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# Man's death in Las Vegas stuns Rupert family

## Ryan Rich died after Las Vegas police used Taser gun

Ryan Rich was the last guy anyone would expect to commit a violent

crime.

Rich grew up in a Mormon family in the Mint-Cassia area and played quarterback for Minico High School before he and his brother both went to med-

ical school in Kansas City, Mo.
But on Friday, Dr. Ryan Rich, 33,
went on a rampage through downtown
Las Vegas that ended with his death.
Nother his family nor those who
knew him in Rupert can accept the Las
Vegas Police explanation of how it happened.

. ording to police, Rich slammed :kup truck into "numerous" other

vehicles on Interstate 15 at about 1 p.m. Friday.
When a Nevada Highway patrolman tried to pull him over, he crashed his truck into the center median and then fought with the officer and a nasserby.

asserby. When Rich tried to run away through

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birthday, Rich died Friday frontation with police in

# STORM HAMMERS VALLEY



Teresa Highes and All Churchman, 10, put the finishing touches on their snowman Tuesday afternoon

## Avalanches threaten Blaine County homes

By Matt Christensen Timos-News writer

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"In the south and central valley, the avalanche danger is esti-mated to be 'considerable' risnated to be 'considerable' rising to high by tumorrow morning.' Chris Lundy, the center's head avalanche forecaster, reported Tuesday in an early morning advisory. "This means that natural and human triggered slides will become likely." Avalanches have already struck the valley, where on Saturday a 13-year-old hoy survived a 75-foot slide that buried him for almost 10 minutes

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'I haven't done this since I was a kid,' says Teresa second attempt to make the bead of a

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"We showed this country what a real

- Sen. John McCain

third-place finish in the Iowa caucuses. It also raised the possibility of a long shate for the party nomination between the most viable black candidate in history and the former first lady, who is seeking to become the first woman to occupy the Oval Office.

"I am still fired up and

"We showed this country what a real comeback looks like," the Arizona senator

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told The Associated Press in

## **Another Idaho species** up for ESA listing

Pygmy rabbit joins sage grouse as species recently considered for federal protection

By Matt Christensen

The federal government announced Tuesday it will consider another southern Idaho species for listing under the Endangered

Idaho species for listing under the Endangered Species Act.
The pygny tabbit, common in southern Idaho, may be in decline, and if the species is listed, heavy felderal restrictions could significantly change how officials manage public land across the West, including in southern Idaho.

"There could be a lot of federal regulations, especueral regulations, espe-cially on grazing practices," said Justin Barrett, a biolo-gist with said Justin Barreit, a biolo-gist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game wito has studed the rabbits, "Rid be a significant impact locally." Federal land managers may curb grazing, mining or energy development in sagebrush-rich areas, where the rabbits depend on the plant for food and shelter. The pygny rabbit is the

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## T.F. coroner gains permit to expand

## Facility can soon have port entry, autopsy suite

Timos-News witter

The Twin Falls County Coroner's Office got permission from the city Tuesday to handle more than just apacrwork.

An autopsy suite and a port entry known as a sally port for unloading dead bodies, could soon be built adong the alley side of the coroner's office at 260 4th Ave. N.

The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission manimously decided to give the coroner's office a special use permit to expand its operations at a

meeting Tuesday night.
The 1,131 square-foot
expansion would mean that
for the first time physical
examinations of decedents
could occur on-site. But not
full antopsles, at least yet.
Local funeral homes and
the hospital currently hold
hodies for the coroner and
police.
With questionable
deaths\_we\_like, to do an
examination on the body.
Law enforcement are interested in physical evidence
on the body's said Coroner
Deniak Chambers.
If an autopsy is needed

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# McCain, Clinton claim wins in New Hampshire primary

By David Espe and Philip Elliott Associated Press writers

CONCORD, N.H. — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton won New Hampshire's Demo-crate primary Tuesday night in a startling upset, defeating Sen. Barack Obama and resurreting her bid for the White House. Sen. John McCain powered past his Republican rivals and back into contention for the GOP nomination. Clinton's victory capped a

nomination.

Clinton's victory capped a comeback from last week's

comeback looks like."

ready, to go," a defeated Obama told cheering sup-porters, repeating the line that forms a part of virtually every campaign appearance. McCain's triumph scram-bled the Republican race as well

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an interview as he savored his triumph. "We're going to move on to Michigan and

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#### **Democrat results**

Hillary Clinton ....39% John Edwards . . . 17% Bill Richardson . . . . 5% Dennis Kucinich . . . . 1%



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#### TWIN FALLS

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MINI-CASSIA Today: Mostly cloudy and breezy with a chance of show. Light occurrulations Highs middle 30s. Tonight: A slight chance of show. Breezy at times with lows

in the lower 20s.

Tomorrow: A chance of snow and not quite as breezy Highs reacting the mid to upper 30s

Complete weather report: See page B4

#### TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

Job Search Workshop, offered by the Department of Labor; learn tips on interviewing, writing resumes, com-pleting applications and identifying skills and interests, 8:30 a.m., 420 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, no cost, 735-2500.

#### **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Ladies Lifeline Followship non-denominational luncheon with theme "New Beginnings": speaker Mitch Hodge an music by Doris Senecal, noon to 2 p.m., Connor's Café, Heyburn, 438-5376.

rome Gun Club menthly meeting, includes election of officers for 2008, 7 p.m., Snake River Elks Club on Highway 93, 733-6045.

#### GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. DeMary Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 417 Seventh St., Rupert, 436-3874.

Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board

room, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964.
Blalno County commissioners, 6 p.m., courthouse, 206
First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500.
Castleford City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 342 Main, 537-

Declo City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 116 W. Main,654

Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St.,

Hoyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City nail, 993, 2011 Sc., 679-8158.

Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104'S. Fourth, 432-6682.

Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Boyd W., 432-5451.

Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office, 152 S. 600 W., 202-2476.

Richfield School Board, 7:30 p.m. high school, 555 N.

#### HEALTH

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, 737-5988.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise pro Silversnoakers Hitness Program, innovative exercise pro-gram designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

#### HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Woodcarving days, public welcome to come and carve wood, 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m., 310 Filer Ave, W., in Falls, classes available, 736-0061.

#### WHAT'S NEW AT MAGICVALLEY.COM

The Twin Falls County coroner discusses plans to construct an autopsy room with a freezer and an unloading port at the coroner's office,



#### FOUR-DAY PLANNER

#### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Jan. 11, 12 — The 10th annual Buhl High School Drama Department Dinner Theater, with "You Have the Right to Remain Dead" by Pat Cook, 6:30 p.m. dinner and 7 p.m. Remain Dead by Hat Cook, 6:30 p.m. dinner and 7 p.m. curtain, West End Senior Center, 1010 Main St., Buhl, \$30 per couple, \$15 single, \$28 for senior couples, and \$14 for senior single, 490-1992 or 543-4577.

Jan. 13 — Auditlans for Dilettanto Group of Magle Valloy "Itlanto," singers and dancers of all ages needed; rehearsals begin Jan. 21, 2 to 8 p.m., First Bapilst Church, 910 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, 736-7136.

#### **BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS**

Jan. 12 — The 2nd annual Bucks and Bulls Banquet, with live and silent auctions, 5 p.m. happy hour and 7 p.m. dinner, Radio Rondevoo, 241 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, 737-9900.

#### **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

- Preceptor Alpha Kappa Chapter of Beta Jan. 10 — Proceptor Alpha Kappa Chapter of Bota Sigma Phi meeting, 7 p.m., at the home of Eisle Traughber, 2622 Longbow Drive, Twin Falls, 734-3745, lan, 11 — NEW Jr. Toastmaster class/club meeting, an eight-week class to become ongoing club sponsored by Magic Valley Toastmasters for interested youth age 12-18, 4 p.m., Idano Pizza, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, no cost or obligation to buy food, 316-8534 or 736-

2010 - The Twin Falis Bank & Trust employe ing and no-host lunch, all former and current Bapik & Trust Employees and friends are invited to attend, 1 p. Wok N Grill, 1188 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, 423-5493 or 420-4418 by Jan. 11.

# MORNING BRIEFING

#### AROUND THE WORLD

## IRAQ

#### US, Iragi forces open joint operation against al-Oaida in Iraq

an Addition in the U.S. military launched a country-wide offensive Thesday against al-Quida in Iraq's efforts to regroup and intensity suicide strikes on civilians who have sided with the Americans against the terror group.

group.

But the latest U.S. blitz brings more than just fire prover to the field — a determination to speed up work on basic services and other civic projects that commanders believe will win more converts to the American elfort.

The No. 2 U.S. commander, I.I. Gen. Bay Olderno, announced the new operation — named Plantom — hamed Plantom ing fraqi lives as well as on attacks against al-Qalda.

The non-lethal aspects of this operation are designed improve delivery of essential services, economic development and local governance capacity, the military statement salt. group.

But the latest U.S. blitz

#### WASHINGTON Diplomats cite policy differences for refusal to serve in Iraq: survey

wastimetron — Nearly half of U.S. diplomats unwilling to volunteer to work in raq say one reason for their refusal is they don't agree with Bush administration's policies in the country, according to a survey released Tuesday.

Security concerns and sep-aration from family ranked as the top reasons for not want-ing to serve in Iraq. But 48

aration from lamily ranked as the top reasons for not wanting to serve in Iraq, But 49 percent cited "disagreement" with administration policy as a factor in their opposition, said the survey conducted by the American Foreign Service Association, the union that represents U.S. diplomats. In addition, nearly 70 percent of U.S. diplomats who responded to the survey oppose forced assignments to Iraq, a prospect that sparked a stort not controversy last year when the State Department amounced it might have to requite such ours under penalty of dismissal in the largest diplomatic cull-up to a war zone size Vietnam. since Vietnam.

The results suggest the State Department may be

#### PISH POSH



Victoria Beckham arrives at th MTV Movie Awards in Los Angeles in June 2007. A decade after singling out the Spice Girls as fashion cities, Mr. Blackwell put just Beckham, at the top of his 48th annual worst-dressed list, which was released Tuesday.

facing a far more serious revolt over Iraq among its revolt over fraq among its ranks than previously thought, and call into question its ability to fully staff diplomatic missions in fraq, as well as those in Afghanistan and other dangerous posts deemed critical to the administration's foreign policy goals.

#### BRAZIL Police recover stolen paintings by Picasso

SAO PAULO — Brazil police recovered the paint-ings by Pablo Picasso and Candido Portinari that were stolen last month from Brazil's premier modern art museum, officials said

Brazil's premier modern art museum, officials said Tuesday. Two suspects were arrested with the paintings, but no other details were immediately available, said Rosa Maria da Costa, a spokes-woman with the Sao Paulo state public safety office. "Armed with nothing more than a crow bar and a car jack, thieves took just three minutes to steal Picassos." Portrait of Suzanne Bloch' and Portinaris "O Lavrador de Cafe" from the Sao Paulo Museum of Art on Dec. 20.

The Picasso painting was estimated by art experts at about \$50 million, and the Portinarl at \$5-6 million.

#### GEORGIA:

#### Drifter led way to hiker's body after reaching deal, officials say

DAWSONVILLE — A drifter agreed to lead investigators to a hiker's decapitated body in the woods of northern

io a liker's decapitated body in the woods of northern Georgia only after prosecutors pledged not to seek the death penalty against him. authorities said Thesday. Gary Michael Ilillon, 61, was charged with murder after Meredith Emersons body was found Monday might. The 24-year-old died of a blow to the head three days after she disappeared during a New Year's Day like, said Dawson County District Attorney Lee Darragh. Hilton had already been charged Saturday with kidnapping with intent of bodily injury. The is being held in the Dawson County jail.

The finding that Emerson died before being decapitared was made by Krits Sperry, the state's chief medical examiner, said Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokesman Indus Batterdy with kidnapping with kidnapping with kidnapping with kidnapping with kidnapping with kidnapping with kidnapping

spokesman John Bankhead.
Hilton was charged
Saturday with kidnapping
with intent of bodily injury.
He appeared Monday before
a judge who denied his
request for bail. Hours later,
he took investigators to
Emerson's body, said John
Cagle, an agent for the
Georgia Bureau of
Investigation.

#### NEVADA Bush declares disaster in flooded town as waters start to recede

RENO — President Bush declared part of northern Nevada a national disaster area Tuesday, making federal relief available to hundreds of people whose homes were swamped by a weekend levee

swamped by a weekend tevee rupture.

Bush signed the declaration as building inspectors went door to door in the town of Ferniley to assess millions of dollars in damage from the flood, caused by a break in a century-old irrigation canal early saturday.

The declaration makes available federal assistance, including grants for tempor, ary housing and home repairs, the White House press office said, It also can be used to make low-cost loans to cover uninsured property

to cover uninsured property losses and entails other pri grams to help individuals and usiness owners recover.

Flood waters continued to drain in the fast-growing community, 30 miles east of Reno.

### FLORIDA Man rescued after

boat for 14 hours DOAT 107 14 HOURS

ACKSONVILLE — Robert
Clark was aching and had
jellyfish stings by the time he
was rescued from the chilly
water off Florida's Gulf
Coast, where he had clung to
his capsized boat for about
14 hours,
he recalled
Tuesday.

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14 hours, he recalled Tuesday.

Clark said he was headed out into the Gulf of Mexico to go fishing Saturday night when the wake of a passing fishing vessel swamped his 16-foot boat.

"It was like the whole ocean came in on me, Within sweeter of seconds, my boat sweeter of seconds."

a matter of seconds, my boat went down," Clark, 43, said in

a telephone interview Tuesday from his hospital bed at Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center in Crystal

Medical Center in Crystal River.

He was listed in good condition and was awaiting release from the hospital.

He was about 16 miles off Yankeetown when four fishermen from Leesburg heard his cries for help and saw his overturned boat at about noon Sunday, said the Coast Guard and the Levy County Sheriff's Office.

Clark, of Homosasas, said he was bruised and sore from holding onto his boat, had burns on his legs caused by exposure to gasoline which leaked out of his outhoard engine, and he had several jellyfish stings.

#### MICHIGAN Police: Man who tried to steal knives stabs himself by accident

himself by accident
GRAND RAPIDS — A man
who hid huming knives in his
pants to try to steal them
from a western Michigan
store tripped while fleeing
and stabbed himself in the
abdomen, police say.
The suspert was hospitalized after Monday night'sattempted theft from a Medjer
line. superstore in Grand
Rapids and is expected to
frace a misdemeanor shoplifiing charge, police say.
The wounds did not
appear to be life-threatening.
The Grand Rapids Press
reported.

— The Associated Press

#### FOUR-DAY PLANNER

#### **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Jan. 12 — Magic Valley Astronomical Society monthly meeting, Society member Tom Gilbertson will present telescope orientation talk for owners of new and old telescopes (tele-scopes on display; attendees may also bring their own), 7 p.m., Herrett Center for the Arts and Sciences, College of Southern Idaho campus, no cost,

Southern Idaho campus, no cost, (monthly star party to follow), DavidOlsen@filertel.com.

Jan. 12 — Buttons "i" Bows Squaro Danco Club regular dance, 7:30 pm. pre-rounds and 8 p.m. square dance, Twin Falls Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave., \$4 per person, bring finger foods, 536-5147.

#### **EXHIBITS**

Ian. 10 - Cheech Marin with Chicano art, presented by the Sun Valle

Center for the Arts, 7 p.m., nexSTage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum, \$10 for Sun Valley Center members, \$15 for nonmembers, 726-9124.

#### FAIRS

Jan. 12 — Bridal Fair, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filer Ave. E., Twin Falls, free admission, plenty of parking spaces, 733-8838.

#### **FAMILY SUPPORT**

Jan. 12 — Rosetta Assisted Living Alzholmer's Support Group meeting, 2 to 3 p.m., 1177 Eastridge Ct., Twin Falls, one hour of free adult day care Jan. 12 -Falls, one hour of free adult day care to first-time attendees, (208) 734-9422 to R.S.V.P

**HEALTH AND SAFETY** 

Registration for Jan. 14, 15 AARP

Driver Safety Class, for all ages, no AARP membership required or driving: insurance discount provided for particl-pants age 55 and older, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Health and Welfare building, 601 Pole Line Road, Twin Falls, \$10 (pre-registration required), 733-9680.

#### POST HOLIDAY.

Jan. 12 — Annual Christmas tree burn and hot dog roast sponsored by the West End Fire and Rescue Department, 1 p.m., Paul City Park, (bring old Christmas trees; food and burning equipment supplied by firemen), 438-4101.

#### **SPORTS**

- Whiz Kids Fun Race, Pomerelle Mountain Resort, 673-5599 or info@pomerellemtn.com.

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Dodles are taken to Ada
County for the examination,
which cost \$1.500 on average,
according to Chambers.
But there's not a forensic
pathologist in the area certified to perform autopsies in
cases that could go to court.
And there aren't immediate
chaus to add a forensic pathologist to the coroner's office,
which is staffed by five people.
That could change later down
the road, county officials said,
"This is a plan- for the
future," said Twin Falls County
Commissioner Tom Mikesell.
"This is part of our planned
expansion."
Case loads at the coroner's
office expanded last year by

Case loads at the coroner's office' expanded last year by 73 additional calls for service, from 435 to 508, Chambers said, "There's on rhyme or reason to it, you can't say it's because of the population ... Sometimes it's high or low," With the scale root unlead-

Sometimes It's light or low."
With the sally port, unloading would occur outside the
public view, "There's privacy
to unload the client,"
Chambers said.
Then deceased people
would be taken to the examination room or the cooler for
rarocessing.

nation room or cooler for processing. These changes at the coro-ner's office shouldn't increase traffic substantially in the neighborhood, according to a Nov. 30 letter from Hummel Architects on behalf of the county. "Since the coroner

responds to calls at any time of day there would be occasional traffic on-site as the coroners' welfele enters and exits the sally port." And potential foul smells arent expected to be a problem. "The building exhaust has been designed to project the exhaust plume vertically above the building to allow exhaust air to dissipate, eliminating any potential problem with oldor," Hummel's letter shows.

shows.
The city's building inspection department will need to review the expansion, and it may require that the coroner's office retain its own storm and surface water on-site.
This was the third special use permit the city recently gave the county. Others were for the former Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital and Safe House, Mikesell said.
The county has plans to

Clinic and Hospital and Safe House, Miscsell said. The county has plans to transform the clinic into space for departments such as offices of the assessor and treasurer by 2011, at the very latest, Miscsell said. Putting the coroner's office equippied with examination rooms and freezers in the old clinic is not part of the county's plan because of "biological issues," said Miscsell-Those include shared ventilation issues. tion issues.

Andrea Gates can reached at 735-3380.

#### Rich

Continued from page A1 traffic, the trooper — identi-fied by the Nevada Highway Patrol as four-year veteran Loren Lazoff, according to the Review-Journal in Las Vegas

ratrol as fout-year veteran Loren Lazoff, according to the Review-Journal, in Las Vegas — shocked him with a Taser, and subdued him. "A short time latter, it appeared the suspect was in needlead distress," the trooper later reported.

He was pronounced dead at 1:50 pm. at a nearby hospi-tal. Authorities say they don't yet know why be died.

That's just not the sort of thing Rich would do, his fam-lly says.

The young doctor, who was completing his residency in Las Vegas, had just been home for the holiday. He had spent a tearful time with his daughter, who lives in north-ern Utah with his former wife, and had told everyone he and had told everyone he would be back within a year to set up practice in his hometown.

But his life took a series of

But his life took a series of unexpected turns. 
Twe heard a ton of-different stories," said his father, thandy litch, of luper, referring both to what caused Richis suddenily erradic behavior and also what killed him. With an autopsy already completed but a toxicology report still pending, the Clark Coimty corriner will not be answering those questions any time soon.
"The mortuary thinks he died of internal injuries from a hit to the stomach," said his father, adding that this explanation makes no sense to him.

Sieve Barnes, who coached

Steve Barnes, who coached Rich in his sophomore foot-

Star A

Ryan Rich in a football photo from his sop School, where he was a quarterback. After high school, Rich graduated nedical school and was in a medical residency progra

hall season, said he saw tich during his recent visit and considered the incident "just so totally out of character for him that something must have happened. He didn't have a violent side, in fact 1 would have liked to see him get a little more fired up sometimes.

The family offers one possi-

ble interpretation for the events surrounding Rich's events death. About six weeks ago, Rich

About six weeks ago, fuch was driving his pickup when a speeding vehicle rear-ended him in a hit-and-run. "He got out of the car," Randy Rich said. "He said be felt fine. That evening he went into the hospital and the hos-

pital said that he had a

pital said that he had a seizure. Rich did not recall the seizure, which would have been the first of his fife, Randy Rich said, Bur Rich said, bur Rich said he had experienced dizzy spells since the crash. It is the possible that Rich was so disoriented from those injuries that he didn't know what he was doing on the day he die. The rich family, no other far the family, no other far the family, no other seizures.

For the family, no other explanation seems to make

For the family, no other explanation seems to make explanation seems to make explanation seems to make explanation seems to not know where theyeave an "said his brother, Nathau Rich of Rexhurg. But Newada authorities have ruled nothing out, and fleih's family acknowledges that he has had problems with an addiction to pain medicine and drinking. Randy Rich said his son successfully kined those habits last summer by entering treatment. He prowed it by submitting to random drug tests, Randy said.

No one seems to have seen his coming, except perhapsing-year-old daughter.

"It was kind of a weind hing," Randy Rich said, Alter the holidays, when it came the folial hing, "Randy Rich said, Alter the holidays, when it came the folial hing between the said of the said hing, and the said of the said hing, and the said of the said hing, and the said of the

son to film, she creating whole way down to the air port," said Randy Rich, "It was almost like she knew some thing was going to happen.

Cassidy Friedman can be reached at 735-3241 or efried-mant-magicvalley.com.

## Pygmy.

Continued from page A1 second southern Idaho species that relies heavily on sagebrush for survival now up for listing. Late last year, a fed-eral judge in Boise ordered the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to preprisider listing second to reconsider listing sage grouse, which also depends on sagebrush The pyem

The pygmy rabblt is the smallest North American rab-

The pygmy rabbit is the smallest North American rabbit, usually measuring less than a foot and weighing under a pound. It is most acommon-in-areas of-dense-sagebrish, including southern Idaho and portions of seven other Western states.

But scientists haven't devoted much attention to the species, compared with higher-profile animals like the grouse, and it is unclear how many pygmy rabbits are in Idaho or how they're faring harrett said. Even if the agency decides listing is warranted, pygmy rabbits could be précluded by more at-risk species, including the sage grouse.

This isn't the first time the

This isn't the first time the agency has considered listing pygny rabbits, as is also the case with the sage grouse. In 2003, several environ-

mental groups, including Hailey-based Western Watersheds Project, peti-tioned Fish and Wildlife to list

the rabbits.
Fish and Wildlife did not immediately address the peti-tion, and Western Water sheds sued to force the gov

ernment to respond.

After finally reviewing the petition in 2005, Flsh and Wildlife determined the groups didn't present enough evidence to warrant consideration. In an appeal, a federal judge in Biolse ruled Fish and Wildlife didn't, properly strips, and the second property of the property of the property of the property strips. pludge in loose ruled rish and Wildlife didn't properly address the proposal, saying the agency acted in a manner arbitrary and capricious to the law, and ordered Fish and

Wildlife to take another look. In the 2003 petition, the in the 2003 petition, in environmental groups, angued pygmy populations are declining because of reduced habitat, livestock grazing, mining, hunting and energy development, among other reasons

eral protection.
"The 90-day finding does
not mean that the service has
decided it is appropriate to list
the pygny rabbit," said Bob
Williams, a field supervisor for
the Nevada Fish and Wildlife Williams, a field supervisor for the Newada Fish and Wildie Office. "The 90-day finding is the first step in a process that triggers a more thorough review of all the biological information available." Fish and Wildlife will now gather more evidence from state and federal natural resource agencies before making a decision, likely within the next year.

#### Snow

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before a ski patrol rescue. Earlier in the day, at least 10 small slides occurred on the mountain, and resort offi-cials had closed two ski runs because of avalanche dan-ger, said Jack Sibbach, a spokesman for the Sun

Valley Co.:
Other slides have threat-ened homes, especially those near the bottoms of slopes.
Officials warned against

Officials warned against any activity in these areas, including-walking pets, driv-ing cars — even staying at home in some neighbor-

hoods.

Evacuating has become a familiar exercise for some Wood River Valley residents. By Tuesday evening, people had abandoned houses in, the Warm Springs' area, where homeowners evacuated this summer during the Castle Rock Fire.

"There have been a munber of slides near Warm Springs," said Commissioner Larry Schoen Tuesday evening.

Larry Schoen meson, evening. "We've identified areas where we recommend peo-ple not spend the night in their homes and avoid the

areas altogether."
Schoen could not rememher the county ever having recommended avalanche-

related evacuations before.

Magic Valley also fell victum to the storm, much to the happluses of school-children.

Schools in the Condition

children. Schools in the Gooding foint School bistrict and one private school in Jerome cancelled classes Tuesday, and sporting events across the valley were canceled Tuesday evening.

Many more schools in the region said they may close today, depending on overnight snowfalls and early morning road conditions.

City officials in Twin Falls

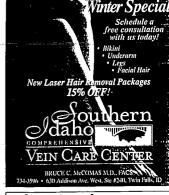
City officials in Twin Falls said snow crews would work through the night to clear nain atteffals.

A snow advisory remains in effect until 5 p.m. today in eastern Magic Valley, accord-ing to the National Weather Service in Poattello. Another storm is expected to move through the area late tonight and early Thursday morning.

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

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#### Caucus Continued from page A1 South Carolina and win the

South Carolina and win the nomination."

Later, he told cheering supporters that together, "we have taken a step, but only a lirst step toward repairing the broken politics of the past and restoring the trust of the American people in their government."

McCoin rude a way of support

McCain rode a wave of sup-

ernment."

McCain rode a wave of support from independent voters to defeat former Gov. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts, a showing that reprised the senator's victory in the traditional first-in-the-nation primary in 2000.

Was a bitter blow for Romney, who spent millions of dollars of his own money in hopes of winning the kickoff lowa cauccuses and the first primary— nud finished second in both. Even so, the winnersman-turned politician said he would meet McCain next week in the Michigan primary, and he continy needed to fix washington. I don't care who gets the credit. Republican or Democrat. I've got no scores to settle," he told supporters. After lowa, Clinton and he second straight serback, But polling place interviews showed that female voters.

polling place interviews showed that female voters — who deserted her last week —

were solidly in her New Hampshire column. She also was winning handily among registered Democrats. Obama led her by an even larger margin among independents, but he suf-fered from a falloff in turnout among young voters com-pared with lowa.

Word of Clinton's triumph

Word of Clinton's triumph set off a raucous celebration among supporters at a hotel in Nashua — gathered there to celebrate a first-in-thenation primary every bit as surprising as the one 16 years ago that allowed a young Bill Clinton to proclaim himself "the comeback kid."

She had 39 percent of the vote in the Democratle primary to 37 percent for Obanna, who is seeking to become the nation's first black president, Former Sen, follow Edwards of North Carolina trailed with 17 percent. New Mexico Gow, Bill Richardson, was fourth.

cent. New Mexico Gov. Bull.
Richardson was fourth,
polling less than 5 percent of
the vote.

Despite running a distant
third to his better-funded
rivals, Edwards had no plans
to step aside.

He pointed toward the
South Carolina primary on
Jan. 26, hoping to prevail in
the state where he was born
and where he claimed his
only victory in the presiden-

tial primaries four years ago.
Among Republicans, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who won the lead-off lowa GOP caucuses last week, was running third in New Hampshire.

McCain was winning 37 percent of the Republican vote, Romney had 32 and Huckabee 11. Former New York Mayor Rudy Guildiani had 9 percent, Texas Rep. Ron Paul B.





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#### **EDITORIAL**

## If benefits keep good workers, why cut them?

et's say you work for the state in a high-demand profession such as a nursing or computer programming.

Your supervisor says. "I'm glving you a 5 percent raise. The state is committed to paying its workers enough to be competitive with the private sector."

"Great" your reply. "Am I going to get a comparable raise in benefits?

Your boss swallows benefit

Our view:

If the state is having a hard time

retaining its hest

employees. it makes no leih ot agnag

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What do you think?

job benefits.

We welcome

viewpoints from our readers on

this and other issues.

Your boss swallows hard -

Your loss swallows hard.
"Actually, we're cutting those,"
she says.
That's what Gov. Butch Otter
wants, Idaho pays 15 percent
less, on average, than its employees would get in the private sector, but the benefits are better.
Most Idaho private employers
pay insurance premiums at or
above the 75 percent mark,
according to the Department of
Commerce and Labor. The state
cover more than 90 percent
and it's too generous, the goverand it's too generous, the gover-nor believes.

Many private-sector employers trimmed benefits as health care costs have soared in recent years, but if they cut too deep they lose

their best workers.
Idaho's 20,000 state employees taanos 20,000 state employees labor in a different environment. Many hired on with the state for the attractive benefits even though salaries were meager. Now, the governor and the Legislature are trying furiously to bump up salaries because of high

legislature are trying timousy of their issues, bump up salaries because of high turnover — 23 percent annually, according to a Government Performance Project report in 2005.

Pay isn't everything, of course, For older employees and those with families, good health insurance may mean more than a good salary.

That's why Otter is making a mistake, Far better to raise pay and freeze benefits if needed.

It's fair, it could be done across the board and it wouldn't necessarily hurt worker retention. It takes Idaho, on average, 49 days to replace an employee who leaves. That's expensive—more expensive, in the long run, than keeping the current hertelis package.

And any employer knows that when it comes to workers, you get what you pay for.

The governor went out of his way to praise state employees in his State of the State Address Monday. It's time for him to put the state's money where his mouth is.

## How the rich plan to stay that way

WE GET TO KEEP THE HOUSE!

The unemployment report on Friday was brutally bad. Unemployment rose in December, while job creation vas minimal and it's bighly was minima — and its mg likely, for technical reasons, that the job number will be revised down, showing an actual decline in employ-



PAUL KRIIGMAN

It's the latest piece of bad news about an economy in which the employment situa-tion has actually been deterio

which the employment situa-tion has actually been deterio-rating for the past year. It's no longer possible to hope that the effects of the hunsing stump will remain "con-tainet!" as one of 2007's buzz-been breactied, and the reper-cussions of the hunsing crisis are spreading across the econ-omy as a whole.

Is not certain, even now, that we'll have a formal reces-sion, although given the news on Friday you have to say that the odds are that we will. But what is clear is that 2008 will be a troubled year for the U.S, economy — and that as a result, the overall economic record of the Bush years will have been dreary at best 2 1/2 years of slumping employment, 3/12 years of good-but-not-great growth, and two more vears of good-but-not-great growth and two more years of

and two mure years of renewed economic distress. The November election will take place against that back-ground of economic distress, which ought to be good nows for candidates running on a platform of change. But the opponents of change, those who want to keep the flush legacy intact, are not without resources. In fact, they've already made their standard pivot when things turn bad — the pivot from hype to fear. And in case yout haven't muliced, they're very, very good at the fear thing.

A rizona steps off into the new year as drum major for a straggle of cities and states that are tak-ing immigration enforcement— until now a federal task— into their own hands. An 'old boast holds that states are the laboratories of

democracy. If so, here's one experiment that risks blowing

the lab. The Arizona statute, which

kicked in Jan. 1, holds busi-

nesses to potentially fatal account if they are caught

account if they are caught with an employee who is an illegal aften. The first offense brings a 10-day suspension of the business? Incess, With a second misstep, the business loses is license altogether. The law was enacted by an enhusiastic legislature and signed by a reluctant governor who feared even worse, if the statute were balked, from a referendum drive heing pushed by the Minutenne and other bloodhound groups.

You see, for 30 years
American politics has been
dominated by a political
movement practicing RobinHoot-in-reverse, giving unto
those that hank while taking
from those who don't. And
one secret of that long domination has been a remarkable
flexibility in economic debate.
The policies never change —
but the arguments for these
policies turn on a dime.
When the economy is doing
reasonably well, the debate is
dominated by hype — by the
claim that America's prosperity is truly wondrous, and that
conservative economic policies deserve all the credit.
But when things turn down,
there is a seamless transition

cus deserve an direction. But when things turn down, there is a scambes transition from "It's morning in America! Hurray for tax cuts" to "The economy is slumping! Baising taxes would be a disaster." Thus, until just the other day, Bush administration officials were in denial about the economy was strong, and touting the "Bush boom" — the improvement in the jub situation that took place between the summer of 2003 and the end of 2005 and the end 2005 and 2005 and the end 2005 and of 2003 and the end of 2006 — as proof of the efficacy of

tax cuts. But now, without ever acknowledging that maybe things weren't that great after all. President Bush is warning that given the economy's problems. The worst thing the Congress could do is raise taxes on the American businesses."

And even more dire warnings are coming from some of the Hepublican presidential candidates. For example, John McCain's campaign Web site cautions darky that.

Tentrepreneurs should not be taxed fine submission, John McCain will make the Bush

McCain will make the Bush income and investment tax cuts permanent, keeping income tax rates at their current level and fighting the

rent level and fighting the Democrat's plans for a crip-pling tax increase in 2011. What 'reippling tax increase in 2011. What 'reippling' tax increase, which would tax entrepreneurs into submission, is McCain talking about? The answer is, proposals by Democrats to let the Bush tax cuts for people making more than \$250,000 a year expire, returning upper-income tax rates to the levels that prevailed in the Clinton versa. vailed in the Clinton v

And we all remember how little entrepreneurship there

GOOD BECAUSE OUR

RETIREMENT FUND JUST COLLAPSED.

was, how weakly the economy performed, during the Clinton years, rightf Oh, wait. Never mind. The whole point of scare tactics is that they can work even in the face of inconvenient facts. And what I'm not sure about is whether the Democrats are ready for the fight they're about to face. Not to put too fine a point on it, Barack Obana won his introressive victory in lova

impressive victory in Iowa with a sunny, upheat message

of change.

But there's a powerful politi-cal faction in this country that and there's a power in point-cal faction in this country that understands very well that any real change will create losers as well as winners. In particular, any serious progressive reform of health care, let alone a brander attempt to reduce middle-class insecurity and inequality, will have to mean higher taxes on the affluent. And members of that faction will do whatever If takes to scare people into I believing that change means disaster for the conomy. I don't think they'll succeed. But it would boa big mistake to assume that they won't.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### New Year's list includes something for everyone

My 2008 New Year's reso-

My 2008 New Year's resolutions:

1) Buy Stroin Thurman's book "Tow to get younger and taller,"

2) Stop eating fast foods. Stabucks takes longer to produce a cup of coffee thai toos to drive a to the stable stakes longer to produce a cup of coffee thai toos to drive 10 the naive dream that Itom Falls commissioners will have the guist to the new construction permits in the valley to available water supplies before we have to start importing bottled water from Canada.

4) Porget crossbreeding chickens with buffalor to get giant buffalo wings.

5) Support the first presidential candidate who makes any provable claim to keep American jobs in America, keep our military out of foreign conflicts, tie government program's to needy clitzens, abolish all tax loopholes for companies producing offshore profits, make all members of commake all members of commands. producing offshore profits, make all members of congress subject to all laws and salary increases to that of Social Security recipients. 6) Get my weight-loss book based on marinated

fish-eyeball soup published.
7) Convince the Idaho
7) Convince
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lete before we get mem home. 10) Fonget about test mar-keting my 'Soft & Heavenly' as a soft drink. It seems to work better as paint stripper. 11) Pair Illany and Obama on 'Dancing with the Stars.' That way we'll see if either one can lead. 12) Have the name of the Atomic Energy Commission's Nevada HazMat dumpslie changed HazMat dumpsite changed to "Neverl and II." Maybe Michael Jackson will buy it. VAUGHN PHELPS Twin Falls



Том TEEPEN

Arizona shows inhumanity of immigration control

hollered the Draconian bill mto law claims the statute was succeeding even before it went into effect. Illegals, in some undeterminable num-ber, were said to be slipping out of the state, just as they

once slipped in.

Perhaps so, to some degree, but the law is definitely and for sure getting through to

for sine getting through to employers.

There are reports apleany of business owners scrapping expansion plans, reports of companies in other states calling off moves to Arizona or canceling expansions of the companies in other states calling off moves to Arizona or canceling expansions of the companies in other states calling off moves to Arizona employers accountability the be-all of immigration control that fail to show the program.

The law seems likely as we to show the inhumanity of the shown in the to show the inhumanity of the count for the very real employment needs that the University of Arizona analysts—square immigrants fill and that

figures that in cohstruction alone 56,000 jobs, \$6.6 billion in economic output and \$270 million a year in state revenue will be lost.

Arizona is estimated to have half a million illegal atiens. They account for per-hapa 15 percent of the state's workers and, no, they are not, in the familiar complaint, tak-ing Americans' jobs. Arizona has a rock-bottom 3.3 percent unemployment rate — effec-tively, full employment. Maybe, by some magic, all this will work out just fine.

allows no lawful accommodaanows to lawn accommoda-tion for illegals who have been here for long years, liv-ing in the very manner of citi-zens — forming families, buy-ing homes, creating business-

ing homes. Creating businesses.
In the late 1800s and early 1800s, it was the "Filtow Peril" that had Americans all a -tizzy—first the lumiligation here of large numbers of Chinese laborers, then of lapanese. The panic was egged on by lurid popular fiction and soapbox politicians and led to enactment of the federal Chinese Exclusion Act and in World War II to the imprisonment of lapanese-Americans in detention camps. Now we have the Brown Peril, egged on by lurid talk adial and soapbox politicians. We don't know where this panic will lead, but it looks as though, wherever it goes, Arizona means to get them.

though, wherever it goes, Arizona means to get there first.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Twin Falls is on fast track to become 'California East'

groups.

The pitchfork-and-torch crowd that whooped and

Nothing is sacred and everything has its price. I refer to the front page of the *Times-News* on Jan. 1, involv-ing the new LDS Temple. Gee, let me see, am I sur-prised that Marriott got per-mission to build condos and a church member is going to

capitalize on a sacred tem-ple? Oh wait, I'm in Twin Falls, so the answer to that would be — no. Interesting — I noticed that Mr. Rasmussen stated that the man from Sail Lake want-ed to move to a "smalle" community, The train left that station a lone time aeo that station a long time ago and is on the fast track to

"California East." Yep, some scramble to be near it, others scramble to exploit it. And, of course, there's the housing market — you know, the one that's falling out at the bottom. We don't have enough housing developments glutting the market; we sure do need another one. And of course with more houses and more people — thouses and more people — thouse and t

let's see, where should I begin and where will it end and who will be footing the bill' Now, where are these morels going to be built that 'will have' temple views' I think I'd better get out there and take some pictures before there aren't any views left.

before there in left.

STEPHANIE HOLMAN
Twin Falls



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## **EPA ruling denies local** control of auto emissions

Christmas, a particular-nless time to announce news, the Bush adminis-on dropped a bombshell

on the states.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency told California that it can't set its own, tougher standards for autornoble emissions.

Several states were hoping to follow California's lead, so their plans were shot drown, too follow California's lead, so their plans were shot drown, too. Since the EnVironia's lead, so their plans were shot drown, too. Since the EnVironia's lead, so their plans were shot drown, too short the EnVironia's lead, so their plans were shot drown, and the states have such a Florida might join the lawswift. We think states have rights, the said. This is a sorry business for several reasons.
First, the ERA under

This is a sorry husiness for several reasons. This is a sorry husiness for several reasons. First, the EPA under President Bush tried not to regulate greenhouse gases at all, claiming that it didn't have the authority. The U.S. Supreme Court disagreed. Meanwhile, the EPA dragged lis feet and took more than two years to rule on California's request. The state had to size to force a decision. The automobile industry



HOWARD TROXLER.

and even other Bush adminis-tration officials lobbied

tration officials lobbied against California's request. And so, although the EPA had previously granted more than 50 other requests by California for tougher rules, this time It said no. California Grov Arnold Schwarzenegger called the decision "unconscionable." Democratis In charge of Congress want an investigation. As for the Bush administration, it continues to insist that there ought to be a single national standard.

monar samuaru. The federal rules are more The federal rules are more lenient. To reduce greenhouse emissions, the state wanted a nileage standard of almost 37 miles per gallon by 2016; the feds will require 35 mpg, and not until 2020.

With a wonderful sense of spin, a headline on the EPAs Web site declares: "America

for.Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions."
There's a compelling reaso for the feds to set minimum national standards. After all, the air doesn't stop at one state's border.

But if California or Florida want to be even tougher, then why not? Because it would be inconvenient for auto makers? The beck with them

Some argue that state-by-state standards are bad for consumers, or impractical to enforce. But those are tradeoffs that each state is entitled

ous that each state is entitled to consider for itself. All my adult life, I have heard Republican politicians complain about "big govern-ment" and declare that "Washington doesn't have all the anarors."

"Washington doesn't more on the answers."
Yet once in Washington, Republicans seem just as apt as Democrats, if not more so, to blow my money, rack up debt and use the power of hig-central government, I side with Arnold.

Howard Troxler is a columnist for the St. Petershurg, Fla., Times.

## Veteran's story raises questions about Romney's idea of justice

this one right.

Mitt Romney
never lets facts get in the way
of political self-interest, even when the facts involve a de

of political self-interest, even when the facts involve a decorated Iraq war veteran seeking a pardon of the self-interest and the shoulder with a BB gun. At tage 13, Authony Circosta shoulder with a BB gun. He pleaded guilty in juvenile court to a felony assault and was sentenced to 354 days of probation. From then on, Circosta's life was apparently exemplary. He enlisted in the Army National Guard as a medic, served as a volunteer fireman, and earned a college degree in criminal justice. In 2002, he served as a National Guard medic at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, which Romney headed. Deployed to Iraq in 2004, Circosta was promoted to first lieutenant and awarded, the Bronze Star for merltorious service.
Circosta needed a cum per-

Circosta needed a gun per-mit in Massachusetts to gain promotion as a security mit in Massachusetts to gan promotion as a security guard and pursue a career as a police officer. But, to get the permit, Circosta first needed to have his record cleared of a childhood felony heard of a childhood felony heard of a childhood incident was not his proudest moment, "but it happened." He moved his life beyond it. Twice, the Massachusetts elemency board recommended a pardon, Twice, then-Governor Romney declined to grant it. Huckabee has been telling Circosta's sory on the cam-

Circosta's story on the cam-paign trail to illustrate Romney's penchant for polit-ical calculation over human

compassion. Romney is spending millions on ads attacking Huckabee for the opposite. The former Arkansas gover-



nor granted clemency requests 1,033 times during his years in office, from 1996 to 2007. In some cases, Huckaber reduced the sentences of convicted murderers, leading to tough and legitimate questions about his judgment.

The ordained Baptist minister is explaining those decisions in the context of a helicif in the power of rehabilitation. He also tells waters that the majority of cases involved people with minor offenses who needed pardons to get a job. And, by raising the Circusta case,—Illuckabee is trying to turn the issue into a question of Romney's judgment. What's worse'f Being soft on crime or being soft on justice?

In response, Romney said he followed his own guide-line against pardoning firearm-related offenses; if the applicant needed a pardon to obtain a gain permit. Apparently, this guideline left no room for discretion in the case of a 13-year-old middle school student who shot a BB gun at hoys cutting through his apartment complex.

Romney also said his decision not to pardon Circosta reflers a desire to make sure that terrate on the reflects and esserie to make eare that terrate on the public."

of protecting the public."
However, the Mitt Detector desire to put a tough-on-crime face on Romney's hid to become the Republican

similar, well-documented pivots to the right on abor-tion, gay rights, gun control and immigration. A soft-on-crime label is never a plus in presidential politics. Michael Dukakis was greatly harmed by the charge during the 1904 presi-dential campaign, when he was held accountable after a convicted murdeer released via a Massachusetts furlough program raped a Maryland woman.

Ironically, Romney with-Ironically, tronney so-stood a recent demand for similar accountability, Daniel Tavares E., a Massachusetts man imprisoned for killing his mother, was released on personal recognizame by a Bonney-appointed judge and subsequently changed with killing a newlywed cou-ple in Washington state. Homney ducked culpshility by blanning the system, even-though as governor, he ignored recommendations that could have made a dif-ference in Tavares's case. Huckabee has plenty of weaknesses, including some aspects of his record as gov-renner a lack of experience in foreign affairs; and undue enthusiasm for mixing poli-tics with religion. But his candor and ability to con-nect with average voters lin-ed him beyond expectations and his own limitations. In the long run, the real threat to Ronney comes from Huckabee's instinctive understanding of his real's weaknesses and willipgness to expose them. If the picture of a politi-cian who panders rather than leads at every turn, including a decorated veer-an's bid for a pardon.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Let people decide on national sales tax

I believe the national sales tax is a good idea. It was started by the northern states government to finance the cost of the war between

All Income taxes do is make people get dishunest and a lot of red tape. Only the rich get a good deal with slick ways to cheat. Let the poor have a bligger takehome check, plus keep Uncle Sam out of Socurity funds; that's another government rip-off. Put it up to the people to vote vys or no, not some know-it-all so-called expur. All income taxes do is o-called expert. CARL CORMIER Jerome

Organ donor makes all the difference to kidney patient

Are you a giver or a receiv-

Are you a giver or a receiver?

Eleven years ago, I had end-stage renal disease (total kidney failure). After the doctors were able to control my health by kidney (failysis, Istarted the process of being tested to be eligible for a kidney transplant. This January is my IO-year anniversary of my transplant, and I have enjoyed 10 healthy years of being with my family grow. It is hard for me to rejoice in my health without thinking of the person who thought so much of their fellow man to donate their owns "In this day. I am organs "In this day. I am organs "In this day."

low man to donate their organs. To this day, I am

thankful that I was not required to prove that I was a donor myself to be able to receive an organ. I had never taken the time to make sure my driver's license showed that I wanted to be an organ donor and never really thought also the sure thankful wanted to be an organ donor and never really thought also the sure thankful was the sure of thought about being a

I am so thankful for the Fain so thankful for the wonderful care I received from my doctor, the support I got from people in the Magic Valley (some friends and some people I didn't even know). The Lord has given me so much. No one knows what tomorrow will bring.

oring. Are you going to be a giver a receiver: JOHN KOOTSTRA

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Every attempt has been made to include all those who participated and/or contributed to the benefit dinner and car giveaway. If your name or business has been omitted, we truly apologize.

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## Change in tax code could help business owners

Two changes to the federal come tax code could save income tax code could some business owners t sands of dollars this year ners thou-

Sants of dollars this year.
Scott Plew, CPA and partner with Twin Falls-based
accounting and advising firm
Cooper Norman, said
changes to tax code sections
179 and 199 can reduce taxes
the hard-conserved.

for business owners.

"The limit on Section 179, which is an expense deduction on purchases such as

office equipment and machinery, was raised from \$108,000 in 2006 to \$125,000 in 2007. Pleve said. It can help business-owners accelerate their write-offs of qualifying purchases and get tax savings immediately, because typically these items are depreciated over three to seven years. seven years

Some of the largest indussome of the largest indus-tries in the region may also benefit from changes to Section 199, a provision of the the American Jobs Creations the American Jobs Creations Act of 2004 that allows taxpayers to receive a deduction based on qualified produc-tion activities income result-ing from domestic produc-tion. The Internal Revenue Service increased the allowed deduction to 6 percent, up from 3 percent.

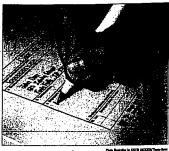
This increase will benefit businesses that produce or

businesses that produce or manufacture goods and pay wages. This includes agricul-

ture and construction. "Section 199 does apply for "Section too does a many of the husinesses in our area" Plew said, "This is a area," Plew said, "This is a fairly new deduction and

potentially could be over-looked. You should ask your tax adviser on both of these changes to see if you quality." Aside from filing an exten-sion, the deadline for busi-ness owners to file income taxes is lan. 31, however, Plew said business owners should be able to finalize their busi-ness income taxes as soon as they receive their last bank statement of the year.

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# A new gold standard Gold prices climb to all-time record

NEW YORK

NEW YORK — Gold futures surged to an all-time high above \$880 an ounce Tuesday as traders bet that rebounding oil prices would boost demand for the metal

as a safe haven investment.

An ounce of gold for February delivery climbed as high as \$880.40 an ounce on the New York Mercantile on the New York Mercanthe Exchange, easily breaking its previous record of \$875 set. in. 1900. Spot-gold also rose to a fresh high, hitting 5876 an ounce to beat the high of \$069.05 it hit last work.

eek. Still, when adjusted for illation, gold remains well clow its all-time high. An

ounce of gold at \$875 in 1990 would be worth \$2,115 to \$2,200 today.

Gold has soared during the past year, boosted by rising prices for oil and other commodities and also by the falling U.S. dollar. Those trends have increased the metal's appeal as a hedge against inflation; gold is also seen as a safe investment in times of political and economic uncertainty around the ncertainty around the

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Hedge and pension funds,
along with other long-term
investors, also flocked to
gold as the subprime morrgage crisis in the U.S. intenslied. Driving the push to
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stream of discouraging
news, including comments
Monday by Treasury
Secretary Henry Paulson
that a correction in the
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Also weighing on nyestors' was word that Bear Steams C. h i e f Executive J a m e s

w a s resigning u n d e r pressure from share-holders upset

over the firm's losses.

But analysts weren't predicting a relentless march bigher for policit they said a corrective sell-off could follow its spike higher.

"Gold traders see some resistance near \$1800 and \$1890 and are probably mindful of the large number of long positions in the market but that is not stopping them from trying to test the highly rarefled air found at these levels," Jon Næller, senior analysts at Kiter. senior analyst at Kitco Bollion Dealers, wrote in a

As fund investors money into the market, however, demand from the retail sector and individuals

retail sector and individuals who drove gold to its previous record almost three decades ago — is weaker. "They're not, apparently, lining up around the block like they did in January 1890," Nadler said. "I don't know how much longer the funds are going to see rewards."

funds are going or rewards." Gold ended 2007 up almost 32 percent. The recent surge in oil prices to \$100 a barrel has helped boost the price of the metal. Light, sweer crude for February delivery rose \$1.91 to \$97 a barrel Tuesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

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Another major driver behind gold's advance from

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less than \$650 an ounce in January has been the dol-lar's precipitous drop lar's precipitous drop against the euro. A chear dollar can make commodidollar can make commodi-ties more attractive as an alternative investment, and can also raise demand from foreign buyers as their cur-rencies gain strength. The dollar fell against the curo Tuesday. The 15-nation currency bought \$1.4729 in afternoon trading in Europe, up trom \$1.4696 late Monday in New York. Growing demand for gold jewelry in India and China has also contributed to increasing prices over the past several years.

## in neighboring states fails to attract Idaho workers Most Gem State employers

already exceed minimum wage The Times-News and wire reports Minimum wages

Higher minimum wage

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The minimum wage is about 50 cents more less than an hour south of Twin Falls in Jackpot, Nev.

However, the minimum wage disparity between states does not necessarily mean that workers are crossing the state line to find better minimum wage jobs.

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The minimum wage in Nevada is 56.33 an hour to start, however, most employers of non-skilled labor in Idaho pay \$5 or more to start providing little incentive to make the daily commune to Nevada.

"We don't have a real problem with it in our area because the parts of Nevada near-us are so, unpopulated and the wage increase really closest make up for the distance they have to travel; said Jan Roeser, regional economist for Idaho pepartment of Labor.

In northern Idaho a minimum wage gap of more than \$2 has failed to draw Idaho

mum wage gap of more than \$2 has failed to draw Idaho job applicants to the Spokane area, partly because of a tight job market and employers taking pre-emp-

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Wishington's minimum wage rose 14, cents to a national-high of \$10.07 under a state infinitive adopted in 1998, klaho's minimum wage remained at the federal level, 55.85 an hour.
Mindy Ledbetter, manager at a Sabway sandwich outlet in Liberty Lake, said she would expect to see more job applications from across the nearby the state line.

by state

Wyoming: \$5.15 Idaho: \$5.85 Utah: \$5.85 Novada: \$6.33 Oragon: \$7.95 Washington: \$8.07 Source: U.S. Departme

"You can go just five miles and make more money," Ledbetter told The Spokesman-Review, "\$5.85 compared to \$8.07 — that's

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On the other side of the line, though, at Zip's Drive-in in Post Falls, Idalan, starting payl is about \$7.25 an hour.

"It's only a 10-minute drive from Washington," said lynn Hayes, regional manager for three Zip's restaurants. "Wed see a huge decrease in applications if we only paid \$5.85 per hour.

Hayes noted that at a Zip's in Rathdrum, Idaho, a Ziminute drive from Liborty Lake, starting pay is \$6 per hour.

Northern Idaho's Kootenai

County has only a 3 percent unemployment rate, follow-ing four years of strong job

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Because of the small pool of entry-level workers, most employers pay more than the minimum 'wage' to' 'draw qualified applicants, said kathryn Tacke, a regional economist for the Idaho Department of Labor.

"A few employers are trying to pay less than \$7 per hour; she said, "but they're not being very successful in getting workers."

By state estimates, 3.5 percent of northern Idaho's work force earned less than \$5 an hour last year, mostly in rural and outlying areas.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Supervalu's 3Q profit rises 25 percent EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn

Supervalu Inc., one of the mation's largest grocers, said Tuesday its third-quarter profits rose almost 25 per-Tuesday its third-quarter profits rose almost 25 per-cent, but it reduced its fullyear guidance. Its shares fell almost 5 per-

cent in morning trading.

Supervalu-said it carned
\$141 million, or 66 cents per

share, in the three months ended Dec. I from \$113 mil-lion, or 54 cents per share, during the same period last

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Sales at stores open a year rose 0.5 percent, not count-

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ing fuel sales. For the full year it expects sales to rise 0.5 percent to 1 percent. The latest earnings figure included 3 cents per share of costs from the 2006 purchase of Albertson's stores.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial were expecting a profit of 63 cents per share on revenue of 510.17 billion. The earnings estimates typically exclude one-time items.

Eden Prairie-based Supervalu said It now expects to earn \$2.71 to \$2.77 per share for the full year, on revenue of about \$44 billion. The profit forecast is down from \$2.73 to \$2.83 it previously forecast. Analysts were expecting earnings of \$2.77 on sales of about \$44 billion. The company said it expects that consumer spending will continue to be pressured by inflation. Prairic-based

#### Consumer borrowing rises in November

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WASHINGTON

Consumer borrowing rebounded in November as credit card debt shot up by the largest amount, in six months.

The Federal Reserve reported Tuseday that consumer borrowing rose at an annual rate of 7-4 percent in November, far higher than

the 1 percent rise in October.

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# Bruins break losing streak with win over Madison

## Posts Olmstead, Ward lead way in confidence-building home victory

'it just clicked,

That was the sentiment in the Twin Falls boys locker room in Baun Gymnasium Tuesday after a confi-dence-building 57-42 High Country Conference Victory over the Madison Robeats

Conference victory over the Madison Bolcats. "We were upset with the losing streak, and it felt great to get the win," the Brulns senior post Judd

Olmstead said.

What also felt great were the contributions made by himself and senlor Bryant Ward, the big posts who put up big points for the victory. Ward pumped in 17 while Olmstead contributed 10, all in the second half.

The big guys had their best game of the year and needed to Bruins couldn't be with the second half. The big guys had their best game of the year and needed to Bruins coden Matt Harr said. "It took pressure off the guards."

Sinte to claim a lead the Bruins would not relinquish. It was just a small part of the 10-point run Twin Falls made late in the first and into the second quarter. From then on, the Bruins maintained a lead any-

the bruins mandance a lead any-where from six to 14 points. Rebounding was key as TWin Falls claimed more than 20 to Madison's 14. A low number of turnovers also aided the Bruins' cause.

aided the Bruins' cause. Twin Falls moves to 1-2 in conference and 4-6 overall with noncon-

Twin Falls 57, Madison 42

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# Bulldog beat goes on

Kimberly moves to 14-0 with win

over rival Filer

By David Bashore Times-News writer

FILER — Just when the Filer Wildcats thought they had Kimberly in a battle Tuesday night, the Buildogs reminded everyone why they're the team to heat the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference, and perhans

Saviroud Central Idaho Conference, and perhaps Class 3A altogether. Leading just 10-9 after one period of play. No. 1 Kimberly's defense stiffened— and the offense vent on. a 10-0 run over the next seven minutes to get some pre-cious breathing space. That allowed the Bulldogs to grind out a 55-40 win, upping their record to 14-0 on the season despite clear-ty playing less than their best game. With forwards Kayla

ly playing less than their best game.

With forwards Kayla Hutcheson and Kassie Newherry struggling to make an impact on the scoreboard in the first two quarters, sophomore wing Alex Pfefferle turned the sec-ond half into her personal baskethall clinic, scoring 14 of her game-high 20 points after halfitme.

"I wasn't really thinking. forwards Kayla

wasn't really thinking it (Hutcheson and anous (Hutcheson and Newberry) not scoring. They made some great passes and 1 had a lot of fast breaks, said Pfefferle. "(Filer) made some keys in the second hadf and it seemed they were keying on (Iluthebson and Newberry), and they some great passes."
Filer was led by nine points from Ilaely Hamseyer and seven from Kylic white and Jill Haney. Kimberly's defense, which seemed to slog its way through the first period, became active in the second Newberry) not scoring. The



quarter and continued to

quarter and continued to tenaciously smoother Filer with a press defense that caused turnovers and enabled the Bulloog transition game to get going. Point guard Kylee Buller was the catalysts behind there is the bulldoogs intensity, and it was in that decises-to-offense shift that Pfefferie, and Kimberty, did the most damper. The coaches have been stressing defense, and forusing on us getting back." Pfefferie said. Our press wasn't getting as many

turnovers as wed like, but kylee made some great hus-tle plays and did a good Job. It's nice to see the work pay-ing off."

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ing off."
After struggling through
the first three quarters, Filer
made a last-gasp surge
behind aswarming pressure
defense and clutch outside
shooting from White,
Charmaine Weatherly and
Lacle Helmkes, but the
deficit was far too steep for
the Wildcats to completely
overcome it.

overcome it.

Kimberly is at Buhl on
Thursday while Filer visits

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David Bashore may be

## CSI men open 2008 still No. 2 in nation

Post-game function scheduled for Saturday

By Eric Larsen Timos-News writer

For the College of Southern laho men, it's 15-0, status

quo.
The Golden Eagles
remained at No. 2 as the first
NJCAA Division 1 Men's
Basketball Poll of 2008 was
released Tuesday, CSI Basketball Poll of 2000 was released Tuesday. CSI received one first-place vote but remains behind Horidas Chipola College, which has been at No. 1 in each of the first six polls of the 2007-48 scason. The Indians topped then sixth-ranked Three (Iwers Community College (Mo.) 73-66 on Dec. 30 and will face No. 13 Okaloosa-Watton College (Fia.) on Saturday.

Watton Gollege (Pia.) on Saturday. The Golden Bagles picked up three wins over last week-end's Donnelley Sports Invitational in Twin Falls, including a 113-77 win over a solid Yavapai College (Ariz.) team on Saturday. "I thought the gays pre-

team on Saturday.

"I thought the gays prepared themselves pretty well as the week went along. 'St head coach Barret Peery said. 'They got their legs back and got the rist off, It was a good momentum builder for us coming, into league, play, beating a good team and playing well in doing it.'

Sophomore forward han Pattillo improved his pergame averages to 17.8 points and 7.9 rebounds with a strong weekend while tournament MVP Kevin Gallows it is lefth assist of the season to move among the top five assist men in the NICAA ranks.

The Golden Engles open Seenic West Athletic Conference play at home of Thursday, hossing Colorado northwestern Community College at 7:30 p.m. The 2-8 Spartans feature the SWAC's

NICAA Division I Men's Basketball Poll

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leading scorer in sophomore guard Corderro Bermet, who's averaging 22.6 points

"They have a lot of quick-ness," Peery said, "A lot of dribble penetration-type

guys."

CSI will continue the first weekend of SWAC play at home, hosting the 8-5 weekend of SWAC play at home, hosting the 8-5 College of Eastern Utah at 3 p.m. This year's SWAC p.m. This year's SWAC women's-men's doublehead-

women's men's doublehead-ers will be played at 530 p.m. and 7:30 on weeknights, while most Saturday games will be moved up to 1 p.m. and 3 on Saturdays to allow teams added travel time. In other poll news, the 15:0 Salt Lake Community College Bruins improved to No. 5 while 14:1 North Idaho College slipped from No. 14 to No. 19. The next men's pal will be released on Tuesday, Jan. 15, while the litsi women's poll of 2008 is released today.

#### Post-game gathering planned after game

The CSI Booster Club will hold a post-game function on Saturday at El Sombrero Restaurant in Jerome, The function will be held at

Pléase see CSI, Page B2

## Good idea, but bad timing by Georgia

School's president offers 8-team playoff proposal

By Ralph D. Russo Associated Press writer

ASSOciated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — Before
LSU had even collected all its
trophies, there was a call for
changing the system that
crowned the Higers champions of major college faotbal.
All of sudden, University of
Georgia president Michael
Adams wants to blow up the
Bowl Championship Series
and have the NCAA sponsor
an eight-team playoff.
Amazing how some people
can only see the light after
they've been poked in the
tye.

eye.
Adams held a news conference in Athens, Ga., on
Tuesday, a few hours after
LSU coach Les Miles held one

in New Orleans.
Adams, who is chairman of
the NCAA executive committee, figured the day after LSU
defeated Ohio State 38-24 in
the BCS national championship game was the perfect
time to unwell his playoff proposal.
So when Miles arrived at a
bode to take care of his last

hotel to take care of his last bit of business with the media, have his picture taken media, have his picture taken with some shluy hardware, provide a few final thoughts on the Tigers' victory and nearly get choked up a couple of times' while talking about his players, family and LSU, he was also greeted with a question about Adams' idea. Miles handled it defuly, while making it clear he wasn't happy that the leader of LSU's rival Southeastern

Please see PLAYOFF, Page 82

## Goose Gossage makes baseball's Hall of Fame

NEW YORK — Gouse Gossage became only the fifth relief pitcher elected to the Ital of Fame, carning baseball's highest bonor Tuesday in his ninth ry on the ballot. Known for his overpowering fastball, fery temperament and bashy mus-tache, the Gonse received 466 of 543 weeks 1853 precent from 10-year mem-bers of the baseball Witters' Association of America.

bers of the Baseball Writers Association of America.
"It was very emtotional I'l tell you, off the charts. I can't describe the feeling," Gossage said after learning the news. "I can't lie. There's been some frustration and some disappointment."
Jim Rice was passed over yet again in his next-to-last year on the ballot, getting 322 votes (722 percent), up from 346 (63.5 percent) last year but 16 short of the 75 percent needed.
"Today's results are obviously ad slappointment," Rice said in a statement. "I believe my accomplishments speak for themselves, and a majority of the voters seem to agree. It is tough to crome this seem to agree. It is tough to come this close, but I remain hopeful for the 2009

results."
Mark McGwire, 'a casualty of the



Baseball relief pitcher Goose Gossage smiles as he listens to a phone call from baseball commissioner Bud Selig congratulating him on being selected to the Hall of Fame at his home In Colorado Springs, Colo., on Tuesday.

Steroids Era in some writers' minds, received just 128 votes — the exact total he had last year. His percentage increased slightly to 236 percent, up from 23.5 percent last year when he was on the ball of rothe first time. "I don't think this steroid thing is over by any means. I'm sure that most of you goys, the writers, don't really know how to approach this." Gossage during a

BBWAA conference call.
Gossage, who fell short by 21 votes last year, joins Hoyt Wilhelm (1905), Rollie Fingers (1902), Dennis Eckersley (2004) and Bruce Sutter (2006) in Cooperstown's bullpen.
Gossage was sitting in a recliner in his liding room overlooking the Rocky Montanian in Colorado Springs, Colo. when he received the call. He turned to reporters in the room and said, "Oh my God, I've been elected."

"A shock wave went through my body like an anvil just fell on my head."
Gossage said. "I think having to war makes it that much more special."

His mother died in 2006, Gossage said with tears welling up in his eyes.

This mother died in 2006, Gossage said with tears wellfing up in his eyes, and he had hoped she would live long enough to see thin inducted.

Gossage was a nine-time All-Star who pitched for the major league teams from 1972-94 and had 310 savey — 52 of them when he got seven outs or more.

— 52 of them when he got seven ours or more. The first time he appeared on the Hall ballot in 2000, Gossage received only 33.3 percent of the vote. Rice will appear on the writers' ballot for the 15th and final time next year.

Please see GOOSE, Page B4

# Marvin, Bulldogs cruise to easy SCIC win over Hornets

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Led by Eric Marvin's four
first-half 3-pointers, the
Kimberly Bulldogs rushed
past vishing Declo 74-26 in
Sawtooth Central Idaho
Conference action, The 5-5
(2-1) Bulldogs outscored
Declo 48-8 in the first laid,
holding the Hornets scoreless
in the first laid,
holding the Hornets scoreless
in the first quarter.

"I'm just really pleased that
everyone came off the bench
and made a positive impact,"
Kimberly head coach Roger
Keller said.
Evan Jerke notChed a 15-

Keller said.
Evan Jerke notched a 15-point, 10-rebound double-double to lead Kimberly while Marvin added 14. Tanner Field led Declo with

Kimberly 74, Declo 28
Both GRESS - 68
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WIN FALLS CHRISTIAN 54

The boys from Jackpot, Nev., brawed the weather and earned a 64-54 victory over host Twin Falls Christian Academy for their efforts, Jurge González led Jackpot with 20 points, while the Warriors were led by Grant Friebos 22-point effort. Tommy Broadfield added 16 as TFCA fell to 64 with the loss. TECA hosts CHAMP on TECA

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Girls basketball

HANSEN 49, MURTAUGH 13
A great third quarter gave Hansen a 49-13 win against Murtaugh Tuesday. Hansen's Abby Curry carried the Huskies with her 20

points followed by 14 points from Nadine Glardina. The Red Devils' Michelle Roseborough scored five. Murtaught[-11] travels to Lighthouse Christian on Tuesday.

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RAFT RIVER 64, CASTLEFORD 46

Raft River went out with a win in its last home game against Castleford 65-46 against Tuesda sday. Trojans' Sally Hansen

rice frojans sany Hansen scored a team-high of 22 points and Nicole Harper fol-lowed with a triple-double of 14 points, 10 rebounds and 14

ds. Istleford's Rachel Rodgers Chinn led the Castleford's nather two gets and Samantha Guinn led the folves with eight points. Raft River(10-5) plays at agerman Friday.

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RICHFIED 78, CAMAS COUNTY 9
The Magic Valley Northside
Conference's top team had a
hot shooting night. The
Northside's last-place team
was lee cold. The result was a
lopsided 78-9 win as Richfield
moved to 7-0 in conference
play white. Camas County
stayed winless at 0-8.
The Tigers jumped to a 26-0
lead after one quarter, bit of
13 from 3-point range and
shot 50 percent from the field.
Michelle. Kent. had. 11
points, eight assists and for
steads, while Lea Piper added
10 points and eight boards.
Kim Pwitchell chipped in with
seven rebounds, four seeds,
four points and three assists
and Moe Hubsmith added

eight points, four assists and three steals. Freshmen Miriam Rivas (six assists) and Kaylee Exon (seven rebounds) also made solid contributions as Richfield coach Steve Kent went to his bench early and often. The Mishers were score-less-in the third quarter in falling to 6-11 overall. The 13-2 Tigers host Dietrich' on-Thursday.

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DECLO 59, ABERDEEN 20
The Declo Hornets girls baskethall team bounced back from a tough overtime loss Monday night to polish off Aberdeen 59-20.

eclo (9-4) hosts Gooding on Thursday.

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to get the winning score

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## Boozer, Jazz whip Pacers

reserve Matt Harpring added 16 to power the Utah lazz to a 111-89 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Tuesday

The fazz, who improved to 15.3 at home, took a 28-point lead in the first half on their way to handing the Pacers their worst loss of the season. Damy Granger led the Pacers with 17 points and Jamaal Tinsley, who saw Indiana go 1-4-while he sat out with a hamstring injury, made his return with 23 points. The Pacers have start, et their five-game Western et their five-game Western points. The Pacers have start-ed their five-game Western Conference road swing with two blowout defeats after losing to the Los Angeles Lakers 112-96 on Sunday.

TIMBERWOLVES 101, HEAT 91

IMBERWOUSE IN, IRAI 91 MINNIAPOLIS — Miani sunk to a new low as it were handled by Minnesotu. Rashad McCants contin-ued his sharp shooting streak with 27 points and the Timberwolves snapped an cight-game losing streak. Dwyane Wade had 25 points, seven assists and five rebounds for Miami.

added 18 lefferson points and 10 rebounds, and Marko Jarie had 17 points and eight assists for the Timberwolves.

Timberwolves.

CAWALIERS 95, SUPERSONICS 79
CLEVELAND — Lettron
lames showed Kevin Durant
how its dame by scoring 22
points, and the Cleveland
Cavaliers dishriv wait until the
fourth quarter to put away
the Scattle Supersonics 9579 on Tuesday night.
James, who is scored 24
points in the fourth on
Sunday when the Cavs (IB17) raillied for a win in
Toronto, was able to sit out
the linal Raids as Cleveland
coasted to its sixth win in
seven games and moved over
500 for the first time since
Nov. 30.

Durant, Seattle's silky
smooth rookie, scored 24
points and showed off some
of his blossoming pro game
of his blossoming pro game
while being guarded at times



Utah Jazz forward Carlos Boozer (5) is stopped by Indiana Pacers forward Jermaine O'Heal during the first quarter Tuesday in Salt Lake City.

by lames, who has become overall pick.

BUCKS 87, 76ERS 83

BUCKS 81, 7648 83
PHILADELPHIA — Charlie
Bell and Mo Williams each
scored 21 points and the
Milwaukee Bucks beat the
struggling Philadelphia
76ers.

Milwaukee has won three of four since the calendar turned, including all three games away from home. Andrew Bogut had 13 points and 12 arehounds, and Charlie Villanueva added 15 points and 10 boards for the Bucks.

neks. Andre Iguodala scored 21 points and Samuel Daiembert had 16 points and 16 rebounds for the 76ers.

ROCKETS 92, WIZARDS 84
WASHINGTION — Luther
Head's season-high 24 points
and Rafer Alston's doubledouble led Houston past the
Washington Wizards for the
Rockets' third consecutive

victory.
Alston finished with 15 Alston Initished with 15 points, 10 assists and seven rehounds, and Yao Ming scored 21 points for Houston, which is 5-2 since McGrady went down last month with a left knee injury.

BOBCATS 115, NETS 99

BOBCATS 115, NEIS 99
CHARLOTTE, N.C. —
Jason Richardson scored 25
points and the hot-shooting
Charlotte Bobcats overcame
Jason Kidd's third consecu-

tive triple-double to beat the

the triple-double to beat the New Jersey Nets. Gerald Wallace added 21 points and 11 rebounds and Emeka Okafor and Naz Mohammed added 17 points apiece for the Boheats. Richard Jefferson had 25 points and Vince Carter scored 17 on 5-of-15 shout-ing for the Nets, who strug-gled to defend inside in their worst performance in weeks. orst performance in weeks

LAKERS 117, GRIZZLIES 101

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Derek Fisher scored 26 points and Kobe Bryant added 25 to lead the Los Angeles Lakers past

the Los Angeles Lakers past the Memphis Grizzlies. It was the 13th win in 16 games for the Lakers, who lawe wern six of their last eight road games. The dizzlies, who never led, were paeed by Mile Miller with 19 points. Pau Gasol added 18 points and 12 rebounds. Rudy Gay finished with 15 points.

KNICKS 105, BULLS 100

CHICAG — Eddy Curry scored a season-high 29 points, Jamal Crawford added 24 and New York ral-lied to beat Chicago and snap a seven-game losing

streak.

Stephon Marbury, who scored 18 points, hit two 3-pointers during that stretch for the Knicks, who are 2-13

on the road.
Smith led Chicago with 22 points and 12 rebounds.
The Associated Press

## Wash. State player hospitalized

SPOKANE, Wash. — Stephen Sauls, a reserve for No. 4 Washington Saue, was in a hospital Tuesday after he collapsed and appeared to stop breathing after he was struck in the head during a practice.

Sauls, a feshman guard, was briefly given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation after he collapsed during a team scrimmage Monday evening in Pullman and was taken to Pullman Regional Hospital, coach from Bennett said.

Sauls suffered a concussion and will remain in the hospital indefinitely shile doctors perform tests, the team said.

"Right now he is doing OK," Bennett said. — Sauls took in elbow to the face during the serimmage, team officials said. He went down on all fours, rose to his feet, and walked off the court before falling to his knees, then collapsing on the floor.

Trainer Nick Gallotto administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation for one breath before Sauls responded and resained conscious-

-mouth resuscitation for one breath before suls responded and regained conscious-ess, Bennett said.

Nevada-Utah St. makeup game set

RENO, Nev. — Nevada will host Utah State eb. 11 in a Western Athletic Conference bas-etball game to make up for the one that was anceled Jan. 5 due to a severe winter storm. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

The rescheduled contest means the Wolf Pack (8-5, 0-0 WAC) will play four games in an eight-day stretch — hosting Hawaii Feb. 9, traveling to Boise State on Feb. 14 and to Idaho on Feb. 16

Idaho oii Feb. 16.

The Aggles (11-3, 2-0 WAC) host San Jose State Feb. 9 then weren't scheduled to play again until Feb. 16 at Hawaii.

Newada and Utah State also play in Logan. Utah, on Feb. 2. Newada opens WAC Jugan Thursday at San Jose State (7-7, 0-2 WAC).

#### UCLA's Collison gets food poisoning

LOS ANGELES — UCLA guard Darren Collison was briefly hospitalized because of fond poisoning after the fifth-ranked Bruis's weekend road trip to the Bay Area. Collison fell ill Sunday night and visited a hospital near his family's home in Bancho Cacamonga where he was given fluids and an IV, coach Ben Howland sald Tuesday. "a assume it was something he are after the trip." Howland sald.

Olson's wife seeks reconciliation

TUCSON, Ariz. — The wife of Arizona bas-ketball coach Lute Olson has filed a court

# Kansas wins big

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Sherron Collins scored 18 points and No. 3 Kansas finished the first half on a 15-2 run in a 90-60 victo-ry over Loyola of Maryland on Tuesday ry over Loyens of ...... night. The Jayhawks improved to 15-0 for the fifth time in school history.

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EAST LANSING, Mich. — Reserve Kalin
Lucas scored 16 points and Travis Walton
had his only four points over the final 22
seconds as the Spartans survived a scare
for their 11th straight win. NO. 7 GEORGETOWN 76, DEPAUL 60

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Roy Hibbert had 17 points and 11 rebounds for Georgetown which dominated from the start with its

NO. 10 INDIANA 78, MICHIGAN 64

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — D.J. White scored
21 points and had a career-high 22
rebounds for Indiana, which won its ninth

MILWAUKEE — Jerel McNeal scored 14 points, Dominic James added 13 and Dan Fitzgerald hit a key 3-nointee in the score of the score Fitzgerald hit a key 3-ppinter in the clos-ing seconds for Marquette.

WAKE FOREST 79, BYU 62 WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. ---- 1

Jeff Prague scored 14 of his season-high 26 points in the first half of Wake Forest's 79-62 rout of Brigham Young on Tuesday

night.
Lee Cummard and Jimmer Fredette
both scored 15 points for BYU-(11-4),
which couldn't pull closer than 12 points
in the second half of its first visit to Wake
Forest since 1955:

—The Associated Press

challenge to his attempt to divorce her.

Christine Olson said in a response petition that she 'denice the marriage is irretrievably broken' and 'remains committed to preserving the marital relationship.

The petition, filed in Pima County Superior Court has Priday, seeks marital counseling through the court of conciliation.

The 73-year-old Hail of Pame coach filed for divorce on Dec. 6, the same day be amounced that his leave of absence would be extended through the remainder of this season. He began his leave for unspecified personal reasons on Nov. 4, shortly before he was to have opened his 25th season at Arizona.

— The Associated Press

## Playoff

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Conference school, which finished second in the final AP poll, decided to steal the Tigers' spotlight.

"Whatever the rules are is fine with me," Miles said. T can tell you this, a year ago if we had an eight-team playoff, we might've fared pretty well. This might've been our second trophy. I look forward whatever setup there is."

Then he added: "There's a time for adjusting the schedule. It might not be today."

Even SEC commissioner Mike. Slive, who essentially works for the university presidents, gave Adams a light slap on the wrist.

"I was disappointed that the story came out today. This is LSU's day and the

Southeastern Conference's

Southeastern Conference's day," said Slive, whose twoyear term as the BCS coordinator ended with Monday 
night's game.

About 24 hours earlier, Slovanon Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner John 
Swoffford, the incoming BCS 
coordinator, told reporters 
they would encourage a serious evaluation of the BCS 
going to the so-called plusone model in three years.

Nobody wants to call it 
playoff, that's a scary word to 
the declision-makers, but the 
plus-one Slive and Swofford 
support would be a fourteam elimination creating 
two national semifinals with 
the winners playing for the 
tide.

In the current system, the BCS uses polls and computer ratings to set a No. 1 vs. No. 2

national title game.

national title game.
This season it was tough whittling the field down to two. LSU became the first team with two losses to reach the national title game, and there was much debate whether the Tigers and Buckeyes were truly the best teams in the country.

Among those that could've made a legitimate claim to be playing in the Superdome on Monday night was — surprise! — Adams beloved Bulldogs.

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vian its division in the SEC,
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buildogs threshed the overmatched Warriors 4-10, their
seventh straight victory.
So now Adams, who takes a
hands-on approach to coltege athletics and acknowl-

edges in his proposal he's long been a playoff oppo-nent, has decided enough is enough. The BCS monster must be stopped. In his proposal, Adams says his experience with the BCS this season "farces me to the conclusion that the current, system has lost public confi-dence and simply does not work."

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He just noticed this now? Makes you wonder if Adams could walk over to Georgia's Sanford-Stadium today and say, "My, what beautiful hedges. When did we plant

those?"
Last year, Florida's Bernle
Machen was the SEC university president touting the
need for a playoff. You might
remember Machen's Gators
almost were left out of last
year's national title game.

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approximately 5:30 p.m., folapproximately 9:30 p.m., loi-lowing the completion of the men's game against CEU. Bus service to and from the event will be provided, departing from the CSI Gymnasium. The event will feature both CSI teams and coaching staffs.

Also, CSI Booster luncheons will resume at noon, Monday, Jan. 14 in Room 276 of the Taylor Building.

#### Games at North Idaho rescheduled

Due to a time conflict with Gonzaga University's men's basketball home game against the University of San Diego, the Saurday, Jan. 19 meetings between the CSI and North Idaho College bas-

kethall teams have been rescheduled.

The CSI and NIC women will meet at 6:30 p.m., MST, followed by the men's game at 8:30 p.m. Both games, along with this week's CSI games will be broadcast live on 1270 AM KTFI by Jonathan Drew and Ken Simmons.

Eric Larsen may be reached at 1-800-658-3803, Ext. 220 or elarsen@magicvalley.com.



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HONOLULU — The University of Hawaii fired athletics director Herman Frazier on Tuesday after he falled to re-sign football coach June Jones. In a brief-statement, the university-said themove was made 'lin the best Interest of the athletics program.' It came a day after Jones, the winningest coach in school history, accepted a few-year deal worth about 52 million a year to coach at SMU.

Frazier was unavailable for comment.

Under provisions in his contract, Frazier will be paid \$312.510, which includes a year's salary, plus 90 dayso fay; The contract was set to expire July 31, 2010.

The details of the termination agreement with Frazier must be finalized and require the approval of the Board of Regents.

Associate athletics director Carl Clapp will serve as acting director until Frazier's replacement is hired.

Rutgers' Rice to declare for NFL draft

NEWARK, N.J. — Itay Rice will skip his sen-ior year to enter the NFL draft after becoming the leading rusher in Rutgers history and transforming the Scarlet Knights into a Top 25

ream.

"I have always dreamed of playing in the NFL, and I felt the time is right to pursue the opportunity to play at the next level," he said in a statement Thesday.

His decision came three days after he ran for 200 yard and scored four touchdowns in a 52-

Herman Frazier fired as University of Hawaii athletics director 30 victory over Ball State in the International

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NEW YORK — This year's LSU-Ohio State matchup in the BCS title game couldn't draw as many television viewers as last season's Florida-Ohio State game.

The Tigers' 38-24 win Monday night on Fox carned a 14.4 rating and a 22 share, down 17 percent from the 17.4/27 in 2007.

It was the third-lowest rating in 10 years of BCS chamolonship games.

## MAGIC VALLEY

p.m.; Saturday; Jan. 26 at the Eldon Evans Expo Center.

A preliminary fight card of 14 bouts, includ-ing two cowgirl fights will be held as rodeo team members and other students from the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's Rocky Mountain Region will square off in the ring. Pre-fight entertainment begins at 7:30 p.m., with matches stated to start at 8. Tickets are \$50 for impsile, \$15 for reserved floor or mezzanine seajs, \$13 for reserved

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#### CSI Rec Center accepts new members

CSI Rec Center accepts new members
TYM FALLS — The College of Southern
daho Recreation Center is accepting memleably applications from students and the
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Community memberships are \$200 per
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backs coach, WASHINGTON REDSKIRS—Announced the ret Ignation of Joe Gibbs, coach and team president, and announced he will remain as a special adviser to owner Dan Smitter.

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#### Co-ed volleyball tourney upcoming

CO-en Volleyadii (our ralls High School will host a 6-on-6 co-ed volleyball tournament on Saturday, Jan. 26 at Baun Gymnasium. The tournament will feature a pool-play segment in the inorming followed by a double-climination playoff in the affermon.

The team fee is \$100 if registered by Jan. 21, and \$120 thereafter. All teams must bave at least three female players, and all players must be at least 13 years of age. For more information or to register contact 734-2145.

#### T.F. baseball hosts umpire meeting

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County-Aouth Baseball will host an informational unpire meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23 in the fact ulty lounge at Twin Falls High School. Those Interested in umpting the upcoming Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth baseball seasons as well as the inaugural season of Babe Ruth softball should attend, tems to discuss include umpire certification, wages and attire. For more information, contact Bill Merit at 280–8082. — Compiled from staff and wire reports



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# Bowl. It was Rutgers' third straight bowl game and second straight bowl win after the school went 27 years without qualifying for a bowl.

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## CSI rodeo holds boxing smoker

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho rodeo team will hold its 31st annual Cowboy and Cowgirl Boxing Smoker at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Eldon Evans Expo Center.

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# Gibbs resigns as 'Skins coach

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

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ASTIBURN, Va. (AP) — Joe Gibbs' second NFL retirement was much like his first. It came as a surprise, and it was ild about family.

On the one-year anniversary of his grandson's diagnosis with leukenia, and less than a year after one of his sons helt town to return to the family NASCAR team. Gibbs resigned fuestay as coach of the Washington Redskins so that he could devote more time what needled "the most important thing I'm going to leave on this earth.

The 67-year-old Hall of Faune coach, coming off an emotional season that included the death of salety Sean Paylor and a late run into the playdis, sal Redskins owner Ugn Suyder tried to persuade him to stay on during a conversation that lasted until about 250 cm. Tuesday.

My family similor help what it is right moy, I told him I couldn't make the kind of commitment I needled to make," Gibbs said during a news conference at the Redskins practice facility, standing a few feet form the time silver Super Book (100)his he won thring his first tenune with the ream.

Speaking about his family, Gibbs added: "I left like they useded me."

Snyeler said he "hiele very very hand" to retain Gibbs as coach.

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left like they needed me."

Snyder said the "tried very, vvry hand" to retain (3bbs ac coach.

"This is something nome of us wanted to see happen," the owner said.

The news staffed players, who left Sundays final team meeting certain (3bbs would return for the final year of his contract, (3bbs signed a five-year, \$27.5 million deal when he returned to coach the Reelskins in 2004, baving been lured away from his second center as a NASCAB owner.

"That's part of this business—it's full of surprises," safety Plerson Prioleans said. "Most of us susperted the would be back, and he'll definitely be missed."

(3bbs will continue to serve as an adviser to Snyder but was stague about his new tole, other than to say he would no longer have an office at Redskins Park hecause it would place an unfair burden on the new coach. "I think we've got al to for jecres in place," Gibbs said. "Jepsonally want to be a part of seeing that to one to finition."

Among the candidates to replace him will he two former head cnaches who have been



Washington Redskins head coach and team presi dent loe Gibbs announces his retirement, Tuesday in

#### Gibbs may be headed back to NASCAR after resignation

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Joe Gibbs is apparently headed back to NASCAR following his resignation Tuesday as ceach of the

his resignation Tuesday as coach of the Washington Redskins. Glibbs formed his MaSCAR team in 1992 during his first retirement, but furned central of the three-car organization to son J.D. when he returned to the Redskins four years ago. He made spondic appearances on race day, but spent most of his time in Washington with the football team. Although he may stay on with the Redskins as an adviser, he's now free to be directly involved again in racing. Glibbs gave no clear indication what role he'll take with the race team, which has won three chempionships since 2000, during a news conference in Virginia.

since 2000, during a news conference in Viriginia. "We've got our family business there, it's real important to all of us," Gibbs said. "We spent (16) years building It, and it's a huge part of our family. That will be a big part of my life and a big part of me."

members of his staff, Gegg Williams and Al-Saunders. Former Pittsburgh coach Bill Gowher also could be a candidate, The team will have to interview at least one minurly to comply with the NFI52-Hoomey Rule\* assis-seeks the slaft coach since Snyder bought the team in 1999.

### Goose

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when career steals leader Rickey Henderson will be among the newcomers. The highest percentage for a player who wasn't elected in a later year was 63.4 by Gil Hodges in 1983, his final timerous the billot

time on the ballot.

The last player elected in his final year on the BBWAA ballot was Ralph Kiner in

ballot was teapn samer in 1975. — "I think Jim Rice does belong in the Hall of Famer," Gossage sald. "No hitter scared me, but Jim Rice came the closest." Andre Dawson was third with 358 votes (65.9 per-cent), followed by Bert Blyleven at 356 (61.9 per-cent), Lee Smith at 235 (43.3

percent) and Jack Morris at 233 (32.9 percent).

"We as players that are on the bubble can have opinions, and it does really no good to vent or get angry because: it's out of our hands, "said bligheen, whose percentage rose from 47.7 last year." It know Gonse vented a little bit last year, and Jim Rice will probably vent this year. I have four more years: For some reason they make some of these guys like Gossage and Bruce Sutter wait. Like Goose said, best not going to save any nore games.

Tim Raines topped the 11

he's not going to save any more games."

Tim Raines topped the 11 newcomers on the ballot, receiving 132 votes (24.3 percent). All of the others appearing for the first time

fell below the 5 percent nec-ossary to remain on the bal-

essary to remain on the balton mext year.
Gossage will be included plot? 27 in Cooperstown,
joined by five men elected last month by the recamped Veterans Committee former.
Commissioner Bowler Submittee Tormer.
Valler O'Malley managers Dick Williams and Billy Southworth and ex-Pirates owner Barney Dreyfuss.
Williams managed Gossage on the San Diego Padres, helpling them win the 1984 NL permant.
"There isn't anybody I'd rather go in with than Dick Williams," said Gossage, who spoke with las former manager right after getting the news.

## Tom Brady adds AP Offensive Player of Year to MVP honors

NEW YORK (AP) -- Just like

16-0 regular season in league history.

"We set out a bunch of goals early in the season." Brady said, "and I think I said the best part about playing quarterback here is I fixt have to do my job, show up every day and work hard just like everybody else. I think my job description is just a bit differ-

# NEW YORK (AP) — Just like all those wins, the NFL awards keep rolling in for forn Brady. The leagues Most Valuable Player added The Associated Press 2007 Offensive Player of the Year honors to his collection Thesday, easily untilstancing his main weapon on the unbeaten New England Patriots, Bandy Moss. Indeed, of the four players who received votes from a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the NFL. Infere were Fatriots, Brady, of course, led the way, just as he did through the first 16-0 regular season in league listony. Tom Brady added The Associated Press 2007 Offensive Player of the ors to his collection of honors Tuesday.

ent than everybody else's, but there's a lot of satisfaction knowing that I can just come out there and worry about myself and expect that every-

Broat Favre, Green Bay body else is going to do their

job. The been a fun season. There's no doubt about it."
And it's been a rewarding season for Brady, the first New England player to be chosen MVP and now the first Patriot to win Offensive Player of the Year. He collected 35½ votes to 12½ for Moss. Wes Welker, the Patriot's other starting receiver, gotone, as did Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre.

AP NFL Offensive **Player Voting** NEW YORK — Voting for the 2007 NFL Offensive Player of the Year selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media; Tom Brady, New England 35¼ Randy Moss, New England 12¼

## Niners hire coordinator Mike Martz

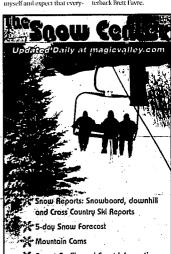
SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco 30ers hired Mike Martz as their offensive coordinator Tuesday, landing one of the NFIS top offensive mine. The team hopes Martz will-relivent a unit that-finished last in most statistical categories last season.

Martz, who tormented the 49ers for years during his greatest success with their NFC West rival St. Louis Runs, was fired by the Detroit Lions last week after two seasons. two seasons.

He replaces Jim Hostler, who also was fired last week.

#### Browns' rookie Thomas named to Pro Bowl

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BERDEA, Ohlo — Cleveland
Browns rookle left tackle for
Thomas was added Tuesday
to the AFC Pro Bowl roster,
replacing Jason Peters of theBuffalo Bills.
Peters injured his groin
against the New York Giants
in Week 16. Thomas started
all 16 games for the Browns
and was part of an offensive
line that allowed only 19
sacks, the third-fewest in
franchise history.
— The Associated Press



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# Nominate your favorite tacos for tournament play

Somewhere out there is Magic Valley's tastiest taco. Maybe it's a big-name taco. Supported by national adver-tising dollars, Perhaps it's playing on an obscure, small-town restaurant menu.

Our Taco Tour ament will

settle the question. In March, your favorite tacco around south-central Idaho will compete to win the favor of our cultinary referees — on the road to the 2008 taco championship. You can watch their progress through each round of our testing here in Food & Home, in



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tion.)
The deadline for nomina-

The deaune to home tions is Jan. 31. Then the 16 local tacos receiving the most nomina-tions from our readers will battle it out to impress our referees and take the chant-tionship.

**Got stuff?** 

We've got tips for storing and organizing it

By Ariel Hansen Times-News writer

Christmas is over, and odds are, your house is full of new stuff. If you have kids, a *lot* of new stuff. With 2008 still in its first

With 2008 still in its first month, it's time to keep that resolution you made to get and stay organized. You're not alone according to professional organizer Sebrina Messner of Twin Falls, organization is among this year's most popular there's a temendous demand on our time. Between those two hings it creates a lot of chaos," Messner said. "People come home and they want to feel that sense of order."

Messner started selling orga-

nizational products last year and had so many requests for help that she and business conelp that she and business co-owner Barbara Stephenson are kicking off The Organizing Team this month. "We thought January would be a perfect time to launch it, because of New Year's resolutions and people just wanting a fresh start."

#### A place for everything

Their biggest tip? Boxes, Clear boxes, labeled boxes, color-coded boxes, "It helps if you already bave a place to put things. Then bring ing items into your home does-n't add to confusion," Messner said.

said.

Roxama Knight, a mother of three in Twin Falls, said color-coded boxes have worked best for her children, now ages 7.5 and 2. Since her oldest child was little, she has used a set of pull-out drawers in which each drawer is a different color.

"Color coding helps children remember, Knight said. And adults, she noted.

"Always keeping their things in the same place helps."

If the child has lots of small items

Knight recommends keeping away from the big traditional toy boxes,— because then he'll have to because then he'll have to root around or pull every-thing out to find that small item that fell to the bottom. She also avoids storing toys in her children's closets, because their play adds a lot of wear on the closet doors, which tend to break. However, Mike Stradley, father of three boys in Twin Falls, uses five large toy boxes to help his sons sort their play-things.

help his sons sort their play-things.
"Each toy box is labeled on the front of it. One of them says balls. Then you have another for cars," he said. "Ideally, the boys are supposed to pull out a toy or two, play with them and put them back. They tend to get thrown into whatever tote they feel like or put under the bed. That's an ongoing struggle." This year, the Stradleys are adding shelves in the boys rooms for important trems that need to be separated out of the general toy storage, like books, homework, trophies and fragile toys.

#### New to you

Stradley also uses longer-term storage for seasonal items and for some tops, which he rotates in and out of the house. Often, the boys don't remember a top, so when it comes out of storage, they play with it as though it is new. "One year what we did just for fun was, for a special

plastic olor-coded tubs are great for toys, clothes, shoes and even garden supplies and are easy Tips for organizing toys Size the storage space to the toy. Use small boxes for Legos or Matchbox cars, big boxes for large stuffed ani-late. store the trains in the yellow draw, e., cen on you "year-old dan remember that's where the trains in the yellow draw, e., cen you "year-old dan remember that's where the trains. Then the trains and the year of Need a little help? Try The Organizing Team, owned by Schlina Messner and Baibara Stephenson. They offer a variety of services, from organizing a room or a home to creating an organization system that will work and will last. Call them at 308-1293 or 734-7467, or e-mail s@messner.mef.net.

> Tips for storing decorations

storing decorations

\* As you dismantle and repack your seasonal decorations, decide whether there are any you are tired of or didn't put out. Chances are, if you didn't use them this year, you won't next year, so donate or throw them away.

\* Store items by location: one box for the mantelpiece, one for the guest bathroom, Next year, you can decorate one space at a time, and you'll more easily remember what is in each box. Save one box for items you buy at after Christmas sales or during the rest of the year, and mark!

\*New,\* said Marijo Southfield, a Twin Falls Christmas decoration consultant.

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Consider using color-coded plastic tubs: orange for Halloween or Thanksgiving, red and green for Christmas. You will be able to identithe decorations at a glance.

Give your decorations plenty of

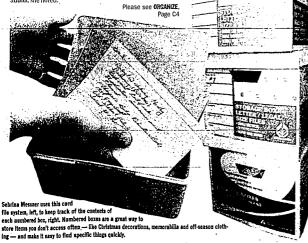
space. If you have a large weath, instead of using, a plastic weath box, wan it in a clear plastic bag and hang it from a nail in a storage space. The weads it sess likely to be squashed for next year. The plastic containers made to fit under a bed are perfect for storing long diried grasses or feathers. Southfield said. Protect you fragile toms carefully. Protect your framile items carefully.

This multifunctional train table in

drawers to store

Some ornament boxes come with dividers to separate the individual awaters to separate the individual arnaments, or you can use divided boxes from the liquor store or molded plastic fruit boxes from a bulk store like Costco. Be surd to wrap your most precious or fragile ornaments, with tissue paper.

To keep strings of lights from get ting tangled or broken, wrap them around empty wrapping paper tubes or rectangular pieces of cardboard. — The Washington Post contributed



# Traditional spaghetti hangs with a hip new crowd

Spaghetti and meatballs shall just good comfort food, it's the kind of food that you crave with a beautiful desperation, that you secretly prefet to those precious items on chie tasting menus, that you would want for your last meal. Be honest. You're trapped on one of those imaginary desertistands that doesn't have restaurants or take out: What would you want to eat?

Some kind of magic happens when a plate of spaghett is doused with red sauce and crowned with a few glorious meatballs. It's a magic that works even on average plates in forgettable enteries, with the most rudimentary of ingredients, at anyone's table and even if your grandmother was from a Methodist household in Massachusetts, as mine was, instead of the Old Country. mine was, instead of the Old

Country.

But if ordinary spaghetti
and meatballs can suffuse and meatballs can survive your gastronomic dreams, imagine what would happen wats the extraordinary. A plate with the extraordinary. A plate of perfectly cooked pasta, a beautifully attuned tomato sauce and, instead of the familiar beef or pork meaball,

familiar heef or pork mearball, how about one made with duck confit? You might just say on that desert Island. For me. spaghetti and mearballs require tomato sauce. Rigatoni and pesto, even topped with a terrific mearball, beings in a totally different category. But who says you need to use beef for the mearball? A combination of duck

the meatball?

A combination of duck breast and duck confit makes fabulous meatballs, as does monklish, even rabbit. Sur, you can make great meatballs with pork, beef, yeal or even

you can make great meathalls with park, beef, yeal or even lamb, but top the pasta and succeeding an "un-meathall" and the dish reaches an entirely new level — without losing its basic nature.

—And-when the meathall have been re-envisioned, the sauce can also get a new twist — just build the flavors and components of the tomato sauce to match the meathalls with a sauce befuting their institutions are proposed in the control of the work of the control of the wardings of the control of the wardings of the sauce build and deep control of the sauce build and deep con. Duck doesn't want a light en. Duck doesn't want a light sauce but one with a long tra-jectory, a lower register, a soothing complexity. Rabbit meatballs call for a

bright spectrum, even a touch of the garden. Thyme, rosemary, parsley and sage go into a tomato sauce, along with white wine, leeks and shallots.

a tomato sauce, along with white wine, leeks and shallots. Keep the flavors vibrant by cooking it for just a short time, then puree the sauce and stir in finely diced carrots. The sauce is vibrant in flavor and color but delicate and suited to the subile flavors of the rabbit.

You can use fish, and monifish is an excellent choice. It has a fantastic taste — substantial and full-bodded, even meaty — and a texture to match. It's ideal for the meaball treatment. And although these meatball treatment, and although these meatballs brown up beautifully, we braise them in the tomato sauce instead; they cook up quickly and are incredibly tender.

\_\_Monkfish\_\_matches\_\_welf with olives and capers, so throw a generous handful of kalamatas into a simple tomato sauce and then toos capers

kaamatasinko asimpie toma-to sauce and then toss capers into the sauce and the meat-halls themselves. A sprinkle of crushed red pepper gives dimension and a bite without overwhelming the subdety of

the fish.

None of these "un-meat
Dalls" strays from the basis
mentball technique. Some balls" strays from the basic mentball technique. Some Bread crumbs, an egg, Thopped parsley and salt and Depper is all you need to add to a bowlful of ground duck or



Delicate monkfish meatballs in a light tomato saud

monkfish, the same as it is for beef or pork. Use bread crumbs that have been soft-ened fin either milk or water, then squeezed of excess liquid for the right texture. Don't add grated Parmesan or chopped garlic as your grandmother might have added to her veal meathalls; they can overwhelm the more delicate flavors. Instead, throw in more fresh herbs. While the herbs, salt and pepper llavor the meathalls, the softened bread crumbs and egg bind the ingredients together. You want a balance to the mixture: some mois-ture, enough fat, a little struc-ture, on too much weight.

in the institute struc-ture, not not much weight.

Any kind of meatball can be-braised instead of hrowned, it is eliminates a step and it's good for more delicate flavors such as the monkfish. Before browning or braising the batch, fry up a single meatball as a tester. Even if you're con-ident in a recipe, it's good to taste for seasoning.

Then you can let your imag-ination go a little wild. Ity making little thy meatballs, scattering them down your mountain of sauced spaghert.

Or scale them so each per-son has one giant mentball.

son has one giant meatball, coconut-sized maybe — it's your desert island, after all.

browned braised, dainty or gargantuan, the meatballs are placed in meatballs are placed in sauce for the last halfhour of cooking. Put the cover on the pan, turn the heat to low and enjoy the aroma.

on the pan, turn the heat to low and enjoy the aroma. And because a good plate of spaghett in and meathalis requires a glorious tangle of perfectly cooked pasta, bring a big pot of salted water to boil while yout e waiting. Good spaghett in has a muty flavor and a distinct mouthfeel to it, a bite and flavor that can stand up to the weight of the sauce and the mentballs that top it. Fresh pasta is too tender, so choose a high-quadity dried spaghett. Take it to just this side of al dente, because pasta cooks a little after you lift it out of the water (especially because you don't the water (especially because you don't after you lift it out of the water (especially because you don't want to tinse it). Then it's just a matter of building the plate — a swirl of spaghetti, a ladle-ful of sauce, a single mentball or a dozen of them. Twirl your fork, and ignore the passing shins.

#### SPAGHETTI AND MONKFISH MEATBALLS

l cup coarse country style bread crumbs 1 1/2 pounds monkfish fil-

lets
1 egg
1/4 cup finely chopped
fresh parsley
1/8 cup drained and

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chopped capers, plus 1 table-spoon whole capers (drained), divided 2 tablespoons bus 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt, divided 1/4 teaspoon feesly ground black pepper 1/4 cup olive oil 1 medium onion, finely chopped (about 2 cups) 2 cloves garlic, minced (about 2 tablespoons) 1 (28-ounce) can diced San Marzano or other plum toma-toes

2 tablespoons thinly sliced

1 cup pitted kalamata olives teaspoon red pepper

1 pound spaghetti

Place the bread crumbs in a small bowl and cover with water to soak.

water to soak.
Remove any membrane
from the monkfish and discard. Chop the monkfish into
suall pieces and place in a
food processor; pulse a few
times until the fish is coarsely
ground, being careful not to
over-process. Transfer to a
large mixing bowl.
Squeeze the water from the
breaderumbs and add the
breaderumbs to the fish,
along with the eee, narskey.

oreadcrumbs to the fish, along with the egg, parsley, the 178 cup chopped capers, I teaspoon salt and the black pepper. Mix the ingredients thoroughly with your hands thoroughly with your hands and then form the mixture into balls, using about 1/8 cup for each meaball. Set on a

into balls, using about 1/B cup for each meaball. Set on a tray, cover with plastle wrap and refrigerate. This makes about 30 meatballs. Add the olive oil and the mions to a large saute pan were medium heat. Cook the onions until soft (turning the heat to low if they begin to brown), 5 to 7 minutes. Add the garlic and cook an additional 2 minutes. Add the can of tomatoes plus the luice, basil, one-half teaspoon salt, the olives, I tablespoon whole capers and the red pepper fakes, Bring to a simmer over high heat, then reduce to low, cover and cook for 30 minutes. Check the pan occasionally stirring once or twice to make sure the sauce isn't saleking, to, the bottom of the pan.

After 30 minutes add the

After 30 minutes, add the teatballs to the sauce,



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of water and the remaining 2 tablespoons of salt to a boil in a large pot. When the meat-balls have cooked 30 minutes, take the pan off the heat and cook the pasta, and drain. Serve the meatballs and sauce over the spaghetti.

#### SPAGHETTI AND DUCK MEATBALLS

ounces dried porcini

1 cup coarse country-style read crumbs 2 confit duck legs, at room

mperature 2 duck breasts

1 tegs poon plus 2 table-poons kosher salt, divided freshly

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper 1/4 cup fresh parsley, finely chopped Flour for dredging 5 tablespoons duck fat (can substitute olive oil), divided 1 cup onions, finely chipped

3 tablespoons minced chipped

nnced 1 cup dry red wine 1 (28-ounce) can diced Sar Jarzano or other plum toma

toes
2 bay leaves
1/4 cup tomato paste
1 pound spaghetti

Into a medium bowl, pour 1 Into a medium bowl, pour 1 cup hoiling water over the dried mushrooms and set aside to rehydrate. In another small howl, pour enough water to cover the bread crumbs and allow to stand.

Separate the duck confit from the hones and skin and Separate the duck confii from the hones and skin and pulse briefly in a food processor found. Coarsely ground. Remove to a large bowl and set aside. Remove the skin from the duck breasts and coarsely chop the meat with a knile. Pulse the breasts briefly in a food processor, until the mixture resembles ground beef. Do not over-process, Remove the meat from the processor and add to the confirm the processor and add to the confirm the bread crumbs and add them to the bowl. Add the egg, I tearspoon salt, I/4 teaspoon pepper, and the parsley; mix to combine. Form the mixture into meatballs, a scant I/4 cup each, Roll the meatballs in the flour, coating them lightly, and place them on a tray or baking sheet. The mixture should vield 12 meat-

lightly, and tray or bakit or baking sheet. The mix-should yield 12 meatballs. Set aside

balls. Set aside.

In a large skillet, heat 3 tablespoons of duck fat (or olive oil) over medium-high heat until the fat is hot and a heat until the fat is hot and a few drops of water splatter when spinished in, Brown the menthalls in two batches, turning with kitchen tongs so that they brown evenly, 3 to 5 minutes. (They will be brown but not cooked through.) Set aside on a tray or baking sheet, covered with a paper towel.

Wipe out the pan and heat 2 tablespoons of duck fat (or olive oil) over medium-high heat. Add the onions, turn down the heat to low and saute until soft, about 4 minutes. Add the garlie and con-

utes. Add the garlic and cook Nothing's fishy

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sauce. Cover and continue to simmer for 30 more minutes. Meanwhile, bring 6 quarts

an additional 2 minutes. Add the wine, the canned tomatoes plus the juice, the mushrooms and their soaking liquid, the bay leaves and the tomato paste. Bring to a stimmer over medium-high heat, then cover and reduce the heat to low. Cook for an hour, checking periodically to make sure the sauce is at a slow slimmer and ism't sticking, to the bottom of the pan.

After an hour, add the meatballs to the sauce, covering to coat theiri. Cover and simmer 30 more minutes.

Meanwhile, bring 6 quarts of water and 2 tablespoons salt to a boll in a large pot. When the meatballs have simmered 30 minutes, take the pasta. Cook the pasta al dente, according to the package of the package of the package of the pasta al dente, according to the package.

pan off the near and cook the pasta. Cook the pasta al dente, according to the package instructions, and drain. Serve the meatballs and sauce over the spaghetti.
Total time: 2 1/2 hours.

Servings: 6 as a main course.



#### SPAGHETTI AND RABBIT MEATBALLS

1 cup coarse country-style bread crumbs 1 (12-ounce) package uncured bacon, cut length-wise into 1/2-inch pieces, disided wise it divided

vided 1 rabbit 1 egg 1 teaspoon kosher salt, divided

3/4 teaspoon white pepper,

3/4 teaspana divided 6 tablespoons fresh parsley, finely chopped, divided 3 tablespoons fresh sage, finely chopped, divided Flour for dredging

1 cup finely chopped onion 1 cup chopped leeks (white

1 clove garlle, minced (about 1 1/2 teaspoons) 1 tablespoon minced shal-

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3/4 cup dry white wine
1 (28-ounce) can diced San
Marzano or other plum toma-

toes
2 tablespoons finely
chopped fresh rosemary
2 sprigs fresh thyrne
1/4 cup finely diced carrots
1 pound spaghetti

Cover the bread crumbs water and set aside to

Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium-high heat, cook half the bacon until crispy. Remove the bacon with a sl ted spoon and set aside. Pour off the bacon fat and reserve each in a separate bowl

Catup the rabbit: First, separate the legs and loins from the body. Cut all the meat from the bone and cut away any silverskin and fat. Coarsely chop the meat: You should have about 3/4 pound. Place the meat into a food processor and pulse several times until it is coarsely ground, being careful not to over-process. Transfer to a large mixing bowl.

Squeeze the water from the bread crumbs and add them to the rabbit meat, along with the egg. 1/2 teaspoon sult, 1/2 teaspoon white pepper, I tablespoon parsley and I tablespoon sage.

Pulse the remaining bacon briefly in the food processor, then add it to the bowl. Mix the ingredients thoroughly with your hands and then form the instrume into balls, using about I tablespoon for each meatball. Dredge the meatballs lightly with flour and set on a tray or baking

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sheet. This makes about 30 meatballs.

In a large skillet, heat 2 tablespoons of the bacon fat over medium-high heat entil the fat is hot and a few drops of water spit when sprinkled in Brown the meatballs in

the fat is hot and a few drops of water spit when sprinkled in. Brown the metaballs in two batches, turning with kitchen tongs so they brown evenly, about 2 to 3 minutes. They will be brown but not cooked through.) Set aside on a tray or baking sheet covered with a paper towel.

Wipe out the pan and add 2 tablesprons bacon fat over medium-high heat. Add the onions and leeks, turn down the heat to low and saute until soft, about 4 minutes. Add the grile and shallots and cook an additional 2 minutes. Deglaze with wine, then add the can of tongatoes plus the juice, trosenary. The remaining 2 tablespoons sait, 1/4 teaspoon white peppen, and the thyme sprigs Bringto a simmer, then cover and reduce the heat to low. Gook for 30 minutes, techeking and stirring the sauce occasionally.

After 30 minutes, remove low. Cook for 30 minutes, checking and stirring the sauce occasionally. After 30 minutes, remove

sauce occasionany.

After 30 minutes, remove
the pan from the heat and
puree the sauce in a blender.

Return the sauce in other heat
add the meatballs and the
carrois and cover to coat.

Cover the pan and simure
another 30 minutes, stirring
occasionally.

Meanwhile, in a large pot,
hing 6 quarts of water and 2
tablespoons sait to a boil.

After the meatballs have simmered 30 minutes, take the
pasta. Cook the pasta to dethe, according to the package instructions, and drain.

Serve the meatballs have and sauce
over the spaghetti, garnishing over the spaghetti, garnishing the plates with the cooked n and the remaining chopped-parsley, Total time;

Servings: 6 as a main cour





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# Make 2008 a vintage year

In January, we always resolve to get organized, as experts typically recommend for the new year. Here are three strategies that we believe can do the most to enhance your wind life in the year by sheet. wine life in the months ahead:

Use your best wineglasses every day. Too often in the past, we found ourselves grabbing thick-lipped glasses — harder to break and eas-ier to clean — that simply don't affer the best experience.

ier to clean — that simply don't offer the best experience. No more. We recently discovered Zalto Denk'Art glassware from Austria (twww.zalto.us), whose ele-gant, eye-catching design first piqued our interest and whose dishwasher-safe performance won

usinvasier-sate performance won visover. Two of Zalto's Universal glasses have become our daily glassware for meals at home. We'll admit that their 556-per-glass price tag would be a Jot barder to swallow, if, they, weren't remarkably sturdy, even with their thin lips and long, grace-ful stems.

werent remains the with their thin lips and long, graceful stems.
These glasses allow us to swirl and view appealing whites and inhale the hold aromas of reds. If we use them every weekday for a year. we'll have upgraded every sip of wine we drink for Just a few dinnes a day.
A more affordable choice is the attractive Riedel (rhymes with "needle") Vivant glassware, avail-

Strategy for singles and couples

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able at Target. At about \$10 for each lead-free Tyrol crystal glass, which packs in more than three centuries of glassmaking expertise, It's a bar-

gain.
The downside? Riedel still recommends hand-washing its glass-es, which is why we think the Zulto glasses are such an impressive breaktbrough.

Have a variety of wines on hand so you're prepared for any occasion. Here we recommend a half-dozen wines representing the six so-called 'noble grapes' (plus two bonus sparking wines) you'll want in your wine rack to meet virtually any food-pairing challenge.

• Cabernet sauvignom: Jlave a bigger red around to accompany roasted or braised beef, lamb or venison. Check out the 2005 Gallo family Vineyards Sonoma Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (\$15), whose

nice balance of blackberry fruiti-ness with firm but not overpower-ing tamins offers maximum pair-ing flexibility.

Merlot: When won're booking.

ing tunnins offers maximum pair-ing flexibility.

Merlot: When you're looking for something lighter with red meat, go with a merlot, such as the well-balanced 2005 J. Johr Estates Los Osos Merlot (\$15), We zoomed through the better part of a bottle of this jammy wine that tamed the heat\_of\_a\_pasta\_with\_a\_spicy sausage-laden red sauce.

Pinot noir: Blackstone is rais-• Pinot noirs Blackstone is raising its game with its new Sonoma Reserve line. We were surprised by how much we enjoyed the 2005 Blackstone Sonoma Reserve Pinot Noir (\$150, arhil-flavored red blend Avidh malbec, petite, sirán and, dolectto) lush with complex blacksterry flavors and a long, vanillatinged finish. It will go with red-sauced pasta, salmon, tuna, pork or lamb. We drank it with a mlxed

grili of spiced Turkish lamb dishes with a yogurt-dill sauce that played beautifully against the wines own herbaceous qualities.

Chardonnay: You'll want one that can stand up to cream-sauced pastas or chicken, lobster, pork, salmon or turkey. We have recommended Gloria Ferrer's gorgeous Brut sparkler, and Andrew is just as enthuslastic about the 2005 Gloria Ferrer Carneros Chardonnay (S10), whose light touch of oak didn't overpower pear and peach flavors that were balanced by lemon acidity and a toasty vanilla finish.

Sauvignon blane: For seafood and salads, try the 2006 Chateau St., and a toasty vanilla finish.

Sauvignon blane: For seafood and salads, try the 2006 Chateau St., and hend of sauvignon blane, semillon and Vioguier, its refreshing lemon and herb flavors make it a perfect match for white fish or shellfish. A quarter of the wine is barrel-fermented in French and American oak, which adds to its complexity.

Riesling A good Riesling will be your gota when not only to complement fram and sausage dishes, but also to cool the flames of spicy Asjan or Indian fare. Take your pick of the off-fry 2006

dishes, but also to cool the flames of spicy Asjan or Indian fare. Take your pick of the off-dry 2006 Loosen Bros. 'Dr. I.' Rieshing (\$12), the apricot- and peach-moted 2006 Chatteau Ste. Michelle Columbia. Adiley-Hieshing (\$9), or the applicand peach-moted 2006 Genesis Plogue Cellas Riteshing (\$12).

Dry sparkling wine: If you're like us, the holidays served to remind you how incredibly food-

friendly sparkling wine is. The NV Domaine Ste. Michelle Itrut Columbia Valley Sparkling Wine (\$11) from Washington state is priced to edgo agn night of the week. Made using the traditional methode champenoise, used to produce French champagne, it goes as well with sush is a flow with roast chicken.

Sweet sparkling wine: At the end of the night with — or instead of — dessert, pour a glass of Moscato (TASI, Check out the 2006 Michele Challon Nivole Moscato d'Asti (\$10 per half-bottle), or ask your local wine store about one of the lesser-known producers it night have on hand. The most dessert-friendly wine around, Moscato d'Asti will go with virtually any sweets you serve after dinner. Last-minute guests, will be impressed when you're able to pour them a glass at a moment's notice.

Synchronize your shopping lists for groceries and wine. That way, it for greenes and while That way, in you know you're planning several red-sauce dishes, you can pick up extra merlot — and ditto lot chardonnay, if you know there are more cream-sauce dishes in you-

more cream-sauce dishes in you —Following these-new-strategies can elevate both what you driok and what you cat to a new level. Taking the time to organize you wine life this month will enhance it all year long.

## Hexagonal great room at core of Linfield

Viewed from the front there's no clue that life Linfield is basically a hexagon Linited is basically a hexagon with wings. But once, You, find yourself standing in a window-rich, vaulted great room where six ple-shaped sections of ceiling slope up to a lofty central area.

where six pice-shaped sections of ceiling slope up to a lofty central apex.

This plan is designed for construction on a dawn slope to the rear. That puts the entrance at ground level, while elevating the panoramic eleck that wraps across the rear, one flight up from the ground. From the rear, it looks like a two-story house, and In a way, it is. The undeveloped daylight basement can be converted to living space as time and resources permit, thereby almost doubling the floor space.

Dining and living room flow together, filling the windowed half of the great room. On one side, a masniry fireplace provides warnuth and color when the days turn dark and dreary.

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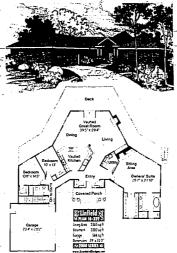
Standling at the cook stove in the spacious kitchen, you face into the dining room and beyond. Counter space is in good supply, and a roomy

pantry expands the available

storage.
Utilities are mearly, just a few steps across the vaulted entry. A deep sink is built in, along with storage cabinets over the appliances.
The owners' suite, as well as

the secondary bedrooms, have wide windows with rent views. The suite and one other bedroom also have sliders that provide deck access,

hedroom also have sliders that provide deck actess. Other owners' suite amenities include: a large sliting area with fireplace, huge walk-in closet, and plush bathroom outfitted with a double vanity, shower private water closet, and spa. A curved driveway sweeps across the front, leading into the Linfield's two-car garage. For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 facults Dr., Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Linfield 10-322 and include a return address when ordering A catalog featuring more than \$50 home plans is available for \$15. For more information call, (800) 634-0123, or visit our website at www.AssociatedDesigns.



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# Cheese OK for some lactose intolerant teria has had more time to do its work, Hard, aged cheeses such as Cheddar, Parmessan or Gruyere con-nain relatively less lactose than young cheeses (e.g., Port Salul or fresh cheeses such as mozzarella that have not aged at all. (To deter-mine how much lactose is in

Question: I'm lactose intolerant. Can I still cat cheese?

Answer: In moderation, probably yes.

Lactose is a sugar found in milk. Lactase is an enzyme produced in the small intestine, that allows digestive systems to break down the lactose into two simpler sugars, glucose and galactose.

Some people, however, lack the ability to produce

Some people, however, lack the ability to produce lactase and, for them, the lactose is never digested; it just sticks around and caus-es cramps, nausea, bloating, gas and other unpleasant-ness. This condition is called

would pose an even bigger problem, but, in fact, the very process that turns milk into cheese makes it less problematic.

The first thing that happens to milk on its journey toward cheesedom is that it is separated into curds (solids) and whey (a watery-liquid) by the addition of abacterial culture or acid. The whey is drained off and the curds, depending on the type, of cheese, are pressed, cooked, treated in various ways and then aged.

Luckly for the lactose-intolerant, most of the lactose-found in milk winds up in the whey. As for the lactose found in milk winds up in the whey, as for the lactose feel in the curd, much of it is clealt with (i.e. digested) by the very same bacteria that are transforming the new curds into creese.

lactose intolerance.
You'd think that cheese, a concentrated form of milk

Whoreas, 100 grams of milk tahout 3 172 ounces) contain's grams of actose, the same amount of most cheeses contain's less than a gram. And when you take into account serving size, you're looking at 12 grams of lactose in an B-ounce glass of milk versus less than half a-gram-in-un-ounce-of-cheese.

That means that most That means that most cheese contains about 95 percent less lactose per serving than milk.

Generally, the older a cheese ls, the less lactose it contains — because the bac-

i-given-cheese, look at the 'sugar" line on the nutri-ional label.) Bear in mind that lactose Bear in mind that factose intolerance and milk allergy are entirely different condi-tions. If you are allergic to milk, you probably cannot tolerate cheese.

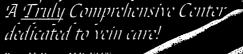


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### Organize

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occasion, instead of buying presents we pulled out all their old toys they hadn't played will for a while, put in fresh batteries and it was like Christmas morning all over again. They'd forgotten about half of them,' Stradley said.
Toy rotation is a good way to keep kids from getting overstimulated — and to cut the clutter in your home.

"Make it manageable and keep the kids from having sensory overload," said lessie Adams, owner of The Imagination Station toy store in You have the best toys, having too many out can be a problem.

She compares toys for kids to hooks for an avid reader: "You can't read six at a time, so you park them in the min in.

so you park them in the bookease."

ooxease. Knight said she has had that happen with her kids. "You say, 'Go play,' and they



may have an emotional attachment attachment to it, so Knight usually does her sorting and cleaning when her children aren't home. When the family moved recently, she put all the toys in three big bags, but opened only one at the new house. "Every once in a while I'll pull something out (of of the other bags) and it's like a brand new toy to

A good time to sort is when notice there are more toys than places to put them. "When there are so many

"When there are so many toys the child can no longer keep their area or space clean, it's time to weed out," Messner sald. The things you would get rid of are things they've outgrown, things they no longer play with."

with."
Another method? "I do have some friends who, for every thing they bring into their home, they get rid of one thing. When they bring a toy in, they get rid of a toy."
The one-in, one-out sys-

tem works for daily play well.

Some parents have told "Some parents have told me they have a library check-out system where the child cannot bring out another toy until he puts one away," Adams said.

#### Find a system

For long-term storage of items like memorabilia, sea-sonal decorations or clothes that one child has outgrown but the next hasn't grown into, get identical file boxes and label them only with a

Then, on a computer preadsheet or on index ards, write what is in each cards, write what is it each box. When you need an item, all you'll have to do is read the spreadsheet or cards, locate a numbered box, and

volla.
"I have used that system for years; it's probably my favorite organizing system. It's so easy to work with and maintain." Messner sald. Messner said this system

has an advantage over the mark-the-box system because all the items are listed on one piece of paper, so you don't have to read the sides of boxes, and you can change what is in each box

change what is in each box without crossing out mark-ings on the sides. Labeling is fine for items used more frequently, as is color codling, she said. Or us clear plastic bins so you can tell at a glance what is inside Whatever your system, eliminating chaos makes your house feel like home.

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Singing the praises of straw houses

DEAR JIM: I want a natural way, to, build, an energy-effi-cient house without plastics, foams, adhesives, etc. Straw bale houses seem to be natural, is the straw bale construc-tion efficient for low utility bills? -- Gail H.



DEAR GAIL: Straw bale bouses date back more than a century in the U.S. Today, they are becoming more popular, throughout the world because of their energy efficiency, use of a waste material and global

of a waste material and global warming concerns.

Straw is considered a waste product from farming and it creates a disposal problem for farmers. The two most com-mon types of straw in the U.S. are from wheat and rice. Straw bale—sizes—are typically referred to as two-string and tuce-string bales with the lat-ter used more often for houses.

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The costs to build a straw bade house are equivalent to a standard. Immer-framed house. The straw bales are available everywhere. If you are lucky enough to live near a larmer who has a straw disposal problem, the cost is extremely low. With the simple straw hale bouse construction methods, your family can do much of the wall assembly to lyover costs.

A three-string hale when placed on its side is about 23 inches wide.

When packed to a normal density, it produces an insula-tion value of greater than R-50. This is several times more insulation than the typical insulated lumber-framed insulated lumber-framed house wall. Smaller two-string bales yield up to R-32. With the thick walls and the

properties of straw bales, the houses are very qulet inside. Depending upon the type of finishing material used on the interior and exterior, the walls breathe. This improves indoor



r bale passive solar house with a stucco exterior finish. Notice the large windows with a large block summer heat.

block summer heat.

air quality as compared with a standard house with tightly sealed, vapor barrier walls.

Properly compressed straw bales are fire resistant. There are enough air pockets remaining to create the high insulation value, but not enough to sustain rapid compared to sustain rapid compared to surfaces are encapsulated with stucco or concrete, fire has little chance to spread.

Soft plaster and gypsum finishes are attractive and turable. The plaster has a comfortable feel and is easy to work with. There is an natural softness to the smooth curves.

softness to the smooth curves and corners with this finish. Straw bale house walls can be self-supporting. The com-pressive strength of straw bales is high when they are stracked. Long threaded steel rods, run from a horizontal froid plate down to a concrete foundation or slab. When must are full thened on

When mits are tightened on the rods, the bales are forced together. Another construc-tion method, infill, uses post and beam framing with the bales in between them for invaluing colo-

produce a strong, yet compliant (for earthquakes) house.

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DEAR JIM: I have a refrigerator which is only about 10
years old, and it still works
well, I just remodeled my
kitchen end it does not match now. Should I have it repaint-ed or just get a new one?

- Jenny R.

DEAR JENNY You can plan on spending a couple of hundred dollars to have a refrigerator professionally repainted. Considering the efficiency improvements over the past decade, it would make more sense to buy a new one. Either sell or give your existing refrigerator to a charity or Italbita for Itumanity so it will continue to be used.

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DEAR DONNA: 1 am a "Baby Boomer" and am noticing wrinkles ansund my mouth, Jips and cheeks, which are making me look older than I am. I also bave very druk circles under my cyes. I see so many ads with model and actresses for "minacle" creams. Do any really work? Confused Boomer, Dullas, TX

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In fact, EB5 is like having 5 creams in one jar: a Wrinkle Cream, Throat Cream, Firming Cream, 24-Hour Möisturizer and Make-Up Base, all in one. And as for those puffy, dark-circled eyes, there is EB5 Eye Gel Formula that effectively Gel Formula that effectively relieves puffiness and reduces the appearance of dark circles while firming, moisturizing dry eye areas. It's perfect for the older woman with deep circles of the woman just older woman with deep circles or the younger woman just beginning to notice symptoms of aging eyes. NOTE: EBS Formulas are available at JCPenney in their cosmetics department. To learn more, call toll free 1 800 929 8325 or visit online at www.eb5.com.

# neapple's sweet spot

Special to The Washington Post

In the winter, I look south for my fruit. Summer's sweet strawberries and ripe peaches are months away, but the tropics offer a steady supply of alternatives until then, My In the winter, I look south favorite has always been pineapple; at its best, it is pineappie; at its best, it is sweet, meaty and great for eating as is or added to other dishes. For a long time, though, picking a good pineapple in the market was a tricky business.

Most fruit doesn't come

Most fruit doesn't come with a guarantee. Plump, round grapes may turn out to be tough. One orange in the bin can be sweet, another sour. Pineapple used to be a particularly difficult customer, beautiful specimens could be hard and actdic.

In 1996, however, the first "Gold" variety of pineapple int the produce aisless and eliminated consumer guess-work. It was more attractive, with deep-yellow flesh. The real surprise was its taste. The real surprise was list list, far sweeter than that of its pineapple predecessors.

"It's a much more enjoyable pineapple," says Steve Gisler of the David Oppienheimer Group, an international produce company." It's less actific than the Champaka, which was previously the principal pineapple sold in the United States," Gisler says, "Lower actifity makes the pineapple taste sweeter."

Gisler has spent years in the pineapple trade, but you don't have to be an expert to note the difference. I used to still and prod the fruit to determine whether it was ripe. Now Just pick one from the pile. I haven't been disappointed.

So it's no surprise that the Gold varieties have been a retailing success, though the differences, among brands may be imperceptible to most

nsumers. "We have seen a 174 perwe have seen a 174 per-cent gain in pineapple sales since 1996," says Dionysios Christou, vice president of marketing for Del Monte Fresh Produce. At the retail riesh Produce. At the retail level, the new variety pushed sales. Safeway has made the Del Monte Gold a signature item in its produce depart-

ment. This poduce bepartment.

"We met with Del Monte and set a high level of sweet-ness," says. Greg Tenliyck, Safeways director of public affairs for the company's east-en division. 'Our huyers visit the fields, check the shipments. We want a standard of quality in every pineapple.'

The changes sparked controversy and geographical shifts within the pineapple industry. There were disputes.

troversy and geographical shifts within the pineapple industry. There were disputes, now settled, over who had developed and owned the Gold, or MD2, strain. Almost all the big players — Dole, Del Monte, Chiquita, Oppenheimer and others — have a version of it.

Gisher says I hawaii's climate and soil proved not conducive to growing the sweeter variety. So "I Hawaii's not a big player in the fresh pineapple market anymore." Del Monte has announced that it will plant its, last commercial crop in Hawaii this year.

Thailand, the Philippines and Brazil are the top pineapple in the U.S. comes from Costa Rica, according to pineapple in the U.S. comes from Costa Rica, according to Daniela Stern, assistant manger for marketing communi-

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cations at Del Monte Fresh

cations at Del Monte Fresh Produce. "Most growers have moved to Central America," Gisler says. "The conditions for growing a juicier pineapple are all there."

growing a juicier pineapple are all there.

Juicy, for sure. Slice one, and the juice floods the cutting board. To peel the fruit, slice off its top and bottom, set the pineapple upright and cut the shell away from the flesh with downward slices. Then cut the flesh into long quarters and carve out the hard core. A four-pound pineapple should yield about seven cups of bits size cubes.

I love using my Vacu Vin pineapple slicer, a bandy

I love using my Vacu Vin pineapple slicer, a handy gadget that became popular a few seasons ago. It separates the core while it slices the pineapple into perfect rings. It's often sold next to the pineapple into perfect rings. It's often sold next to the pineapples in the supermarket.

Quality does not seem to suffer when the fruit is precut, so for those who want less than a whole pineapple, needed and corred segments stored in their own pineaps sold in many grocry stones. I add the pites to salsas and dressings, but I don't usually cook them down because they are already so strong and strong the sold in many grocry stones. I add the pites to salsas and dressings, but I don't usually cook them down because they are already so strong and sweet. Whole or cut, choose pineapple that is firm and sweet. Whole or cut, choose pineapple that is firm and smells sweet, and store it in the refrigerator. The fruit ripens on the plant and will not ripen forther after it has been picked. A whole pineapple can easily last a couple of weeks.

One of my favorite ways to eat pineapple in a tropical salad with mango and appays. But I also add it to green salads; sweet pineapple plays well against arrugula and spinach. Diced pineapple and a healthy dash of hot pepper sauce do wonders for guaranule. I compose quick-pineapple salsas with berbs.

Jones of the plant and pineapple with a light vinaignette for a simple salad.

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vinaigrette for a simple salad. Pineapple contains an acid that breaks down the proteins in meat and fish, so add it just before cooking or serving. And pineapple to be used in gelatin should be cooked first; an enzyme found in raw pineapple will keep the gelatin from setting.

pincapple will keep the gela-tin from setting.

Still, my favorite way to eat a pincapple is simply sliced or dired. In the season of slow cooking, when even fruits are stewed and baked, pincap-ple's a fast and delicious fresh choice.



#### SPINACH SALAD WITH PINEAPPLE, PROSCIUTTO AND SHALLOT DRESSING

6 appetizer servings

This is a play on the tradi-tional spinach salad; it can be served as a starter or offered alongside rasts chicken, pork or duck. The addition of pincapple lends sweeness and bady. Baby arugula leaves



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l teaspoon sugar Freshly ground black pep-

per 5 to 6 ounces haby spinach

5 to 6 ounces nany spinach (4 to 5 cups) 1 cup 1/2-inch diced pineapple

neappie 2 ounces thinly sliced prosciutto, cut into strips 1/4 to 1/2 inch wide and about 2 inches long

Heat I tablespoon of the oil in a small saute pan or skiller over medium heat. Add the chopped skallors and reduce the heat to medium-low. Add salt to taste and cook gently for 4 to 5 minutes, until the shallors have softened. Remove the pan from the heat and add the vinegar, then reduce the neutrun the pan to the heat and add the vinegar, then the black pepper to taste. Whisk in the remaining 4 tablespoons oil. Taste and addjust the season-ling as mediceld. Remove the pan from the heat and cover to keep warm. Set aside.

Divide the spinard among the plates, placing the processing over each salad and seven inmediately.

Per serving 155 calories, 3 g praction, 8 gearbohydrates, 13 g practing, 8 gearbohydrates, 13 g practing, 256 mg sodium, 1 g dietary fiber. Heat I tablespoon of the oil



In the winter, the author looks south for fruit — especially pineapple. Pineapple-Crusted Sa

#### PINEAPPLE-CRUSTED SALMON

2 servings

Here, finely chapped pineapple forms a wonderful crust that is baked onto sulmon fillets. Line exest and crushed red pepper flokes add thitle kiek.
This is also a great choice for a quick meal; it takes less than 45 minutes to prepare, including 20 minutures for the pineapple mixture to sit before conting the fish.
The recipe doubles easily.
Serve with a simply prepared green regetable.

1/2 cup finely chopped pincapple with its juice (about 4 ounces total) Finely grated zest and juice of 1 medium lime 1/4 teaspoon crished ref-peper flakes 1 tablespoon light brown sugar

n och salt

2 6- to 8-ounce salmon fil-ts (each about 1 to 1 1/2

inches thick at the thickest

Combine the pineapple, lime zest and juice, crushed red pepper flakes, brown sugar and salt in a medium boxl. Set aside for 20 minutes to allow the lawors to blend. Proheat the oven to .350 degrees, Line a shallow roasting pan, large enough to comfortably bold the fish, with aluminum foil or parchiment paper and lightly grease it with nonsitek 'cooking oil spray.

spray.

Place the fillets in the panthe side down with 1 to 2

ple-Crusted Salmon.

inches between them.
Sprinkle each fillet lightly with salt. Top each fillet lightly with salt. Top each fillet with the pincapple mixture, evenly coating the tops, Bake loo about 10 minutes per meh of thickness, until the fish is cooked through, but not dry, If the topping looks overly noist (and not crustilike) place the fish outer the hord-place the fish outer the hord-pare the fish outer the hord-rate the excess moisture. Serve hot.

Per serving, 255 cathories, 34 g protein, 12 g catholinghates, 34 g protein, 12 g catholinghates, 13 g falt, 3 g saturated falt, 100 mg-choistsend; 242 mg-sadium; 13; dietary fibre.



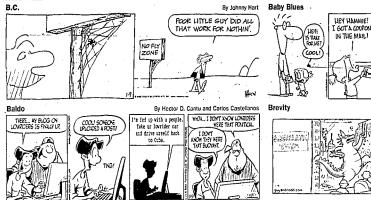


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AND THOSE ARE THE COMPANY PRIORITIES FOR THE COMING YEAR. ANY QUESTIONS?

By Guy & Rodo

By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott









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Your best pats

IF JAN. 9 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Widen your horizons in
the year ahead. Expect especially smooth sailing in
the year ahead. Expect especially smooth sailing in
March and flue when anything you begin is sure to
prosper or be of benefit.
Think carefully about what is
most important for you and
then ask for it since people
most important for you and
then ask for it since people
this year. Budding romantic
attachments could blossom
in August and if you are single
this might be the year to head
for the altar.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):
though it's true that a poor
craftsman blames his tools,
it's still wise to make sure the
saw is sharp and measure
the saw is sharp and measure
ments are accurate. With your
great eye for detail you can
tackle papervork with whirlwind efficiency.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):
Mind conquers matter.
Knowledge of the little details
might make you seem more
valuable to someone who hus
Influence. Your analytical
powers could win you a new
friend or just get the .job
done.
GEMINI (May 21-Jane 20):
Sast a wide net. Gather peoreplies will help you steam roll past objections all day long. CANCER (June 21-July 22): CANCER (June 21-July 22): Bring it on. You might be able to ebeerdead your way into someone's heart — but don't be disappointed if it isn't a romantic attachment that develops. Widen your net-work of friends and support-ors.

work of frients and surpro-ers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):
Drop in on neighbors or sib-lings. A common cause might-bring you into claser harmo-ny to others. The thrill of exploring the 'unknown might put you in contact with people from vastly different backgrounds.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Sometlines you must go

VIIIGO (Aug., 23-Sept. 22): Sometimes you must go backward and make a new start before you can go for-ward successfully. Your rou-tine workplace might be the best place to meet new friends. Test out your latest brainstorm. LIBIRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You need friends. Making new ones will make your day

last longer and your heart beat a bit faster, intellectual exchanges will create more common ground for bonding than physical attractions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Now.
21): Turn off the spigot of impractical spending. At the same time, do not deny your soff those little niceties that make life more pleasant. Your soff those little niceties that make life more pleasant, your best boson huddles might be right in your own household.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22) Dec. 21): Eacts might make you stop in your tracks, you tray be dissatisfied with a new bailerut or new outfit that you procure today. Rather than standing the curror, discuss options with others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Int.)

ndrror, discuss options with others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-lan, 19): Spend-money for the right reasons. This is a time to do some soul searching about whether purchases will retain-value. Impulse buying won't necessarily satisfy your crav-ings or add to your net worth. AQUARUS (Jan. 20-feb. 18): Games of chance require some reasoning ability. Even plauning a romantic inter-lude needs some rational thought. While the moon travels through your sign today, don't fall prey to instinctive reactions.

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done.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20):
Cast a wide net. Gather people who appreclate similar views, philosophies, hobbies

#### Beetle Balley





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By Hank Ketcham



IF YOU WANT TO GET MARGARET ATTENTION, JUST WHISPER."

By Bil Keane



'There'll always be prayer in schools as long as there are tests."

## Proud dad is at daughter's side during grandson's birth

DEAR ABBY: I was a single father to my two daughters for several years. I love them with all my heart. Even though 1 do not always approve of everything they do, my love for them is unconditional, and we're very close.

unconditional, and we're very close. My 25-year-old daughter, "Tracy," recently had a baby boy. The child's father is not in the picture. She's doing well as a new mont and single working parent. I'm proud of her. When Tracy, was ready to

When Tracy was ready to deliver, she asked me to be with her in the delivery room. I had no problem with it, but my current wife with it, but my current wife (Tracey's stepmom) said she thought it was kind of per-verted. I disagreed, My girls have always told me I was the best "mother" they could have ever wished for. My wife and I didn't exact-ly have a major blowup over it, but she still insists that my being there was inap-propriate. What do you think?—NEW GRANDPA

Illink?

— NEW GRANDPA
IN OKLAHOMA CITY
DEAR GRANDPA: Your
daughter gave you the greatest honor a woman can give,
and it's because you fulfilled
the role of hoth parents during an important time of her
life. If your damptier wanted
you swift he during this low. you with her during this joy-ous, but stressful time, then



that's where you belonged.
Giving birth to a baby is not like performing a pole dance. Your wife should loosen her laces and be less judgmental.

DEAR ABBY. I am 34 and have read your column since I was 14. My parents have a gambling problem. They are both retired and on fixed incomes. They get a check once a month, but as soon as it arrives they spend all their money gambling, and call my sister and me for money because they can't pay their bills. It may be a soon as it and to give them any more momen because they use it to try and double and still don't pay their bills. But my sister and I feel gully that they don't have any money.

We don't know how to help them. Is it possible to get power of attorney over wo gambling addies who are otherwise healthy adults If not, what else can you suggest?

— READY TO FOLD

dults? If not, .... on suggest? — READY TO FOLD IN PHOENIX

DEAR READY TO FOLD:
It's good that you realize,
your parents are gambling
addicts, because addicts
have certain behaviors that
are universal. First among
them, they rope the people
who love them into becoming enablers. That is what
your parents have done to
you and your sister. By giving them money 'to pay
their bills,' what you loving
daughters are also doing is
enabling them to continue
their habit.

Getting power of attorney
can be difficult unless the
person can be proved
unable to responsibly take
care of him- or berself.
Homelessness might be a
compelling example of that.
Your first step should be
to contact a chapter of
Gam-Anon Family Groups.
It's a 12-step fellowship for
men and women who are
hosbands, wives, relatives
or friends of compulsive
gamblers and who have
been affected by their loved
one's gambling problem.
You and your sister definitely quality. The Web site is
www.gam-anton.org.
Once you begin to understand the self-destructive
cycle your parents have created, and how they have
caught you in it, it'll be easier to 'help them' get-the
help they so, desperately
need.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today Is Wednesday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2008. There are 357 days left in the year.

#### Today's highlight:

On Jan. 9, 1913, Richard Millious Nixon, the 37th pres-ident of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda,

#### On this date:

In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to rati-fy the U.S. Constitution. In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Banchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew between Philadelphia and Woodbury, N.I.

In 1861, Mississippi seced-

in 1861, Mississippi seced-ed from the Union. In 1908, French philoso-pher and feminist Simone de Beauvoir was born in Paris, In 1945, during World War I, American forces began landing at Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines. In 1958, President Eisenhower, in his State of the Union address to Congress.

coach's resignation.
Five years ago: U.N.
weapons inspectors said
there was no "smoking gan"
to prove Iraq had nuclear,
chemical or biological
weapons but they demanded
that Baghdad provide private
access to scientists and fresh
evidence to back its claim
that it had destroyed its,
weapons of mass destruction. Thousands of
Venezuelan bank workers

warned of the threat of Communist imperialism In 1964, anti-U.S. rioding broke out in the Panama Canal Zone, resulting in the deaths of 21 Panamanian stream of the deaths of the death of the paramanian stream of the deaths of the death of the deat weapons of mass destruc-tion. Thousands of Venezuelan bank workers stayed home to support a nationwide strike seeking new presidential elections. One year agos U.S. forces staged airstrikes against sus-pected al-Quida lighters in Somalia in the first offensive there since IB American sol-diers were killed in 1993. Apple Computer CEO Steve lobs unveiled the iPhone, which went on sade the fol-lowing lame. Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripken luntior were elect-ed to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Carlo Pomi, the Italian movic producer who discov-ered — and married— actress Sophia Loren, died in Geneva at age 94.

THOUGHT

"Those who

give have all

things. They who withhold

## Today's birthdays

Author Judith Krantz is 80. Football Hall-of-Famer Bart Starr is 74. Sportscaster Dick Enberg is 73. Actress K. Callan is 72. Folk singer Joan. Callan is 72, lolk singer Joan Baez is 67, Actress Sussannal Yark is 67, Rock musiclan Jimmy Page (Led Zeppelin) is 64, Singer David Johansen (aka Buster Dinducter) is 54, Singer Crystal Gayle is 57, Actor J.K. Stimions is 53. Rock musiclan Eric Fire Erlandson is 45, Actress Joely Richardson is 43, Rock musician Carl Bell (Fuel) is

singer Steve Harwell (Smash Mouth) is 41, Rock

Mouth is
41. Rock
singer-musician Dave
Matthews is
41. Actressdirector looy
1. a u r e n
Adams is 40. Singer A.J.
McLean (Blackstreet Boys) is
30. Rack-soul singer Paolo
Nutini is 21.

have nothing.

## St. Louis-area town proposal would ban swearing in bars

Veit said he was prompted to propose the bill after complaints about bad par hehavior. He says it will give police some rules to enforce when things get too rowdy.

But some bar owners worry the bill is too vague and restrictive, saying it may be a violation of their civil rights.

Mare Rousseau, who owns bar R.T. Weilers, said he thinks the bill needs revision.

"We're deading with adults here once again and I don't think it's the city's job or the government's job to determine what we can and cannot play in our restaurant." Rousseau sald.

The proposal would ban indecent, profane or obscene language, songs, entertainment and literature at bars.

A meeting to discuss the proposal is set for Jan. 14.

## Glitch could block some TV stations after digital switch

By John Dunbar Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Owners of thousands of small televi-sion stations that reach rural populations or specialize in community affairs and minority programming are worried the digital transition is going to leave their audi-ences watching a blank

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ences watching a blank screen.

It's all because of a littlenoticed exemption in the
congressionally ordered,
nationwide migration of the
television industry to digital
broadcasting.
On Feb. 17, 2009, owners of
full-power television stations
will turn of their old-technology analog signals and broadeast in digital only. Viewers
who receive their signals
through an amenna who
don't have a digital-ready TV
will have to buy a converter
lox.

will have to buy a converter box.

But here's the wrinkle, the mandate to po digital applies only to the roughly 1,760 "full-power" stations in the 1.55. There are more than 2,990 low-power television stations and about 4,400 signal-telay station's What will not be required to go digital by the deadline. Thuse how-power stations provide service to rural areas and to specific communities in urban areas that are much argued by big hosadeasters. Such stations are much cheaper to build, and unlike full-power stations, broadeas almost exclusively to viewers who use antennas to pick up programming.

almost exclusively to viewers who use antennas to pick up programming of full-power stations. They serve areas that are too far away from a full-power transmitter, or are cut off from a sipnal due to mountainous terrain. So what's the problem? The government is encouraging over-the-air television viewers to buy a converter box before the digital transition date, and is substitizing the cost with two 540 coupons per household. The hoxes flown-convert" a digital signal to analog, thus allowing per household. The hoxes flown-convert" a digital signal to analog, thus allowing blar televisions to pick up programming. If a viewer who watches programming broadcast on a low-power or translator station boys the wrong box, he may be in for a frustrating experience. Signals from full-power stations will come in fine, But most of the boxes that have been certified for sale will block the low-power signal if it is being broadcast in an analog format. The situation will become even more frustrating if a set

analog format.

The situation will become even more frustrating if a set receives signals from both low-power and full-power stations. Digital channels would work with the box, but not without it. Analog channels would work without the box, but not with it.

It is tought to say exactly how many viewers will be affected. Most of the low-power stations are too small or too remote to subscribe to andlence, rating services like. Nielsen, in addition, some low-power stations have low-power stations have already converted to digital broadcasting on their own. But Amy Brown, executive director of the Community Broadcasters Association, says there are "tens of thousands" of viewers in "every major TV market" who will be affected.

For viewers who want to receive beth digital danse

affected.

For viewers who want to receive both digital and analog channels, the solution is a converter box that includes a "pass-through" feature. Such a box would convert the digital signal and allow the analog signal to "pass through" to the set unmodified.

The National National

The National Theorems and Information Administration, which is administering the coupon program, has approved three boxes that will pass through analog signals; the Phileo TB150H119, the Phileo TB150H119 and the ECHOSTARTR-40. National



Tuesday as neighbor Abby Flentze belos clean un affei nadoes ripped through the area Monday, in Wheatland, Wis. The Kenoska County sheriff says it's a mir-

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acle no one

## One dead as tornado hits hamlet in central Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A line of thunderstorms fed by warm weather continued spinning off unusual lamnary tornadoes Tuesday, killing a man in Arkansas and carrying a cow close to a mile.

mile.

At least three people died and bundreds ovacuated because of flooding in Indiana, where more than 5 inches of rain in some areas pushed rivers and streams over their hanks. Two of the victims were young children trapped in a submerged car. A tornado that hit Appleton, Ark, roiled a doublewide mobile home off its cindler block supports, killing a man and injuring his wife. The trailed have roiled for 50 yards before smashing appeared to have roiled for 50 yards before smashing against a stand of trees.

The tornado hit and it just looked like his house pretty much exploded. It was taken completely off the blocks and just fore to pieces. They were both in the wreckage," said Pope County Sheriff fay Winters.

The twister hit about 8:40 a.m., damaging or destroying homes, chicken houses and other farm outhuildings. Damage wasn't wide spread because there are few homes in the rural area, about 60 miles not the

Ozark footbills.

Kirk Killins, his girlfriend and father were heading toward his parents' house and their storm cellar when his truck was stalled against the tornados winds.

"I had it floored and it wasn't doing nothing, I looked to my right and the hay barn and shop just disappeared," Killins said.

"I don't know how we kept from getting killed," he said.

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Another tornado was spotted Tuesday afternoon in northwest Tennessee. The flyer County Sheriff's Department reported non injuries, and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency said that although a barn was destroyed and some power lines were down, there was no widespread damage.

The National Weather Service declared tornados were constructed by afternoon in states including Missouri, remeassee and Kentucky. Several tornados were confirmed or reported Monday in Wisconsin, Arkansas, and Missouri, where two people

were killed.

In northern Indiana, a sport utility vehicle carrying a woman and her five young children stalled on a flooded road in a rural area negar Rochester before Roating bito deeper. water. the Fulton County Sheriff's Department said. Shay Leininger, 5, and Ashley Prilit, 2, died.

Mentone Fire Chief Mike Yazel said that the StIV's roof rack was the only thing visible when the first officer arrived, but that the driver, Megibann K. leininger, was able toge to the surface and put three of her children on the roof. Mariah Leininger, 4, Michael McDaniel, 1, and Canari Tring, 3 months.

4, Michael McDaniel, I, and Canari ringg, 3 months, It took several minutes and a from-end loader for crews to resche the four, but there was nothing they could do for Shay and Ashley, who were trapped underwater. "The water was too deep, too cold, too fast," Yazel said. Their 23-year-old mother 'had to sit there on the roof, knowing that would be the

knowing that would be the worst part of the story," he

worst part of the story," he said.

To the southwest in Jasper County, a 56-year-old man drowned in Remlington when his truck was swept into Carpenter Creek flood-waters, said Shawn Brown, a conservation officer with the Department of Natural Resources.

## Recordings show Iranian boats confronting 3 U.S. warships in Persian Gulf

By Lolita C. Baldor and Sebastian Abbot

WASHINGTON - Small trainin fast bosts swarmed around massive U.S. war-ships in the Persian Gulf, and a man speaking heavily accented. English threat-ened, "I am coming to you. "You will explode," accord-ing to a video released Theesday by the Pentagon. The Iranian bosts

Thesday by the Pentagon.
The Trainian boats
appeared to Ignore repeated
warnings from the U.S.
ships, Including horn blasts
and radio transmissions, as
the ships moved through
the Strait of Hormuz Intothe Gulf.
In a four-minute, 20-second video, shot from the
bridge of the destroyer USS
Hopper, the small boats—
including a bright blue one—
can be seen racing near
the wake the U.S. ships and
crossing close to each other.
From the Hopper's bridge,
after sporting the approaching Iranian boats, a Navy
crew.member asys.over.theradio: "This is coalition warship, I am engaged in transit

passage in accordance with international law, I intend no harm, Over," Often uneven and shaky,

no harm. Over."

Often uneven and shaky, the video condenses what Navy officials have said was a 20-minute or so class a 20-minute or so class a 20-minute or so class a condense when the Navy warships and five Iranian fast boats. It ends with a blank screen, as only the audie of the Navy's final warning can be heard, just after the voice wains that they are coming. "Inbound small traft: You are approaching a coalition warship operating in international waters. Your Identified Navy crew member says. Ite then cautions the Iranians that if they do not steer clear they will be "subject to defensive measures." "Request that you alter "Request "Requ

will be "subject to defensive measures."
"Request that you alter course immediately to remain clear," the crew member says.
After a pause, the man with the accent issues a final threat: "You. will. explode, after (indeclpherable) min-utes."



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### Bacteria-contaminated milk from Massachusetts dairy is blamed for three deaths, miscarriage

BOSTON — At Whittier Farms dairy, the fifth-genera-tion owners brag of the qual-ity of their Holstein cows and still deliver milk right to your door, in glass bottles. Customers like the products because they are a borronnebecause they are a hormone-free taste of old New

free taste of old New England.

But health officials now say three elderly men have died and at least one pregnant woman has miscarried since last June after drinking hac-teria-contaminated milk from the dairy's plant in Shrewsbury, about 35 miles-west of Boston.

All were infected with liste-

pasteurized milk. It is more often found in raw foods, such as uncooked meat and vegetables, and processed foods such as soft cheeses and cold cuts.

The outbreak is believed to be only the third time listeria has ever been linked to pas-teurized milk in the United States, said Dr. Alfred DeMaria, state director of communicable disease con-

trol.
"We know something is going on; we just don't know what it is," DeMaria said. "We just need to find out how the bacteria is getting into the ...at."

present in manure and are commonly found in soll and water. Pasteurization is sup-

posed to kill listeria.
Tests at the Whittier Farms
plant found nothing wrong
with its pasteurization
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Health investigators are now looking at the cooling aid bottling; machinery, including the connecting pipes, for the source of the bacteria, DeMaria sald. Investigators have taken Investigators have taken about 70 samples from vents, ceilings, floors, tanks, hottle-washers, bottles and other equipment.

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## Plan now to get your snow days in this year

S now days are one of the great gifts of nature. They don't happen very often in Idaho, and they don't last. So they must be savored. And cultivated. They must be cultivated because it's necessary to regale school administrators with horror stories about winter travel on a regular basis. That way, they'll be more inclined to look out the window on an ordinary "Theseday morning in Janumy and proclaim." I can't let kids go to school in this weather!



ASK ME Steve Crump

There are generally two people who make the decision in Idaho school districts about whether to call off classes because of weather. One is the superintendent, of course, but the other is the district's transportation director—or in smaller districts, the guy who drives the bus.

In southern Idaho, trans-In southern Idaho, trans-portation directors above all fear strong winds from the west. Because of the config-uration of the state — long and narrow — many key roads run north and south. If

roads run north and south. If there's already snow on the ground, or if It's snowing hard, a west wind can quick-ly drift those roads shut. South-central Idaho's most pronounced north-south district is Wood River. So let's say that you're a high school sophomore who lives in Gannett. The school is in Halley of course, which means that the district has a lot of north-south bus routes.

lor of north-south bus routes.

\*About December, you pull your school bus driver aside and say. 'I really admired the way you handled yourself last Thursday in that snow-storm. A less-experienced driver wouldn't have made it through, but you did. Pretty tough run, warst it?

\*Yeah, it was bad," the driver thinks to hinasti it will be will b

call off school?"
That story gets around among the other bus drivers, and eventually one of them walks up to the transportation director and says, "You know, Charlie darn near got stuck in that blizzard last "Thursday."

stuck in that blizzard last Thursday."
As a consequence, that's the first thing the trans-portation director will think about at 4:30 the next morn-ing when he looks out his kitchen window and sees

"Dang," he says to himself.
"I can't send my drivers out In this weather."

About a minute and a half

kiter, the phone will ring at the superintendent's house. "Boss, there's drifting south of town," the business.

South of rown," the busmels-ter says.

At that point, the Jig is pretty well up. Northing chills the heart of an Idaho school superintendent like the sen-tence, "There's drifting south of rown." It conjures up visions of stranded buses, children trying to walk home In a blizzard, and — most especially — angry parents with beet-red faces at the next School Board meeting. You know, the same meet-ing at which the trustees are supposed to review the

# Otter revisits water issue Proposes \$20 million study to complete aquifer models

By Jared S. Hopkins Timos-News writer

BOISE — Water, the always expensive and divisive issue of Idaho, was not expected to be discussed heavily at the 2008 Legislature.

Guess again. In his annual State of the in his annual State of the State address, Gov, C.L. "Butch" Otter—with his typ-ical unpredictable style— again issued his concern on water and offered several ways to move Idaho "off dead-center."

Ile proposed a \$20 million study to complete models of Idaho aquifers. Two other litens not mentioned, but part of his budget, are a \$5 million failow program and \$5 million failow program and \$5 million for water conservation projects.

The proposals have already caught the eye of legislators. But their fate remains unclean Lawmakes have pledged to be tight on funds because the state's surplus growth has slowed in recent months and they fear an economic recession.



The 520 million — aides say interest could raise it to 527 million — would allow the state's water board to develop models for more than a half-dozen other aquifers across the state. The idea, lawmakers and Otter aides say, is to avoid the sce-

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nario in south-central Idaho,

mario in south-central Idaho, where management of the Leastern-Snake Plain Aquifer-resulted in over-appropriating water rights. The plan was proposed by the Water Resource Board and received the blessing of an interim legislative com-mittee. But the statewish mittee was the state of properties of the properties the pro

more viable to pass both chambers, especially with its daunting price tag.

"I think it probably does make it easier, but it emphasizes that he folter; recognizes the matter of water," said Rep. Bert Stevenson, It-Rupert, and Chairman of the House Resources, and Conservation Committee.

The \$5 million for water conservation was discussed Tuesday morning in the Joint Finance. Appropriations.

Finance-Appropriations

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# CAPITOL PROGRESS



Angell Silucca, of Idaho Home Health and Hospice, asks a question about the marble columns in the capitol building during a presentation on the Capitol Restoration Committee project at the monthly Tuesday forum for the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Statehouse restoration commission visits T.F.

Inflation related to construction materials has been blanned recently as a reason why staying within budget for large-scale public developments is difficult.

But with a massive facellif at the state capitol under way in Boise, officials from the Idaho State Capitol Commission on Tuesday told a gathering of businesspeople from the Iwin Palls Area Chamber of Commence that staying inside the \$120 nillion budget is challenging but manageable.

"We're pretty confident we can dear the relative to mitme and on budget with cultivative to mitme and on budget with cultivative to mitme and on budget with largen, a three-term member of the Capitol Restoration Committee.

The \$120 million project budget includes the expansion of two wings of the building along with restoration

Learn more

For more on the capital's restoration project: www.capitalcommission.idaho.gov

throughout.

About \$56.7 million was originally set for the restoration piece of the project, but in October bids came in at more than \$82 million, Hartgen said.

Costs related to the restoration piece of the project with project with project were reduced by, cutting costs. "We went back and looked at every aspect of the project including what's referred to as value engineering, and we also substituted high quality commercial materials for restoration materials in some cases," Hartgen said.

The restoration portion of the project was brought down to \$72 million in December, After factoring in some contingency funds and costs of other projects, the overall budget should

be met, he said.

"The objective is to have a restored capitol that's as true to its historic, original terms as we can. But we also have an objective of coming in within budget," said Hartgen. "Balancing those two objectives, at least those on the outside in the general public's view, brought the bids down a bit."

The project has been a bit like an archeological dig at times. Hartgen showed the gathering Tuesday pictures of an old elevator with gold gating that was discovered behind a wall. It had been used by the State Supreme Court until it was sealed off, and was only recently discovered, he said.

Hartgen said the capitol cost \$335,000 when it was originally constructed in 1905 by immigrant labor. It's slated to reopen in November 2009.

## Nuclear energy discussed briefly

By Jared S. Hopkins Timos-News writer

BOSIE — Almost as quick as it takes a nuclear reaction to create energy, talk of nuclear energy calk of nuclear energy cane and when at the ladaba Legislature on Tuesday.

During an update to a joint legislative leadership committee about findings from the state's interim energy committee, co-chairman leep. George Eskridge, R. Dower, closed with the mention that the owner of a company trying to build a muclear plant in Idaho gave the lawrances a presentation recently.

Then, studdenly, Eskridge was finished.

The presentation came from Don Gillespie, who leads Alternate Energy Holdings, one of two companies trying to build muclear energy plants in Idaho. Both onlifts have garmened criticism from Idahoans-skeptical about muclear and Democrats who say that more state oversight is needed before such plants are built.

When asked why he didn't offer details about Gillespie

built.

no legislators had even haked him any questions. Senate President Pro Tern Both Geddes, H-Soda Springs, pointed over at the meeting that Eskridge finished three minutes early. Nuclear for Peter Rickards of Twin Falls is trying to get legislation that would require a statewide ballot initiative to grant power plant permits. He and his supporters have

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## Accomplice to felony gets five years in Twin Falls shooting

Eric Gonzalez, whom a jury convicted of being an accessory to a felony in the killing of a man in Twin Falls, maintained his innocence even as a judge sent him to prison for two to five years on Monday.

Two other men have pleaded gully to accessory to murder in the case, while the murder suspect himself awaits trial.

A jury found Gonzalez

awaits trial.

A jury found Gonzalez guilty in early November after a one-day trial. The charge reflects that Gonzalez knew who killed Vince

Gonzalez (no relation to suspect), and lied to police about it. Gonzalez's attorney. Loren Bingham, argued attrial that his client lied only after police press.

client lied only after police pressured him during an interrogation. A deputy county prosecutor asked 5th District Judge Rande Stoker to provide the maximum sentence of five years fixed. Bingham asked for the judge to place his client on a rider program.

But after Gonzalez told the court he is innocent, hidge Stoker ordered him to prison for two years fixed, and

years indeterminate, for a total of five possible years. Stoker rebuked the defen-

total of nive possinic years.
Stoker rebuked the defendant, sayling he was not inno-cent of accessory to a felony because a Jury found him gully of Jung to police.
Gonzalez was not charged with participating in the killing, which occurred May 31, 2007. After police read him his rights on June 1 and told him about a killing the night before at 434 Fourth Ave. W., he denled he was present at the crime scene. Attorneys on both sides agree

three others to fight a group of brothers who live in the

home.
Another suspect, Reyes
Duran, confessed on Sept. 17
that he lied to police about
what he knew. Duran and his
brother Ben Duran are also brother Ben Duran are also charged as accomplices to felony, and also face maximum five-year sentences if found guilty. The suspected shooter. James 'Anthony Naranjo, who has been indicted on a first-degree murder charge, faces potential life in prison.

The shooting allegedly grew out of a dispute at the Klover Klub bar in downtown

Twin Falls, after which the accused followed Vince Gonzalez to his home. Eric Gonzalez was recruited to even the odds, the deputy prosecutor had said at trial, and along with the others he tried to barge through the Vince Gonzalez's front door by pushing and kicking it until it came offlis hinges. Reyes Duran's hand got stuck in the door and shots were fired through the door, hitting Vince Gonzalez, until Reyes got his hand out of the door, the deputy prosecutor had said.

Cassidy Friedman can be reached at 735-3241.

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#### Roberta L. Klimes

KIMBERLY — Roberta L. Klimes, 62, of Kimberly, passed away suddenly Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

She was born the oldest of four children and only girl of Robert and Laurine Hintz Schmidt in Jordon, Mont.

Roberta attended a country school during her elem entary education in Brockway, Mont. and Mont., and finished high in Circle, Mont. She earned her LPN in

her LPN in Dickinson, enabling her to fulfill her lifelong dream to serve the elderly in geriatrics. She married Raymond Klimes on Feb. 28, 1992, in Kimberly, She was a member of the Lutberan Church. She of the Lutheran Church. She was very committed to her family, especially raising her grandchildren.

Her favorite pastime was spent out in their boat, fish-ing, Roberta also loved bak-

ing and was an excellent cook, She would oftentimes cook, She would oftentines go without to make sure her children were cared for properly. Roberta was very much-a-people-penson: she-had an uncanny way of going to a yard sale or auc-tion and come away with a new 'best friend,' She had a colorful, and unique way of expressing herself.

expressing herself.

She is survived by her loving husband, Ray Klimes of Kimberly; four children and ...

three stepchildren, Larry James (Brandle) Sartin of Yuma, Aria, De Anne Kay (Evan) Klimes of Kimberly, Susan Rae Sartin of Twin Falls, Robert Paul Cain of Kimberly, Kevin (Mellinda) Klimes of Halley, Kristine Wolverton of Middleton and Kelly (Danae) Klimes of Twin Falls: monther, Laurine Falls: Falls; mother, Laurine Schmidt of Brockway, Mont.; brothers, Larry (Sheri) Schmidt of Circle, Mont., and Roscoe (Sharon) Schmidt of Brockway, Mont.; sisters-in-law, Diana (Roger) Schmidt of Baker Mont., and -13-1 Schmidt of Baker Mont, and Agnes (Accy) Jones of Alabama; brother-in-law, Jim (Janlee) Klimes of Kimberly; one very special aunt, Lyida Maier of Billings, Mont.; numerous nieces and

Mont.; numerous nieces and nephews that she adored; 17 grandchildren, inchiding Jena Brookshier who Roberta and Ray were rais-ing; and one great-grand-daughter. She was preceded in death by her father a brother, Roger Schmidt; and two former husbands, Charles Sartin and Marvin Cain

Cain.
The funeral will be held at The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at 11 arm. Friday, Jan. 11, at 11 arke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kinherly Road in Twin Falls, with Pastor Lawrence-Vedder-officiating-Vicewing will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Donations may be made in her name to Northwest Children's Home, 419 22nd Ave., RO. Box 1288, Lewiston, ID 83501.

#### Ross S. Shoolroy

WOOSTER, Ohio -- Ross S. WOOSTER, Onto — Ross S. Shoolroy of Wooster, Ohio, passed away Jan. 7, 2008, at the age of 90. He leaves a legacy of a loving family and a variety of businesses that he so enjoyed. Ross was born to R.K. and Worn Shoolroy on a small

ne So enjoyeu.

Ross was born to R.K. and
Vera Shoolroy on a small
farm in rural Pennsylvania.

His summers were spent
with his grandfather farming
in Ashland, Ohio, He graduated in 1935 from Wooster
High School and went on to
graduate from Ohio StateUniversity in 1939 with a
degree in business administrainon, He was very proud of
his service in the Army hin
World War II and served in
105th Coast Artillery on the
luvasions of North Africa,
Stelly and Italy.

Alter the war, Ross worked
in the family business, in

Sicily and Italy.

After the war, Ross worked in the family business, in Wooster and built many of the Red Head gasoline stations, throughout Ohio and neighboring states. In 1960, he moved his family west to pursue his love of the land, the operated two cattle ranches, one in Hallack, Nev, and the other in Twin Falls. He remembered-these times as some of his most treasured years. In 1980, he and his wife, Iva, moved back to Wooster to pursue other husiness ventures and to travel. Two years before his passing, he purchased a plantation in Clarksdale, Miss., and was actively involved in Its day-to-day operation. This new venture was added to his many years of owning oil and gas wells in

DEATH NOTICES

Clifford L. Miller

WENDELL - Hiller L
WENDELL - Clifford L
Miller, 86, formerly of
Wendell, died Wechesday,
Dec. 26, 2007, at the Idaho
State Veterarls Home in
Boise.
Inurment will be
Thursday, Ian. 10, at the
Idaho State Veterarls
Cemetery in Boise. No time
has been announced
(Demaray Funeral Service in
Gooding).

Joy Solosabal

Pennsylvania and New York. He always looked forward to his many road trips to Mississippi and all across the

mis many load trips to wississippi and all across the country.

Ross was preceded in death by his wife, Iva; and son, Michael. He is survived by his sons, Cliff (Karen) Shoolroy of Mil Valley, Calif., Brian Shoolroy of Michmond, Va. and Sam Stewart (Jacquie) of New Orleans, La; and his daughters, Judy Fountain of Beno, Nev. and Sallic Geel of St. Michaels, Md. Grandpa Boss will be greatly missed by his dispersally missed by his strengther and the proposed by his sisters, Elizabeth Locker and Julia Falloran. Halloran.

Table Table

full life and that we ask all to remember.

Calling hours will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11. at Mehtire, Davis and Greene Funeral Home, 216 E. Larwill St. in Wooster, Ohio, A family burial service will be held. Saturday, Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice with a special request to consider the hospice services in your area as they were so good to Ross in bis final days.

at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; visita-tion from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Jeremy L. Thomas

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Cook celebrating 80th birthday Saturday

BUHL — Bette Cook will celebrate her 80th birthday at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Moonglo Recreation Hall, 910 Moonglo Road, Buhl.

Cook was born Jan. 8, 1928, in Baxter, Mo. She married Melvin Cook on Oct. 10, 1948, in Buhl. She has lived in the Magic Valley for 74 years and worked at Farmer's National Bank in the Rubl branch in

Bank in the Buhl branch until her retirement after 25

years.
Ghildren include Terry
Cook and Kathy (Steve)
Ewing of Buhl. She has two
grandchildren and four
grandchildren.
The event is being hosted
by her children and grandchildren and grandchildren.

#### Step back in time with CSI class

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Chapel).

BURLEY — The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia

Helen Ruth Eichelberger

of Filer, funeral at 10 a.m., today at the Filer Mennonite Church (White Mortuary in

Lena Frances D'Ambra of Gooding, funeral at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding

Ellen "Elleen" Mary Leitch of Buhl, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Burton W. Silcock of Meridian and formerly of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the LDS Chapel on the corner of Amity and Locust Grove in Meridian; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church; interment at 1 p.m. Thursday at the View Cemetery in Burley (Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise).

Milferd Jocham Frederich Schmeckpeper of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. today at St. John's Lutheran Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in

Betty Lee Lawson of Rupert, visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710

Leonard Lee 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; yisitation from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Norman H. Naillon of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 6 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds

Buhli.

Sixth St.

enrichment program has scheduled a three-week containment program has scheduled a three-week opportunity to step back in time and learn about the Battle of the Bulge. Classes will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 10 to Jan. 31. The Battle of the Bulge was the largest battle ever

was the largest battle ever fought by the United States Army. This class will discuss the rapid events from Normandy to the involve-ment of Patton's Third Army up to the battle from Dec. 17 to Jan. 31, 1945. Discussion will include the advancement in technology during the war and the physical environment.
To enable more people to

To enable more people of attend this course It is offered two ways, in the classroom and online. Online students will need Internet access. Cost is \$30. For more information or to register; 678-1400.

#### **Burley hosting** book club events

Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Charles J. "Charlle Watt of Twin Falls, rosarry prayer service at 7 p.m. Thursday at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Friday at the church; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the church (Rynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Dorls Vaughan of Twin Falls, graveside inurament at 11 a.m. Friday at the Elmowood Cemetery in Gooding Cremation was under the direction of Serenty Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Dr. Ryan Euzene Rich of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Rupert LDS West Stake Center, 26 S. 100 W; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

Thursday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the funeral Friday at the

Wayne A. Metcalf of Boise, memorial service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, 5400 Fairview Ave. in Boise.

Robert Greenlees Pearson

of Bellevie, memorial celebrating 12th-Step Program service Friday in Sun Valley; public memorial at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum (Wood River Chapel in Hailey).

David John Ovard of Hailey, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Hailey, with a prayer vigil at 7:30p.m. Friday (Wood River Chapel in Hailey).

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

The Visions Group

Hospice Visions

Charles J. "Charlle" Watt of

BURLEY — Burley Public Library announces upcom-ing book clubs. Participants will join oth-ers who enjoy reading, have

Input on the books that will be read and broaden their horizons by reading all dif-ferent kinds of books. The book clubs will be held at different times, so partici-pants can choose a time that is convenient for them. The first monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, for the aftermoon book club and at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 for the evening book club. Both

meetings will be held at the Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave. This will be an organizational meeting and a book falk will be presented. Those interested can sign up at the Burley Public Library For more Informa-tion: 676-7708. These book clubs, like many events at the Burley Public Library are free of charge and open to the pub-lic.



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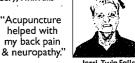


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Young, 51, of Bliss, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, in Parker, Ariz., as the result of an automobile accident. Arrangements will be announced by Ilost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

#### George J. Klundt

George J. Klundt, 73, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

#### Lawrence Doyle

-RUPERT — Lawrence Doyle, 93, of Rupert, dled Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, at his home.

JEROME — Jeremy L. Thomas, 33, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, at his home. An open house will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19; at the Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome).

BURLEY — Joy Solosabal, 86, of Burley, died Monday, Jan: 77–2808, at-Parke-View Care and Rehabilitation. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11. BLISS - Lewis Elvin

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Lewis E. Young

#### AROUND IDAHO

## State to bring inmates

home from Texas

BOISE — Idaho plans to bring 48 prisoners home from Texas within the two weeks because overcrowding has eased at prisons across Idaho.

Idaho.

The prisoners coming back are now at the Bill Clayton Détention Center in Littlefield. Texas. Idaho has more than 500 inmates in Texas and Oklahona prisons.

This move also means there

Texas and Oklahoma prisons. This move also means that for now, Idaho wont have to ship as many as \$4 immates being housed temporarily in Littlefield to another prison near the Mexico border. State Correction officials say that a slowdown in sen-tencing coupled with increased paroles, has creat-ed more beds in Idaho pris-ons.

Many of the innates coming home are also nearing their release dates.

Still, Idaho officials say this

doesn't mean overcrowding concerns have diminished.

#### Craig: Disorderly conduct law requires multiple victims

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Seeking to have his guilty plea in a bathroom sex sting erased, Idaho Sen. Larry Craig's attorneys argue in a new court fil-ing that the underlying act wasn't criminal because it didn't involve multiple vic-

appeals brief filed Tuesday contends that Minnesota's disorderly con-duct law "requires that-the conduct at issue have a ten-

conduct at Issue have a ten-dency to alarm or anger 'oth-ers'' — underscoring the plu-ral nature of the term. Cralg's brief goes on to cite other convictions that were overturned because the mul-tiple-victim test wan't met. His lawyers apply the same logic to his case.

The Republican senator pleaded guilty in August after his arrest two months earlier at the Minneapolis airport. It was part of a broader undercover push targeting men soliciting sex in public rest-

Craig was arrested June 11 Craig was arrested June 11 by an undercover officer, Sgt. Dave Karsnia, who said Craig tapped his feet and swiped his hand under a stall divider in a way that signaled he wanted sex. Craig has denied that, saying his actions were misconstrued.

"Appellant's alleged 'conduct in this case affected only a single individual —

duct in this case affected only
a single individual —
Sergeant Karsnia," the Craig
brief says. "It did not — and
could not affect others' as the
disorderly conduct statute
requires, and therefore, does
not satisfy that element of the
statute."

The brief also argues that Karsnia himself could not have been offended by the alleged conduct because "he

invited it." The alleged con duct, Crafg's lawyers added, doesn't rise to the level of being "offensive, obscene, abusive, boisterous or noisy."

#### East Idaho men sentenced in alleged murder-for-hire scheme

IDAHO FALLS -- Two eastern Idaho men have been sentenced to lengthy prison sentences in the abduction and beating of an Idaho Falls man.

Robert Underwood, 27

was sentenced Tuesday in 7th District Court to 14 years in prison, and must serve at least eight years before being least eight years before being eligible for parole. He plead-ed guilty to two counts of aggravated battery. Alfredo Barrera Jr., 24, was sentenced Monday in 7th District Court to 19 years in

- The Associated Press

#### CITIZENS OF THE WEEK



Rupert Elementary School announces Citizens of the Week for the week of Dec. 7. From left are, front, Jessica, Anahi, Jesus; center, Elysia, Zenalda, Brooklyn, Jaiynn, Emiliano; and back, Isabel, Bulmaro, Rodney Jovani, Martin and Kale.

### Wendell woman to celebrate 80th birthday Saturday

WENDELL — A surprise 80th birthday party will be held for Lorinda "Ousie" Dudley from 5 to 9 μm. Saturday at 5t. Authony's Catholic Church, 505 Second Ave. E. Wendell

Dudley was born in Dawson, Neb., on Jan. 12, 1928... She has been a resident of Wendell for 39 years.



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#### Water.

Committee. Otter aides say that the projects have not been finalized, but legislators said they are likely smaller than the proposals from a few months ago and would be targeted toward individual fartners.

farmers.
Sen Dean Cameron, RRupert, the co-chairman of
JFAC, and other senior GOP
members dismissed the proposals last year — made
without consulting the lawmakers — because Otter
wanted to tap into emergency funding.
Cameron and other JFAC
members said Thesday the
proposals could receive
funding this year.

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superintendent's contract.
Now there may or may not actually be drifting south of town, but there's no force of Earth like precedent. So the next time it snows, the odds of getting yet another snow

"I see no problem setting aside money for water con-servation projects," Cameron said, adding but "ohviously there are always more requests than there is

iey." ie \$9 million to encour-

The \$9 million to encourage fallow — essentially paying farmers, not to irrigate — is likely to be contested. The proposal — similar to one Otter pitched with his other projects in the fall — would spread the money out over three years. It's similar to the federal Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, a buy-out scheme that has seen less than anticipated interest from groundwater pumpers, primarily because

day are *much* higher.
And before you know it, you've got most of January off.

days is that they must be made up — perhaps over spring break when no one

But the trouble with snow

it requires a 15-year commit-Cameron said Wednesday

But Sen. Chuck Coiner, R-Twin Falls, who sits on the Twin Falls Canal Company

with any sense is indoors studying algebra. Unless, of course, there's drifting south of town.

Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or

scrump@magicvalley.com.

Board of Directors, said that

Board of Directors, said that the fallow, program, would, unlikely produce much, but even alternatives like storage would cost millions. "It's a short-term Band-Aid that doesn't buy anything long-term and we don't be long-term and we don't be Band-Aids," Coiner said, "I don't think there is a 'then-what?"

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Asked whether Otter's pro-posals made him optimistic about water, Stevenson said, "I'm more optimistic when I look out the window and see the snow fall down."



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## Energy<sub>.</sub>

Crump

Continued from page D1 based the wording on existing laws in Oregon and Washington.
Eskridge said that Idaho isn't ready just yet for a muclear power plant but said that renewables, such as wind and solar power, are not enough to be fong-term solutions.
"Nuclear can be an option," he said. "Nuclear is air-emission free. In terms of air, nuclear could be a viable alternative."
Still, the lack of informa-

alternative."

Still, the lack of informa-tion on Gillespie didn't mat-ter to some lawmakers.

Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, sald that he has been aware for years the benefits from the Idaho National Laboratory.

"I walked into that room comfortable with nuclear

energy and I left that room comfortable with nuclear energy and I left that room comfortable with nuclear energy and aware that nuclear energy has got to be part of the solution of our state, regional and national energy needs, he said. Rep. Bert Brackett, R Rogerson, who sits on the House Resources and

Environment Committee, declined to say whether a

nuclear plant should be built but said the debate over such items is "evolving." "It's going to be a thorough discussion both inside and outside the Legislature," said Brackett. "But that's a good

Jared S. Hopkins may be reached at 631-793-5717 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com.



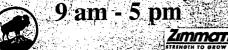


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### **Planning & Zoning Commission** has the following vacancies

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.

#### Ex-Marine testifies that civilians died unnecessarily in Afghanistan shooting

By Estes Thompson Associated Press writer

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. - A former Marine testified Tuesday that he thinks Afghans were killed needless-

Afghans were killed needless-ty by his special operations unit after its convoy was attacked by a car bomb.

"I really felt there were a lot of people who died who did-n't need to," said Nathaniel Travers, a former intelligence

nt need to, said saturalle Travers, a former intelligence sergeant who left the Marines last year. Theywere just driving their cars. But Travers, the first wit-ness called at a rarely used administrative fact-finding proceeding that is investigat-ing the conduct of two offi-cers involved, later acknowle-deged he was outliappy in the Marine Corps and didn't think America should be fighting in Alghanistan. "34y-sentiment-started-to-grow more towards. What are we fighting this war for?" Travers said.

grow more towards. What are we fighting this war lorg" Travers said.
The administrative Gourt of Inquiry, scheduled to last two weeks, will recommend whether the officers — Maj-Fred C. Galvin, 30, com-mander or the 120-person' special operations company, and Capt. Vincent J. Noble, 29, a platoon leader should be charged with a crime. That decision will be made by LJ. Gen. Samuel Helland, commander of U.S. Marine—Forces—Central Marine Command.

Marine Command.
Marines in the six-vehicle convoy opened lire Match 4 along a crowded roadway in Afebanistan's Nangahar Mangahar Afghanistan's Nangahar province alter an explosives-rigged minivan crashed into their vehicles. One Marine was wounded in the blast; as was wounded in the mast as many as 19 Afghan civilians were killed and 50 wounded by the subsequent gunlire. Attorneys for the two officers have said the death toll was

have said the death foll was lower.

Alghanistan's Independent Human Rights Commission concluded that the Marines fired indiscriminately at predestrians and people in cars, buses and tasks at \$k\$ notes and tasks at \$k\$ notes of Gold, and autorney for Gold, usid should that testimony will show the shouling was justified.

"If you conclude that, then his court of inquiry is closed," said Lt. Col. Scott fack.

The case has been marked by disagreement between the

disagreement betwo rines and the Army

# Be prepared: Boy Scout grabs knife, foils assassination in Maldives

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — A COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — A quick-thinking Boy Scout folled an assassination attempt on the president of the Maldives on Tuesday, grabbing an attacker's knife as the man leapt from a crowd and lunged at the leader, an official said.

President Maumoon residents and the leader of the lea

President Maumoon Gayoom was undurt, but his shirt, was ripped as the attacker tried a second time to stab him before being overpowered by security government Mohammed spokesman

"One brave boy saved the president's life," he said. Mohammed Jaisham president's life. 'be said.
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Brathin, wearing his blue
Maldives scent uniform with
a blue kerchief, was standing
in the crowd to greet Gayoun
on Hoardinsh, one of the
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the Maldivian flag as he awaited Gayoom's arrival, then lunged at the president, Shareef said. Brabim reached out and grabbed the blade, and he was cut on the hand, accord-

was cut on the hand, according to the government.
"There was blood on the president's shirt, but it was not his but the boy's," Shareef

not his but the boys," Shared said.

"His wound was stitched, but later he complained that he could not mave some of his lingers," Shareef said, adding the youngster was lown to the Maldives capital, Male, for treatment.

Boy Scouts in the Maldives are smillar to their U.S. counterparts, receiving training in liter aid and participating in activities like camping. Their moto is the same as well: "Be Piepared."

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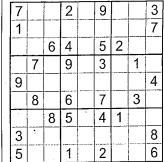
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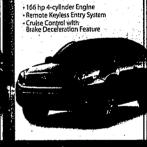
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