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# LEGISLATURE 2008

# Ready for a comeback



# Idaho Democrats seek a stronger presence

By Jared S. Hopkins

n what is considered the nation's reddest state, Democrats are smiling. In Idaho, the fourth-fastest growing

state, Democrats now find their long-time platform — better schools, environmental protecton and cleaner energy — suddenly at

st year, the Idaho House followed a national trend by electing six new Democrats. Even the party's losses weren't so bad. In 2006, three Senate races were won

For the first time since 1928, Republicans control the Legislature and all statewide offices.

offices.

It's been more than 12 years since a Democrat occupied the governor's mansion and almost 50 years since Democrats controlled the Legislature.

the coming session, score will be 79 Repub-

licans to 26 Democrats.

Despite nationwide poll numbers showing disatisfaction with the GOP, Idaho Republicans and political observers aren't worried that Idaho will be any less red

ny time soon.

And few think that increased urbanization and growth will tip the political scales as the

by Republicans by less than 500 votes. "People are beginning to realize there needs to be balance in state government and they are tired of the good of boys," said House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum. "Democrats are focused on what's good public policy for the state. The changing and becoming more urban."

But the Democrats' boundless optimism hits a wall when it comes to the Legislature that will convene next month.

"They haven't had much to say about much of anything for quite a while," and 84 syear-old Perry Swisher, a former legislator who served for both parties.

"The balance is not even a topic in Idaho, Don't we have the most partisan Legislature in the country? Don't we have more Republicans than everyone older."

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# CSI wants higher-ed law changed

College of Southern Idaho officials want legislators this session to double the community college tuition cap and the amount of liquor funds appropriated to community colleges. The proposed changes are being jointly pushed by CSI, North Idaho College and the College Offwestern Idaho, CSI officials said.

The colleges want politicians to more than double the in-state annual tultion cap from \$1,250 to \$2,500.

current law limits community college tuition,

Please see CSI, Page A4



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#### Urban renewal

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## NLINE

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# Countdown to caucuses

McCain, Huckabee attack Romney; Clinton touts White House experience

DES MOINES, Jowa — Mike Huckabee says John McCain is a hero, McCain says Huckabee is a good man. And they both seem to agree on this Mitt Rommey's neither and Joined Sunday to criticize Romney — McCain in New Hampshire called him a waffer and Huckabee in Iowa questioned whether he can be trusted with the presidency, a sign of Romney's strength in both states.

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sive election coverage, click on the Election 2008 logo at Magicvalley.com strength in both states. 2006 logo at Romney's accused the hard-charging literature accused the most open presidential race in half a century. Much is at take lowa kicks off the election process Hursday with Democratic and Republican caucuses that could propel two candidates to the nomination. "Whoever wins lowa could be the next president of the United States," said Democratic consultant Stephanic Catter, adding that a compressed election schedule may put a premium on momentum this year "and lowa can be a rocket booster." New Hampshire votes just five days after five days after five days after five days after five flows flows

New Hampshire votes just five days after

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## Public can print wishes on Times Square confetti

NEW YORK (AP) — Messages and wishes for the new year from people around the world will float down on the New Year's Eve revelers in Times Square when the confett is

revelers in Times Square when the confetti is dropped.

For the first time, anyone can get a message printed on a piece of the multicolored confetti by visiting the Times Square Information Center or by using the Internet to type a message on a "Wishing Wall Online"—http://tinyurl.com/2c5efd.

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The message-carrying pieces will be mixed among the more than one ton of con-

mixed among the more than one ton of conferth, organizers said.

Messages can be serious or silly, said Tin Tompkins, a spokersma for the Times Square Alliance, which organizes the party. So far, messages have included everything from wanting to be taller or having a smarter boss to healthy children and asking for the safe return of a child from Imq, he said. "Peace in the World," reads one posted on the "virtual wishing wall."

Another person wrote that they wanted their husband to get a green card so that they could join them here in the states," Tompkins told WABC-TV.

#### TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS Today

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ently cloudy and chilly with light breezes High 25

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# MINI-CASSIA

Today: Partly cloudy and chilly Light winds with highs in the

towt to mat 20s
Tonight: New Year's Lee celebrations will be met with cold temperatures. Lows near 10
Tomorrow: 2008 begins on a cold note. Skies will be mostly surroy with tegtis reaching the middle 20s.

#### Complete weather report: See page B4

#### TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

#### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Alcohol-froe, Al Ages, New Year's Eve Party featuring: A Rotterdam November, "Des," The Send"; also Mechanical Bull, inflatable games, food and vendor area and more, 8:30 p.m. (doors open) to 12:30 a.m., Twin Fall County Fair Merchants Building, Flier, 55 at the door (optional \$5 unlimited activities poss), 326-4396.

#### GOVERNMENT

Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B. Shoshone, 886-2173.

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Yolin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425
Shoshore St. N., 736-4068.
Casala County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459
Overland, Burley, 879-7302.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N.
Lincolin, 644-2700.

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and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Nin Fails YMCA,
1751 Elizabeth BML, no cost for Humann-ansured or YMCA
members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.
Adult Children Anonymous (A.C.-I), meeting, for individuals
recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6
p.m., Canyno View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228
Shoup Ave, W. (west entrance), Twin Fails, no cost, 308-5656.

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#### ON THE AGENDA

#### WEDNESDAY

issioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse. Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Glenns Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old Highway 30, 366-7436. E. Lake, 837-6636. ncli, 7 p.m., Hagerman Senior Center, 140

#### THURSDAY

sloners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Twin Falls County commission Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Bellovue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128.

orly Public Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 Madison W., idell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St., 536

#### FRIDAY

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

# Snowpack levels

#### COMING TOMORROW

#### LONGING FOR SPRING

Who salivates over seed catalogs?

TUESDAY IN COUNTRY ROADS

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# MORNING BRIEFING

#### AROUND THE WORLD

#### LOWA

#### Candidates have plenty of politics to dine on in Iowa. New Hampshire

lowa, New Hampshire

DES MONNES — A bit of bubbly, a few verses of Auld Lang. Syne and c'andidates, candidates and more candidates. It's New Year's Eve in towa and New Hampshire.

With the caucuses and primary just days away, many presidential hopefuls are spending every precious minute campaigning — even if it's while voters and the rest of the world ring in the New Year with celebrations, not politics, on their mind. The Democratic and Republican contests in lowa. on Thorrsday, and New Hampshire, on Jan. 8, are essentially dead heats.

No candidate can afford to take time off, except perhaps

take time off, except perhaps for a sip of champagne.

#### GEORGIA

#### Four days of rain might save Atlanta area from driest-vear-on-record

ATLANTA — Rain fell in the cily for a fourth consecutive day Sunday and meteorologists decided it probably would be enough to save 2007 from going down as the drought-stricken Atlanta areas driest year on record. The most arid year ever recorded for Atlanta was 1954, when only 31.80 inches of rain fell.

of rain fell.

ram icu. Meteorologists had said it nneared that this year appeared that this year would have even less rain than that, saying rain falling than that, saying rain falling Sanday norming would taper off and quit, However, showers continued and by 2:50 pm, Sunday the 2007 cumulative rainfall was up to 31.56 inches — with a band of moderate rain moving in from Alabama.

"It's likely" the 1954 record will stay intact, sald Mike Leary, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. Dry weather was forecast for Monday.

Dry weat for Monday.

#### COLOMBIA

#### Oliver Stone joins mission for release of 3 rebel-held hostages

VILLAVICENCIO — With its fearsome record of kid-napping and violence, Colombia's largest guerrilla army might seem a night-

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE TRADITION



Lola, left, and Hosey, right, pause during the annual Key West Dacksund Walk in Key West, Fla., on New Year's Eve 2006. The third New Year's Eve procession of canines down sidewaiks that border the Island city's Duval ion of canines down sidewaiks that border the Island city's Duvi egins at noon today. Organizers anticipate the event will attract more than 100 dogs and their owners.

mare group to encounter. But not to Oliver Stone. The American filmmaker is jumping at a chance to meet with a group the U.S. classifies as a terrofst organization.

Leaving the glamor of Itoliyawood far behind, Stone arrived in the steamy Colombian city of Villavleencio on Saturday as part of a mission led by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez to retrieve the Villavices part of a mission . Venezuelan President Hugo Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez to retrieve they hostages held for years by the levolutionary Armed Fore of Colombia, or FARC. Thave no filiasions about the FARC, but it looks like they are a peasant army flaving for a decent living. Stoff the could in a decent living a decent living a decent living for a decent living stoff the could be supported by the condition of the

with The Associated Press at his hotel bar. "And here, if you fight, you fight to win." Stone is part of an interna-

Stone is part of an interna-tional delegation expected to fly by helicopter as early as Sunday into the country's eastern jungles, an area the size of France, to collect the captives: former congress-woman Consuelo Gonzalez, Clara Rojas and her young son Emmanuel, who was fathered by one of her guer-rilla captors.

#### MASSACHUSETTS

#### Number of personal data breaches hits record in 2007

BOSTON — The loss or theft of personal day such as credit card and Social Security numbers sared to unprecedented levels in 2007, and the trend isn't expected to turn around any-

time soon as hackers stay a step ahead of security and laptops disappear with sensi-tive information.

And while companies, gove-ernment agencies, schools and other institutions are spending more to protect ever-increasing volumes of data with more sophisticated frewalls and encryption, the investment often is too little too late. too late.
"More of them are experi-

"More of them are experi-encing data breaches, and they're responding to them in a reactive way, rather than proactively looking at the company's security and se-cing where the holes might be," said Linda Foley, who bunded the San Diego-jaace I dentity Theri resource Center after he, coming an identity thefi-tactim herself.
Foley's group lists more

Foley's group lists more than 79 million records reported compromised in the United States through Dec. 10. That's a nearly fourfold increase from the nearly 20 million records reported in all of 2006.

#### ALABAMA

#### Helicopter\_crashes during search for missing hunter; 3 crew killed

TUSCUMBIA — A helicop-ter crashed in thick woods early Sunday during the search for a missing hunter, killing all three people on board, according to the company that owns the aircraft. The cause of the crash was

under investigation, said Jeff Davis, a manager of Air Evac

EMS, based in West Plains, Mo.
The helicopter crew had spotted the hunter, and the crash occurred as the aircraft was hovering over him, said Federal Aviation

was hovering over him, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Marren Woodberry. The hunter was eventually rescued. Colbert County Sheriff Ronnie May said the hunter had disappeared after dark Saturday in the Freedom Hills Wildlife Management Area. a 31.572-acre state hunter had speech as the said of the hunter had been seen as the said of the said hunter had seen as the said of the said of the hunter news as the said of the said of the said of the hunter news as the said of the said of the said of the hunter news as the said of the said of the said of the said of the hunter news as the said of the said

Hills Wildlife Management Area, a Ji-572-acre state hunting preserve.
The hunter was taken to a hospital for treatment of injuries that were not life threatening, May said state of the state of the state of the first of the state of the state of the state of the state of the Michael Baker and crew members Alfan Bragwell and Tiffany Miles.

### KENYA

#### President declares victory, sparks unrest

victory, sparks unrest
NAHOBI — President
Mai Kibaki was declared
the winner Sunday of Kenyas'
presidential election and
hastily sworn in, defying
widespread concern over
vote irregularities and sparking riots and tribal violence.
As smoke rose over parts of
Natrobi, Kenya's emergling
democracy also appeared to
be smoldering. Before the
chaotic election count, which
saw returning officers disappear and European Union
observers turned away without access to tailles, analysts
and diplomars had viewed

observers turned away without access to tallies, analysts and diplomats had viewed Kenya as one of the most promisting democracies in Africa.

But the politics of the Big Man still holds sway in many parts of Africa, with only a few cases of incumbent presidents losing power through the ballot box.

After the 76-year-old president was sworn in for another five-year term, his challenger, opposition leader Balla Odinga, said a ruling clique was trying to rob Kenya of its democracy, wiping away tears as he spoke.

Odinga, 62, said he would be sworn in as pheeplels president in his own ceremony today and outlined plans for a parallel government. As he spoke, live television transmissions were abruptly cut. There were reports of violence across the country. In Klbera, a Nairobi slum area and opposition stronghold.

Kibera, a Nairobi slum area and opposition stronghold, thousands of protesters armed with rocks, knives and machetes chanted, "No

— compiled from wire reports

### TODAY IN HISTORY

#### Today's highlight:

On Dec. 31, 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demon-strated his electric incandes-cent light in Menlo Park, N.J.

On this date: In 1775, the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army generals Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec;

Montgomery was killed,
In 1857, Britain's Queen
Victoria decided to make
Ottawa the capital of Canada.

in 1862, President Lincoln

in 1862, President Lincom signed an act paving the way for West Virginla statehood. In 1877, President and Mrs. Hayes celebrated their silver anniversary (actually, a day late) by re-enacting their wedding ceremony in the White House.

White House.

In 1946, President Truman officially proclaimed the end of hosdilities in World War II.

In 1974, Private U.S. citizens were allowed to buy and own gold for the first time in more under the process of the process of the process of the first time in 1978. Taiwanese diplomats struck their colors for the final time from the

embassy flagpole in Washington, marking the end of diplomatic relations with the U.S. In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out abourd a DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas.

in Dallas.

In 1986, 97 people were killed when fire broke out in the Dupont Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (Three hotel workers later pleaded gullty in connection with the blaze.)

In 1987, Robert Mugabe was sworn in as Zimbabwe's first executive president. Ten years ago: Michael

Kennedy, the 29-year-old son of the late Sen. Robert E Kennedy, was killed in a sking accident on Aspen Mountain in Colorado. Planist Floyd Cramer deli nashville. Tenn., at age 64. In Sorocaba, Brazil, riot troops stormed a prison where Inmates were holding hundreds of hostages, quickly ending a three-day rebellion without any deaths. Flve years ago: Emerging from holiday seclusion at his Texas ranch, President Bush told reporters an attack by Saddam Hussein or a terrorlat ally "would cripple our economy." Two U.N. nuclear inspectors expelled by North Korea arrived in Chilin, leav-

ing the communist nation's

ing the communist nation's nuclear program isolated from international scrutiny. An explosion at a clandestine fireworks factory in the Mexican port city of Veracruz ignited an entire city block. killing 28 people. One year ago: The death toll for Americans killed in toll for Americans killed in the Iraq war reached 3,000. Hundreds of Iraqis flocked to the village of Ouja where Saddam Hussein was born to see the deposed leader burled in a religious compound 24 hours after his execution. Ordinary Americans paid their respects to former Prestdent Ford, walking stowly by his flag-covered casket in the U.S. Capitol.

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Chevaleties phone floor are open between a.m. and 6 p.m. delly and 6 to 11 a.m. o

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# LEGISLATURE 2008

# Urban renewal on the 2008 agenda

Urban renewal, one of the most misunderstood entities in city government, will be a leading tople of discussion at the 2008 Legislature with the introduction of four bills that would change how the agencies operate.

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The proposals appear to illustrate the challenges communities face in combating inner-city hight.

Among the proposals: a change in the way urban renewal boards are formed, how they set operational boundaries, and how long the public can contest agency decisions. The

reforms are sponsored by Rep. Jim Clark, R-Hayden Lake. Clark's North Idaho region has been at the fore-front of the urban renewal

front of the urban renewal debate.

URAs in cities such as Coent d'Alene are watching their bank accounts grow because of rishing property assessments. Meanwhile, agencies in places such as Twin Falls are struggling to revitatize with limited budg-ets.

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Because urban renewal
agencies generate funds
through property assessments within areas known as
Revenue Allocation Areas,
they can earn big money
when property values in allo-

cation areas rise. But when the allocation areas have helow-average property val-ues — as do most blighted erates little.

areas — urban renewal gen-erates little.

Two proposals up for con-sideration could change the limit on a URA's ability to expand or change flewenia Allocation Areas, as well as no econsidered for urban renewal — a restriction than the little areas and will reign in a URA's taking authority, Clark said.

Although lawmakers repre-senting south-central Idaho said they're not opposed to having some control over URA's, some said that the proposals could hinder their

development, Rep. Leon Smith, ReTwin

Rep. Leon Smith, Falls, a member of the lalls, a member of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, said URAS are more effective when directed by histonesseavey members, not elected community members. He said the cur-eut system provides ade-quate checks-and-balances to prevent the URAs from abusing their authority— including a mayor's ability to docuntime any URA decl-sions.

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## Giving birth is latest job outsourced to India

By Sam Dolnick Associated Press writer

ANAND, India — Every night in this quiet western Indian city. 15 pregnant women prepare for skeep in the spacious house they share, ascending the stairs in a procession of ballooned bellies, to bedrooms that become a landscape of soft hills.

hills.

A team of maids, cooks and doctors—looks—after—the women, whose pregnancles would be unusual anywhere else but are common here. The young mothers of Anand, a place famous for its

Anand, a place famous for its milk, are pregnant with the children of infertile couples from around the world.

The small clinic at Kalval Hospital matches infertile couples with local women, cares for the women during pregnancy and delivery, and counsels them afterward. Anand's surrogate mothers, pioneers in the growing field of outsourced pregnancies, have given blirth to roughly 40 bables.

More than 50 women in

Mothem 50 women in this city are now pregnant with the children of couples from the United States. The women in the city are now pregnant with the children of couples from the United States. The women carn more than many would make in 15 years. But the program tales a host of uncomfortable questions that touch of morals and modern selecc, exploitation and that most natural of desires to have a family. Dr. Nayan Patel, the woman hehind Anands baby hoom, defends her wark as meaningful for everyone involved.

"There is this one woman who desperately needs a baby and cannot have her own child without the help of a surrogate. And at the other end there is this woman who badly wants to help her cown family." Patel sald. "If this female wants to help her cown family." Patel sald. "If this female wants to help her her one ... why not allow that?... It's not for any bad cause. They're helping one another to have a new life in its world."

Experts say commercial surrogacy — or what has been called "wombs for ren'— is growing in India. While no reliable numbers track such pregnancies mallonwide, doctors work with serrogates. The women are languaged in vitro with the egg and sperm of couples unable to concelve on their

or or the control of the control of the control of the countries, including the United States. But India since countries, including the United States. But India is the leader in making it a wibble industry rather than a rare fertility treatment. Experts say it could take off for the same reasons outsouring in other industries has been successful; a wide labor pool working for relatively low rates.

### Caucus

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"Meet the Press."

Physing the experience
red. Climon told AIIC's

"This Week' that as first help
from 1993-2001 she was
"intimately involved in so
much that went on in the
White House, here at home
and around the world."

While she was one of the
most influential first ladies
in history, Clinton had her
limits. She did prot attend
National Security Council
impetings, did not receive
the presidential daily brief
ign on terrorism and other
threats and did not have a
top level security clearance.
She is married to one of
the most popular figures in
the Democratic Parry, Bill
Clinton, and his return to
the White House as first
spouse would break new
ground.

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spouse would break new ground.

"He will not have a for-mat, official role, but just as presidents, rely on wives, husbands, fathers, finends of these confidante and advis-er as I was with him." Sen. Clinton said, adding that attending NSC meethigs "wouldn't be appropriate" for her husband.
Edwards said he couldn't imagine Bill Clinton staying out of the mix.

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"I think it's a complete fantasy," he said with a laugh on CBS.

fantasy," he, said with a laugh on CBS.
In an Interview with The Associated Press, Edwards said the was trying to ease fears about his electability by arguing that his sharply populist message is not polarizing. "It's not divisice at all." he said, "it's uniting."
A former president as the White House sponse would make history, a common demonitant of the 2001 contest. The last wide-open race came in 1952 after Harry Truman opted not to run for re-election and his vice president, Alben Bardey, bowed out because of doubts' raised over his 39c.

age. A new poll of the Republican race in lowa suggested that Huckabee's surprise surge in lowa may have stalled — his lead over Romney evaporated. A vic-tory here for Romney would send the former send the former Massachusetts governor to his neighboring New Hampshire with a head of

steam.
That explains why
Huckabee, strongest in
lowa, and McCain, winner
of the 2000 GOP primary in
New Hampshire, both criticized Romney.

Huckabee said he may have been hurt by Romney ads and mailings criticizing his record as governor of

isas. accused Romney of running a "very desperate and, frankly, a dishonest

and, frankly, a dishonest campaign."

Rommey has been less than candid about his record and campaign plans, a fact seized upon by Huckabee.

"If you aren't being honest in obtaining a job, luckabee aid, can we trust you to be honest if you get the job?"

Huckabee defended McGain against negative ads by Romney.

"I left like that when Mitt Romney went after the homest fer in the homest with the little form."

"I left like that when Mitt Rommey went after the integrity of folin McCain, he stepped across a line," Huckahee told NBC, "John McCain's a hero in this coun-try, He's a hero to me." Huckabee scrapped a pub-lic appearance at an lowa church, his only open event of the day, in favor of attend-ing a private service and tap-ing new ads — perhaps to counter Rommey's.



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R Idabo Falis An attorney, Davis participates in committee meet-ings with a keen cye, and isn't afraid to let peo-ple know it. He has run unsuc-cessfully twice for a seat on the Idaho Supreme Court.

• Pro Tem Bob

South-Central Idaho's delegation includes eleven of the 15 members who are either in leadership or who are chairmen or vice-chairman of committees, and two more sit on the budget-setting panel. Here's a look at the senators most likely to influence the course of the session.



A long-time rancher and major property owner in Idaho who's popular on both sides of the aisle, Little is said to be a candidate to replace Lt. Gov. Jim Risch if Risch is elected to the U.S. Senate. Little has been known to change course: the was initially opposed to last year's sales tax increase, and in 2006 he opposed a gay marriage amendment in committee but supported it on the floor. of the aisle. Little is



A former House member, Stennett was elected to the Senate in 1994 and has led the caucus since 1998. Senate Democrats are considered friends of sportsmen, environmental-ists and educators — alliances that have both helped and hurt them over the years.



Kelly is a popular and outspoken attorney who has learned to form alliances with her more conservative colleagues. Last year she continued a push to promote good gov-ernment and trans ernment and trans-parency measures, and saw success in a open-meeting law. This year she plans for another try at a "revolving door" bill to prevent state workers from leaving office and immediately lob-bying their former col-leagues.



A moderate Republican, his hard work paid off last year work paid off last year when he became chairman of the Agriculture Affairs Committee. Gannon often bucks party votes on education and social matters but has strong sup-port from agriculture groups and worked to establish a dairy research facility in the Magic Valley. Magic Valley



Another one of the

Another one of the most moderate Republicans in the Legislature, Coiner is on the board of directors of the Twin Falls Canal Company. In 2006 he joined two Republicans and six Democrats in the Senate to oppose the gay marriage amendment. Last year he went against his party to support legislation that would have given litegal immigrants illegal immigrants



R-Rupert

Co-chairman of the Cochairman of the powerful budgeting panel (along with dis-trict-mate Maxine Bell), Cameron is high on agriculture and education Issues, par-ticularly charter schools. In recent years, he's token more political risks: In 2006, he broke with former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to resist Kempthorne to resist funding, then took the same public stance last year, even defend-ing a Democratic col-league in a spat with the House.



R-Declo

With more than 25 years in the Legislature he's the longest serving law-maker. Chairman of maker. Chalirman of the Judiciary and Rules Committee. Darrington has over-seen increasing penolities in abuse cases, more oversight of Jalis and tougher sentences. A formurative transfer who eventually left the teacher's union, he's skeptical about this year's \$60 million proposal to change teacher change teacher

### Democrats .

## A Democratic demise

Ilyst December House Democrats stormed out of the chamber to protest their denial of a third seat on the burdget committee. Inquet accused new House Speaker Lawerence E. Denney of unfairly barring the Democrats, who had gained six seats two months earlier.

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Senate.

Then came the 1960s, when Idaho's well-established populist streak croded along with its interest in an Democratic of the case of international affairs and increasingly corrupt and out of touch after nearly a half-century of control in

of touch after nearly a half-century of control in Congress.

The shift to Republican dominance can best be seen by tracing the rise of former Republican House Speaker Bruce Newcomb.

In 1982, then-Democrat Newcomb, of Burley, unsuc-cessfully ran against Republican Denton Darrington (now the longest-serving state senator).

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But be became disen-chanted with the Democrats Democrat?

chanted with the Democrats at a state convention where, he says, the party empha-sized environment protec-tion and and labor unions while dismissing concerns of timber, mining and agricul-ture. Newcomb said that was "foolish." "foolish."
He joined the Republicans and in 1986 was elected to the House, where he remained for 20 years.

#### Close, but not that close

Democrats were able to win the governor's office from 1970 through 1994, with Cecil Andrus serving longer than any Republican. In 1990, Andrus led a

than any Republican.
In 1990, Andrus led a
revival that included the two
U.S. House seats, and several
statewide offices. The State

statewide offices. The State Senate was sited.
But the Democratic surge was short-lived, and the Legislature remains solid GOP unif—so much so that there were just 12 Democats in both houses in 2001.
As a minority, Democrats can be influential when Republicans are divided. Last year, Democrats joined with moderate Republicans on local-option taxes. The move failed, but it showed that Democrats can still hold some clout.

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"In the Legislature they still serve in the role of the loyal opposition in raising ques-tions and presenting alterna-tive dewpoints," said retired boise State University profes-sor Jim Weatherby.

But, he added, "Overall, it's hard to pinpoint major policy achievements, and that's the problem of the minority

party in what is arguably a one-party state."

## What makes an Idaho

Democrat!
There's consensus in both parties that all state lawmakers are generally conservative. During the session, most bills pass unanimously, or close to it. Some Democrats even concede that they would be Republicans if they lived elsewhere.

t when the differences out, they're as loud as a

as a hawk's cry.

"The minority is as relevant as they want to be," said Sen.
Dean Cameron, R-Ruperi, a 10-term lawmaker. "When the

10-term lawmaker. "When the minority party members are wise, they work with legislation, they try and seek compromise and they promote good government policies that everyone can work with and live with."

Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, became a Democrat while attending the College of Southern Idahoa and decided the Republicans weren't favoring education or with the state's resources. "It really boils down to the

state's resources.

"It really boils down to the important things which are Idaho values, which are education and the environment," he said.

he said.
Stennett sald education is still under-funded, and that Democrats would increase funding for community colleges, urge pre-kindergarten programs and establish Idaho as a leading state in education.

"If we were given the keys to the car it'd be a much different

#### - Jim Weatherby, retired Bolse State University professor

situation," he said.

situation." he said.
The biggest misconception
about Idaho Democrats is
that they are aligned with the
national party. Stennett said.
They are not big spenders and
do not desire high taxes.
"We really are not." Stennett
said. "We're trying to make
government work. We're trying to use common sense and
reason."

Colondo's state legislature might foreshadow ddaho's development, said Gary Monterief, a professor at the Boise State University who has written several books on state legislatures. Twenty years ago, Colondo's urban population grew so quickly that the legislators didn' immediately reflect their con-stituents.

stituents.
"It tends to lag," Moncrief said. "The legislature doesn't tend to reflect those changes immediately."

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The lag a legislative shift could be due to longstanding regional difference between Northern, Southwestern, Central and Eastern Idaho areas with unique politics, economies and social cul-

truster redistricting begins in 2010, Idaho is expected to have 1.7 million people. Meridian, for example, has grown by nearly 50,000 since 1990. Redistricting has increased the potential for competitive elections in some areas of the Treasure Valley, and as Bolse grows, so does its Democratic base.

Jaquet said Idaho is growing nore independent as it grows,

and that residents of urban areas are more supportive of programs such as mass transit and environmental protec-tion that are hallmarks of her

"I'm really excited about "I'm really excited about being a Democrat in Idaho," sald Jaquet. "What I've always tried to do is find more bal-ance. That's what democracy is all about. When you have too many of the same people you have the closed-door deals."

deals."

But some areas are bucking
the trend. Fast-growing
Canyon County, for example,
remains strongly Republican.
Weatherthy sald he doesn't
think redistricting will make a
difference because the growth
has come in the form of likeminded conservatives moving from other states. In fact, he said, it may be that these con-servatives will actually make the state even more so.

#### A strategy for the future

The future of the Democratic Party remains unclear, most notably after the party's chairman, Richard Stallings, resigned in December. Stallings was a longtime Democratic headings.

longtime Democratic head-liner, as a member of Congress and in two years as chairman of the party. Swisher describes the party as moribund, tooking back at glory days instead of building for the future. "They're. like sub-prime mortgages," said Swisher. "Someone's got to take them over. It can't be done just memorializing Andrus and the late Sen, Church."

Weatherby says the party is moving to expand its base,

and is breaking away from its past reliance on a "star system," with a major figure running at the top of the ticket with little depth elsewhere, said Weatherby.

"Now there is no big name. There is no obvious leader of the Democratic Party," said Weatherby, 'And they're working more at the local and gruss-roots level."

Deborah Silver, chairwoman of the Twin Falls County Democratis, said a stronger Democratic presence has emerged in the Magic Valley and called it issue-related —primarily to concern over the Bush administration and local environment matters, such as nuclear energy. Silver said that a local chapter of 'Drinking Liberally' — separate from the Democratic Parry — meets monthly to discuss things and its existence reflects how there is a changing dynamic. The malling list has grown from 20 people to 80.

80.
"I think there are more peo-"I think there are more people here who are willing to say," I am a Democrat and I am going to do something. Silver said. We have all these things that have gone so far to the right and I think people here are saying I'm not willing to just keep my mouth closed." Former state Sen. Jon Peavey of Carey is credited with turning Wood River Valley into the Democratic stronghold it is today. He credits Jaquet with leading a turnaround of recruitment, and is optimistic that the

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parry now has the right strate-gy for success.

"If your numbers are small you've really got to pick your issues and that's kind of like-fighting a guerilla war," he sald. "You try and find some other friends who can gather around you."

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#### CSI

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though individual schools set their own fees.

SSTs elected board of rustees raised tuition slightly in April, pushing the college closer to the cap. The board also raised student fees and housing rates effective this school year.

"CST and NIC are nearing the limit and will be unable

to increase tuition under the current law," according to the 2008 CSI Legislative agenda. Full-time tuition and stu-

dent fees are \$1,050 per semester for those living in the tax district of jerome and Twin Falls counties. That includes a \$50 increase, with \$35 toward futition, \$5 for registration and \$10 for athletics. Under current state law, fees can't be included in the tuition cap. So they're charged in excess of tuition. The state's community colleges also want legislators to double the money they receive annually from the state's liquor account from \$300,000 to \$600,000.

The state's liquor account has appropriated \$300,000 to community colleges since 1982. CSI officials say. That school and NIC split the appropriation equally. But the creation of the new tax district for CWI in Nampa, set to open fall 2008, changes the calculation. The liquor money will be split into thirds, and CSI administrators are concerned about rators are concerned about rators are concerned about trators are concerned about the community of the the co trators are concerned about the potential loss of \$50,000 from their cut.

If the Legislature agrees to double the liquor fund

appropriation to community colleges CSI would get \$200,000 or \$50,000 more. Other CSI legislative requests include: Online development: \$226,300 to expand and improve online courses, with CSI hiring a firm to handle the system. The college would also use these funds to hire a design teacher, who would teach faculty about online courses. Student financial aid: CSI wants legislations to increase state funding for student aid

- but they haven't attached a dollar amount to that wish, according to the college's leg-islative agenda. About 70 percent of CSI students receive financial assistance, and the college supports need-based aid as the top priority followed by metric-based assistance. The average total debt for

merit-based assistance.
The average total debt for CSI graduates with student loans was \$7,370 for the 2006-2007 school vear 2006-2007 school year, according to the college. Livestock, environmental studies: CSI wants legislators

to fund a livestock and envi-

to fund a livestock and envi-ronmental studies research center in the Magic Valley. "In addition to research and agricultural credit cours-es conducted by the University of Idaho, partner-ships with CSI will provide needed professional-techni-cal and lower division agri-cultural science opportuni-ties for CSI students," according to the agenda.

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# News of war, tragedy and uncertainty made 2007 a year of frustration

By Adam Gelier Associated Press writer

A war winds on, but law-makers are seemingly power-less to do anything about it.
The verenching sorrow of tragedless on a Virghia campus, a Minnesota highway bridge and deep inside a Utah caal mine is compounded by a question that echoes: Could this have been prevented?
Thousands lose their homes in a untriview and rendirection.

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that worsence — uespine repeated assurances that the worst had passed. Every year has grim headlines. But the story of 2007 was the frustration that wound through so much of the news. Americans repeatedly confronted the same images and the same misgivings in many of the year's biggest stories. The frustration factor was personified by former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, at the wortex of criticism over the dismissal of eight federal prosecutors. When the story began around

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the New Year, most would
have figured it as a mildly sensational, fairly routine political
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Then it stretched into the spring and summer, with an spring and summer, with an spring and summer, with an appliance of the spring and summer, suggest a pologetic denial. Called before Congress in April, he found more than 70 ways to say he could not remember what had hap-pened. Any day now, pundits speculated, Gonzales could take the fall.

By the time Gonzales finally

By the time Gonzales finally did resign effective in September, the focus on right September, the locus on right or wrong had largely been replaced by a grinding frustra-tion over why resolution— any resolution—had taken so long. Even when it ended, it did so without clarity.

#### Mood of exasperation

That story was hardly unique. After a while it became difficult to separate the frustration built into many of the year's biggest news stories from a public mood of resigned exasperation. Were we frustrated by the events themselves, or was our frustration reflected in our reaction to them? That frustration made it difficult in the property of the p

frustration reflected in our reaction to them?
That frustration made it difficult to recall that 2007 had started with a mix of uncertainty and possibility.
Voiers deeply dissatisfied with the Bush administration had signaled a strong desire for a new direction and invested those hopes in opposition Democrats.
"The election of 2006 was a call to change," Rep. Nancy Pelosi proclaimed as she led party into leadership of the House in January. "The American people rejected an open-ended obligation to war without end."
But the war has stretched.

war without end."
But the war has stretched
well into a fifth year, with
troops no closer to an exit.
And in early November, troop
deaths made 2007 the deadliest year for American troops
since the war began.
The number of attacks,
deaths and injuries dropped



A rescuer walks in the blocked tunnel where six coal miners were trapped, in A rest of Huntington, Utah.

A rescue walks in the blocked tunns off sharply in recent morth but the Improvement did little to revise the public perceptions.

Opinion polls reflected public frustration with the inability of lawmakers to a bring the war any nearer to an end. a feeling acknowledged by Pelosi.

If you asked me in a phone call, as ardent a Democrat as I am, I would disapprave of Congress as well." she told reporters.

#### Virginia Tech shootings

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The year's frustrations were hardly limited to politics.

In April, the deadliess shooting rampage in the nations' history provoked a national outpouring of grief for the people of Virginia Tech. But the initial horror turned to grim constemation when it became clear that university officials and others knew gunman Senng-Hui Cho was deeply troubled, yet they had missed any opportunity prevent the killings of the proposition of the propositi

place blame.
"This is' a story of rectimi-nation, or a story of redemp-tion, which will just take us into the past," one Tech pro-fessor said, addressing calls for the university's president to resign months after the massacre. "The story of redemption is how we move on."

on."

Late in the year, the nation confronted still other violent tragedies. In early December, a 19-year-old who wrote that he "just snapped" fatally wounded eight people and killed himself at an Omaha

mall; days later, a 24-year-old gunnan killed two staffers at a Colorado missionary train-ing center, then two young women at a megachurch before turning a-gun on him-self

#### Minnesota bridge collapse

In August, the I-35W bridge

In August, the 1-35W bridge in Minneapolis collapsed into the Mississippi River during rush hour. Thirreen people died and more than 100 others were injured. The miracle was that it wasn't worse, which was the state of the miracle state of the miracle state might have been preventable. Minnesota officials were warned as early as 1990 that the bridge was "structurally deficient," but had relied on small-scale repairs and inservortions rather than relin-inservortions rather than relin-inservortions rather than relinsmall-scale repairs and inspections rather than rein-forcement or replacement. Then attention turned to a

disaster in a place that seemed all too familiar. Fully a year and a half after West Virginia's Sago a nail after west virginias sage Mine tragedy prompted wide-spread calls for tougher over-sight of the mining industry an accident in Utah provided an indelible reminder of those

and needled in June 1 and 1 an

warming. But acknowledging the Issue was one thing, finding solutions was another.

"We seek your leadership," a delegate from Papua New Guinea told U.S. officials an international climate talks in December. "But if for some reason you are not willing to lead, leave it to the rest of us. Please get out of the way."

The talks ended with a U.S. agreeing to negotiations for a gareeing to negotiations for a

agreeing to negotiations for a new climate treaty on condi-tion that, for now, plans will not include specific emission reduction targets. At home, it took until well into December for the federal government to mandate the first increase in auto fuel economy in 32 years along with stepped up use of ethanol.

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Across the South, dry
weather extended a parching
drought that some blamed
partially on climate change.
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As officials buttled for pre-cious wanter, and belately began focusing on conserva-tion the darought's persistence convinced some to ry more extraordinary measures of the extraordinary measures of the extraordinary measures of the extraordinary of the extraordinary of prepire who gathered outside the Capitol to seek divine intervention.

#### Pet food scare

Meanwhile, the headlines offered more than enough to

offered more than enough to confound any consumer. First came the recall of eat and dog food linked to the death of more than 100 pets, blamed on ingredients pro-vided by a Chinese manufac-turer. That lead to broad con-cerns about the safety of food products made in Chinese factories, but tighter import restrictions seemed fruitless. The pet food scare was fol-lowed by the Chinese tooth-

# named AP celebrity of the year By Jake Coyle Associated Press writer

Colbert

While most TV characters while most IV characters remain boxed inside the frames of our sets, Stephen Colbert has routinely injected his on-screen persona into everything from the presidential race to ice

cream.

In 2007, the mock pundit on Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report" exceeded the influence of most real pundits, orchestrating an ill-fated (and Doritos-sponsored) run for president and topping the best-seller lists with his book

topping the It with his book "I Am America (And So Can You!)."
Colbert failed to get onto the primary ballot in his home state state of South Carol-

paste scare, then worries about seafood and lip-

stick.

But nothing unsettled the public as much as a series of recalls of Chinese-made toys, starting with Thomas the Tank Engine wooden train sets found to contain lead paint. That was in June, but more recalls of toys tainted with lead or other hazards continued well

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At the same time, energy prices rattled the public. Oil began the year at near \$60 a barrel, but began climbing in the spring and just kept on going. By year's end, the price regularly flirted with \$100 a barrel.

The question was how much that would cut into consumers' ability to keep up spending. The answer was complicated by the

up spending. The answer was complicated by the fact that buying power was simultaneously curbed by a drop in the value of the dollar.

But the frustration of higher prices at the pump seemed minor compared to the fears and uncertainty that accompanied a crissis in the housting and mortgage leuding sector. It began as the story of what sounded like a marginal nicheo of the economy

ginal niche of the economy—subprine Inans. But concerns rippled. Maybe it was about more than thousands of people losing their homes. Maybe it was a sign of deeper runbies with the credit markets that sustain businesses, and a premention of more serious woes that would could cut into the consumer spending that has long been the economy's mainstay,

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Rising energy prices

South Care, ina, dooming his hopes for the White House And his show went 0-for-4 at the Emmy Awards, hadding an especially in Barry

for-4 at the Emmy Awards, including an especially painful loss to Barry Manilow.

But Colbert did win one honor: He was voted. AP Celebrity of the Year by newspaper editors and broadcast producers who said Colbert had the biggest impact on pop culture in 2007.

2007.
He finished just a nudge above J.K. Rowling, who authored the final book in her enormously popular 'Harry Potter' series. Finishing third was Al Gore.

"Harry Potter" series, schishing hird was Al Gore, whose year Included an Oscar, an Emmy, a Nobel Peace Prize and the global concert Live Barth.

Voting was otherwise spread out across many entertainers, including popstar Britney Spears, "Hannah Montana" star Miley Cyrus, rapper Kanye West, comedy director and producer Judd Apatow and country singer Kenny Chesney. But it was the slight, bespectacled Colbert—his hair never ruffled, stilts forever pressed — who dominated the year. Even from the relatively small stage of late-night cable "IV, his satire spread into all corners of media and society—and for a few weeks made a mockery of the democratic system.

mockery of the democratic system. Colbert has declined interviews during the writ-ers strike that has shuttered

merviews during the writerest strike that has shuttered his show, but he told The Associated Press by e-mail:
"In receiving this award, I am pleased that I was chosen over two great spinners of fantasy — J.K. Rowling and Al Gore, It is truly an honor to be named the Associated Press' Celebrity of the Year. Best of all, this makes me the official front-runner for next year's Drug-Fueled Downward Spiral of the year. P.S. Look for my baby bump this spring!"

# Dems take reins in Congress, but still trumped by Bush

By Laurie Kellman Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — It's a painful irony for Democrats: in the space of a year, the Iraq war that was the source of party's resurgence in Congress became the measure of its impotence.

By the end of the 2007, a Congress controlled by Democrats for the first time since 1994 had an approval rating of only 25 percent, down from 40 percent last spring. Then the debate over the war split the party and cast -shadows over other issues, spawning a series of legislative failures and losing confrontations with President Bush.

legislative failures and losing confrontations with President Bush. What to do about fraq has turned into a dissing match so far-reaching and nasty that Congress's accomplishments

are seen, even by some who run it, through the lens of their failure to override Bush and start bringing the troops home.

"There is no question that he war in Iraq has eclipsed much of what we have done," thouse Speaker Nancy Pelost told reporters. "If you asked me in a phone call, as ardent a Democrat as I am, I would disapprove of Congress as well."

It's not as if the new

It's not as if the new Democrat-controlled Con-gress did nothing during 2007.

2007.

It gave the nation's lowest paid workers their first raise in a decade, mising the minimum wage from. 55.15 to 55.85 an hour in July. It will isse to \$7.25 an hour in 2009.

Congress also cut in half the interest rates on federal student loans and boosted



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, center, is joined by Sen. Chutch Schumer, D-H.V., ieft, House Majority Whip James Criburn, D-S.C., second from left, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-III., and House Speaker Mancy Pelosi, right, at a news conference May I on Capitol Hill in Washington.

annual Pell grants for post high-school education by \$260 to \$4,310 in July, rising to \$5,400 for the 2012-2013 school year. Bush-signed the bill after initially threatening veto it. And lust before Congress

turned out the lights for the year on Dec. 19, Bush signed into law a sweeping new energy policy that requires automakers to achieve an industrywide average fuel efficiency for cars, SUVs and small trucks of 35 miles per

gallon by 2020, a 40 percent jump. Some analysts said the new law will render gas guz-zlers relies of the past and make farmers rivals of oil companies in producing motor fuels. "All of us deserve credit for

ting some things done," sh said in his year-end vs conference, insisting

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Democrats scored other political victories as well. Most significantly, a Democrat-led investigation revealed a troubled Justice Department and forced Alberto Gonzales, a longtime presidential friend, from the

Alberto Gonzaies, a automorpesidential friend, from the attorney general's office. Democratis also played a big role in selecting his successor. Michael Mukasey.

But the story of Congress in 2007 by more about what it falled to accomplish during a war that the public opposes and that Democratis had vowed — but did not — to end.

end.
On that, they found themselves repeatedly outmaneuvered, unable to break bill-killing GOP filibusters with 60 votes in a Senate where Democrats held only what effectively is a 51-49 majority.

# OPINION

#### **EDITORIAL**

# Voice of the people came through loud and clear in '07

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Idaho needs tougher laws on illegal immigration

on illegal immigration

Forty-year-old Adriene
Shelly, who co-wrote,
directed and co-stars in
"Wairress," was murdered
in 2006 in her Manhautan
apartment by an
Ecuadorian illegal immigrant who tried to rape her;
her husband came home
that night to find her hanging nude from a bed sheet
wrapped around the shower curtain rod. Now her 4year-old daughter sthes the
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Until Idaho passes laws that beavily fine employers and landfords who knowingly do business with illegals, this! If remain a "sanctuary state," where the quality of life (and wages) continue to spiral downward!

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# The trouble with free trade

hile the United States has long imported oil and other raw materials from the third world, we used to import manufactured goods mainly from other rich coun-tries like Canada, European nations and Japan.

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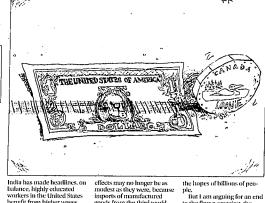
But recently we crossed an important watershed. We now Important watershed: We now Import more manufactured goods from the third world than from other advanced economies. That is, a majority of our industrial trade is now with countries that are much poorer than we are and that pay their workers much lower wages. For the world economy as a whole — and especially for a whole — and especially for

workers much lower wages. For the word economy as a whole — and especially for poorer nations—growing trade between high-wage and low-wage countries is a very good thing. Above all, it offers backward economies their best hope of moving up the income ladder.

But for American workers the story is much less positive. In fact, it's hard to avoid the conclusion that growing U.S. trade with third world countries reduces the real

the conclusion that growing U.S. trade with third world countries reduces the real wages of many and perhaps most workers in this country. And that reality makes the politics of trade very difficult. Lefs talk for a moment about the economics. Trade between high-wage countries tends to be a mod-est win for all, or almost all, concerned. When a free-trade past made it possible to inte-grate the U.S. and Ganadian auto industries in the 1960s, each country's industry con-centrated on producing a narrower range of products at large mode. The result was are in producivity and wages. By contrast, trade between countries at very different levels of economic develop-ment tends to create large classes of losers as well as winners. Although the outsourcine

Although the outsourcing of some high-tech jobs to



India has made headlines, on balance, highly educated workers in the United States benefit from higher wages and expanded Joh opportunities because of trade, For example, ThinkPad notebox computers are made by a Chinese company, Lenowo, but a lot of Lenowo's research and development is conducted in North Carolina.

But workers with less formal education either see their Johs shipped overseas or find their wages driven down by the ripple effect as other workers with similar qualifications crowd into their Industries and look for employment to replace the Johs they loss to foreign composition. All this is textbook international economies contrary to what people sometimes assert, economic sometimes assert, economic theory says that free trade normally

assert, economic theory says that free trade normally that fee trade normally makes a country richer, but it doesn't say that it's normally good for everyone. Still, when the effects of third-world exports on U.S. wages first became an issue in the 1990s, a number of economists — myself included — looked at the data and concluded that any negative effects on U.S. wages were modest.

The trouble is that these

effects may no longer be as modest as they were, because imports of manufactured goods from the third work—from just 2.5 percent of GDB, in 1990 to 6 percent in 2006. And the biggest growth in imports has come from countries with very low wages. The original "newly industrializing economies exporting manufactured goods — South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore — paid vages that were about 25 percent of U.S. levels in 1990, Since then, however, the sources of our were about 25 percent of U.S. levels in 1989. Since then, however, the sources of our imports have shifted to Mexico, where wages are only 11 percent of the U.S. level, and China, where they're only about 31 percent or 4 percent.

There are some qualifying aspects to dust story. For example, many of those made in-China goods contain components made in Japan and other high-wage economies. Still, there's Bille doubt that the pressure of globalization on American wages has increased.

So am I arguing for protectionism? No. Those who think that globalization is always and everywhere a had hing are wrong. On the contrary, keeping world markets relatively open is crucial to

to the finger-wagging, the accusation either of not understanding economics or of kowtowing to special inter-ests that tends to be the edi-

understanding economics or folkowtowing to special interests that tends to be the editorial response to politicians who express skepticism about the benefits of free-trade agreements.

It's often claimed that limits on trade benefit only a small number of Americans, while burding the vast majority. That's still true of things like the import quota on sugar but when it comes to manufactured goods, it's at least arguable that the reverse is true. The highly educated workers who clearly benefit from growing trade vide things and the still the still the control of the contr

Paul Krugman is a colum-nist for the New York Times.

## ISTARS is an idea whose time has arrived

State Superintendent Torn Lana is traveling throughout Idaho pre-senting his Idaho State Teacher Advancement and Recognition System plan. He outlings five yours a teacher

senting ins tunno some. Teacher Advancement and Recognition System plan. He toullines five ways a teacher can financially benefit from its implementation. Annually, dependent upon a school's tested proficiency and growth performance and lis state rankings, teachers can earn performance on the state of t

perform these duties for lit-tie or no compensation. Performance bonuses tied to testing success is deter-mined and distributed by the state. If a school meets specified achievement rank-lings, all teachers within the school receive bonus pay— regardless of their teaching



responsibility. This recog-nizes all teachers — includ-ing muste, physical educa-tion, art, special education, etc. — whose contribution to a child's education is some-times overlooked. This money is distributed to teachers whether or not they choose a Category 4 con-tract.

A teacher's voluntary deci-A teacher's voluntary deci-sion to move to a Category 4 contract requires giving up renewable contract status and receiving contract options similar to those of an administrator. Under Category 4, a teacher can negotiate a contract of up to three years in length that offers properry and due process rights for the term of the contract. Some teachers have expressed concern that dis-verpressed concern that dis-

Some teachers have expressed concern that districts will seek to replace higher-paid staff with teachers who earn less money. In Idaho, funds are distributed through a funding formula based on teacher experience and education. If a teacher

costs more, the state pays the district more. It is a revenue neutral process, and the expressed concern is without merit.

Others believe ISTARS funding will not be sustained and, at some point, the Legislature will discontinue financial support for this

and, at some point, the Legislature will discontinue financial support for this plan. Superintendent Luna responds by pointing out that BYARS funding will be a result of statutory action passed by both legislative bodies and signed by the governor, ensuring that, while funds may not increase from one year to the next, they cannot decrease without new legislation. A concern voiced by the flath of Education Association is the teacher-based fear of working without the security of renewable contract status. Some teachers also believe it is "unfair" to utilize test scores as a means of identifying worthy' teachers for performance bonuses. Many doubt current testing methods are sophisticated in successful "enex" testing methods are successful "enex". These concerns may have merit.

merit.
A system of paying all teachers the same salaries based on education and experience is truly an unfair system. Merit pay, bonus pay

or increased pay fied to teacher performance and student achievement is an attempt to break out of our current, indefensible salary system. ISTAIS does this, if rewards idaho's teachers more responsibly and takes the first step toward a new, creative partnership between educators and those who compensate those who compensate

those who compensate them.

As a superintendent and president of the Idaho School Superintendents Association, I strongly believe in increasing teacher salaries based on a defensible system of achievement and merit. ISTAIRS is a vehicle designed to drive this process. Idaho needs to be more progressive in compensating teachers appropriately. The status quo does nothing to demonstrate the immense value all of us place on education and teachers. ISTARS is a plan that must begin now. If not, this contentious cloud of mediocity will continue to accompany the salaries of Idahos great teachers.

Dr. Charles J. Shackett is the superintendent of the Bonneville Joint School District No. 93 in Idaho Falis and president of the Idaho School Superintendent's Association.



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# Feds take on Latino gang accused of targeting blacks in LA

LOS ANGELES — In a murder-ous quest aimed at "cleansing" their turf of snitches and rival gangsters, members of one of Los Angeles County's most victous Latino gangs sometimes killed people just because of their race, an investigation found.

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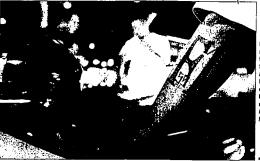
There were even instances in which Florencia 13 leaders ordered killings of black gaugsters and then, when the intended victim couldn't be located, said "Well, shoot any black you see," Los Angeles County Sherlif Lee Baca said.

In certain cases some murders were just purely motivated on killing a biack person." Baca said. Authorities say there were 20 murders among more than 80 shootings documented during the gaugs rampage in the hardscrabbe Horenee-Firestone neighborhood, exceptional even in an area where gang violence has been commonplace for decades. They don't specify the time frame or how many of the killings were ractal.

racial.

Los Angeles has struggled with gang violence for years, especially during the wars in the late 1900s and early 90s between the Crips and the Bloods — both blace gangs. Latino gangs have gained influence since then as the Hispanic population surged.

Evidence of Florencia 13, or F13, is easy to find in Florence-Firestone. Arrows spray-painted



Florence 13 gang members are ques-tioned by Los Angeles Sheriff's detective Adam Torres after being pulled over for erratic driving in tho Florence-Firestone Angeles County in

on the wall of a liquor store mark the gangs boundary and graffiti warns rivals to steer clear. The gangs name comes from the neighborhood that is its stronghold and the 13th eleter of the alphabet — M — representing the gangs dest on the Mexican Malia.
Federal, state and local officials worked together to charge 102 men linked to P33 with racketeering, conspiracy to murder weapons possession, drug dealing and other crimes, in terms of people charged, it's the largest-ever federal case involving a Southern Callfornia gang, prosecutors say. California gang, prosecutors say. More than 80 of those indicted are

in custody.

But eliminating the gang won't be easy. It's survived for decades and is believed to have about 2,000 members. Its reach extends to Nevada, Arizona and into prisons,

Nevada, Arizona and into prisons, where prosecutors say incarcerated gang leaders were able to order this on black gangsters.

According to the indictment, P13's leader, Arturo Castellanos, sent word in 2004 from California's fortress-like Pelican Bay State Prison that he wanted his street Prison that the Last Causas Crips, and shitches and snitches.
His followers eagerly obeyed,

according to federal prosecutors.
In one case, F13 members came across a black man at a bus stop, shouted "Cheese toast" is a derogatory name for East Coast Crips,

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shouted "Cheese toss, ...
"Cheese toss," is a derogatory name for East Coast Crips, Assistant U.S. Autorney Revin S. Rosenberg said.

The victim, apparently targeted only because of his skin color, survived being shot several times. Rosenberg said.

F13 Isn't the only Latino gang linked to racid killings, Last year, four members of The Avenues, a gang from the Highland Park area cast of downtown Los Angeles.

were convicted of hate crimes for the state of the control of the crimes for the state of the control of the crimes for the crimes for the control of the crimes for the crimes for

cutors called a gampaign to drive blacks from that neighborhood. And last January, authorities amounced a crackdown on the 204th Street gang following the killing of a 14-year-old black girl.

The violence gases both warss and Adam forces, a loss Angeles Gampary Sheriffs Department gang Gampary Sheriffs Department gang Gampary Sheriffs The Department gang following the cast side of the neighborhood, he pointed to a cindershork wall peppered with bullet holes. Forces said the Grips still control that area and the Grips still control that area and any Hispanic there is at risk of being shot.

Despite the wave of violence, George Tita, a criminologist with the University of Callitornia, Ivine, said ractally mortivated gang stillings are an exception. Latinos and blacks are far more likely to be mudered by one of their own.

"You don't see these major black-brown wars, either within the context of gangs," it its asid.

Residents of Florence-Firestone lack brown wars, company, fearful they might end up as targets, but there are signs of change. Murders in the neighborhood dropped from 44 is 2050 to 19 in 2066, Baca said, For 2007, there were 19 murders as of Dec. 24.

Jose Garcia sees the difference. The security doors on the store where he works aren't covered with graffit as often and he hasn't beard a gunshoir in two months.

It used to be at least once or twice a week," he said.

## 2007 was deadliest year for U.S. troops in Iraq, but less violence seen in past 6 months

ABSOciated Press winter

BAGHDAD — The second half of 2007 saw violence drop dramatically in Iraq, but the progress came at a high price: The year was the deadliest for the U.S. millitary since the 2003 Invasion, with 893 troops killed. American commanders and diplomats, however, say the battefield gains against insurgents such as al-Qaida in Iraq offer only a partial picture of where the country stands as the war moves toward its five-year mark in March.

Two critical shifts that

toward its five-year mark in March.
Two critical shifts that boosted U.S.-led forces in 2007—a self-imposed cease-fire by a main Shifte millitin and a grassroots Sunni revolt against extremists — could still unravel unless serious unity efforts are made by the Iraqi government.
Iran also remains a mojor wild card. U.S. officialis believe the neighboring country has helped quiet Iraq by reducing its flow of suspected aid to Shifte fighters, including materials needed for deadly roadside bombs.
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for deadly roadside bombs. But Iran's apparent handsoff policles could come under strain as Shilte factions — some favoring Iran, others not battle for control of Iraq's oil-rich south. The Pentagon, meanwhile, will increasingly look to the uneven Iraq's ecurity forces to carry the load in 2008 as demands for an American existency grow sharper during Butter, the load in 2008 as demands for an American existency grow sharper during butter in Iraq, is gradually drawing down its forces and other allies, including Poland and Australia, are contemplating full-scale withcrawals in the corning year.

"Were focusing our energy on building on what coalition and Iraqi troopers have accomplished in 2007." Gen. David Petraeus told a group of Western journalists on Saturday, "Success will not, however, be akin to flipping on a light switch. It will emerge slowly and fitfully, with reverses as well as advances, accumulating fewer bad days and gradually more good days."

That are of progress played out in the raw statistics of U.S. and the clean and the progress played the part of the

the U.S. began ramping up its

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right, hugs his form wife Teresa Anzack, center, and their daughter Casey, 16, in front of the casket carrying their son, Cpl.
Joseph Anzack during
a public memorial at
South High School's football stadium to-Torrance, Calif., in June. Anzack's body was found floating in the Euphrates River on May 23, 11 days after with two comrades in daring ambush that killed four U.S. soldiers and an Iragi soldier south of Baghdad.

attacks against insurgent strongholds, leading to increased clashes in Baghdad and other key areas across central frag. The strongholds in the strongholds and analysts say America's aggressive strategy of targeting al-Qalda in Irray strongholds is paying off: U.S. casualites have dropped sharply. As of Sunday night in Baghdad, 21 deaths were reported in December, one more than in February 2004, which was the lowest monthly total of the war.

The 899 deaths in 2007 surpassed the previously highest death toll in 2004, when 850 U.S. soldiers were killed. The total for 2007 could rise slightly occasionally the milliary

total for 2007 could rise slight-ly; occasionally the milliary reports new casualties a few days after they occur. The mil-larry reported the non-com-bat related death of a soldler on Sunday.

At least 3,902 members of the U.S. milltary have died

since the beginning of the war. Of those, at least 3.175 died as a result of hostile action, according to the milliany's numbers. Iraql civillan deaths have tracked that deeline and overall volence across the country is down roughly 60 percent, American commanders say. Since the influx of some 30,000 U.S. troops that began in June, the lessening violence has meant that new problems

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has meant that new problems have emerged.

"There certainly are ample challenges out there in the challenges out there in the new year. In some respects, the positive developments in the latter half of 2007 also rep-resent the challenges of 2008;" U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker sald during a recent hriefing.

briefing. An example, Crocker said, is An example, Crocker said, is how the improving security situation is in part luring back Iraqis who took refugee in neighboring Syria, Jordan and elsewhere.

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### Avoid Estate Planning Mistakes

I fyou've been investing for a while, you probably have learned to avoid key mistakes, such as making frequent trades based on short-term price fluctuations. But even If you invest wisely and are able to retire comfortably, you could still make some errors in your estate planning - and these miscues could prove costly and painful to your family.

How can you avoid making the wrong moves with your estate plans? Here are a few tips:

- Communicate with your family. To reduce the possibility of hurt feelings and damaged relationships within your family after you're gone, make sure that everyone knows what they can expect from the disposition of your estate plan. Tell your children how much money they can expect and when. (If you decide to establish a trust, you can arrange for money to be disbursed over various periods of time, or when your children reach a given age.) Are you going to leave a considerable amount of your assets to charitles? Let your family know.
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  1. Update your beneficiaries, Many of your financial assets including your IRA, 401(k), annuities, life insurance contracts and some government bonds allow you to designate a beneficiary. It's important to name both a primary beneficiary and a contingent beneficiary (an individual or trust who will receive the assets if the primary beneficiary dies before you). Beneficiary designations supersede whatever instructions may be in your will, so it's essential that you update your beneficiary designations whenever your family situation changes. It's not uncommon for assets to go to the "wrong beneficiaries" (e.g., spouses from earlier marriages) or to bypass children born after the initial beneficiary designation was made.
- Maintain adequate liquidity. It's not always easy to know the a mount of "cash" (liquid investments) you should keep in your investment portfolio. But as you prepare your estate plans, keep in mind that it's usually a good idea to have at least enough cash available to help your family pay for any final expenses.
- Choose the right executor. When you choose an executor for your estate, you'll want someone who has the time to devote to the sometimes long and protracted estate administration process. You also want to make sure that your executor will be fair, knowledgeable and free of conflicts of interest.
- Keep good records. Your executor and your family will need to know where your assets are located your bank accounts, insurance policies, investments, ruttrement plans, etc. By maintaining an orderly record system throughout your life, you can make it much easier on everyone when it's time for your estate to be settled.
- Get professional help. You may require a variety of legal documents and arrangements a will, various trusts, powers of autorney, health care directive, etc. to complete your estate plans. Consequently, you will need to work with a competent legal professional, along with your financial and tax advisors. The right estate-planning team can help you avoid many of the mistakes that disrupt people's estate plans.

Here's one final suggestion: Don't wait too long to start your estate plans. They can take some time to develop, so the sooner you get them in the books, the better.

ies, its employees and financial advisors are not estate planners and cannot provide tax or legal advice consult with a competent tax or legal professional for your particular situation.

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# Bhutto's 19-year-old son and husband chosen to lead her party

NAUDERO, Pakisam — Benazir Bhuttok 19-year-old son — a student with no polit-ical experience — was named symbolic leader of her party Sunday, while her husband took effective control, extend-ing Pakistan's most enduring political dynasty.

modifical dynasty.

The major parties appeared to agree that the elections should take place as scheduled on Jan. 8 despite street violence and political turmoil triggered by the assassination of Blutto. The Election Corumission is to discuss the timing of the polls Monday. A successful vote would buser U.S. Dacked plans to restore democracy to the unclear-armed country as it

nuclear armed country as it battles rising Islamic extrem-

ism. Rioting subsided Sunday after destruction that left at least 44 dead and caused tens of millions of dollars in damage, but bitterness remained over the governments response to the gun and suicide attack that killed Bhutto.

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The appointment of
Bhutto's husband, Asif Ali
Zardari, was not without its
own complications. A former
Cabinet minister who spent
cight years in prison on corruption accusations, he is
known as "Mr. 10 Percent" for
allegedly taking kickbacks and
is viewed with suspicion by
many Paklstanis.

At a news conference on
Sunday, Zardari said the
opposition party — Paklstanis
largest — had no confidence
in the government's ability to
bring the killers to Justice and
urged the United Nations to
establish a committee like the
one investigating the 2005
assassination of former
Lebanese Prime Minister
Rafik I airiei.

The decisions on the future
of libutio's Pakistan Peoples.

of Bhutto's Pakistan Peopl Party were made at a close door meeting in the sprawling family estate in the south of the country where the two-time former prime minister



Benazir Bhutto, addresses a news conference with his son Bilawal Zar top, as Bilawal was nominated chairman of Bhutto's People's party, in ce with his son Bilawal Zardari. Naudero near Larkana, Pakistan, on Sunday.

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The eldest of Bhutto's three children, Bilawal Zardari, accepted the party's leader-ship, but said he would remain at Oxford University.

He said his father, who was officially designated co-chairman, would be the effective

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Historic Downtown Twin Falls party leader.

"The party's long struggle for democracy will continue with renewed vigor," Bilawal teld a news conference that

sid a news conference that was repeatedly interrupted by emotional chains from Bhutto's supporters. "My mother always said democra-cy is the best records." Blutto's grandfather was a senior figure in the movement that helped Pakistan split from India and lead it to independ-ence in 1947. Her father Pakistan's first elected prime Pakistan's first elected prime

minister — founded the Pakistan Peoples Party in 1967 and its electoral success since then has largely depended on

then has largely dependent the Bhatto name.

Bilawal sald that Zardari would "take care" of the party while he continued his studies. Zardari then told reporters to direct questions at him, saying his son was at a "tender age."

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Zardari, who spent eight

Zardari, who spent eight Zardari, who spent eight years under detention on cor-ruption charges in Pakistan before his release in late 2004, is a power broker who served as investment minister in Bhutto's second government. He has denied the graft charges.

Karachi remains paralyzed from violence after Bhutto's death

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)

— Residents of Pakistan's largest city cautlously emerged from their homes Sunday and struggled to find food and fuel amid the blackened buildings tered glass and bur vehicles littering the streets of Karachi.

With police and troops

patrolling, Pakistan's largest city appeared quiet for the first time since

Benazir Bhutto's assassina-tion Thursday sparked a wave of angry rioting. The previous three days; of clashes and looting left at least 40 people dead across Sindh Province, where Karachi is located, provincial Home Minister Akhtar Zemin told The Associated Press, Hundreds of hank branches were destroyed and 950 vehicles burned.



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# Redskins clinch playoff berth with win over Cowboys



Washington Redskins London Fletcher (59) celebrates with the crown after beating the Dallas Cowboys 27-6 at FedEx Field in Landover, Mi Sunday. The win gave the Redskins a spot in the NFL playoffs.

LANDOVER, Md. — Even the margin of victory reminded the playoff-bound Washington Redskins of Sean Taylor.

T was on the sideline and guys were talking about the score, and then it his me — we won by 21," veteran left tackle Chris Samuels said. "I came in the lock-erroom and tyelled it out, and immediately I just kind of broke down in tears. Because Iniss Sean, you know

tach I just kind of Innoke down in tens-necessates in this Senah, you know.

From disarray and heartache to com-ferent disarray and heartache to com-fedence and dominance, the Redskins will enter the playoffs as the hottest team in the NFG offer Sunday 27-46 win over the Dallas Cowboys.

And with a defense coming off a game in which it allowed exactly I yard rush-ine.

ing.
And, perhaps most importantly, on a mission for the teammate who wore No.
21. It's been four weeks since the

Redskins attended the funeral of their best defensive player, and they haven't

lost since.

"Win for Sean" was as strong Sunday as it was when the four-game winning streak hegan Dee. 6, reinforced by everything from the fiery speech green by kick returner flock Cartwright on the field hefore the game to the white "21" on the front of the black baseball cap the field hefore the game to the white "21" on the front of the black baseball cap. "They for the game to the white "21" on the front of the black baseball cap. "They for the gay who so to bere, who should be here." Cartwright said he told his teammates. "We know how he played the game. That's why! I think guys came out and played so hard."

The Redskins (9-7) will travel to Seattle on Saturday for a 4:30 p.m. game, a remarked hof a 2005 division playoff won 20-10 by the Seahawks. Washington will be riding the longest current winning streak in the NPC, including three straight victories by double digits. It's a remarkable renais-Win for Sean" was as strong Sunday

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straight, the last defeat coming the day before laylor's funeral.

"To think four weeks ago, where we were, and where we are to the same a great experience and a great ride," stid Gibbs, who has quleted doubters with perhaps the best performance of bis Islal of Fame career. "To get in the play-offs, was a dream of ours, and four weeks ago, obviously everyhody would have said, 'You know, it looks next to impossible."

Sunday's game ultimately turned out to be irrelevant—other than to serve as a possible preview of a postseason game two weeks from now. Minnesotta lost 22-19 to Denver and New Orleans [6133-25 to Chicago, giving Washington the two out-of-town results it needed to make the postseason without having to beat the Cowboys.
"To with by 21 on this day, to get into the playoffs," Daniels said, "Oh, man, that's a great feeling."

## Alabama rolls past Colorado in **Independence Bowl**



quarterback John Parker Wilson sprints for 24yards in the first quarter against Colorado during Independence Bowl college football game in Shre

By Kelly P. Kissel Associated Press writer

SHREVEPORT, La. — John Parker Wilson completed 13 of his first 15 passes for 185 yards and three touchdowns and Alabama raced to a four-touchdown lead, then held off Colorado 30-24 in the Independence Bowl on Sunday night.

Colorado's attempt at a multi-lateral play as time expired collapsed shy of midfield, ending the game.

Colorado's attempt at a multi-lateral play as time expired collapsed shy of midfleid, ending the game.

Alabama (7-6) stopped a four-game losing streak and avoided consecutive losing seasons for the first time in 50 years. Colorado (6-7) finished below .500 for the second straight year, but was vastly improved from a 2-10 mark in 2006.

With the Tide up 27-0, Wilson was in firm control until being chased into an intentional grounding penalty with 5 minutes left in the first half. He threw an interception on his next attempt, leading to a Buffalose score, and didn't complete another throw in the half.

Colorado quarterback Cody Hawkins, meanwhile, recovered from an interception on the Buffalose's first play and finished the half 9-0-10 for 87 yards and two scores.

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before halftime.

In the second half, having learned they couldn't beat Alabama's linebackers to the corner. Colorado running backs spread out the Tide defense and cut back against the grain to pick up 5 or 6 yards at a time.

'Iffin's first quarter field goals gave him 105 points for the season, the most for an Alabama icker. Phillip Doyle had 100 in 1989. Tilm added three extra points and the fourth-quarter field goal, giving him 111 points for the season.'

# TITANS IN, BROWNS OUT

## Collins rallies Titans for playoff berth

By Michael Marot Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Kerry Collins spent most of the season walting for a chance to prove he choid still play.

On Sunday night, with a playoff spot at stake, Tennessee's backup quarterback delivered the biggest win of the season.

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Bironas' tyling 40-yard fleld goal late in the third quarter.
"That's life as a backup. You never know when you'll go in," Collins sald. "I hope Vince Is all right."
He moved the 'Titans 89 yards in 12 plays, setting up Bironas for the go-alread fleld goal. Like last December, when Bironas hit a 60-yarder to beat Indy in Nashville, Bironas curled the 54-yarder inside the right goal post for a 13-10 lead. He finally sealed the win with a 33-yarder wifit 236 to go.

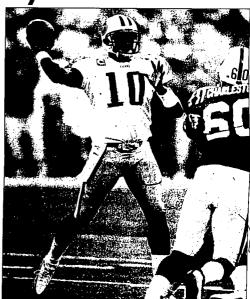
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It was enough to end Jmdys To-game home winning streak against APC South foes, although it came primarily against Colst backups.

Coach Tony Dungy used the game as a tuneup for Indy's playoff opener Jna. 13, benching most of his offensive starters after two series and his defensive starters in the second half.

the second half.
But Manning and Reggie Wayne played
just long enough to reach their milestones.
Manning entered the game needing 53
yards to extend his NFL record of most
4,000-yard seasons to eight. That took one

eries. Pro Bowl receiver Wayne needed eight



Yemessee Titans quarterback Vince Young (10) throws over Indianapolis Colts defensive end Jeff Cha In the first quarter is Indianapolis, Sunday. Young later left the game in the third quarter with a right

catches to become the second Colt with 100 receptions in a season. That took two series. Wayne also needed 71 yards to pass Randy Moss for the league title in yards receiving. He did that on Indy's third series. Manning finished 14-of-16 for 95 yards, while backup Jim Sorgl was 11-of-24 for 68 yards.

But without the usual offensive stars, the

Colts' offense looked pedestrian.
Adam Vinatieri made a 37-yard field goal
early in the second quarter to get the Colts

within 7-3. Sorgi converted a Tennessec turnover into a 3-yard TD pass to Craphons Thorpe early in the third quarter to give Indy a 10-7 lead.

That was all the Colts could muster, and it gave Collins a chance to work his magic after throwing just 69 passes all season.

"This is wily we got him here." coach leff Fisher said. "He's done a great job for us since he got here."

Young was 14-6-18 for 187 yards, and Collins was 10-0f-13 for 106 yards.

## What's next for Patriots? Belichick waits to find out

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Now what?

What's next for the Patriots now that the preliminaries, as perfect as they were, are over?

Four days off to savor their feats and soothe their aches, A New Foar's Bue toast to a 2008 that's as good as 2007. Then back to really me meeting rooms and practice field presided over by demanding Bill Belichies.

They may have been unbeaten in the regular season, act that's history.

In the playiff, the Patriots are winless.

The next time we step on the field we'll be zero und zero in the second season, Belichies and Sunday, "so we've got still a lot to look forward to."

The Patriot's arrived back horse at 3:30 a.m. with a 18-0 record and a preak from practice until Thursday.

It would have been 15-1 if Tom Brady hadn't pulled off his fourth fourth-quarter comeback of the season to beat the New York Glants 30-35 on Saturday night. New England joined the 1972 Miami Dolphins and the 1934 and 1942 Chicago Bears as the only teams to finish a regular season undefeated. Only Mami, though, also made it through the playoffs without a loss.

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So the first team to go 16-0 in the regular season could go 0-1 in the playoffs.

The Patriots won three Super Bowls in four years and were labeled by many as a dynasty. But in the next season, 2005, they missed a berth in the AFC title game by losing at Denver. Then their 2006 season ended with a loss at Indianapolis in the conference championship game after they blow an 18-point lead.

"We've been there before," Belichick said in a conference call. "Lose and go home. Win and keep playing. It's all one-

game seasons now."

"It's a relief that we played the regular season and it's finished." Brady said. "Now we get ready for what we've been preparing for all season. The week off is extremely important for us to rest and a little bit of pressure is relieved for this week. Coach will turn up the pressure Thursday when we go back." That will intensify after the Patriots find out who they'll play after their bye week. They have home field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs. "Any time we win we're excited," Belichick said. "With the success we've had this season, yesterday's game puts a certain little bit more of a degree of satisfaction in that game because of the culmination of the regular season. "But, at the same time, we've got plenty of things that we need to work on." And he still doesn't uter the words "unbeaten" or "undefeated."

# Falcons top Seahawks

ATLANTA — Chris Redman gave the Falcons a feel-good finish to an ugly season. Redman set a career high with four touch-down passes, including two to Alge Grumpler, and the Falcons rode three fourth-quarter touchdowns to victory. The Falcons defeated the Scalanwsk 44 to 41.

BRONCOS 22, VIKINGS 19, OT
DENVER — Jason Blam kicked a 30-yard
field goal less than a minute into overtime.
The Vikings (8-th needed a win and a
Washington loss to top-seeded Dallas to sneak
into the playoffs, but neither the Redskins nor
the Broncos (7-9) obliged.

#### CHARGERS 30. RAIDERS 17

CHARGERS 30, MAIDERS 17
OAKLAND, — Latbainian Tomlinson ran for
56 yards to win his second straight rushing
tifte. Philip Rivers threw two touchdown passes, and the Chargers spoiled laMarcus
Russell's first career start.

RAVENS 27, STELLERS 21
BALTIMORE — The Steelers were not interested in gaining the No. 3 seed in the AFC playoffs. Their primary objective against the Ravens was merely to keep several key starters healthy.

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BROWNS 20, 49ERS 7

CLEVELAND — Joshua Cribbs returned a punt 76 yards for a touchdown, Jamal Lewis reshed for 120 yards and rookle quarterback Brady Quinn made his long-awaited NFL debut. Hours later the saw their playoff hopes ended when the Tennessee Titans locked up the final wild card spin with a 16-10 win over the Indianapolis Cofts.

Derek Anderson threw a TD pass to Braylon Edwards and Phil Dawson kicked two field goals as the Hrowns fluished 7-1 at home for the first time in club history. Cleveland's 10 wins are the most since its expansion rebirth. The Browns fast posted double-digit wins in 1994 (11).

BEARS 33, SAINTS 25
CHICAGO — Devin Hester sprinted 64
yards for a TD with a punt return — his NFIrecord sixth kick runback for a score this season to break his own mark set a year ago —
and also caught a 55-yard tou

PACKERS 34, LIONS 13

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GREEN BAY, — The Packers finished their turnaround regular season with a victory while resting several key players for the playors five field the Packers (13-3) to touchdowns on their first three possessions before landing the ball to backup Craig Nail in the second quarter.

TEXANS 42, JAGUARS 28

HOUSTON — Meaningless game? Not to Andre' Davis, who returned two kickoffs for touchdowns against the Jaguars (11-5), who rested many starters with their playoff spot secture. The victory gives the Texans (8-8) a 500 linksh for the first time in their six-year history; and their 42 points are a team record.

#### PANTHERS 31, BUCS 23

PANTHERS 31, BUGS 22
TAMPIA, — Tampa Bay, resting most of its starters for the playoffs, didn't stop Carolina from treating its season finale as a meaning till game and giving Vinny Testaverde a nice send-off.

DeAngelo Williams rushed for 121 yards and two second-half touchdowns, lifting the Panthers with the retiring 44-year-old Testaverde taking the last snap in the same city where he began his NFL career in 1987.

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BENCALS 38, DOLPHINS 25

MIAMI — Miami alliowed 316 yards passing by Carson Palmer, gave up a fouchdown on a fumble return and staggered to the end of the worst season. In franchise history, The worst season in franchise history, The worst season in franchise history. The worst season in franchise history, The worst season in franchise history. The worst season in franchise history, The worst season in franchise history. The worst season in franchise history is not season in franchise history in the worst season in franchise history. The worst season in t

EAGLES 17, BILLS 9
PHILADELPHIA — With the Eagles eliminated from a playoff spot, Brian Westbrook still gave their fans a reason to celebrate with a pair of team records.

JETS 13, CHIEFS 10, 0T

EAST RUTHERFORD, — Mike Nugent kicked a 43-yard field goal, after having a 33-yarden regated by a penalty. 5:13 into the extra period.

With both offenses struggling and a freezing rain falling throughout, not even the return of Chiefs coach Herman Edwards to Giants Stadium could spice up this one. Edwards coached the lest from 2001-05 and led them to the playoffs three times.

CARDINALS 48, RAMS 19
GLENDALE, — Larry Fitzgerald caught 11passes for 171 yards and two touchdowns, and
Artzona finished an 8-8 season with the
Cardinals' highest-scoring game in 30 years.
The .500 record under first-year coach Ken
Whitsenhunt is Arizona's best since going 9-7
and making the playoffs in 1998.
The Cardinals' only other non-losing season
in 23 years was 8-8 in 1994, Buddy Ryan's first
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"BOISE — Finally, Jon Tenuta is going to be heard.

After spending most of his coaching career cramped into a press box, talking through headsets, Tenuta will be the man in charge of Georgia Tech on Monday, when it faces Fresno State in the Humanitarian Bowl.

"I've been making those calls for 27 years, 1 just haven't been the head coach," said fenuta, the Vellow fackts defensive coordinator and interim head coach, "When you've pin inte press box you can say a lot of things but they don't hear you."

For now, it's the one and only shot for the flery Tenuta to be a head coach. The intering will be replaced by a "help available" sign once Monday's game is done.

Former Navy coach Paul Johnson will fully take over Tech's program on Wednesday and there isn't a place on Johnson's well fully format.

Unemployment, however, isn't likely to last Unemployment, however, isn't likely to last long for Tenuta, the architect of an aggressive, attacking defense that led the country in sacks and was second in tackles-for-loss, and there are some high-profile coordinator jobs still available around the country. Tenutu was named interim head coach after Chan Galley was fired on Nov. 26, despite going 44-92 in his six seasons with the Yellow Jackets.

"We really want to get this win," Tech line-will be a season with the contraction of the six seasons with the Yellow Jackets.

Yellow Jackets.

"We really want to get this win," Tech line-backer Philip Wheeler sald. "This will be like his first win as a head coach."

#### NFL Hester breaks NFL kick return Record

NEW YORK - Devin Hester continues to break NFL kick return records. He's not the

only one.

There have been 25 kickoff returns for touchdowns and a combined 42 kickoff and

punt returns for scores around the league this season. Both numbers are NFL records. Hester, the Chicago Bears' returner extraordinaire, broke his own NFL record Sunday when he returned a punt 64 yards for a touchdown against the New Orleans Saints, his skith kick return TD of the Season.

This season, he has scored four on punts and two on kickoffs. Hester's 11 combined career kick return touchdowns are two shy o the record held by Brian Mitchell.

#### Chiefs' Gonzalez breaks Sharpe's tight ends record with 816th catch

tight ends record with 8.10m cauch EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kansas Clay's Tony Gonzalez broke the NFL record for receptions by a tight end, catching his 816th career pass early in the third quarter against the New York Jets on Sunday. Gonzalez, who came in needing three catches to break Shannon Sharpe's mark, tied it with a 7-yard reception on the Chiefs first play of the second half. Two plays later, Gonzalez broke the record by taking a short pass from Brodle Croyle and gaining for 17 yards.

yards.
Gonzalez, selected for his ninth straight Pro Bowl earlier this month, also holds the record for tight ends with 66 touchdown

#### MAGIC VALLEY

#### Twin Falls seeks hoops officials

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

#### Times-News seeks sports video correspondent

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# Sports Shorts

looking for a paid freelance correspondent to shoot video of high school games and other local sporting events. Correspondents must have their own video camera. If interested, contact online editor

interested, contact online editor itonio at 735-3288 or e-mail her at @magicvalley.com

#### Twin Falls High School opens Little **Dribbler registration**

TWIN FALLS — The tenth annual Little Dribbler basketball camp is accepting regis-

TWIN FALLS—In terms and the problem in the property of the property. The dates set for 2008 are Jan. 12 and 19 as well as the halfilme presentation at the Jan. 22 Twin Falls Bruins gifs varisty basketball game against the Minico Spartars. The Bruins basketball staff is also offering an inaugural competition camp for boys and gifs in grades 4-7 on the same dates. This camp will focus on crowning the best 2-on-2 and 3-on-3 players in the area along with other individual competitions such as hot-bast shooting and free through such as hot-bast shooting and free through accustom Bruins basketball and T-shirt. Camp forms will be distributed to the elementary schools and at Donnelley Sports. Registration is also accusted at Donnelley Sports.

schools and at Donnelley Sports.
Registration is also accepted at http://www.tihsbruins.com by clicking on the Bruins Basketball Camp banner.
For more information, contact boys varsity coach Matt Harr at 737-5208, ext. 3050.

#### Idaho 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 (208) 532-4117.

#### Basketball makeup scheduled for January

BURLEY — A pakeup game between the Burley Bobcats and Declo Hornets girls basketball teams will be played on Monday, Ian.

The junior varsity game is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. The varsity will follow at approxi-mately 6.

#### Open gym offered at Robert Stuart

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation and Twin Falls School District will offer open gym on Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. through Feb. 17 at Robert Stuart Junior High. Open gym is free for kids and adults.

#### Jerome Rec hosts NETA classes

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

To register, call 1-800-AEROBIC (1-800-297-6842) or sign on to http://www.netaflit.org, Pulua Potter is to hold contact and can be reached at 324-3389.

### Team Anarchy seeks wrestling mats

Team Anarchy, a group of local mixed martial arts fighters, is seeking used wrestling mats from area high schools and junior highs for use in training. Contact Ryan Henstock at 410-1928 or Matt Rivera at 404-8517.

- Compiled from staff and wire reports

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# **Blazers winning** streak continues

PORTIAND, Ore. — Brandon Roy scored 22 points and the Portland Trail Blazers railied to beat the Philadelphia 76ers 97-72 on Sunday for their league-lead-ing 13th straight win. It is the second-longest winning streak in Blazers his-tory.

At 18 the secondary winning streak in Blazers history.

Portland won 16 straight in the 1990-91 season.

Trailing 63-59 in the third quarter, the Blazers (18-12) went on a 21-0 run, holding Billadelphia scoreless for The youngest team in the SIBA, Portland started its run with a Dec. 3 sictory at Memphis after going 5-12 to start the season.

Ten of the team's 13 victories have come at the Rose Garden, where the Blazers are 15-3.

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SURS 117, KINGS 102

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Amare Stondemire scored 31
points and grabbed 17
robounds to help the Suns
beat the Kings.
Shawn Marion made five
A-pointers and had 25 points,
Leandro Barbosa scored 22
points, Steve Nash had 12
points and 15 assists, Grant
fill added 12 points and Raja
Bell added 11.

WARRIORS 105, NUGGETS 95 DENVER — Baron Davis cored 28 points and tephen Jackson added 23 to

Nuggets, ending a seven-game losing streak in Denver. Carmelo Anthony had 26 points and 10 rebounds for the Nuggets. Linas Kleiza and J.R. Smith added 15 points each for the Nuggets, who saw their seven-game winning streak snapped.

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SPURS 111, GRIZZUES 87

SAN ANTONIO — Tony
Parker and Tim Duncan
each scored 24 points to
help the Spurs beat
Memphis, banding the
Grizzlies their fifth straight
Duncan also graibed 17
rebounds, and Parker had
nine assists. Michael Fladey
scored 22 points, including
five 3-pointers, for the
Spurs.

#### BULLS 100, KNICKS 83

NEW YORK — Ben Gordon scored 25 points in

Gordon scored 25 points in his second consecutive strong performance since returning to a reserve role, leading the Bulls over the Knicks.

Luol Deng added 17 points for the Bulls, who are 2.0 since Jim Boylan became the interim head coach last week, three days after Scott Skiles was fired.

Boylan's first decision was to ask Gordon to give up his starter's role, and it paid off immediately.

-The Associated Press

## Green powers top-ranked Tar Heels past Valparaiso

Associated Press writer

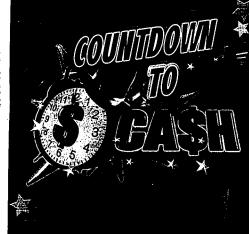
CHAPEL HILL, N.C.—
Danny Green matched his career-high with 20 points and sparked the second-half spurt Sunday night to help No. 1 North Carolina beat Valparaiso 90-59.

Tyler Hansbrough had 23 points and 13 rebounds for the Tar Heek (13-0), who got off to a fast start only to see the Crusaders hang around before finally putting the game away with a big second-half run. North Carolina off to its best start since winning 17 in a row to start the 1997-98 season.

Jarryd Loyd scored 14 of his 24 points in the first half for Valparaiso (10-3), which

fought back from an early 17-point deficit to the the game early in the second half. But the Tar Heels' stepped up defensively while controlling the boards to turn this game into the latest in a series of lopsided victories. Deon Thompson finished with 11 points, elght rebounds and a career-high five blocks.





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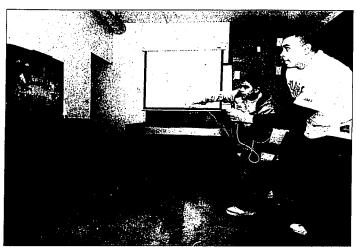
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# Games of Glory



to in a Nintendo Wii boxing match at the Digital Colosseum in Filer.

# Halo 3 tournaments in Filer gaining popularity

FILER — Gunshots sounded in the background. Explosions shook the floor. A gruff volce screamed for cover.

Cole Mecham, a 23-year-old from Twin Falls, opened the pocket to his leather facket and unveiled his weapon of choice for the battle under way: his personal Xbox 360 controller.

More than two dozen video-game enthusiasts, neory drinks in hand, furned out Saturday for a Halo 3 tournament at the Filer Digital Colosseum, 308 Main St. in Filer. It was the third campetition in as many months, and top prizes included \$100 in cash and gaming items donated by Hastings.

The record turnout forced

astings. The record turnout forced The record turnout forced some people to walt more than a half-hour before play-ing. But with no other public gaming arcade in the area— a similar business failed years ago in Twin Falls— everyone was just as com-

there with you, someone who shares my passion for video games."

— Jacob Thornquest, 23, of Kimberly

fortable watching their friends as they waited.

"People yell. It gets pretty crazy," Ryan Reeves, 21, of Kimberty, sald minutes before the tournament.

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"It's fun to have your competition in



Rudy Sena, right, competes against Robert Lyday, second from right, at the Kalo 3 tournament at the Digital Colosseum in Filer, as Nathan

agree with me."

Mecham and friend Aaron Weddle, 22, won the last Halo tournament at Filer DC. Former Marines, they've both been playing video games since the heydays of the original Nintendo. The lure of Halo 3 stems from its fast-paced, yet smooth, game play that the gamers say designers have perfected. "It returns its investment because it's different every time you play." Weddle sald. Filer DC, a video game arcade, was opened several months ago by Ewan Ha, a self-employed food processing consultant. His businat. His care is the street the devisions, plush, vibrating chairs with speakers — and plenty of space

for expansion.

The business began simply as an extension of this family's hobbies. It's said, But he wants Filer DC to appeal to hardcore gamers and families, church groups and children's birthday parties.

The Halo tournaments have been a huge success, he said, and he wants to hold them monthly.

"At home you play by yourself, but there you've got sk, eight or 10 gamers, he said, "You don't bring your stuff. You furth bring your stuff." Personal gaming controllers, of course, are allowed, too.

Jared S. Hopkins may be reached at jhopkins@magic-valley.com or 735-3204.

# Wendell water rates on the rise

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

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After years of running in
the red, officials in Wendell
have taken a step toward
balancing the books and
ending a potentially illegal
method of funding water
services.
During the Dec. 20 Gity
Council meeting, a 56-percent increase to the flat
water rate fee was approved
unanimously. That means
when Wendell residents
open their bills in February
for water used in January,
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"Where borrowing from
other funds has happened
in the past, it can't continue
now," site said. "With this
increase we hope to at least
break even this year, and reevaluate the rate them."
Rounsefell indicated that

#### More information

Residents of Wendell may receive payment assistance for city services. For information: 536-5161 or City Hall, 375 1st Ave. E.

city officials thought lanuary was a good time to implement the fee change, because that's when water usage is typically the lowest. The city's water fund must play catchup, as well as accumulate dollars for a rainy day. New pipes and meters are also needed. "Some of the meters are very antiquated; some are

"Some of the meters are very antiquated; some are S0 years old or older," said Public Works Director Par Munyon. "While we've made progress on replacing some of those meters others still need to be replaced. When the meter Isn't reading how much water is being used, the city isn't able to charge the right amount. By replacing those meters the city will be able to raise more revenue for the system."

tem."
Concerning the increased water rate. Munyon said, "We know that there are people out there that just can pay their bills, and we have forms that residents can fill out. If they are eligible for assistance, they'll get it, and not only with the water bill but for other city services as well."

## Sun Valley couple donates \$1 million to St. Luke's foundation

By Cass Friedman Times-News writer

Imes-Nows writer

A former owner of the Seattle Mariners, American ambassador to Spain and part-time resident of Sun Valley has donated \$1 million to \$1. Lakes Wood River Valley Foundation, helping to secure top doctors for the emergency room's future.

Only last year, five years after the hospital south of Ketchum opened, the emergency room became fully staffed with around-the-clock board-certified doctors—a rarily in \$4 in sensit towns prome to sports accidents, according to hospital officials.

In recent months, the

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In recent months, the foundation began targeting local residents with deep pockets to raise \$10 million to keep it that way.

Last week, Julia and George Argyros, who is also chair and ~ CEO of a California-based real estate holding company, sent the foundation a letter pledging

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will lend credibility to the effort to meet the \$10 million

# Slick roads cause crashes, slide offs

By Matt Christensen Times News writer

Times-News writer

Police are blaming winter weather for dozens of crashes and silde offs Sunday, including a pileup on U.S. Highway 93 that injured several people. Six vehicles collided just before 3 p.m. near milepost 64 north of ferome when a vehicle driven by Shayline Davis, a 17-year-old Twin Falls resident, severved near a horse trailer that had skidded off the road, according to the Idaho State Police. Two whicks, unable to immediately stop in the snowy conditions, struck Davis' car.

- Two other vehicles crashed trying to avoid the wreck.

- An unknown number of passengers in Davis' which were taken by helicopter to St. Luke's Magic Valley Begional Medical Center. Davis was later flown to St. Alphonaus Medical Center in Boise, where hospital Difficulas could not describe her condition because she şa minor. Begional Medical Center in Boise, where hospital officials could not describe her condition because she is a minor.

The other victims' identities and conditions where sunctioned hist Sunday evening.

The crashes are under investigation by ISP and Jerome County Sheriff's Department.

Matt Christensen may be reached at 735-3243.

# Wendell Chamber of Commerce wants to expand

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

As with other Magic Valley towns, Wendell struggles with its rural size and ability to keep local businesses viable. In an effort aimed to help, the Wendell Area Chamber of Commerce is attempting to kick-start the Hub City's business sector by getting those in the marketplace more involved.

"Our chamber is small but growing," said Vice President Leo Sanchez. "We've got a great board of directors and cleaders that are really con-

great board of directors and leaders that are really con-cerned in meeting the needs of our member businesses, and we're trying new things to do that."

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Monthly meetings are now tried on a rotating schedule, Sanchez said.

"Not everyone can come to the lunchtime meetings, so we are holding a morning meet-

ing one month and a lunch meeting the next." he said. "After a while, we'll re-evaluate whether it was effective and take it from there." The chaimber also seeks a place to call its own. "Right now we just meet at City Hall," Sanchez said. "One day we would like a chamber office—and we will get there. It will just take a while." Volunteers are essential to the chamber's success, said member Martlyn Neal, who joined the organization after she and her husband. Dan, moved to the area from Texas. It was a success, and few months now and things are happening. Neal said. We get at least one new member business each month."

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have just come to the area and get to know them," Neal said, "We want to know how the chamber can best meet their

Chaineer can be considered while special events sponsored by the chamber are important, the group aims to put more focus on supporting everyday commerce.

The spring we would like to run programs for members and other area merchants that will hele small businesses be

will help small businesses be productive in a small town,"



2008 include marketing to area agribusinesses.

"We are the Wendell Area Chamber of Commerce, not the Wendell City Chamber of Commerce." Neal said. "In order to have a strong and active network, we need to get everyone on board." Area businesses need to be aware of the support and resources available to them though the chamber, Luann Geer, treasure, said.

The chamber is trying to make sure that people and their businesses "know that we are here and act for them," she said.

Blair Koch may be reached at 316-2607.

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#### Otis B. Hughes

BURLEY — Otis B. Hughes, an 85-year-old Burley resi-dent, passed away Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007, at his home surrounded by his family, 16 was born Oct. 14, 1922. in

1922. in Hansen, the son of Carl and Minnie Mae Tolby Hughes, He n d e d



schools in Kimberly and graduated from Kimberly High School in 1941. He was drafted into the Army in dräfted into the Army in January 1943, serving our country in the Philippines and in Japan during World War II. On Feb. 10, 1943, he married Irene Miracle in Kimberly, Olis farmed in the Maglet Valley for several years. He loved the outdoors. He especially loved to hunt, fish and camp. He also loved to dance. He was involved with

the youth as a 4-H leader. He will truly be missed by his family and those who knew the second of th

Graveside services for fam-ily will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 3, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls Memorial Park in Twhr Falls with millitary rites. Friends and family are invited to an open house on Thursday from 2 pm. until 4 pm. at the Hughes home, 427 Buck Road in Burley. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley.

Pauline Warr Armstrong of

Pauline Warr Armstrong of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Rupert LDS 3rd and 10th Ward Church, 526 S. FSt., visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 1045 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Dale K. Feltman of Jackpot, New, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Jackpot Community Church (Parke's Magle Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

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Jna M. Soran of Twin Falls, rosary prayer service at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 2 p.m. Thursday at 8t. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, Wislation from 5 p.m. until time of the rosary Wednesday at the finneral channel

Ruchen Elmer Ketterling of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave: visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16b S. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church

Lena Nelsen-Morley of Liberty Lake, Wash., and Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the chapel.

Harold Vernon Jensen of Grawford, Neb., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial serv-ice at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. in Twin

Buhl, graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Lee Ray Thurber of Champaign, Ill., and formerly of Fairfield, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Falth United Methodist Church, 1719 S. Prospect Ave. in

Champaign: visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Morgan Memorial Home, 1304

Regency Drive W. in Savoy, Ill.

Martin R. Gutches Bellevue, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Community Campus in Halley; visitation from 1 to 8 p.m.Friday at the Wood River Chapel in Halley.

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#### SERVICES

Leonard Vern Owen.

Burley, funeral at 10 a.m.
today at Parke's Magic Valley
Home, 2551 Leonard Vern Owens of Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 9 to 10 a.m. today at the mortuary.

John Richard Forbes of Twln Falls, rosary prayer service at 10:30 a.m. today at St, Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixte Ave, E. in Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at the church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Ellen M. Harnar of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Buhl Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in

Nile Zetland Mitchell of Deelo, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Deelo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St.; visi-tation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Fontella Harper Tracy of Malta, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Malta LDS 2nd Ward Chapel (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Jane Douglass Rogerson of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Valley Presbyterian Church, 310 Park in Hazelton (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Shirley Ann Kinyon of Castleford, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at Rock Creek Community Church, 262 Fifth Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Scrently Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

lanle Darrington Judy Meianie Darrington Judy of Maricopa, Ariz,, and for-merly of Idaho, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Almo LDS Church; visitation one hour before the service at the church (Rusmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Harlle Gene Waters Buhl, memorial service at p.m. today at Parke's Mag Valley Funeral Home, 25: Kimberly Road in Twin Fall:

Jacquline "Jacle" Esther Robinson of Twin Falls, cele-bration of life at 3 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin

Rex Leroy Sutherland of Buhl, funeral at 11 am Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Buhl 2nd Ward LDS Church on Main Street; visitation from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday

DEATH NOTICES resident, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2007, at her home in Burley. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen-Payne Mortuary.

#### Wilma Natalion Muff

Wilma Natalion Muff, 85, of Twin Falls died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin

Arrangements are pend-ing and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

#### Carma Murphy

BURLEY — Carma Murphy, a 65-year-old Burley

# Many offices and facilities will be closed for New Years Day, Here's annown of what will be open or closed today and Tuesday. Most city offices will be open today; closed Tuesday. County offices will be offices will be open today; closed Tuesday.

## The College of Southern Idaho will be closed today and

Twin Falls Public Library
will be open until 5 p.m.
today: closed Tuesday.

\*YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool

today; closed Tuesday.

• Magic Valley Mall wili be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and Tuesday.

• Trash collection will follow

the regular schedule today; h will not be picked up

# How low can you go? Idaho's depths from 2007

New Year's Day will bring several closures around valley

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envisioned for Muslims to serve in Congress. And in September, several adults in Lewiston were charged with felony mali-clous harassment and relatcious narassment and relat-ed charges after police say they chanted "white power" and "white pride" and hit and kicked a 13-year-old American Indian girl.

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Though perhaps not the piggest stories of the year, the two events certainly

made up some of the state's "lowlights" of 2007. Others Inchided:

• In February, state law-makers rejected a bill to require minimum safety standards and criminal background checks for day care centers. Rep. Tom Loertscher, R-Iona, criticized parents who use day care centers before voting against the bill. "What can we do to keep mom at home?" Loertscher asked. "There is no substitute there is absolutely no substitute for families taking care of children."

• Idaho gained a new

care of children."

Idaho gained a new tourism attraction — in Minneapolis. After Idaho Sen. Larry Craig was accused by police of trying to solicit gay sex in a Minneapolis airport bathroom, travelers began stop ping by the infamous rest-room to snap pictures of themselves posing in front of the door (or sometimes,

in the stall).

• An Idaho musician made a name for himself, but not because of his recently released CD called "Risk," heteroid with felony sexual abuse of a minor, accused of paying a different part of his own anatomy. That's when the girl old police, he began rubbing a different part of his own anatomy. That's when the girl apparently realized her sandals were made for walking — away from Schierman's car.

• Hundreds of flirty e-mails between Kootenai when the girl apparently realized her Sandals were made for walking — away from Schierman's car.

 Hundreds of flirty c-mails between Kootenai County Prosecutor Bill Douglas and former drug court administrator Marina Kalani were released to the public after The Spokesman Review newspaper of Spoken West, Flud a pub. Review newspaper of Spokane, Wash., filed a pub-lic information request and then fought in court to get access to the documents.

The embarrassing e-mails were described as 'sarcastic banter' by the two constitution of the con according to police

theer, two casts and the police reports.

• More than 300 felines in Twin Ralls were also living in uncomfortably close quarters. Janet Rasmussen, owner of flocky Mountain Cat Resort, pleaded guilty to 19 counts of misdemeanor animal cruelty and 51 counts of misdemeanor animal neglect and was given six months in jul for the poor conditions at her cat boarding house.

## Idaho woman renews tradition of buffalo hunt

FORT HALL (AP) — A 22-year-old woman is the latest member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to kill a buffalo, renewing a tradition o American Indians in the region who once relied on the giant animals for their livelihoods

vennoods. Tradition Dann was chosen earlier this year in a ran-dom drawing to kill one of the buffaloes her tribe raises

dom drawing to kill one of the buffalose ber tribe naises in a pasture on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation in south-western Idaho. Dann's killing of the buffa-lo, tagged with a violet car marker with the number "356," is part of broader American Indian Interest in ceremonial bison hunting, animals that once numbered in the millions across much of North America before they

were reduced to small isolat-ed herds in the mid-19th century by rampant killing by white European settlers

pressing west.
As a girl, Dann remembers
how she swarn in streams
near where the buffalo
grazed and dreamed of participating in a hunt like her ancestors did.

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"I would just be sitting there watching them for a long time," Dann, whose family traces its ancestry to Chief Pocatello, told the Hadno State Journal." Just imagined how they would be like back in the old days."

In addition to hunts on its land, the Shoshone-Bannock tribe also wants to expand its buffalo hunting elsewhere, starting in 2008 or 2009. In November, they became the

latest Idaho Indian group after the Nez Perce and Salish and Kootenal tribes to demand rights they say they were promised by a 19th-century treaty for hunks in Montana and Wyoming. The animal targeted by Dann earther this mouth was cert of the best measured by of the animals.

Dann, who has hunted deer and speared salmon, said she entered the drawing on a whim after seeing the signup sheet on a tribal Department of Fish and Game clipboard in nearby Fort Itali.

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part of the herd managed by Lance Tissidimit, the tribe's buffalo master. nbers must enter a drawing for one of the tags; nontribal mem-bers are allowed to purchase a tag, with prices based on the size and gender

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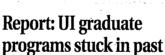
Fort Hall.

She wasn't prepared when Tissidimit called later and spoke on her answering machine.

"Hey Tradition, it's me Lance," she recalls his mes-

Lance," she recalls his mes-sage, "When are you going to come shoot your buffalo?"

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MQSCOW (AP) - The University of Idaho's gradu-

MQSCOW (AP) — The University of Idaho's gndu-ate programs are stuck in the past, resistant to change and lag behind other schools, according to an independent report com-released this month. Some faculty leaders at the school were chagrined by the findings, saying the study was "deeply flawed." The 435-page draft report by Yardley Research Group, a Pennsylvania-based high-er-education consulting firm, criticized some departments for focusing too heavily on undergraduate ductation, saying they should have bolstered efforts to secure research forts. should have boistered efforts to secure research grants and contracts, pub-lish books and papers, and do other scholarly activities.

do other scholarly activities. It also says many faculty members have been slow to cooperate as the Moscow-based school tried to dig its way out of a financial crisis exacerbated by its III-fated 2002 attempt to expand programs in Bolse, the states largest metropolitan area. Faculty is "overly concerned with trivia and do not feel they have an obligation to help with larger

issues" because they believe the "fiscal crisis....is the fault of administrators and needs to be fixed by administrators," the report says. Dale Graden, a history professor and former president of the faculty union, sald he was appalled by the criticism. Many programs are doing fine work, but simply weren'r recognized by Mardley, he sald.

"To me, it almost verges on being disgraceful, some of the comments they made about faculty culture," Graden told the Lewiston Thibune. "That's a complete farce. The people I know work from morning to night, seem on light, seem on li people I know work no... morning to night, sever days a week."





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WEST ↑ 762 ♥ QJ 104 ↑ A852 ♣ 94

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: South

West

Pass Pass

Pass All pass

Opening lead: Heart queen

West

LEAD WITH THE ACES

♣ 5
 ♥ K J 8 3 .
 ♦ J 7 3 2
 ♣ Q 10 8 2

Pass

ANSWER: Everything about this hand suggests that suits are breaking badly for declarer. The most passive defense available

seems appropriate, and my guess would be to lead a diamond. Obvi-ously a heart might be necessary, but the bad breaks in both black

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North
2 ♣
3 ♣
3 ♠

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- William Shakespeare

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defenders in the past were as pro-ficient as modern ones.
East was Boris Schapiro, West was Reese in the Masters Pairs, and the deal has reappeared in print several times since then, but it was an original concept at the time. Reese led the heart queen against four spades and continued the suit, and South ruffed the third round. He continued with the diamond king and Reese played low! played low

Although we can all see that

played low!

Although we can all see that playing the diamond ace would have surrendered all chance of beating the contract, it is safe to say that few players would have even considered the possibility that this was the right defense. South next played the queen and jack of diamonds, West ducking again, and East ruffing the jack.

Schapiro's normal exit at this point would be a club, allowing declarer to win in durnny and play a trump to hand. Then he could ruff a diamond high and draw trumps, making the rest of the tricks. A spade, lead would have been equally ineffective, but Schapiro found the defense of a fourth found the defense of a fourth heart, giving a ruff and discard. As you can see, this destroys the communications between the hands. Whatever South does, he has to lose another trick.

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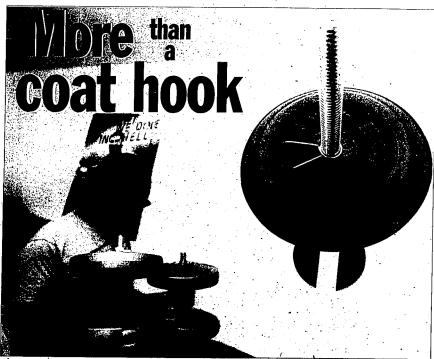


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Emanuel Gomez, a College of Southern Idaho student, perfo a quick weightlifting workout in his apartment's dining a

# Home gym equipment requires commitment, lifestyle change

Bý Melissa Davlin

Emmanuel Gomez, isn't going to buy a gym membership any time soon.

In his Twin Falls apartment, the collège student uses a bench press, dumbbell set and squat bar at least three times a week. The routine keeps him in shape and is convenient for the full-time worker.

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"If we didn't have time or the gym was closed, we could use if at home," he said.

Owners of home fitness equip-ment can work out in their paja-mas. No driving through snow at 6 in the morning. No leering gym rats.

rats. But getting in shape isn't as-easy as purchasing a treadmill and surrendering a corner of basement. Home gym equipment requires as much attention and dedication as any other workout routine.

To bypass the costs of gym membership, home gym equip-ment seems an obfous alterna-tive for busy folks who want to get in shape. Without commitment, however, the machines are just going to collect dust; said Clint Eldredge, salesman at the Brady's funess store in Twin Falls. "The mistake that a lot of peo-ple make is thinking that buying a

machine is automatically going to pay off, "he said. Stephen DeWitt," owner of Streight Inc. in Twin Falls, said he saw many people drop their com-nitment to fitness after New Year's Day when he owned a gyn in Twin Falls 25 years ago. "Probably about three-fourths of them pendid up in circleiur

of them ended up not sticking with it after about a month or so," e said. Yes, the same problem plagues



Emanuel Gomez lifts weights in the dining area of his Twin Falls apartn

people with home gym equipment.
Sometimes, exercise equipment can be shoved away because of circumstances instead of dislatterest. Leah Geury of Twin Falls once used her weight machine regularly. After getting pregnant with her second child, though, she stowed the machine in her is year-old son's roon.

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Jessica Fenton of Kimberly said
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worked well for her and her husband. Fenton, who has three children, said gyms are inconvenient
for her lifestyle.
"It's not feasible to go find a
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where."
Although they used to use it frequently, they decided to sell the machine when Fenton got pregnant again and her husband started working out elsewhere.
"We had it for probably four years and we did use it quite a bit," she said.

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dumbbells in the den that makes the difference. People are more likely to use their equipment frequently if they see results. Ethredge said. The only way they'll see results is if they commit to a lifessiye thange, including earling right and establishing a workout routine.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone might have hidden feelings for you. Treat every-one with kid gloves, as there could be issues you are unaware of this evening. Resolve to improve your home in the year ahead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Remember; a kiss is just a kiss. Don't get bent out of shape by a New Year's Eve smooch or read too much meaning into a mild difference of opinion.

SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are bit too cocksure of yourself and might take foolish chances. Drive slowly on the roads and avoid personal confrontations.

CARICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Thy to analyze a situation and avoid taking action. You have been confronted to the confrontations of the situation of the situation of the collection of the collection

diet.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18): Charm companions with
whitnisted stories. Use sweet
talk to wiggle into someone's
heart. A New Year's resolution
should be to create a quiet
haven where you can work in

haven where you can work in peace.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Facts are often stranger than fiction. Once you have decided which is which, don't let anyone convince you otherwise. This year's resolution should be to prioritize your long-term goals.

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HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

IF DEC. 31 IS YOUR
BIRTHDAY: Your faith in the
universe may open doors
and you may improve your
life substantially in the year
ahead. The world is your oyster for the next six weeks and
you can relax and enjoy the
rewards you deserve or strive
to improve your future.
Whatever you begin between
now and the first week of
Pebruary will thrive, even a
relationship.
ARIES (March 21-April
19): You'don't need to prove
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fing the bait. Your New Year's
resolution should involve
finding ways to improve your
public image.
TAURUS (April 20-May

Inding ways to improve your public image.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Avoid a tug of war over a prized possession. Start the New Year off right by being willing to concede a point. Learning to listen to other people of public of the people of the o

## Beetle Balley By Mort Walke HERE! ZERO



The Born Loser HAPPY NEW YEAR!





By Art Sansom, & Chip WE MAY BE SAVING A LOT OF MONEY BY CELEBRATING AT HOME THIS YEAR BUT SOMEHOW, IT'S NOT QUITE AS EXCITING!







Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



By Chance Browns





Classic Peanuts

VACATION'S OVER HUH MA'AM? WE'RE ALL BACK.. IT'S 600D TO SEE YOU AGAIN..



By Charles M. Schulz SORRY, MA'AM...FROM WHERE I'M SITTING, ALL TEACHERS LOOK ALIKE..

The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart







Dennis the Menace



DON'T JELLY BEANS COUNT AS A VEGTABLE?

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

# Teen boy's casual nudity perplexes longtime neighbor

DEAR ABBY: I have lived next door to the "Smiths" for IB years. They're nice people, when problems large arisen, they have helped me our und I have done the same for them. We're good nelighbors and friends.

I have known the facility.

ricerus.

I have known the Smiths' children their whode lives though the history of their down the smiths' children their whode lives. Their daugher Is mow 17 Lives on was born a year-late.

Is in ournal for a 16-year-ald boy to walk around the house maked, in plain view of family members? No one seems to notice or care. There are no looks or comments.

In the morning he gets up around 6:45, 10 walks into the kitchen and fixes a bowl of cereal. Then he stands at the counter, watching the morning the second of the s

counter, watching the morn-ing sports shows while eating his breakfast in the nude. There is absolutely no evidence of arousal of any kind.
When the bathroom becomes available, he goes in for a

available, he goes in for a shower.

I have never seen any of the other family members naked. This boy has no compunctions about being seen by his father, mother, sister or next-door neighbor. He's been rude in my presence dezens of times. I know it's common for little boys to run around without the common for little boys to run around without his properties of the state of the s

- CLOTHES-MINDED IN WISCONSIN



DEAR CLOTHES-MINDED:

DEAR CLOTHES-MINDED: Standards regarding mudity wary from family to family, and obviously the Smiths are cast-and open-minded on the subject. It's possible that you have been their neighbor so long that the young man considers you part of the family. Because he has matured sufficiently that his mudity now makes you uncomfortable, you should hang currains on your windows that face the Smiths' kitchen — and before dropping over there, call to ask dropping over there, call to ask whether he's presentable. If he's not, then don't go over.

DEAR ABBY: My mother has DEARABBY: My mother has been a single parent for the last seven years. She doesn't have any really close friends — there are two women she goes out with occasionally, but all she does is compalian about them. She seems to have forgotten what makes her happy and who she is.

Leave by history but think.

who she is.

I may be biased, but I think
Mom is an amazing person.
I'm in college now, but whenever I'm home I always try to spend lots of time with her and make her happy.

. How can my mother make new friends or start a new tela-tionship? How can she figure out what she likes and be a happier person? — WANTS TO HELP MOM

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DEAR WANTS TO HELP

MOM: Do are a loving and earling daulitier, but you carring daulitier, but you carring daulitier, but you carring to happy: Only she can do that.

It is possible that losting your father (through dealt or divorce) has caused our mother to withdraw and/or of the carried out to the carri

beyond herself, volunteer some of her free time to the community, and allow herself community, and allow hersell less time to viallow in her dis-content. In that way she will meet new friends and perhaps find a new relationship. But none of this can happen until she herself decides to reach out.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY
READERS: If you are partying
tonight to celebrate the arrival
of the new year, please don't driak and drive. Make sure you
have a designated drive.
I wish you all a very happy,
healthy and prosperous 2008:

— LOVE, ABBY

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Folk and blues singer Odetta is 77. Actor Sir Anthony Hopkins is 70. Actor Sir Anthony Hopkins is 70. Actor Sons') is 67. Actres Sarah Miles is 66. Actres Sarah Summers is 65. Actor Ben Kingsley is 64. Rock musician Peter



kingsiey is 64. Rock musicialn Peter Qualife (The Kinks) is 64. Producer-director Taylor is 63. Actor Tim Mattleson is 60. Pop singer Burton Cummings (The Guess Who is 69. Singer Burton Cummings (The Guess Who is 69. Singer Rock Burton Cummings (The Guess Who is 69. Singer Rock Burton Caromitch) is 56. Actor Tim (Aerosmitch) is 56. Actor Caroll Hamilton (Aerosmitch) is 56. Actor Links (Hamilton Carollander) is 54. Actress Beho Neuwitch is 49. Actor Val Klimer is 48. Singer Paul Westerberg is 48. Actor Du Diamont is 45. Rock musician Scott Ian (Anthrava) is 42. Pop singer Joe McIntyre is 35.

# THOUGHT

"The past at least is secure."

— Daniel Webster, U.S. statesman (1782-1862)



#### Woman loses diamond ring while making fudge; man finds it in candy

AFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) —
A woman whose diamond
ring vanished while she was
making fudge for a bake sale
was despondent after
scouring her home and
inding no sign of it.
But Linda Vancel recently
out a sweet surprise; A rela-

got a sweet surprise: A rela-tive of the woman who bought the fudge found the ring when he bit into a piece

of the candy. "It's a very sen-timental ring," Vancel said of the white gold ring her mother, who died 15 years ago, wore for 50 years. Linda Rhoades bought the

Linda tandades bought the fudge at a bake sale in West Lafayette. She took some of it to her sister-in-law's father, Charles Matson, in hopes of cheering him up after recent health problems.



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### To do for you

#### About back injuries

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"Back School," a course on preventing and treating back injuries. 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, at St. Luke's Magie Willey, at St. Luke's Magie Willey, at St. Luke's Magie Willey, and St. Luke's Magie Willey, and St. Comparation of the St. Comparation of the St. Comparation on basic spine anatomy, common injuries and diseases that lead to back pain swell as instructions in posture and body mechanics to protect the spine. Cost is \$25. To register: 737-2126.

#### About childhirth

Prepared childbirth classes, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, this week through Jan. 31, in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional's downtown

campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

i Iwin rails. Instruction includes well-ess of the mother, labor and ness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relax-ation and breathing tech-niques, care of the postpar-tum mother and care of the newborn including breast-feeding and bottle feeding; and a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Wear comfortable clothing; bring two pillows and, if pos-sible, a support pe/son. Cost is 560, Preregistration required: 732-3148.

#### Big Kids Klub

Big Kids Klub meeting, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional's Education Center, 508 Addison Ave, W. in Twin Falls.

The class helps prepare sib-

The class helps prepare sib-lings for a new baby. Participants need to bring a photo of themselves. Cost is \$10 per family with one child or \$15 per family with two or more children. Peregistration required: 732-3148.

#### Weight management for diahetics

for diabetics
Weight-management class
for people with diabetes, 7 to
8:30 p.m. Theesdays, Jam. 8
through March 11, at the
Genon Building, Suite A, 726
N, College Road in Twin Falls.
A registered and licensed
dietician and ADA-certified
consultant in weight management will conduct the 10week course.
Cost is \$100. Percegistration
required: 7:36-6218 or

heathersh@mvrmc.org.

#### Adult weight management

Adult weight-management class, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 10 through March 13, at the Genoa Building, Suite A, 726 N. College Road in Twin Falls. A registered and licensed detician and ADA-certified consultant in weight man-

agement will conduct the 10-

week course. Cost is \$100. Preregistration required: 736-6218 heathersh@mvrmc.org.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Submit info-nation by Thursday for publi-cation in the following Monday's huggs section. E-mail notices to rumona@magicvalley.com.

#### Exercise

Continued from page D1
flash-dancing mantiac you've
kept locked away for too
long mow, Christine Haas, a
Herndon, M.-abssed personal trainer, tells her clients to
set up regular dame ses-sion with a partner or at a
local dance sectional. Tango?
Tap? Hip-luny? Belly danciing? There are classes for
every style of dancing, And
freaking a sweat at a night-

Tap? High-hop? Belly danc-ing? There are classes for every style of dancting. And freaking a sweat at a night-club works just as well. Haas says. But make sure you're refuefing with water instead of sugary ockstals.

\*Take a coffee break: Does that sound beside the point? Not if your coffee break is four blocks away. Chances are you're already taking time out of your workday for this kind of release, probably with a reliable gossip indig!, wor get the gossip while you walk back and furth rather than while you ist and stir. It night not seen ilse much but I'll definitely work against the calories in that I'll definitely work

high till definitely work against he calories in that "Have a kid: OK, don't have a kid: That might be a little extreme as methods of fitness motivation go. But if you do have a kid for two or three), make it a point to hay with them. Put them on a sled, "says Fin Chudy, as the sled," says Fin Chudy, as the sled, "says Fin Chudy as the sled, "says Fin Chudy as the sled," says Fin Chudy as the sled, "says Fin Chudy as the sled, "says Fin Chudy as the sled," says Fin Chudy as the sled, "says Fin Chudy as the sled, "says Fin Chudy as the sled," says Fin Chudy as the sled, "says Fin Chudy as few little ones you could borrow once a week. Or you could coach a youth sports cam and see how breathless, but delighted, it leaves you.

Play fetch Don't they all look so happy, those strolling dog owners all burndled up in the night? And why not — the love of a faithful companion, the endorphins of an accelerate heart rate? It's easy to commit to a good, long walk every time the temperature is perfect and the sky Is cloudless. But get a dog and

we promise you'll walk rain or shine. What's not to love? A fitter you packaged with adoring eyes and a wagging

adoring eyes and a wagging tall.

• Be a team player: Literally, Team sports are a vital part of lots of peoples social lives, Join an adult kickball team pure direct probably probably and the probably and the

you can always go out of their companizations go out of their ways and the companization of t

money at specialty markets. Michael R O'Domnell, editor of the American Journal of Health Promotion, prods his colleagues to plant a vegetable garden if they have the space. It might not appear to be the most vigorous activity, but all that diggling and watering and care-taking can add up. Plus, O'Domnell says, it creates a "more personal relationship with bood," especially when you play farmer and chef.

So, none of that sounds that bud, right? And none of it will cost you 569 a month or fill you with so much dread you'll choose to hide under the covers in sederiary hibernation till the next resolution-session or 1018.

tary hibernation or resolution-season around, right?OK, resolution-season rolls around, rightfOK, good, Glad we could help. And if you're looking for more easy ideas along these lines; check out Uncle Sam's simi-larly minded Web site, www.smallstep.gov.

# Leisure could be bad for you

By Lindsay Minnema The Washington Pos

WASHINGTON — It may not be the egging, the end-less holiday muster or even the pounds ob sugar cookses that are making you ill. It may be the same thing that seems to set you back when you finally head for a weekend of winter sports or jet off for a week on the beach! You're off work. Ad Vincerbusts, an associ-

the beach: You're off work.
Ad Vingerhnets, an associate professor of clinical
health psychology at Tilburg
University in the
Netherlands, calls it "leisure
sickness." Just when you'r ake
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"The simple idea we have—that when you are busy, our body is activated, and when you are not busy and have nothing to do, your body is relaxed—I simply not the whole story." Vingerhoets said. "For some people, da holiday or vacation) seems to be pathogenic."

Some say this is pop psychology, and there are experts who are skepfical. However, even some who dismiss the work of the property of the property. The property of the property of

Just when you take a break from your busy schedule to enjoy a little relaxation, your leisure time becomes anything but - full of aches and pains, cold- and flulike symptoms and other health complaints.

a lot to do with stress. He has been fielding calls about the theory since 2001, when his team of researchers reported on their survey of 1,893 Dutch people in which about 3 percent of resplondents indicated that they seldom felt ill during work days but got sick during weekends and vacations. Many attributed their symptoms to difficulties transitioning from work to non-work, to stress associated with travel and to balancing a heavy workhoad.

Respondents who identified themselves as workaholics or perfectionists tended to have a much harder time relaxing than others.

Most explanations for the planomenon remain unproven, however.

Paul Rosch, president of the American Institute of Stress in Yonkers, M.Y., and a professor omedicine such each of the second of the

says.
Leisure represents a time when they are not in control,

Roseb - explains; headaches, nausea

Roseb - explaints: the headaches, nausea and fatigue they might experience are a response to this stress, "It's all psychosomatic ... not a too not fill for the fatigues of the stress, "It's all psychosomatic ... not a researcher of neuroendocrine immunology at the National Institutes of Health, disagrees. Stemberg, the author of "The Ralance Within: The Science Connecting Health and Emotions, calls leisure sickness a real condition, ited to the release of hormones under stress and their interaction with the nervous and tion with the nervous and

tion with the nervous and immune systems. In times of stress, the body's adrenal glands release adren-aline, which makes the heart heat faster and causes you to feel sweaty and anxious. Adrenaline gives a boost to the Immune system, the body's defense against infection, sternberg said. But while adrenaline is pumping, so is cortisol — a potent anti-inflammatory hormone also released by the adrenal

glanos. "The glands.
"The reason (cortisol)
works as an anti-inflammatory is because it's turning off
the immune cells," Sternberg
said, "... You're no longer able
to effectively fight infection." The two hormones are timed differently, with adren-aline starting up and shutting down within milliseconds, much faster than cortisol, which takes five to 10 min-

much faster than cortisol, which takes five to 10 minutes.

"What happens when you stop doing what it is you were doing that stressed you is that the adrenaline shutes off first." Sternberg said, "You are left with this cortisol floating around. And if at that moment someone coughs in your face, you get stek."

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But Sternberg sald stress hormones go a long way toward explaining why most people who suffer from lesiure sickness on vacation experience their symptoms within the first couple of days after they stop work, a pattern Vingerhoets observed in his survey.

survey.

"There is a science to it."
There is a biology to it,"
Sternberg said, "It's not really
psychosomatic because the psychosomatic because the term 'psychosomatic' carries with it the baggage of imply-ing that it's not really real... But there is enough evidence in other settings that we can draw upon to say that leisure illness is probably a real phe-

# Fun and fit

Nontraditional ways to get moving and lose weight. NEXT WEEK IN IMAGE

# When running is a gas

By Vicky Hallett Special to The Washington Post

Q. I've just taken up run-ing, and I absolutely love it

Q. I've just taken up running, and I absolutely love it. But I've developed an embarrassing flatulence problem. Is this normall What can I do?

A. So you've found out that your new hobby is a gas, but!?

Most people have heard of the runner's high, but there's also the lesser-known runner's Gl. For the most part, folks who lace up sneakers have happy gastrointestinal tracts that dig a good SK. "If patients are constipated, we tell them to move more," says Zalfi Shanavas, a gastroen-Zaifi Shanavas, a gastroen-terologist with Canita G a s t = 0 Zalli Shanavas, a gastroen-terologist with Capital Gastroenterology Consultants in Montgomery County, Md. A morning jog can be better than a bran muffin for keeping you regu-lar

lar.

But sometimes the intes-tines act up when they're jos-tled. Metropolitan Gastroenterology Group's

tines act up when they re jos-tied. Metropolltan Gastroenterology Group's Donald O'Kleffe, a gastroen-terologist who sees a fair tumber of elite runners, is familiar with your woes. There are a slew of possible causes. Early in a run 'lts the origin to make its way out because of the stimulation of the up-and-down exercise." O'Kleffe says. After a few miles, you could be swallow-ing corra air along the way, especially if you gulp down water en route. Or your pre-workout fueling could be the problem—lactose- and fiber-

rich meals are often behind tunnny trouble.
"Plan you'ranning for after you've had a bowed move-ment." O'Kleffe suggests. Say away from gas-causing foods, and really any eats, for a few hours before you pound the pavement. O'Kleffe also has patients on over-the-counter remedies such as sime-thicone (an anti-flatulence drigh, Pepto-Bismol and yogurts with problotics. And maybe pick a less pop-ulated trail so only the trees have to suffer.

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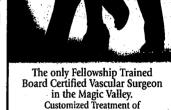
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