to a federal grand jury about his steroid use, appeared briefly in U.S. District Court after



prosecutors raised conflict-of-interest concerns about defense attor-neys Alien Ruby and Cris Arguedas. Speaking softly in response to a

run king said he wanted the two lawyers to represent hlm, even though lead attorney Ruby earlier represented Bonds' personal sur-geon Dr. Arthur Ting, and Arquedas represented former track star Tim Montgomery.

Montgomery.

Illston did not immediately rule
on whether to disqualify Ruby and
Arguedas and asked Bonds to file a written declaration by Jan. 4.

Bonds declined to comment as he

left court.

Prosecutors said they probably will call Ting as a witness at trial and that they're concerned Ruby won't conduct a rigorous cross-examination of the doctor.

tion of the doctor.

- Ting accompanied Bonds to the
Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative
to draw the slugger's blood, which
was privately tested for steroids.
According the indictment charging
Bonds with perjury and obstruc-

tion, two of those tests came back positive.

Arguedas represented disgraced track star Montgomery and three former NFL players who testified about their steroid use to a grand jury investigating the BALCO steroids ting.

steroids ring. By waiving conflict-of-interest issues, Bonds is precluded from appealing any conviction because of the lawyer's previous representation

# Linehan downplays Holt confrontation

ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis Rams coach Scott Linehan had job security for next sea-son before Thursday night's loss to the Pittsburgh

loss to the Pittsbin Steelers.
A third season might not be such a certain-ty, though, after wide receiver\_forty. Holt uncharacteristi-

wide, received.

Holt uncharacteristically gave Linehan a piece of his mind near the end of the game.

Holt, the team's lone Pro Bowl representative, is a team leader who usually emphasizes the sunny side, but not this time. He was caught by TV cemeras yelling at Linehan after Ike Taylor's 51-yard interception for a team on a fourth-andat Linenan after the Taylors 51-yard interception for a touchdown on a fourth-and-10 play put the game out of

reach.
Linehan downplayed the
exchange after the game, saying it was nota "big deal" and
was said in the "heat of the He stuck to that story on

His stuck to that story on Friday. "When you're sitting here at 3-12. I'n the first one to say everythings not all that pleasant," Linchan said. "No one likes loing, Exactly what I said last right is what I say today and III say tomorrow. "You can isk me that question any way you want and "Il have the same opinion on it."

it."
Rams president John Shaw said on Dec. 10 that Linehan would be back, and that the was unfair to judge Job performance because the team has had so many injuries. The Rams have 11 players no injured reterve, including three offensive line startes and top pass rusher Leonard Little.

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Little.
Shaw was en route to Los
Angeles and did not immediately return a telephone mes-sage from The Associated

Holt declined to comment

Tott declined to comment Thursday and was unavallable on Friday, a day off for players. Players also have the weekend off, with the net practice set for Monday.

The Rams began the year with eight straight losses before winning three of four, but they've but threy've but they've but they've but they've but they've host three in a row entering the season finale next Sunday at Arizona. A former first-round pick, they have been a key member of offenses that produced two Super Bowl berths in a three-year stretch from 1993–2001. He's finishing off his eighth consecutive 1.000-yard season despite persist-2001. He's finishing off his eight consecutive 1,000-yard season despite persistent problems with his right knee coming off arthroscopic surgery last February.

Through the years, win or lose, Holt is often seen on the sideline with a wide grin on his face. That vanished at the end of another second-half collanse.

The Rams had closed the gap to one touchdown in the third quarter before fading.

40 in the fourth quarter this senson.
Holt has only five catches senson, the last two weeks, but offensive coordinator Greg Olson, who is in the booth on game day, didn't think that was a factor men is discurrent of the district of the di

Defensive coordinator IIm Haslett said he heard of the confrontation but did not witness it.

"I miss all that stuff, argu-g with my guys," Haslett ked.

ing with my guys. Hastert joked.
Linehan said it wasn't a surprise that Holt, or the rest of the property of t

Apparently. Holt was taking issue with Linehan's play-calling.

"It was the situation we got in on fourth down and that was it." Linehan said.
"Everything else, the rest, was between he and 1. And it's over as far as I'm concerned." Linehan said he didn't think the team had lost confidence in him.

"Well, I mean, I don't know that we're not unconfident," Linehan said. "We're going about our business and we've been very competitive, especially the second half of the year. Obviously If we were winning our confidence level would be higher." It's not where it needs to be, that's for sure."

The last few weeks there's The last few weeks there's The last few weeks there's

The last few weeks there's been heightened secrecy sur-rounding the team, with been heightened secrecy sur-rounding the team, with Linehan more tightlipped regarding injuries. Linehan confirmed only Friday a pub-lished report that quarter-back Marc Bulger's setback on a week he was scheduled to return from a concussion readiler this month was the to earlier this month was due to getting struck on the head by

to return from a concussion earlier this month was due to getting struck on the head by a football during practice.

Linehan said he found out about the accident the following week, and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch disclosed the accident of Thursday. Because backup quarterback Gus Frentte also was out with a partially tom labrum in his throwing shoulder, the Rams were forced to elevate Brock Berlin from the practice squad to start in his NFL debut he isoss at Clincinnati.

"I don't really understand the significance of when I found out or anything like that," Linehan said. "I had no idea when it happened and he hadn't told anybody, as far as coaches were concerned."



صوح Philadelphia Eagles football coach Andy Reid addresses a news conference in Philadelphia, Friday. Reid broke his silence about his sons' problems in

# Reid breaks silence about sons' struggle with addiction

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Eagles coach Andy Reid and his wife have dealt with their sons' drug addictions for years, through 'Super Bowls and championships,' and the coach plans to remain with the team as long as he can do the job and the owner will have him. The Reids broke their slence about their sons' problems and vowed their support in an exclusive interview with Philadelphia Magazine for its famuray edition. They said they decided to give the interview in hopes of helping others.

In excerpts of the interview posted in the magazine's Web site Friday, Reld on the magazine's Web site Friday, Reld disclosed he and his wife have been dealing with their sons struggles since

Reld declined to discuss the interview during his news conference Friday, referring to the statement he made a day earlier.

made a day earlier.

"It was a way to share our story with others," Reid said. "We've had tremendous support through this whole event. It was a way to reach out to those who are going through similar situations.

"It was an opportunity to do this while the players were still in town and let them have an opportunity to, likewise, to read about it so there would be no gray areas as they left town."

Reld encouraged everyone to read the interview, saying "it's all explained in that."

Both Garrett and Britt Reid have bat-tled drug addiction and been sen-tenced to jail terms stemming from Britt's road-rage case and Garrett's heroin-fueled, high-speed crash in lanuary. nuary. "We've dealt with Garrett's situation

for a long time, and we've done is through Super Bowls and champi-onships," Andy Reid told the magazine "And it's new to a lot of people, but it's Tammy Reid said, "We raised these

Tammy Reid said, "We raised these boys. We taught them to ride their bikes — you see this potential in him, and you're just not going to give up."

In the interview, Andy Reid said that he wants to remain with the team "as long as I can do my job to the best of see ability."

my ability."

Tammy Reid questioned whether her husband's Job status should be an

issue.
"(Plus) we do have house payments, he does need to have a Job," she said. "Any other dad, any other man who has things going on in his family, has not had it questioned whether he's going to retire or step down from his Job. The

CEO of any major company, it would never be in question.

The couple also spoke about a difficult six-month separation with Garrett in 2006, when their oldest son was fiving in his car in Arizona.

Tammy Red lold the magazine that, in a phone call Garrett said he wished bed never done drugs and could come home and start over.

"You're thirties, lev's transparation."

home and start over.
"You're thinking, let's try one more
time," she told the magazine. "Because
that's what you do as a parent. You
think, OK, it didn't work the last couple
of times, but there's still hope."

of times, but there's still honeed last month to 2 to 23 months in jail for a month to 2 to 23 months in jail for a month to 2 to 23 months in jail for a five was injured. Police said they found heroin, steroids and more than 200 pills in his car and he admitted using heroin on the day of the crash. Garrett Reid was later charged with five additional drug counts related to 89 pills authorities said he had smuggled into prison.

Britt Reid was sentenced last month to eight to 23 months in jail for pointing a gun at another driver on Jan. 30. He also pleaded guilty to charges including carrying a firearm without a license. The magazine hits the newsstand on Wednesday.

### MLB

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1990, was elected to a five-year term
and gave up running the team, which
his family sold in 2005.
Only Kenesaw Mountain Landis
1829-449 and Bowle Kuhn (1963-84)
have served longer among the nine
commissioners.
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71 think we all knew there was an Issue, but we all felt we had our hands ted by the collective bargaining agreement, and until that could be resolved in 102, there just wasn't a whole hell of a lot that could be done. Texas Rangers owner Tom Hicks said. "Well-meaning people were trying to protect privacy, and the property of the same property of the

Greenberg, he can see both sides: He was a player agent, then became deputy commissioner under Vincent. Greenberg understands what appears to be ambivalence among some to the Steroids Era.

"I think there are a significant num-

"I think there are a significant num-ber of fans, and I think maybe mostly the younger fans who don't remember Roger Marts, let alone Babe thut and Hank Aaron, who don't think it's a big deal," he said. "There are significant other segments of the fan population, like myself, who are concerned about it."

like myself, who are concerned about it."

Rep. Cliff Stearns, a Florida Republican who sponsored a bill and hed hearings on drugs in 2005, called on Selig to resign.

"Certainly, a lack of leadership and oversight in MLB enabled those abuses to continue." Stearns said. "After 15 years of slow action, a new commissioner is needed to guide the league out of this em of drug abuse."

That kind of blame-the-boss mentality led to the ouster this year of Citigroup Inc. child executive officer Charles Prince and Mertill Iynch & Co. CEO Stan O'Neal, both booted after their companies took massive hits for subprime mortgages.

But under Selig baseball economics are the best they we been since the free-agent revolution began in 1976, a transformation that saw the average player salary increase from \$\$1,000 to nearly

\$3 million in three decades. Industry revenue rose from \$182 million to its current \$6 hillion mark over the same

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ular-sesson games in Mexico, Puerro Rico and Japan.

Ilis detractors said he was slow to make many of those moves and pushed ahead with decisions only after he formed a consensus. He prefers to call his pace studied and deliberate. And the positive changes came only after his attempt to institute a salary cap provoked players into a 7%-month strike in 1934-95, a work stoppage that led to the first cancellation of the World Series in nine decades.

"The game has prospered. He's done all sorts of great things. And the only thing that has held us back in the steroid and HGH area is Don Fehr," Reinsdoff said.

Fehr angues the union has moved fir a short time to combat the problem.

Reinsdorf said.
Fehr argues the union has moved far in a short time to combat the problem. He has agreed to discuss Mitchell's recommendations but said, as he usually does, that union leadership will consult with players before making any deter-minations.

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# Murder

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that the four suspects be permitted to wear civilian clothes
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or burgundy juli jumpsules.
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and Hunte, left Fort Myers on Nov. 25, but had no plans when they arrived in the Miami area. When they saw the luxury cars parked at Taylor's home, one of the suspects said the football stag in one of the bedrooms. At least one of the men said he had stolen \$5,000 from Taylor's home before, Hornung said.

The suspects thought Taylor, though injured, was still raveling with the team for a game against Tampa that Sunday. They didn't know he was home nursing a knee injury.

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# Consumer spending surges in November

# Data reduces fears of recession

WASHINGTON Consumers put aside worries about slumping home sales and soaring gasoline prices and headed to the malls in

and headed to the malk in November, pushing spend-ing up by the largest amount in 3½ years. The better-than-espected surge lessened fears of an huminent recession. The Commerce Depart-ment reported Friday that consumer spending shot up 1.1 percent last month, near-ly-triple the Cotober gain. It was the biggest one-month jump since a 1.2 percent rise in May 2004 and was significantly higher than the 0.7 percent gain

analysts had expected.
Incomes were also up last
month, but the 0.4 percent
increase was far below the
rise in spending.

increase was far below the rise in spending. Consequently, the personal savings rate dipped back into negative territory as house-holds spent savings and bor-rowed to finance November purchases Analysis attributed part of

Analysis attributed part or the spending to heavy dis-counting and longer store hours at the start of the holi-day season by retailers wor-ried that the all-important Chatering shooning period ony season ried that the all-important christmas shopping period may not be as strong this year given the factors weighing on the economy.

Still, the strong November relieved some concerns that

### Personal income



a recession might be looma recession impared in ing.
"Consumers did their part in Navember, but we will see whether they are up to it for he full Christmas season and into next year," said Mark Zundl, chilef economist at Mondy's Economy.com.
"Their financial fire power is

### Personal spending

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fading due to the wea fading the to the weaker job market, surjing gasoline and food prices which cut into their putchasing power and the evaporating housing market.

On Wall Street, stocks surged, helped by the strength shown in consumer spending. The Dow Jones

industrial average finished the day up 205.01 points at 13,450.65.

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Consumer spending is closely watched because it accounts for two-thirds of economic growth. Many analysts said the unexpectedly strong November was causing them to boost their forecasts for overall growth this ounter.

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David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York, said he now believed the economy would grow at around a 1.5 percent rate in the current quarter, rather than his previous view that the gross domestic product growth night dip below 1 percent this quarter. He said he still feld GDP growth could slow to around 0.5 percent in the first three months of next year.

### Fed auctions another \$20 billion in funds

By Martin Crutsinger Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve, working to combat the effects of a severe combat the effects of a severe-creded crunch, amounteed Friday 11 had auctioned another \$20 billion in funds to commercial banks at an inter-est rate of 4.67 percent. Fed officials pietaged to continue with the auctions for as long as necessary." The central bank said it had received bids for \$57.7 billion worth of loans, nearly three times the amount belign offered, indicating continued strong interest in the Feds new approach to providing money to cash-strapped banks.

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It was the second of four scheduled accions. The first auction, on Monday, of \$20 billion resulted in Joans being awarded at an interest rate of 4.65 percent. There were 33 bidders seeking \$63.6 billion at the first action and 73 at the second.

Two more auctions will occur in early January. In a statement First, the central bank said it would continue with further actions for as long as necessary to address cleaved pressures in short-terminant and the seeking process was announced by the Fed last week in a coordinated action with central banks around the world trying to address a global credit crunt.

Federal Reserve Chairman

address a global 'credit crunch. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues decidedto try the new process because their effors to inject funds into the banking system through the Feds discount window, which makes direct lans to banks, had proven less successful than Fed officials had hoped. Many banks had avoided using the Feds' discount window out of concern that investors would see the move as an indication of underlying problems at their financial institutions. The auction process was developed as a second way to get money into the banking system with the lopes that it weald not carry the preceived sigma of the

the banking system with the hopes that it would not carry the perceived stigma of the discount window. Economists said the first two auctions had gone well and appeared to be helping with the credit crisis. They said the Fed would not have announced a pledge to continue with the auctions if Fed officials did not think they were having a positive impact.

This is a good start but more needs to be done because segments of the credit markets are still focked up, said David Ways, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York.

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ew york. Richard Yamarone. nicitate ramarone, an economist at Argus Research in New York, said the Fed's auction effort was a "great step psychologically" and should help boost bank lend-

ing activities.

The Fed said Friday that it would announce on J would atmonize on Jan. 4 uses sizes of the next two auctions which will be held Jan. 14 and Jan. 28. Officials have said the Fed will evaluate the interest in the auctions after the initial four and determine whether more auctions will be scheduled.

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cover short-term loans for 35 days.

The global credit crisis has made banks reluctant to lend to each other even as the Fed has been lowering its federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other for overnight loans.

# **Going off the air**



The General Motors OnStar command center is shown in Detroit. Older OnStar systems for cars, home alarms and up to a million cell phones will lose service starting in February under a 2002 federal decision that allows carriers to switch the spectrum over from analog to digital technologies, which would use it more efficiently.

# Loss of network likely to strand OnStar cars, alarms, other devices

By Peter Syensson Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — When Adele

NEW YORK — When Adele Rothman bought her 16-year-old son a car in 2003, she made sum to pick one omboard communications and safety system.
What the Searsda a, N.X., resident didn't know was that the OnStar system in the car was already doomed to die. The federal government decided in 2002 to let cellular carriers shut down analog cell phone networks, used by Bothman's Saab and about 500,000 other OnStarequipped cars, after Feb. 18, 2008.

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2008). His the end of the nation-wide network that haunched the U.S. wireless industry 24 years ago, and it leaves a sur-prising number of users like Adele Rothman in the lurch. OnStar told Rothman in March its service would stop at the end of this year, in anticipation of the network shutdown in February. "I was really upset," she said, "because that was my teline" to her son. was really upset," she said, "because that was my tleline" to her son. Perhaps 'a million cell phones will lose service, but

those are cheap and easy to replace. The effects will be felt the most by people who have things that aren't phones but have built-in wireless capabillties, like OnStar cars and home alarm systems.

OnStar cars and home alarm systems.

The shutdown date has been known years in advance, but some industries appear to have a had a problem updating their technologies and informing their customers in advance, which raises the question of whether the effects will be even more widespread the next time a network is turned off, given the proliferation of wireless technology.

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General Motors Corp.,
which owns OnStar, started
modifying its cars after the
2002 decision by the Federal
Commission to let the network die, but some cars
made as late as 2005 can't
use digital networks for
OnStar, nor can they be
upgraded. For some cars
made in the intervening
years, GM provides digital
upgrades for 515.
In 2006, OnStar sald it had
let customers know of the

shutdown with a posting on its Web site. This year, it said it had notified all affected customers. Spokeswoman Cristi Chojnacki said she was unable to comment beyond those statements, General Motors and other car manufacturers with sim-llar systems, including Daimler AG's Mercedes-Benz, are facing a potential class-action lawsuit over the analog shutdown.

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When Rothman complained, GM sent a \$500 coupon toward the purchase of a new car. To compensate for the lack of OnStar, she outfitted her son's car with a handsfree system and a Global Positioning System.

A week before the end-of-year shutdown, the analog coverage map is still the first one presented on OnStar's Web site. The digital coverage map, showing large areas of 'limited' service in out-of-the-way places, a wadnite on amother page, and the complete of the still use analog service, accordabout 400,000 systems still use analog service, according to Lou Fiore, chairman of the Alarm Industry C o m m u n l c a t i on s

Committee. In most of those systems, the wireless link to the alarm center is a backup to the landline. But some homes lack a landline, so the wireless link is the only connection to the outside world.

Flore doesn't know the current number of systems that only use analog wireless connections and no landline, but a survey by the AICCa few years ago put the number at 138,000.

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line, but a survey by the MCC a few years ago put the number at 138,000. "The larger (alarm) companies are in pretty good shape." Flore said. "There are so many smaller companies out there that are probably, 1'd say, in denial. They just don't know about it." To complicate things, some alarm systems advertised as "digital" actually use a digital subchannel of the analog network. The digital actually seem to be a survey of the survey

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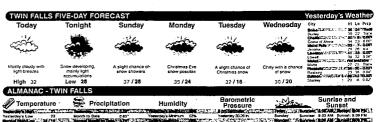
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# New Olympic sport: Getting a ticket for 2008 Beijing Games

BEIJING (AP)
Unprecedented demand for tickets to the 2008 Beijing of Unprice means many who want to go went be able to. From Denmark to Germany to the United States the problem is the same, with national Olympic committees complaining to Beijing organizers that ticket allocations were about half of what they expected. Even the families and friends of competitors may have to stay at home.

"For certain sports it is almost impossible to get any tickets at all," said Jesper Larsen, head of International Affairs for the Danish Olympic Committee. Almost every NOC has experienced that the number of tickets they got allocated was much lower than what they were asking for." The fifere demand is another measure of how Beijing is overshadowing any

The flerce demand is another measure of how Beijing is overshadowing any previous games: glittering new venues, a \$40 billion remake of the city's infrastructure and record amounts being spent on advertising and sponsorship rights

Beijing organizers said in April that 75 percent of the 7.2 million tickets on sale would be for domestic consumption with 25 percent for sale outside maintain China. Overall, the Beijing Games will generate about 9 million tickets.

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In Valencia, Zhao Huimin,
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BOCOG said the NOC's would now be allocated 1 million tickets — about 14 percent of all tickets for sale.

BOCOG said the comparable figure for Athens was 570,000.

# On the court and off, a tale of 2 seasons for Pacers' Tinsley

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jamaal Thisley's decisions on the court have been nearly impecable this season. His decisions off the court? Well, that's another matter.

The Indiana Pacers point guard has been connected with three fate-night conflicts in 14 months: The latest came this month when he and his companions were shot at during a night on the traver.

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"My life has changed," Tinsley told The Associated Press, "People make mistakes, but you just learn from it. If you're a man, adversity makes you stronger. Trials and tribulations make

stronger. Hals and tribulations make you stronger. Team president Bird thins Tinsley learned his lesson this time.

"The things that happened in he past, hopefully are in the past. Bird said. He's got too much to live for and he's got too may people depending on him, and he's got too may people depending on him, and he's got the young son (Jamaal Jr., 4) he's got to ruise and lead by example. Thistey is happier these days with first-year coach Jim O'Bfrien and his staff. And he appreciates basketball even more since the Dec. 5 shootings that left a team equipment manager wounded and builet holes in two of his cars. None of the shooters has been arrested.

arrested.

He has hired a bodyguard and insists he's not about to become a recluse.

"People go out, they hang out, they have fun," said Tinsley, who is from Brooklyn, N.Y." I can't be sheltered in my success. I'm from the city, it ain't nothing I haven't seen before.

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success. I'm from the city, it ain't nothing I haven't seen before.

Bird says Tinsley's problems have overshadowed a season deserving of All-Star consideration. Tinsley was not in the top 10 guards among Eastern Conference All-Stars even though his statistics are among the best. Heading into Friday's game, Insley was fourth among Eastern Conference point guards in scoring (14.8 points a game), second in rebounds (4.4) and assists (8.7) and first in steals (2.0). He has led the Pacers to a 14-12 record, better than expected. Teammate fermaine O'Neal, a six-time All-Star, has called Tinsley the Pacers MV?

Tinsley said he's doing what he couldn't while playing in the structured system of former coach Rick Carlishs come former coach Rick Carlishs come of the common former coach Rick Carlishs (14.6) and the control of the

floor leader.

"Not trying to bash anybody, but if you're a fan and you know basketball, you already know what the situation was here, "Insiley said.

Bird said Tinsley also has changed his approach to the game. He gripes at the officials less and doesn't get delayof-game warnings as often. Still, Bird knows Tinsley doesn't always appear fully enganed.

fillows finish decent aways appear fully engaged.
"Sometimes it looks like he's not inter-ested in what he's doing, but he's proba-bly one of our most flerce competitors," fird sald, "He dies on the inside with every bad play and every missed shot.



na Pacers guard Jamaal Tinsley brings the ball upcourt against the Washington Wizards in napolis on Oct. 31. Tinsley has been connected with three late-night conflicts in 14 months.

He just doesn't show it as much."
Tinsley also has had more time to work with his teammates.
Last season, Troy Murphy and Mike Dunleavy came to the Pacers in the midseason trade that sent Stephen Jackson to Golden State. Now, with a full training camp together and a system that fits their skills, they are producing. Dunleavy is averaging a team-best 17.5 points, the best total of his six-year carreer.

points, the best total of his six-year career.

Tinsley's creative passing ability to score off the dribbile and improved 3-point shot have given Bitd satisfaction for keeping him when many wanted him gone. Still, Tinsley's penchant for being in the wrong place at the wrong time has worn on fans.

He was there when jackson fired several shots into the air before being hit by a car at an indianapolis strip club in October 2006. Tinsley and another Pacers player, Marquis Daniels, face a Jan. 14 trial on charges sterming from a bar dight nearly a year ago.

Since Jackson and Ron Artest have been traded, the role of scapegoat has

fallen to Tinsley. There are his legal issues, his sometimes surfy demeanor, the Paccers' mediocre play in recent years and his injuries — he's missed 33 games the past three-plus seasons. Tinsley saided he cares how the community views him, but he won't let fand, or anyone else, affect his game. Once person who didn't ludge Tinsley was O'Brien. Tinsley, already impressed with O'Brien's coaching skills, respected him even more after the shooting. O'Brien's souching skills, respected him even more after the shooting. O'Brien's souching skills, respected him even more after the shooting. O'Brien's souching skills, respected him even more after the shooting. O'Brien's said Tinsley was guilly o'nd o'll addit a don't hank any o'nher coach would had a 'He crip o'm relike that.' Tinsley had all 'He crip o'm relike that.' Tinsley and the he's a great person. It's just real, real nice to have somewoody around here like that.'

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# Welcoming a new lady

New Our Lady of the Snows church gathers hundreds for dedication in Sun Valley

For the Times-News

Words from Psalm 84, "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place," took on a literal meaning during the Dec. 13 dedication of the new Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church on Sun Valley Hoad.

A Mass of Dedication drow more than 400 people, many from other churches or no church at all.

"Some of the people were coming to see because they didn't think we could do it." said Teresa Gregory, parish life director for Our Lady of the Snows. In truth, pews were installed on Monday and scaffolding was removed on Wednesday. The \$4.5 million dollar church features a host of windows around the altar, a soaring celling in the style of medieval cathedrals and a chandeller cascading in small white lights toward the altar.

Church leaders from the Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood and St. Thomas Episcopal and Emmanuel Episcopal contributed blessed water to the font at

the entrance, making the dedication an event for the greater religious community in the Wood liker Valley.
Gregory spoke the first words to the audience assembled for the Mass of Dedication.
—This is such an annuzing community of love," she sald, noting the presence not only of the flex Ken Brannon, pastor of St. Thomas Episcopal, flex Rev. Shawn Carty, pastor of Emmanuel Episcopal, and the Rev. Bob Henley of the Presbyterian Church of the lig Wood but of every person in the church as a show of love.

Bishop Michael Driscoll recited part of 'Psalm 84 in bis sermon after the gospel reading.

of Psalin 84 in his sermon after the gooped reading. "How lovely is your dwelling place," "How lovely is your dwelling place," Lard Good of Hotse," he said, "I think all of us who walked into this church for the first time today said, "How lovely is your dwelling place." I know I tild." When D Discoll asked the community to thank Gregory, they immediately rose to their feet in a rousing standing ova-tion. Gregory, with the now-retired Rev.

Iohn Morgan, started the process of bringing the idea of a new church to the parishioners. Shaped like a cross with round wigh-dows at each of the four news and a rock wall behind the altar, the new Our Lady of the Snows has rafters stained a rich chocolate to match the pews. Wallpaper in a soothing taupe color completes the earth tones selected by Ketchum archi-tect Jim McLaughlin. Completion of the church took 16

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A chandeller hanging above the attar in the new Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church glistens in the afternoon light. Teresa Gregory, the parish director, says that the 2,200 hand-blown what they want to see. To many it does look like snow falling or water falling or birds taking

"I think all of us who walked into this church for the first time today said, 'How lovely is your dwelling place.' I know I did."

- Bishop Michael Driscoll Snow falls around the 1.2-foot-tall Mary with Baby Jesus at the Lady of the Snows Catholic Church Teesday atternoon define a win storm in Sno Valley. The statue was a gift by part time Metchan resident Rosenary Hewlette to the old partis, established in 1970. Made in Italy more than 150 years ago, the wooden Madons has been refinished and placed on the facade of the new church.

### CHURCH NEWS

### Nativity presented at First Christian Church

A live Nativity will be pre-sented from 7 to 9 p.m. today. Sunday and Monday at the First Christian Church, 601 Stochone St. N. in Twin Falls. The community is encour-aged to drive by and contem-plate the meaning of Christmas.

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The church choir will present a cantata, "Wondrous Gif" by David Calross, during worship at 10:50 a.m.

sunday.

A traditional Christmas Eve0.06 n.m. Monday will service at 6 p.m. Monilay will feature music, scripture and

message. Information: 733-2209.

### Rock Creek holds Christmas celebration

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A special Christmas cele-bration will be held for worship at 10 a.m. Stunday at the Rock Greek Community Church, 262 Fifth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.
The church choir will per-form "O Holy Night" and Fred Cogglouri will present a vocal solo.

solo.
A traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service will begin at 7 p.m. Monday, with music by the Power Family Orchestra. Burt Inish and the choir will sing "Still, Still, Still, and Metzger will syde, Still, and Metzger will syde, on "Christmas is Love." The church is celebrating its first Christmas Eve service at its powelowship. new location. Information: 734-5268.

### Sunday school presents 'The Newest Angel'

The Sunday school chil-dren will present a Christmas play. The Newest Angel," at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Crossroads United Methodist Church, 205 Madison Ave. E. in Kimberly. Refreshments will follow in the fellowship bull.

A Community Candlelight service will be held at 6 p.m. Monday at the Murtaugh City Hall. A Candlelight rran. A Candlelight Communion service will begin at 8 p.m. Monday at the church

Everyone is welcome. Information: 423-4311.

### Presbyterian choir presents 'By Heaven's Light' cantata

"By Heaven's Light," a can-tata by Allen Poe and Tom Long, will be presented by the church choir at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A in Jerome.

Guest musicians accompanying the choir will include Angle Fillmore on violin. Ann Pool paying the flute, Paula Brown Sinciair on the French born, Bob Bybee playing claimet and Barry Hamilton playing cello. The cantata is being performed in memory of a special choir member. Dr. Lawrence "Duc" Buchel. A Christmas Eve service begins at 7 pm. Monday. Childcare is available for both services. Everyone is welcome. Information: 324-2972.

#### Methodists hold Christmas carol sing

A Christmas Carol Sing will begin at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the Icrome United Methodist Church, 211 S. Buchanan. Pastor Laura Rockwell will speak on "Christmas at the Manger" for worship at 11 a.m.

Mange a.m. Christmas Eve will be cele-brated with a Family Friendly Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. Monday. A contemporary candlelight service begins at

candlelight service begins at 11 p.m. The community is invited to all services. Nursery care is available for small chil-dren, Information: 324-2981 or 324-2204.

#### **Gooding Community** Chorale presents 'Ceremony of Candles'

The Gooding Community Chorale, under the direction of Rick Strickland, will pres-ent "Ceremony of Candles" by Joseph M. Martin during a

by Joseph M. Martin during a special cantata service at 11:15 a.m. Sunday at the Gooding United Methodist Church, 805 Main St. A Christmas Eve Special Family service hegins at 6 p.m. Monday, and a Christmas Eve Confidelight Monday.

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#### **Buriey LDS Stake holds** Christmas concert

Christmas concert

The Burley LDS Stake will
present a Christmas concert
at 7:30 pm. Standy at the
Burley Stake Center, 2050
Normal Ave.
Featured performers are
Robert Newman singing "O
Holy Night," Jolene Hobson
and Coleen McCall playing
the violin and flute with
accompaniment by Marilyn
Whilting, Mayne McGill and
Helen Bowcut performing a
piano and organ duet, the
group "Soft Touch" and a

choir consisting of individuals from the Burley Stake.

The concert is free and open to the public, Everyone is invited to come and enjoy Christmas music.

### Presbyterian Church holds two Christmas Eve services in T.F.

The First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls, will hold two Christmas Eve services Monday — an informal fami-

Minday — an informal family worship at 5 pm., with spe-cial music by Hallelujah Handbells and a soot by Chris Eberlein, and a traditional worship with communion at 11 p.m. — Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday will include a reading and lighting of the fourth Advent candle by Caltlyn Pobasco and Chris and Camile Flournoy. A brief congrega-tional meeting to elect new officers of the church and fel-lowship will follow. Exerypore is welcome.

Everyone is welcome, Information: 733-7023.

### Christmas Eve candlelight service held at Rupert church

A Christmas Eve candle-light service will be held at 6 p.m. Monday at First Christian Palse Chapel, 1110

Eighth St. in Rupert.
Everyone is welcome.
Information: 436-4040.

#### **Buhl Presbyterians** celebrate Christmas

The Buhl Presbyterian Church will celebrate with a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Monday. Everyone Is welcome. Information: Myra Lively, 543-5143.

### Lighthouse Christian holds service at CSI

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Lighthouse Christian
Fellowship will bolds its
annual Christians Eve service
at 7 p.m. Monday at the
College of Southern Idaho
Fine Arts Center.
Everyone is invited to an
evening of Christians and
to remind them of the meaning of the season. Child care
will be available for ages 2
through fifth grade.
Information: 737-4667.

#### **Burley Methodists hold** Christmas Eve service

The Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E.

27th St., will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 7 p.m. Monday. With carols and candles, participants will pause to remember the meaning of Christmas. Bring the family.

Bring the f Information: 678-2184.

### Upton speaks at candlelight service

candlelight service
A Christmas Eve
Candlelight service will be
held at 7 p.m. Monday at the
Hollister Community
Presbyterian Church. Elder
Charles Upton of Twin Falls
will be the speaker and worship leader.
A dessert social will follow
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A dessert such was rown worship.
The Rev Bruce Stevens will deliver a Christmas sermon at 11 a.m. Sunday; refreshments will follow. Visitors are welcome. Information: Mildred Jones, 655-4216 or 539-1916.

#### **Family History Library** offers indexing classes

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The Family History Library
is offering classes on how to
do indexing for family
records. The next classes will
be held at 10 a.m. jan. 18 and
5 at the library, located west
of Temple Square in downtown Sait Lake City, Utah.
Parking is available for a fee
at the northwest corner of
West Temple and North
Temple street. Indexing is
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Also, a series of classes including, "flow to do Indexing," "Toltrating Batches" and "Arbitrating Batches" and "Indexing Batches" and Indexing Batches" and Indexing Batches" and Indexing Batches and Indexing Indexing the Indexing Indexing the Indexing the Indexing the Indexing the Indexing Indexing the Indexing the Indexing Indexing the Indexing the Indexing the Indexing Indexing the Indexin

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thomason at ellen@magic-valley.com or, in the Mili-Cassia anea. Trend Tegan at tegan@magicvalley.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

# **A Christmas** wish list for you

ve been thinking about

Ye been thinking about you.
No, really, I have.
Every week about this time, I think about you a LOT. And this heing the holiday season and all, I've even been thinking about holiday season and all, I've even been thinking about what I could get you for Christmas. But I've got to be honest with you. We've only been Christmas shopping a couple of times this season, and already my debit card has been worn smooth and my leather checkbook is lathered up and gasping for air. And it's been so long since I had anyhing green in my wallet that it gets the shakes every time we walk past a salad bar.

Still, I've been thinking, I'ti's really true that 'it's the thought that counts.' maybe you'll be just as pleased to find out what i've been thinking about getting for you. That way I can stay within the charred remains of my holiday budget, and you'll only have to think about writing have to think about writing.

budget, and you'll only have to think about writing a thank you note in return. The first thing I wanted

a thank you note in rewin-The first thing I wanted to get for you was some "Peace of Mid". But do you have any liden but and hard that is to find these days? Hooked in all the usual places — you know. Position, Power, Wealth, Status, Fame and Stuff Like That — but I couldn't find it anywhere. In occurred to me that maybe It's some-thing that you're going to have to find on your own. I'd suggest a good hard look at Personal Integrit for starters. I'you can't find It there, try Honesty. Loyalty and Sel-Control. And If you haven't yet made room for God in and if you haven't yet made room for God in your life, this might be a good time to discover the "Peace of Mind" that he

The next thing I was thinking about getting for you is "Succession to get to get you is "Succession to get to get you is "Succession to get you have been used an extra large, you have been used an extra large, you will not be the young The next thing I was



angst, frustration and rat-race mentality. You may wish to go in a different direction to find the kind of Success that best suits you, 14 recommend the "No Other Success Can Compensate for Failure in the Home" line. It's quite expensive in terms of work.

expensive in terms of wood consistency and love, but the results can be incredi-

the results can be incredi-bly satisfying.
And finally, I was think-ing about getting you a big bag of "Happiness"— not the fleeting kind of pleas-ure that makes us happy for now, but the real thing: are time makes as mappy for now, but the real thing: whole-souled, enduring tragedy-defying and joyful. But everyone says you can't buy that, so I guess you're going to be on your own for this one, too, I can't tell you for sure we will be the control of the co

or even — believe it or not — a box of chocolates. In fact, it has been my experience that real happi-ness isn't something you find; it finds you. And it is lind; it finds you. And it is more a consequence of choices than a choice itself. But I know it has something to do with those other two gifts — "Peace of Mind" and "Success." And a lot to do with

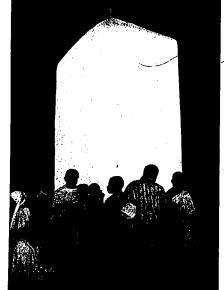
"Love."
Which, come to think of Which, come to think of it, is something else I've been thinking about picking up for you. As with all of my other gifts for you this Christmas, however, that's something you'd best find on your own. But I do wish you "Success" in finding it.

Not to mention "Happiness" and "Peace of Mind."
Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas!

Joseph Walker is a free-lance writer living in American Fork, Utah.

MUSLIM HAIL



Muslim pligrims pray on a rocky hill called the Mountain of Mercy, on the Piain of Arafa near Mecca, Saudi Arabia, on Twesdey. More than two million pligrims gather at the site um pugnum pray on a rocky and custom our mountain or mercly, out or rains related when Mecca, Sandi Arabia, on Tiesday. More than two million pligrinss gather at the site het Mukammad's last serimon 14 centuries ago in a ritual that marks the climax of al Muslim pilgrimage where most of them spend the night. (See story on page B4)

# For interfaith couples, holidays require delicate negotiation "We've both worked extremely hard to celebrate

By Amber Miles Albany Times Union

Albany, N.Y. — Like many couples, Josh and Laura Mullin Klein face the dilemma of which family they will go to for Christmas. But they also wonder where to fit the celebration of the historically Christian holiday around the other multional holiday in their family — Hanukkah. Some years, Laura spends time with Josh's family for Hanukkah. Some years, Laura spends time with Josh's family for Hanukkah. And others, Josh celebrates Christmas with her family. Regardless of whose "turn" it is, the Bullston Lake, N.T., newlyweds say they'd rather compromise when it comes to their religion than to be without one another.

comes to their religion than to be without one another.

"Our differences in religion were known very early in the relationship. I know we're both very spiritual, so religious differences aside, that's our commonality," says Laura

aura — raised Roman Catholic Laum — raised Roman-Causua-graw up going to church every weekend. The 26-year-old Clifton Park, N.Y., native is a member of St. Mary's Crescent, which she attend-ed while growing up. She says learning about Josh and the differences they have has been benefichal.

We have both learned to respect we have both learned to respect and participate in one another's spirituality and religious beliefs. We've both worked extremely hard to celebrate our differences, rather

nan to criticize them," she says.
About 28 million U.S. adults live

our differences, rather than to criticize them."

in mixed-religion households, according to the American Religious Identification Survey 2001 (the latest survey). Called interfaith or mixed-religion, these couples typically observe religions that teach different bellefs and practices about deity, humanity and the rest of the universe. Despite the differences in bellefs, it's love and respect for the other person that binds interfaith relationships, just as it does same-faith couples.

ionships, just as it does same-faith couples.

In March 2007, when it came time for the Kleins' big day, they planned a ceremony that incorporated both their beliefs.

They incorporated several traditions including the sign of peace (a Catholic ritual that invites guests to share in a sign of goodwill through a handshake or hug; the chuppah, a peace of the sign of goodwill through a pen in the sign of good of the sign of good of the sign of good of the glass, a jesish tradition that symbolizes the fragility of life, sorrow in the midst of Joy and transformation of today, it also symbolizes celebration of the couples in the midst of Joy and transformation of today, it also symbolizes celebration of the couples will be as difficult to destroy as it would be to put the pieces of the

would be to put the pieces of the glass back together. Interfaith marriages among Jews

have increased from 13 percent before 1970 to close to 50 percent, according to a study conducted by the United Jewish Communities. Those numbers can be attributed to couples who are willing to see beyond their own views and accept others' ideas.

others ideas.

Josh says his biggest concern,
knowing that Laura came from
such a strong religious background, was adjusting to that culture. Though he came from Reform

Linear inough he came from Reform Judaism, he says Laura was more of a practicing Catholic than he was a reacticing the best was a constant of the same of the sam

year-old.

There is another marriage hurdle they must cross when they feel the time is right how to raise their children. Laura wants them to be baptized, a tradition that's important to her. But both agree they want their children to have an understanding of both faths.

"Hopefully, we provide them with options," losh says. "We want to expose them to both faiths. To says the says to be says the says the

# Notre Dame astrophysicist has theories on star of Bethlehem

By Tom Coyne Associated Press writer

SOUTH BEND, lud. —It's

SOUTH BEND, Ind. —It's long been a puzzle for Christian astronomers, and now a professor from the University of Notre Damethinks he has it figured out —almost, anyway.

His quest: discovering just what "the star in the East" was that led wise men to ravel to Bethlehem 2,000 years ago.

As a theoretical astro-physicist. Grant Mathews had hoped the answer would be spectacular—something like a supernova. But two years of research have led him to a more ordinary conclusion. The heavenly sign around the time of the birth of Jesus Christ was likely an unusual alignment of planes, the sun and the moon.

Mot a lot was written

Not a lot was written about the star in the Bible. In the Gospel of Matthew it says: "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him."

The star, though, has long been immortalized in

been limitorialized in Christianas songs, plays and movies. Astronomers, theologians and historians for hundreds of years have been trying to determine exactly which star might have inspired the biblical writing. German astronomer Johannes Kepler proposed in 1604 that the star was a conjunction of Mars, Jupiter and Saturn in Tal.C.

The advantage Mathews has over Kepler and others who have pondered the question is that he had access to NASAs databases. In principle, we can see

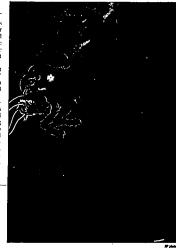
question is that he had access to NASA's databases.

"In principle, we can see any star that was ever made from the beginning of time if we knew where to look. So the question is, could we find a star that could be a good candidate for what showed up then?" he said.

Mathews found several possibilities. He began by posling three questions he would ask when trying to find the answer to any astronomical event: When did it occur? What were its characteristics? Did anyone else sec it?

The Gospel of Matthew

The Gospel of Matthew dicates lesus was born in thlehem when Herod was ig. Roman historian Flavius Josephus wrote that Herod died after an eclipse



utant matters, a rule bane satisfying the state demonstration of the night sky of April 17, 6 B.C. in the Digital Vislualization Theater at the University of Notro Dame in South Bead, Ind., on Dec. 14. Mathews gives a presentation that offers possible explanations of events in astronomy that could have caused wise men to travel to

of the moon before the Passover. Mathews said among the possibilities are 6 B.C., 5 B.C., 1 B.C., of 1 A.D. The star could have appeared up to two years before the wise men arrived in Jerusalem, he said. Mathews believes that means the Christmas star-could have appeared surveyed to the could have appeared surveyed to the could have appeared surveyed to the could have appeared and the could have appeared as the could have appeared as the could have appeared as the could have appeared to the could have a

Mathews believes that means the Christmas star could have appeared anywhere from 8 to 4 B.C.

Among the characteristics witten about the star was that it appeared to rest in the sw. Amps comment of the sw. Amps comment of

horizon to be seen. The other supernova is known as Kes 75. But it was 60,000 light years away and may not have been particularly spec-

tacular.
"There's no real convinc-

racular.

"There's no real convincing evidence this happened right at 2000 years ago, but it could be in the range of being right thecause it's in the right location," he said.

He also found a number of novae that also could have been the Christmas star. The one he thinks is the most likely candidate is known as Nova Aquilae V603. The problem with novae and comets, though, is that they were believed in ancient times to be a sign of disaster, not a portent of good things to come.

For that renson, Mathews believes the Christmas star is most likely an alignment of planots. He said there are three likely times for this:

planets. Fie said there are three likely times for this:

• Feb. 20, 6 B.C., when Mars, Jupiter and Saturn aligned in the constellation

Pisces.

April 17, 6 B.C., when the stm, Inpiter, the moon and Saturn aligned in the constellation Aries while Venus and Mars were in neighboring constellations.

June 17, 2 B.C., when inpiter and Venus were closely aligned in Leo. Mathews believes the

Implier and Venus were-closely aligned in Leo.

Matthews believes the
April 17, 6 B.C., alignment is
the most likely candidate, it
makes senses hecause he
believes the wise men were
Zornastrian astrologers who
would have recombzed the
planetary alignment in Aries
as a sign a powerful leader
was born.

"In fact it would have even
meant that the lender was)
destined to die at an
approximation of the control
and may base been why they
brought myrrh, which was
an embalming fluid."

Mathews said.

Mathews said. "Saturn there would have made whoever was born as a a most powerful necause Saturn had leader because Saturn had the strength to do it, in their

Mathews has been sharing Matthews has been sharing in public lectures at Notre Dame and plans to write a paper to submit to the Quarterly Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society. He's also considering writing a book.

also consucring when book.

Mathews concedes though, that any of the other events could have been the famed star. Unless a document is discovered that allows historians to more accurately estimate exactly when Jesus was born, it will be impossible to say what caused the light with absolute certainty, Mathews said.

a. I think it would take more "Hinkit would take more of a historical reference more than an astrophysics," he said, "There are plenty of strong opinions out there. I think this is as good as you can do for now."

### Church

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months, The process started
Auge, 27, 2006, when Bishop
Driscall blessed the ground
behind the original church
as the site of the new
church. For many months,
parishioners attended mass
in the old theath while the
new one was under construction behind them.
The final mass in the origimal Our Ladvo of the Smoss.

The final mass in the orig-inal Our Lady of the Snows took place on July 29, 2007, and it was demolished on

and it was demolished on Aug 13. The original church had two whips at the rear for classrooms and a kitchen. The new building has 1,290 square feet and a smaller footprint because its classrooms and parish hall are underneath, it stands15 feet taller than its predecessor. The dedication diew 17 Idaho priests, more than

one-third of all those ordained in the state. The creemony included blessing the altar by rubing holy chrism into its matthe surface. The holy oil is used at baptisms, coming and the ordination of priests. Other is a relic of the company of the control of the c

Inder the aftar is a celicol S. Frances Cabrini, a relie stone from the first church dedicated in 1970.

The Rev. Jorge Garria, pastor of Ort Lady of the Smooth Church, presided over the first Mass on Dic. 15, followed by Sunday Mass the next day.

The Mass of Dedication ended with a reception in the Parish Hall undermeath the church in a daylight the church in a daylight.

the Parish Hall underneath the church in a daylight basement. Architect McLaughlin and Dave Wilson, owner of Dave Wilson Construction, were in attendance.

### MISSIONARIES

Sister Callle Beck has turned from serving a mis-

sion for The Church of lesus Christ of Latter-day Saints day Saints in a French-speaking mission on the island of

the island of N C aledonia, which is in the Fiji Sawa Mission. Beck its He daughter of Beld and Karen Beck of Burley and is in the Burley 4th Ward. She is a 2000 graduate of Burley litigh School and will attend Brightam Young University in January to complete a degree in psychology.

Sister Kaml Lentz served in the El Salvador Salvador East Mission.

Lentz graduated from Twin Falls High School and Idaho State University as a

registered nurse. She also attended Utah State University, worked in labor and defivery at a hospital in Logan, Utah, and participat-ed in two

ed in two charity medical trips to Peru before her mission. She plans to She plans to return to work in a hospital. She is the daughter of David and Karen Lentz of Twin Falls 19th Ward.

The Times-News welcomes news of church missionaries. Send information to Ellen Thomason at ellen@magic-valley.com or, in the Mini-Cassia area, Trena Tegan at Cassa area, rena legar at tregan@magicvalley.com, Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednes-day for publication on the Saturday religion page.

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# Salt Lake Methodists make room for city's homeless

By Natalie Hale Descret Morning News

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SALT LAKE CITY — A

boldness echoed through
the Christ United Methodist
Church chapel as the congregation stood and sang the
words to Dan Schutte's 1991
hymn, "Here I am, Lord."

The hymn's symbolic
meaning encapsulated the
struggle church members
endured to have the recently
enovated church's basement turned into a proper
housing facility so the
housing facility so the
could better serve Utah's
homeless families.

"I will tend the poor and
ame, I will set a feast for
them," they sang in unison.
"My hand will save!"

"The Inn." as it was
gamed, is multipurpose. It is
used as classrooms on

named, is multipurpose. It is used as classrooms on Sunday and then converted to bedroom areas during the week. It features a large kitchen, showers and laundry facility and can accommodate three to five families aweek.

"As a part of Family Promise Salt Lake formerly known as the Salt Lake litterfaith Hospitality Network the area will provide homeless families meals and lodging at no cost. Volunteers from the congregation, provide food

congregation provide for and also stay at the facility.

"This is a way to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ and provide service to people."

During the day, members in the program are partnered with social workers to help them meet case management goals and regain a stable lifestyle.
"Two-thirds of the homeless in Utah are families with 
children," said Steve 
Graham, president of Family 
Promise. "For whatever rea-

Graham, president of Family Promise. "For whatever rea-son, somebody falls into homelessness and they try as hard as they can to not depend on anyone else and then they come looking and many of them thank God that Family Promise is there."

many of them thank God that Families rotate among different affiliate churches weekly.

Most facilities house families four weeks a year, but because "The Inn' was built specifically to cater to the needs of Utah's homeless families, other congregations will be able to volunieer their time there if they don't have adequate facilities to house them.

In May, Natasha White came from Los Angeles to Salt Lake with her son. She knew she needed to change her life, she said, and her

— The Rev. Steven Goodler

daughter worked in Clearfield, so she and her son made the trip to Utah. They came with nothing and, with nowhere to go, they were told to talk to the people at Family Promise. "From that day on, my whole life changed," White said.

whole life changed," White said.

After spending time in the program. White was able to find stable housing and secure a job.

"They brought me a long way and helped me see life a little better." White said.

The Rev. Steven Goodler wasnt surprised at his congregation's dedicated support of Family Promise.

"This is a way to be the hands and feet of lesus Christ and provide service to people," Goodler said. "I've never the part of a congregation shall has been so service oriented."



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# Holiday handouts don't solve the hunger problem

By Mark Wame
Special to The Washington Post

How can anyone not get
caught up in the annual holiday turker fereacy?

At the food bank I cofounded in Hartfurd, Coun.
November always meant
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appeals for "A bird in every
port," "No family left without a
turkey" and our bank's own
prot," "A turkey and a 20
(dollar bill).

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espected to say a down to a meal of turkey with all the fisings.

And here we are, putting on the same play again this year. Hundred the come the day after Hamksgiving, as most of us stuff more leftovers into our bulging refrigerators, 35 million Americans will take their place in line again at song witchens, food banks and food stamp offices nation-wide.

The good souls who staff America's tens of thousands of emergency food sites will renew their pleas to donors fadigue thy their burs of holiagned by the burst of holiagned by th

their desks and try to con-vince mothers that they can feed their families on the S3 per person per day that the government allots them.

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(America's) vast base of volunteers and donors and its ever-expanding distribution infrastructure have made it a powerful force in shaping popular perceptions of domestic hunger and other forms of need. But in the end, one of its most lasting effects has been to sidetrack efforts to eradicate hunger and its root cause, poverty.

of emergency food programs — from Second Harvest to tens of thousands of neighborhood food pautries—constitutes one of the largest charticible institutions in the nation, its vast base of volunteers and dromus and its ever-expanding distribution infrastructure have made it a proverful force in shaping popular structure have made it a proverful force in shaping popular perceptions of domestic hunger and other forms of the most lasting effects has been to siderrack efforts to eradicate hunger and its root causes, powerty.

its most lasting effects to eradicate hunger and its foot cause, powers, and its foot popendick made clear in her book. Sweet Charity, there is something in the food-banking culture and its foot-banking culture and its foot-banking culture and its foot-banking the or and take any continuous theory of the conclude that co-dependency within the system is multi-faceted and troubling.

As a system that depends on Jonated goods, it must curry favor with the nations food industry, which often regards food banks as a waste-management tool. As an operation that must sort through billions of pounds of duringed and partially sal-ageable food, it requires an army of volunteers who then selves are dependent of the carefully billions of pounds of duringed and partially sal-ageable food, it requires an army of volunteers who then selves are dependent of the carefully billions of pounds of during that lives from one multimillion-dollar capital campaign to the nearly supply of well-heeled philanthro-

pists and captains of industry to raise the dollars and public awareness necessary to make the next warelinuse expan-sion possible.

the next warehouse expansion possible. The ability of food banks to attract volunteers and to raise money approaches that of major hospitals and universities. While none of this is inherently wrong, it does distract the public and policymakers from the task of harnessing the political will needed to end hunger in the United States.

Insists from the messing the political will needed to end hunger in the United States.

The risk is that the multibiliton-dollar system of food banking has become such a pervasive force in the anti-tunger world, and its volunteers, that it cannot step back and ask'if this is the best way to end hunger, food insecurity and their not cause, powerty.

During my tenure in Tearford, I often wondered what would happen if the collective energy that went into soliciting and distributing frod were put into ending hunger and powerly instead, Surely it would have a sizable impact if 3,000 Hardford-are volunteers. Bed by some of Councerical in the state of Councerical in the state of Councerical in the state legislature, demanding enough resources to end hunger and powerly Multiply those volunteers by three or four—the number of volunteers in the state's other load and sand hundreds of ermefour — the number of volun-teers in the states other food banks and hundreds of emer-gency food sites — and you would have enough people to dismande the Connecticut state capitol brick by brick. Put all the emergency food volunteers and staff and board members from across the country on buses to Washington, to tell Congress

to mandate a living wage, health care for all and ade-quate employment and child-care programs, and you would have a convoy that might stretch from New York City to our nation's capital.

But what we have done instead is to continue down a road that never comes to an

end. Like transportation plan-ners who add more lanes to already clogged highways, we

add more space to our food banks in the futile hope of relieving the congestion. We know hunger's cause — poverty. We know its solution — end poverty. Let this holi-day season remind us of that task.

Mark Winne is the former director of Connecticut's Hartford Food System and the author of the forthcoming "Closting the Food Gap: Resetting the Table in the Land of Plenty." Email: win5m@aol.com.





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Declarer was Glenn Eisenstein, who was playing with Abby Cole, the sister of Kenneth Cole, one of the major donors of prizes to the UJA. Cole's four-no-trump call was quantitative, but Eisenstein with a maximum was able to answer aces anyway — just in

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ANSWER: Did you jump to three no-trump? I admit it is tempting, but two no-trump (which shows a balanced 18-19 or so) is really sufficient. Throw in another spade ncient. Throw in another spade intermediate and you might drive to game, but as it is, if you bid two no-trump and partner passes, do you really think you will be laydown for nine tricks?

stein with a maximum was about answer aces anyway — just in case.

A heart lead sets the no-trump slam, but West had an inviting club sequence and could see no reason not to lead it. Eisenstein needed no second chance. He won dummy's ace and ran five spades, throwing hearts from hand as East\_pitched\_a\_club\_and\_West\_threw three hearts. He was the set of the set

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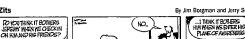






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the cosmic pic this year, you
may find that your ambitions
me stirred and your desire to
make important changes is
enhanced. During these past
few weeks you have been a bit
wiser than usual and may
have envisioned the future
you would like to have. Write
down your inspirations and
as the year unfolds you may
find a useful way to incorporrate them lint oyour life.
ARIES (March 21-April 19):
The countdown to hollday
fun is almost complete. Take
advantage of every extra
minute to enjoy your favorits
sports or hobbites. You may
find that small children add
zest to the day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):
Play the hospitality game.
Lavishly entertain friends and
family this weekend and don't
be surprised if your table
comes piled high with
goodles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

goodles.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20):
Be a whirlwind of constructive activity. Whether you are
dealing with last minute heliday preparations or just doing
household repairs you can
juggle plenty of balls at the

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same time.
CANCER (June 21-July 22):
Turn a blind eye and deaf ear
toward trouble. Someone
might be intolerant about
other people's beliefs — and
holiday stress could bring out
the worst. Focus on spreading
good cheer.
LEO (July 23-Aug., 22): Get
together. Participation in
household holiday traditions
welds a family together like
superglue. Community
events might remind you to
help the needy or to be generous this season.
WIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
Picky Virgos shouldn't worry
and the surroundings — they
came to see you, not your
housekeeping.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22);
You must be sure everyone's
stockings are hung with care.
Event If you don't celebrate the
seasons religious aspects, you
under these bountiful stars.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Good fortune dogs your steps. Someone is willing to help you with a financial matter and all you need to do is ask. Tils is a good duy to make a charitable donation or share

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18): it is time to play Santa
Claus. Help your liends get
their wishes fulfilled. This is a
great day for long-term planchileve your and most in opes
and drenns
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):
Be part of the big plcture. Take
part in community events or
go shopping at the local mail
and meet up with long-lost
friends. The people you meet
now might be beneficial in
the future.

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I was a me pleasure to see people enjoy something I have prepared. However, because I use my special recipe as another source of income—albeit a small one—what can I say to those people who demand that they must have the recipe?

I usually evade the question by ignoring them, which I know how to reld them \_no\_without seeming offensive and snabbish. Please help.

FRUSTRAYED COK

EAR PRUSTRAYED.

— FRUSTRATED COOK
DEAR FRUSTRATED:
Saying no nicely shouldn't be
difficult if you say it with a
smile. One way would be to
say. 'Tim sorry — I don't share
this recipe because it's a way I
can earn extra money.' That's
not rude; it's the truth.
Another smilling response



might be, "Coca-Cola isn't giving away its recipe, and neither am !!"

DEAR ABBY I go to church with a woman who is generous and means well, but she likes to give away her old hand-me-down clothing. Recently she gave me two old dresses that fit me, but I wouldn't be analytic dead in, I'm 15, and she doesn't understand that.

I didn't want to hurt ber ledings, so when she asked if they fit and if I liked them. I told her they did and they were pretty.

My\_nom. is\_planning\_to\_domain\_the doesn't understand they were the control of the property.

But now the woman is saying she wants to give me more of her old dresses. I don't know how to handle this.

— SECONDHAND TEEN DEAR SECONDHAND TEEN YOU neighbor is both kind-hearted and generous. She also around it is her before the second to the second the second to t She also appears to be into recycling, which is a good thing.

Before you turn your nose up at what she is offering, please consider that virtage clothing can be valuable. Some of it is "elassis" and can be worn regardless of what the current fad may be, Members of the Hollywood crowd, as well as fashionable members of New York society, already know this. I often see their photos in magazines wearing some of the marteness them they have collected.

However, if your neighbor's

lected.
However, if your neighbor's dresses are really not your style, then you should be honest and graciously tell your neighbor that they're not for you.

DEAR ABBY: When you're at a restaurant, after you have made your selection from the menu, what should you do with it? Do you place it closed directly in front of you, or place it. hanging halfway, off, the table? -- CONFUSED

— CONFUSED IN DENVER DEAR CONFUSED: If the server has not yet taken my order, I close the menn and place it beside me on the table. (The closed menn sig-nals to the server that I have made my choice.) After my order is taken, I hand the menn to the server.

### Today in history

Today Is Saturday, Dec. 22, the 356th day of 2007. There are 9 days left in the year, Winter's arrival: 1:08 a.m. Winter's arr Eastern time.

### Today's highlight:

On Dec. 22, 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, U.S. Brig, Gen. Artthony C. McAuliffe reject-ed the Germans' demand that the Americans surren-der, writing 'Nuts'' in his offi-clal reply.

#### On this date:

In 1775, Esek Hopkins was appointed the commander-in-chief of the Continental

In 1807, Congress passed the Embargo Act, barring all U.S. trade with foreign coun-

O.S. trade with notegin countries.

In 1808, Ladwig van Beethoven's Symphony Number 5 in C Minor, Opus 67, and Symphony Number 6 in F Major, Opus 68 (Pastonil'), had their world premieres in Vienna, Austria. In 1864, during the Civil War. Union Gen. William T. Sherman wrote a message to President Lincoln which said in part: "I beg to present you as a Christmas-gift the

city of Savannah."
In 1894, French army officer
Alfred Dreyfus was convicted
of treason in a court-martial
that triggered worldwide
charges of anti-Semitism. Charges of anti-Semitism, (Dreyfus was eventually vindi-cated.)

(Dreyths was eventually smar-cated.)
In 1907, actress Dame Peggy
Asheroft was born in Groydon.
England.
In 1963, an official 30-day
mourning period following
the assassination of President
Kennedy came to an end.
In 1977, three dozen people
were killed when a 250-foothigh grain elevator at the
Continental Grain Company
plant in Westwego, La,
exploded. xploded. In 1984, New York City resi-

In 1984, New York City resident Bernhard Gootz short and wounded four youths on a Manhattan subwey, claiming they were about to rolo him.

In 2001, Richard C. Reld, a passenger on an American Airlines flight from Paris to Mami, tried to lignite explosives in his shoes, but was subdued by flight attendants and other passengers, (field is serving a life sentence in federal prison.)

Ten years ago: During his

serving a life sentence in rea-eral prison.)
Ten years ago: During his visit to Bosnia, President Clinton thanked American troops and lectured the nations three presidents to set

aside their differences. Gunnen attacked an Indian village in southern Mexico, killing 45 people. Actress Hunter lylo, whose pregnancy got her fired from 1V's "Melrose Place," was awarded \$4.9 million by jurors who agreed she'd been wrongfully terminated. terminated.

agreed she'd been wrongfully terminated.

Five years ago: A deflant North Korea said that it had begun removing U.N. seals and surveillance cameras from nuclear facilities that U.S. officials said could yield weapons within months. Time magazine chose as its Persons of the Year for 2002 three than the windstelloweep of the cooper and former farm vice president Sherron Watkins, Joe Strummer, lead singer of the legendary British punk band The Clash, died in Broomfield, England, at age 50.

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One year ago: Bape charges were dropped against three Duke University Jacrosse players, but kidnapping and sexual offense charges were later dropped as well.) Space shorted the Discovery returned to Earth after a smooth, 13-day flight to rewire the international space station.

# TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Former House Speaker Im Wright Is 85. Actor Hector Elizondo Is 71. Country singer Red Steagal Is 69. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Steve Carlton Is 63. ABC News correspondent Diane Sawyer Is 62. Rock singer-musician Rick Nielsen (Cheap Trick) Is 61. Baseball All-Star Steve Garvey Is 59. Singer Robin Gibb Is 59. Gloffer Jan Stephenson Is 56. Actress BernNadette Stanis Is 54. Rapper Luther Campbell Is Rapper Luther Campbell is 47. Country singer-musi-

cian Chuck M e a d (BR549) is (BR549) is
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Country
singer Lori
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39. Actress Bonates



33. Actor Chris Carmack is 27. Singer Jordin Sparks ("American Idol") is 18.

### THOUGHT

"Winter is not a season, it's an occupation."

- Sinciair Lewis.

### Nick Lachey's choir wins NBC's 'Clash of the Choirs'

CINCINNATI (AP) — Chicinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center has something to sing about, thanks to Nick Lachey and the hometown choir he put Veesther.

to the control of the

airings from New York City
this week. The winner was
determined by viewer voting.
"Yee been blown away by
my choir's poise, it's made up
of annateur singers. They've
never done this before,
"Lachey 34, said on the show.
He hand-picked the 20
vocalists in his choir from 350
people who auditioned six
weeks ago. The choir included teachers, a chill server, a
nurse, cell phone and software salesmen, choir directors and college students.

Many Children's Hospital

"have been glued to TV at home this week rooting for the hometown choir," said Nick Miller, hospital spokesman.
Patti LaBelle's Philadelphia choir placed second, while

Parti LaBelle's Philadelphia choir placed second, while Blake Shelton's Oklahoma City choir was third. Also competing: Michael Bolton's New Haven, Conn., choir and Kelly Rowland's Houston choir. The show surprised these choirs with a \$50,000 donation from GE to each of their charitties.

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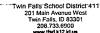






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### INFLATION IMPACTS SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDING BUDGETS

The majority of the Canyon Ridge High School (CRHS) bid packages have been received and the costs of the bids are higher than budgeted. The other projects approved as part of the bond campaign appear to be facing a similar fate. Since the original plan and budget amount of \$49.7 million was set, the public and commercial construction market has changed dramatically.

Construction costs have escalated in the last several years due to a number of factors. Contractors have not been able to find enough workers or supplies to meet the demand. Material and petroleum costs are much higher due to world demand and limited resources. These factors combined to drive up costs. In Idaho school construction, during the past three years, costs have increased in the range of 15 to 40% over budgets that had been set during the bond planning phase of the project.

The District is forging ahead on the Canyon Ridge High School and calculates that the construction project is 28% over budget; instead of \$37.6 million, the construction costs will be approximately \$47 to \$49 million. As a result of prudent investment of the bond money and land adjacent to the CRHS site. the district is able to increase the revenues by \$8 million above the \$49.7 million originally approved. Interest should net about \$5 million. and the excess property at the CRHS site has been appraised at approximately \$3 million. This still leaves a shortfall of about \$7 million. necessary to complete the other projects at the schools which were part of the bond project. The Board of Trustees has committed to the completion of those projects even though it may take additional time.

In an effort to trim the current budget, value engineering (an attempt to reduce or limit component parts and pieces) has been examined on every bid. A guiding principle during this process has been to preserve the critical educational components and facilities to meet the needs of the children who will attend the schools. This effort has been undertaken, but it has not provided the kind of results that had been anticipated. Value engineering ideas will continue to be reviewed in an effort to yield cost reductions to the project.

One step that can help with this issue is the Plant Facility Levy that has been in place for 50 years and approved by voters each 10 years. The levy is being proposed to the

patrons in March to provide the financial resources to help with the construction projects as well as to maintain our current buildings to the high level that has been historical for the district. The plant facility levy is already being paid by the taxpayers and has maintained a static level of cost to the taxpaver. Since the tax levy is based on the assessed value of the district, which continues to rise, the tax rate will remain the same while generating more funds and will help to solve the situation that the district is facing today.

Growth is occurring in the District, and new buildings are going to be needed in the future. The administration and board want to continue to keep up with this growth and have placed a priority on planning ahead to provide for the educational needs of the community. The District has a challenging task to put together a solution that will accomplish the goals expected by the public and set forth by the Board of Trustees. This effort will take patience, understanding and support from patrons, parents, students, staff, administration and the Board.

We have the opportunity to continue moving forward, and it will take everyone pulling together to make it happen. If you desire a presentation or more information about the plant facility levy, please contact the school district office at 733-6900 or email Date Thornsberry at

thomsberryda@tfsd.k12.id.us.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear TFSD #411 Parents, Students, Patrons and Staff:

I want to take this opportunity to wish-you-a-merry-Christmas, a happy holidayseason, and prosperity in 2008. I am hopeful that this year will be our finest ever in the Twin Falls School District. As we begin the second semester of the current school year, I feel a great sense of pride in what we have accomplished so far, and I am confident that the second semester will bring much success in terms of student achievement and customer satisfaction. It is an exciting time to be involved in the field of public education; perhaps the most noble profession.

As we rapidly move toward the beginning of the second semester on January 14th, many teams and committees are working on important issues and decisions through the shared leadership approach. As our architects, construction managers, and district office officials continue to plan, work on, and complete construction projects on nearly every campus in the district, committees comprised of community members and district personnel will continue their work to formulate

recommendations to help guide our reconfiguration (grades K-5 elementary schools, 6-8 middle schools, and 9-12 high schools) and rezonting efforts. The diligent work of the people within these two committees should culminate in recommendations to the board in the late spring of this current school year. Soon, another committee will be formed to hire the very first principal at Canyon Ridge High School. The new principal will begin work as early as July 1, 2008 on the exciting challenge to successfully open the new school.

Building leadership, grade level, and department teams in every school will continue their relentless work to analyze and interpret student achievement data and their efforts to continually adjust instruction and extra time/extra help strategies to meet the educational needs of our students. That work appears to be paying off. For example, Twin Falls High School and Robert Stuart Junior High School were able to track marked improvement after instituting school time schedules that built opportunities for additional time and help for students into each school day. Please check out the data from TFHS included in this edition of District Focus. Our associate superintendent, Patit O'Pell, will be working with the Extra Duty Pay Committee and the Activities Advisory Committee to create recommendations to update the current structure the district has in place to compensate our teacher leaders. In addition, they will look to expand the pay schedule to include the new positions that will be necessary when we open a new high school and change our junior high configuration to a middle school format, and to make plans in how we can effectively transition into a situation where our high school students will have double the opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities.

I want to inform you of an important upcoming event. As our community is aware, the TFSD is well known for the great care the district has always given its facilities over the years. That care has allowed the district to utilize its buildings for longer periods of time by comparison with many other districts. For example, parts of Bickel Elementary are over 100 years old. The District Office Building was built around 1918. Lincoln Elementary is over 75 years old. Harrison and Morningside Elementary Schools turned 50 last year. TFHS celebrates its 55<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. Unbelievably, the "new" O'Leary Junior High is fast approaching 30 years of agel Each of these buildings and the other facilities in the district are so well kept and a source of great pride to our community. We have plans to utilize even the oldest of our buildings well into the future. The patrons in our district have, for the past 50 years, provided the district with the necessary funds to keep our facilities up-1o-date and looking good. The district now needs the support from our patrons for another 10 years to continue to care for and protect the investment in our facilities. In January I will present a resolution to the school board giving the district permission to run a 10-year plant facility reserve fund levy election on March 11th, 2008. It is important to reiterate that this is not a new tax, but a renewal and a continuation of funding for the maintenance and upkeep of our district's schools.

As I conclude my comments in this edition of our *District Focus*, I want to sincerely thank our administrators, faculty and staff members for their strong efforts to increase the rigor of the daily work we ask from our students, for recognizing that increased rigor must be accompanied by opportunities for additional help and time, and for the strong working relationships they are forging with our students and their parents. Great things are happening in the district as a result. I am so proud to be a part of that quality effort.

Sincerely.

Dr. Wiley J. Dobbs, Superintendent of Schools

# District SPOTLIGHT

#### Most Inspirational Teacher Night



Friday, October 26th was Most Inspirational Teacher Night at Twin Falls High School. Each senior varsity football player presented his white "away" jersey to the teacher who most inspired him from elementary to high school.

The Class of 2008 football players would like to thank and recognize the following teachers for providing inspiration during the course of their education in the Twin Falls School District. Please see the list to the right.

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| 25 | David Lish      | Mrs Stanger       | TFHS          |
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| 70 | Luis Sanchez    | Mr. Larsen        | TFHS          |
| 77 | Bon McMurty     | Mr. Wallace       | Seminary      |
| 84 | Cody Taylor     | Mrs. J. Ingram    | O'Leary       |
| 88 | Bret Marlinez   | Mrs. Rapp         | TFHS          |





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Clara Alfred, Director of Support Services, was named the Idaho Special Education Director of the Year by the Idaho Association of School



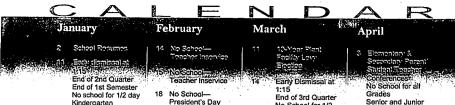
Mr. James Haycock, Drama Teacher at Twin Falls High School, was named Idaho Drama Teacher of the Year at the annual Idaho Speech Arts Teachers Association



Ms. Susan Waters, Foreign Language Teacher at Robert Sluart and O'Leary Junior High, was named Teacher of the Year at the annual conference of the Idaho Association of



Mrs. Karlee Annis, teacher at Lincoin Elementary, was given an extra special teacher award through Office Max. Office Max presented her with over \$1500 in supplies ... including a new chair, storage cart, a printer, a digital camera.



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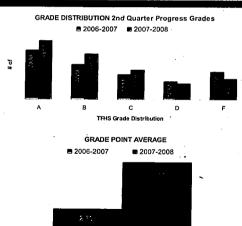
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### Twin Falls High School S.M.A.R.T. Program

Twin Falls High School students who have a D or F. have work that is not turned in, or work not meeting standards from the previous week are required to participate in the S.M.A.R.T. (Students Magnifying Achievement and Responsibility Together) program. This program was created to increase learning and mastery of standards, decrease failure rates, and create a culture of SUCCESS

As one can see from the graphs, the program is working! More students are experiencing success as the D grades have decreased 10%; F grades have decreased 26%: A grades have increased 17%; and B grades have increased 24%. The gains in student achievement led to an overall 3.0 grade point average among TFHS students.





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