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Good Morning

Arizona woman finds new way to sell self-protection.

PLOT WITH A PURPOSE

Former Burley teacher writes parenting book disguised as engaging story.

Caring for the elderly



Biome Dickson, an Lpn. at Bridgeview Estates, distributes medications Thursday in Twin Falls. At a time when cursing homes are receiving nationwide attention, some oursing home administrators in idatio say the federal survey process results in misleading reports and means more staff time spent on paperwork that could be der to resident care. We're one of the most regulated businesses there is, and there's a reason for that,' said BridgeView administrator Lori Bentzler.

Opinions differ widely about state nursing home licensing

and she's trying to understand why. Some in the U.S. joke that skilled-

nursing homes are more regulated than nuclear plants. But the jokes hold some truth. Such homes fall under a

complex series of standards that many in the business say doesn't accomplish

what they were created to do

By Nate Poppino

December. But it happened, she said,

in Falls resident Allyson Stark was more than happy with her father's care at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center.

She said she never saw any of the problems that led the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to move to revoke the center's license in

Just a few rules

All nursing-home inspec-tions are made on behalf of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and Medicaid Services (CMS). Therefore, Health and Welfare's Bureau of Facility Standards follows the same basic procedure as every other state

One inspection actually affects two different licenses. The CMS license allows the facility to the reimburset for any residents using Medicare-or-Medicald as payment. Without the license, most homes likely couldn't afford to stay open. The state whelds a more basic power: Its license



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employs ombudsmen whose jobs include help ing nursing home residents and their families connect with the resources they need. They'll also check up on homes in the area and visit with residents to determine their needs.

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Painting a false picture

Independent water study may contain inaccurate information

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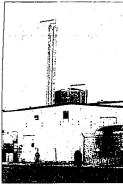
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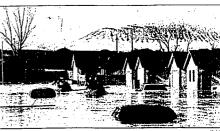
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By Martin Griffith Associated Press writer

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Tabata, her husband and more than dozen others in this town about 30

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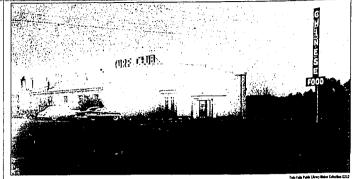
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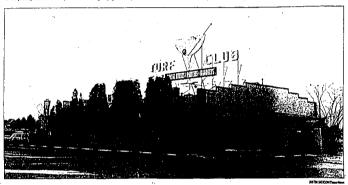
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Romney wins Wyoming Republican caucuses

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CASPER — Mitt Romney
captured bls first win of the
Republican presidential race
on Saurday, prevailing in
Wyoming caucuses for a
much-needed boost to his
candidacy three days before
the New Hampshire primary.
The former Massachusetts
governor won eight delegates
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NAIROBI — President Mwai Kibaki told the top U.S. diplomat for Africa that he was willing to share power

and the opposition backed off demands for his resignation on Saturday, offering hope for an end to Kenya's deadly elec-torial crisis.

As Kibaki and Italia Odinga faced growing pressite 30 compromise, the violence that has killed more than 300 people across the country appeared to case in the capital for the first time since the dis-puted vote that gave the pres-ident a second term and awakened dormant ethnic rivatives.

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Rivatrian with a deeply flawed vote count has pitted kibaki's Kibnyu people against Kenyas other tribes, and brought chaos to a country that had been one of crast Africa's most stable democracies.

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In the countryside, with the continued threat of ethnic attacks, thousands fled their homes, escorted by soldiers as

they streamed down toads strewn with corpses, burned out vehicles and downed power lines.

LOS ANGELES

Britney Spears remains in hospital after losing custody of kids

Britney Spears was appar-ently spending a second day in a hospital Saturday, the result, of a bizarre standoff, that brought police to her house and led a judge to award ex-husband Kevin Federline custody of their two sons. A court commissioner sons. A court commissioner on Friday gave Federline sole physical and legal custody of 2-year-old Sean Preston and 1-year-old Jayden James, and suspended Spears' visitation rights.

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For example, the city of Twin Falls was cited as having B million gallons per day of excess potable water and 948,000 gallons per day of excess wastewater treatment capabilities.

However, city officials say the report does not paint an accurate picture.

"During certain times of the year our water fluctuates, so it's not always going to have the same (capacity); and officials and is running at about 90 percent capacity."

In an effort to better understand the city's current water stand the city's current water stand the city's current water stand the city's current water water the water wat

Mark Holtzen, project engineer for J-U-B Engineers, said the water supply for the city of Twin Falls will be less capable of supporting addi-tional businesses as the city

In fact, based on an esti-mated growth rate of 2:25 percent for both residential and commercial growth, J-U-

B Engineers says that the city will enter a period in less than five years where the water supply will not be able to meet demand. "The city has three sources of water that respond to Irri-gation conditions because as the weather gets warmer

of water that respond to Irri-gation conditions because as the weather gets warmer demand for water increases," he said. "So there is a time-around May and June when there is substantially less water—by 2010 we project that there will not be enough water during this time period to meet demand." He said the shortage will not likely be severe; however, it will not support additional commercial growth without additional water supplies. Jennifer Tanner, who con-ducted the independent water study for the Strategic Growth Institute, said the information for the study was provided by Idaho

provided by Idaho Department of Commerce, which includes the information on its community profile

tion on its community profile Web page.
"We looked at it from the view point of a business and we rated the region as a whole as neutral," she said.
"That mean that is an out. That means that as an outsider we would not consider it a major restraint to growth



view of the Twin Falls water treat nt facility Friday from a view point on the canyon rim

in that area."

Department of Commerce officials say they received the information from the munic-

Regardless of where the information originated, some economic develop-ment officials had been using it to market south-central Idaho to business looking to

expand or relocate.

The reality is that we base our marketing on the information that we have, and we mation that we have, and we expect the information to be accurate," said Jan Rogers, director of SEEOO. "Unfortunately, nobody said this information

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Similarly, wastewater treat-ment is necessary to recycle the water cast out from other industries such as dairy pro-

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Valley were grossly overstat-ed — and nobody said a word.

Joshua Palmer can be reached at (208) 735-3231.

Storms

Coclined from page A1 miles east of Beno had to be rescued by boat and helicopter after a chunk of an earther levee up to 150 feet long was washed away by a rainswollen carnal.

The flood covered about a square mile and covered about a square mile and remporally stranded as many as 3,500 people before receding. An estimated 1,500 ended up being displaced from their homes. Lyon County Fire Chief Scott Huntley said Saturday night. No injuries were reported.

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said, "It's all muddy! I never
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like if you don't laugh, you'll
cry, because everything is
destroyed."
The break came as the
third storm in as many days
pummeled the West Coast,
raising a threat of mud slides
and flooding in California,
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Two helicopters aided res-cue crews in pontoons in res-cuing at least 18 people from driveways—and rooftops. Lucal residents in fishing boats rescued many more, "It was like our house was

drapped in the middle of the river," said Eric Cornett, who estimated the water was about 2 feet deep and rising fast when he drove away from his home with his wife and three children.

"Garbage cans and pieces" of which water coming in the back door and tried to grab as much stuff as possible to save it. The water was rising very quickly and it was scary. The water was freezing, I couldn't even feel my feet.

By afternoon, the Truckee River water flowing huto the canal was diverted upstream, said Erine Schank, president of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District. Fernley Mayor Todd Cutter said the lad reports of damage to at least 300 to 400 homes.

Schank suggested burrowing rodents may have continued to the Break in the

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"We have to look at the weather as the culprit right now, but we are not sure of that." Huntley said.

The National Weather Service recorded 1.91 inches of craft and electrical recorded 1.91 inches

BODYTIQ

International Airport on Priday, a record, Reno averages only 8 inches of rainfall annually and Fernley only about 5 inches of rainfall annually and Fernley only about 5 ince the shelter and toured the area by helicopter on Saturday, declared the county an emergency area. Federal Emergency Management Agency Management Agency Management on Monday. In California, more than 450,000 homes and businesses from the San Francisco Bay area to the Central Valley were without power Saturday, down from more than 1.6 million Friday, according to Pacific Cas & Electric and other regional utility providers.
Additional rain and snow is expected to blanket Northern California through Thursday.

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emergencies in three counties hit hard by the storms.
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where many had been without power for more than 24
hours, some hunkered down
for the long haul while oiblers
packed up and left town packed up and left to ahead of the third storm. left town

"We're definitely toughing it up here," said Kevin Harris, who lost power Friday in his home in Gold Run, about 60 miles east of Sacramento. "We went shopping earlier food, water, soda, pizza, toilet paper, first-aid ki, and gasoline for the generator." Along the southern rim of Lake Tahoe, the lake Tahoe Tah

mountain range by Sunday night.

"If you take the wind gests, the snowfall and all of it together, it's definitely one of the biggest storms we've experienced in a number of years," said National Weather Service meteorologist Scott McCuire.

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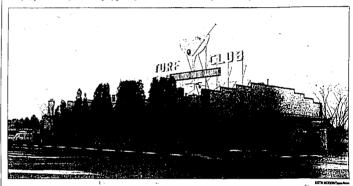
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The crisis following the Dec. 27 election with a deeply flawed vine count has pitted Kibaki's Kikuyu people against Kenya's other tribes, and brought chaos to a country that had been one of cast Africa's most stable democracies.

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In the countryside, with the continued threat of ethnic attacks, thousands fled their homes, escorted by soldiers as

they streamed down roads areamed down mads drewn with copyes, burned out vehicles and downed sower lines.

LOS ANGELES

Britney Spears remains in hospital after losing custody of kids

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Britney Spears was apparently spending a second day in a hospital Satuday, the result, of La Distance standalf, that brought police to her house and led a judge to award ex-hushand Kevin Federline custody of their two sons. A court commissioner on Friday gave Federline subset Pederline subset Pederline subset physical and legal cristody of 2-year-old Savien Person and 1-year-old Jayden James, and suspended Spears visitation rights.

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Water

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use. For example, the city of Twin Falls was cited as having 8 million gallons per day of excess potable water and 846,000 gallons per day of excess wastewater treatment capabilities. However, city officials say the report does not paint an accurate picture.

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"During certain times of the year our water fluctuates, so it's not always going to have the same (capacity)," said fom Courtney, city manager, "And right now our wastewater treatment plant is running at about 90 percent capacity." In an effort to better understand the city's current water situation, it has contracted with 1-10-B Engineers Inc.

Mark Holtzen, project engineer for 1-1-1-B Engineers, said the water supply for the city of Twin Falls will be less capable of supporting additional businesses as the city grows.

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grows.

In fact, based on an estimated growth rate of 2.25 percent for both residential and commercial growth, J-U-

B Engineers says that the city will enter a period in less than five years where the water supply will not be able to meet demand. "The city has three sources of water that respond to Irrigation conditions because as the weather gets warmer demand for water increases," he said. "So there is a time around May and June when there is substantially less water — by 2010 we project that there will not be enough water during this time period to meet demand."

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He said the shortage will not likely be severe; however,

to meet demand." He said the shortage will not likely be severe; however, it will not support additional commercial growth without additional water supplies. Jennifer Tanner, who conducted the independent water study for the Strategic Growth Institute, said the information for the study was provided by Idaho Department of Commerce, which includes the information on its community profile Web page.

"We looked at it from the view point of a business and we rated the region as a whole as neutral," she said. That means that as an our-sider we would not consider it a major restraint to growth



nt facility Friday from a view point on the canyon rim

in that area."

Department of Commerce officials say they received the information from the municipalities.

Regardless of where the Information originated, some economic development officials had been using it to market south-central

Idaho to business looking to expand or relocate. "The reality is that we has our marketing on the infor-mation data we have, and we expect the information to be accurate," said Jan Rogers, director of SIEDO.

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Similarly, wastewater treatment is necessary to recycle the water cast out from other industries such as dairy processing and a such as the relation of the result of the result water as well as the relatince on city wastewater treatment, longer business auch as Ganbia Poods have installed their own wastewater treatment facilities. The cheese producer is able to treat and recycle wastewater extracted from raw milk thring cheese and whey isolate protein production.

Some communities such as ferome and Burley have invested in costly wastewater reatment facilities to accommodate industrial growth.

However, the issues remain hat water supplies in Jerome, Twin Falls, Kimberly, Burley, Rupert, Hailey, Shoshone, Ketchun and Sun Valley were grossly overstated—and mobility said a word.

Storms

Continued from page A1 miles east of Reno had to be rescued by hoat and helicopter after a chunk of an earther levee up to 150 feet long was washed away by a rain-swellen canail.

en levee up to 150 feet long was washed away by a rain-swellen canal. The flood covered about a square mile and temporarily stranded as many as 3,500 people before receding. An estimated 1,500 ended up being displaced from their lones, Iyon Codnly Bird Homes, Iyon Codnly Bird Katurlay night, No injuries were reported. "All of our furniture, carpet — everything is destroyed. Its just unbelievable, "Inbata said. "Its all muddy. I never thought I'd experience anything like this in Newada, Irs like if you don't laugh, you'll cry, because everything is destroyed." The break came as the third storm in as many days pummeled the West Coast, raising a threat of mud sildes and flooding in California, blacking out thousands of customers, causing at least two deaths and blanketing be Siera Newada with deep snow.

snow.

In Fernley, Huntley, one of
the first on the scene,
described it as a "wall of
water about 2 feet high going
down Farm District Road."

"In some places folks had to deal with 8 feet of water," he said, "Firefighters were in chest-deep_water_making

rescues."
Two helicopters aide two nencopiers ander res-cucing at least 18 people from driveways—and—rooftops. Local residents in fishing boats rescued many more. "It was like our house was dropped in the middle of the said Eric Cornett, who estimated the water about 2 feet deep and rising fast when he drove away from his home with his wife and three children.

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"Garbage cans and pieces of wood were theating down the street," he said. "We saw water coming in the back door and tried to grab as much stuff as possible to sawe it. The water was rising very quickly and it was scary, the water was freezing, I conduit even feel my feet." By alternoon, the Truckee River water flowing into the canal was diverted upstream, said Brine Schauk, postident and the said before the said to be a sea of the said of the said to be a least 300 to 400 homes.

Schauk singested burrowing rotterits may have considered to the break in the levee along with the heavy rains, but the cause wasn't clear. "We have you look at the

"We have to look at the weather as the culprit right now, but we are not sure of that," Huntley said.

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The National Weather Service recorded 1.91 inches of rain at Reno-Tahoe

International Airport on Friday, a record, Remo aver-ages only 8 inches of rainfall annually and Fernley only about 5 inches. Gos, Int Gibbons, who vis-ited the shelter and toured the area by helicopter on Saturday, declared the coun-y, an emergency area.

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Management Agency
planned to conduct a damage assessment on Monday.
In California, more than
450,000 homes and businesses from the San

450,000 nomes and masses from the San Francisco Bay area to the Central Valley were without power Saturday, down from more than 1.6 million Friday, according to Pacific Gas & Electric and other regional utility providers.

Additional rain and snow is expected to blanket Northern California through "Thursday.

Gow. Arnold Schwarzunegger declared emergencies in three com-ties hit hard by the storms. In the Sierra Foothills where many had been with-out power for more than 24 hours, some hunkered down for the long haul while others packed up and left town ahead of the third storm.



"We're definitely roughing it up here," said Kevin Harris, who lost power Friday in his home in Gold Run, about 60

home in Gold Run, about 6n miles cast of Sacramento. "We went shopping earlier fond, water, soda, pizza, toilet paper, first-aid kir, and gasoline for the generator."

Along the southern tim of Lake Tahoe, the snow was still falling, Saturday afternoon at Heavenly Mountain Resort, which had received about 4 feet by Saturday afternoon, said resort spokesman Russ Pecoraro.

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spokesman tuss Pecoraro.

Forecasters expected as much as 9 feet of snow on the mountain range by Sunday

night.
"If you take the wind gusts, the snowfall and all of it together, it's definitely one of the biggest storms we've experienced in a number of years," said National Weather

was wrong when it was pre-sented to them."

"Water supplies within south-central Idaho commu-nities have been critical to economic stability because the region relies on industries

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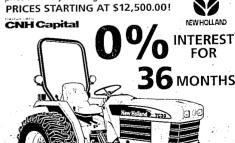
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Web sites attempt to summarize state reports

Surveyors who inspect ursing homes for the Idaho

Department of Health and Welfare produce extremely detailed reports — all of them public formation.

A full 18 months of their

observations, and the states interpretation of them, are available online at www.healthandwelfare.idaho.

But they aren't easy to deci-pher — the raw reports can include pages of technical jar-gon and undefined references to federal and state codes.

Enter the Internet. A num-ber of agencies, including Medicare, offer their own rat-ings for families or prospec-tive residents. Most use the

Medicare data provided by the state, but package it in what they hope is a simpler format. Here are three exam-



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Denver-based HealthGrades bills itself as "the leading health care ratings company." Those boasts do have some substance. Rankings from Alexa.com. one of the main companies that tracks Internet usage, show the site is visited daily just as often as the entire Medicaregov domain.

The site maintains extensive physician and hospital rankings—both of which produce mortiquities to the company, said Scort Shapino, vice president of corporate communications and marketing. But the mursing home data has a price. Unlike the two other sites, BealthGrades users shell out \$16 to \$10 per report, depending on haw many they request at a time. At \$10 the user buys a summary of the past three years surveys, broken down by complaint and number of residents affected. The number of substantiated complaints appears below that, followed by recurring problems, basic information about the center and suggested questions for people touring it.

ingessiem. The result, Shapiro said, is a product that not only infuture, but gives people somewhere to start when they four a home.



www.medicare.gov/NHCompare/

www.medicare.gov/nnLompare. Created by the federal government to aid con-sumers, Nursing Home Compare allows people to search for homes by name, location or proximity to a city or 7th ende. The site provides a comprehen-sive report, including such details as the date the home was first certified, the number of beds and whether it's a for-profit or nonprofit home. He unabber of nursing and CfAN staff hours per resident per day is calculated for each home and compared to the state average, and each problem from a home's latest survey is maked by severity on a scale of 1 to 3.

of 110-4. The site also lists a series of quality measures determined by Medicare, including the percentage of residents with pressure sorts, whose ability to move around their rooms has declined and those who were given flu vaccinations. Links direct readers to the ombudsane and quality improvement agen-cies for each state.



Www.memberofthefamily.net

Conceived in 1996 by a Maryland physician, Memberofthefamily.net opened its rankings to the public in 1999 after analyzing reports for the thereof. We the state of the control of the contro

ings on the site.

"We don't really have any more information to offer," Steele said, "but I believe you can find the information much more easily."

Weighing the Web

Home administrators and state officials aren't fans of the

state officials arent ranso inc Web sites.

Delbile Ransom, bureau chief for Headth and Welfare's Facility Standards, said she doesn't think any of the sites work well, including Medicare's. Nursing Home Compare, she said, is used more often by facilities check-ing up on each other than by consumers.

ing up on each other than by consumers.

"It's not an easy site to use, and it really truly doesn't make sense to the consumer because they don't understand the process in my mind," she said.

The only way to truly assess a home, she said, is to visit it and speak with residents and staff.

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and speak with residents and staff.

Every administrator contacted for this article agreed, saying the Web site reports simplify complaints under misleading titles. Few have seen sites other than Nursing Home Compare, but even those administrators weren't impressed by the idea of judging a home from afar. Representatives of the Web sites agree that visits to the centers are also important.

"I think it's hard to get agod idea if you haven't seen the facility," said Lori Bentzler, administrator for Bridgewe Esfates in Twin Falls. "It's not a very objective view."

Nursing .

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Sallows homes to operate in One tirst place.

Bureau surveyors prepare for a visit by reviewing a facility's past surveys, details whout the current mix of residents and other data. Altivishas are unaumonuced. Guided by the state's operations anamal, they tour the home, Interview a series of randomly selected residents and observe everything, from

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Things used to be simpler, that that simplicity came with a cost, said Debbie Random, chief for Burcau of Facility Standards at the Department of Health and welfare, in the 1970s and early '80s, lax standards are and a poor quality of life for their facilities became known for poor care and a poor quality of life for their residents. Starting in the mid-90s, that all changed with new, stringent feederal standards.

"They got into such things as resident rights and having hories," Ransom said, "It really tried to ensure that oeoobe in mursine homes had

choices," Ransom said, "It really tried to ensure that

really tried to ensure that people in unsing homes had some kind of quality of life and were receiving basic medical services." And the regulation became more detailed — two Idaho operations manual appen-dixes that detail the inspec-tion process and facility guidelines today number more than 600 pages. Even Health and Welfare admits it's also for one facility to stay on top of.

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Complaints and accolades

Most of the time, a poor survey just prompts a state request for the situation to be corrected—with a politic by worded proposed date for ending Medicare payments. But occasionally, us in the case of the Gooding center, the state decides to up the ante with lines or revocation of a license.

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The state carely tries to close a home — the last one to be closed by the state was a far back as 30 years ago, according to Health and Welfare records. But other homes have voluntarily closed during the decertificant on process, farmson sald, and Goodbig may have even odds of staying open. The state's decision, triggering an administrative review.

The whole licensing system is complicated — and needs to be, said Gail Grijfia, administrator for Blaine

administrator for Blaine Manor in Hailey. Though she said she hasn't closely fol-lowed the Gooding case, she describes as fair and describes as thoughtful.

describes as fair and thoughtful. The regulations become more complicated every year, she said. But even those are implemented with a reason, and have brought the industry a fair ways from his problem-studded past. Today's issues, she said, often come from poor survey reports or complaints that are then blown out of proprion by the public and the media. "And (the state's) got to respond because it's such a bot-button issue," she said.

and serves as a consultant for many others.

Years in the industry have taught bin that Idaho has some of the toughest nursing home surveys in the nation. The problem, he said, is that white state surveyors feel they're interpretting regulations correctly, they subscribe to a black-and-white approach that can feel more like armchaft quarterbacking to facility staffs.

"When you're in the middle of it, it's hard to sit back and say, What is the best way for us to take care of this patient?" Holloway said. "You can't arbitrarily restrain someone because they fall."

That's not to say inspectors are always wrong — in fact, he said, his consultant work for merches the same con-

are always wrong — in fact, he said, his consultant work often reaches the same conclusions as the state. But they could at least be more help-

cussins as the state. But they could at least be more helpful — a sentiment other administrators echoed.

Surveyors are allowed to share best-practices information with nursing homes, but cun't coach or consult for them because their visits are supposed to measure compliance, Health and Welfare spokesman Tom Shanaban said, it's a fine line, he said. But the state bolds training sessions at other times and tries to help out.

That's nut quite how some administrators see things. Hohert Vande Merve, head of the Idaho Health Care Association, said surveyors are not as limited when they visit other types of state-licensed facilities. Why state the supplementation of the state o

for some administrators. Jill for some administrators, Jill Howell, head of the long-term care unit at St. Beiedictist Family Medical Center in Jerome, said she remembers receiving a citation for not preserving a resident's dignity because the tag of the resident's shirt was sticking up.

One piece of paper missing from someone's file, she said, can'end-up sounding file a home abuses its residents.

"It sounds horrible," she

sounds horrible." said of the average citation.
"It sounds like 'ax murder."

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Of course, that assumes someone's reading the citations in the first place.

About a year and a half of survey reports are available online on Health and Welfare's Web site. But ther reports are the raw data, had the reports are the raw data, and their families, state ombudsman Cathy Hart said.

"One of the challenges we have is people really aren't interested in learning about what we do until they need have is people really aren't interested in learning about what we do until they need have is people really aren't interested in learning about what we do until they need have is people really aren't interested in learning about what we do until they need said they are the really aren't interested in learning about the real really aren't in the real real really aren't interested in learning about the real real really aren't interested in learning about the really aren't interested in learning about the real really aren't interested in learning about the really aren't interested in learning

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home.

A series of three falls left her mother rattled and injured, Buetler said, and she alleges the home mishan-dled a later pressure sore. Buetler, who lives nearby, said she became an active advocate for her mother. But

apart from some TFCC staff she-praised, she-felt-like she had few allies and hadn't yet

"I never thought about the state," she said. "I thought that was all the ombuds-

Allyson Stark found herself Allyson Stark found herself on the opposite end of things when the state moved against the Gooding center. The center's prompt care and notification when her father, John Stark, received even the slightest cut meant she never had to search for help. Now, she said, she's called up. Facility Standards, upset about their-take on the center's ability to care

for its residents.

She's never looked up nursing home regulations before, she said, only adding to the mystery of why the state targeted her father's facility.

"You hear some horrible stories from some places," she said, "I don't know if they were (just being) too tough on Gooding,"

In the grand-scheme of

In-the-grand-scheme-of In-the-grand-scheme of-things, prospective residents may not have too much to worry about in Idaho. Despite the confusion and complaints, everyone from Ransom to Holloway bragged about the state's homes. And even Vande Merve's doesn't think the state is out to get his peers. "They're not bad people," Vande Merves ald, "It's just a bad system, a bad process that came out of the nation's capitol."

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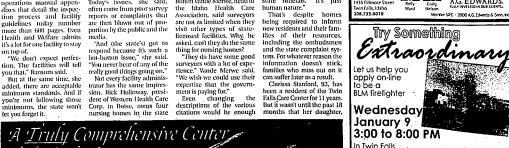




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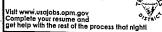
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But ducumentation is mostly lacking, and Western doctors warn that patients are serving as guinea pigs in a country that isn't doing the rigorous lab and human tests that are needed to prove a treatment's safe and effective. Noting the lack of evidence, three Western doctors, understook their own limited study it involved seven patients with spinal cord injuries who chose to get letal brain tissue injections at one hospital in China. The study reported "no chinically useful improvements" – even though most

injections at one hospital in injections at one hospital in China. The study reported "no. clinically useful improvements" – even though most patients believed they were hearter. Five developed complications such as meningitis. Experts in the West base theories about why some peachet think they'se improved when the evidence is thin. Some are often getting intensive physical therapy, along with the mysterious injections, the placeho effect may also be a factor.

Tofun Steeves, a prolessor at the University of British Columbia who heads an international group that monitors spinal cord treatments, has another theory. Some patients may be influenced by the substantial of money the substantial of money the substantial of money they paid and the help they got from these with donated of

patients may be influenced by his automal of money his paid and the help they got from those who domated or helped raise money. "Nevelless to say when they come back, what are they going to report to their friends and neighbors? that it didn't work?" said Steeves. "Nobody wants to hear that."

He and other experts have written a brookler advising patients who are considering such treatments. Western doctors discourage their patients from seeking such treatments. They note that it's impossible, to, pauge the safety and effectiveness of the treatments, or even know what's in the injections put into brains and spinal cords.

Patients and their families say they accept those risks. They simply don't have time to wait for more conclusive evidence, for many, the trip to thin a is a former conclusive evidence, for many, the trip to to the former conclusive evidence, for many, the trip to their thom they more conclusive evidence, for many, the trip to

vidence. For many, the trip to evidence. For many, the cop to China is a journey of hope. "It's one of the only games in town," said Savage, 41, a

lawyer who suffered severe spinal cord injuries after a canoe trip 25 years ago. Savage spent 2½ months in late 2006 and early 2007 at a hospital in the southern China city of Shenzhen to get what he was told were stem cell injections in his spine from umbilical cord blond, He, made, the arrangements through Beike Biotechnology. Go., which offers the treat-ments at a number of hospi-tals in China.

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Afterward, Savage said he was able to move his right arm for the first time since his diving accident; a video made at the hospital appears to show slight movement. He also said he noticed greater strength in his abdomen and more sensa-tion on his skin.

Just how many foreigners hist flow many foreigners like Savage are coming to China for treatment isn't known and China is only one of several countries where such techniques are being offered.

such techniques are being offered.

Many Chinese doctors don't wait for results of rigionous testing before treating patients and they offer what they say are stem cell or other cell treatments to those willing to pay.

What is known about the procedures being performed comes from material on their Web sites or from patients who give detailed accounts of their visits. Little has been published in scientific journals-for other doctors to serutionze. tioize.

The use of stem cells for

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The use of stem cells for treatments isn't new, For treatments isn't new, For decades, doctors around the world have been using adult stem cells from blood and bone marrow — and more recently horn umbilical cord blood — to treat cargers of the blood like leukenia and lymphoma and blood diseases like sickle cell anenia.

Scientists have been exploring whether such adult stem cells and other cells such as those from the ucting or fetal brain tissue could be used to inputy or disease, and they are trying to figure out if there's a way to stimulate the body's own stem cells to make repairs.

repairs:

But those strategies are still being investigated in the lab in animals; there have been

in animals, there have been very limited tests in people. Whether any clinics in China are using the more con-toeversial embryonic stem countries claim to be—sixt clear. These stem cells are taken from days-old embryos. They can develop into all types of cells, but research into their usefulness is in early stages.

into their usefulness is in early stages.
Patients—seek_out—these improven—treatments—after hearing—about them from other patients, patient groups or, Veb. sites, for the medical, companies. The patients' sto-ries posted on the Internet usually tell of some kind of improvement from the treat-ments——slight movements in arms or less, fewer sossons or ments — slight inovements in arms or legs, fewer spasms or tremors, a feeling of sensa-tion, an ability to sweat. Chris Hrabik, 21, has been

disabled since a 2004 car crash left him with limited use of his bands and legs. His

father took out a second mortgage on their Oak lidge, Mo., home to help pay for \$20,000 worth of stem cell injections at a Belke facility in China.

Injections at a Belick Leidhtyn China.

More than a year after returning home, Hrabik says he lass nearly complete use of bis left hand, with improvement in the right. He can work on his, extremized 1933-35/sm. 240SN, a modified number complete with hand comrols and racing seats. He said he was albe to more his left fingers within days of that first hijection of urabilical cord stem cells into his spinal cord. There's been fluile progress since he left China, but he called the incremental changes significant.

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"I just wanted something back, no matter what it was," said Hrabik, who attributes some of the changes to the physical therapy that he had in China.

Beike founder Sean Hu, who returned from abroad in 1999 with a doctorate in bio-temistry, said the company has treated more than 1,000 patients, including 300 foreigners -from 40 different countries. The only side effects have been slight fevers and headaches among a small percentage of a patients, according to Hu. He said patients with trauma injuries experience the most dramatic improvements; those with degenerative diseases such as AE, also

ments; those with degenera-tive diseases such as ALS, also known as Lou Gebrig's dis-ease, tend to improve initially but then slide back to their former condition within months. Patients shouldn't have

raients smutht table their expectations too high," Hu said, "For patients to think they can walk again may be too much at this stage." He's now seeking venture capital to expand his web of

treatment centers, labs and doctors and adapt proprietary techniques from researchers overseas.

techniques from researches overseas.

"There is real potential here for China to take the lead in stem cells," Its said.

Also offering treatments is joint venture between Asia's joint venture between Asia's largest neurological hospital. an American medical p. Tiantan's sunny, and an American medical group. Tiantan's sunny, sparkling rooms are a far cry from the dour facilities and staff at most Chinese inspi-tals. Diseases treated there range from stroke and spinal cord injuries to cerebral palsy and ataxia, a rare neurological condition that can cause sturred smerch.

condition that can cause sturred speech.

The hospital says its stem cell injections are combined with daily, three-hour doses of intravenous drugs designed to stimulate production of the production of the production of the patient's own stem cells. Physical rehabilitation and

Chinese medicine are also part of the plan. A standard two-month course-of meatment costs 20,000 to \$55,000 to

safety."
Yang contends that 90 per-cent of patients show some tesults, with the rest suffering disabilities that are too far advanced to respond to treat-

Western experts point to the lack of documented evi-dence that cell treatments have any begint-fur spinal ciral injuries or degenerative diseases like Partisionis. "All of us in the so-called Western world, if there was something valid, we'd be the first to be offering it," said Steeves, the Canadian profes-sor.

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Otter proposes E. Idaho couple to direct Africa school program

POCATELLO — Two
Pocatellans are headed to
Africa this month to direct
an after school program for
disadvantaged children
near the coastal town of
Swakopmundo, Namibia.

John-and-Donna-Looze
will leave lan. 13 as the volunteer program director
and academic director,
respectively, for the
Pocatello-based Mondesa
Youth Opportunities program in Southern Africa.

Donna, with 35 years of
teaching experience, will be
formalizing the programs
structional curriculum for
reading, math and life skills.
She'll also be memoring life.

She'll also be mentoring the program's teachers in pedagogical methods and strategies.
"I'm excited to work with instructors to help them be effective teachers," she said, John, a retired attorney, will coordinate the pro-

gram's 12 workers and over-see the MYO's three-pronged approach to chil-dren's education and devel-opment academic language and math training enrich-ment, including sports, drama, dance, chess, visual arts and music; and life skills, including goal-set-tion' teadershin, communiting leadership communi-cation, self-discipline, health and personal

cation, self-discipline, health and personal accountability. "We'll also be creating a database to track the students and their performance," John said.

The 140-child program in Western Namibia serves youths in grades 4 through 12. Each child receives an Instruction per year. And since Marine and the school don't serve lunch, upon arriving at the MYO facilities children International properties a sandwich, a how of soup or porridge, and a piece of fruit.

Because many children

Because many children

there lack adequate nutrition, the food is an important element of the program, Myers said.

The Republic of Namibia gained its independence from South Africa in 1990, at which point it changed its official language to English.

While, all children are now taught English it schools, most speak their tribal languages at home and Afrikaans in their communities and still receive a deficient English education.

Many of the instructors charged with teaching English there didn't start-learning the language until after they were already adults, and struggle with the basics themselves. Rob Myers, of Pocatello, the founder of MYO, spent a year as a volunteer teacher in Namibia in 2003. Seeing a lending the lending the end of the year to start his end of the year to start his

own organization.
""We don't pay anybody
here, we rely on volunteer
labor," Myers said. "John
and Donna are paying their
own way over."

wn way over Myers' cor Myers' concept for the program is to invest the highest percentage of money raised in the students, and the lowest possi-ble in organizational trap-

dents, and the lowest possi-ble in organizational trap-pings.

To that end there are no 'headquarters," the board members pay for their own phone calls and travel expenses, Myers manages MYO from his home in Pocatello, and the only paid-staff are local-Namibians. While there is great inter-est in the program among children and parents, MYO can only accept six klds from each of the elementary schools, or 30 new students for each of the elementary schools, or 30 new students have a constant of the con-peryear, Myers sald.

After an 'evaluation process that includes test-ing and interviews with the finalists' teachers and par-

ents, new students are chosen.

MYO accepts not only
those children who score
well, Myers said, but enrolls
a mix of highly motivate
children who may not score
to highest but have great
potential, and who have
their parents' willing support and encourage their
children in the program.

Since MYO opened in
2004, it has leased buildings
for its operations. But the
program is currently building its own \$150,000 facility,
which is scheduled to be
finished in mid-March.

All of the money for construction. has. come_from
donations, most from individual donors. Myers said.
The MYO still needs to raise
more funds to complete the
school.

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Last year, the Loozes
worked in an English program in Hungary, because
they relish the experience of
living in different cultures,
John said.

higher pay, lower benefits for state employees

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Butch Otter is proposing to raise pay for state employees, but cut benefits, and that has raised concerns.

concerns.

Otter says state employees, are paid less than private sector workers, but their benefits are better. So Otter wants to raise pay and cut benefits to bring state commensation. bring state compensation more in line with the private

sector.
The Spokesman-Review reported Saturday that Otter is recommending merit-based increases for state workers, but cuts in state-pald health benefits, as well as cuting some retirees health benefits.

efits.

Bolse Democratic Sen. Kate
Kelly says she doesn't think
the private sector should necessarily be the model for state

Critics: Luna's teacher pay plan fails to make the grade

BOISE (AP) — House Speaker Lawerence Denney said he's intrigued by Idaho schools Superintendent Tom Lunas 560 million teacher pay mranosal.

Jama's \$60 million teacher pay proposal.
He's just not sure it will fly.
"I'm intrigued by what he's brought up." Denney told the Idaho Statesman in a story published Saturday. "You've got the conservatives and the liberals both hating the idea.
"I don't know that be gets illiberals both hating the idea, so I don't know that he gets anything through the Legislature to make it happen. But then again, I'm not sure that he needs anything through the Legislature. Denney said he's heard so many reservations about Luna's plan that he cart imagine it passing the Legislature. "My calls are running almost equally from péople who say that we're giving away too much, and people who say that's a union-bust-

ing bill," Denney, R-Midvale, said, "So I have a feeling that it's probably not going to make it."

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Tamas proposal, part of his
\$1.3 hillion education budget,
would reward teachers who
opf out of crontinuling contracts, making it easier for
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Achievement Test, or whose improvement on the tests puts the schools in the top 50 percent of schools in their districts.

Critics have said the plan would drain power from the Idaho Education Association, which opposes it. Luna spokeswoman Melissa MaGratt said she believes some of the teachers' opposition is based on misinformation about job protection.

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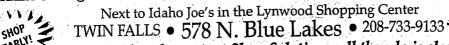
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Online networking goes small, and sponsors follow **Fed**

Worries Policymakers fear credit market could worsen

By Jeannine Aversa Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON - Federal WASHINGTON — reuteral Reserve policymakers wor-ried at their December meet-ing about-the potential for a vicious cycle to develop in which credit problems could worsen. That could hart economic growth and force the Fed to act more aggressively in cutting rates, according to

ted to act more aggressively in cutting rates, according to meeting minutes made public Wednesday. "Some members noted the risk of an unfavorable feedback loop in which credit market conditions restrained economic growth further, leading to additional tightening of credit," the minutes said. "Such an adverse development could require substantial further existing" of tates, the minutes revealed. Problems in the housing credit and financial markets throw the Fed to do an aboutface on Dec. 11 and slice its key interest rate yet again in the hope it would bolster an economy that, was losing speed.

economy that was losing speed.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and all but one of his colleagues agreed to trim the Fed key rate by one-quarter percentage point to 4.25 percent, a two-year low. The central bank ordered has key rate lowered three times has year; the December reduction was the most recent one. The decision to cut rates—essentially, marked a reversal for the central bank, which had hinted at its October meeting that the Fed's two rate cuts prohably would be enough to help the economy survive the housing and credit stresses. But the economy's problems intensified after that meeting, forcing the led to change its stance.

after that meeting, forcing the Fed to change its stance. "Members judged that the softening in the outlook for economic growth warranted an easing of the stance of polan easing of the stance of pol-icy at this meeting," the min-thes said, "In view of the fur-ther tightening of credit and deterforation —of—financial market conditions, the stance of monetary policy now appeared to be somewhat restrictive," the minutes said. On Wall Street, stocks tum-bled as oil prices briefly hit \$100 a barrel and a weak eport on manufacturing rat-tled investors. The Dow Jones industrials sank by 220.86 points to close at 13,043.96. The 9-1 decision for a quarter-point reduction in December was opposed by

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By Kim Hart The Washington Post When Jet-setters began flocking to an exclusive social-networking Web site reserved for the rich, they got the attention of an online community's most valuable ally: advertisers

site's elite members, at which its top-shelf, \$1,000-a-bottle-liquor. flowed freely. Following the success of MySpace and Facebook, thousands of social-networking sites have popped up to cater to specific interests, backgrounds, professions and age groups. Nightelub frequenters can converge at Dontfstayln.com. Wine commisseurs, have formed Smooth.com, and people gaing through divorce can commisserable to bioraccisto.com. While such sites have fewer members than MySpace and Facebook, they form intimate communities of like-minded people. communitys inost valuable ally: adventisers.
The invitation-only site, ASmallWorld.net, has 300,000 select members who have become a magnet for companies that make luxury goods and are trying to reach people who can afford them. The site's biggest advertisers include Burberry, Cartier and Land Rover, Cognae maker Remy Martin in November threw a tasting party for the

Part of what is driving the development of these sites is advertising....Marketing.om. social networks is a fast-growing part of the booming nomine advertising business, and within that, niche interest sites' share is small. These sites typically allow members to establish a personalized page, then communicate and share photos, songs and updates among their friends. Based on that information, companies can target their

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Overall, ad spending on social-networking sites is expected to grow 75 percent next year, to \$2.1 billion.

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Online networking: Leading players

Brian Wilson, 31 on: Colorado Springs Idea: A referral network that connects real estate agents

nationwide Site: zolve.com

Dan Kaufman, 39 Location: New York Idea: Connecting music fans with similar tastes Site: jango.com

Michael Carter, 45
Location: New York
Idea: A mega online dating site
that includes more than 100
smaller sites
Site: passions network.com

Robin Wolaner, 53 Location: San Francisco Idea: A site where people over 40 can share their life experi-

Site: teebeedee.com Rali Kyttani, 26

Location: Washington Idea: Linking expatriate com-munities worldwide Site: linkexpats.com

Reforming an industry

Farmers laud benefits of Roundup-ready beets

By Matt Christense Times-News write

Sugar beet farmers will nter their fields this spring with perhaps the greatest advancement to their indus-try since engine-powered implements: Roundup-ready

The genetically engineered

beet seeds.
The genetically engineered seeds could save farmers millions of dollars, help the environment and change the way beets are farmed.
When you look at what this could do to the industry... It's a very big deal, said Vicaro, a spokesman for Amalgamated Sugar, a major buyer of sugar beets in Idaho's nearly half-billion dollar beet industry. This is an industry-changing event. Houndup-ready sugar beet seeds are genetically engineered for resistance to Monsanto's highly successful foundup-ready beet seeds are identical to conventional seeds a even the sugar is the same.

But a Tweak in the seeds'

Same, But a tweak in the seeds'

But a Tweak in the seeds DNA allows farmers to spray beets with Roundup without worrying the chemical could kill the beet plant. Previously, farmers have sprayed fields as many as five times a year with chemical cocktails. This year, farmers will likely spray three times or less with just one chemi-cal

eal.
Farmers are banking they'll save money with Roundup-ready seeds — despite a

"technology surcharge" of about \$50 an acre — by buying fewer chemicals, less fuel for machinery and paying hess for labor, especially migrant labor.

Beet farmers have traditionally paid migrant workers to hand hoe weeds in the fall. Record tighter border security and other advances in ag technology have reduced the migrant labor pool and driven up wages. Houndup-ready beets could make migrant labor obsolute—said Jaro.

mondup-ready beets could make migrant labor obsolete. Sald Jaro.

Roy Villasenor is a regional manager for the Community Council of Idaho, formerly the Idaho Migrant Council. Its suspects Roundup worth law much affect on southern Idaho's migrant worker population, which he said has been declining significantly for years.

Many farmers have already stopped using migrant labor and simply tolerated late-season weeds.

Magic Valley field trials, under way since 1999, have shown late-season weeds are virtually nonexistent with Roundup-ready beets could produce higher yields and greater sugar content per beet, laro said.

Fewer chemicals, less fuel and fewer trips down the field will lessen the beet

and fewer trips down the field will lessen the beet industry's environmental industry's environmental footprint. Farmers have seen similar

results with Roundup-ready corn and soy beans, available



Fewer-chemicals, less fuel and fewer trips down the field will lessen the beet industry's environmental footprint.

of a change in the beet mar-ket but say farmers will reap the economic benefits in

commercially for years. This is the first season Roundup-ready beets will be grown oil a large scale. Experts deart expect much of a change in the beet marower front-end costs.

Crop experts predict
Ramdup-ready beets will
drive out conventional beet
seeds within a few growing
seasons. "The farmer interest
is already so high, I think
there will be near 100 percent

production even this year," said Don Morishita, a weed scientist at the University of

Idaho.
On lan, 11, the university and industry officials will host a meeting for farmers about Roundup-ready beets. For more information: Morishita at 736-3600.

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

Forget Tupperware, get ready for the Taser party

By Chris Kahn Associated Press write

Associated Press writer

GILBERT, Ariz. — Before the lets them shoot her little, pink stung gun. Duna Stadman ushers her new friends to the living room safe for a serious cheir about the fears she believes they all share.

"The worst nighmane for me is, while I'm sleepings someone counting in my someone counting in my long a few solemn mods from the gathered women. Shafman, 34, of Phoenix, says the knows how they feel, She says she tnows how they feel, She says she tnows how they feel, She says she tnows how they feel. She says the tnows how they feel. She says the tnows how they feel. She says the tnown they gentle of the pillow for protection. tion. Welcome, she says, to the

Taser party.
On the coffee table,



personal safety at a Taser Party Wednesday in Mesa, Ariz. Shafm independent warnone dashes which is the safety and safety at a Taser Party Wednesday in Mesa, Ariz. Shafm Dana Leigh Shafman, center, of Shleidher, Inc., talks to attendees abo ns dealer who's been selling Tasers the way her dependent weapons dealer who's been selling Tase 's generation sold plastic food storage containers.

Shafman spreads out Taser's weapons that the company is C2 "personal protector" weapons that the company is marketing to the public. It



at a target at a Taser party dnesday in Mesa, Ariz

doesn't take long before the women are lined up in the hallway, whooping as they take turns blasting at a metal-

lic target. "C'mon!" she says. "Give it a

Taser International, She's an independent entrepreneur who's been selling Tasers the way her mother's generation sold plastic food storage containers.

sond passes.

As a single woman who lives alone, Shafman says sho's the perfect pitchwoman for Taser as it makes a renewed push to sell thouling. renewed push to weapons to families.

renewed passive popular very popular to families. The company agrees, Taser officials like Shafman's homespun sales tactics so much that they plan to build the from set at the a living room set at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas and have Shafman hold a Taser party for buyers

and dealers.

The CES, which runs from Jan. 7-10, is the world's

largest tech trade show.
Taser doesn't expect its dealers to start imitating

ocalers to start imitating shafman. Steve But spokesman Steve truttle says company officials think people can learn from her approach. "When Jalk about Tasér, I come across as a salesman," Trittle says. "When you see her it comes across as very real." real."
Shafman, a freelance con-

, Shafman, a freelance con-struction consultant, says she always had a hatural interest in self defense products. She loved the idea of the Taser, which would allow her to stop an attacker from across the room without getting physi-cal.

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County as we have provided in. Twing, Falls. Gooding, Lincoln and Cainas counties,"

Dexter Ball, said Dexter Ball, president/chief executive officer. For more information: 736-2424.

Head Start centers gain NAEYC accreditation

CSF South Central Head Start Cassia Center located in Burley and CSF South Central Head Start Northside Center head start Normstae Center located in Jerome are two of the first early childhood pro-grams to earn accreditation from the National Association for the Education LANDSCAPING AGREEMENT



College of Southern Idaho Horticulture Professor Dave Kieslg shake College of Southern Idaho Horticulture Professor Dave Kieslę shakes hands with Sam Hutchins, grounds supervisor for St. Luke's Magic Valley Reglonal Medical Center, to signify a landscaping agreement reached between CSI and the hospital. The CSI Horticulture Program will help raise the trees that will be used in the Indeadscaping of the new hospital campus in return for a \$10,000 endowment St. Luke's has provided for scholarships to horticulture students. CSI Horticulture Club Students also constituted \$5,000 of money they have already raised in addition to \$5,000 of future club funds to the endowment. At the center is \$1. Luke's chief assertion officer, Mark Schwartz. executive officer, Mark Schwartz.

of Young Children (NAEYC)
— the nation's leading organ-ization of early childhood professionals.

To earn NAEYC accredita-

in earn satist, accrema-tion in the new system, the centers went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and

its services against the 10 new NAEYC Early Childhood Program Slandards and more than 400 related accredita-tion criteria. The program received NAEYC accreditation after an

on-site visit-by NAEYC asses-sors to ensure that the pro-

gram meets each of the 10 NAEYC program standards. NAEYC accredited programs are also subject to main-nounced visits during their accreditation, which lasts for five years. five years.

The NAEYC accreditation

system has set voluntary pro-fessional standards for pro-grams for young children since 1985.

since 1985.
As of September 2006, the Association's revised program standards and, criteria have introduced a new level of, quality, accountability, and service for parents and children in child care programs.

and service for parents and children in child care programs. The new standards reflect the latest research and best practices in early childhood education and development. NAFK is committed to utilizing the newest studies and analysis on positive child outcomes to ensure young children continue receiving the highest-quality care and education possible. The NAFW accreditation system was created in 1985 to set professional standards for early childhood education, and to help families identify high-quality perschools, bild care centers and other carly education programs. To carn NAFW accreditation, a program must meet each of the 10 NAFY Early Childhood Program Standards. Childhood Program

CAREER MOVES

Jesse Miller

DECLO — Jesse Miller of Heyburn is one of 51 Individ-uals who received the



Miller has been the agricultural education teacher at Detoi High School since 2004. The community was responsible for raising all of the funds to build the agricultural education building at Declo. His students continue to excel, receive many awards and succeed. The Declo program has three main areas of emphasis: a agricultural mechanics.

The Declo program and a student and a street. The Declo program has three main areas of emphasic agricultural mechanics, agricultural mechanics, and animal science.

management, and annoa-science. Miller has a complex teach-ing philosophy revolving around four main points. He feels that a teacher should show an interest in students' lives, build students' confi-dence, have high expecta-tions for students and make them marketable for a career or further education upon or further education upon graduation. It is these four points that have made Miller the outstanding teacher that

the outstanding teacher that he is today.

One unique quality of the Declo pragrant is the personal skills development class. In this class, students create their own resume and learn about professional attile, use of proper grammar and their overall presentation to future employers. This class presentation to future employers. This class enforces Millers' philosophy of preparing students for future careers.

Each of the state Teachers
Turn the Key winners
received a plaque and a travel
scholarship to cover expenses to attend the annual conference in Las Vegas. Dodge
Division and the Daimler
Chrysler Corporation, as a
special project of the
National FEA Foundation, sponsor the NAAE Teachers
Turn the Key Award Program.
NAME is the professional
association for agricultural
educators.

Esther Peters

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JEROME — St. Benedicts
Family Medical Center
announced that Esther
Peters, registered nurse, has
accepted the Petition and
responsibilities or the infection control nurse for St.
Benedicts.
Since July 1999, Peters has
worked in the Skilled Nursing
Facility at St. Benedicts where
she has provided resident
care and administrative
record malntenance.
The program will focus on
assessment efforts to eliminate Infections, prevent
infections with proper hand
washing, immunizations and
Infection control
and monitor issues. In addition, Peters will be available
as a resource on infection
control gractices and policies
for patients, families, suffa
and visitors.
Peters is currently working
on her bachelors of science in
nursing at Idaho State
University. Her elight-year
career of mursing has includet St. Benedicts and
Kimberly School District.
Peters and her Jusband

ed St. Benedicts and Kimberly School District. Peters and her husband

Kimberry School Desired.
Peters and her husband have been married for 15 years and they have four chidren. In her spare time she enjoys reading, quilting and vacationing with her family.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Idaho Central Credit Union collects over 800 toys

Idaho Central Credit Union announced that at the 17 Idaho Central Iocations across Idaho alone, over 1800 toys were collected and donated to the local Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, to benefit needy children in the area this hollday season. Idaho Central Credit Union is proud to have been a part of the Toys for Tots toy drive again this year. Thinks forest-idents across Southern Idaho, the credit union the production of the control of the control Credit Union and the control of t Idaho Central Credit Union

Project raises money for military personnel

Project Rudolph received community support through

Zeb at the Ranch radio show third annual Zeb at the Ranch Christmas Party

pations.

The event was sponsored by Ramsey Heating and Electric and Butte Irrigation. Area merchants who contributed door prizes and helped with refreshments include. Smiths, Johns, Stokes, Albertsons and Wal-Mart.

Stores, adortesions and vol-Mart. Host bell and co-host Staron Harly-Mills surprised everyine as threatmenterinter-tained and condinated the event. Bay and Shari Archibald and Snake filter Hayride provided great for and talent.

The event raised almost 3,000 to assist with shipping and purchasing items for the military in transition during the holidays in Germany.



Santa and the Grinch visited the area for a fundraising event support Project Rudolph held Dec. 13 at the Golden Heritage Senior Center in

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YOURBUSINESS news

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Taser

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She tried moonlighting as a dnor-to-door Taser sales-woman. But years of nega-tive press about Taser made

tiough.

"I got thred of heing pushed out of people's offices," she says. Nobody wants to purchase a product that they think is lethal orgoing to kill somebody."

A lot of people, especially women, need time to get comfortable with a unique praduct like Taser before they'll consider huying one, Shafman says.

So the Taser party was born.

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Shafman says she's sold about 30 guns per month at 349.99 since her first Taser party on Oct. 15. She doesn't get a commission from Taser. Instead, Shafman says she gets a discounted dealer rate for the units and keeps the difference.

Taser has been sunging on Wall Street two years after the Securities and Exchange Commission concluded its investigation into the company's Safety claims and business practices. Its stock more than doubled in 2007 from a low of \$7.44 to a high 12007 for a low of \$7.44 to a high 12007 of \$19.36 a share.

Company of ficials say shey're now selling Tasers in 43 countries and more than 12,500 police agencies in the U.S., are either using or testing their weapons. With its weapons dominant in law enforcement, Taser is turn-

one are entire using of test-ing their weapons. With its weapons dominant in law enforcement, Taser is turn-ling its attention back to the

civilian market.

It launched the C2 in August, Though it packs the same electric punch, the C2 is smaller than the bulky personal stun guns. Taser developed years ago, and its electric razor than a weapon, They're legal in every state but New York, Massachusetts, Rhodie Island, Michigan, Wisconsin, Hawaii, and Washington D.C.

Shafman says many of her women customers love that the C2 is small enough to fit in thelr purses, and that it comes in a variety of colors. When it comes to choosing weapons, she says, a lot of women want-them in plak.

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choosing weapons, she says, a lot of women wantthem in plus.

"It's a girl power kind of
thing." Shafman says.

"You're kind of making a
statement: I know Fin a
woman I know Fin the most
sought after victim in
regards to sexual assault,
sexual abuse. So please stay
away from me. If in the
event you do come after me,
I'm going to use my pink
Taser to put you on the
ground."

Annesty International

ground."

Annessy International, which has criticized Taser's assertion that its weapons are non-lethal, frowns on the C2 and any attempt ospread the use of stun guns. Officials with the human rights organization say the weapons are frequently used in excess by trained police, and they're likely to

be abused by the public as

well.

Mona Cadena, Amnesty
International's Western
Regional director, says there
are already reports of
domestic violence using
Tasers and other energy weapons.

"Of course, we want to

"Of course, we want to stop violence against women like Dana's saying," site says. "But we also want to custure that Tasers don't end up causing it too." Shafman has a quick answer for Annesty thermational. If she had a choice of getting shocked or being attacked with a knife, a gan or something else, "I'd much rather be assaulted by a Taser." And unlike other

a Taser."

And unlike other weapons, she says, Taser forces its customers to submit to a criminal background check before giving them a code to turn on their

weapons.

At the party in Gilbert, the shooting goes on into the night as everyone takes a shot.

**Lori Busken; 48, is the first.

Tori Buskin, 4B, is the first in line, Busken, who is single, says she'd feel better carrying a Taser than a gun, she didn't buy a C2 right away, but she says she planning to buy one soon. "It's not heavy," she says after holding the welpon in her hand. "It's great they make them for civilian use. You don't want to kill somebody. You just want to be safe, you know?"

For small business owners, income tax filing season should start right now

By Joyce M. Rosenberg Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Almost every accountant has a story about a small business client who showed up on April 10 or thereabouts, expecting to start work on a company or personal income tax return. Or, worse, a client who showed up with a shoebox full of receipts and invoices, also expecting to get a return one in short order.

There is no reason why husiness owners should have to be in that position—as long as they start getting their tax affairs in order now. When a business owners NEW YORK — Almost

their tax affairs in order now. When a husiness owner's income tax season is perenially chaotle, chances are his or her books and overall company operations are as well. These owners often don't have a good sense of their cash flow, accounts receivables and profit or losses.

losses.

Mark Toolan, a certified public accountant in Exton, Pa., said the solution is easy: Pa, said the solution is easy. Buy accounting software and start inputting all your financial information, using bank statements or your check register. Look at your credit card statements and any receipts you have, too. You can still get this done for 2007, and you should be starting to do this now anyway for 2008. There's more at stake than

There's more at stake than just having an easter time of it during tax season. When we hear people say they're disorganized ... It often means they're paying more taxes than they should. Toolan said.

If the problem is that you haven't the time or the wherewithal to keep your finances straight, then you need to get help — something that many entrepreneurs, used to doing it all themselves. Find hard to accept, But, keeping in mind Toolan's warming about overpaying taxes, what you spend on a part-time hook-keeping ror or contracting, with a bonkkeeping service will probably save you money in the long run.

Moreover, it will eliminate some of the stress in your life — and not just your work life.

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Deal with It now, or you're going to have the agravagoing to have the agravation' indefinitely, said Jeffrey Chazen, a tax partner at the accounting firm Eisner LIP in New York. He warmed, "it leads to other pressures, not just financial"—in other words, your family life can suffer when your company is having problems.

Accountants say that many times, small business owners put off organizing their tax papers because they're afraid they won't "Deal with it now, or you're

have the money to pay their taxes. But, Chazen noted, "it's always better to know in advance" what you're going to be dealing with in April and if you get yourself organized now, you can start setting money aside to pay that bill.

Of course, the beautife of

that bill.

Of course, the benefits of being organized will last well beyond April 15. Itaving a good accounting system allows companies to get a better handle on cash flow. Chazen pointed out that one reason why many owners are suddenly strapped for money to pay the government is because they spent willy-nilly during the holiday scason and didn't know whether there would be more money available for Unicle Sam.

For the many owners who file their business tar cturns using a Schedule C attached to their 1040 forms, not knowing whether they stand in knowing when they stand in Of course, the benefits of

using a Schedule Cattached to their 1040 forms, not knowing where they stand in terms of company finances also means they don't have a complete handle on their personal finances as well, Chazen said.

And that can have long-term 'ramifications, for retirement or children's college tuition—if a business isn't turning a profit now, then an owner can be hard pressed to put money aside for the future.

SUSTAINABLE

FASHION

Trend offers farmers a hip new market



Marci Zaroff from Under the Canopy takes a snapshot of organic grown cotton during a Nov. 2 tour in Firebaugh, Calif, Farmers in the United States produce a small portion of the organic cotton used by the apparel Industry, which still sources most of its fibers overseas.

SAN FRANCISCO — In a workshop in the city's Mission District, Ally Beran's team of fashion designers is sprawled out over buttons and spools of thread, hoping to stem global warming by stirching new outlier from stitching new outlits from thrift store finds.

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A brown bace applique from a scrap bin could make last year's castoff cashmere really pop, Beran muses.

Or, she reckons, swatches from a tattered leather jacket could double as chic epaulettes on a high-end used sweater.

Designers of so-called sustainable fashion are not only dominating. New York carbailable fashion are not only dominating. New York carbailable fashion are not only dominating farmers with new markets for their crops. As with the mixement for locally harvested fond, centrally harvested fond, centrally harvested fond, centrally harvested fond, cropshion's devotees seek to lower their toll on the earth to have their toll on the earth by buying eithes made of recycled materials and sustainably harvested, home greater and yoga-gear materialer prahu will star sell-ling shirts spinn with cotton grown in California's Central valley and sewn just a few hours away, in Southern California, to avoid burning fossil fuels in transporting the materials.

Beran's reations, market-ed under the label William Coott

the materials.

Beran's greations, marketed under the label William
Good — an anagram of the
company's business partner,
thrift store glant Goodwill
Industries — are currently
only sold online and in
stores near San Francisco
also to reduce its carbon
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also to reduce its carbon footprint. Last summer. New York's Rag & Bone hired super-model Shalom Harlow as the lace for their line of filmy 'carbon free' T-shirts, which were manufactured domes-tically in a process that required no greenhouse gas emissions.

required no greentouse inemissions:
For farmer Prank Williams,
the new interest in locally
grown, organic cotton has
meant he's had to learn how
to talk about threadcount
and women's skirt lengths
with the cologically minded crowd that tours his fields
in Firebaugh.
"These fibers are among
the best organic in the

ne best organic in the corld," said Williams, as he led a group of fashion execu-tives from China, Sweden and New York through rows of billowy cotton, "With the



ction manager Ally Béran shows the William Good label, a play on for the company's hydress partner, thrift store giant Goodwill, in ny's business partner, thrift store giant G San Francisco: Beran's creations are only sold online and in stores near— San Francisco to avoid burning fossil fuels when transporting the clothes.

right diameter, length and strength you can really spin the finest yarns that you want."

me timest yarns that you want."
Farmers in the United States grow a small portion of the organic cotton used by the apparel industry, which still sources most of the fibers oversaes in countries like Turkey where labor amount cheaper. The market is clearly bounding, however. The monprofit—Organic—Exchange predicts that sales of organic cotton fiber will reach \$226 million by 2009, up from about \$19 million in 2004.

As more companies seek to build a greener supply chain, American farmers are hoping that will translate into more demand for

into more demand for domestic crops.

The Sustainable Cotton Project, a nonprofit based in Davis, has helped almost two dozen cotton farmers penetrate the fashion indus-

try by promoting Californiagrown BASIC cotton, a cropthat's not quite organic but
is farmed using techniques
that reduce pesticide usage
by as much as 73 percent.
San Diego-based prAnarecently snapped up hundreds of pounds of BASIC
acalar cotton for its
"Homegrown T-Shirt," and
American Apparel has committed to buying nearly half
a million pounds, said Lynda.
Grose, a sustainable fashion
design professor at

design professor at California College of the Arts who helped broker the deals. Coral Rose, who spear-headed Wal-Mart's first pur-

chase of organic yoga clothes in 2004 when she clothes in 2004 when she was a women's appared buyer at Sams Club, said once companies start switching to natural fibers, it's only a matter of time before they start thinking about other sustainable design practices, Wal-Mart is now the biggest seller of

organic cotton products worldwide.
"If's a total mind-set shift at the design level," said Rose, now a consultan based in Fayetteville, Ark. "In lodds the designer account-able for their designs and their impact."
William Good's CIO Nick Graham, a veteran designer

william Good's CEO Nick Graham, a veteran designer who founded foe flower in the 1990s, said the idea for the 1990s, said the idea for the inew company came to him as he was wandering around a Goodwill store, thinking about all the used clothing that ends up in landfills.

"I thought we could do an organic line, but then "I thought that just more stuff we'd be creating," said Graham. Tis' the American way to say we need more growth, but what if we creat-ed an economy, with every-thing we've alleady user once?"

Santa Barbara-based

eri an economy with every thing we've affeady used once?"
Santa Barbara-based Simple Shoes is promoting that concept as well with its ecoSNEAKS, a line of shoes and hoots featuring treads made from recycled car tires that hit stores last fall.
Still, analysis caution that mill_earth_friendly_clothes, come down in price, only a small group of consulners will think about their carbon footprint before they reach for their wallets.
"We've gotten more people aware or interested in cological fashion, but most of the world's still looking for cheaper, better, faster," said Marshal Cohen, a fashion industry analyst at the NPD Group.
"The message will res-

"The message will res-onate, but it's going to take more time," he said.

New Year's Eve disclosures don't give investors much holiday cheer

By Rachel Beck Associated Press writer

closes, and with this announcement, "We did it when we could."

But that doesn't make much sense given that the company says in its securities filing that its separation agreement with Ernst had been entered three days before on Dec. 28. before on Dec. 28.

hefore on Dec. 20.

Firms resigned in
November as chairman,
CBO and phesident of the
Kansas City Mo, provider of
tax, accounting and other
financial services, which he
had, led since 2001. That
came as losses related to
subprime lending—an area
that Ernst pursued for the
company—mounted, and
shareholder pressure for his
departure intensified. Its
stock numbled 19 percent
last year.

stock tumbled 19 percent last year. In the quarter ended Oct. 31, 116H Block lost \$502.3 million. Most of that came from its Option One Mortgage Corp. a subprime lending operation that 118H Block is in the process of closing after a planned sale to Cerberus Capital Management recently fell apart.

sating apart.
Still, Ernst is walking away with a \$2.55 million cash severance payment, as well as options on 762.925 shares that will immediately vest. He will also receive the continuation of some insurance beautiful. enefits. About 40 minutes after the

benefits.

About 40 minutes after the H84R: Block Illing, Zions reported that-it would take a pretax writedown of \$33 million related to an off-balance sheet investment vehicle known as a commercial paper conduit. That conduit, called Lockhart Funding, borrowed money short term in asset-backed commercial paper markets and Invested the cash in longer-term assets like mortgage-backed collections of the conduit could be conduited to the property of the conduit could be provided by the conduit couldn't get sufficient funding in commercial paper. The securities were bought below book value, which led to the writedown.

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Fed _

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Fric Rosengren, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, who preferred a bolder. Bull-percentage point cut. Wall Street, disappointed by the quarter-point cut. Wall Street, disappointed by the quarter-point cut, took a nosedive Dec. 11. The Dow Jones plunged more than 290 points.

In Rosengren's view, the worsening housing slump, high energy prices and more cautious spending by individuals and businesses raised the risk of continued economic weakness, the minutes said. "In light of that possibility, a -more decisive minutes said." The light of that possibility, a -more decisive minutes said.

Fed policymakers were concerned that rising energy prices could spread inflation through the economy. That concern figured into the Feds decision to cut rates by a modest one-quarter point til December, the minutes in the percentage of the minutes was a modest one-quarter point in December, the min-

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cut in December, the minutes suggested.

'Inflation pressures and
risks remained,' according
to the minutes.

'To bolster the economy,
many 'economists predict
the Fed will slice rates yet
gadh at its next meeting, on
Jan. 29-30, the first regularly
scheduled gathering of 2008.

'The Fed minutes are a
testament that the economy
te extremely volatile and policymakers have some very
difficult decisions to make,'
said Bichard Yamarone,
economist at Argus
Besearch.

The economy is believed

said Bichard Yamarone, economist at Argus Research.
The economy is believed to have slowed sharply in the October-to-December quar-ter, probably to a pace of just

1.5 percent or less, according to analysts' projections. Economic growth in the first three mouths of 2008 also is expected to be week. Economists' big worry is that individuals will reduce spending and businesses will become reluctant to hire workers, throwing the economy into a tailspin. The odds of a recession have grown, with some economists pating it at just under 50 percent.

ong a just under 30 percent.

At the December meeting,
Fed policymakers suggested
all the housing, credit and
financial problems have
incrassed economic uncertainty. That has made it more
difficult for the Fed to assess
the commyts economic outlook and give clear signals
about its nest move.

"The committee agreed
on the need to remain
exceptionally alert to economic and financial developments and their effects
on the outlook, and members would be prepared to
adjust the stance of monetary policy if prospects for
economic growth or inflation were to worsen." the
minutes said.

If economic conditions
were to improve more rapidby than expected, a reversal
of some of the rate cuts
might be appropriate,
according to the record of
the meeting.

Although Fed policymakers agreed in December that
rates must be cut yet again,
"they also recognized that
the situation was quite fluid
and the economic outlook
unusually uncertain," the
minutes said.

Network

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Confined from page B1 according to eMarketer, a research firm that tracks online advertising. With more than 110 million active pro-files on MySpace and 59 mil-lion on Facebook, those sites still attract the lion's share of attention and money win-ning more than 70 percent of all U.S. social-network ad spending in 2007, according to eMarketer.

spending in 2007, according to eMarketer.
But smaller sites' share of that money is growing. Of the \$200 million spent this year to advertise on social networks, 8.2 percent went to niche sites up from 7 percent in 2006, according to eMarketer. Next year, niche sites' share of ad revenue is expected to grow to 10 percent, according to an eMarketer report released in December.

Large companies are

afready testing ads on small-

er sites.

AT&T, for example, recently promoted one of its global
cellphones on WANN.com
(short for "Where are you'
now?"), a social network for
international travelers. While
take the bigger sites like Myspace to
reach a large audience quickly, the wireless carrier is also
turning to niche networks,
"where your ads are more
meaningful — those are the
real gems," said Carrie
froitich, who manages ad
placements in social media
sites for at MediaEdgeCIA,
which is owned by marketing
giant WPI!

Frolich said her clients,
including Campbell's soup,
Calgate-Palmolive,
Paramount and Citibank, are
willing to take a chance on
smaller sites that could be Sites. AT&T, for example, recent

more relevant to their prod-

more relevant to their products.
"Even if they're just diping their toes in the water,
this is their strategy going
forward, she said.
"MySpace and Facebook
also allow companies to target advertising hased on their
members' interests and
habits, but their efforts have
drawn criticism from users
concerned about those conconcerned about those com-panies' use of private infor-mation.

ration.

Facebook recently altered its Beacon system after drawing criticism from members objecting to the monitoring of users' online behavior. When Beacon was launched, users who bought items from another site had their purchases broadcast to their network of friends.

It was Facebook's attempt

to create an automated viral marketing campaign, but it caused a backlash. Myspace used another data-mining technology HyperTargeting, that sifts through its users friends, comments and photos to fine-tune ad placement. That, no, has met with complaints from privacy advocates.

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Faced with that sort of backbash, marketers are beginning to focus more on ads tallored to smaller, more specific audhences, said lerentiah Ovyang, a social ferentiah Ovyang, a social ferentiah Ovyang an alyst al Forrester Research.

"Companies are learning that these smaller communi-ties may reach people that are more valuable to their brands, It will someday feel more like information than marketing," he said.

EDITORIAL

A wish list for Idaho's new legislative session

daho's budget surplus is shrinking and its anxiety is rising, reflecting fears of recession? Still, the state's economy is remarkably resillent: personal income is growing, employment is sta-ble and out-of-state-businesses are still moving here. moving here.

So the second session of the 59th

So the second session of the 59th Legislature, which convenes Monday in Boise, will be a cautious affair. But apart from using the taxpayers' money prudently, we hope lawmakers seize selected opportunities.

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Here's our agenda:

**College of Southern Idaho — The
Legislature should double the community college ruition cap.

**Tuition is restricted by law to \$1,250 at
the state's three community colleges. CSI
is nearing that limit, which could affect

the states three community colleges. As is nearing that limit, which could affect both the programs in offers and the number of students it serves.

• Prisons — Gov. Burch Otter wants the private sector to build a new prison. So last year, he spiked plans for the state to construct a \$307 million, 2,100-bed minimum-security lock-up near Boise.

minimim-security lock-up near noise. The governor's action went over like a lead halloon with many legislators, who want to keep state correctional facilities in state hands. We wholeheartly agree. But we like the idea of another state-owned, privately-run facility, suely as the Idaho Correctional Center in Kuna man-

Idaho Correctional Center'in Kuna main aged by the Correction Corporation of America of Tennessee. One way or another, Idaho is going to have to spend serious money on bricks and mortar for corrections. The states

Our view: Amid mixed signals about the Idaho economy, the Legislature should pick its shots carefully when it convenes next

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

prisons are full, its county jails are over-crowded and there's broad consensus that Idaho must stop outsourcing inmates to other states.

• Transportation — There is no politi-cal support for raising Idaho's 25-cent-agallon gas tax, so boosting vehicle regis-tration fees is the most Iftely way legis-tration fees is the most Iftely way legis-tration from the property of the pro-taising those fees would hurf farmers and daries that have to license multiple vehicles, so wed prefer a new tax on vehicles, so we'd prefer a new tax on

rental cars instead.

That said, a hike in registration fees is probably inevitable — the governor likes the idea — so we hope it's a modest

the idea — so we hope it's a modest increase.

• Grocery tax credit — The governor was right about this issue has session: A grocery tax credit should be means-test-ed. The Legislature needs to keep faith with idatonas who were assured by then-Gow, Jim Bisch in 2006 that a 1 percent increase in the sales tax would be made up with an adjusted grocery credit

Well-off Idahoans simply don't need a grocery credit.

• Local-option taxes — These levies have been a good idea since they were first proposed in Idaho more than 30 years ago, but they've consistently been resisted by conservative legislators.

The need for more revenue for local government is now urgent. The Legislature should approve the latest proposal for local-option sales taxes to pay for public transit and road construction.

tion.

The governor is right: Local-option taxes leave decisions up to citizens.

Day-care regulation — Idaho child-care center standards are the worst in the nation, according the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies. State hav permits all providers who care for six or fewer children to operate without regulation, and has only minimal certification requirements for hose taking care of 7 to 12 kids.

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us. It's perfectly legal for people to take care of children without any criminal

care of children without any criminal background check.
That's wrong, if Idaho can issue licenses to hunt, fish, cut hair or operate a restaurant, it can require a license of those who want to take care of our kids.
Early childhood education — The law prohibits the state from paying for programs that educate children under age 5. That's crazy.
The evidence is overwhelming that kids who go to preschool and kindergarten do better in school, better in life and are far less likely to end up in prison

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Step 1 should be for the Legislature to drag Idaho into the 21st century by repealing the state-funding ban. Step 2 should developing a coherent plan to ensure early childhood education is available to all.

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• Mentally III criminals — Idaho has no secure facility for locking up offenders who are also mentally iil. So this session, lawmakers are looking at remodeling a section of the Idaho State School and Hospital in Nampa to provide 25 secure beds at a cost of \$3.3 million. It's a short-term solution, but the Legislature should make that investment before it is compelled to by a tragedy.

• Vote-by-mail provision for non-candidate elections. It's a fine idea for improving the state's dismal voter turnout.

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Most Republicans still oppose vote-by-mail because they say they fear fraud; in fact, years of vote-by-mail in other states shows that there are few problems.

Ethies In government — Sen. Kate Kelly, D-Boise, will introduce legislation to require state officials and their staff members to wait a year before going to work as lobbysists. In a separate proposal, she wants lobbysists promptled to disclose salaries and report gifts to family members or elected officials. Both measures are overdue.

Home-sellers of be required to disclosures alse sprices to county assessors. We concur.

This is a fairness issue. Property taxes should be based on the actual market value of a home.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Algae is superior to com in making bio-diesel fuel

In making bio-diesel fuel
One of the most interesting ideas to develop in.
2007 was the use of algae toproduce bio-diesel fuels.
Most commentators lawe
pointed out that popular
corra-based ethanol programs are really a bad,
choice because of its lownet energy, something fike
just 1.3 units of energy for
every input of energy. But
we all know what the fam
lobby can do, even with a
bad idea.
Algae, on the other hand,
yields 4,000 gallons of oil
from one acre, vs. Just 50
gallons per acre for soybeans and even just 150
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candia. Further, algae seem
to grow best in nutrientladen water like aminal

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As an added plus, algae ponds located near a power plant can clean up the stack gasses like carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide while accelerating algae

growth.
I would think an ambi I would think an ambi-tions governor or legislam would be looking morths and sponsoring hunding to bring an embryonic indus-trylike this to Idaho, Lord knows, we have some ani-mal waste. We already have some processing technolo-gy in vegetable oil process-ing and ethanol production and numerous power plants:

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plants:
You can find lots more at "algae" under a Google search. Be sure to read the artigle by Professor Briggs of the UNIT for a good summary. Maybe that proposed take in Twin Talls is a better idea than seemed at fest oldered. st glance. DAVID G. SUTLIFF

Idaho needs to get

and Wetrare to do only the minimum outreach required by federal law. Even though the Legislature hasn't repeated that statement in the budg-

ets since then, the depart-ment balted radio and other media advertising for CIHP and hasn't changed

other media advertising for CIIIP and hasn't changed its policy since. When it comes to health care, we're all in it together. When kids have coverage that gets them early diagnosts and freatment, they stay healthy and save momey for taxpayers, for public hospitals, for the county emergency health care funds and for the whole state. That's a win-win situation. Plus, CIIIP brings four federal matching dollars for every state collair, so it's a great deal for the state, and there are millions of federal dollars left over that we're still not putting to good use.

I urge the Legislature and governor to tell the department it's time to get back on the airwaves and get these 19,000 kids on CIIIP. ADAN RAMREZ.

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Much attention has been focused on the Children's Health Insurance Program recently with the flight in Congress over expanding CIIIR But Idaho has its own CIIIP story, one that raises questions about our community values. We have 19,000 entin-sured children who could be on CIIIP—they just aren't enrolled. That's more than the 18,000 on the program right now. Why? Back in 2002, the Legislature put the brakes on public our-reach for CIII directing the Department of Health and Welfare to do only the minimum outreach.

awhole lot to people any-more. Rollins said last month.

And last week, Rollins' can-didate went out and proved-him right.

Even more telling than Huckabee's victory was the panie it created within the GOP. In the party's back-channel communications system, or talk radio and the right-wing blogs, the various pieces of the Republican coalition are now attacking each other with a venom that they usually reserve for peo-ple named Clinton, Rush Limbungh, for exap-ple, attacked Huckabee for his record of tux increases as governor of Arkansas.

governor or Arkansas. Huckahee, he conceded, "is a Huckabee, he conceded, "is a mighty fine man and is a great Christian, is not a conservative, he's just not."
Longtime GOP activist Richard Viguerie went further, calling Huckahee "a Christian socialist," and from a Routhlien nerspective. a Republican perspective that isn't far from true.





On the Republican side, Ed Rollins, the former Reagan campaign aide now serving as campaign chairman for Mike Huckabee, has been warning about the fragility of the GOP brand since well

Jay BOOKMAN

the GOP brand since well before the lowa caucuses. "The breakup of what was the Reagan coalition— social conservatives, defense conservatives—it doesn't mean a whole lot to people any-morth." Rollins said last month.

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reserve for people named Clinton.

For their part, religious conservatives complain that the rest of the GOP field—Mit Homney, John McCain and Rudy Guillant in particular—are at hest cross-dressing as family-value social conservatives. That too is accurate. And given the spending record of the recent GOP Congress under a GOP president, no Republican outside of Ron Paul can maguerade as a small-government conservative.
The problem has been epitomized in Romney. Watching him campaign, he

Watching him campaign, he reminds me of that hiker a few years ago who, trapped in a rock slide, had to slice off in a rock slide, had to slice of his own arm with a pocket knife to get free. In a desper-ate effort to get free of his past, Romney has left bits and pieces of himself all over the campaign trail, to the point that he now comes across as his own

Frankenstein's monster, patched together with other people's body parts.
Of course, every party goes through an identity crisis from time to time. But there's something about the nature of the GOP that makes it particularly vulnerable. For a long time, the key to its success has been its rigidity and ideological discipline. The Republicans knew who they were, and any party member who devlated from that self-definition was punished.

definition was punished.
But what happens when a party founded on conformity

party founded on conformity can no longer agree on what is should conform to? There's cluos in the party ranks, and the GOP is simply not set up to handle chaos with the for Democratis, on the other hand, chaos is their natural environment. They've lacked a sense of mission for a long time, content to be the party that wasn't Republican.

And since Republicans defined themselves so narrowly, Democrats had a lot of room to roam to pick up votes and an occasional election or two.

However, roaming without a sense of direction never gets you anywhere. That's been the Democrats problem. Their only agenda—their reason for existence—has been to defend the gains of the 75-year-old New Deal against GOP attack. And that's not enough anymore. For too long, Republicans and Democrats have been fighting over the New Deal and its legacy like two old men in a nursing home, feuding over a griffriend they shared back in the day.

Meanwhile, the world has changed. The comony is shifting, new competitors and technologies are emerging, and the old political feuds have lost relevance.

And the Democrats, perhaps through the person of Barack Obama, are probably closer than the Republicans to reinventing themselves to meet that new reality. venting the selves to meet that new reality

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How to deal with an inquiring reporter

There's a good chance that more Americans know their Mismda rights thanknow their own blood type. We hear Miranda all the time — boilerplate advice read from a cent to a TV bad guy who has "the right to remain silent..."

Police have been required to read suspects in custody their Hith Ameadment right to remain silent and avoid seaf-incrimination since 1966, when the U.S. Supreme Court threw out the conviction of Errusto Mitanda, who had confessed to kidnap and rape in Arizona. Later, Miranda chained he did not know that the Constitution allows him to refuse to make statements that might later he used against him in a court of law. Journalists aren't required to read people their rights before questioning, though sometimes it is not a had died... Times News reporters must identify themselves when approaching someone for information. We don't go undercover or wear disguises (at least not as part of our jobs) and we don't go menething or someone we're not.

be something or someone we're not.

Still, on a surprising number of occasions we run into people who don't connect the dots. They know they're involved in a newsworthly event. They know that they're talking to a reporter from the newspaper. They know they're responding to the reporter's questions. Yet they conclude the interview by asking what the reporter plans to do with the information and then seem shocked when they're told that the reporter is (gasp) writing an article for publication.

I advise reporters that it's not a had idea to start each interview with a mini-

not a bad idea to start each interview with a miniMiranda warning — something like: "I tello, Mrs.
Sprockett, this is Sally Green from the Times-News and I'm writing an article about your arrisst for braining your husbarid with a canned ham..."
— Jisst to make It perfectly cleight and those questions are the just to feed personal curfosity, they'll actually be used In an article that will be printed in the newspaper for everyome to see."

printed in the newspaper for everyone to see.

Reporters may think this is smbecessary, but they do this for a living. But for someone who has never encountered a liver reporter in the wild, the process can be a mystery. So the better that all parties understand the process, the less chance for hard feelings later on

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Should you ever come face-to-face with a reporter, here are some helpful hints:

1 You don't have to talk, but it's tushally better if you do. We need to hear all the facts to ensure the article is. correct, fair and balanced.

2. Failure to participate won't necessarily stop publi-cation of an article. If you claim up, the reporter will fikely go to other sources that may or may not have the same quality of information or the ability to state things as well as you do.

3. An interview is usually less paintful than you might



think, Journallists rarely go to work with an ax to grind or the lintent to make people look bad. Most just want to be as accurate as possible, and they genuinely want to know what you have to say.

4. If you say something studyid, that's on you. It's not our job to make you look any better or any worse than you really are.

5. If you want to tell the

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really are.

5. If you want to tell the reporter something that you don't want to see in the paper, ask up-front if you can go 'off the record.' Then stop talking until the reporter agrees that what you are about to say is between the two of you, and cannot be used in the paper. When you finish your off-the-record comments, you and the reporter should clearly state to one another that you're back on the record. But remember, everything you say can be used for publication unless the reporter agrees, in advance, not to use it. 5. If you want to tell the porter something that v

6. Don't waste everyone's

6. Don't waste everyone's time by agreeing to an interview and then, at the end, saying that you don't want to be quoted by name. Set any ground rules up-front.
7. If you're concerned that the reporter may not have understood what you said, it's fair game to ask to have direct quotes read back to you and to ask to clarify any points. It's also a good idea to write down any numbers and email of ask them to the reporter when you're doing a tele-

sown any numbers and email or fax them to the reporter when you're doing a telephone interview. Numbers are easy to confuse when heard but not seen.

Are you wondering what became of Ernesto Miranday He was convicted in a new trial and served about a third of his 11-year sentence. After he was parloed in 1972 he was killed in a knife fight. History notes with proper lrony that his killer invoked ship was the proper line of the proper line was parloed to make a statement-to police.

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Democratic race is now Obama's to lose

I may seem paradoxical, but New Hampshire is poised to close down the race for the Democratic presidential nomination and launch a wide-open Republican contest.

The difference is that Barack Obams, the winner of the lowa Democratic caucuses, can well repeat this victory there over Hillary Clinton and John Edwards. But Mike—Huckabee shattered with on the Hepublican side. While I huckabee shattered Mitt Romneys strategy by winning lowa, where fromes had meeted massively in advertising and organization, its likely simply to empower John McCain to repeat his 2000 victory in New Hampshire.

A second Romney loss would effectively end the former Massachusestrs governors candidacy—a victim of a campaign that lost its credibility along with its fideologi.

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cal definition.

But McCain and Huckabee have yet to build broad constituencies among ministream Republicans.

Inckabees following is Centered among evangelical Christians, who dominated the low-turnout lowa caucuses, McCain's greatest appeal is to Republican-leaning independents who powered his 2000 victory and who remain loyal to him.

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McCain has been endorsed by more than two dozen New Hampshire newspaper edito-rial pages, a major boost to his standing among inde-pendent voters. Mainstream Republicans

search for a candidate

becomes more urgent as the major party politicians come to understand that Obama could be the most electable candidate the Democrats have fielded in many years. If that seems a basty judgment, consider what Obama already has demonstrated. Running in two of the "wiltest" states in the country, Obama has shown crossover appeal that defies—conventional wisdom about the limits an African the limits an African-

conventional visition anoth the limits an AfricanAmerican candidate will face. Backing his personal appead with an organizational effort that was underestimated by both the Clinton and the Edwards campaigns, which had a year's head start, Obama showed Democrats a combination of campaigning and organizational skill they had not seen from any candidate in their party since Bill. Clinton first ran for president. He can demonstrate that

If he can demonstrate that combination again Tuesday in New Hampshire, this race

It takes a person who enjoys and cares about peo ple and is not afraid of hard

would be a lot closer to being finished than anyone might have guessed even a week

imished than anyone might have guessed even a week ago.

Hillary Clinton has one more chance to stop Obama's momentum here. New Hampshire has been good to the Clintons in the past. They need the stale to come to their rescue one more time. Bill Richardson is hanging on, but-will only a modest hope of securing second place on the ticket.

Edwards claimed a degree of satisfaction by edging Clinton for second place in the low. But since his populist appeal failed to win in that state, with its rich tradition of rewarding that kind of campaign, it is hand to imagine him doing better in New him doing better in New

Hampshire.

Any way you view it, the race is now Obama's to lose.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congressman Sali has no reason to apologize

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the recent article written by Rebecca Boone
about Idahus "lows" for
2007, which listed
Compressma Bill Salis
comment about American
history alongside crimes
and embarrassments to
Idaho.
Salis statement Amunist wasn't a crime. It

August wasn't a crime, it wasn't intolerant, and it was trutoferant, and it was true. America was founded on Christian prin-ciples, and Congressman Sali had nothing to apolo-gize for, and I would like to point out that he didn't point our that he didn't apologize as your article said. He clarified his state-ments and stoot his ground in saying that America was founded on Christian principles. If the Christian principles would be taught, instead of cen-sored, our country would not have the problems with crimes that we do today.

with crimes that we do today.
Idaho has plenty of things and people to be ashamed of, like eyery state. But I'm proud we have a congressman like Bill Sali in office, and proud that we, as Idahoans, had the com-

on sense to elect him. TERRY KILLINGER

Realtors provide great product for great value

In response to the man from Hagerman who gave Realtors a bad rap: I hope to clear up some miscon-ceptions about the big money we supposedly

we will use the \$6,000 We will use the \$6,000 commission this gentleman used, First of all, half goes to the selling agent so we must look at \$3,000 as the total commission per agent, Of that \$3,000, 25 percent to 50 percent is the brokers; in my case, I have a selling a selling agent, or have a selling a selling a selling agent, or have a selling the broker's; in my case, I would keep \$2,100. Now subtract our cost of doing business; self-employment tax of 28 percent, insurance, Realtor dues, Multiple Listing Service dues; key boxes and dues, advertising, signs, outside services, printing, car expenses and replacement,

Bush, conservatives have everything under control Remember when we saved knwait, and the Royal Family was going to allow free elec-tions? The dust had barely settled and the Royal Guard was out explaining to the dis-sidents the meaning of free-dom.

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Does Obama win in Iowa show colorblind America?

By Sharon Cohen Associated Press writer

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Itay Ballentine was waiting for a sign to throw his support to Barack Obama. And when Obama consted to victory in fowa's cantenses, there it was — evidence that the senator had the broad racial appeal to get to the White House.

"I did have some reservations before, but the Senatory got my cote now," Ballentine said, eating a brisket and ross torky safed with bush pupies at The Q Shack, a barbene joint in Baleigh, N.C., Twas sort of undecided, but I feel like he can win the presidency."

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Ohama's convincing win in Thursday's cancuses in lowa-a state with just a smatter-ing of minority voters demonstrated the Illinois sen-dernonstrated the Illinois sen-tator's support crosses racial lines and bolstered the notion of the America is premitted to fines and bolstered the noon, that America is receptive to electing its first black presi-

dent.
Whether Obama's appeal
stretches beyond the farm
fields of fowa will become
clear over the next month as clear over the next month as the freshman senator faces a series of tests on different pulitical terrain — beginning with Tuesday's primary in New Hampshire, another overwhelmingly white state. But for Ballentine, who had been wavering between Sen. Hillary Rodbam Chinon and Olama, Jowa was a tipping point, Like many black voiers,



eratic presidential hopeful, Sen. Barack Obama D-III., celebrates with his supporters after his victory in ti Iowa caucus Thursday in Des Moines, Ic

he was, he was hooking for proof that Obama could garner white support. Yet he wonders if the rest of the winders if the rest of the embrace the idea of a black president.

"Tinnot really sure it they be ready, you know," he said. I think it's time. He's speaking about change, and certainly that would be a change for this country. A change for the world."

Polls, have indicated the vast majority of Americans say they would support a black candidate seeking the White House. A Gallup survey conducted in early 2007 lound only 6 percent of men and 5 percent of women said they would not vote for a black presidential candidate a seismic political shift from 50 years ago when more than half those surveyed felt that way.

piled up Democratic primary wins in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia and the District of Columbia along with cancus victories in South Carolina and Michigan. But Obamas roots and resume are unlike other black candidates who've run for possibent.

resume are unlike other black candidates who've run for president.

The son of a father from ferry and a mother from Kansas, Obama was just a child during the dawn of the civil rights movement, grew up in Hawaii and Indonesia and has not made race the centerpiece of his candidate, "Ohama is running in a way that a hot of white worter Sad Merle Black, an Emory University political scientis." He doesn't make them feel gailty. He's not mining a Jesses factson campaign or an Al Starpton campaign for a positioned himself to be a candidate with happens to be black, rather than a black candidate."

In a far different way, the frequency some some particular with the president of the feel gailty, who was the GO caucuses in lowa with heavy support from Christian examplicals, is an ordained Baptist preacher.

But it's Huckahee's years as

preacher. But it's Huckahee's years as

an Arkansas governor, not his time in the pulpit that have taken him this far, said David Bositis, an analyst at the loint Center for Political and Economic Studies. a black think tank. "If he had been a more-pecially a governor-who are relected." The wouldn't he in this situation, he says.—For-acine souter, watching Charna, his campaign — and his howas success— are simply reflections to changing them.

"Americas' becoming more pen-minded." said Mark lambretz, a dis-year-old sales up in San Francisco. "I as a we need to open our eyes to weed to pen our eyes to weed to open our eyes to the propher perspensing all ethis still, he said he could envision some "radical groups".

Still, he said he could envision some "radical groups" taking violent steps against a black candidate or president.
That also worries Ballentine, the 53-year-old North Carolina electric utility

North Carolina electric utility field technician.

"I think he will certainly need to beef up his security, because I hink there's these wackes that will go to any extent to make suche doesn't win," he said, "it's sait to say that, but I think it's a possibility, Some people just don't want to see that happen."

The media miss by a mile in Iowa

WASHINGTON - For most of the past year, the news media treated fillibay Chiton as inevitable and Mike Hurkaber as invisible. In the wake of Thursday's lowa cancatess, those judgments are looking rather shortsighted. Until recent weeks, thurkaber was reconstituted. WASHINGTON -- For most

ments are storage, and shortsighted. Until recent weeks, Huckahee was regarded as an asterisk, a former Arkansas governor whose entry into the presidential race didrit even warrant a mention on the "CGS. Evening News," He was good for combe relief — the wisceracking, bass-playing, weight-fosing preacher man — but not portrayed as a serious threat to win in lower or anyplace else. The medias chief benchmark is money, and Mit Hunnary had trurkloads of it and Huckabee very late.

ioads of it ault Hurkabee very latte.

Baack Obama, who beat Clinton in the Democratic Clinton in the Democratic contest, was initially hailed by anchors and pondits as Tockstan," but by the sammer and fall be was depicted as dull candidate who seemed to have little hope of catching up. Commentators openly uped him to attack the for-mer first lady. Obama's withing of a surprise, but not as big, perhaps, as the bursting of the liftlary bubble that may have been inflated by a year's worth of press.

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Theoryone just throught she was going to win — 1 mean, how could she mu?" says Keli Golf, an African American blogger and former Democratic strategist. "How could a freshman senator до one had heard of until a cou one had heard of until a cou-ple of years ago, whose name no one -could--pronounce, come out of nowhere and

Tirst black president?"
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Amy Holmes, a black conservative—and Homer
Republican speechwiter, saymost journalists—are rooting
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But even as Obama moved into a virtual ile with Clinton and John Edwards in Jowa, he was spared the kind of searing serrainy that accompanied Huckabeek rapid rise. Earlier stories alound list iles to an indicted Chicago inudialser ternained dormant, and a New York Times piece on Obama repeatedly votting "present" as an Illinois legisla-tor got no traction. He simply has less of a public record to investigate, and spilled some of his own secrets — such as adolescent duqu use— in his antobiography.

adolescent drug use — in his autobiography; — im Geraphy, a columnist ir National Review Online, says the historic nature of Obama's candidacy has a chilling effect on press criti-cism. "OK, you write the piece that takes him down. You cake this lovely and inspiring story

of racial reconcibation and touch it all to bell, You-write the expuse of the second coming of Martin Luther King."

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McCaid charmoffensive page right out of the play-book," says Marthew fellinga-media analyst and former GBS blogger. "There was a cutesy lactor that Huckaber had to overcome, but that gor him media coverage that introduced him to a lot of people."



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Domestic tranquility needs a good sales pitch

A lobbyist is an excessively compensated gun given to Dirk Kempthorne-perfect hair and a Pepsodent smile. In Idaho, lobbyists hang around the Statehouse and schmooze. Corporations, trade groups, farm organizations and labor unions hire lobbyist to protect their Interests.

interests.

But I'm here this morning to argue that it takes better lobbying skills to survive in a marriage than it does to make Butch Otter give your client a tax cut.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Cremn

This is my second mar-riage, so I learned to lobby for what I want the hard way. I'm prietty good at it now, if I say so myself, but the job has become more much challenging: See, I'm married to a red-berd

See, I'm married to a redhead.
There are three basic rules for a man to survive in Redheadistan: 1. Say you're sorry, a lot. 2. Say "Yes, dear," a lot. 3. Memorize this scintence: "Whatever you want. 1 want."
Compounding the difficulty of my task is that Victoria is half Irish and half Welsh. I call her—affectionately, of course—The Celite Tornado.
It's easy to get in you're sind when she's riled Victoria revels in a good argument. But Tim.of—Swedish extraction: I don't know hour to argue.

Swedish extraction: I don't know hour to argue. I clam up and my cars turn red, making my beloved even madder. So when I'm in trouble. 'Ve learned to skirt peril by appealing to Victoria's Unitarian sense of fairness.

Unitarian sense of fairness.
Unitarians esteem fairmindedness above all else.
Iney're a people given to a
lot of discussion — days
worth, if necessary, until
soryone gets his or her say.
So when my wife says,
cexample, "You know I hate
I twhen you put your balt"
bucket in the refrigerator," I

bucket in the refrigerator," I always have an answer. "We discussed that last week," I'll say, 'And we agreed to talk about it." Like any lobbylst worth his salt, I always plan ahead. I present potentially contentious issues as already decided, and then counter arguments by appealing to Victoria's sense of fair play. "While more."

"While you're at that con-ference in Portland next month, I'll be playing poker and drinking beer with the

guys."
"But I'll be at that conference for three days," she'll

But I'll be at that come ence for three days, she'll reply.

OK, fine, You go off and have a great time, I'll stay some and clean the shower grout with a toothbrush. It's an unering strategy. My wife got a new Dyson new leaf-blower, Victoria got a pad day, so she had to go to the hockey game with me that night.

She got a new Subaru and I got, well, her old Subaru. The point is, like any good lobbyist, I'm always prepared to point out to Victoria the advantages to heir of giving me my own way. Realizing, of course, the limits of my position.

I may be a lobbyist, but my wife is the speaker of the house.

Steve Crump may be reached at 735-3223 or scrump@magicvalley.com

2007 wildfire season one of worst on record

Idaho had most burned acreage in United States

By Keith Ridle

Wildfires

BOISE — Wildfres scorched an area four times the size of Yellowstone National Park and destroyed more than 5,200 buildings in 2007, one of the nation's worst fire seasons, despite a record amount of retardant dropped by aircraft.

The Boise-based National Interagency Fire Center reported nearly 14,000 square miles burned, and the federal government spent more than \$1.8 billion fighting wildfires, making it the second costliest season necord.

Even though fire managers used 22.4 million gallons of fire retardant — nearly triple the 10-year average — the area burned in 2007 trails only 2006 when fire consumed 15,500 square miles.

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A modified DC-10 drops fire retardant on a wildfire, Nov. 24, 2007, in Mailbu, Calif. Wildfires scorched an area four times the size of Yellowstone National Park and destroyed more than 5,200 buildings in 2007 in what became one of the nation's worst fire seasons despite a record amount of retardant dropped by aircraft. The Bolise-based National interagency Fire Center reported nearly 14,000 square miles burned, and the federal government spent more than \$1.8 billion flighting wildfires, making it the second costilest season on record.

with 3,700 square miles. That included the 78-square mile Castle Rock fire in August that forced the evac-uation of more than 2,000 homes in the resort area of Ketchum in central Idaho and caused Sun Valley and caused Sun Valley Resort to run its snowmak-ing equipment in a success-

ful bid to protect a \$12 mil-lion ski lodge atop Bald Mountain

Mountain.

The Murphy Complex of fires, started by lightning in late July, burned an area on the Idaho-Nevada border targer than Rhode Island.
The fire blackened grassland used by cattle and wildlife

habitat that supports sensi-tive species such as sage

grouse.

And the Red Bridge Fire And the new image that that bit areas of Jerome and Shoshone on July 6 raged across 45,000 acres, much of it Bureau of Land it Bureau of rank. Management acreage. The number of buildings

burned in 2007 ranks second since current counting methods began in 1999, trailing the 5,700 buildings destroyed in 2003, the fire

center reported.

It was also the fourth consecutive year that flames torched more than 12,500 square miles, an amount not

torched more than 12,500 oppore miles, an amount not previously recorded until 2004, with records going back to 1960.

"The world we're dealing with in fire suppression is changing," said Jyle Carlile, chair of the fire center's National Multiagency Coordinating Group and one of seven people who decide where to position U.S. wildfire righting resources during the fire season. "We just can't continue to do business the same way. We don't have enough firefighters to draw from to handle the situations we're fixed with."

Fire managers said a lengthening drought, botter temperatures across much of the U.S., and an increased number of homes built in fire-prone wildland areas contributed to the severity of the wildlift season.

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People upset

about spotty trash service

in Wendell

WENDELL — It seems Wendell residents have plenty of reasons to trash-talk their garbage collection

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Public Works Director Pat Muryon said he has received numerous complaints from residents about PSI Worst Systems, the company contracted by their said the has received numerous complaints from residents about PSI Worst Systems, the company contracted by their said their said providents about PSI Worst Systems, the company contracted by the law gath providents and seem to get service at all.

Only certain areas of the city had garbage picked up over the holidays, he said.

Tend up passing information on, that (PSI) will be getting the problem solved, only to have the citizen calling me back days later to say nothing has been dure," Muryon said during Thursday's Gry Council meeting.

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Other complaints include an used or broken tringation lines and the not treaten tringation lines and the not fire hydrans. It is said, to add

By Blair Koch Times-News co

Beating cabin fever

Annual Twin Falls event uses family activities to help people shake off winter doldrums

By Andrea Gates

Immos-Nows writor

A lifeguard perched high on a stand above, the pool at the Twin Falls YMCA saw something a little different floating through the water Saurday.

Kayaks — adult and child-sized — glided easily over the pool's sike, blue surface.

"I've never seen kayaks in the pool, said lifeguard Dave Mark, a local college student, who has worked at the pool since August. And across from kids on colorful kayaks, there were others bobbing in the gentle current, clad in scuba geat.

in the gentle current, can in secon-gear.

Not exactly a normal morning at the indoor pool — or at other loca-tions throughout town, where 24 activities were held Saturday.

That's because it was the eighth annual "Cabin Fever Day" arranged by Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department.

The day, named for getting out of the house and getting active during the winter, offered free activities great way to get active and see what activity or facility is the right one for, you," according to the city's brochure of the event. you," according to brochure of the event.

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From bow-hunting, and snow-shoeing to geo-coaching, dancing and weight training, the day was packed with possibilities. And locations filled up fast, By 10 a.m. about the YMCA for the event, front desk saffers said.

the YMCA for the event, front des-staffers said.

"Kid kayaks are so cool," said Stacey Ward, as she waved goodbye to two girls who had Just finished their free lessons. The kayaks were provided through the College of Southern Idaho Outdoor Program for péople ages 10 and older. "The Magic Valley has great white water," she said.

she said.
While kayakers took in the humid, chlorinated air above the pool, other aqua-lovers explored underwater cement views from the

shallow end.
They bobbed in the pool, goggles



Rick Morrow, a dive master, adjusts his goggles during a scuba diving class i Falls City Pool Saturday afternoon.

blurring their noses and eyes.
It was so entertaining, that two
children who attended last year
decided to come back for another
round.

"We came last year and they had so much fun they wanted to do it again," said local resident Lori Humberger as she watched her 10-year-old twins scuba dive in the

The free price tag is also nice, said humberger, a certified diver. Children can get certified to scuba dive at age 10, said Mary Branchflower, an instructor at Dive Magle in Twin Falls.

That sometimes happens but many certified divers are baby boomers, she said.

It can take as little as three to four days to become certified with pri-

vate classes, she said, while taking break from photographing children below the surface with an underwa

below the surface with an undersy.

There were a couple of extra lifeguards working Saturday at the
YMCA pool to oversee the additional people, said Mark.

And from the lifeguard chaft at
the YMCA, the event looked like a
success, "This is a great thing for
kids to do," he said.

"Gabin Fever Day was also sposorred by Cable One, Cascade
Landscaping Group, Twin Falls
County, Costco Wholesale, Pepsi, St.
Luke's Magie Valley Regional
Medical Center, CIEM Itil, and
Mason's Trophies and Gifts.

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upset," Munyon said, "and I don't blame them." Other complaints include abused or broken irrigation lines and fire hydrants, he said. To add insult to injury, PSI has asked for a 3.6 percent rate increase (about 15 cents per household) beginning in February, according to a letter the city received in December. "They can do that," said Mickey Walker, city treasurer. "It's in their contract." But Munyon said he believes the company isn't following through on its contract and suggested that the City Council prepare to accept new hids for waste collection. A new contract may increase rates over what PSI is charging, but in hight be worth it, Munyon said. "It' rather pay an extra buck." 'I'd rather pay an extra buck

"I'd rather pay an exira buck...
for hetter service," said
Councilman Jason Houser.
The city knows something must
change, and officials said a meetlings of communication and lead
the company to provide the servlee it is contracted to do. No action
was taken on the proposed rate
increase, and the city plans to contact PSI officials to schedule a
meeting. meeting.

Les Reitz, PSI sales manager, was not available for comment.

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Keith Roark chosen to lead Idaho Democrats

BOISE — Halley lawyer and former attorney gener-al candidate Keith Roark has been elected chairman of the Idaho-Democratic

Party, Members of the party's Central Committee party's Central Committee voted Friday to elect Roark, who succeeds former Idaho Rep. Larry Stallings, who stepped down Dec. 20. Roark, 58, ran unsuc-

cessfully for attorney gen-eral against Republican Lawrence Wasden in 2002. Roark is the senior and managing partner of the Roark Law Firm in Hailey. He previously served as

Blaine County prosecuting attorney and mayor of the City of Halley.

He defeated Jerry Brady,

candidate for Idaho gover-nor in 2006, in the secret ballot for party chair.

Twm rans. Visitation will be held from

2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at Parke's Magic Valley Puneral

Home.
Military honors will be pre-

sented at the funeral. Services will conclude at the funeral home.

David James Brown

Now and then an individ-ual lives a life that shines so, strong and pure that his light is not extinguished of reading history, Indian train rives a me mat sinies so, strong and pure that his light is not extinguished when he passes, but carries on in all those fortunate

enough to have crossed his path. My father was

his path. My father was such a man. Born in 1933 in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Lynville and Theo

to Iyurille and Theo Brown, he grew up cherishing, with his father, the farmland hey worked together, realizing the intrinsic the between the soul of family and imbuing the land they worked with their spirits. For my grandfather and father, the farmland was your heritage, part of your being, not to be sold for any reason. David married his high school sweetheart, Indiah

 David married his high school sweetheart, Judith Ann Parker, in 1963 and relocated briefly to Anchorage, Alaska. While there, they had two chil-dren. Stuart Roark and Theotosca. Helena.
 Thustness. Halang, died. there, fitty har leve tim-fren, Stuart Roark and Theotosca Helena died shortly after birth from polycystic kilneys. It was while in Auchorage that David had his first brush with death in the Alaskan earthquakes of 1994, hitting 9.6 on the Richter scale, it was one of the largest earth-quakes in United States his hoty, David was working at the Falsk. ID Store that day and saved a local prominent businessman's wife by push-ing, her to safety from a falling chandleller. He was latep publicly rommemorat-ed for his heroic action that day. Always the outdoors-man, he enjoyed the spawn-ing salmon, hunting cari-bon, and the haunting hearnty of Alaska. and bon, and the haunting beauty of Alaska.

bon, and the haunting beauty of Alsaka.
David and Judy relocated back down to Twin Falls around 1965 to be near the farmfand the loved so much and had two more children. Theortosca Benthow and Duncan James. In 1975, David and Judy partied ways and David relocated to Pagosa Springs, Colo. The beauty of the Colorado Mountains filled him with peace and he became an avid and 'Proficient skier.' It was while his children vere visiting him there that he instilled the wonder of the awas come beauty of the outdoors by Showing them the spawning salmun, and meadows lilled with wild-lowers and grazing elk surmeanows filted with with flowers and grazing elk, sur-rounded by the evergreens. During his sojourn in Colorado, he worked in many vocations, but earned

many vocations, but carned a broken nose and scar across his eychrow from a stint as a radea clown who neet the wrong bull. David was an avid hunter at this time and chose to live in the Colorado Mountalus in a tee-pee, wearing buckskins of his own making, working as a hunting goide for two years.

years.

His second brush with death came during his time in Colorado when working on a front-end floader during the coldest part of the Colorado winter. There was a malfunction in the bucket and it fell down on top of him, crishing his leg and pinning him to the ground. He hay on the ground for IE hours while the temperature dropped and chose to cut dropped and chose to cut his leg off with a pocket knife instead of die, lust as he started cutting, a car came down the remote road came down the remote road he was on and heard his cries. Sure that David would die, he gave him whisky. Although his legs were crushed and broken, black-ened by frostbite, not only did he live, he learned to walk again without aid, swim, hike and ski and did so regularly for the rest of

held a deep and abiding love of reading history, Indian lore, Egyptology, battle strategies throughout world history, could identify most bird and plant life, was an excellent tracker, survivalisat and arms specialist and loved building with his Triands. Hie enjoyed the prise-of Walt Whitman, Thoreau, and Robert Service and all of the Remington portraiture. The Moody Blues, Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Hank Williams Se, Meatherl and Queen were all melodies that he relished.

David returned to the family farm to raise his wild children and temper them while caring for his parents during their last years and honoring their wishes by yorking the land they cherished.

During the later portion of his life, he met the love of his life.

ished.
During the later portion of his life, he neet the love of list life, his soul mate and best friend who became his wife on his Soult birthday, Katen Garofolf Brown. David and Karen spent 14 inseparable years in the kind of marriage we all expect as newlyweds. They complimented each other as to truly be two souls entwined.

other as to fruly be two souls entwined.

David spent the rest of his life with Karen and their faithful dog, floxarn in the Twin Falls area. He 'retired' at 62, but really never stopped working on various pursuits such as painting, working on the yard Karen developed as a Master Gardener and working on various outfloor projects for friends. He developed an interest in landscapping and apent time creating primispent time creating primitive folk art while always
spending some time with
his coffee buddies at
Ranchers and Curry, who
enjoyed his keen wit and
ribbing as much as Kareu
did, David was extremely
active always and could be
counted on to rell you about
a new cave he's discovered
with Indian artifacts, a good
fishing spot, old biking trail,
a majestic spot in a nountain clearing, hiking through
waterfalls with his daughter
and granddaughter, a spur
of the moment road trip in
search of a good wildfire
with friends or his Tates
woodpecker adventures. He
didn't just love life – he
enthodiect it. spent time creating primi-tive folk art while always

My dad meant what he said and said what he meant. A personal code of honor and integrity of self were the keystones that he lived by and that he taught

need by grant time te dupling met to aspire to.

On Monday, Dec. 31, 2007, while Karen and he were getting ready to go out for breakfast, he died of a massive heart attack at home with his belaved-Karen and dog Rosaum. He was preceded in death by his parents, I spaylife and Theo Brown, I have been supported by his first wife, Judilih Ann Parker; and his daughter. Theories at lelena Brown. He is survived by his beloved wife, karen Ganolol Brown and her family; his uncle, Paul Brown, it dies son, Stuart Roark Brown and grandson. Warren; his youngest son, Duncan James Brown and grandson, Ian; his daughter, Theolosca Bentown Brown/Page and grandchildren. Malyssa, Maleah, fortin, Morgana, Brexton and Ebon.

In Hen of formal services, my father would want all those who knew him to foliow the Plains Indian tradition of honoring by tying feather in a tree and peace the forgotten by drived wall and the world want will be to the state of the part of the plains and the survived by the forgotten by drived wallantly and will never be forgotten by drived wallantly and will never be forgotten by drived wallantly and will never be forgotten by for our thanks for allowing us to know him and to love him.

Registration for Kindergarten Clinic is now through Feb 3 JEROME - Registration

for the Kindergarten Clinic is being held now through Feb. 3. Cost is \$15 in district and \$25 out of district.

Di People can register by Phone at 324-3389 with a Visa or Mastercard, or in per-tion at Jerome Recreation

District. Hours are Monday through Filday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. For more information on the clinic: 324-3389 or www.jeromerecreationdis-trict.com.

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Virgil Gene Medley

Virgit Gene Medley, 61, of Twin Falls, passed away at his home on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008:

Virgil was orn Oct. 7, 346, in Henderson. Texas. to Martin and Bonnie Bonnie (Cornette)



the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served fory years as a helicopter—crew—chief—in Vietnam. He then re-emlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served for 20 years as a helicopter mechanic until his netirement. On fune 6, 1971, in Fallon, Nex, he married Anita Mills, They moved to Twin—Falls in 1991—from Albuquerque, N.M.—Virgil—loved—to—hunt and

fish. He also enjoyed garden-ing, and could grow anything with case. Virgil was very proud-of-the-fact-that-he had

served his country in the Vietnam War. He wore his Vietnam veteran hat proudly all the time. He also enjoyed spending time with his fami-ly.

spending time with his famiVirgil is survived by his wife,
Virgil is survived by his wife,
Anita Medley of Twin Falls;
four sons, Martin Medley of
Minquerque, N.M., Daniel
Medley of—Boise, Idaho,
Michael Medley of Twin Falls,
Idaho, and David Medley of
Twin Falls, Idaho, and their
wives, Sherrie, Christian, Trish
and Nikki, Also surviving are
his mother, Bonnie Medley of
Twin Falls, Idaho; two sisters,
lanice Daniel of Reno, Nev.,
and Lyun Medley of Reno,
Nev; and the Medle

his father.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at White Mortuary "Chapel at White M by the Park,"

Norman H. Naillon

Norman H. Naillon, 70, of Twin Falls, died Thursday morning, Jan. 3, 2008,

at his home in Twin Falls Norman was Oct. 3, 1937, 'n Hailey, the



daho, the sain of Alton Ray and Margaret Miller Naillon. He grew up in ferome and Twin Falls, where he attended schools. Following high section, Norman joined the U.S. Coast Guard, where he served his country proudly for four years. Norman then moved to Bakersfield, Calit. where he worked for Eurectic Metallungical Company for several years that got him certified as a welder from the Eutectic Welding School in New York. He then took a position at "porlarch" Corporation in Protatch Company for the Welding School in New York and the Welding School in New York are the Welding School in New York and The Welding School in New York are the Welding School in New York and York an chasing agent. He was transferred to the Potlatch-Samoa branch in Samoa in 1976 and while in Samoa he met the love of his life, lifa Ana Iosefo Felise. Norman and Ista were married April 25, 1977, in Pago-Pago, American Samoa, Together they raised one son, Norman C. Naillon, In May of 1977, they moved to Vancouver, Wash., where Norman worked for KIC International for six years before moving back to Samoa for a couple of years, then on to Hawaii. In 1994, they moved to Twin Falls, where he worked various jobs in the Magle Valley until ill health had forced him to retire.

Norman enjoyed arrow-head hunting, fishing and hunting and being out-drors. His hove was list fam-ing time with them.
Norman is survived by his wife of 30 years, Lita Naillon of Twin Falls; his son, Norman C. Naillon, sta-tioned at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and currently serving in trag; daughters, Lisa Flowe of Fredericksburg, Va., Noelle Harmon of Autora, Mo., and Erh Naillon of Prague, Czech Republic, Also surviving are his grandchildren, Alexander Bratter, Donovan Bratter, Melanie Bratter, Tim Hay and Lily Hay He was preceded in death by his-parents and one brother, Ronald Naillon.
A celebration of Norman's

Ronald Nallion.

A celebration of Norman's life will be held at 6 p.m. A celebration of Norman's life will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison-twee E in Twin-falls, with Deacon Jim Herrett of St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church officiating, Military honors by the Magic Valley Veterans Association and the Idaho National Gaard. At the family's request, there will be no public viewing. A private family inurmment will take place at a later date.

The family suggest memorials be given in Norman's name to the American Cancer Society and to First Choice Hospite for their excellent care they gave to Norman during his final days. Contributions may be given to funeral education of the second control of the

gave to Norman during his final days. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds, Funeral Chapel, FO. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

SERVICES

Harry C. Baugh of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at Demaray Funeral Service, Shoshone Chapel.

Thora Irene Little Bates Heyburn, funeral at 11 a Monday at the Han Mortuary Rupert Chapel; itation one hour before service at the mortuary.

Jean Mort of Kimberly, cel-ebration of life at 1 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funcral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, visitation from 10 am. to 1 p.m. Monday at the morture.

Dusty Dale Luby of Buhl, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Monday at the Rock Creek Community Church, 262 Fifth Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Ayrith Diamond Maus of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at the Jerome LDS Church, 100 S. 50 E; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Fells.

Themas C. Maus of

lerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at the Jerome LDS Church, 100 S. 50 E.; visita-tion from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Kathleen W. Larsen of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Filen "Elleen" Mary Leitch f Buhl, funeral Mass at 11 .m. Wednesday at the numaculate Conception atholic Church in Buhl; launaculate Catholic Church in Buhl; rosary at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Bulil).

Milferd F. Schmeckpeper of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Bubl)

Leonard L. Mealer of Filer, funeral at 1 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; interment at 1 p.m. Friday.at the Grove City Cemetery in Blackfoot; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary.

Robert Tenyson Thompson grandchildren. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Robert Tenyson Thomp-son, 85, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008, of natural causes.

is survived by his v He is survived by us wind of 61 years. Elsie Jane Thompson; seven children, Tenny Garner, Sandee, Fuller, Roberta Blankenship, Christina Ludwig, Rudy Thompson, Coralec

Thompson, corace Thompson and Rose Thompson-Tilley; 13 grand-children and three great-

DEATH NOTICES

Lena F. D'Ambra

GOODING — Lena Frances D'Ambra, 87, of Gooding, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Charles J. Watt 🦸

Charles John Watt, 88, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Ian. 5, 2008, at Twin Falls Care

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.





This holiday season, let your loved ones who are ill or recovernations on inpoy njoy the holidays with quality home care from Idaho Home Health and Hospa



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CSI North Side Center offers variety of classes

GOODING — The College f Southern Idaho North Side enter is offering the follow-ig classes:

of Southern trains of Southern state Center is offering the follow-ing classes:

- Sign Language 1 introduces the non-signer, non-professional to survival communication with signs, it combines the wooabulary and features of American Sign Language (ASL) with English word order. This communication of the Communication of Social Communication of the Communication of

School, The course tuition is \$105 plus textbook, Senior citizens ages 60 and over attend for free. The course may be audited by those not interest-ed in earning credit; the same

tuition applies.

• AKTS 125 Ceramics 1, for beginners, or ARTS 126 Ceramics 2, for intermediate students, will explore the 126 materials and processes used in making fired clay objects.

Participants who have completed study in ceramics may take ARTS 2031 Studio Ceramics, which will pursue a more self-directed course of exploration. Instructor permission is required to enroll in this course. The three courses will run concurrently 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 15 to Mar. 6, at Wendell High School.
Brad Nebeker will instruct he classes. Each course is two credits; the fee for any one of the courses is \$210 plus supplies. Students 69 years of age and older, pay only for supplies.

• Introduction to Comput- Introduction to Computers will give an overview of hardware. Windows, word processing, spreadsheets and Internet. The course, instruct-ed by Marie Klingler, will meet 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 24 to Feb. 24, at the Island In Gooding. No computer expo-Gooding, No computer experience is needed. The fee is \$114 for the course; those 60 and over pay only \$9.

Basle PC Troubleshooting

tures and demonstrations to gige a basic knowledge of computer hardware as it relates to software and froubleshooting. Many topics will be covered by instructor Andrew Rigby, This one-credit course will mee 6 to 9 p.m. on Thesdays, Jan. 22 to Feb. 19, at Gooding, High School. The fee for the course is \$127; those age 60 and voer pay only \$22.

Introduction to Excel will provide hands-on training in

provide liands-on training in practical applications of Microsoft Excel software. You Microsoft Excel software. You will create, save and print spreadsheets using simple formulas and formatting commands. Students must be familiar with the Windows operating system and have keyhoarding and mouse skills. Darrell Muck will instruct the class 6 to 9 nm, on Twesdaws. Darrell Muck will instruct the class 6 to 9 p.m. on Thesdays, lan. 22 to Feb. 19 at Jerone High School. The fee for the course is \$127; those 60 and over pay only \$22.

• Using Photoshop Elements taught by Jerry Allen will give an introduction to working with this software to manipulate images. Basic

image editing tasks, how to rotate, straighten and crop-photos as well as work with selections and layers will be taught. Participants must be famillar with the Windows operating system and have keyboarding and mouse skills. The class will meet 6 to 9 pun. Wednesdays, Jan. 23 to Feb. 20. at Wendell High School. The Fee is \$127 - plus the book for

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this one-credit course; those for and over pay \$22 plus the book.

• Triple Swing class will teach the basic steps of triple swing that can easily be altered for country dancing, when will be taught to lead and women to follow with plenty of time to review and ask questions. Instructors are Reld and Danielle Lofigran. The class will meet 6:30 to 8 nm. Fridays, Jan. 18 to Feb. 8, at Gooding Middle School and sign up with a partner. For more information on classes or to register, 9:34-9678, or 202 14th Ave. E.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Volunteers — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers pro-gram is in need of volunteers to assist the elderly and dis-abled with nonmedical services including transporta-tion, shopping, housekeep-ing, snow removal and ing, snow removal and handyman repairs, Mileage reimbursement and volunteer insurance are provided. Information: 733-6333.

Volunteers —The Idaho Reads VISTA program at Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls is in need of vol-morers to serve as reading in Twin Falls is in need of volunteers to serve as reading coaches in the classrooms. Volunteers are needed from 11:30 a.m. to noon, 12:30 to 1 p.m. and 2:30 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 10:30 to 11:10 a.m. Thursday and Friday, Information: Betty, 7:33-1321.

Volunteers — The Long Term · Care Ombudsman Program is looking for volun-teers to visit residents in skilled nursing and residen-tial care facilities volunteers can be advocates for resi-dents and improve elderly west Training and mentaling dents and improve elderly care, Training and mentoring are provided. Information: Mary or Laurene, 736-2122.

Volunteers . . South

Sandra, 733-9351.

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The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Program is irneed of volunteers to work with refugees in a variety of areas. The center is in need of beds. Kitchen fables and clairs, kitchen fables and clairs, kitchen fables and clairs, kitchen fables and lineus, and lineus, Bring domated lieues from It am, to 430 p.m. (closed nom to I p.n.). Amedia Jihong Prickay, to 1250 lighand Ave. E. Information: Shanton, 736-2166, sepstowee-spin.net.

Volunteers — Hospice Visions Inc. is in need of vol-unteers for its new program. Eleventh — Hour — Angels-Volunteers are needed to spernd time wild patients who are in their final hours of life. Training is available. Information: 735-0121.

... Retired and Drivers ---Senior Volunteer Program is in need of volunteer drivers, age 55 and older, in the Buhl

Want to help?

This public service column This public service column is designed to match needs in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, contact the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-2122, ext. 4764, before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday for Sunday publication. RSVP is a United Way sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

and Twin Falls area to take clients to doctor appoint-ments and for grocery shop-ping. Volunteers are reim-bursed mileage and are cov-ered by excess insurance. Information: Edith, 736-4764.

Drivers — Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is in need of volunteer drivers, age 55 and older, in the Mini-Cassia area to take senior cit-izens to doctor appoint-ments and for grocery shop-ping. Volunteers are reim-lursed mileage and are cov-cord, by cycles insurance. ered by excess insurance, Information; Kitty, 677-4872,

Volunteers — Aspen Grove Hospice is looking for a vol-unteer to serve as bereave-ment coordinator. Volunteers also are needed to assist in the hospice office and to visit with patients. Information: 733-2234 or Sue at 731-5211.

Mentors — The Betired and Senior Volunteer Program is in need of volunteer Program is in need of volunteers, age 55 and older, in Jerome and Twin Pails courses to mentor children of prisoners. Volunteers must undergo a complete background eleck and be willing to mentor a child for a minum of one hour each week for one year. Information. Sen. 736-2122, est. 2394, kwihitingerona.esl.edu.

Volunteers

Volunteers — The American Red Cross is in need of volunteers to bely with the community bloud drive by greeting donors and scheduling anguintrents. Information Jebi, 444-0134.

Volunteers — The Twin-Eulis — County Historical Museum is in need of volunteers to help with archival preservation, cataloguing, research and greeting the public. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays Information: Darleen at 736-4675.

Spaces left for annual cultural field trip

A few public spaces are left for the annual one-week cultural-field trip to San Francisco that's being organized by students and faculty from the College of Southern Idaho Art Department.

The Anis trip will begin

The Journal The Jo

March 18.
All travel, accommoda-tions and tickets to the trip's attractions are covered by the registration fee of \$400. Meals are not covered in that

The group will see "Carousel" by the San

Francisco Ballet, "From the Path of Beauty" by Chandieleer/Chen Yi and tike Shanghai Quartet, Carrie Fisher's one-woman stage production, "Wishful Drinking," along with trips to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Leglon of Honor Art Museum, De Young Art and Mistory Museum, and other highlights from around San Francisco.

Seats must be reserved and Seats must be reserved and fees paid by no later than Friday, Jan. 18. For more information or to sign up: Mike Youngman, 732-6754 or myoungman@esi.edu.

SERVICE NEWS

Thomas Henson

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Army Reserve Pot. Thomas Henson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, St.

During the nine weeks of mining, he studied the Army mission, history, tradition and cme values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat-skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, rifle marksmanship, armed and tunarmed combat, map reading, field tractics, military courses, military justices, maken basic first aid, four marches, and field training exercises.

Henson is the son of Linda Rector and Mike Henson of Buhl, He graduated, in 2007

from Buhl High School.

ារ ិLauren N. Evans Lauren N.

Evans gradu-ated Sept. 10 from basic training at Lackland Air

Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio, Texas, She is contrinuling Fan raining in Wichita Falls, Jixas, Airman Evans attenden half Middle School and a year at Buld High School, At the graduation were her parents britee and Fain brother, Idlie; and grandparents David and Norma Evans and Mike Simmons of Buld.

Wildfire

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Rose Davis, a spokeswoman for the center, saidthe-last-two-years-representback-to-back fire seasons so
fierce manugers have been
forced to change strategy.

"Our fire manugers knew
they couldn't do things the
old way—the frontal or flank
attacks were just too dangerous," she said. "In some places they had to steer the
fire to natural breaks where
they could fight it efficiently
and not get anyhody hurt or
killed."

Seven widdland firefighters
died in 2007 as a result or
activities related to widflors,
one on a firefine, said Davis,
ii 2006, 24 firefighters died,

summer rearect to wildlines, one on a fireline, said Davis, in 2006, 24 firelighters dled; 12 on firelines. About 15,000 wildland firelighters deployed during the season, and the U.S. asked for and received help from Canada with five hand crews of 20 firelighters each. The fire center in Boise remained on its highest alert level from intellighters are the received in the property of the rearest and Atmosphere and Oceanic and Atmosphere the National Oceanic and Atmosphere the National Clamatic Data Center that predicted the annual Climatic Data Center released preliminary data that predicted the annual climatic Data Center shows the configuous United States at heart 54.3 degrees Fahrenhelt — which would warmet since records were faster than 1895.

Davis said extended thought also contributed to the 2007 wildfire season.

"The fire season started very early with the large,

Divorce

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Cost \$12.00

unusual fires in the East, in Georgia," said Davis, "As it moved to the Western U.S., almost every section of the country issued fire behavior alerts."

alerts."

Alerts warn firefighters about elevated danger based on weather and potential fuel, including how susceptithei, including now susceptible trees, brush and grass-lands are to fire based on how dry conditions have become. Carille said years of fire sup-pression in some areas have made those areas more diffi-

means me some areas have made those areas more difficult to protect.

"We cannot keep fires out of these fire-dependent cosystems," he said. "That is just not sustainable. Fuels are going to build up and it's just going to escalate."

Nearly 80,000 wildfires started in 2007, the fire center exported, about 45 percent the result of human activity and the rest lightning strikes. Initial attacks by a web of firefighters who neact quickly put out all hat about 2 percent of these wildfires, but some that got away became memorable:

In Georgia and Florida, the

ine. In Georgia and Florida, the in Georgia and Florida, the season started in April with wildlifes that lasted several months and burned more than 900 square miles, the Southeast's biggest wildfire since 1898, according to the fire center.

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Hurts

At about 550 square miles, Milford Flat fire in west

At about 550 square miles, the Milford Plat fire in western Utah was the largest wildfire in that states history. Fivepeople died, including a
motoreycle widen snuckswept interstate 15 on high 7.

The Angora fire in June
burned 3,100 acres and
destroyed 254 homes on the
west side of Lake Tahoe in
California.

The Zaca fire that started
on July 4 in southern
California burned some four
months and 375 square miles
to become the second-largest
wildfire in that states history,
threatening ranches and
wineyards in the Santa Ynez
Valley.

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The Nov. 24 Malibu fire in southern California, faumed by Santa Ana winds, put-the by Santa Ana winds, put-the bookend to the season, destroying more than 500 homes, 35 other structures and borness and borness and burning about 5,000 acres. The total cost of the human-caused fire is esti-mated at \$100 million, and six firefighters were injured. Carille said wildfires that threaten homes jet top prior-ity because lives and build-

ings are at risk. But he also said homes built in areas prone to wildfire use fire fighting resources that might otherwise be sent elsewhere.

lighting resources that might otherwise be sent elsewider.

"The expansion of the wild-ines to challenge us," he said that Jand-urban interfare continues to challenge us," he said next to the forest. That expansion becomes high value areas we have to protect."

Smokejumpers, who parachute out of airplanes, have the total of airplanes, have the protect of the forest of airplanes, have the protect of the prote

smokejumping bases in the U.S., and Reynolds said the 83 smokejumpers in Boise com-bined to go on 926 fire jumps

"There were a couple real barn burners," he said.



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Chelsea offers mostly silent support for M

By Lois Romano The Washington Post

NASHUA, N.H. — She is indisputably her mother's daughter, as they stand stoically side by side, their wary

leady side by the waryeyes scanning-the cranning-the causingcavernous alriphane hangar,
facing yet another unsettling
crisis, another battle in full
public view.

The younger woman sidles
up to the older one and rubs
her back affectionately, and
suddenly, they blend into a
single unit in their brown ourfits as they watch their swashbuckling man warm up the
crowd, brooking no talk of
defeat.

defeat.

Think my girls look good, don't you?" Bill Clinton belows to supporters, beaming back at the women in his life. The crowd explodes.

After a few minutes, the former-president escorts his 27-year-uld daughter, Chielses, off the stage as his wife takes over her first rally after her disappointing third-place fin-sh in lowa. Chelsea Clinton never comes near a microphone.

The poised only child of Bill and Hillary Clinton, the one accomplishment for which they are only lauded, never criticized, has finally stepped forward in this presidential campaign, making her debut in front of friendly political campaign, making her debut in front of friendly political campaign, making her debut in front of friendly political campaign, making her debut in front of friendly political campaign, making her debut in front of friendly political campaign, making her debut in front of friendly political campaign, making her debut in front of friendly political campaign, making her debut in front of friendly political campaign, and in one properties and hopping points and population.

Tall and striking, she smiles graciously and watches aduringly as her mother-speaks, then enthustastically works, then enthustastically works, then enthustastically works, then completed in works and the properties and happily posing for cellphone photos. "You're beautiful?" a woman shouts from the crowd. "She's my greatest souter of support next to my husband," Clinton told People this week. "She's incredibily smart, got great people skills ... and lots of good feedback."

Chelsea is not a speaking role, Onstage, she doesn't tuter a word, no ophilons, no rallying cry, not even a simple welcome. And if anyone resembling a reporter met and a very vigorous effort to attract young leunde voters, "Ilke so many women! I know, it took me a while to find my voice — and I was

I know, it took me a while to find my voice — and I was thinking recently about how? found it," Hillary Clinton recently wrote for Gamour. As a young woman at Wellseley in the late 1900, we Were passionate and fighting für what we believed in. ... I flund a way to use my voice



Democratic Presidential hopeful, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y. cam palgns with her daughter, Chelsea at a rally in Nashua, N.H., Friday.

to make change happen."

Aides have repeatedly declined requests for interviews with Chelsea, and at

deelined requests for intertives with Chelsea, and at
this point it's not clear
whether it's the parents or the
child who is resisting.
"Believe me, we'd love to
have her out there," said a
longtime alide. "It's Chelsea—
she won't do it and her parents respect that."
Said a longtime friend and
adviser of Ifaliary Clinton.
"The feeling is, once you have
opened that door, the floodgates open. It never ends,"
Susan Ford Bales, who
spent her late teens in the
White House as the president's faughter, said choosing
to be a public figure is trily a
"personal" decision for family
members and always a risk.
"You want to get out the word
about the candidate—
not make political news," she
said amout the candidate — not make political news," she

said.
From the beginning of their public careers, the Clintons have been scrupulously protective of Chelsea, and that carly decision has been a saving grace for her, friends say, loccuts the couple has undergone barsher seroting than most politicians, through a tuyriad of scandals and bill Clinton's adulterous episodes. During the 1992 presidential campaign, so invisible was the 12-year-old from the requisite campaign photo that polit showed that the American public didn't even know the Clintons had a daughter, prompting a cover story on the family in People. Six years later, after Bill Clinton, admitted to the nation that he had an inappropriate relationship with Monitea. Lewinsky, Chelsea was famously photographed as the bridge between her barnets, bodding their hands as they all walked toward the Marine One helicopter. na. From the beginning of their ablic careers, the Clintons

Hillary Clinton recently said that she is in constant contact with her daughter but that she

wan ner augner nut that she wants "to respect her choices like my mother respected my choices. Fin going to let her life unfold at her pace."
Chelsea lives in New York these days, where she moved after graduating from Stauford University and receiving a master's degree from Oxford University and receiving a master's degree from Oxford University. Two years ago, she left a job at consulting from McKinsey & Co. to join Avenue Capital Group, a hedge fund management from She has a serious boyfriend, Marc Mczyinsky, the son of former Inwa Bep. Edward Mczyinsky and Marjorie Mugolies-Mczyinsky, a former member of Congress from Pennsylvania. By all accounts, the privacy the Clintons afforded their child provided her with the semblance of a normal life. Chiles he seem that the semblance of a normal life. Chiles he described as warm and smart and friendly. Chelsea has been a scarce commodity during this campaign compared with 2000, when she regularly conveniently during the same weekend that megastar Oprah Winfrey was barnstormine for

conveniently during the same weekend that megastar Oprah Winfrey was barnstorning for Barack Ohuma.

By contrast, John McCains daugher Meghan has been a consistent high-profile preserve with ber dad, traveling with him, blogging about his events and chatting up reporters. Mitt Romney's sons have also been campalgining for months as surrogates. Cate Edwards, a Harvard Law School student, has maintained a schedule separate from her father, former senator John Edwards, speaking on his behalf before groups of college students.

"You want to get out the word about the candidate not make political news."

Susan Ford Bales, the daughter of President Gerald Ford



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Twin Falls Canal Company NOTICE

Of Regular Stockholders' Meeting

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the regular meeting of the Stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on Tuesday the 8th of January, 2008. The meeting will be called to order by the Directors at 9:00 a.m. in the Rick Allen Room of the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Director from District 3-Filer will be elected for a three-year

Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports concerning operation and maintenance efforts, 2008 water supplies, water call, and other matters of interest.

The corporate books will be closed for the transfer of stock effective December 28, 2007.

Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company Office on or before January 4, 2008.

DATED this 3rd day of December 2007.

TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY Brian Olmstead, Assistant Secretary



Planning & Zoning Commission has the following vacancies

As of March, 2008, there will be four vacancies on the City Planning & Zoning Commission. The Commission is comprised of both City Council-appointed members and Area of Impact members appointed by the County Commissioners. There are three positions for city residents and one position for an area of impact resident.

By State Law, an applicant for the commission is required to have lived within the County for at least two years to be appointed to the City of Twin Falls Planning & Zoning Commission.

The Commission meets on Tuesdays.

On the first and third Tuesdays the commission conducts a noon work session to review the agenda items for the upcoming hearing. Noon work sessions usually last 1 hour.

On the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, the commission holds public hearings that begin at 6:00 pm and can last from 10 minutes to several hours, depending on the number of items on the agenda and the number of speakers for each item.

If interested, please submit a letter detailing your interest to serve, and any applicable background or experience to: Mayor Lance Clow, PO Box 1907, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1907, or email to gscott@tfid.org

Please submit letters by February 1, 2008.

If you need additional information please phone Reneé Carraway at 735-7269.

Attendance up at S.F. Zoo following tiger attack

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Attendance was up at the San Francisco Zoo following a tiger attack that killed a young man on Christmas Day, a zoo spokesman said Saturday. Twice as many visitors came to the zoo when the facility reopened Thursday as had visited the same day last year, spokesman Paul Garcia said.

Most of the -782-visitors arrived before heavy rains began falling over the city Thursday afternoon. Just under 400 visitors who came to the zoo the entire day on Just 1, 3, 2007, Garcia sald.

Severe storms over Colferals, Garcia

Severe storms over Northern Callfornia forced the zoo to close again Friday, as high wind brought down tree branches and knocked out power at the facility. No animals were hurt in the

animals were hurt in the storm.

Despite the weather, work condituted on a 3-foot fence being erected around, the zoos polar blear exhibit after zoo officials sald they determined the existing barrier was too low.

The zoon was closed for eight

The zoo was closed for eight days following the tiger attack,

which left 17-year-old Carlos Sousa Jr. dead and two brothers injured. Police were investigating whether the tiger was taunted before attacking the three victims.

Other zoos that have endured mishaips have seen similar spikes in attendance, which zoo officials have attributed to the publicity and morbid curiosity.



A newly installed warning sign greets visitors at San Francisco Zoo's rhi

Population growth in South, West pays political dividends

By Ben Evans Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — East-growing Southern states could gain nine new con-gressional seats after the 2010 census, largely at the expense of their neighbors to the north, judging from the latest government data.

Georgia and North

population snapshot released by the Census

released by the Census Burean last month. Texas would be the biggest gainer, while a handful of Western states such as Arizona and Nevada could also grab

Newada could also grab new seats.

The power shift would continue a long-term trend and has been predicted for years. But the latest population estimates provide the clearest picture yet of the likely winners and losers. With many of the growth states tilting Republican, the changes could influence the partisan makeup of Congress, although experts caution that the political ramifications are marky and depend heavily on how states divy up the spoils.

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"Right now what you can say is that you've got golas in areas that Republicans tend to do better in and you've got losses in areas that Democrats tend to do better in, so nationally, one would fink Republicans would do be-ter, said Kim Brače, presi-dent of Election Data Services, a political demo-graphics consulting firm. That it depends on what happens in the next stage." The 435 seats in the House are divided among

The 435 seats in the House are divided among the states every 10 years based on the census. State legislatures are charged with drawing new congressional district maps, a process that often creates bitter partisan struggle. The reapportionment from the 2010 census will go into effect for the 2012 election. sional district maps

Prison guard's suicide in wake of pair's escape leaves friends, colleagues staggered

NEWARK, N.I. — Maybe it was enough simply that two inmates escaped from Rudolph Zurick's jail. Or maybe their teanting, smiley-faced note calling bim 'a reat pal' and thanking him 'for the tools needed' — and the

and the media attention it brought was

was than shoe shining perfectionist of a

shoe-shining perfectionist of a guard could take, or a guard could take, even if no one believed for a second that he'd helped the criminals break out.

Perhaps the mere possibility that he could be suspended or fired from the job he'd performed spoilessly for 14 years was what pushed him to the point that even the counseling he sought immediately after the escape couldn't save him. His friends and family might never know for sure.

On Wednesday, the day he was to be interviewed by investigators probing the Dec. 16 breakout, Zurick shot himself in the head at the home he shared with his wife and 4-year-old daughter.

The vetern officer with the miblemished record was never believed to have aided in the escape and was not facing a criminal investigation, hough he had retained a lawyer.

There is no answer to why

though no lawyer.
"There is no answer to why this happened," said Jim

Roche, president of PBA Local 199, the union that represents-the Union County Jail's cor-rections officers. 'As much as you think you know someone, you don't eatily know them.' Zurick was known among his co-workers as a proud, intense man who took his joh and remetation scripnsly. He

intense man who took his job and reputation seriously. He was still coping with the deaths of both parents in the past 16 months when he reported to work on the afternoon of the escape. And he was upset when, within a flew days of the escape, his name was leaked to the news media. Bothe recalled an incredulous Zurick calling him after a reporter showed up at his house.

"In have his name associated with anything troubling was very disturbing to him, and with anything troubling was very disturbing to him, and hitchael J. Mitzuer, Zuricks lawyer, adding, your parents are the people you would normally turn to for support, and they weren' around for him."

Zurick spent four years in the Air Force before becoming a corrections officer in Union. County in 1993, and the miliary discipline he acquired stayed with him, according to Kenny Burkert, the state delegate for Local 199 and a friend of Zuricks.

"Budy was a perfectionalst in he way he presented himself, always impreceable." Burkert and the way he presented himself, always impreceable." Burkert and the way he presented himself, always impreceable." Burkert and the way he presented himself, always impreceable." Burkert and the way he presented himself, always impreceable." Burkert properties of the way he presented himself, always impreceable." Burkert properties of the way he presented himself, always impreceable." Burkert properties of the way he presented himself, always impreceable." Burkert properties of the way he presented himself, always impreceable." Burkert properties of the way he presented himself, always impreceable." Burkert properties of the way he presented himself, always impreceable." Burkert properties of the way he presented himself, always impreceable." Burkert properties of the way he presented himself, always impreceable." Burkert properties of the way he presented himself, always impreceable." Burkert properties of the way he presented himself, always impreceable." Burkert properties of the way he presented himself, always impreceable." Bu

by corrections officers at the jail. He had no disciplinary violations, Roche and Burkert said, and be received an award from the county for his role in stopping a razor blade fight in 1997, plus commen-dations on several other occa-

fight in 1997, plus commen-dations on several other occa-sions.

Zurick had only been at his post for about an hour when be discovered the prisoners were missing and called for a lockdown, Roche said. Zurick was one of three officers each working an eight-hour shift in the area, which contains eight or time units.

Inmanes Jose Espinosa, 20, and 32-year-old Otis Illum used a blick metal wire similar to what is used in binding chain link fencing to poles and a 10-pound sited water shut-off wheel to dig through the cinderblack walls of their adjoining cells in a high-secu-rity unit, authorities said. Jak-the inmate played by Tim Robbins in "The Shawshank tedemption," the two had used photos of bikini-daw unen to hide their work.

They laid out pillows and abeets to make it look like they

women to hide their work. They haid out pillows and sheets to make it look like they were sleeping under blankets, then jumped onto a lower roof and made it over a 25-foot-high fence topped with razor wire, authorities said.

The note found in Ispinosa's cell, bore a smiley

face and read, "Thank you Officer Zurick for the tools needed. You're a real pal. Happy holidays." Zurick and another officer

immediately requested that they be taken to a hospital, a

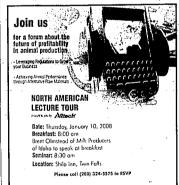
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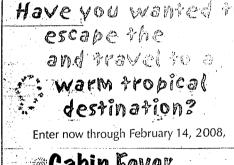
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Bush, taking first major Mideast trip, faces reputation as 'a spectator' to region's problems

Associated Press writer
WASHINGTON
President Bush, trying to defy
a history of failure in Middle
East peacemaking is about to
embark on his first major trip
to the long-troubled region,
facing doubts about the sericostness of his commitment
and his changes for success.
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presidency, flush has avoided
becoming directly involved in
the negotiating process.
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Palestinian state—and—the spread of democracy in the
Mideast—while leading the
U.S. into wars in fraq and
Afghanistan. He delegated
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stepped fron in the Middle
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The the region and in the Arab words, he is seen as lawing beert a spectator," said Bruce Biedel, a Brunkings bustiming analyst, former CIA officer and adviser to three presidents — including Bush — on Middle East and Smith Asian issues. "This is probably unfair, but it is a reality,"

Added Jon B. Alterman, a Middeast expert at the Center for Strategie and International "Studies in Washington; "Most leaders in the region with whom I've



President Bush, center, watches as Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, left, and Palestinian President Mahmoud ing session of the Mideast conference Nov. 27 at the U.S. Naval Academy in Abbas shake hands at the oper Annanolis, Md.

Annapolis, Md.
spoken seem to consider him
both maive and callous; and
they'll use the home-court
advantage to sensitize him to
their perceptions of reality.
Bush will arrive in Israel on
Wednesday, It is his first trip
spresident to a nation that is
one of America's dearest
allies, He also will stop in the
Palestinian-governed. West
Bank, which the tourned in
1998, and make his lirst visits
to Kuwait, Bahrain, the
United Arab Emirates and
Saudi Arabia. He plans a brief

stop to the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheik, Egypt, which he visited in 2003.
There are widespread expectations that Bush will go to Iraq and possibly Lebanon. The White Hotge bas not announced any stuch plans. Roaming the Middle East, Bush will have to compute for attention with the raging presidential campaign back home. That race underscores the fact that Bush's term is coming to air "end and that world leaders will be dealing

with a new president in a year.
Bush's primary goals for the
trip are to-try to build
momentum for the troubled
peace process and encourage
broader Arab-brach's reconciliation. Only light and Jordan
now have peace agreements
with Israel. The trip also is
intended to reaffirm the U.S.
commitment to the region
and efforts against retorrism.
Bush, in his weekly radio
address, said its would gradaddress. Said its would gradpush his 'chimpaign fordemocracy in the Mideast —

a movement unpopular with authoritarlan rulers in countries such as Saudi Arabia. Egypt, fordan and the Perslan Gulf states.

"At this decisive moment in their history, the people of the Middle East can have confidence in the power of liberty to overcome tyranny and terror," the president said. "And all who step forward in freedom's cause can count on a friend in the United Corners." friend in the United States

don's cause can count on a friend in the United States."
With oil costs soaring and recession fears spreading, the United States has a big finansial stake in the region. Heath with money from the surge in all prices, which have tripled since Bush became presidential the Middle Bast has invested heavily in America.
"Historically, a presidential visit or a visit by a really senior of the tripled since the tripled since the state of the surgest of the Middle Bast has invested heavily in America.
"Historically a presidential visit or a visit by a really senior matter in terms of getting-these countries to keep their investments up, to think harder about any shift away from the dollar, to warry about oil production levels," said Amthony H. Cardesman, former director of Intelligence

assessment at the Pentagon and now an analyst the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Iran fooms large over Bush's trip.

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There is confusion throughout the region about a U.S. intelligence report that backed away from once-inn-dad U.S. hefer that Tehran is intent on building nuclear tombs. The report, known as the National Intelligence Estinate, concluded that Iran halted its nuclear weapons program four years ago but continues to enrich uranium tat could be transferred to asceret weapons program. Bush, in an interview Friday with Arab journalists, said the intelligence analysis should be read as saying that rare remains a threat to peace.

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peace.
After rattling the Mideast last year by raising the specter of war with Iran. Bush stressed that he believes the showdown with Iran could be saloud diplomatically. diplomatically although "all options remain on the table."



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Jerusalem readies for Bush's arrival, the first visit by an American president in a decade

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TERUSALEM — With hundreds of hotel rooms booked and minicipal cases unfolding ted, white and blue flags, lentsalem is getting ready for its highest-profile visitor in years President Bush.

Jerusalemites are accusated as a conveys of black sedans shuttle visiting dignizaries around the city, the seat of Israel's government. But Bush, who arrives for three days beginning Wednesday, constitutes a VIP of a different order. He is the list American president to come since former President Chiton a decade ago.

Israel is pulling out all the stops to impress a president who is perhaps its staunchest foreign ally.

Jerusalem is spending early \$400,000 to struce

who is perhaps its stunchest foreign ally. Jerusalem is spending nearly \$400,000 to sprace feed of the visit, said larob hvishar, the city official in charge of coordinating preparations. Gatbage teams are in lutious race to clean the city's often dusty streets and walls tagged with spray point, he said. More than 10,500 noticemen and security pe -smed will be deployed to protect Bush and keep order during the visit — more than one-third of Israel's entire police force, according to police spokesman Micky Roscuffeld. "There will be so much security nobody will be able to get anywhere near the president," Roscuffeld said.

- The security personnel will include snipers, bouth-saiffing dogs and bodyguards from the Shin Bet internal security service, including

reservists called up especially for the visit, according to police officials. The operation is dubbed "Cear Skes".

Flights in and our of Israel's only international airport. Ben Chrion, will be suspended around the time Bush lands. From the airport. Bush will fly, by helicopter to Jerusalem.

The officials spoke on condition of anonyminy because they weren't authorized to dividge details of the preparations.

rations.
The choppers will be flown in from the U.S. on Air Force cargo planes, along with armored limousines — complete with District of Columbia license plates — can be complete with District of Columbia license plates — cans Bilded with—high-tech-communications gear and other vehicles, far a heavily-armed counterassault tearn.
Bush will be staying in a suite at the King David hotel that costs \$2,000 a night — for guests who are not president of the United States. Assistant General Manager Benny Olearchik would not disclose how much the Americans are paying to stay at his hotel, one of Israel's most expensive.
Bush's entourage already has taken up mone than two-thirds of its 237 rooms, and will take werd lof them once he arrives himself, Olearchik said. Unlucky guests who happened to plan their visits at the wrong time had their reservations canceled.
The King David, which opened in the 1930s, is best known for getting blown up by lewish terrorists in 1946, Members of the hardline Irgun group, opposed to British rule over what was then known as Palestine, dis-

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guised their explosives in milk ings and destroyed a wing housing British offices, killing 91 people. I brail officialdom is eagerly inticipating the arrival of Hush, whom Israel sees one of the most supportive presidents ever to have served in the White House.

presidents ever to have served in the White House. "It's not every day that a president comes here," Israel's deputy premier, Haim Ramon, told Army Radio this

week.
Not every Israeli wil welcome him with open arms.
Supporters of convicted
Pentagon spy Jonathan
Pollard have rented space on
the sides of lemsalem city
buses to place posters of
Bush-flanked-by-Lobanese
Hezholiah leader Hassan
Nasrallah and Gaza Hamas
leader Isnail Haniyeh. The
posters compare the impris-

oned Pollard to three Israeli soldiers captured by Hezbollah and Hamas and call for the immediate release of all four.

Pollard, a civilian intelli-

of all four.
Pollard, a civillan intelligence analyst for the U.S.
Navy, transferred milltary secrets to Israel while working at the Pentagon. He was arrossed in 1905 and pleaded guilty at his trial. He is serving a life sentence in a U.S. federal prison.
There is little chance Bush will see the posters, as local traffic will be diverted away from routes used by his motorcade.
On the other side of the political spectrum, a left-wing Israell Arab party plans to demonstrate opposite the city's U.S. Consulate at the start of Bush visit to profest, his polity toward Iran, Jerusalem police said.

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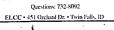
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A dancing craze

Minico students learn to salsa dance

For the Times-News

PAUL — Students in Naomi Mac Rac's physical education class at West Minico Middle School learned that finness can be "muy caliner."

Instead of the usual volleyhall or other traditional sports. In December the students were treated to salsa dancing lessons. Mac Rac be rought in experienced dancer Terri Bergin-Leutin and former West Minico student Matt Schenk to teach the children the dance that has swiftly become popular in many areas of the country. Mac Rac says she had wanted to put some dance carcivities into PE for some time now. The school decreasionally.

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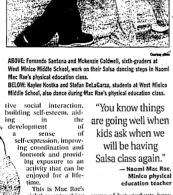
The school occasionally has dances for the students but they weren't really doing much dancing at those events.

Bergin-Lentini, who is knowledgeable in many styles of dance, made the suggestion of salsa because she said it is the 'hof' new craze in California.

Schenk, who has heen at college in California, was home for the holldays, so he was able to help with the activity.

According to Mac Rac, the activity has been very successful on many levels, including promoting posi-





some of her students have eighth year teaching at West Minico and at West Minico and she is currently the only PE teacher at the school. Shelly Coats, who is the advisor for the gift-ed and talented pro-gram, collaborated in the project and

some of her students have been attending as well.

"The feedback I have gotten from kids has been very positive," Mac Rae says.
"They really think it's fun. You know things are going well when kids ask when we will be having Salsa class again."

Talents showcased at performing arts program

Students compete for three scholarships

BURLEY — High school seniors will do more than "sing for their supper" at Wednesday's Danny Marona Performing Arts Scholarship Fund Cassia

Fund Cassia County pro-gram, Some will sing, dance, act or

dance, act or play an instrument — not for their supper, but for a scholarship. To participate, students were required to submit an audition tape or video, depending on the talent they would be performing. The perform and compete for one of three scholarships during the program, which will be hosted by Danny Marona.

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All of the schools in the fictent Magic Valley area are grouped into six regions, each region having its own competition. A panel of judges will grade each contestant's performance on a prescribed seoring system. The students with the three highest scores respectively will be awarded a list, second and third place scholarship.

Then the first- and second-place will compete in the Ganud Finale Connect in Twi Falls in April. Once again they will perform before a live audiency for a larger scholarship andom. And once again a panel of judges will grade their performance and invariants, and the performance and invariants. Though he is move retrieved a successful career as a performer that has spanned six decades—and won—him numerous—accolades—and—and—finel performer that has spanned six decades—and won—him numerous—accolades—and—and—and—accolades—and—and—accolades—and—accolades—and—accolades—and—accolades—and—accolades—and—accolades—and—accolades—and—accolades—and—accolades—and—accolades—and—accolades—and—accolades—and—accolades—and—accolades—and—accolades—and—accolades—and—accolades—and—accolades—and—accolades—accolad

awards. He is also a writer, director and producer with several critically acclaimed stage shows to his credit. However, as a high school

However, as a high school dropout Marona came to the dropout Marona came to the realization many years ago how.difficult It is to pursue a career of any kind without the benefit of a proper education. It is to this end that he developed the Danny Marona Performing Arts Scholarship Fund, to help

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other performers be able to further their education and better prepare for the future.

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Iraqi soldier accused of killing two decorated U.S. troops

By Elena Becatoros Associated Press

BAGHDAD — An Iraqi sol-dier is accused of turning on two decorated American ser-vicemen and shooting them to death during a Joint opera-tion in northern Iraq, the U.S. military said Saturday. An Iraqi official said the suspect may have links to militant groups.

may have links to militant groups.

The shooting the day after Christmas in the northern city of Mosul, which left three other U.S. soldiers and a civil-lan interpreter wounded, was the second known attack hy a member of the Iraqi militany on the American troups with on the American troups with leading the properties of the pro-terior of the Iraqi militany on the American troups with leading the pro-

on the American troops with train and work closely with train forces. Initial results from an traqi lovestigation indicate that the soldier who opened fire may have links to local mili-tants, said Brig, Mutaa Habib Jassim al-Khaztachi, com-mander of the Iraqi army's 2nd Division, who did not elaborate. Brig, Nour al-Din Hussein, commander of the Iraqi army's 4th Brigade, 2nd plivision in Mosul said the Iraqi soldier was a Sunniform the al-Qayara area south of Mosul city. Parts of Mosul are considered strongholds of the Sunni fraq. The suspect and another The suspect an

Trau.

The suspect and another Iraqi soldier were in custody, the U.S. military sidd.

The military identified the slain Americans as Capt.

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Rowdy J. Imman. 33, of Panorama Village, Iraxa and Sg. Benjamin B. Portell. 27, of Bakersfield, Calif. Both wer assigned to the 3rd Squadron. 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and were based been awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Portell the Army Commendation Medal.

Tor reasons that are yet unknown, at least one Iraqi Army soldier allegedly unknown, at least one Iraqi Army soldier filed "but was identified by other Iraqi army personnel" and was apprehended, it said.

The U.S. military sald is investigators and the Iraqi army were looking into the shooting.

Al-Khuzrachi sald the U.S. soldiers were shot during a freelight between the joint forces and gunmen. Troops—often—come—under—attack—when moving into new areas to establish patrol bases or outposts.

The U.S. military said in April 2006 that an Iraqi soldier had been accused of fatally shooting a U.S. Marine at a base near Qaim, 200 miles west of Baghdad, near the Syrian border.

A memorrial service was held for Inman Friday in Killeen, Texas, near Fort Hood, The career military man was a veteran of Operation Desert Storm. He is survived by his wife, Shannon; daughters Keeley and Casey, and a son, Gary, Imman's sister sald the family had no comment and

ily had no comment and declined to say whether funi-ly members had been told any details of her brother's

ny memoers had been told any details of her brother's death.

"That will all come out through the milliary," Paula Inunan sald.

Porrell was recently married and on a second tour of duty in Iraq, according to an obituary in the Bakersfield Californian.
"Ben was a great guy," Brian Murphy, a pastor at the Riverlakes Community Church told the paper. "He just got married seven months ago. It's horrible."

The paper said Portell's older brother is serving in Iraq and a younger brother used to serve in the army and also fought in Iraq.

Iraq's national police force is widely known to be inflirated by Shite millitas but the army is believed to be less prone to the phenomenon.

Al-Qaida looks to extend influence with cell phone downloads

CAIRO, Egypt — Al-Qaida video messages of Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahri can now be down-loaded to cell phones, the terror network announced as

terror network announced as part of its afterupts to extend its influence. The announcement was posted late Friday by al-Quida's media wing, al-Sahaba, on Web sites com-monly used by Islamic mili-tants. As of Saturday, eight previously recorded videos were made available includ-

ing a recent tribute to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the for-mer al-Qaida in Iraq leader killed by U.S. forces in Iraq in June 2006, In a written message intro-

ducing the new cell phone videos, al-Zawahri, al-Qaida's No. 2 figure, asked followers to spread the terror group's messages.
"I asked God for the men of

"I asked God for the men of jihadi media to spread the message, of Islam and monotheism to the world and spread real awareness to the people of the nations," al-Zawahri said. Videos playable on cell

phones are increasingly pop-ular in the Middle East. The files are transferred from phone to phone using Bluetooth or infrared wire-

Bluetooth or infrared wire-less tectnology.
Clips showing former Iraql leader Saddam Husselnis execution in December 2006 showed up on cell phones soon after his death. In Egypt, Images showing police pirutality have been passed arountl via cell phones including one video that showed an arrested bus driver being sodomized with a stick by police in the fall 2006.

Video and audio tapes from various Islamist groups including al-Qalda are available on militant Web sites but require a computer and a fast Internet connection — often rare in the region — to download.

internet confection — other rare in the region — to down-load. But the eight videos cur-rently available to download to cell phones by al-Sahab range in size from 17 megabytes to 210 megabytes, requiring phones to have large amounts of free data capacity. Al-Sahab has prom-ised to release more of its previous video messages in cell-phone quality formats.

The terror network has been growing more sophisticated in targeting international audiences Videos are always subtitled in English, and messages this year from bin Laden and al-Zawahri focusing on Pakistan and Afghanistan have been dubbed in the local languages, Urdu and Pashtu.

In December, al-Qalda invited journalists to send questions to al-Zawahri. The invitation was the first time the media-savvy al-Qalda offered outsiders to "interview" one of its leaders since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.



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in front of Yavapai's Brandon Gentry during fi

CSI men: 15 and oh my!

Galloway, Parakhouski spur CSI past Yavapai

By Èric Larsen ns-News writer

The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team spent the bulk of Its first 14 games making solid teams look unstable and meditore teams look horrible.

Saitrday night, the No. 2 Golden Pagles made a talented Yawapa College team look nothing short of medioere. With their trademark 40 minutes of high-detane basketball, the 15-0 Golden Pagles topped the Roughriders squad 113-77 to close out the hangural Donnelley Sports Invitational in

After CSI opened the game with a 16-2 run and Yavapa answered to draw within three at 21-18, the game began to turn in CSFs favor at the 12-minute mixther CSIs favor at the 12-minute most as Yavapai leading scorer Louis Barraza doubled over in pain, suffering from a severely dislo-cated finger that would take him off the floor and all the way to Magle Valley Regional Medical

Magic Valley Regional Magic Valley Regional Magic Valley Regional Magic Valley Regional Region lead to 32-20 before e 66-41 at halftinge.

"Yavapai came and really brought some energy and stuck some shots," CSI head coach Barret Peery said. "I give them a lot of credit. They played great toolight."

MVP Tournament Galloway came up with the play of the tournament with 16:40 of the ionimament with 16:40 remaining in the second half. Off a "Mychal Martinez miss, Galloway sprinted upcourt with the ball and bad intentions before taking flight eight feet away from the rim and throwing down a victous tornaliawk dunk over Yacapai shooting guard lenadon Gentry. over tavapar snooting possess Brandon Gentry. That resounding dunk put CSI

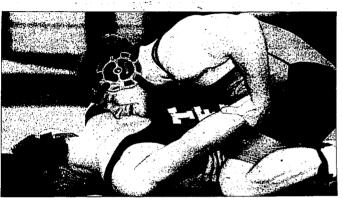
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Parakhouski, CSI



Gooding's Blair Gerratt, right, wrestles against Twin Falls' Todd Anderson during their 135-pound of held at Buhl High School Saturday afternoon.

Splendid Spartans

Minico cruises to Buhl Invite title; Jerome's Cummins, Gooding's Gerratt win divisions

BUHL.— You might be able to stop one Minico Spartan wresder. Two if you're hicky. But you can't stop them all. Minico took home five individual ittles — only two other schools man-aged a pair of champloins — on Day 2 of the Buhl Invitational, and in doing so cruised to, a 4B-point victory over Challis in the team standings with 2025 noints.

Challis in the team standings with 2025, points. Twin Falls was third, 18.5 points back of second place. The Spartans got wins from Nate Came at 119 pounds, David Burgara at 120, Jake Hraza at 140, Miguel Simental at 171 and Josh Ramitez at 285, Four of those five victories were pretty straight-forward ones in which the Minico

wrestler had control almost from the onset, but Simental's battle with Bryan Pierson of Challis was far more adven-

Pierson of Challis was far more adven-tionus. Simental went behind by a healthy margin in the heginning, but whittled his way back into the match midway through the second period. Then, as time tleked off that round and Pierson appeared to fire. Simental turned him and grabbed a pin, with three seconds left in the period. "I'm usually in pretty good shape, so like the property of the property of the Simental, who upped his record to 11-0 on the season." Just worked hard and when I had a chance to flip him I got the pin."

Simental wasn't the only local wrestler to preserve his unbeaten

record. Jerome's 103-pounder Cory Cummins, after scoring his first tour-nament championship at last months beair-Cat Invitational, doubled his title-count by whining his division ones tourned with the control of the control of the count of

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Nelson, Larry push Boise St. past Idaho Duo scores 25 apiece

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Matt Nelson and Reggie Larry scored 25 points each Saturday as they led Boise State to a 95-84 win

The victory extends the Broncos' winning streak over the Vandals to 13 straight

Taul Noonan added 12 points for IBS (11-3, 2-4) Western Albletic Conference). The Vandals (3-10, 0-2) were led by Jondan Brook, who seried 22 points, Mike_1401 added 20 for Ul.

Idaho fied the game at 56-56 with 1825 left in the second half following a pair of Mike Hall free throws that came as a result of a technical foul by Larry. The Vandals then took the lead on a Brooks basket, 58-56, with



Boise State forward Paul Ho right, puts up a shot over idaho guard Brandon Brown, left, in ti guard Branuon Diseas, first half Saturday at the Cowan Spectrum in Mosco

17:58 left. But that was it for UI, The

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CSI women sweep through challenge

The No. 8 College of Southern Idaho women's faskethall team will enter confirm through the North Idaho College SWAC Challenge (Challenge SWAC Challenge SWAC Challenge SWAC Challenge SWAC Challenge SWAC Challenge SWAC Challenge (Callenge North Idaho College SWAC Challenge SWAC Challenge (Callenge North Idaho College (Cal

Augmin 85-70 Saturday afternoon in Coeur d'Alene

d'Alene.
The Golden Eagles weath-ered a 36-point effort from former WNBA player Stacy Clinesmith, who torched CSI

CSI with 16 points, including four 3-pointers, while Maddy Plunkett added 13 points and 11 rebounds, Maylene Please see CSI, Page D2

NFL PLAYOFFS

Seahawks stymie 'Skins rally | Jags collapse, but rally for win



s Seahawks' D.J. Hackett celebri after his 20-yard touchdown reception against the Washington Redskins during the fourth quarter Sati day in Seatti The Seahawks won 35-14.

SEATTLE — In less than 2½ fourth-quarter minutes, the Seattle Seahawks watched a 13-point lead turn into a one-point deficit. Nothing was poing right — they couldn't even earth a simple kickoff.

I was looking at the scoreboard, like, 'What Just happened?' defensive end Darryl Tapp said. 'But you just have to continue to play all the game through.'

Seahawks 35

Redskins 14

And so they did, reversing the tide semoniar a team that had

Redskins 14 Redskins 14.
And so they did, reversing the beep playing with unbeatable passion for four weeks. So what if the other team secord two touchdowns early in the final period? The Seahawks responded with three of their own in Saturday's 35-14 victory over the Washington Redskins in the NFC wild-card playoffs.
"It's annazing how the tables turn so fast," left tackle wilder lowes for

Walter Jones said

Walter Jones sald.
Seattle, 8-1 at home, set aside concerns about a cream-puff schedule by beating a team that finished with a wlanting record for the first time since Week 1. The Seahawks will travel to Green Bay next Saturday's rematch of a 2004 wild-card game remembered for

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28 lead with about six min-



Pittsburgh Steelers defenders To right, haul down Jacks running back Fred Taylo

Associated Press wilter

PTTSBHRGH — Never in
the Steelers '75 seasons had a
team beaten them twice in
Pitsburgh in the same season. The laguars beat history
— and the Steelers — despite
a memorable founti-quarter
collapse that nearly cost
lacksonville its season.

Josh Scobee saved the
game by kicking a 25-yard
field goal with 37 seconds
remaining and the laguars
came back after squandering
an 18-point lead in the fourth
quarter to beat the Steelers
1,29 on Satuday night in an
AFC wild-card game that was
wild in every sense of the
word.

word.

Jacksonville appeared to be done after Najeh Davenport's second 1-yard TD run of the game gave the Steelers a 29-

28 lead with about six min-ntes remaining. But quarter back David Garrard, not a great runner; found a seam on a convert-or-else fourth-and-2 play and rambled 32 yards to the Steelers 11 with 156 left.

56 icit. Carrard aided the Steelers' Garard added the Steelers' comeback by throwing two interceptions—one less than he had all season—only to come up with the play that may have saved the Jaguars'

may have saved the laguars' season.
"They kind of lost their gaps, they thought pass, I was able to get through there," Garrard said. 'I just wanted to get a first down. I did chough to get into field-goal range and that was all I was thinking about."

ing about."

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisherger (29-of-42, 337

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Spartans **Bruins**

By Zach Kyle For the Times-News

RUPERT — In a game that had all the intensity and physicality of a playoff match-up, the bosting Minico Spartans edged the Twin Falls Bruins 54-46 n Falls l orday night. 'he, score w



saturday night.

The score was field at 35 entering the fourth quarter and again at 41 with five minima. The score is a second and again at 41 with five minima. The second at 40 with four minutes left. Bill carriery and Anthony Garcia each shot 4-for-4 from the fire throw line to extend the sline lead in a game that was closer than the final score.

The scoring was balanced for both teams. Garcia shot-7-of-8 from the charily stripe on his way to lead all scores with 13 points. The score is the fire store with 13 points, by Pebley scored 12 for Minico, including eight in the first balf. Twin Falls was led by Petersen's 12 points and 10 from Jake Hauchey.

Both teams struggled to score in the first balf, Twin Falls was led by Petersen's 12 points and 10 from Jake Hauchey.

Both teams struggled to score in the first balf, that with falls shot well from the perimeter and took a 27-17 lead into the intermission. But in the second half, Minico cranked up its pressure defense, foreing turnovers on the perimeter with quick hands and quick feet. The Spartan scored eight points in the third quarter on easy layups following steals.

"Every second was a struggle." Minico coach Mike Grade said, "They were fired up and really took the fight to us, especially in the first balf. They got a lead and got some confidence and put us at a 10-point deficit. I thought our kisk did a great job of matching that intensity in the second balf.

"Their twest a round come."

"That was a good game," Harr, said, "We knew they were going to come out more iggressive and make a run aggressive and make a run because they are a group of seniors, but we didn't answer their call. We needed to make a couple stops, and we just didn't get it done in the sec-oud baif."

Office 186 c. v. Minico improved to 9-2 on the season with the win. The Spartans travel to Pocatello on Thursday. Twin Falls (3-6) hosts Madison on Tuesday.

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Pearce leads Tigers to easy win over Buhl ease past

JEROME — Sophomore point guard Kameron Pearce had the best game of his young varsity caree draining 24 points while lerome's constant defensive pressure again paid dividends as the Tiges toppled Buhl B1-57. In hops monconference basketball Saturday night.

"I give credit to my teammates, they got me the ball and my shots were failing," said-Pearce, who had H in the first half.

It was the blind straight victory for

in the first half straight victory for the trages, who ended a three-game winning streak for the Indians. The teams buttled cardin in the season with Jerome getting a hard forught 17-28 victory. This time Bull was a little short-handed. Starters Nick Hamilton (torn ACL,

out for season). Brian Hosman (hroken four, due back in late lamary) and Troy Cooper (excused absence) were not available. Putting on full-count pressure, the fligers scored the first four points of the game and led by as many as six hehind at the of buckes by Pearce. The Indians (1-0, 5-5) stayed close, getting points from four of their five starters in the opening period.

Ryan Johnson and Kevin Williams both converted in the paint as Jerome looked to start pulling away in the second quarter. A 3-pointer by Brad Yusis and a jumper by J.D. Leckenby cut the deficit to three. Twiss would lead Bulb with 19 points while Leckenby added 10. That would be as close as the Indians would get as Pearce son built the lead to double digits.

loe Messick.
"Early on we really hung with them as we mixed up the defense. They adjusted and depth was a huge factor. Overall I hought we played well considering everything that has happened," said Buhl coach Ryan

owman. Jerome heads back to conference play on Tuesday as it hosts top-seed-ed Burley in a Great Basin Conference West showdown. Buhl visits Gooding next Saturday.

Burley streak hits 30 with win over Century and Amy Ellsworth outscored the Hornets by herself as Carey rolled to a 47-11 win Saturday. Ellsworth had seven field goals, to Oakley's three, and finished with 15 points.

Class 4A No. 1 Burley got off to a sluggish start Saturday at Century, but the Bobcats played like champi-ons in the second half, outscoring the No. 2 Diamondbacks 43-25 in the

outscoring the No. 2
Diamondbasek 312-25 in the
final two perifols to run their
winning streak to 30 gianes
with a 66-51 win in Pocatello.
Jordan Hosteen led all
scorers with 22 points for the
10-0 Bobeats, who got all
their scoring from four plat
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The Bobcats return to Great Basin Conference West action at No. 5 Jerome on Tuesday.

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COMMUNITY SCHOOL 60,
CAMAS COUNTY 38

Mac Whitington scored 22 points to lead the Cutthroast to a 60-30 road win over Camaa County on Saturday afternoon.
Carlos Robbes and Ben McLam hoth scored 14 in defeatfar the Mushers.
The Mushers 10-10, 0-5

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IV on Tuesday, while The Community School (0-1, 4-1) travel to Shoshime on Tuesday. travel Tnesday.

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VALLEY 67, SHOSHONE 56

The Valley Vikings moved to 8-3 on the year when they jumped out to a 25-13 listquarter advantage over host Shoshone and held the lead

Shoishone and held the lead for a 67-56 win Saturday. Michael Dehoney and Montana Barlow co-led Valley with 14 points apiece, while Juan Zambrano and Antonio Garcia added 13

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RICHFIELD 76, DIETRICH 41

Beery player on Class IA No. 1 Richfield's roster played and scored Saturday night as the Tigers routed rival Dietrich on the Illue Devil's home floor, 76-41. Richfield (10-0, 5-0 Magic

Valley Northside Confer-ence), which knocked down 30 field goals, was led by 12 points from Luke Wood and Jose Rivas.

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points.
Richfield is at The
Community School on
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with 22 points, including

three of the Panthers' seven 3-pointers, while the Bedkes were out in full force for the Hornets — Mitch led Oakley with 15 points, Payson added 14 and Cofton kicked in 10.

Carey (9-2) is at Bliss Tuesday, while Oakley hosts Lighthouse Christian on Thursday.

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Filer picked up its first win of the season Saturday as the visiting Wildcats defeated host Glenns Ferry 61-53.
"Maybe it was the new red uniforms," said Filer crash Jay Silver about the win. "This week they came together as a team, It was an amazing game."
Wildcat senior Cameron Contrans scored 17 points and grabbed 11 rebounds and junior Karle Ind 12 boards and 16 points. Senior Tyson Johnson had 11 points and disbed out five assists, for the Wildcats (1-7). Bryce Heard had five seasis.

assists.for the Wildcats (1-7). Bryce Beard had five steals. Damian Valle led the Pilots with 15 points. Glenns Ferry hosts Valley on Wednesday and Filer is at Valley on Friday.

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Ber ABERDEEN 57, DECLO 40

A lack of scoring in the third quarter cost Declo the game against Aberdeen as the Hornety lost 57-40 at

the Hornets 198 7-40 at home Saturday, lared Erickson led the Hornets with 13 points and-seven boards, while Shaylon Fenstermaker scored 10. Aberdeen's Rhett Dristoll had 21 points. Declo (3-6) hosts Kimberly Thesday.

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turday. "It was a tough game and

nothing really went right for us," said Burley coach Gordon Kerbs. Kässi Kerbs carried the

Bobcats with 12 points, while McKenzi Baker and Teresa Wayment each had

seven. Burley (9-4) plays at Declo

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Bobcats

Girls Basketball BURLEY 33, POCATELLO 30

Class 4A-No. 5 Burley held off a tough effort from host Pocatello, winning 33-30 Saturden

Carey (6-6) hosts The Community School on Thursday while Oakley hosts Hagerman Tuesday.

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RICHFIELD 47, HAGERMAN 32 Richland picked up a non-conference road win Saturday over Hagerman,

Hagerman senior Chaum-Hagerman senior Chauri-cee Axelson fied with Richfield (12-3) junior Lea Piper for game-high honors with 12 points. Christine Regnier pulled down 17 re-bounds for Hagerman (11-3). Hagerman is at Oakley and Richfield hosts Camas County on Turselay roentield hosts County on Tuesday.

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Richard 1 COMMUNITY SCHOOL 42, CAMAS COUNTY 39 Jessis Curran scored a game-high 15 points and The Community School shot deep community School shot them to earn a 42-39 road soin over Camas County on Saturday afternoon.

The Mushery event just 6 of 14 at the line.
"This is the third straight game we've missed because of free throws," said Camas County coach Matt McLam. "Obviously we have to change our emphasis."

The Mushers (6-10, 0-7 Magic Valley Northside Conference travel to Conference travel and Conference

FILER 55, WENDELL 40

The host Filer Wildcats beat Wendell on Saturday afternoon, 55-40. Juniors Lacie Heimkes and

Juniors Lacie Heimkes and Rocio Gutierrez led Filer with 12 points and senior Hayley Ramseyer added 11. Jori Fleming registered a double-double for the

double-double for the Trojans with a game-high 16 points and 12 rebounds. Iaci Lancaster had 13 points, six steals and three assists. Wendell is at Glenns Ferry and Filer hosts Kimberly on Thesday.

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Ornelas contributed a 12-point, 10-rebound double-double from her point guard position while Soana Lucet scored 13.

13. The Golden Eagles outrebounded the NIC Alumni 53:30 but struggled with their consistency late after leading by as much as 23 midway through the second half.

Consistent in causing to second half.

"We've got a long way to go to be at each
that can go to nationals and compete,"
longers said. We have to learn a little bit
more discipline on the court because we'll
need it when we run into Salt Lake."

CSI led 48–30 at the half after crawling
out of a 12-4 deflet in the game's early
stages. Tear Tremayne hit a 3-pointer at the
buzzer to help extend the Golden Eagles
surpe late in the half.

The Golden Eagles begin SWAC play on
Thursday when they host Colorado
Northwestern Community College at 5:30
p.m.

"I think we have a shot to win this league but we've got to go out and prove it right now." Rogers said.

Eagles Continued from page D1

up 76-41, but it was Galloway's deft passing that set the torne for the game, along with the cuttor tournament. The 6-foot-6 sopho-more finished with 14 assists, pushing bits three-day tournament total to 42.

pisting its time-day committee.

Galloway was able to find Sophomore Art Parakhouski who continued his strong play with 21 points and 13 rebounds.

"He's looking for me." Galloway sald of Parakhouski. 'At the start of the season, he was really just boxing out but he's starting to look for the half coming in."

CSI sophomore han Paulilo finished with a 25-point, 10-rebound double-double while "A? Yavapai was led by Gentry's 23 points and 13 rebounds.

was ted by Gentry's 23 points and 13 rebounds. The Golden Eagles will take their perfect mark into Thursday's Scenic West Abletic Conference home opener against Colorado

Northwestern

College.
"I think we grew and we've really gotten berter in areas." Peery said. "I think we've really shore to do to

sald. 'I think we've really shored up some things we have to do to take hetter care of the ball.'

CSI may enter SWC play without the services of sophomore guard Terry Fields, who missed his second straight game with a possible stress fracture in his foot that could keep him out of action for up to two more weeks.

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Rice rushes for 4 TDs as Rutgers rolls to International Bowl win

TORONTO — Bay Rice can over Ball State and through the 2,000-yard barrier in the International Book, giving Intigers the second postseason win in its 130-year library. Rice had four touchdowns and 280 yards, including a career-long 30-yard faren to lift the Scarlet Knights to a 52-30 win. in the International Book on Saurday. Rutgers 65-, which played the first college football game, hydrid won a book game before last year. Now the program has won two in a row, following a 37-10 win over Kansas-State in the 2006 Texas Book with another blowout. Ball State 17-10, meanwhile, is still waiting for its first bowd win in four tries. Rice, whose 25 touchdowns this season are a school record, has yet to announce whether he'll skip his senior season and enter the NIT. His coach, Greg Schlano, already made a similar decision. After speaking with Richigan about the Wolverine's job opening in December, Schlano stayed with Rutgers. Rice made that decision look wise on Saturday. On the Scarlet Knights' first drive of the

Asturday.

On the Scarlet Knights first drive of the third quarter, Rice took the ball at his own 10-yard line, broke through the line of scrimage and raced down the left sideline, fighling off two tacklers before diving into the end

zone.

Rice ended the third with a 12-yard run, making him the first Big East player to break 2,000 yards. Rice's 2,012 yards this season are behind only Central Florida's Kevin Smith and Tulane's Matt Forte.



Butgers running back Ray Rice is congratulated b fans after the team's 52-30 win over Ball State in the RCAA International Bowl in Toronto, Ontario, Saturday.

Rice has gone over 100 yards in a school-record eight straight games. Rutgers fans chanted "One more year!" after Rice's fourth touchdown run on a one-yard dive late in the third.

NFL

Dallas' Sparano interviews with Miami

MIAMI — The front-running candidate to become the Miami Dolphins' coach was also the first to interview. And his lead may be

the first to interview. And his read may be insurmountable.

Pallas Cowboys assistant head coach Tony Sparano interviewed Saturday in Dallas with new Dolphins general manager Jeff Ireland, who was hired away from the Cowboys this

week. The Dolphins declined to say whether executive vice president of football operations Bill Parcells also took part.

The New Haven (Comp.) Register, citing an unidentified source, reported Saturday night that Spartano was offered the job and will accept it at the conclusion of Dallass season. Sparano is a New Haven native and former University of New Haven player and coach.

Dolphins spokesman Harvey Greene called the report "100 percent false, in fact, we have a number of interviews scheduled in the next few days."

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At least two candidates are scheduled to
interview early next week, Including
Minnesota defensive coordinator Leslie

The Dolphins fired Cam Cameron on Third against the Holphins fired Cam Cameron on Third against the Holphins fired Cameron on NFL head coach. The new head coach will be their fifth since 2004.

MAGÍC VALLEY T.F. holds Cal Ripken sign-ups

TWIN FALIS — Twin Falls County Youth Baseball will hold Cal Ripken baseball regis-tration for buys ages 9-12 (as of April 30) on Tuesday, Jan. 8 and Monday, Jan. 21 from 6-8

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T.F. adds Babe Ruth softball

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Jerome boosters to meet Monday

JEROME — The Jerome High School tooster Club will meet at 7 p.m., Monday in oom 101 at Jerome High School.

Open gym offered at Robert Stuart

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and ecreation 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.

— Compiled from staff and wire reports

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady rides records to MVP award

NEW YORK (AP) — For all their achievements, past Most Valuable Players John Unitas, Dan Marino and Joe Montana never had a season like Tom Brady's 2007.

The New England Patriots record-secting quarterback added The Associated Press NFI, MVP award Saturday in the same manner his team reinped through its schedule, going 16-0. On the way to the lirst one beaten regular season size Mianni went 14-0 in 1972, Brady put on a performance for the ages, which camed him all but one vote from a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regular

by cover the league. "I have always been a huge football fan and will always have great respect for story of this game," Brady said. "I am flattered to Join such an esteemed list of players, many of whom I consider the greatest of all time. I hope that I can set as great of an example for kids around the world as the previous MVPs did for me.

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"I am grateful to all of the voters for any consideration!
was given. It is a tremendous honor and I am sure it is one that my family will one day lobk back on with great pride.

The eight-year veteran who

ASSOciation - 0-2-2007 highlights

Bit a record by throwing for touchdowns in 10 consecutive

NFL single-season record witouchdown pasces

Tops in the NFL in passing yr and passer rating (117.2) Brady

The perfect pick

already has won three Super Bowls helped the Patriots tear through the record books by

throwing for 50 touchdowns. He beat Peyton Manning's league mark by one, and also

threw 23 of those TD passes to Randy Moss, which lifted the receiver past Jerry Rices record of 22. New England scored 589 points, another record, as was the Patriots' 75 touchdowns. Brady led the NFL with a Brady led the NFL with a 117.2 passer rating — no, not another record, but close to Manning's 121.1 in 2004. Only one full-time AFC starter, Jacksonville's David Garrard, had fewer than Brady's elght interceptions. And Brady threw 253 more passes than Garrard.

Garrard.
Brady also was tops with a 68.9 completion percentage, and his 4,806 yards were 383

more than runner-up Drew
Brees of New Orleans.
Brady Joins a roster of AP
MVPs that includes quarterbacks Unitas, Bart Starr, Fran
Trakenton, Marino, Montana,
John Elway and Steve Youngall Hall of Famers.
Yet Brady insists individual
accomplishments don't rule inhis world.
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ourse of my time with the Patriots, the most meaningtu accomplishments are always the ones 1 have celebrated with my teammates," he said....."1 am certainly proud of the success that we have enjoyed so far this season."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Cardinals crush slumping Wildcats

LEXINGTON, Ky.—Rick Pitino thinks Billy Gillispie will one day get Kentucky back among the nations elite. That didn't stop Pitino from turning Gillispie's debut in the rivalry locals call 'The Dream Game' into another night-marish chapter for the first-year Wildcats coach.

Using a myriad of defenses that ratted Kentucky and silenced raucous Rupp Arena, Louisville raced to an 89-75 win Saturday to snap a three-game losing streak against its biggest rival. "Our guys played a good, smart bas-ketball game," Pitino said.
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kethall game," Pitino said.
Smart enough to extend Kentucky's
misery and give the Cardinals (10-4) a
much-needed boost heading into the
rugged flig East schedule.
It's a stretch the Cardinals appeared

to be ready for after forcing 22 turnovers and playing with the kind of intensity and cohesion they have lacked at times

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Memphis pass Pepperdine 90-53 on
straight home win.
Five players scored in double figures
for Memphis (13-0), which has not
dropped a home game since losing to
Texas on lan. 2, 2006, Chris Douglasfloberts added 14 points, and Antonio
Anderson and Willie Kernp finished
with 12 cach. Robert Dozler had 11.

NO. 3 KANSAS 85, BOSTON COLLEGE 60



Louisville's Terrence Williams shows his happiin Lexington, Ky., Saturday.

25 points with nine rebounds and Darrell Arthur added 22 points in front of a surprisingly supportive road crowd to lead Kansas over Boston College.

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EVEN LAVE had 19 points and 17
echounds for his seventh double-double, and UCLA heat California to complete a sweep of the Bay Area schools on
the opening weekend of Puc-10 play.
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and 14 points and five assists and John
Shipp scored 13 for the Bruins (14-1).

Shipp scored 13 for the Bruins (14-0), who won their seventh straight.

NO. 6 MICHIGAN STATE 65, MINNESOTA 59 NO. 6 Michigan State 36, initiation 37 FAST LANSING, Mich. — Rayman Morgan scored a career-high 31 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lift Michigan State over Minnesota in the Big Ten opener for both teams.

NO. 7 GEORGETOWN 58, RUTGERS 46

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Freshman
Austin Freeman scored 13 points and
Georgetown, which entered the game
leading the country in points allowed

and field goal percentage defense, improved on both numbers in a victory over Rutgers.

The Hoyas (11-1, 1-0) opened defense of their Big East championship by holding the Scarlet Knights (0-7, 0-2) to 31.1 percent shooting (19-for-61).

NO. 12 TEXAS A&M 79, LSU 53

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Donald Sloan scored 17 points and Texas A&M coasted past injury-riddled LSU for its seventh straight victory.

NO. 14 TEXAS 81, SAINT MARY'S 62 AUSTIN, Texas — D.I. Augustin scored 30 points and Texas, playing at full-strength for the first time this sea-son, rolled to an impressive win over Saint Mary's.

NO. 15 VANDERBILT 97, MASSACHUSETTS 88

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Shan Foster scored 32 points, A.J. Ogilvy added 25 and unbeaten Vanderbilt rallied past Massachusetts to extend the best start in school history.

NO. 16 BUTLER 73, VALPARAISO 65

INDIANAPOLIS — Mike Green matched his career high with 24 points and added eight rebounds to help Butler heat Valparaiso.

OREGON 84, NO. 21 ARIZONA 74 TUCSON, Ariz. — Malik Hairston tied his career high with 29 points and Oregon shot 56 percent from the field to heat Arizona at home for the second

NO. 24 STANFORD 52, NO. 22 USC 46

Nu. 24 STANFORD 52, No. 22 USE 46 STANFORD, Calif. — Fred Washington helped shut down herald-ed Southern California freshman O.I. Mayo, and Stanford overcame a horrid shooting night.

NO. 25 WISCONSIN 64, IOWA 51
MADISON, Wis. — Brian Butch scored 22 points and Wisconsin continued its home dominance in the Big Ten with a victory over laws.

— The Associated Press

Big Baby boosts Boston to win over Pistons

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. -Glen Davis scored a career-high 20 points, giving Bostons Big Three a huge life

Boston's Big Three a huge lift in a 92-85 win over the Detroit Pistons on Saturday night in a marquee game that lived up to its billing. For the, first time since 1981, two NBA teams entered a game on lanuary 5 with a combined 54 wins. For the-first time since 2000, two feams played with each children at legs an right-came teor feams played with each riding at least an eight-game winning streak. Their com-lined winning percent of 344 was the third highest in the shot clock era. The Cellies extended their winning streak, which start-ed after losing to Detroit at home, to nine games. Boston snapped Detroit's streak at 11 games. Paul Pierce scored 19

11 games.
Paul Pierce scored 19
points for the Celtics, Kevin

Garnet udded 15 and Eddie House scored 10 points to join Davis as key contributors off the bench. R 1 c h a rd Hamilton had 10 points, Chauncey Billups scored 17 and Rasheed Wallace added 16 points for the Pistons.

NETS 113, HAWKS 107

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ATLANTA — Jason Kidd
half to points, 14 assists and
13 rebounds for his ninth
riple-double of the season,
and New Jersey won its fifth
straight, rallying past
Atlanta.
The Nets opened the
fourth quarter with a 15-0
run, and the Nets (17-16)
moved above 500 for the
first time since November.
It was Kidtherman.

t time since November. t was Kidd's second triple-

double in two games. Vince Carter had 29 points to lead New Jersey.

ROCKETS 103, KNICKS 91

HOUSTON — Yao Ming scored 30 points, grabbed-eight rehounds and dished out six assists and Houston won for the fourth time in six

games without Tracy McGrady. Rookie point guard Aaron Brooks scored a career-high 22 for the Rockets, who've won six straight meetings with the Knick

Zach Randolph scored 18 points and grabbed a career-high 22 rebounds for the Knicks.

HORNETS 118, SUNS 113
PHOENIX — Chris Paul scored 28 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter, and had 10 assists to help rally

BCS

New Orloans, ending the Suns four-game win streak. The win was the Hornets' 23rd of the season, tying

23rd of the season, tying Phoenix for the most in the Western Conference. Peja Stojakovic added 23 points for the Hornets.

Leandro Barbosa Phoenix with 28 points

BULLS 94, KINGS 93 CHICAGO -

hit the go-ahead free throw and blocked Brad Miller's jumper with a second left to lift the Chicago Bulls to a 94-

93 victory.

The block came after Wallace hit the first of two free throws with 3.2 seconds left.

left.
Miller led Sacramento
with 22 points, but the Kings
lost for the sixth time in seven games.

— The Associated Press

Titans, Chargers get rematch in playoffs

SAN DIEGO (AP) — There's smash-mouth, and then there's Shawne Merriman's mouth.

Sunday's playoff game between the Tennessee Tilans and San Diego Chargers wouldn't be such an eagerly anticipated grudge march without the two.

On Dec. 9 at Nashwille, the Titans dominated the Chargers for three quarters in a virtual stugfest. The Chargers for three quarters in a virtual stugfest. The Chargers allied from 14 points down in the fourth quarter won it 23-17 on LaDainian Tomilinson's 16-yard touchdown run.

In the second quarter, Merriman, San Diego's three-time Pro Bowl outside line-banded off, sending the QB to the sideline for a spell. Merriman hobbled off the field with a sprained left kneel the priod, the result of what he claimed was a retailatory "hit" ordered by Stans coach jeff fisher.

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of what he clauses retaliatory "hit" ordered by Itans coach jeff lisher. Merriman said his collision with Young was accidental. While lauding his teammates for coming back, Merriman took a swipe at the Titans. "We're going to fight you to



San Diego vs. Tennessee

Merriman said.
So imagine the reaction when the Titans (10-6) squeaked into the playoffs as when

squeaked into the payons as the No. 6 seed, earning a trip, to face AFC West champion: San Diego (11-5). "If people missed the first one that we played, tune in," Titans linebacker Keith-Bulluck said after learning of the rematch

the rematch.
"Comments were made after that game that we would see them from our couch watching the playoffs," Bulluck said. "They need to retract that statement. We're coming to see them on Sunday."
"We know what we're up against," said Tomiliason, who is 0-2 in the playoffs. "It's nor sogoing to come easy."

Giants banking on Eli to deliver against Bucs

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — One team hasn't won a playoff game in seven years, the other has gone through hard times since winning the Super Bowl five seasons ago.

The New York Glants and Tampa, Bay Buccaners, are

The New York Glants and Tampa Bay Buccaneers are counting on this trip to the postsesson to be different. No more one-and-done. "I was brought here to help this team get back to the position where we can compete in a playoff game," said quarterback Jeff Garcia, one of the big changes the flues (9-7) made to transform themselves from a last-place team into NFC South champions.

team into NFC South champions.

"This is when the great players step up. I'm not necessarily putting myself in that position right now, but I understand what is put on our shoulders, what is put on my shoulders, and I will do anything and everything to help this team reach that next level."

The Glants (10-6) will be looking for the same from Eli Manning in Sunday's NFC wild-card game.

The top pick in the 2004

wild-card game.

The top pick in the 2004 draft has New York in the playoffs for the third straight

A N.Y. Giants vs. Tampa Bay 11 a.m., FOX Line: Buccaneers by 3

season, but he's still trying to codeliver the team's first post-Giants have lost in the

The Giants have lost in the opening round three times since, including the 2005 and 2006 seasons with Manning struggling at quarterback.

In two career postseason games, he's completed 26 of 45 passes for 254 yards, two touchdowns and four interceptions. He was sacked five times, lost one furnble, and New York exited quickly against Carolina (23-0) and Philadelphia (23-20).

'I am just looking at the

"I am just looking at the game ahead of me. I'm just game anead of the. I'm just going to try to play smart, put... our team in a situation to win mu-the game — whatever that; is," Manning said. "Just make!... plays here and there, don't-force any turnovers, and-don't force anything to hap-pen unless you have to."

LSU could try to make Ohio State ill with two mobile quarterbacks

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Most of the season, Ohio State smothered opposing offenses. Led by All-America linebacker James Laurinaitis, and second-team All-Americans Vernon (Bolston at defensive end and Malcolm Ienkins at cornerback, the Buckeyes runked in the top three in the nation in just about every major statistical catego-ry.

There was, however, this one In the Buckeyes' only loss, they flowed 260 yards rushing and four touchdown passes against the Illini's spread-option offense and didn't force a turnover.

What does that have to do with the BCS national championship game on Mondaynight, when the top-ranked Buckeys play No. 2 LSU?

"Illinois runs almost the exact offense that we run, ISU quarterback Ryan Perrilloux said Saurday.
Uh-oh, Ohlo State.

"They definitely have the ability to go with the two-back, zone option stuff that Illinois did." Laurinaltis said during media day at the Superdome for the Buckeys and Tigers. "They love to run the fnotball, that's what they're going to

do first. We have to stop that.

Illinois handed Ohio State (11-1) that 28-21 loss in Columbus and Illini quarterback Juice Williams was the catalyst. He tossed four touchdowns and ran for 70 yards, much of it on the final, clock-killing drive that lasted more than eight minutes.

Vs.

Quarterbacks who run and State time well are problematic to any defense. How many teams stopped Floridas Tim Tehow this season? And remember how Vince Young put on maybe the greatest single-game performance in college football history

LSU vs. Ohio State

Causain title?

LSU (11-2) has two quarterbacks who pose a dual-threat in starter Matt Flynn and Perilloux. Flynn's running has been limited this season because of injuries. Perilloux has mostly filled a role similar to what Tebow did for the Gators during their 2006 championship season— which ended with a 41-14 victory over Ohio State— but he's far more advanced as a passer than the Helsman Trophy winner was last season.

season.

Perrilloux, a sophomore, has started twice, including the SEC title

when Texas beat Southern game against Tennessee, and California in the Rose Bowl for the 2005 BCS title?

touchdowns in gaines when Flynn was banged-up.
When Flynn is fine, and he says. "When Flynn is fine, and he says. "When Flynn is fine, and he says. "When Flynn is fine of the sheped health signariand ankle and brutsed throwing shoulder. Perfilloux mostly runs the type of keepers that Williams used so effectively against the Buckeyes. With Perfilloux designated the... "running" quarterback, Flynn's, mobility has been overlooked.

"Me and Matt are pretty much the same height, same speed, same."

same height, same speed, same weight," Perrilloux said. "I'd rather: go in there and take that lick for him-so he can stay healthy."

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Kimberly squad goes unbeaten

The Kimberly Middle School 8th grade girls team recently finished a 13.0 season. Pictured, from left, front row: Shanna Parker, Taylor Watts, Kelci Kelly, Hailey Wilsey and Kylie Haskell; back row: Amanda Hughes, Bailey Allsop, Morgan Robinson, Miranda Overacre, Kaitlynn Goetz, Allison Cornie and coach Denise Mun.

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523, Misty Welsh 521, Ashloe Rackham 511. LADIES GAMES: Nicole Frederiksen 232, Misty Welsh 207, Tracey Hoffman 203, Leanna Magee 192. LADIES CLASSIC

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Ashmead 224.
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531, Cheryl Kerr 503, Georgia
Johnson 496, Lynn Ashmead
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Kris Rodriguez 497, Janet Grant
149, Kay Poole 404,
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Kris Rodriguez 191, Kay Poole
101, Rousbanna Byrigton 151.
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Coiner 561, Duane Smith 555,
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Kris Albert 465, Norma Carter
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Valva Miller 1646, Norma Carter
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think I was a little bit better (mentally) prepared this time."

Cummins and Gerratt are

cummins and Gerrat are just two of the local wrestlers who have to feel good about their progress so far, thut Minico has to feel good about its chances both at district and state this season. Another challenge awaits the Spartans: a litmus-test dual against Blackfoot on against Blackfoot on Thursday. "Lithink Blackfoot is one of

the top teams (in Class 4A)." Simental said. "So if we can beat them, I think that would make us the top team."

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Broncos

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mins, top, attempts to pin Elko's Colt and championship match Saturday af

percent (21-for-33). They finished the game shooting 61.7 percent. The Vandals hit 58.6 percent of their first-half attempts (17-for-29), but fell off in the second half as they went just 9-for-20 from the floor. BSU started to pull away at the end of

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the first half, building a 48-41 lead on the

the first had, building a 46-41 read on the heeds of an 8-2 run with just under three minutes left. Brandon Brown kept Idaho close by scoring six of his nine first-half-points during the final 2:17 before half-time to bring Idaho within five, 54-49, to start the second half.

Broncos went on a 15-2 run that featured three Larry 3-pointers that built the BSU lead to 73-60. lead to 73-60. The Broncos started out on a torrid pace from the field, completing the first half with a shooting percentage of 63.6

Seahawks Continued from page D1

Matt Hasselheck's proclama-tion of "We want the hall and we're going to score!" after the Seahawks won the overtime

Seahawks won use coin flip.
Instead, Hasselbeck threw an interception that was returned for a touchdown.
"I'm just saying it right now. we want the ball and we're going to score," Hasselbeck said with a laugh as he opened his postgarme news conference of the sead of with a laugh as he opened his postgarme news conference and the sead of the laugh as he opened his postgarme news conference and the sead of the laugh as he opened his postgarme news conference and the sead of the laught and the laugh

going to Scote; Inssented said with a laugh as he opened his postgarme news conference Saturday, "OK, I said it."

The Redskins had been on a mission since the death of, and the said it. The Redskins had been on safety Sean Taylor, who was shot in Miami on Nov. 26 and died a day later. Determined to win for their fallen friend, they went 4-0 after his funeral to claim the INFCs final layoff berth and appeared to have unstoppable momentum when two quick touchdowns gave them a 14-13 rean't believe it's over with for us." Washington linebacker London Fletcher said. "It just seemed our story was

going to be written all the way to the Super Bowl for us."

The Redskins' offense had come alive with a no-huddle drive capped by Todd Collins' 7-yard touchdown pass to Antwaan Randle El. Then came an interception by Laiton Landry, who took over a free safety after Taylor's death, to set up a 30-yard seath, to set up a 30-yard seath of the Redskins the lead. In the end zone, Moss held up his fingers to signify the No. 21, Taylor's jersey number.

Then came a bizarre play hat made the Redskins really look charmed. Seattle returner Nate Burleson couldn't field a wind-blown klckoff. The Redskins recovered and were primed to score again. A mass to Chris Cooley us

The Redskins recovered and were primed to score again. A pass to Chris Cooley Just missed, and kicker Shaun Suisham had his shortest miss of his young career—wide left from 30 yards.

"Not to score on that turnover, that changed the prompetition of the yame."

momentum of the game," defensive end Phillip Daniels

Jaguars Continued from page D1

yards) put the Steelers into a deep hole by throwing three interceptions before half-time then got rolling after be began lining up in a shotgan formation and threw touch-down passes to Santonio Holmes (37 yards) and Headt Miller (14 yards) in 4½ mitutes of the fourth quarter to get Pittshungh to within 28-23.

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get Pittsburgh to within 28-23.

The Steelers rallied from 15 points down to tie, Jacksonville late in the Jaguars' 29-22 win at Heinż Field on Dec. 16 but conduct close the deal. They conduct this time, either, even though Roethlisberger, shouldering, the Steelers' offense virtually by himself with no running game, was 17-of-23 for 263 yards and two touchdowns, just in the second half.

The Jaguars have beaten Pittsburgh four times in the last three seasons, including their 29-22 win on Dec. 16, and they appeared ready to do easily by building a 28-10

lead behind backup running back Maurice Jones-Drew's playmaking, Jones-Drew's escaping Jaguars star Fred Taylor's stadow in a performance filled with big plays, scored on a 43-yard swing pass after one of floothlishenger's interceptions and a 10-yard run that provided the 18-point lead, Jones-Drew's 96-yard kickoff return the first time lead, some brew's 96-yard kickoff return the first time lacksonvide touched the ball set up Taylor's 1-yard touchdown run and immediately answer the Steelers' opening-possession 80-yard touchdown drive.

"It was a tough way to get a win and we got one," Jones-possession 80-yard touchdown drive.

"It was a tough way to get a win and we got one," Jones-possession 80-yard touchdown drive.

"It was a tough way to get a win and we got one," Jones-possession step yard made that big run at the end."

"The Jaguars came in off six vgts in their last eight games, while the Steelers — missing five starters, Including star running back Willie Parke."



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Mike Weir finally got one last
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But even after a 5-under fât
on the most gorgeous day at
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3-under 200 and gave him a
one-shot lead over Nick
waney, who bridled his last
two holes for a 67.
Daniel Chopra (67) and
formalism Byrd (63) were
another stude bark.
In the Hyears that the season opening event on the
PGA/Gour has been coming to
the Plantation Course at
Kapaluia, there has never
been so many players in contention going into the final
round. Twelve players were
separated by five shots,
including defending champion Vijay Singh and Kapaltus
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There's a lot of guys that
have an opportunity tomorrow, 'Steve Stricker said after
a 68 that left him four shots
behind. 'For me, it's going to
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do that again. Playing in the
final group with Stephen
Ames of Calgary, followed
along by a gallery with shirts,
flags and even tattoos of the
Canadian flag, Weir played
to the third four process
and sensational views.
But he never could pull
away, not with the numbers
being posted ahead of him.
Watney made up a lot of
ground on his final two holes
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Mike Weir follows his drive off the first tee of the Plantation Course during the third ro ionship golf tournament in Kapalua, Hawaii, Saturday.



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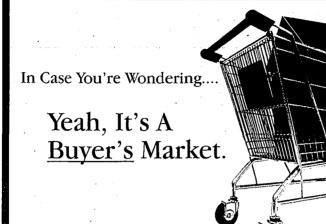
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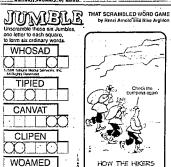
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ANSWER: This year's championships will be aligned with the International Mind Sports Association. I'm happy that all the intelectual activities will be working in tandem, but it will take some time to see if the whole will represent mean than the me of its sent more than the sum of its

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Dear MT. World:

I held ♠ 'A-J-9-8-3, ♥ 10-9,

♦ Q-8-5-3, ♣ J-4, and my partner opened a strong no-trump. How should I have advanced the hand? Forward Motion, Milwaukee, Wis.

ANSWER: I think you could sensi-bly go in one of two directions. If playing Stayman but not trans-fers, bid two clubs and follow up with two no-trump unless you find with two no-trump timess you find a fit. If you are playing transfers, bid hearts to transfer to spades, then invite game with a call of two no-trump. It would be cowardly not to make a try for game. Dear Mr. Wolff:

When you use Stayman and find a major suit opposite, what does a jump to four no-trump mean? If it is invitational, how do you agree on the major?

ANSWER: What you suggest is playable, and you can use the direct call of four no-trump as a bal-

anced invitation to slam without a fit. But another approach is to bid three of the other major as an ar-tificial call to set the major as trump. Then you can follow up with four no-trump later to ask for aces.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I dealt myself ♣ J-7-5-4-2,

♣ Q-7-4-3-2, ♦ A-Q-3, ♣ — and
passed. When my partner opened
one club. I responded one spade
and my partner rebid one notrump. Would it be right for me to
bid two hearts now, or three
hearts?

Trum Valer **Leafter Cont. Drum Major, Hamilton, Ontario

ANSWER: It is probably sufficient to bid two hearts here. Until or unless you find a nine-card fit, your hand is not nearly as promising as it might appear. If your partner raises hearts, you will bid on, of course, but it will probably not happen.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Do you play penalty doubles of your opponents' strong no-trump? If not, what defense would you recommend? Sledgehammer, Jackson, Miss

ANSWER: Yes, I think it makes sense to keep the doubles as penalty. But if you are looking for an artificial method, there are an articla method, here are many options available. One that is gaining popularity is called Woolsey, which subverts the dou-ble to show a two-suiter. Two clubs announces both majors; two diamonds, one major.

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1999-2001. He worked in McColl as a snekelympred
during and after those years, and he has relatives in
the Burley, Izerome, Gooding and Falirified leass.
He holds an English degree from Utah State University
and an MBA from Brigham Young University, Yoday he's
a business development manager for Apple in
Cupertino, Calif., and lines in Plot Alfo with his wile and
three children. Writing is a hobby.
Williamson's first book. "Throw Your Kid a Bone: A Novel Perspective on the
Dogina of Parenting." was self-published through print-on-demand publisher
Lulu and is distributed through Williamson's Grand and Amazon.com.
The book's illustrations are Williamson's own.



A DREAM CLASS

Would-be consultants learn tricks, and trials, of the wedding trade

WASHINGTON — The students waited expectantly as the guest lecturer plugged in her curling fron. The topic on the syllabus; updos.

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The styllst attached a mop of shiny fake curls to sophomore Brittney Tobin's long blond hair, swept it up onto her head and pinned on a bridal veil. 'Is there a veil on my head?' Tobin squaaked, wide-eyed, futtering a hand in front of her face.

"It's every girls dream to have a class about weddings," Tobin said later. "It's a dream!'

Sure, a dream, Until the bride freaks out.

Surva, a dream. Until the bride freaks out, the best man gets plastered, the altar boy topples over in the milddle of the coronary, And everyone expects you to fix it. If there's one thing Maggie Daniels wants students to know in her semester-long class on weddling planning — apparently the first in the country at a four-year college—It's that this is not just fluff. Daniels, an assistant professor at suburban George Mason University, teaches criss management and event planning, for

ban George Mason University, teaches cri-sis management and event planning for what has become an enormous business, estimated at anywhere from \$80 billion to \$161 billion a year nationally. Spending on weddings has nearly doubled in the past 15

years.

In just four years, almost every expense increased more than 20 percent, as people added days of events, gifts for all the guests, elaborate lighting and all sorts of other extras promoted by magazines. TV shows and the rest of the marital-industrial complex. More than a third of couples outspend their wedding blanders.

With that booming Industry comes demand for wedding blanners who know their peau de sole from their charmeuse, who can coordinate timing and details such as flowers, music and hors doewres, who can condition their charmeuse, who can condition their charmeuse, who can condition their peau de sole from their charmeuse, who can condition their peau descriptions and their peau descriptions.

who_can_whlp_recalcitrant_groomsmen into shape.

And who can, when the inevitable crisis

And who can, when the inevitable crisis lits, take the bullet.
"A wedding planner has to be a super-hero." Tobin said. "People think of their wedding as the perfect fairy tale. If it's not, someone's going to get the blame. It's probably going to be you."

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Guest vendor Giselle demonstrates a wedding hairstyle on Brittney Tobin, 19, a student in a class on wedding planning at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. It is apparently the first such class in the country at a for



Student Patti Mohamed locks at a book of hairstyles in a class on wedding planning at George Mason Univers In Fairfax, Va. What happens very frequently is students come into class doe-eyed, the teacher says, but the bottom line is, if you want to make a living at this, it is a hard job, a very, very hard job."

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— Student Brittney Tobin



And then there were three

With lots of preparation, Twin Falls couple welcomes baby

By Blair Koch Imes-News correspondent

They call it nesting for a reason.
Between preparing a nursery, scheduling time off work, purchasing a car seat, choosing whether to breast-feed and making time off work, purchasing a car seat, choosing whether to breast-feed and making time off work, purchasing a car seat, choosing whether to breast-feed and making time of the district of children of the choose o

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Brooke Tucker opens a highchair during an early source succes opens a nightnair during an early-November baby shower for the birth of her first son. The gift 'cake' at right includes fabric diapers — which also work well for non-stop splits — teething toys, pacifiers and stuffed animals.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shashone St. W., Toin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 12. Center lours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms bar-gain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. MENUS:

MENUS: Monday: Hamburgers Tuesday: Chicken ream sauce and rice Wednesday: French dip

indwiches Thursday; Chili Friday: Fish or liver ACTIVITIES:

ACTIVITIES: Today: Dance, 2 to 5 p.m. Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. Monday bridge Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to

Exercise class, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday: Quilting,

Foot clinic Jackpot (rip, 3 p.m. Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Pinocfile, 1 p.m. Exercise class, 1:30 p.m. Friday: Quilling, 9 a.m. Lunch bingo Saturday: Super bingo, 1

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lui 1010 Main St, Buld, Lunch at noon, Suggested, donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60, Sunday buffer: 1 p.m.; \$4,50, seniors; \$5,50, under 60; \$3,50, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; B.a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, MENUS; Menuday Paranto Sum.

Monday: Potato soup Tuesday: Roast beef

iches Wednesday: Cook's choice Thursday: Spaghetti *ACTIVITIES*: Today: Roast beef dinner, 1

Monday: SilverSneakers

exercise program, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m.

to 3 p.m. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: Silver-

Wednesday: Silver-Sneakers, 10:30 a.m. Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m.

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Blood pressure, 11:45 a.m. Blngo, 1 to 3 p.m. Friday: SilverSneakers,

Blood pa-Blugo, 1 to 3 p.m. Friday: SilverSneak... 10:30 a.m. Dinner theater, dinner at 6 p.m., play at 7 p.m. Saturday: Dinner theater, dinner at 6 p.m., play at 7

222 Main St., Filer Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. MENUS:

Tuesday: Spaghetti Wednesday: Chicken

Thursday: Salisbury steak
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:39

a.m. Blingo, I p.m. Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30

a.m. Thursday: Bingo, 1 p.m. Friday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly, Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery, Suggested donation; \$4, sen-iors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12, Center hours; 9

iors: 50, tures: 9
a.m. o3 p.m.
MENUIS;
Monday: Cooks choice
Wednesday: Fish filler
Friday: Meatloaf
ACTIVITES:
Today: Roast pork dinner
Monday: Nu-2-0 Thrift
Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 1020 a.m.
A4 meeting, 8 p.m.
A4-anon meeting, 8 p.m.
ruesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.;
everyone over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2-1 open
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 1020 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7

Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m

m. to 3 p.m Exercise, 40:30 a.m. Gem-State-Fiddlers, 41:30

Bingo, 11:50 a.m Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior

Citizen Center 308 Senior Ave., Gooding. inch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. MENUS:

Monday: Clam chowder sday: Pigs-in-a-blan-

t Wednesday: Liver and uons Thursday: Lasagna Friday: Soup and sand-

wiches ACTIVITIES; Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild one, 6 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Pinochle with Shoshone, 1:30 o.m.

Pinocine 1:30 p.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m. Bridge, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Pool, 9:30

m. Board meeting, 1 p.m. Shuffleboard, 6 p.m. Thursday: Quilt social, 9

a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: Bridge and dupli-cate bridge, 1 p.m. Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Are. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11

a.m. to 1 p.m. Hagerman Valley Senior

and Community Center

140 E. Loke, Hogerman, Lunch at noon, Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under \$6; \$2, under \$6; Center hours; \$8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrilt shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; tree high-speed Internet. MENHS:

Monday: Swiss steak Wednesday: Pork roast Friday: Jigg salad sandwiches

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E., Jeromé. Suggested 212 First Are. E., Jetome-Lanch at noon, Suggested donation: \$3,50, seniors: \$5, nonseniors. Center hours: B a.m. to 4 p.m. MENUS: Monday: Chicken alfredo Tuesday: Malibu chicken Wednesday: Burritos Thursday: Purk toast Frlday: Oven-baked chick-en

ACTIVITIES: e, 10:30 a.m.

Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 6 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.

6:45 p.m. Wednesday: Sneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Dick and John

Pinochle, 7 p.m. Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club Thursday: Board meeting,

Thursday: Board meeting, 10 a.m.
Foot clinic, 1 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Gern State Fiddlers Pinochie, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch-at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors, \$5, nonse-niors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to rs, Center nous, cam, w 0 p.m. Tuesday and arsday, 8 a.m. to noon aday, Wednesday and Monday, Friday. MENUS:

MENUS: Tuesday: Enchiladas Thursday: Ham and beans ACTIVITIES: Wednesday: Bake day Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

CHIZENS INC.

218 N. Rail St. W.
Shoshore. Lunch at noon,
Suggested donation: \$3.50.

sentors: \$5.50. under 1.05.00.

Center hours: 9 a.m. 10 3 p.m.
Monday: \$6.30 a.m. to 3 2.30

p.m. Tuesday. Wednesday.

Friday: closed Thursday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Her and unions.

MENUS:
Thesday: Liver and onions
Wednesday: Bean soup
Friday: Spaghetti
ACTIVITES:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Collee, 9.30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Board meeting,
0.30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Pinochle, I p.m. Thursday: Jackpot trip, 9

Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center

Willow Are. W., dd. Lunch at noon, sted donation: \$3, sen-t, under 60; \$2, under Fairfield. FairJu., Suggested dom, inrs; S4, under 60; S2, un-10. Quilling, pool, table sames, puzzles, TV, videos.

Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. MENUS:

Tuesday: Stew and biscults Wednesday: Cheese-

burgers Friday: Fried chicken Activities: Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m.

to 1 p.m.
Saturday: Breafundraiser, 8 to 10 a.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: S3, seniors; S5, nonseniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. MENUS:

Tuesday: Finger steaks Wednesday: Potato soup Friday: Pork roast ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Massage therapy, a.m Breakfast at the Kneadery,

u.m. Tuesday: Table tennis, 8:30

a.m.
Foot clinic, 10 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Red Hatters
meeting, 11 a.m.
Yuga, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: Knitting class at
The Loft, bus leaves at 9:45
a.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street, Lunch at noon, Suggested donation; \$3, seniors; \$5, nonseniors.

MENU:

Thursday: Potato soup

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert, Lunch at noon, Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, nonseniors; \$3, under 12; \$4,50, home delivery. Gift shop; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours; 9 a.m. to 3 ACTIVITIES: Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4

ni. Pool, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3

.m. Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3

ni. SHIRA and Medicare assis

tance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwindeman at George Schwindeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at

677-4872 for appointments Friday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m. Golden Heritage

Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. 2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, nonseniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. MENUS:

Monday: Birthday choice Tuesday: Stromboli Wednesday: Birthday din-

.. Thursday: Beef fajitas Friday: Birthday choice ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. rxercise Tuesday: Pool ruesday: Pool Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Radio show, 9:06 a.m.

Exercise Community bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Pool Blood pressure check, 11

.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise Thursday: Pool Exercise Community pinochle, 6

m. Woodcarving, 6 p.m. Friday: Pool Exercise Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glemis Ferry, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, sen-iors: \$5, under 60: \$2,50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051, Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

p.m. MENUS: Monday: Ham and beans Tuesday: Baked chicken Thursday: Lasagna Activities: Tuesday: Quilting, 1 p.m. Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m. Cardio, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. MENUS:

Monday: Meatballs with

gravy Thursday: Me cheese sandwiches Meat

Plastic surgery disclosure is at parents' discretion

When hip-hop star Kanye West's mother, Donda, died suddenly of complications after cosmetic surgery in November, the media homed in on the mothling history of her doctor and the risks associated with the procedure. One question that might never be answered is this: How did Kanye West feel when his mother decided to undergo a tummy tuck and breast reduction at age 587. Or did she even tell him heforehand?

beforehand?

heforeland: With nearly-11-million cosmetic surgery pro-cedures performed in 2006, it's more likely than ever that someone in your family has had work done.

It might be as subtle as the spot removal of a stepmon's under-eye baggage. Or perhaps a parent's sudden and suspicious jaunt to Tuscany without packing more than pajamas.

without packing more than pajamas.
With all the emotional ssues—including a berrayal of genes and a resistance to aging—that a nip or tuck can stir up, it's no wonder that cosmetic surgery causes frown lines in a family. So much so that some parents are now keeping mum about their procedures.
'Altot of pattents don't even

their procedures.

"Altor of patients don't even tell their adult kids about it because they're worried that their children will think it's vanity," says plastle surgeon Dr. Babak Azitzadeh of Beverly Hills, Calif, who estimates that 25 percent of his patients want to discuss how to tell their children. "They just don't know how to bring it up."

The Issue calls into ques-tion the most basic values that parents teach their chil-

dren — that superficiality only reigns on the schoolyard and what's on the Inside is what matters most. And what and what's on the Inside is what matters most. And what about moms who tighten up to the point of looking, as attractive as their teenage daughters? No adolescent girl wants to bear, "Your mom is so hot!" Or he forced to reconsider a parent's political ideology.

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ing a hot Issue.

And it's only going to

so hut." Or he forced to reconsider a parent's political ideology.

"My mom was a huge fem-hist who didn't even want me to work at Elle magazine," says Cilo Mamuelian, a fash-ion publicist who lives in Los Angeles. "Then she got a face-lift, which was very per-debutin !!"

lace-ift, which was very per-plexing."

For her mother, Taffy Mamuelian, a psychothera-pist and stand-up comedian who lives in Manhattan, the procedure made her feel sheepish enough to play down its significance. "I taught Clo not to make evaluations based on appear-ance," she says wisfully. "What can I say! I felt like a hypocrite."

Four years later, Taffy — a self-described "foodie" — decided to get liposuction. This time, her daughter wor-rided more about the health risks than the step back for

risks that the step back for women's lib.

"I felt like it was a dangerous surgery." Clio says. "I was so concerned that I flew home to New York to be with her and change her dressings."

Taffy didn't consult her New York doctor on how to allay her daughter's anxiety. Nor did Clio get prepped on what to expect after the operation. But these days, how to discuss cosmette surgery with kids — from the inherent risks to the often gruesome recovery — is becoming a hot issue.

And it's only going to



Tracle Souve, 47, left, has had a neck lift, cheek lift, upper eye tuck and minor rhinoplasty, and her daughter Jennifer Jimenez, 22, had rhinoplasty.

more heated. more baby boomers play Ponce de Leon, According to a 2007 study by the American Society for Acisthetic Plastic Surgery, 20 percent of Americans 65 or older sald that they would consider cos-metic surgery, Many of their peers already have taken the plunge; 22.718, or 16.4 per-cent, of all 2006 face-lifts were performed on that age group. F1 to 64 — account-ed for 61.5 percent of all face-lifts. Society for Aesthetic Plastic

lifts.
"I did a face-lift for a women at age 82, and she got a tweak at 89," says Dr. Vito Quatela, president of the

American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, who concedes that the screening process is getthe screening process is greating more restrictive as patients get older. Her kids supported her Usually, children in their 20s or 30s are more fearful of the medical risks."

For patients with younger

For patients with younger risks."
For patients with younger children, it's the kids who are at risk, at least temporarily. "It's traumatic for young kids and may be better to say. "Mommy's going on vacation," "Azizzadeh says." "Parents should be sure that tion," Azizzaden says,
"Parents should be sure that
their kids can handle it before

they tell them."

A little white lie or a con-

venient avoidance of the issue?

Dr. Stanley Frileck, a Los Angeles plastic surgeon, whemently advises against duplicity.

"The biggest mistake you can make is to try and fool a child," he says. "Sit your 7-year-old down and tell him that you're having an operation and that you're poing to be swollen afterward and will need some help."

Fibbing about having a procedure doesn't send the set message cither, says David Sarwer, associate professor of psychology at the Center—— for—— format power of the center of the ce

Or even a wardrobe issue as newly lipo-ed moms raid

their daughters' closets Tracie Souve, a nurse in Azizzadeh's office, promised her three kids before she had four procedures that she wouldn't look different. That

was two years ago, when her son was 15.

"Ite was against it the most because he thought I should age gracefully," says Source, who had a neck lift, check lift, he was a superference of the state of the says important to accept who you are and how you look, of course. But I also told them my looks had started to interfere with my acceptance of myself."

The second part of that message suddenly rang loud and clear for Source's daughter Jennifer Jimenez, then 20, who didn't like her own nose.

"I-saw-how-perfectly-my-monis nose fit her face and started starting at my own nose in pictures," she says. She lobbled for rhimoplasty and had the surgery months later. 'I don't think I would have asked if she hadn't done it.

That same philosophy did-

it." That same philosophy did-n't work for Clio Manuelian when she told her mom that she was contemplating a nose job a few years ago. "I was appalled," Muriel Manuelian recalls, with a husky laulet.

husky laugh. Clio ultimately decided

against rhinoplasty.
"I felt like, 'It's OK for me,
but not for you," Taffy says.
"I did take her to see my doctor though, because I did

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Parenting

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In fact, Williamson modeled Billy's parents after his own, Glen and Annell Williamson of Georgetown, and wrote Throw Your Kid a Bone' as a gift to them.
I'want to be very careful not to imply that this is a memoir, because it's not."
Williamson said.
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Williamson sald.
But many of Billy's experiences come from
Williamson's own child-hood, (Yes, he was caught in
a mature plt, though not up
to his armpits.) The books
parenting techniques are
from his past, too.

"The impetus for the book
was to come up with a strategy for raising my own kids.
And as it turned out, as I did
my research, I realized that
the best source I had for
raising my kids was probably my own parents."
Williamson sald. "I didn't
paint my parents as perfect,
but they were good enough.
They were better than average. I guess, but they were
also fallible, like every parent."

ent."

After new carpet is installed, Billy's father makes a rule about kids not cating in the living room. Predictably, Dad is responsible for the carpet's first stain.

stain.
It's an orderly home,
where Sunday school is
mandatory, Dad insists on

table manners, Mom bakes raspberry ple, nobody gets a new dirt bike without saving for it and everyone has assigned chores — with suitable punishment for ditching an assigned morning of weeding, the beans. That punishment is weeding the peas, too. Other offenses merit cayenne on the tongue or an extended sit on a woorden chair. Williamson provides two other families as folis: Billy disobedient, whiny pair of cousins with know their parents are all bark and no bite, and the blekering next-door

and the bickering next and the blckering next-door neighbors with trash on their lawn and clutter in their house. The kids next door are unhappy despite cable TV, no rules and an unlimited supply of pop. One girl shows up with a mysterious bruise under her eve another gets present.

mysterious bruise under her eye; another gets pregnant. Yes, it's clear what lessons Williamson hopes to teach young readers and their parients. (Getting mired in a dairy-manure pit you've been told to stay away from is a danger of kishoeldeneo.) But Williamson delivers those lessons in funny dialogue and a story that's not didactic enough to lose its charm.

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Baby.

Continued from page F1 bring," he said. "I think we're ready, but life will, definitely, change."

ready, but life will, definitely, change."
Luckily, she said, decisions like which day care to use were avoidable because both have family willing to help once the baby arrives. At that point she had decided to take eight weeks off, postpartum, from her Job as a dental assistant. In late Innuary she would return to work, but with a drastically cut schedule.

with a drastically cut schedule.

"We've been fortunate to have a lot of family members with bables, so this just feels natural." Brooke-said. "I'm going to take some time off right after our baby is born and then just go back one day a week."

A couple of weeks later

On Nov. 3, the day of the baby shower, Phil was nowhere to be seen. This party was of the no-boys-allowed variety, but his absence was made up by the arrival of over 20 relatives, friends, a comple of toddlers and plenty to cat.

By then the comple had all but completed the missery—with blue and yellow walls as part of its classical Winnie the Pool themne.

"We've got all the time in

the Pools theme.
"We've got all the time in
the world to put together a
bag to take to the hospital,"
Brooke said, laughing, "I
think we're as ready as we're
goint to be."

Brooke said, laughing, "I think were as ready as we're going to be."
With just a few weeks until the Nov. 17 due date, the couple had decided on a casual birth plan and giving breast-feeding a try, floth had flu shots, and a grand-mother was lineft up to help around the house when morn and baby return from the hospital.

These two are way more perpared than I was for children, "said Brookes mother, lolenc Carpenter of fesburg." Phil is as proud as can be, so giddy about it. I think they are going to be wonderful parents. I don't think they



could do much else to get ready for this baby. Both are really responsible and already family oriented." Brooke's sister agreed, on all but one point

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"When the time actually comes, I think they'll feel a hirumprepared — as all new parents are," said Camille Summers of Boise. "Phil may have some trouble with the Bourners of Boise. Thin may have some trouble with the diapers. Brooke's grown up with fittle ones, so it isn't anything new to ber, but I think Phil has only changed a few of his nephews. He'll get the hang of it."

Brooke, in maternal glow and surrounded by happy shower guests, promised to call a reporter for one last follow-up before the baby's arrival. Phil did, she said,

low-up before the baby's arrival. Phil did, she said, have a few things to finish:

Tips and resources

Get the baby seat in the car and finish constructing the crib.

It was an appointment she couldn't keep.

Working on baby time

Although science has come a long way over the past 50 years, with 3-D ultrasounds, homone tests and the like, doctors still cannot inpoint exactly when a haby will decide he has spent enough time cramped in the womb. And sometimes, it's the doctors who say it's time. With two weeks until the due date — just three days after the shower — Brooke was thrown a curve ball at

after the shower — Brooke was thrown a curve ball at her Nov. 6 regular checkup. Her increasingly high blood pressure, plus water reten-

the curious creatures smell and see her, but don't leave her in a tuom alone with ani-mals right away.

Many new moins may experience mild and temporary feelings of depression. Here are La Leche League International's tips on how to get through the rough patch:

• Speud time with your balls.

The baby blues

Valley Women's Health to decide on inducing labor immediately. To course, nothing can prepare you for news like that. I went straight from the doctor's and checked into the hospital, 'she said. 'It wasn't a really big deal because the baby was old enough and I was already diating. I just had to call Phillip, and he went home for all the stuff."

After a night of labor the couple decided on an epidural for pain management. Chase was born at a healthy? pounds, 9 ounces. Later, with over a month of parenting under their belts, the Tuckers reflected on their adventure. "I think it helped to not

parenting under their bets, the Tuckers reflected on their adventure.

"I think it helped to not have a plan on how the birth would go. I hadrit planned on being induced, or using drugs during delivery. I think that the most important part of being prepared is to know your options so you know what you ean do and then do what you need, at that time." Hooke said. "I think the one thing I would have planned on was in bringing a laptop to the hospital. Phil went to go get it and we were able to send e-mails and photos to people after the birth. It would of been convenient to have brought that to begin with."

Regardless of how well you.

nn. Begardless of how well you prepare, children seem to bring their own agendas to life. That's where helpers

life. That's where helpers come in.

"The best preparation is having someone lined up to come and help out during those the lits! I see days out of the hospital." Brooke said. "Having my mon around was great, because the baby came home before we could organize all the stuff from the baby shower. She did it. It was a blessing having her support."

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Wedding

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It wasn't easy convincing college administrators that

college administrators that this was a legitimate course of study. Daniels said, "I fought for this tooth and mail. Once approved, she needed 10 students to crroll. Seventy signed up. This semester, 100 stu-dents are taking it. They'rea nix of dreamy fiances, people looking for a fun elective, tourism-and-events-man a gern ent approximation of the degree, and hard-ore future welding consult-ants.

future wedding consult-ants.

"What happens very fre-quently is students come into class doe-eyed," Daniels said, "Part of my objective is to make them understand it can be enjoy-able, but the bottom line is, if you want to make a living

understand it can be enjoyable, but the bottom line is, If you want to make a living at this, it is a hard job, a very, very hard job, Your-weekends are_faken_away. from you. You're dealing with a lot of different emotions," and it's difficult to launch a lucrative business. Plus, the disasters. When the class started in 2005, Daniels taught with wedding planner Carrie Loveless (no. really), and they couldn't find a text-book. So they wrote their own, with business advice, explanations of different cultural traditions and lots of examples of real-life crises.

Some of the crises mentioned are furny if they did-n't happen to you, like the time children at an outdoor time children at an outdoor reception knocked the three-ther wedding cake into the pool. Or the time the priest fell asleep while the quartet was playing and-someone had to prod him

awake.

Stephen Ball, who grew
up working for a family
catering business and is
one of just two men in the catering business and is one of just two men in the class this semester. has seen I tall. Once, while bartending a reception, he watched a drunk and beligerent guest beat up two groomsnen. Ball wound up taking the guy down in the parking lot. "Most of the guests ended up outside watching me hold this guy down," walting for police. Sometimes there are actual He-changing disasters. Like the wedding video, viewed by family and friends at the formal brunch the next day, that clearly showed footage of the groom stealing the father of the bride's wallet during the reception.

that wedding was annulled the next day, Daniels said.

Daniels said.
Still, It's not organic chemistry in here.
As she created a full bun at the nape of a student's neck, hairstylist Giselle (No need for a last name.

gets most requests for loose waves, buns and chignons. She recommended extensne recommended exten-sions and fillers, then spun the student around so everyone could see. "Ohibhh ... that's so pret-ty!" a dozen women gasped.

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Ombibli ... that's so pretyt'" a dozen women
gasped.
"How many people have
had updes?" Giselle asked
he class." What do you do?
Do you bring photos?"
Ball, who's in his first
semester at Mason after
spending six years in the
Army with a shaved head,
deadpanmed: "I don't. J just
feel like, you can be creative
with my hair."

Daniels asked students
how they would handle varlous crises and led a discussion on different religious
traditions, then bridal
makeup. "The order is hair
before makeup," she said.
"Why would that be a good
idea?" Students called, out,
why would that be a good
idea?" Students called, out,
because you could mess up
the makeup with a blow
dryer or hairspray.
"Some hairspray helps
makeup stay on longer," a
sophomore volunteered.
At pageants, they tell us to
spray our face."
Silence followed, as people processed that information.

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The students broke into groups to work on their final prajects. 100 - to 150-page papers outlining an exhaustive weedling plan with real vendors, pricing, schedules, eventheles, seventheles, to create an imaginary client couple and draw a hodger number out of a box, in this class, they had to solve last-iniquite crises—Tobin enjoyed planning her group's winter-wonder, land-themed weedling, complete with snow-globe favors for guests and a \$2,000 cake dated with weedling cakes," Tobin said. Their crisis was a problem with the linens: The wrong color and amount arrived on the weedling day, Tobin was infrazed. But if it were the cake falling into the pool, I would be absolutely dwastated."

The crisis Ball's group

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The crisis Ball's group drew was a groomsman stricken with flu. Whatever. Give him Vinns, Ball sald. He prefers the crisis they invented themselves: The congressman's son finds out the week before the wedding, when he goes to get the license, that he's still married. He thought his ulckle marriage to that bartender in Las Vegas lad been annulled. been annulled.

nulica. most important he learned this The most important thing he learned this semester? "How to do an updo," Ball said. "No! Make that: what an updo is."

Is the breast best?

Studies suggest that breast-fed bables have advantages over their bottle-fed peers, including stronger immune systems, less diar-rhea and constipation, possi-bly higher IQs and a lover-chance of becoming obes-later in life. Ultimately, this decision

Ultimately, this decision belongs to the parents. Before exchanging buttles for a breast pump and freezer bags, talk with your ductor, nurse or midwife and check out these Web sites: • American Academy of Buttlerich www.wannur.

Pediatrics, www.aap.org • All About Breastfeeding, www.breastfeeding.com/alla bout.html International Lactation Consultant

• La Leche League International, www.laleche-league.org (La Leche League of the Magic Valley, 733-9639)

Choosing the car seat

On the road, Idaho law requires children under age 7 to be properly seated in a child seat. Page Geske, exec-ultee director for the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition, gives these tips regarding a seat to carry your precious carno:

cargo:
• Don't use a hand-medown or purchase seats at thrift shops or yard sales. You never know whether the seat has been in an accident.
• Check the seat's explration date.

Check the seat's expiration date.
Read: the instruction manual, and register the sent in case of safety recalls.
Gar seats are designed for babies wearing only one layer of clothling. If necessary, strip layers of clothes and the coat before placing baby in the seat, then bundle for warmth.
Not all car seats on the

for warmth.
• Not all car seats on the market fit all the automobiles on the road.
Information: Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition at 737-2433.

Sibling rivalry

-- A birth in the family can

cause a shift of focus from children already in the home to the new baby, said Shefley Bonnes, childbirth education coordinator and registered murse at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Bonnes suggests, these, tips, to Jurepare older siblings:

- Involve older siblings in preparations. like folding in preparations. like foldings in preparations. like foldings in preparations, like foldings in preparations. It was folder to the preparation of the new baby, to build excitement.

- With a doll, have children practice changing and holding a baby.

- Set time opart for one-one activities with older children, as well as time to separd as a family.

Even nets need

Even pets need preparation

Before bringing baby home, take a blanket or shirt she was wrapped in and let the family pets smell it, sug-gests Bonnes. When baby does come home, calmly let

 Spend time with your bally.
 Get plenty of test, bring-ing bally into your groom or hed it necessary. When bally tests, follows of:

 Apaid fight schedules or placing undue stress on yourself, for with the bally's flow.

 yourself. Go with the baby's flow.

• While some exercise is good, avoid overdoing it.

• Eat right and keep hydrated.

Education is the best preparation

Whetherthis is your first or fourth pregnancy, classes can_help, Classes ranging from Prepared Childbirth to

Cesarean Childbirth or Infant Safety and CPR are available through the educa-tion department at St. Lukes Magie Valley Regional, Percegistration is required for most classes. • Information: 737-2980. • Classes in Spanish: 737-2260.

2260.

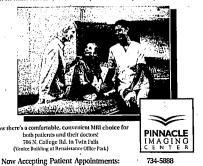
2250. St. Benedicts Family Medical Center also offers a variety of childbirth and parenting classes in Jerome: 324-6133 or 324-7262.

Picking a pediatrician

While the pediatrician on call at the time of your deliv-ery will often be the first doc-tory our haby sees, you don't have to make that doctor the one you keep. A comfortable, open, trust-ing relationship will help you get your haby the best care in the months following deliv-ery.

the months following denv-ery.
Instead of picking a name from the Yellow Pages, Bonnes suggests, ask around and don't be afraid to suggest an interview prior to decid-





The gift that keeps on taking

The moral table and the same two resolutions was sure to throw me into a seizure. Same promises, year after year, and one original ones. The same resolutions was sure to throw me into a seizure. Same promises, year after year, and nake, all of us encouraged by smilling hosts on moning shows. Get in shape, get organized, is anyone winning at this game? I am. Or, I will. This is my year. No, I mean it. And I'm not saying this with a wink and a nudge toward our shared understanding of how stupid it sounds. Lactually mean it. Not shout the get-in-shape resolution. I rither will no vill not early the resolution.

how stupid it sounds. Lectually mean it. Not about the get-in-shape resolution. I either will or will not eat more fiber, fewer fats, more soy, And I will whit la way on my elliptical four times a week, or three times a week, or two — or I will skip a few weeks before hating myself enough to start again. Of course. This is how it works. So, why am I so sure about the get-organized resolution? I st it because I've hit rock bottom? No — although I have. I have lived toward the extreme edge of civilization on this front for some time. There is a lot of usual triangle in the start of the rooms of my house, most



notably my office, which no

notably my office, which no one enters except me and my dog Betty — so why should I care?

That indifference is white should it care on the should it care on the should my dog to me into this mess. It's a matter of self-esteem. Do to care enough about myself to want to work in a tidy from?

Ant I afraid of stepping up to the grown-up world of schelyes and file cabinets and little labels everywhere? Does some lucking lack of self-worth sabotage my elforts at becoming an organized person?

That idiotic psychohabble is what has paralyzed me. Pll sit here in my messy office and wallow in self-leading until I have no chaice but to log onto chand order expensive electronics to cheer myself up. I am done with all that. Done! I have proof. It all started a few months ago, when we were about to begin this most recent home-remodeling project. I would need to completely clear out the two rooms, our living room and dining living room and dining living room and dining living room and dining.

clear out the two rooms, our living room and dining room, that our contractor was going to gut. This seemed an insurmountable given the floor space is my house — could I

even fit any more stuff in my office? — and so I decid-ed to order one of those portable outdoor storage units you see around. Instead of driving your stuff

to a storage place, you can get a storage unit brought to your home, sit it in your your home, sti it in your yard or driveway, or on your street, and leave it there, for a monthly fee, until you are ready to put all your stuff somewhere else. Brilliant, I hought, even as I kicked myself for not being the person to come up with the idea. I went online to order one. I read testimonial after testimonial form satisfied customers. Then I read this one:

customers. Then I read this one:

Warning, Can get addictive. Was going to keep one for only a couple toweks toben reaganizing my basement and atte. That was four months ago, I kept adding stelf foit and had to order another. Now I have 2 completely filled. Check with your local ardinance to make sure you are allowed to have these in your yard.

The image of that poor stong with multiple portable storage units in his yard saved me. The gloss of a lunk-filled future. Holy heaty, it has come to this:

heaps, it has come to this: Americans in overstuffed, oversized houses now put-ting little stuffed storage units all over our yards. It would not, could not, be me. I would not cross that

line. This (finally) brings us to

the present, to the dawn of 2008, and to the beautiful sight in my driveway. No, not a storage unit. I have swring the other way: a Dumpster.

not a storage unit. I have swung the other ways a Dumpster.

A massive green open vessel now sits outside my window, offering to deliver me daily of the sins of decades past. The pleasure I get from hantling stuff out is beyond measure. I try not to think of the landfill to which I am about to significantly contribute.

I try to remaind measure that

tribute.

I try to remind myself that I am just playing catch-up; this Dumpster represents a decade worth of trash cans I never filled. The thrill of throwing out has made me a better citizen, has, in fact, inspired me to fill my car with hags of perfectly good with hags of perfectly good stuff I've donated to my church's flea market and to bundle up newspapers to drop in the recycling hox at my kids' school. I am expelling. I am letting go. I am an advertisement for

am an advertisement for municipal waste manage-ment, or for actually com-niting to a New Year's reso-lution, or for the self-esteen required to follow your bliss — I don't care exactly how you want to spin it. I can only pass along my joy in the hopes of inspiring oth-ers.

ers. Get organized. Get a Dumpster.

Jeanne Marie Laskas writes her column for The Washington Post.

Pose as the strong, silent type, Taurus

IF IAN. 6 IS YOUR BIRTIDAY: You sparkle in social
settings during the next several weeks. People perceive
you as trustworthy and some
could even find you fascinating, so this is a perfect time
to interview for a new job,
start a new career, or meet a
special someone with permanent commitment in
mind. Throughout February
and March, then again in
July, Lady Luck is smilling
down on everything you do.
These are good months to
make plans for the future,
weigh crucial decisions, and
begin any significant
endeavor.

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weigh crucial decisions, and begin any significant endeavor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Look for a fellow love-bird to share your perch. Your husiness judgment may hit alow point this week but your social skills soar to new heights. Rely on close companions to keep you amused and content.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Pose as the strong slient type. Beam with an aura of friendliness, but don't discuss personal matters. Jou are at your best in the public spotlight early in the week. Co-workers take your side. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Bank your Ideas like a fire at night. This isn't a good week to promote radical ideas or take up a cause since you may he misunderstood. Concentrate on amusing yourself with delibriul entertain-

on amusing yourself with delightful entertainments.

ments.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Break away from the pack. You are at your very best when you think and act independently.

Exciting changes, contact with foreign lands or inspiring friendships might mark your week ahead.

friendships might mark your breek alhead. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The simpless solution is usually the expedient way. You may think you can shift your funds around like a shell game, but in the end you will see that technique won't give lasting results. Look for romance this week. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Subtle manipulations might

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

have unexpected results. You might not put the right spin on an idea. Focus on creat-ing worthy goals during the week to come since a new friend might open your eyes to possibilities.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Magical moments during the week ahead may improve a relationship. Your personal charm and allure are at a high point especially the first part of the week. Use it to capture someone's heart or attention.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-NOV. 21): Concentrate on the heart, not the head. You are prone to rooting out facts like a pig snuffling through the woods for truffles. Spend more time on affectionate companionship during the

companions week ahead.
SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put arguments aside. You can't reason folks out of positions they didn't reason themselves into.

out of positions they didn't reason themselves into. Focus on social activities, family and friends during the week to come for the best results. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-lan. 19): Keep your eyes and ears open. Certain opinions that have kept you from making a change will shift for the bet-ter. Early this week you should shop for clothing or something to enhance your appearance.

should shop for clothing or something to enhance your appearance. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Fight off the paparazzi. Your popularity quotient travels sky high — especially the first part of the week. This is a great time to Interview for a new job, ask for favors or meet the guy or gal of your dreams. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be known. You may shine with a little bit of Hollywood star quality particularly in the first half of the week. This is a fabulous time to network, meet new people or to get your name put up in lights.

'Gap year' gives students time for growth

WASHINGTON WASHINGTON Billy Neville was llippling through the humongous Flske Guide to Colleges last fail, yet another senior at a pressure-coder high school in searc-of a game plan, when his mother told him something unexpected.

on a game plan, Writer fits mother total bins something interspected.

"She said, Keep in mind, you don't really have to go to college next year. You can do something fun," recalled Neville, 18, who graduated in June from Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, Md. "I genuinely liked that idea, but iddn't know how serfousts was and how well a year off would work but I started looking at the idea, and it looked better than going to college because I didn't know what I wanted to do at college.

what I wanted to do at col-lege."

Ultimately. Neville was accepted at Miani University of Ohio. But he deferred enrollment for a year, johning the ranks of maverlet students who take a "gap year"—time off between high school and college. Some do it to find enlightenment and Introspection, others to learn something new or pursue a passion. passion.

There are no hard counts

passion.

There are no hard counts of gap-year students, but the National Association for College Admission Counseling reports anecdotal evidence from counselors that more high school graduates these days are seeking a year off. Gap-year consultants who charge \$1,000 or more to advise students on how to fill the time luwe emerged.

Some students say they stress accumulated from Advanced Placement courses and competition over grades and class rank.

"I grew really tired of everything in school. I just didn'like the atmosphere, especially at Whitman, where if you're not an overachiever, then you're just...! I don't

camp at whitman, where it you're not an overachiever, then you're just ... I don't know," Neville said. "So, I was hoping, in my year off, I'll find out what really interests me."

Neville asked for his defer-ral in a letter to the admis-sions office. 'And they came right back, saying, 'Sure,' said his mother, Clare Neville. Ann Larson, a serior asso-ciate director of admissions at Mami of follo, said the university grants deferrals for medical issues, military serv-ice, study abroad and other reasons, case by case.



Billy Neville, 18, deferred college enrollment for a year, joining the ranks of maverick students year': time off between high school and college. 'I grew really tired of everything in school,' says Neville, at home in Bethesda, Md. 'So I was hoping, in my year off, I'll find out what really interests me.

We really have no problem with students taking gap years," Larson said, "It's very positive what they bring back to the university. It's a matur-ive apparature."

positive what they bring back to the university. It's a maturing experience."
College admissions officers said they wan gap-year students to improve upon an area of expertise or perform some kind of public service. John Blackburn, dean of admissions at University of Vinjunia, said students often seek deferrals for missionary work or public service jobs through such unprofit organizations as Operation Smile, which performs free reconstructive surgery on children born with facial deformittes in developing countries. Admissions officials at Georgetom University estimated that 25

cials at Georgetown University estimated that 25 to 30 students admitted each year in a class of almost 1,600 ask for a deferral, requesting ask for a determ, requesting trips abroad to learn a foreign language, intern at a foreign embassy, or work at a foreign

or domestic magazine.
"Students have to have a "Students have to have a plan that we approve of Mostly its for some type of cultural enhancement," Charles Deacon, Georgetown's admissions director, said. Some outsiders might consider a gap year an exercise in slacking off. But many students plan their time Intensively. Some turn to consultants, such as the Center for Interim Programs in Princeton, N.J. or Taking Off in Boston.
Consultants typically

Off in Boston.

Consultants typically charge nothing for the first conversation. Students who want to meet for a lengthy period and discuss options

tailored to their interests might pay \$1,000 for short-term help or \$2,000 for longer-term guidance.

Consultants say they keep up with dozens of programs, so they know whileh ones are safe and reliable. They also say they know how to their goals.

"I ask them, 'How do you want to live! Do you want to live! Do you want to live! Do you want to leve! They also so they know they to their goals.

"I ask them, 'How do you want to live! Do you want to live! Do you want to leve! Do you want to leve! They are to live on your own or with clearn another language! What's your budge!" said Gail Reardon, fouriff said Cali Reardon, fouriff said Califf Said Califf

opportunities. He had a yen to travel with a friend in Europe and possibly find work. He thought about a job in Austria as an English-speaking sports commentator, but he passed. Recently, he returned from a week of building homes in Chiapas, Mesico. He hoppes to teach sking or find other work in the munutains of Colorado. He also atims to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity to help rebuild New Orieurs.

"I want to find out what can accomplish without my parents or my school telling me what I can do," Neville sald.
Zach Duffy, 17, who just

sald.

Zach Duffy, 17, who just graduated from the Ethical Culture Fieldston School in NewYork City, will spend part of his gap year, traveling in India in the fall with Global Learning Across Borders, based in New York, to culti-

sally inferests ne. Vate interests in Buddhism. Hinduism and the environment. He deferred enrollment at Whitman College in Washington state.

"The only trip I've taken abroad is to Italy, and I stayed at a nice hote in Rome and Florence," Dulfy sald, 'I have a desire to learn more about the world because I think I'll be able to conduct myself better in all aspects of my life. If I see poverty in India, then I'll be more humble. I'll just be a more interesting per be a more interesting per-

be a more Interesting person.*

But choosing to take a gap
year and forming a plan was
not easy, it also was tricky to
determine whether the plan
would be financially feasible. The Duffys wamet to know
whether Brown University in
Rhode Island — where Zach's
older brother Is a rising Junior
— would give the family
more financial ald even if
Zach were not attending college. (Universities often give
extra help if families have two
or more children in college.)
Why are the Duffys so concerned about add from Brown
in the next school year?
Zach's gap year will cost more
than \$10,000, including fees,
immunizations and equipment.

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immunizations and equipment.
We're hoping that they will treat Zach's gap year as if it were a college experience, but we don't have a commitment from Brown yet, "said Mark Duffy, Zach's father. Even if Brown turns down their request, Mark Duffy said the gap year will go forward; Zach has a plane ticket for India, and he's set up a "gap year blog" at wwwilsthenlighttime.blogspot.com.

Friendly handshake can spread unfriendly germs

DEAR ABBY: The standard

DEAR ABBY: The standard form of greeting In the West is a handshake. But this can lead to transmission of germs.

Being from india, I use the standard form of Indian greeting by holding my palms together, which is very hygienic. (By the way, many South Asian countries have the same custom of greeting.)

You might consider passing the word along because I'm sure your readers could understand the benefit of such a gesture — particular, where we have the second of the control of the c

such a gesture — particular-ly during the cold and flu

ly during the cold and fluseason.

— SUNITHA IN KUWAIT DEAR SUNITHA: I'm pleased to pass the word along. Your practical suggestion is a good one and something I have used myself. All you do is place your palms together, thumbs up at chest height. The friendly message it sends is clear when it's done with a smile.

DEAR ABBY: I recently landed a dream job as a nanny for a wealthy family. When I say 'weathy.' It's probably an understatement. These people have a big-screen theater in their home, a personal trainer over here four times a week, matching Lexus SUVs, gadgets galore and the biggest



leanne **Phillips** refrigerator I have ever seen
— not to mention the count-

less other real estate proper-ties they have in California, Aspen and New York. Coming from a more con-

Coming from a more consumer-conscious back-ground. I grew up recycling and shopping at thrift stores. I use afternate forms of transportation and refuse to keep up with the Joneses."
How do I get this family, especially the children, to recycle, donate and thing lobally (i.e. sweatshops and child labor) without coming off as preachy? They are nice people, but these things have never been a part of their universe. their universe.

— RECYCLIN' IN COLORADO

DEAR RECYCLIN': Your employers appear to be comfortably ensconced in their lifestyle bubble, which is an alternate reality from most of ours. However, you can positively influence the thinking of their children, and the most effective way and it is to truch them by to do it is to teach them by



WEDDINGS

FEHLMAN-GINOCCHIO

Tamara Fehnuan and James Ginocchio were maried Dec. 21 in St. George, Utah.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and DeAnn Fehlman of Oakley. The groom is the son of Jann and Karen Ginocchio of St. George.

A reception was held Dec. 27 at the Oakley Stade Comp.

A reception was held Dec. 28 at the Oakley Stake Center. The couple will reside in

GOLAY-HENDRICKS

GULAT-THENDRICKS
Tiffany M. Golay and Chad
R. Hendricks were married
Sept. 1 at the home of the
bride's parents in Kimberly.
The bride is the daughter
of Rick and Kathy Roy of
Kimberly. The groon is the
son of Ron and Julie
Hendricks of Ogden, Utah.
Holly Welker, friend of the
bride, was matron of honor.
Hannah Golay, sister of the
bride, was maid of honor.
Marnie Basom, cousin of fibrbride, and Hayley Hendricks,
friend of the bride and sisteri-law of the groom, were
bridesmaids.
Ryan Hendricks, brother of

bridesmaids.

Ryan Hendricks, brother of
the groom, was best man,
Sean Armatage and Howard
Skidmore, friends of the
groom, and Mark Golay,
brother of the bride, were

groomsmen. Kelley Golay, cousin of the bride, officiated. Spetial guests included grandparents of the bride and groom, Millie Jonas, Lawrence Golay, Whit and



James and Tamara Ginocchio Fort Hood, Texas, where the groom serves in the U.S. Army.



Chad and Tiffany Hendricks

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Hendricks.
The bride is a 1995 gradu-ate of Twin Falls High School and received a bachelor's degree from Idaho State

and received degree from Idaho State University. She works at the Idaho Department of Labor and Cltizens Community Bank in

rocatello,
The ground is a 1990 graduate of Burley High School and received a bachelor's degree from ISU, He works at J.R. Simplot Don Plant in Pocatello,

The couple resides in Pocatello.

DILLE-HIGLEY Recjae Dille and Brent Higley were married Ian. 1 at the Kimberly LDS Clurch. The bride is the daughter of lynn and Dea Dille of Hansen. The groom is the son of Blaine Higley of Kimberly and the late Younne Higley. The bride is a 2005 graduate of Kimberly High School and a 2006 graduate of Bon Losee Cosmetology in Provo, Utah. She works at Bella Mi in Twin Falls. The groom is a 2005 grad-Reeiae Dille and Brent

Beejae and Brent Higley uate of Kimberly High and works at Rock Creek Farms

JONES-HIRSCH

Tiffany Jones and Jacob-Hirsch were married Jan. 4 at-the Bountiful LDS Temple. The bride is the daughter of Wendell and Candy Jones of Rupert. The groom is the son of Rodney Hirsch of California and Dawn L. Poole of Burley.

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and Dawn L. Poole of
Burley.

A reception was held Jan. 5
at the Rupert LDS Church.

The bride is a 2004 graduate of Minico High School
and works at Hughes and
Cress in Twin Falls.

The groom is a 2002 grad-

MULBERRY-WILLIAMS

WILLIAMO

Millie Marie Mulberry and Lance Thomas Williams were married Jan. 4 at the Idaho Falls Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Ken and Jenni Mulberry of Kimberly. The groom is the son of Wyatt and Carole Williams of Hollister.

A reception was held Jan. 5 at the Kimberly Stake Center. The bride is a graduate of Kimberly High School and attended Idaho State University.

nds the College of Southern Idaho and works at St. Luke's Magic Valley



Jacob and Tiffany Hirsch

nd Millie Williams

Regional Medical Center diagnostic

department.

The groom is a graduate of Kimberly High and served two years in the Canada Winnipeg Mission. He works for WT Williams Inc.

ANNIVERSARY

THE WARDS '

George and Sue Carrol Ward of Conner Creek cele-brated their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 30 at their home with family and

She was a nurse and he orked in refrigeration.

worked in Ferrigeration.
Both are now retired.
Their children are Karen of
Pasco, Wash.: Danny of
Burley; Gayla of Ogden,
Utah; Sandra of Preston; and
David of Spokane, Wash. The



Sue and George Ward

ren and 31 great-grand-

ENGAGEMENT

PARK-GIBSON

Sabrina Ann Park and Richard "Ricky" Leroy Gibson announce their engagement. Park is the daughter of Chris and Debble Park of Burley and Kandy and Larry Moncher of Paul. Gibson is the son of Richard and Helen

the son of Richard and Helen Gibson of Burley.

Park is a 2000 graduate of Minico High School and works at Valley Wholesale in Burley. Gibson carned a gen-erate equivalency diploma from the College of Southern Idaho in 2001 and works at Machles No Counters. in



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Wife's silence is not always golden

Married women who keep silent during marital disputes have a greater chance of dying from heart disease and other conditions than women who speak their ujinds, research shows.

But the same can't be said of married men who keep disagreements to themselves. They had the same life expectancy during

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"When in conflict with your spouse, it helps to express yourself," she said.

The study of 3,000 men and women published online by the journal Psychosomatic Medicine set out to examine the relationship hetween marital stress and coronary heart disease or death. Participants were asked what topics they fought over and whether workplace problems spilled into their lives at home.

In general, marriage henclits health, particularly that of men, Marriedt men live seven years longer and married women live two years longer than single-men and levenum enserger

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When happy couples are
compared with unhappy
ones, however, the effect of
marriage on health is more
manced. Studies have
linked marital discord to a
higher risk of recurrent
heart attack in women ages
30 to 65 and the severity of
congestive heart failure in
male and female patients.
Recently, researches studying married couples
have identified certain
behaviors that appear to
worsen health risks, particularly for women.
Michael J. Rohrhaugh,
co-director of the
Oniversity of Arizona's
Family Research
Laboratory, who is conducting a study of heart
patients, said the pronouns
that couples use in speech
— whether 'me' or 'us' —
seem to predict the course
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"There is something about 'we talk — the collective or communal idea that 'we are in it together that is important." Robirbaugh said.
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"It's not that discussing disagreements is wrong, Couples should argue or discuss things that don't work," she said, "It is the quality of the discussion that matters."

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Eaker and colleagues at Boston University tracked 1,768 men and 1,912 women between the ages of 18 and 77. They were drawn from the Framingham offspring study, a large epidemiological study of people whose parents. Were from Framingham, Mass.

All participants received extensive physical examinations and completed detailed questionnaires. When asked what they fought over, men said sex and women raid money, children and chones. Men were more likely than women to report their marriages were happy and that their spouses loved them. The study initiated in the mid-1980s when women were entering the work force in large numbers, asked men whether wives jobs disrupted the home.

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Weekly deadline

Times-News welcomes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements and photos. (That is, anniversaries of 50 years or more.) To submit an announcement, e-mail it to ramona@magicvalley.com. The photo needs to be

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With questions, call Ramona Jones at 735-3262.

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What kind of ice cream do ballerinas like the most? Tutu frutti.

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Why did the boy ask his dad to come to school? To take a pop quiz.

What did one mountain say to the other mountain after the earthquake?

"it wasn't my fault."

What did the Atlantic Ocean say to the Indian Ocean? "Try to be more Pacific."

Why didn't the clock work? Because it had the tick-ups.

What do you call a skeleton holding a stop sign? A dead end.

What is a ghost's favorite amusement park rous The scary-go-round.

What did one volcano say to other? "I lava you."

What is a wrestier's favorite drink? Fruit punch. Why did the chicken

keep striking out? Because it kept hitting fowl balls! What do you get when you cross a porcupine and a turtle? A slowpoke!

What do astronauts listen to? Nep-tunes.

What do lawyers wear to court? Lawsuits.

What did the judge say to the skunk when it walked into court? "Odor in the court!"

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About you and time with parents

The Washington Post

Do you get enough time with your parents? What do you do together? Here are some findings from a recent survey by the Boys

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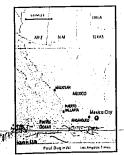
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Retiring to Latin America:

Mazatlan, Mexico, becoming a harbor for expatriates

By Maria Dickerson Los Angeles Times

MAZAITAN, Mexico — This bustling port was supposed to be just a whistle-stop for Lana and Joe Reid.

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The San Jose, Calil., retirers were an intre to the tourist hotbed of Puerto Vallaria, where they were planning to buy a home neur-thewater. But their detour through Mazadian turned out to be a date with destiny.

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Tony Feuer, right, who has been in Mazallan, Mesico, since 2002, its adding on to his inn in the historic city center, shown above. With the Influx of foreign baby boomers settling in Mazallan, the city's historic center is undergoing a renalisaance. But the development sparked by an Influx of well-heeled retirees has Feuer planning an escape in a few

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Patient: Doctor, doctor, I feel like a deck of cards! Doctor: I will deal with you later.

What Is a vampire's favorite place to go? The Vampire State Building,

What kind of ice cream do ballerinas like the most? Tutu frutti.

What did Lassie get when she graduated? Her dog-ree.

Why did the boy ask his dad to come to school? To take a pop quiz.

What did one mountain say to the other mountain after the earthquake?

"It wasn't my fault."

What did the Atlantic Ocean say to the Indian Ocean? "Try to be more Pacific.".

Why didn't the clock work? Because it had the tick-ups.

What does a bee sit on? Its bee-hind.

What do you call a skeleton holding a stop sign? A dead end.

What is a ghost's favorite ampark ride?
The scary-go-round.

What did one volcano say to other?
"I lava you."

What is a wrestler's favorite drink? Fruit punch.

Why did the chicken keep striking out? Because it kept hitting fowl balls!

What do you get when you cross a porcupine and a turde? A slowpoke!

What do astronauts listen to? Nep-tunes.

What do lawyers wear to court? Lawsuits.

What did the Judge say to the si when it walked into court? "Odor in the court!"

About you and time with parents

The Washington Post

& Girls Clubs of America.

Said they don't get enough meaningful time with their par-

43 percent

• Want their parents to work

Want their parents to work less: 39 percent
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How far?

- Mazatlan is a 17-hour bus ride west from Mexico City and a 7-hour bus ride north from Puerto Vallarta. Several airlines fly direct-
- Angangueo is west of Mexico City and east of Puerto Vallarta. It is about four hours by bus from Mexico City.

Retiring to Latin America:

Mazatlan, Mexico, becoming a harbor for expatriates

By Maria Dickerson Los Angeles Times

Los Anguest innes

MAZAITAN, Mexico — This busding port
was supposed to be just, a whistle-stop for Lama
and foe Reid.

The San lose, Calif., retirees were en route to
the tourist hothed of Puerro Vallarta, where
they were planning to buy a home near the
water. But their detour through Mazadan
trared out to be a date with destiny.

They were drawn to the street life of the his
toric downtown. They strolled the occanitont
walkway known as the "malecon." They
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hay to the seafood caméries. Hey liked the

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Tony Feuer, right, who has been in Mazatlan, Mesico, since 2002, is adding on to his inin in the historic city center, shown above. With the influx of foreign baby boomers settling in Mazatlan, the city's historic center is undergoing a renalssance. But the development sparked by an influx of well-heeled retirees has Feuer planning an escape in a few

Win a trip to Mexico

Retire

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cultural amentifes, such as
the restored 19th-century
theater, and the good health
are and other services available in this industrions city
of 100,000.

"Puerto Vallarta was not
the working, city we bound
here in Mazutlan," said Luna
leid, 100, The couple bought
a \$230,000 three-bedroom
penthouse in a high-rise
condo on the malecon in
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puerto Vallarta, 275 miles to
the south another thought.

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Ziveans. Government officials are counting well heeled retirees and upscale developments. Property values are (1sing lost, The changes its those who dike tho citys unvar-

who also dedges.

"The old hippies are having issues," said Tony Fener,
h0, a San Francisco Bay Area tolan san tramière day Area espat who owns an inn near the city's lively Plazurela Marchado, a returbished square tinged with cates, Jenes assended to the control of the city has planning his escape to a more



mmer built their first house in Mazatian in 1983. Now they are building a home on a hill



The city is starting to attract American vacation-home buyers and retirees. who are finding they can get more real estate for their money there than in the country's better-known resort areas.

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Toreigo influence is nothing new for Mazatlan. Founded in 1531 by a Spanish conquistation, Mazatlan horame a port for exporting, pold, and sliver from nearby nitnes, U.S. and Laropean investors before the amount investors the Laropean investors the Laropean investors the Laropean investors the Laropean and bast in the late 1800s. Their legacy can be seen in the European architecture of the historic centre of the historic

at the harbor, U.S. and Canadian smowbirds flock here during the winter. The city hosts one al the largest Mardi Gass celebrations in the hemisphere. Still, tourism doesn't dominate Mazadan's comony the way It dires in Cantun or Cabo San Lucis.

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Texas, who built their first

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overlooking the bay 18il, 75,

a former developer, said the

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He and partner Pattle Wells bought an \$800,000 home in a neighborhood filled with—businesses that local families, operate out of their homes, including a pinata store, a tailor shop, appliance repair and a taco stand, Lambert and Wells take späthish class- es and find joy in shopping for tests (speciables or chatting with neighbors.

"My new phillosophy is that it we get one thing done to a good day," said Lambert, 63. "If not, there's always manara."

Dude ranch association to hold annual convention in Wyoming

If a sea of cowboy hats in a hotel is your idea of fun, The Dude Ranchers' Association's 82nd annual meeting might be

just the ticket. Held in Cody, Wyo., this year, Tield in Gody. Wya, this year, the meeting features such speakers as Bob Boze Bell, owner of True West Magazine, with activities from wrangler instructor training to a horse safety seminar Estate planning, marketing tips and strategy, employee issues and issues of land use and conservation will also be covered.

The organization, dedicated opreserving the Western way office in the American West, also produces an annual directory containing information for dude ranch owners and visitors alike.

Giddvap!

WHAT: The 82nd annu al convention of The Dude Ranchers' WHERE: The Cody Holiday Inn in Cody, Wyo. WHEN: Jan. 23-27, with

additional events on Jan. 28. COST: Varies Information: www.duderanch.org, colleen@dud/ eranch.org or (866) 399-2339

How far?

From Twin Falls, it is a 7,hour drive to Cody, Wyo., where The Dude Ranchers will meet this

FEARLESS TRAVELER

Admitting a fear of flying is the first step

By Scott Vogel The Washington Post

The Washington Fost
Q: Do you have any sing-gestions or advice on over-coming the fear of hying?
A: First off, it seems com-gratulations are in order. How's that? You have pub-licly admitted your fear, which turns out to be one of the three most important components of Fonquering aciophobia, Thori keep it a secret, because it's series that kill us," cautions flon Nielsen, aka, Capitain Rou, whose. Web site, FearlessFlight.com, olives.

schoos. Web site FearlessEight.com, offers seads of pertinent linformation as well as multiple methods of addressing this problem. Nichsen, a former commercial pilot, says he and his company have helped thousands of people get over the fear of dying since 1917. The things people armost atrial of ane takeod and urbulence," he says, which is why concating yourselfabiout libe mechanics of this problem. No, 2 on the list of Nielsen's suggestions—is so critical. Learn how planes are built, for instance, and how their construction helps jets boil like corks when flying through a storm. And once you've learned all that, forget it. Sort of. Thearn how to distract yourself," Nielsen says, the final element of his tripartic approach. Breathing exercises will help, as will listening to certain audio stimulation (DS Nielsen's called "Fight Jamonizer," part of a kit that costs \$24.95; "because the audio part of our brain is co-located with the amygdala, as per usual, that part of our brain involved in fear conditions. As Nielsen puts, is everyone feels that amilias stomach-dropping sensation during clear-air turbulence, but its have our brain interpret that sensation that makes all the difference but its Naev our brain interpret that sensation that makes all the difference but its Naev our brain interpret that sensation that makes all the difference but its Naev our brain interpret that sensations and sensation during clear-air turbulence.

herence. He helieves strong-by that breaking unhealthy associations, which may be due to a traumatic incident in one's distant past, is key to triumphing over your feet.

to triumphing over your tean. Fearless hight, based in Phoenix. Is just one tosource on the Internet, where you'll find video seminars, books, CIs and DVDs on the subject. For help of a less media-centife nature," where we will be center for Tracel Auxiety (2014-469-46542, www.travelauxiety.com) in Bethesla, Md, It offers in-house individual assessments, as well vidual assessments, as well as private and group class-

sama oversments, as well as pirater and group classes.

Q: I'm an architecture butl, especially when it comes to aid deen. I've heard there is a lestival devared to this style in Manul, Is it worth visiting?

A: We've never understood this, but the promise of 70-degree weather in lamtary isn't enought to per-studet some "tawelers for join the flock of smowhirds on their annual migration south. If your family is plagued by when of these unfortunate souts, then the 31st annual Art Deco Festical might well be your lest chance to linesse a conversion.

For three days (an. 113-20), the lown turns at least part of its attention away from the beauties baunting the heaches in favor of the pastel beauties addicent or of the

from the beauties baunting the beaches in favor of the pastel beauties adjacent to them: Miami's abundance of art deco buildings from the "30s and "40s. Sponsored by the Miami Design Preservation League, the lestival features tours, bectures, roccepts. League, the lestival features tours, lectures, concerts, libra and more, all cen-tered on this year's theme; art deces relationship to the Broadway musical. Expect to make the acquaintance of eyebrow dormers, porthole win-dows and Duris Eaton, the sole surviving Ziegfeld girl, Information, 305-622-2014, www.artdecoweek-end.com.

www.magicvalley.com

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Butterflies

Confined from page CI you're actually booking at these terns of mullions of monarch butterflies that have come into this tiny, lit-tle area of Mexico." The Hoosphere Reserve, a lederally protected area municated for World House etc. See See See See See

Heritage Site status, spans some 124,000 acres across two states and costs less than \$5 to enter and \$10 more for a guided tour. In some parts, visitors can trek about on rented horses and

about on rented morses and burtos.
Communal farmers own the land and have the exclusive right to conduct haus. For that reason, namy guides don't speak English so bring a Spanish dic-tionary dyou want to ask questions about the liniter lifes.

es. Mexican President Feline

Mexican President Felipe Calderon plans to pump an extra \$45 million into the reserve's \$30,4 million budg-ethis year. for improve infrastructure and make the acea more tomist-friendly. Four butterfly sanctuaries are open to the public on the property El Rossioi and Sierra Chincus in Michoscon, and El Capulin and La Messi in Mexico state.

the flying insects for 52 years, recommends the Michoacan sanctuaries, which he says are among the most popular and offer amenities such a stond, sonamenities such as food, soft venirs, and easy access by car. He suggests visitors go in February and March when the butterflies per-lorm an élaborate mating vited.

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ritual.

"The males chase the
temales—they zoon
around after them and
catch them in the ais and
drop like a digad weight."
Binwer said. "Hitie the male
like off carrying the female,
and heff land up in the trees,
and mare for several hours."
Astrid Fisch, director of
operations for Ecologis de
Mexico, an environmentally
conscious travel agency
assed in Puerto Vallatra,
said she tells foreign clients
to go on weekdays to avoid
throngs of Mexican tourists.
Be prepared to like anywhere from 20 minutes to
over an hour or to ride a
donkey. You can only reach
the binierflies on paths laid
by the reserve, and they
congegate at extremely
ligh altitudies—between
9,000 and 11,000 feet—so
visitors should be in good
enough physical condition
to handle steep inclines.

If you go:

If YOU got.

GETTING THERE: Visitors can fly to the Toluca, Morelia or Mexico City dirports and then rent a car or hop a bus to the town of Angangues or the city of Zibacuaro, both of which offer lodging and transportation, usually buses or tasks, to the butterfy reserve. It takes about three hours to get to Angangueo by car from Toluca or Morelia and about four from to get them from Marboc City People unfamiliar with the area should hire a car or take a tour bus for the 30 minute tip from Angangueo to the El Rosado sanctuary as the roads can be twisty and sometimes dangerous.

ANGANGUEO: Durism office in Angangueo, Mexico, is of 0.11-52-715-156-0044, but you may not be able to get information in English. Hotals Include B Hotal Mezegue Com Bruno (0.11-52-715-156-0025, rates begin at \$80) or Las Margaritas (0.11-52-715-156-014), rates begin at \$271. They can arrange transportation to the

0149, rates begin at \$27). They can arrange transportation to the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve. Transportation is also eval-

Monarch Buterly Biosphore Reserve. Transportation is also available from the town's main plaza.

Fig. 100: Biriging food into the reserve is prohibited, so plain on staying for a few hours and then heading back down to the entrance to employ ouescallings or totstodes at stands that cluster there.

WHAT TO WERR: Because weather can be extremely cold in the morning, dress in warm, byered clothing that can be easily shed, and wear comfortable hising boots. A relincent might also be a good idea, since mist and light main are common.

WHEN TO GO: The butterflies begin arthing in November, and I everly late March. The best film to see them is between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., when they are at their most active.

TIP: On cloudy days, the butterflies remain still to preserve body heat. It's advisable to plan your trip to include an overright stay in the orea so you can come back on a different day if the weather cooperate.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS: Morella is a beautiful, colonial city with great

OTHER AT IMACITIONS models as declaration, actiny village on a breathlaking lake, has a great food and crafts market and two lovely plazas and is known for its Day of the Dead celebration in oarly November; Talpujahua is a tiny, picturesque town, an ideal place to stop for

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'National Treasure' film showcases S. Dakota

PHERIOF. S.D. (AP)—
Tomrism officials befieve that
the new Nicolas Cage movie,
"National Treasure Book of
Secrets," could bring more
visitors to South Dakota.
Locations where filming
took place include Mount
Rushmore and Sylvan Lake
in Custer State Park, in the
Black HIBs.
The state has pusted infor-S.D. (AP)

mation about the sites, along with movie trailers and interviews — on the state tourism Web site, http://www.TravelSD.com/n ationaltreasure

ational reason.

The film is a follow-up to the 2003 movie "National Treasure" and is scheduled for release later this month.

"The release of 'National

Treasure: Book of Secrets' is Treasure: Blook of Secrets' is a big deal for South Dakota and we want to reflect that on our Web site," Richard Benda, Tourism and State Development secretary, said in a release.

"Not only will this movie give exposure to our state in terms of attracting tourists, but it also had a 53.9 million economic impact..on our

state during filming."
"South Dakota is known for its amazing landscapes and beautiful scenery." said Bille lo Waara, director of the Office of Tourism.
"This (Web) page allows visitors to go behind the scenes and experience what the film's cast and crew did white filming on location in South Dakota."

Countries where dollars still go the distance

Longing for an out-of-untry excursion but feelcountry excursion but feeling a little poor because you have only dollars in your pocketf liven with the fast-croding value of the dollar against other currencies, you still can find international destinations where your

still can find international destinations where your huck goes a long way. And you won't have to longo choice sightseeing or confort. All you need is a lit-tle trifitude — and longitude — in selecting your next mention sout.

vacation spot.

Last year I wanted to take Last year I wanted to take one long trip before I had to case into professional life. Like many new college grads. I had little momey, And even though I'm an Anglophile, the exchange rate (\$1.30 to the British pound in May 2006, when I traceled), would have pumpeled my savings. (The rate is even worse these days; 2.06 to the pound) Besides, my checking account still harbored a painful dent from two months I spent in London two summers ago.

I hadn't seen enough of mainland Europe either, but I couldn't deal with the drouping dollar. I needed a destination't where I could spend a month confortably for less than \$2.000.

On the recommendation of a friend, I went to Victuam, a country where I spent the lirst three years of my life but that I regarded with caution because it is developing and off the raday of most Western traveleps.

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On average, I spent \$30 a day for Jess, in Victuam, and one long trip before I had to

cost-efficient too.
On average, 1 spent \$30 a
day (or less) in Vietnam, and
1 wasn't llving like a backpacker. In Hanoi, Vietnam's
capital, my room at the centrally located Asia Hotel had ranker to the control of the control

ltinch:
Access to many of
Vietnam's most alluring
locales, such as its pristine
beaches and Halong Bay, a
UNESCO World Heritage
site is free.

UNESCO World Heritage site, is free. Although Vietnam remains a poor country, it is fairly safe and its people are friendly. Taxi drivers and shopkeepers might over-chage you, but those are the chief nuisances you'll encounter

There are other nations at offer adventure and nat offer adventure and ord-class sightseeing on a udget, although some that offer adventure am world-class sightseeing on a budget, although some might be undeveloped and lack the foiffist inflastite ture of more modern attims. Explore and stay within hudget, but not at the risk of your safety. Careful research and planning should help you craft a safe, menurable trip. Check the menurable trip. Check the LS. State Department, wewtravel-strate-gov, for travel advisories before you go. Read the department's consular information sheets.

Here are five countries where tourism has yet to reach critical mass but where travelers will feel safe and find their trip well worthwhile.

Morocco

Bordering the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea in northern Africa. Morocco has an eclecificitientity that has been shaped by its location and long history. This Arabination has many European influences because its so-close to the continent. Arabic is the official language, but French is spoken widely. Atlongh it's a developing nation, Morocco has accessible transportation and a range of lodging and eating options to fit many budgets. With a dollar worth almost 8 Morocca dithams.



you can easily buy meals for less than \$5. Many cates offer breakfast for about a buck.

A beach on the east side of Little Corn in Nicaragua.

offer breaklast for about a buck.

In Tangier, you can stay at the Hotel El Muniria, whose former guests include Beat writers Allen Ginsburg and lack Kertonar. Arroun for two goes for less than \$30 a night, You'll find comparable rates throughout the country, although the accountry, although the moderates with the country, although the moderate of the comparable to moderate of the comparable to moderate of the comparable to moderate or hazaras that are hubs for everyday life. Morrecto's rugged yes seen is landscape has made it an increasingly popular destination for

rugger yet seeme antwerpt has made it an increasingly popular destination for adventure baceles. Son can lake the High Atlas Mountains or tour the stark-by beautiful dimes at the edge of the Sahara. In Africa, Dave Herbert, managing director and founder of the tour company African Tracel Inc., recom-mends traveling in groups. If you want to travel inde-pendently, 'Go on a four and stay a week on your own,' says. Sylvia: Frommer-Macky, owner of Production— "Lawel-and-Tours-based-in-California.

California

Landlocked with many areas at high attitudes, Bolivia is often called the Tilbet of the Americas, and Bke its counterpart in Asia, it's one of the poorest countries in South America. But Bolivia is relatively peaceful and offers basic facilities for travelere, Such as hodging and transportation.

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and transportation.

"Foreigners can generally walk the streets in most areas of Bolivia's major clies without the fear ot becoming a victim of a sindener, if they observe reasonable precamines," the Gereseas Security Advisory Council, a federal committee, notes, Air travel anound the country is erronomical and meets International Civil Aviation Organization safety standards.

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dards.
Laigely undiscovered by tourists outside of South America, Italica is a least for the adventumous spirit as well as a respite for the embattled wallet, in the pass int years, the dollar bas increased in value almost 45 percent against the boliviano.

With the lavorable-exchange rate, you can find single rooms with private baths for less than \$10 a night arbudget hortes or say at 10p-tier hotels. In less than \$10 a night arbudget hortes or say at 10p-tier hotels. In La Paz, considered an upper category hotel, has single-occupancy rooms starting at \$99 a night during the high season from hune to September winter there). In London, you'll be hecky to get a private hostel room for that.

For its low prices, Bolivia has much to offer. Ancient ruins and a thriving indigenous population showcase a commy that was a part of the mighty finean empire, Bolivia is also home to the lush Anazon rain forests as well as the snow-capped Andes.

Cambodia

Cambodia

After decades of uniest After decades of uniest, stability gradually has returned to Cambodia after democratic elections in 1993. Although still a poor country, it is largely peaceful like its Southeast Asian neighbor.....Vietnam... Underdeveloped Cambodia

66 percent of its land is forests and woodland -attracts adventurers. The prices are similar to those you'll find in Victnam, even a

prices are similar to those you'll find in Vienam, even a little less.
Modest meals cost about \$2 to \$3. Fancier meals are about \$10. Expect to pay around \$10 a might for a decent room, although less expensive accommodations are available.

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Cambodia's invicate end.

Although tourism is increasing in Nicaragua, it doesn't attract as many tourists as list more popular neighbors in Central America, such as Costa Rica. The civil war ended nearly two decades ago, and. "Nicaragua has become a safer destination than it was

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A sampling of deals

Los Angeles Timos

Tours and packages often offer some of the best deals, and if you're traveling to an unfamillar country, knowledgeable guides generally will help you get more out of your travels and keep you out of harm's way. Here is a sampling of packages:

ALBANIA 1

Tour: Expedia.com, (800) 551-2534, www.expedia.com.

Maris included: Flight from Los Angeles and hotel for six nights at the Tirana International Hotel in the capital: Price: \$2.441 per person, double, occupancy, for midweek departures in May.

Tour: "Bolivia Discovery," G.A.P. iventures, (800) 708-7761, www.gapad-

Adventures, (800) 708+701, www.paperventures.com.
What's included: An 11-day trip, usually in groups of 10, through La Paz, Sucre, Potosi, silver mines. Includes a Jeep excursion through the Uyuni Sait Flats, Available January to August.
Price 5395 per person, double occupancy, plus \$200 local fee paid to guide. Excludes air fare and some meals and artibities.

CAMBODIA

Tour: "Cycle Cambodia." Intrepid Travel. (800) 970-7299, www.httrepidiravel.com. What's Included: A nine-day cycling trip through rural Cambodia. Sights Include Sthanoukville, Angkor War's temples and colonial Phone Penit. Includes one breakfast.

Price: \$925 per person, double occupancy, plus local payment of \$100. Departures

in February. Excludes air fare and cycling equipment (\$70). MOROCCO

Biker's Dream,"
Bikellike Adventures, (888) 805-061, www.bikehike.com.
What's included: A 10-day biking adventure, through the Atlas mountain ranges of the country's deep south. Includes cameride, lodgings and two nights of camping. Some meals included.
Price: \$2,299 per person for groups of four and larger; excludes uir fare to Marrakech.

NICARAGUA

Tour: "Nicaragua: Volcanoes, Lakes & Rainforest," Mountain Travel Sobek, (880) 687-6225, www.misobek.com. What's included: Nine-day trip starts in Managun, Nicaragua's capital, and includes three days of liking and three days of skyaking, meals, tours and equipment.

ment.

Price: \$2.745 per person, double occupancy, based on six people in the group; air
fare to Managua not included. Departures
available for January. February and
October through December.

VIETNAM

Tour: "Essential Vietnam," Adventure Center, (800) 228-8747, www.adventure-

center.com.

What's included: Ten-day tour includes visits to the Mekong Delta in the south and Hanoi in the north. Some meals

10 years ago," says Alicia Zalblocki, duector of Latin American programs at Mountain Traveless will find the country peaceful and altodable. You can get a meal of tamales or empanadas from street venders for a burk or two, although bigher-end and more expensive international fare is available in larger cities. Budget lodging goes for about \$5 a night on the low end, but expect to pay more if you want features such as a private bactorious. Luxiny butels in major cities change afraction of the price instone popular Central American destinations.

ons. Nicaragua's natural fea

tures are its chief assets, Large tracts of rain forest and accessible volcanoes make for breathtaking wilderness excursions.

Albania, in southeast Europe, is one of the conti-nent's poorest countries. Isolated and communist into the 1990s, Albania is on into the 1998, Albania is on its way to becoming a fre-market economy. The U.S. State Department classifies Albania as a "bigh" crime commy, but it notes that crime against fureigners is "rate as it is viewed as ito risky." Albanians generally have a favorable view of Americans, so there's no

need to wear your "I fove NewYink" shirts inside out. Albania is not yet a ment-her of the Funopean Union, and its currency, the lek, is low against the dollar. You can find meals for less than \$5, fancier Jane Ion less than \$30. See in dominous syle

can min means for less than \$20, Stay in dormitory-style hostels for about \$20 a night. Ruled by empires including the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman, Albama Syrich in methacological sites. Ruins from each of the credizations can be furniful in clies across the country, pathicularly in Apollomia, an important settlement of the Geeks, Rerat a well-prieserved ancient city, hoasts a medieval churches.

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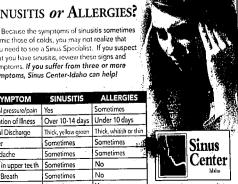
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Resorts rejoice over best snow conditions in several years

DENNER — Santa brought just what the nation's ski nationwide snow conditions in several years.

From New England to Galfornia the snow dumped in the days and weeks belone Christmas. Even Taos, N.M., in the desert southwest, had a 60-in those.

This is sout best opening since 1977," said Adriana Blake, marketing director for Taos, the resort couldn't open for Hankspeing, but bare got 60 inches in a week. This is crazy, it never snows like this.

In November, with a lew exceptions, some of the most popular lessors in the flockies and California delayed their openings beauties of a lack of snow. Most only othered finited tertain because of a lack of snow. Most only othered finited tertain because of an unusually balmy and dry fall that produced disastrons wildlines.

Then the jet stream moved south and the snow began to fall, and fall, wolf Cheek, Codo, which usually has the deepest base in the state, has suffered for the last woo years. It debuted late last mouth with less than 10 inches. A week before Christmas is laid 11.5 inches.

This is spectarular. For the first time in recent time in secont time in secont time in very mesident of the National Ski Areas Association said 50 percent of the very more side and the same dead of the last of the very mesident of the National Ski Areas Association said 50 percent of the very mesident of the National Ski Areas Association and the same and the same the same the same that the s

with 14 percent at the same time last year. The snow has been good from the start at Whistler-Blackcomb, Bottesh Colombia, the brissest tesort in North America. This season we have lead cumulative smooth of the start at the st East Meadow Drive is so much more inviting - and with the new restaurants and slops, it feels like our own Little haly." said Beth Silter, chairwinnan of Vall's Local Marketing District Advisory Council

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"With our European Steet concept we've developed a look, a feel and a product that will last 100 years and that cucomages shopping, duting and lingering during any sea, son," said her husband, look Vail's mayor.

Aspen's Snowmass resort has added a \$17 million, 25,000-square fron Celden's center, called the Tr. rouse Kid's Adventure Genter, It has a dedicated four-seat chair just for the kids, Inside there interactive, environmentaljust for the kids, Inside there interactive, environmental-themed rooms like the Butterfly Meadow, it even has rooms for kids who need a lit-the extra care or aren't feeling well.

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Colorado's Beaver Creek
Resort also just opened a new
gouldola, connecting the
resort with the nearby town of
Acon with a three-minute
ride. The resort also has a new
children's area with customized learning slopes.

Manunoth Mountain,
Caffi, has replaced a double
fixed-prip with the six-pack
Cloud Nine Express, which
will cut ride time to the
Dragno's Back area in half to
six minutes.

It will help the busy mountain more smoorders across
the mountain more castly.

the mountain more easily, and it is a heavier chair and and it is a heaver than and can operate in more difficult weather conditions, said Laura Johnson, spokes-woman for the resort. Brighton, Utah, has replaced its last fixed-grip chair, the Millicent, laying claim to becoming the first

area in the country in which all terrain is served by high-speed quads. That means more runs, and no longer being banged in the burn by

heing banged in the burn by chairs. New England Business. New England Business Journals reports that areas in Vermont and New Hampshire spent more than \$30 million in improvements. An additional \$175-290 mil-lion was expended by ski areas and private developers in real estate projects.



Skiers fill the lifts at Slowe Mountain Resort in Slowe, Vt., in this Dec. 3, 2007, file

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