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## Budget writers raise 'yellow flag' as tax revenue slumps

BOISE — Gov. C.L. Butch'
Otter's budget plans for fiscal
2009 may have to be pared
back after tax revenue in
January took a dip, causing
Jawmakers Thursday to call
for more spending restraint.
The first casualty in Otter's
\$3.2 billion budget proposal
could be what he calls his top
priority, to pay state employees \$78 million more in a

package that boosts their salaries while reducing their benefits. The revenue slump may also further quell enthusiasm for Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Lunas teacher pay proposal, estimated at more than \$45 million.

lion.
At January's end, Idaho tax revenue was \$1.6 billion, or about \$36 million behind forecasts for the current fiscal year ending in June. Until now, tax revenue for 2008 had

Legislature 2008 

Lawmakers hope to have new fiscal 2009 revenue pronew fiscal 2009 revenue pro-jections by next Friday, in time for budget-setting hear-ings that are to start three days late. "While we're not raising the panic flag or the red flag, we are certainly raising the orange or vellow flag. We need to be a little bit cautious."

- Rep. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert

The biggest culprit behind the downturn was lower Indi-vidual income tax receipts. \$29 million behind expecta-tions. Sales tax collections missed the mark by \$6.8 mil-lion, likely the result of reces-

sion fears that dented holiday spending, state economists said.

id. The tax revenue figures reflect December activity.

Though economists say they're uncertain if the

decline will continue or intensify, Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert and co-chairman of the Joint Finance-Appropriations

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## Street crews unclog drains to avert flooding Trash buildup atop drains was substantial, because street sweepers don't clear away rubbish with snow on

Winter trash buildup, melting snow keep workers busy

By Andrea Gates Times-News writer

Small rivers of dirty water trickled and flowed down concrete drains as snow warmed to slush Thursday afternoon along the curbs

of Jerome and Twin Falls.
Potential flooding was averted, properties

were protected and city street crews are the ones to thank.

They were out in full force Thursday — during times of snowfall and melt — clearing trash out of drains, and removing snow and

The conditions left a 14-man Jerone city street crew quite busy.

"Last year wasn't too bad. This is the worst probably in three years or so," said Jerome Public Works Director Walt Appell.

He said crews Thursday dearted out drains in town, while graters pulled ice from streets.

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adolis in
Tennessee.
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sweep, "Said Bruce
Stephens of the Twin Falls
Street Department, which also has a 14 person

crew.

If drains weren't cleated of trash or ice then
flooding could result.

Twin Falls crews will probably fill some pot-

holes today, which are connected to inclement weather and traffic wear on roads, said Stephens.

As temperatures rise and fall and snow fall- and melts, residents are encouraged to move whicles off the street if possible.

"It makes it easier to get through with plows," said Appell, "It's been a busy two weeks."

While snow was melting around Twin Falls and Jerome, the Mint-Cassia, Camas Prairie

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## Feds change course on Idaho trout listing

New protection policy angers enviro groups

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

Times News writer

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced Thursday it will reconsider an earlier decision not to list a species of Idaho trout under the federal Endangered Species Act. The change stems from a 2007 settlement agreement with an environmental group and agency rule changes that allow the service to consider listing a species threatened in portions of its habitar, rather han over its entire range, the agency said.

Fish and Wildlife officials say the rule change could result in more species being listed under the federal protection act.

But environmentalists disagree with the government's interpretation, which stemmed from last year's Please see FISH, Page A3

"We're on schedule and on budget."

- Jeff Hull, St. Luke's architecture and construction director

## WORK ON NEW ST. LUKE'S TAKES OFF

First above-ground structural work begins for T.F. hospital

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is slowly rising, one steel beam at a

time.

After months of excavation, the \$170 million, 600,000 square-foot facility to replace
the hospital's current Addison Avenue West
location began to grow vertically Wednesday
with the first steel beams placed for its framework.

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Work begun this week will form the hospital's inpatient tower and central plant, St. Luke's architecture and construction director leff Hull said Wednesday. The four-story building will go up in three phases, and the framework for the diagnostics and treatment section and the medical office building should take shape by the fall, he said.

"We're on schedule and on budget," he said. The building at Grandview Drive and Pole Line Road is one of several large projects in the city, and was broken into pieces to ease the burden on contractors, architects and hospital administrators themselves. In some ways, that has complicated things, Hull said, For example, the city of Twin Falls requires three different building permits for each piece. But by doing things this way, St. Luke's staff can better plan, and bids on the various pieces remain low enough for locals to participate.

"If we were to try and wait until the entire campus was designed and detailed, (the bid packages) would be in the tens of millions of



es of the Bolse Steel Erectors, a subco Employees of the bose steer Erectors, a succonductor of St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, secure the first column of structural steel which will be part of the Inpatient Bed Tower Wednesday afternoon in Twin Falls. Each 50-foot column weighs more than

dollars," he said. As it is, Hull has already thrown quite a bit of money about. Of \$10 million in work so far, Magic Valley contractors such as K&T Steel of

## McCain seals GOP nomination as Romney suspends campaign

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WASHINGTON — John McCain effectively sealed the Republican presidential nomination on Thursday as chief rival Mit Romney suspended his fatering campaign. "I must now stand aside, for our party and our country." Romney told conservatives.
"If light on in my campaign, all the way to the convention. I would forestail the launch of a national campaign and make it more likely that Senator Clinton or Obunta Sepending his campaign, as well as the launch of a national campaign and make it more likely that Senator Clinton or Obunta Sepending his campaign. See page A3 simply cannot let uny campaign, bet a part of adding a surrender to terror." Romney told the Conservative Polltical Action Conference in Washington.

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ormer Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney addresses the where he announced he was suspending his presidential campaign.

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#### TODAY'S FORECAST

#### TWIN FALLS

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Saturday





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#### MINI-CASSIA

Today:Blustery with a fading threat of c

middle 30s
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Tomorrow: Coal with increasing sunshine: Flighs middle to

#### Complete weather report: See page B6

#### TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

#### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Disney's "High School Musical," presented by the Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation, 7:30 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, Burley, \$10 reserved seats, \$8 and \$5 general seats, 678-6868.

Seats, 07-0-004.
A dance for all ages, featuring old western music played by Jesse Vaughn and David Bean, 7 to 10 p.m., Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave., Burley, S5. refreshments served, 878-8646.

#### · CHURCH

Lenten Luncheon, with homemade soups, sandwiches, pie and drinks, St. Jeromes Church. 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome, \$5, everyone welcome, 324-3129 or 324-8794.

#### **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Ir. Toastmaster class/club meeting, an eight-week clas to become ongoing club sponsored by Magic Valley Toastmasters for interested youth age 12-18, 4 p.m., Idaho Pizza, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, no cost or obligation to buy food, 316-8534 or 736-2010.

Traditional Storythme, stories and songs for preschoolers, 10:30 a.m., Storytime fixe, Twin Falls Public Library, no cost, 733-2964 ext. 110.
"Youth Options," activities for young people ages 13-19 only, 7 to 10 pm. The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, \$2, 733-8720.

#### GOVERNMENT

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

#### **HEALTH AND RECOVERY**

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Collego of Souther lidahos Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 1.0 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym, Hupert Civic Center and Blaine County Campus Gym: and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475. Fit and Fall Proof exercise class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.
Fit and Fall Proof exercise class, 11 to 11:45 a.m., Oakley Fire Station, 315 E. Main St., Oakley, no cost, 737-5988.

Celebrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight bib-

lical principles, 6 p.m., Cafe Agape, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, 737-4667. ArAnon/Alaton family groups, to help friends and fami-lies of alcoholics, hot-line: 1866-592-3198.

#### MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "ley Worlds/Saving the Night/Live Sky Tour" at 7 p.m. and 'Lynyrd Skyryrd: Fly On Free Bird" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus; Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for stu-dents and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

To have an event fisted, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magic-valley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, ROBAD 548, Iwin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is thou, four days in advance of the event.

#### CORRECTIONS

#### Letter on nuclear

power contained errors A letter to the editor from arry Parke on Thursday's pinion page had three typ-

Opinion page had three typing errors.

The sentences should have read: "Nuclear energy is safe, clean, cheap and available, in spite of Peter Rickards and the Snake River Alliance who offer only

etIONS
scary what if scenarios but
no solutions'; "Because of
the scare merchants spreading their garbage, we're
going to be sitting here cold
and in the dark while the
rest of the world passes us
by'; and "Electricity from
nuclear power was first produced here in Idaho at the
INEL 50 years ago."
The Times-News regrets
the errors.

#### COMING TOMORROW

#### LDS to stay course under Monson

New Mormon leader Thomas Monson pledges to continue building bridges with people of other faiths and holds up young Mormons as 'beacons of goodness' in 'a vorld of shifting values



SATURDAY IN RELIGION



Those of you who doubt that Twin Falls is endlessly entertaining don't use the computer much, do don't use the computer much, do don't use the missed a Web site called http://www.seriouseats.com/that has attracted a cult following across cyberspace for quarter century-old, locally produced TV commercials for the old Prime Cut Meat Market restaurant, which was located on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in the same building that now houses the Riley Creek Restaurant.

The 60-second spots feature closeups of steaks (a chopped steak distinct
or \$1.93 and rancher 'sirioin platter
for \$1.93 and a series of uproarfious
sketches, Including a power ballad
about chicken-fried steak, a send-up of
Dave Campto Song-running IV ads for
Latham Motors, and a mysterious guy
in a wolf mass when produced and aired
from 1980 through 1982. 'blogged their
producer, longtime fivin Falls TV production specialist Brian Croner, who
was working for KMVI at the time.'
The Prime Cut Meat Market closed
just before Christmas 2001 after 25 years
in business, a victim of restaurant com-The 60-second snots feature close

What snew? Wice by Juggen Plats new, different, sed) polgnam, Ironic or funny in the Magic Valley, call Steve Crump at 735-3223 or write to him at scrump@magicvalley.com.

petition ... But 15 years earlier (perhaps thanks in part to Croner) business was booming; the restaurant was pulling in 12,000-15,000 customers a month ...

"We threw in the wolf-masked guy (who was Bob Henry) at the last minute ... just for fun," Croner said ... "Ad was a ... just for fun." Croner said ... "Ad was a parody of the direct response Time-Life hook/recordings series of ads that were running at the time ... Those aids opened with some bimbo in front of a computer. If the back to save you more! ... The ad was shot in an abandoned building in Twin Falls that later became the new site for KMVT television. ... It's good to know someone shares my series of bumor. And, yeah, shot in one hour ... that's all the clean would pay for ... Want more? Croner has posted other Prime Cat videos on You'llube, at mressourcegroup ...

DEMOCRATS,
AND OTHERS:
Don't know If it's significant, but statition wagons outnumbered pickup trucks about 2-1 outside the Idaho Democratic cacucis in Twin Falls on Tuesday ... One of the wagons may or may not have belonged to a lone flon Paul supporter who was either very mistaken about the date of his party's primary (it's May 27) or hopeful hed convince a few Democrats to turn around and go home ... Somewhat forforn, the fellow paraded outside the Twin Falls Senior Center with his flon Paul sign and get filled attention ...
T-IV reporter Mart Christensen says lots of young folks turned out for Obama, though most looked more like confused CSI art students than polisavy youths ... Many didn't know much about Obama's politics — or politics at all, for that matter — but thought thee funitor senator from Illinois was by far the "coolest" candidate in the field ...
There are worst things for a politician to be called ...

Steve Crump is the Times-News opin-ion editor

#### AROUND THE WORLD

#### KENTUCKY

#### Prisoner punches attorney after request denied for new lawyer

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — A public defender who was punched in court by a dis-grantide client said Thursday he doesn't blame the man who gave him with two black eves.

The disorder in the court, captured on video, happened Monday at Scott County Circuit Court after the judge refused defendant Peter refused defendant Peres Hafer's request for a new attorney.

Hafer, 30, of Cynthiana, told the judge he didn't trust

Haler, 30, of Cynthiana, told the Judge he didn't trust his court-appointed lawyer, Doug Crickmer. As Judge Hob Johnson began to tell Hafer he couldn't choose his public defender. Hafer landed the first punch.

T jost couldn't take it anymore and 1 just snapped, Hafer said later at the Scott County jail.

Hafer hit the attorney several times in the face and stomach. Hafer was restrained on the ground. Crickmer was admitted to Georgetown Community Hospital and released later that day. He said he will not file assault charges.

#### NEW YORK UN: 'tobacco epidemic' could kill 1 billion people in 21st century

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NEW YORK — The World
Health Organization warned
in a new report Thursday that
the "tobacco epidemic" is
prowing and could claim a
billion lives by the end of the
county unless governments
dramatically step up efforts to
curb smoking.
In its first comprehensive
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report on tobacco use in 179
countries, the U.N. health
agency sald governments
around the world collect
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more than \$200 billion in tobacco taxes every year but spend less than one-fifth of 1 percent of that revenue on tobacco control, it said.
"We hold in our hands the solution to the global tobacco epidemic that threatens the lives of 1 billion men, women and children during this certury," WHO Director-General Dr. Margaret Chan said in an

#### GOING GAGA OVER FLOCKE



Polar bear cub Flocke sits with a keeper at the Tiergarten Nuernberg zoo in Nuremberg, Germany, recently. Flocke, born in December, rose to star status after being taken from its mother on Jan. 8 amid concerns that she could kill or harm the newborn. German toymakers are rushing to cash in on public excitement about the fluffs onth-old cub by releasing puzzles, gar es and stuffed toys in her image

introduction to the report.
The WHO Report on the
Global Tobacco Epidemic
2008 calls on all countries to
dramatically increase effors
to prevent young people from
beginning to smoke help
smokers quit and protect
nonsmokers from exposure
to second hand smoke.

#### IDAHO After front page photo shows him taking wallet, man gets 30 days in jail

LEWISTON — A man iden-tified in a front-page newspa-per photo has been sen-tenced for what he was doing when another photograph — shown on the same front page — was taken.

page — was taken. Michael Millhouse, Michael Milliouse, wearing a blue and black check-ered coat, is painting decora-tive Christmas greetings on storefront windows in one photo published Dec. 13 in the Lewiston Tribune. The other image was taken from surveillance video footage that reportedly showed a then-unidentified man slip-ping a women's waller in the pocket of that same coat and walking away. Milliouse, 43, of Clarkston,

Wash., entered an Alford plea to third-degree theft Monday in Washington's Asotin County Superior Court. Under such a plea, a defen-dant admis no wrongdoing but concedes be or she would be convicted if the case went

Millhouse was sentenced to 365 days in Jail with 335 suspended and was allowed suspended and was allowed to serve the remaining 30 days under electronic home monitoring. He was also ordered to pay \$600 resitution, the amount the woman said was in her purse when it disappeared.

#### BRITAIN Winehouse visa denied but she will perform by satellite at Grammys

LONDON — Amy Winehouse will not attend this year's Grammy Awards because her request for a visa was denied, but she will per-form by satellite at Sunday's ceremony in Los Angeles.

Winchouse and he acclaimed "Back to Black album are nominated for Grammys in six categories, She will perform material from the album, an executive close to the Grammys told The Associated Press on con-dition of anonymity Thursday.

IRAQ Angelina Jolie's Baghdad trip includes visits to Petraeus, al-Maliki

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BAGHDAD — Hollywood's
globe-trotting leading lady
swooped into Baghdad on
Thursday to highlight the
plight of trad refugees, gaining an audience with Gen.
David Petraeus, the top U.S.
commander in Iraq, and Iraqi
Prime Minister Nouri alMallki, the American
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Embassy sald.
On her mission as a U.N.
goodwill ambassador, Jolie
also met with Iraqi migration
officials to stress that there
needs to be a coherent plan
for the more than 2 million
internally displaced Iraqis
who are beginning to trickle
back to their homes amid a
recent lull in violence.
Jolie mingled with
American troops during
lunch at a dibnig facility in
the heavily guarded Green
Zone, which houses the
embassy and Iraqi government offices.

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## Revenue

budget writing committee, likened the slump to the warning signs that NASCAN officials give to drivers: Slow down and keep an eye out for accidents ahead.

"While we're not raising the panic flag or the red flag, we are certainly raising the brange or yellow flag," brange or yellow flag," Cameron said, "We need to be a little bit cautious."

#### Weather

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and Wood River Valley
regions were still facing the
wrath of winter.
The National Weather
Service issued winter storm
warnings Thursday in the
Sawtooth Mountains and Big
and Little Wood River valleys.

Of Otter's state employee pay proposal, Cameron said, "It's unclear at this stage whether we can actually fit the 5 percent ... into our budget." budget." Luna didn't immediately

Otter aides said that while the governor understands the financial situation, he still believes there will be enough money to pay for his pay package. The 5 percent ... remains the governor's top priority at this time," said Wayne respond to requests for com-ment on whether his teacher the governor's top priority at this time," said Wayne Hammon, head of Otter's Division of Financial Management. "There a lot of other things in the budget" that could be cut instead. pay plan could fall victim. It's already been criticized, already been criticized, mostly because of a provi-sion to require educators to give up some existing job security in exchange for more money.

Among proposals that could be cut are expanding

ed to reopen later Thursday. In the north, sections of U.S. Highway 95 and U.S. Highway 12 are closed. In the southeast, portions of Interstate 15 and sections of U.S. Highways 20 and 26 are shut down. Earlier in the day 1-84 between Cassia County and the Utah state line was closed, along with 1-86 from the Cassia County

the existing \$26 million gro-cery tax credit; eliminating Idaho's \$106 million personal property tax on business equipment; more than \$20 million on new or remodeled buildings at the state's public universitiets. \$50 million pro-posed for low-income stu-dent scholarships; and \$70 million for a new secure facility to house Idaho's dan-gerously mentally ill.

gerously mentally ill.

"He may, like the rest of us, have to adjust his priorities,"

junction to Pocatello.
Cloudy conditions are expected today with a high near 36 degrees, according to a Thursday evening forecast from the National Weather Service.

Andrea Gates may be reached at 735-3380. The Associated Press con-tributed to this report.

#### St. Luke's

#### Continued from page A1 Twin Falls have done \$8 mil-

Twin Falls have done so milion.

"We've really enjoyed working with them," Hull said of local firms.

Space at the current hospital Isn't exactly plentful. But though growing pains were among the reasons for the new building, hospital Chief Operating Officer Kent Loss'e said that the faellity will meet community needs until the new one opens in 2016.

ty needs until the new one opens in 2010. Administrators were even able to shift the hospital's medical records department and make room for ohemotherapy patients at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute.

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"I think that our facility is perfectly adequate to pro-vide services until the new facility is ready," Loosle

said.

It will be some time before workers pour the hospital's concrete floors, and even longer before work begins on "envelope" parts such as glazing, windows and exterior work. But for the moment, Loosle said, he's happy to see the

work progress above ground level.
"We hope the community is as excited as we are to see the progress of the facility,"

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

#### Romney\_

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Romney's decision leaves
McCain as the top man standing in the GOP race, with Mike
Huckabee and Texas Rep. Ron
Paul far behind in the delegate
hunt. It was a remarkable
turnaround for McCain, who aumaround for McCain, who some seven months ago was barely wishle, out of cash, and loosing staff. The fourtern Arizona senator, deniced his party's nonlination in 2000, west poised to succeed George W. Bush as the GOP standard-bearer.

Commenting on his front-mmer status — a tilde he had and tost last year — McCain told the conference, "This time I now have that distinction and i prefer to hold onlo it for quite a while." McCain and Rommey's speech, thought no endorse speech, though no endorse speech, though no endorse me.

McCain and Romney spoke by phone after Romney's speech, though no endorse-ment was requested nor offered, according to a Republican official with knowledge of the conversa-

Republican official with knowledge of the conversa-tion.

Within hours of Romney's speech, former Republican National Committee chair-man Ken Mehlman endorsed McCain and urged all mem-bers of the GOP to back him. 'Our party has had many outstanding candidates this year, but it is now time for Republicans across the coun-try to unite,' Mehlman said. McCain prevailed in most of the Super Tuesday states, moving closer to the 1,191 telegates needed to with nor ledegates, to 294 for Romney, 195 for Huckabee and Paul at 14.

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The case involves the Bonneville cutthroat trout, a little-known fish found primarily in Utah with small population segments in southeastern Idaho.

southeastern Idaho, Wyoming and Nevada. In 2001, Fish and Wildlife determined the species did not warrant protection. The Center for Biological

Center for Biological Diversity, an Arizona-based environmental group, sued, and reached a settlement agreement with the govern-

agreement with the govern-ment.
Following the settlement, the agency developed the new policy, enabling Fish and Wildlife to consider listings based on whether a species may be threatened in a sig-nificant portion of its range, not the entirety of historic ranges.

ranges.
The environmental group said it's pleased with any protection but says the policy is a

Fish

opulation outheastern

## Romney's exit surprises Idaho leaders

BOISE - State lawmakers busy with committee meet-ings and how to spend a shrinking budget are not immune to national politics

The Idaho Transportation Department reported several state highway closures, including portions of U.S. Highway 20 between Arco and Carey and a stretch between Mountain Home and Falffield. The department has closed a 37-mile stretch of Idaho Highway 75 between Shoshome and Bellevue, which was expect-

involves the White House.
Thursday was no exception and many expressed
disappointment — and surprise — after former
Massachusetts Gov. Mitt
Romney's announcement
that he was dropping out of
the race for the Republican
nomination. Almost two
dozen state lawmakers have
expressed their support for
Romney.

guard," Sen, Denton Darrington, R-Declo, the body's most senior member, and a Romney supporter. "What's today, Thursday,

was Tuesday? Tenmey's strong support In Idaho was highlighted by top figures in political fundrishing. Romney carned \$500,806 in 2007. more than half of the total \$1.19 million that was donated last year to candidates and parties, according to the Federal Election Commission's most recent

report on Jan. 31. His strongest financial backing came from the top portion of southeastern Idaho,

Idaho Lt. Gov. Jim Risch, who is running to replace Sen. Larry Craig, said he was not surprised by Romney's move given Tuesday's

not surprised by Romneys move given Tuesday's results.

"This is the process," said Risch, who served as chairman of Romney's Idaho campalgn, "After Super Tuesday the writing was on the wall and the presumption—or my presumption—was that the nomination—was that the nomination was continued for the laboratory of the control of the process of the control of the cont

mcCain."

Romney is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the largest church in Idaho. Risch said his religion probably didn't contribute to his losses.

losses.
"When you're competing at this level, people assess you for various reasons," he said: "It's the court of public

said: "it's the com. -opinion." Risch said that he thinks McCain will unite the party. He added that although he doesn't agree will all of the

Arizona senator's views—he called his immigration plan a form of amnesty—no candidate is perfect.

Romney also had the support of other state leaders, including Republican Rep. Miks Simpson

Mike Simpson. "Unfortunately,

Mike Simpson.

"Unfortunately, sometimes the best candidate doesn't always win in politics," aid Simpson spokes-woman Nikki Watts, adding that Simpson "lasan't looked into endorsing anyone else." Rep. Bert Stevenson, R. Rupert, who donated \$900 to flommey's campaign last year, said he liked Rommey's business background and was disappointed he dropped out, but said that the decision was probably made after a careful evaluation.

tion. •
"How much money are you going to spend when you know you are not going to stay in the race?" he

asked.

Darrington touted not only Romney's business success, but also his ability to work with Democrats in Massachusetts.

"He looked presidential, he's presently without scandar," Darrington said. "Nonetheless, he's out of the scene now."

venture capitalist invested more than \$40 million of his own money into the race, counted on early whis in few, and New Hampshire that never materialized and won just seven states on Super Tuesday, mostly small caucus states.

bers, relying heavily on state agencies for details. In Idaho, state wildlife offi-cials say the trout isn't thriv-

ing, but populations are sta-ble and could rise because of recent federal money for cutroat programs.
"At least for the portion in

At least for the potential Idaho, we're in pretty good shape, said Richard Scully, a fisheries biologist with the state's Pocatello office. "We have good reason to b things are going to get bet-

A final federal decision isn't expected for at least two years.

# this Vallentines Day $\mathbf{R} \mathbf{O}$

especially when involves the White House.

Romney,
"He caught us a little off guard," Sen. Downey.

and the primary election was Tuesday?"

of southeastern Idaho, including Idaho Falls and Rexburg, with \$299,409. But Romney also collected \$50,980 in south-central

was going to go to John McCain."

ed. It is unlikely Romney would throw his support to Huckabee; the -animosity between the two has pervad-ed the GOP race. Romney launched his cam-paign almost a year ago in his native Michigan. The former Massachusetts governor and

Romney suspended his campaign, allowing him to hold onto his delegates. However, if McCain secures their support — combined with his own delegates — he would be nearly at the magic number and hiuckabee would be mathematically eliminat-

tive, you want to look across the whole range, not just one area, "said Noah Greenwald, a conservation biologist with the group who specializes in petitioning species for protection in the interior West. "Now, they're only going to look at the places where species are most endangered."

That's a good thing — for cutthroats and other species—said Diane Katzenberger, a Fish and Wildlife spokes-woman in Colorado. "It allows us to protect the species where it is most at risk," she said. The government hasn't listed a new species under the ESA in almost two years. It has several times changed its mind about considering new species for the list, including two in Idaho in just the past few months. In anuary, Fish and Wildlife reversed an earlier decision to consider listing the pygmy rabbit. In December, it changed its mind about sage grouse.

rouse. In each case judges forced the government to take another look after environ-mental groups sued. The govsider listing a third species, the slickspot peppergrass plant native to a small area of south-central Idaho, if a judge sides with Halley-based Western Watersheds Project in a pending suit. The government rarely reconsiders a listing on its own, Katzenberger said.

The agency is now conducting a year-long information-gathering process to find out more about Bonneville cuttitroat numbers, relying heavily on state

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## Big bucks battle: Obama rakes in \$7.2 M, Clinton \$6.4M in intense race

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Battling for every dollar and delegate. Barack Obama arised \$7.2 million in Super Tuesday's wake and Hillary Rodham Clinton pulled in \$6.4 million, stunning totals reflecting the intensity of their neck-and-neck race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Keenly aware of Obama's growing strength, Clinton challenged him to five debates in the next month. Obama initially put her off, then later agreed to two. "We'll have some debates." Obama promised. But first, he said, "I've got to spend time with voters." Clinton, he argued, is better-known to voters in states coming up on the primary calendar.

Clinton, who loaned her

campaign \$5 million in the run-up to Super Tuesday, brushed aside the notion she has money problems. She pointed to the roughty even split of delegates still being allocated from Tuesday's primaries and caucuses as evidence her campaign has the financial muscle to compete.

"We're going to be fine," sald Clinton. By the end of the week, we'll be back on track," she told ABC.



Clinton offered to work without pay, but that wasn't necessary with the sudden influx

of cash.

National campaign chairman Terry McAuliffe, in a
conference call with 300
Clinton fundralsers nationwide, assured them: "All staff
100 percent paid. Not an
issue."

Indeed, whatever the cur-rent balance in the money chase, both candidates have

been raising and spending incredible sums.

Each raised \$100 million last year and sped through

at least \$80 million. That compared to \$120 million raised by all the Democratic candidates combined during 2003, the comparible period four years ago. President Bush running uncontested, builded in \$123 million of his own that year. Any financial crunch for Clinton would be largely due to lopsided fundralising in January, when Obama pulled in \$32 million to her \$13.5 million.



Kyson Stowell, 11 months, rubs his eyes while in a hospital in Nashville, Tenn., Thursday. Kyson was found in a field, about 100 yards away from his house, after a serere storm went through Castalian Springs, Tenn., Tuesday, His mother, Kerri Stowell, was killed.

#### Baby found alive amid tornado debris in Tenn.

CASTALIAN SPRINGS, Tenn. (AP) — At first, rescuers thought it was a doll. Then it

Tenn. (AP) — A first, rescuers thought it was a doll. Then it moved.

In a grassy pasture strewn with tops, splintered lumber and bricks tossed by the tornado's widespread wrath. Honoth bold Syson Stowell Isanoth Syson Stowell Isanoth Syson Stowell Isanoth Isanot

for a few scrapes, Kyson was fine.

At a makeshift shelter for storm victims at Hartsville Pike Church of Christ in nearly Gallatin, the Rev. Doyle Jearis said the child was a reminder that people "should never give up, even in the midst of the worst storm." "If you look, you can find an Inspiration or a bright spot," he said. "The child will always be a reminder in this spot," he said. "The child will always be a reminder in this community of that message." Kyson's story emerged as a late of hope amid spectacular misery as residents in Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama and Arkansas tried to plece their lives back together after the nation's deadliest wister rampage in two decades killed 59 people. The extent of the damage was \_still\_being\_talled.

storms.
Federal and state emergency teams dashed into the hardest-hit areas, along with utility workers and insurance

utility workers and insurance claims representatives. President Bush, who said he called the governors of the affected states to offer support, planned to visit Tennessee on Friday. Though however the control of the ice station.

Ice station.
In Greenville, Ky., 18-year-old Samantha Oakley gave birth to a healthy 7-pound, 1-ounce son in the dark soon after the storm knocked out power at Muhlenberg Community Hospital.





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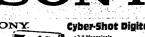
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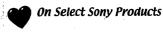
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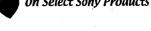




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#### Atlantis averts another delay, streams toward space station

By John Johnson Jr. Los Angeles Timos

The space shuttle Atlantis launched Thursday on an 11-day mission to the International Space Station. Globwing weeks of delays and technical glitches: that threat-ened to set back NASAS station construction schedule. The spacecraft lifted off from Kennedy Space Center at 245 pm. EST affer thick clouds that threatened to caucht leaven and the subject of the space of the launch suddenly broke over the central Florida coast-line.

"Looks like today's a good day and were ready to go fly," said shuttle commander Stephen Frick.

"We wish you smooth salling to the New World among the stars," said launch official Jerry Goodson, making one of many launch-day references to Christopher Columbus' Journey to America.

The reason was that Atlantis is carrying a 10-ton, The 21-font-long, 15-font-wide laboratory, mobule named Columbus' in its payload bay. The 23-font-long is 15-font-wide laboratory, which will support biology and physics experiments in space, is Europe's major contribution to the space station. space station

Scores of European at Kennedy for the much-awaited event. They celebrat-ed the launch with Belgian and French chocolates, as well as grape Juice, a substi-tute for champagne in keep-ing with NASA's rules against alcohol.

ing with NASAs rules against alcohol.
"It's not very European," joked Italian astronaut Paolo Nespoli, as he poured juice into wine glasses.
"This is one of the more significant shuttle launches well ever have," said NASA Administrator Michael Griffin. "It brings to the space station truly international participation, it shows this is real partnership among nations."
The launch appeared to go smoothly, although cameras on the ground and on the spacecraft saw three possible incidents of ice or insulating foam flaking off the external fuel tank.
Debris has assumed greater

fuel tank.

Debris has assumed greater importance since the shuttle Columbia was destroyed by a piece of foam hitting its left wing in 2003. The final verdict on the health of the shuttle work be rendered until after Adantis docks on Saturday at the space station.





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## Congress sends stimulus package to Bush with tax rebates for many

Bush signals approval By Andrew Taylor and Julie Hirschfeld Davis

WASHINGTON - Con ress, facing the prospect on n election-year recession assed an emergency plan thursday that rushes rebate an election-year recommendation passed an emergency plan Thursday that rushes rebates of \$600 to \$1,200 to most tax-payers and \$300 checks to disabled veterans, the elderly and other low-income peo-ple. President Bush indicated he would sign the measure.

ne would sign the measure.
House passage by a 380-34
vote came a few hours after
Senate leaders ended a
drawn-out stalemate over
the bill. Still, by congressional standards, lawmakers
approved the legislation with
weamtimal enough to left the approved the legislation with exceptional speed to jolt the weak economy. The plan, which adds \$168 billion to the deficit over two years, is intended to provide cash for people to spend and tax relief for businesses to make new investments — bnosts for an economy battered by a housing domaturn and credit crunch.

Rebate checks could begin arriving in May. They would be based on 2007 tax returns. Which are due April 15.

The Senate's 81-16 vote capped more than a week of political maneuvering. The logiam broke when majority Democrats dropped their demand that rescue proposal offer jobless benefits, heating, aid for the poor and tax breaks for the home building and energy industries.

GOP senators blocked exceptional speed to jolt the

breaks for the home building and energy industries. GOP senators blocked those ideas, but agreed to add \$300 rebates for older people and disabled veterans to a \$161 billion measure the

to a \$161 billion measure the House passed last week. Bush said he would sign the final plan, which he called "robust, broad-based, timely, and it will be effective." The compromise, he said-irar statement after the Senate acted, was 'an example of bipartisan cooperation at a time when the Annerican people most expect it." The legislation would deliver rebates — \$600 for

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individuals, \$1,200 for couples — to most taxpayers, plus an additional \$300 per child. Individuals making up to \$75,000 a year and couples carning up to \$150,000 a would get the full rebate, with those making more than that or too little to owe taxes getting smaller checks. People who paid no income taxes but earned at least \$3,000 — including through \$50.61 Security or \$100.00 for \$100

least \$3,000 — including through Social Security or veterans' disability benefits — would get a \$300 rebate. "We believe the stimulus,

the way it is targeted, will put money into the hands of those who will spend it immediately, injecting demand into the economy

demand into the economy and therefore creating jobs. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Califf, told colleagues. The measure also includes steps to boost the ailing housing market. It would temporarily raise the limit on Federal Housing Administration loans and the cap on loans that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mae can buy to \$729,750.

The package was the product of a rare spate of bipartisan cooperation, on Capitol Hill, where Democrats and Republicians teamed with the White House on a bill that fell far short of both parties' pri-

far short of both parties' pri-orities but could draw broad

consensis.

An early agreement forged by Pelosi and Minority Leader John Boelenter, R-Ohio, along with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson enjoyed a fast and smooth ride through the House, with lawmakers loath to stand in the way of a plan that could address their constituents' economic words in advance of November's elections.

advance of Novembers as a closely divided Senate, where Democratis were determined to exact a political price from Republicans by forcing them into tough votes on whether to add popular Items such as \$14.5 billion in jobless aid for those whose unemployment benefits have run out, \$1 billion in heating ald for the



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nev., second from left, meets reporters on Capitol Hill lo Washington, Thursday after Senate Demo and Republicans reached agreement on an economic stimulus packa; From left are, Sen. Richard Durbin, D-III., Reid, Sen. Max Baucus, Dnt., and Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash.

made a commitment to get this bill done before (Feb. 15), and we did that," said Majority Leader Harry Reid,

D-Nev.
The retreat came after
Pelosi sided with
Republicans, including

poor and tax breaks for energy companies, including coal

gy companies, including coal producers. Senate Democratic leaders paired those items with rebates for older Americans and disabled veterans and threatened that Republicans would have to accept them or risk being blamed for leav-ing those politically powerful groups out of the stimulus plan. In the end, though

plan.
In the end, though,
Democrats couldn't draw
enough support for their
\$205 billion alternative to
break a GOP fillbuster blocking it.

The turnaround in the

The turnaround in the Senate came after Democrats on Wednesday fell just one vote short of overcoming file Republican objections and pressing ahead with their more costly

They relented Thursday and allowed a vote on a more mey relented Thursday and allowed a vote on a more limited proposal that includ-ed the rebates for the elderly and veterans, plus language designed to prevent illegal inmigrants from getting the checks.

"I could have played around with this and tried to

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Senate Minority Leader
Mitch McGonnell of
Kentucky, and urged the
Senate to stop its infighting
and pass the bill.
Thirty-three Republicans
Joined 46 Democrats and the
Senate's two independents to
pass the measure. Sixteen
Republicans senators voted
against the plan.
Idaho Rep. Mike Simpson
said after voting against the
ceonomic stimules package
Thursday. "Our nation would
be fair better off by passing
permanent iax reductions
than by offering one time
rebates to a select group." rebates to a select group."

He added, "Congress

He added, "Congress needs to look at some real, long-term solutions. Instead, they issue 'small bandages' that only allow the problem

nation only allow me problem to get more severe. Adding \$150 billion to our national debt is not the answer." The two Democratic presi-dential candidates, Sens, Illilary Rodham Clinton of NewYork and Barack Obama of Illinois, skipped the vote.



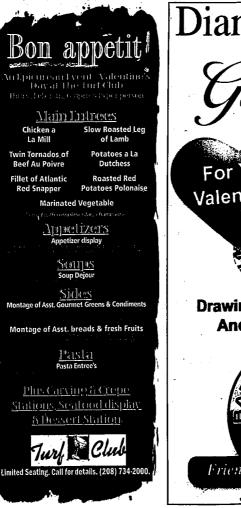
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Friday, February 22nd All male singers are invited to participate, including-

those from area schools and churches

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7:30pm Tuesday, Feb 12, and Tuesday, Feb 19 All singers will be admitted free to both women's and men's games on February 22nd. For more info, call Chuck: 543-5480 or Fred: 324-5365.





#### EDITORIAL -

## **GARVEE could** run Idaho into the ditch

n case the state needed reasons to hit the brakes on the Connecting Idaho initiative, Transportation Department Director Pam
Lowe provided them in spades Thursday,
Idaho is relying more on federal funds to
keep its roads open, Lowe told the Legisture's Joint
Finance-Appropriations Committee, and that doesn't bode well for the future.
In 1996, Idaho got 45 percent of its funding from

service? It's a GARVEE nightmare, and it could be

coming to Idaho soon.

What do you

welcome view-

think? We

In 1996, Idaho got 45 percent of its funding from the federal government. Last year it was 57 percent. So Idahoans get more money for roads than we pay in federal fuel taxes, and states that subsidize us aren't happy. Lowe expects cuts for Idaho in the 2010 renewal of the federal transportation act — hitting just as we start making big payments on our Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle bonds.

Anticipation Revenue Vehicle bonds.
GARVEE bonds allow states to complete road projects faster than pay-as-you-go construction. The debt is paid with federal fuel tax revenues while the

eral fuel tax revenues while the state makes annual interest payments.
Two years ago, the Kempthorne administration predicted debt service would cut funds available for projects mot in GARVEI: from \$245 mil-lion in 2006 to \$163 million in 2011

2011.
Let's put that in context; Just one project — upgrading Interstate 14 in the Treasure Valley — costs \$108 million.
Parts of Lowe's testimony sounded uncannily like the reservations state Rep. Leon Smith, R-Tivin Falls, articulated in 2005, when Connecting Idaho was first proposed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.
Future federal funding is uncertain, Smith argued at the time, and debt should never be allowed to compromise maintenance needs.
In short, he said, the state is better off paying for roads the same way it pays for everything else: with dollars on the barrelhead.
Johaho may face a full-blown highway crisis in

dollars on the barrelhead.

Idaho may face a full-blown highway crisis in
2011, with far less federal money coming in and bal
looning GARVEE debt payments.

If that happens, we'll all look back fondly to 2008,
when the state gas tax was only 25 cents a gallon.

The Legislature must inist on a top-to-bottom
review of current and future GARVEE spending.

Lawmakers may find we simply can't afford it.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Here's a place for snow after plowing

I would like you to try to put two different Su/do/kus in the newspa-per. I would like you to try because hoth my parents like to do the Su/do/kus.

My parents said that the newspaper said that the city worth plow the sider mods because the city says there is no place to put the snow. Our street is really messy after its nows. My mom said she wouldn't mind having the snow dumped in our yard. So they could ask homeowners to have the snow dumped in their yard. DEREK WITHERS TWIN FAILS My parents said th

DERIER WITHERS
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(Editor's note: Derek
Withers, 13, is a Boy Scout in
Troop 59, sponsored by the
Twin Falls LDS 1st Ward, num raus 1195 15t Ward, and a seventh grader at O'Leary funior High School. He wrote this letter as a requirement for his Communications merit badge.)

#### Activity on discrimination teaches powerful lesson

I'm wondering whether you contacted any of the hundreds of parents whose children have some through children have gone through the Martin Luther King

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activity over the last 16 years in the Jerome area — or former students them-

why is it that one person Why is it that one person who is not happy about something draws more attention than the hundreds who are. The little gift was emotional. How do we think all the children who are discriminated against feel? My hope is that she will, in the long run, retain this lesson for the rest of her life and never, ever discriminate anyone for any reason.

RARBARA THOMAS

## Now comes the hard part for McCain

ASHINGTON — On Super Tuesday, John McCain secured the Republican nomination. How did that happen? Slimple. In the absence of a compelling conservative, the Republican electorate turned to the apostate sheriff.

in the beginning, there were two. There was were two./There was America's mayor, Rudy Guliani, determined to "go on offense." And there was America's maverick, John McCaln, scourge of Iraq wob-



Both aroused deep suspi-cions among conservatives. Giullani's major apostasy is being pro-choice on abor-tion, McCain's apostasies are too numerous to count. He's held the line on abortion, hut on just about everything else he could find — tax cuts, immigration, campaign finance reform, Guantunamo — he not only opposed the conservative consensus but inskited on doing so with ostentatious self-righteous-ness. Both aroused deep suspi-

ness.
The story of this campalgn is how many Republicans didn't care, and felt that national security trumps social heresy. The problem for Giullani and McCain, for Guillani and Acc.ain, however, was that they were splitting that constituency. Then came Giuliani's humili-ation in Florida. After he withdrew from the race, he threw his support to McCain — and took his followers with him.

threw his support to McCain—and took his followers with him.
Look at the numbers.
Before Florida, the national polls had McCain hovering around 30, and Gitdlani in the mid-teens. After Florida, McCain's numbers jumped to the mid-40s, swallowing the Gitdlani constituency whole.
On Super Tuesday, the Gitdlani effect showed up in the big Northeastern states—New York, New Jersey.
McCain won the first three with absolute majorities of 51 percent or more.
And in California, McCain—Gitdlani (plus Schwarzenegger, for good measure) moderate tepublicantsm captured 42 percent of the vote.



#### The road to the White House

Ipcoming presidential primaries and caucuses:

Saturday — Kansas (Republicans only), Louislana, Nebraska
(Democrats only), Virgin Islands (Democrats only), Washington
Sunday — Maine (Democrats only)
Tuesday — Marjond, District of Columbia, Virginia
Feb. 36 — Guam (Republicans only)
Feb. 35 — Guam (Republicans only)
Feb. 32 — American Samoa (Republicans only)
March 4 — Ohio, Rhode Island, Fosas, Vermont
March 8 — Wyoming (Democrats only)

Elsewhere, where Gluliani Elsewhere, where Gullain was not a factor, McCain got no comparable boost. In Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia, he could never break through even 37 percent. The vote was divided roughly evenly among McCain, Mike Huckabee and Mitt Bonney (trailing). But these splits were not enough to make up for the winner-take-all hig ones, all of which McCain wor.

The other half of the story behind McCain wor. a far smaller Republican constituency for the apostate sheriff had there been a compelling conservative to challenge him. But there rever was.

The first messianic sighting was not a factor, McCain got

lenge him. But there rever was.

The first messianic sighting was Fred Thompson, who soared in the early polls, then faded because he was too diffident and/or normal to embrace with any enthusiasm the indiguities of the modern campaign.

Then, for that brief and shining lown moment, there was Huckabee — until conservatives actually looked at

example) as governor of Arkansas, and listened to the music of his often unconser-

vative populism.

That left Romney, the final stop in the search for the That left Romney, the final stop in the search for the compelling conservative. I found him to be a fine candidate who would have made a fine president. But until very recently, he was shunned by most conservatives for ideological tauthenticity. Then, as the post-florida McCain panie grew, conservatives tried to embrace Romney, but the gesture was both too late and as improvised and convenient-looking as Romney's own many conversions. (So late and so improvised that it could not succeed. On Thursday, Romney withdrew from the race.)

Conservatives are on the eternal search for a new Reagan. They refuse to accept the fact that a nowement leader who is also a glited politician is a once-la-lifetime phenomenon. But there's an even more profound reason why no Reagan showed up this election cycle and why the apostate shefff

is going to win the nominais going to win the nonthia-tion. The reason is George W. Bush. He redefined conser-vation with a "compassion— ate" variant that is a distinct departure from classic Reaganism. Bush muddled the ideo-logical waters of conser-vation. It was Bush who teamed with Teddy Kennedy to pass No Child Left Behind, a federal wenture into educa-tion that would have been anathema to the early

tion that would have been another to the carly? Reagan. It was Bush who signed the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform. It was Bush who strongly supported the McCain-Kennedy immigration bill. It was Bush who on his own created a vast new entitlement program, the McGain-Kennedy immigration bill. It was Bush who on his own created a vast new entitlement program, the McGain-Grupp benefit. And It was Bush who conducted a foreign policy so expansive and, at Ilmes, redemptive as to send paler-conservatives like Pat Buchanon and traditional conservatives like George Will into appolexy and despair (respectively). Who in the end prepared the ground for the McCain ascendancy? Not Feingold. Not Kennedy, Not even Giuliani. It was George W. Bush. Bush begat McCain. Bush remains popular in his party. Even conservatives are inclined to forgive him lis various hersies because they are trumped by his singular achievenment: Ite's kept us saic. He's the original apostate sheriff. anathema to (the early)

Syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer car reached at letters@charles krauthammer.com.

## Think a president runs the economy? You're dreaming

THINK A DIES!

WASHINGTON — As the economy weakmain intensifies, we'll hear more of James Carville's 
familiar refrain: It's the economy, stupid. Well, it ain't or, at 
least, shouldn't be. I'm not 
claiming that Carville is 
wrong about voting. People 
vote their pockethooks. In the 
latest Washington Post-ABC 
News poll, the economy overshadows Iraq as the most 
important issue by a 39 percent to 19 percent margin. 
What I'm saying is that this 
sort of voting is shortsighted. 
It rewards or punishes candidates for something beyond 
their power.

We have a \$14 trillion econony. The idea that presidents 
can control it lies between an 
exaggeration and an illusion. 
Our presidential preferences 
ought to reflect judgments 
about candidates' character, 
values, competence and their 
views on issues where what 
they think counts; foreign 
policy; long-term economic 
and social policy — how they 
would tax and spend; health

they think counts: foreign policy; long-term economic and social policy — how they would tax and spend; health care; immigration. Forget the business cycle. True, presidents try to manipulate it. In 1971. Presidents Nicio imposed wage and price controls in part to prevent inflation from jeopardizing his re-election. The economy boomed in 1972. But the controls were a



time-delayed disaster. When they were removed, inflation they were removed, inflati exploded to 12 percent in 1974. In 1980, the Carter

exploded to 12 percent in 1974. In, 1890, the Carter administration adopted credit controls to squelch raging inflation. The result was a short recession—a complete surprise—that probably sealed Carter's defeat in November.

History's long view teaches the same lesson. No president intelligence the business cycle than Franklin Roosevelt. When he took office in 1933, unemployment was roughly 25 percent. By executive order and congressional legislation, FDR effectively abandoned the gold standard, adopted deposit insurance, tried to prop up failing farm and factory prices, rescued many defaulting homeowners, regulated the stock market and embarked on massive public with what result? Well, leaving the gold standard.

with what result Well, leaving the gold standard aided recovery. But some eco nomic research suggests that other New Deal measures may have frustrated revival.

In any case, all of them together didn't end the Geat Depression. World War II did that. In 1939, unemployment was still 17 percent.

No matter, When the economy is good, presidents clain credit; when it's not, their opponents blame them. Political phrase-making compounds the error by personalizing the process.

To his worshippers, Ronald Reagan's great economic achievements were tax cuts and spending restraint. Not so, Reagan's singular feat was supporting Paul Volcker's Federal Reserve in suppressing double-digit inflation, which had destabilized the economy (four recessions between 1969 and 1982), From 1980 in 1983, inflation dropped from 13 percent to 4 percent. This is et the stage for the long expansions of both the 1980s and 1990s.

Reagan's cut in tax rates probably helped slightly, but

the iong expansions in our the iong expansion in our the 1980s and 1990s. Reagan's cut in tax rates probably helped slightly, but the overall tax burden wasn't much reduced. In 1988, taxes were 18.2 percent of gross domestic product (GDP), slightly above the post-1950 average until then 117.8 percent of GDP, With a military buildup, spending restraint was negligible. In 1986, feel-al outlays were 21.3 percent of GDP enty slightly lower than President Carter's last year 21.7 percent).

ear (21.7 percent). Bill Clinton had little to do

with the causes of the 1990s' economic expansion; low inflation; low of prices; a computer and Internet bosom; a stock market boson. The chain made for Clintonomics is that paring the federal budget deficit in 1993 provided the essential catalyst by reducing interest rates. But long-term rates in 1994 were actually higher than in 1993. Clinton's contribution was self-restraint. He didn't meddle with the Fed. Of course, presidents do affect the economy. But their greatest influence often occurs after the economy But their process of the economy. But their products after the economy. But their products are the economy. But their p

inflation.
The converse is also true.
The anti-inflationary policies
of the early 1980s sent unem-ployment to 10.8 percent.
Reagan's popularity plum-

presidents could control the business could contr the business cycle, recessio would never occur, there would always be "full employment" and inflation would remain forever tame.

## Clinton, Obama and health insurance

The principal policy division between Hillary Clinton and Birack Obama Involves health care. It's a division that can seem technical and obscure — and I've read many assertions that only the most wonkish care about the fine print of their proposals.

proposals.

There really is a big difference between the candidate approaches. And new ence serween the candidates' approaches. And new research, just released, confirms what I've been saying: The difference between the plans could well be the difference between achieving universal health coverage — a key progressive goul — and failing far show the say that a plan resembling Clinton's would cover almost wice as many of those now uninsured as a plan resembling Objantas — at only slightly higher cost. Let's talk about how the plans compare.

plans compare.

Both plans require that private insurers offer policies to everyone, regardless of medical history. Both also allow people to buy into government-offered insurance

And both plans seek to make insurance affordable to lower-income Americans, The Clinton plan is, however, more explicit about affordability, promising to limit

more explicit about affordability, promising to limit insurance costs as a percentage of family income. And it also seems to include more funds for subsidies.

But the big difference is mandates: The Clinton plan requires that everyone have insurance: the Obama plan doesn't.

Obama claims that people will buy insurance if it becomes affordable. Unfortunately, the evidence says otherwise.

After all, we already have programs that make health insurance free or very cheap to many low-income Americans, without requiring that they sign up. And many of those eligible fall, for whatever reason, to enroll. r reason, to enroll.

ever reason, to enroll.

An Obama-type plan would also face the problem of leathty people who decide to take their chances or doctor sign up until they develop medical problems, thereby take their chances or don't sign up until they develop medical problems, thereby raising premiums for everyone else. Obama, contradicting his earlier assertions that affordability is the only har to coverage is now talking about penalizing those who delay signing up— but it so telear how this would work.

So the Obama plan would leave more people uninsured than the Clinton plan. How big is the difference?

To answer this question you need to make a detailed analysis of health care decisions. That's what Jonathan Gruber of the Massachusetts Institute of Tetchology, one of America's leading health care economists, does in a new paper.

new paper. Gruber finds that a plan

without mandates, broadly resembling the Obama plan, would cover 23 million of those currently uninsured, at a taxpayer cost of \$102 billion



per year. An otherwise identi-cal plan with mandates would cover 45 million of the uninsured — essentially everyone — at a taxpayer cost of \$124 billion. Overall, the Obama-type plan would cost \$4,400 per newly insured per-son, the Clinton-type plan only \$2,700.

son, the Clinton-type plan only \$2,700.
That doesn't look like a triv-lal difference to me. One plan achieves more or less univer-sal coverage; the other, although it costs more than 80 percent as much, covers only about half of those curonly about hair or rently uninsured.

only about hair of nose cur-rently uninsured.

As with any economic analysis, Gruber's results are only as good as his model:
But they're consistent with the results of other analyses, like a 2003 study, commis-sioned by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, that compared health reform plans and found that man-dates made a big difference both to success in covering the uninsured and to cost-effectiveness.
And haif's withy many health care experts like Gruber strongly support mandates. Now, some might argue that none of this matters,

strongly support mandates. Now, some might argue that none of this matters, because the legislation presidents actually manage to get enacted often bears little resemblance to their campalgn proposals. And there is, indeed, no guarantee that Clinton would, if elected, be able to pass anything like terurent health care plan. But while lit's easy to see how the Clinton would, and up being eviscerated, if hard to see how the Clinton plan could end up being eviscerated, if hard to see how the hole the Obama plan can be repaired. Why? Because Obama's campalgning on the health care issue has sabotaged his own prospects. You see, the Obama campaign has demonized the idea of mandates — most recently in a scane-tactics mailer sent to voters that

paign has demonized the idea of mandates — most recently in a scare-tactics mailer sent to voters that bears a striking resemblance to the "Harry and Louise" ads run by the Insurance lobby in 1993, als that helped undermine our last chance at getting universal beath care. If Obama gets to the White House and tries to achieve universal coverage, he'll. find that it can't be done without mandates — but if he tries to institute mandates, the entermies of reform will use his own words against him. If you combine the economic analysis with these

words against hlm. If you combine the eco-nomic analysis with these po-nic analysis with these political realities, here's what I think it says: If Clinton gets the Democratic nomination, there is some chance— nobody knows how big— that we'll get universal health care in the next administra-tion. If Obarna gets the nomi-nation, If just won't happen,

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

## Idaho mustn't make promises it can't keep

ne of the biggest frustrations during my six years in Congress was the way in which the federal government danced around the fact that it promises far mon than it can deliver.
Whether it's making the promised Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) to our rural counties or paying an admen

counties or paying an aging populations Social Securiv benefits, the

population's Social Security benefits, the bottom line is that the government's fast-growing 'unfunded liability' already is burdening future geherations of our citizens. However, many folks don't realize that Idaho faces a similar shortfall in paying for benefits that future state retirees would receive under existing programs. At the same time, our state government work force is genting older and we are at a competitive disadvantage in attracting younger workers. The question is whether we have the wisdom and political will to do something about both issues before it's too late. I know we have the wisdom and we

thing about north issues before it's too late. I know we have the wisdom, and we must find the political will. I recently asked the

Legislature to make our total compensation package for state employees more attrac-

READER COMMENT C.L. 'Butch'

tive by approving a 5-per-cent increase in pay — sub-ject to individual performance and the discretion of managers. The increase is badly needed to bring state salaries closer to those for comparable jobs in the pri-

comparable Jobs in the pri-vate sector.

To better reflect economic realities and the kind of bal-ance between pay and bene-fits that private employers increasingly provide, and to make state government more accountable and responsible. I also recom-mented gradually increas-ing the share of hegith-care costs for which employees are responsible from the current 22 percent to about 30 percent over the next five years. ars. In addition, Lasked the

In addition, I asked the . Legislature to consider addressing an estimated \$442 million in what the accountants call "accrued and future liabilities for non

pension post-employment benefits' for our state work-force. That is the amount state government has promised its employees for retree health care coverage.

The \$442 million liability could be reduced to about \$126 million be reduced to about \$126 million by \$400 million liability could be reduced to about \$126 million be reduced to about \$126 million be reduced to about \$126 million be reduced to the reduce

directly from state service to be eligible for retiree health-

be eligible for retiree health-care service coverage. If those changes aren't made, the states liability – what future idaho taxpayers like our children and grand-children will owe – will climb to more than \$800 million by 2016. I will not impose that burden on the next genera-tion. Here are a few facts to

I tere are a conceive with a verage age of state employees is 47.

\* The average age of newly hired state employees in 47. • Almost one-third of our

state employees will be eligi-

ble for retirement in the next 10 years.

 Retrees 65 and over will be able to get comparable supplemental benefits privately for less than they are paying now through the state. es 65 and over will get comparable

Our goal is to attract some of the best, most capable young people to public service, to meet the legitimate needs of taxpayers and our growing population, and to have the wherewithal to keep the promises we make to those employees as they near retirement. near retirement.

Let me make it clear that I

Let me make it clear that I am not recommending any changes in Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) benefits, which con-tinue to be more generous than most in the private sec-

than most in the private sector.

I am committed to properly compensating idahos valued state employees, to ensuring idaho tarpayers get the best, most responsive state government possible for their tax dollars, and to ensuring that we are financially able to keep the promises we make. C.L. "Butch" Otter, a

Republican, is the governor of Idaho

## Saudis get \$100 a barrel, U.S. pays for war on terror

Since 2001 when "the war on terror" began, the Office of Management and Budger reports \$649.9 billion has been appropriated for Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan). In the budger President Bush just submitted to Congress, there is a request for an additional \$100.1 billion for 2009 and \$70 billion for 2009.

The cost of these wars has been largely borne by the American taxpayer, while the benefits of success in Ima and Afghanistan will reach far beyond the borders of those countries to the world. If slamic extremist can be quelled in Afghanists and Iran, near the proposed of the second the borders of those countries to the world. If slamic extremist can be quelled in Afghanistan and Iran, near the second of the

ders of those countries to the world. If Islamic extremist can be quelled in Afghanistan and Iraq, people the world over will literally breathe freer. Since so many will benefit, isn't it fair ask them to help subsidize the effort?

USA Today reported last week that America's "allies" in the war on terror have provided what amounts to chump change. Countries that made large commitments to rebuild Iraq have paid Just 16 percent of what they had pledged. According to a new report by the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, other countries committed to contributions of \$1.5.8 bilother countries committee confor fraq Reconstruction, other countries committee committee to contributions of \$15.8 billion during and after a conference in Madrid in
October 2003. The countries that have given the least are the ones that have the most resources to give — and possibly the most to lose, as some are targets of alQaida's efforts to replace Arab governments with Taliban-like leaders.

The largest shortfalls in



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pledges by 41 donor coun-tries, according to USA Today, are from Saudi Arabia and Kuwali Who spent 17-A percent and 27 percent of the \$500 million each had pledged, according to a sep-arate report released last month by the Government Accountability Office. These are countries we saved in the first Gulf War. So far they have paid just \$135 million have paid just \$135 million (Kuwait) and \$87 million (Saudi Arabia) out of a combined total commitment of \$1 billion. That's still pocket change compared to the hundreds of billions it is

change compared to the hundreds of billions it is coasting us.

This is beyond outrageous. This is beyond outrageous. Here we are spending near record amounts on gasoline and home heating oil — momey that goes to those nations that sell us the in the compared of the control of the con

"from 2003 through 2006, Saudi Arabia exported about \$95 billion in crude oil to the United States, as its average price doubled from \$25 to \$56 a barret."

S2s to \$56 a barrel.

The under-responsiveness
has not just been In the
Arab world. Money and
other forms of assistance
have been lacking from have been lacking from countries that are also threatened by Islamic extremists. Spain seems to have come closest to fulfilling its piedge. The GAO says of the \$248 million Spain promised, it has pald \$213.7 million so far. And Japan, according to a recent report according to a recent rep to Congress, bas pledged

and disbursed from assistance to Iraq than any other individual country except the United States. While a freer world is also in America's interests, as in America's interests, be people of Iraq and Afghanistan stand to benefit the most. To have these and other nations in the region other nations in the region receive what amounts to welfare while charging us top dollar for oil — and using some of those profits to underwrite radical Islamic extremism — is dou-bly offensive.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Illegal immigration should not be welcomed

should not be welcomed

Mrs. Netwerth wrote a very
Inspiring and kind essay on
Immigrants in the Magic
Valley, but she seems to confuse the legals and the illegals in her story.

Being a lawful immigrant
myself, I compiled with all
the requirements imposed
upon me by the Ush
Immigration, and I resent
being put in the same basket with those lawbroakers.
How would she like to
have her house invaded by
uninvited guests and have
to care for them by providing work and medical treatment. Undocumented allens
also lower wages for everyone else, and you just have
to look into the paper in the
help wanted section to see

It.
No. Mrs. Netwerth, illegal No. Mrs. Neiwerth, illegal

welcomed.
GILBERT RIEDWEG
Twin Falls

#### Phelps ought to toss hat into ring

To Vaughn Phelps: Very humorous defini-tions. Sounds like you need to throw your hat into the ring and change things. TERRY RUBY

#### H's likely human race needs to curb reproduction

needs to curb reproduction
Years ago, Yellowstone Park
got rid of all its wolves, then
watched as fragile ecosystems deteriorated (including
the decline of aspen trees).
After much study, they realized that ecosystems need
their predators to maintain
balance, so the wolves were
reintroduced to the park.
Studies indicate that somecoral reefs are now in
decline due to overfishing of
the predatory fish. Other
studies suggest that all
ecosystems need their natural predators.

It is highly likely that man

is the only predator whose reproducing needs to be curtailed. We live in a country where insurance pays for fertility clinic visits and the resulting multiple births but will not pay for birth control pay for birth control.

me pharmacists have
fused to sell birth control
lls, but they will sell Viagra,

(This is reminiscent of Monty Python's lovely song, "Every Sperm is Sacred.") Some sclentists suggest that humans, with our over-populating, are a deadly virus on our lovely blue planet. planet.
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## From 1A to NJCAA

#### Wood handling transition to CSI

Someday, people will talk about vomens' basketball in the Magic Valley without mentioning Cassle Wood, light now, that seems hard to fathom. More than five years have passed since a 5-foot-7 bundle of nerves in a Richfield fligh basketball jersey navigated her way through a sea-son-open-



way through a sea-son-open-ing 45-43 loss to Mackay. Tuesday, Feb. 19 will mark the passing of exactly five years since W o o d established

wood established herself as one of the top Class 1 h players in Idaho with a 13-point, 12-rebound effort in a 39-22 state tournament loss to a limrock squad that went on to win its 50th straight game to clinch the 2003-04 state champlonship.

Losses may have punctu-lated Wood's arrival. She made sure they didn't define player she'd become.

Nearly half a decade removed from that game, the wake of Wood's high school career is still rippling through Richfield. The Tigers Wood played for head coach Steve Kent. Including the 2006-07 state title this year's 20-3 litchfield squad Is intent on defending.

As a College of Southern Idaho freshman, Wood's story has changed. From post to guard, star to role player, face of a program to face in the crowd.

This much of her tale-remains the same, however: The teams Wood plays for win. As the No. 4 Golden Eagles pit their 21-1 record against the College of Eastern Utah tonight in Price, Utah, Wood will again be ready to do whatever it takes to get the W.

"Cassie, she hates to lose," She academ canne Wood for earlier warm.

Now at a smallsh 5-9 for the college game, Wood is learning to play differently than the post who averaged 14.7 points and 7.3 rebounds as a high school senior. She's

as a high school serilor. She's a shooting guard now, one that struggles a bit when opposing defenses force her to dribble with her left hand. Wood awenges only 2.2 points and 3.0 rebounds in 14 minutes played per game, but her brand of Ashley Thompson-type toughness that Rogers loves has put her

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## CSI's Fields returns to court tonight

#### Golden Eagles play Eastern Utah on the road

What makes a great teammate?
If a teammate's worth is measured by statistical output. College of Southern Idaho sophomore Terry Fields is a solid one. If a willingness to lose a strip of skin to the gym floor while chasing a loose ball, only to have your praises' unsung is the benchmark. Fields is a pretty good teammate.

Dencimate, Figure 18 a precy gove teanmate. However, if a teanmate is judged on attitude, Fields proved his high value during CSI's previous nine games — each of which he missed while rehabilitating a stress fracture in his right foot: Fields didn't hide on the trainer's table or sulk on the side-line

ie. In his absence, the 6-foot-5 guard



the guys continue to play and win, it just felt great." As Fields left the CSI gymnasium Fields As Fields in the CSI gymnasium after last Thursday's practice, head coach Barret Peery brushed by him with the words, "Counting down the days until you're on the court." Peery has spoken highly of Fields

#### **Eagle Eyes**

Tonight: No. 2 CSI (22-0, 7-0 SWAC) at College of Eastern Utah (13-9, 52 SWAC), Price, Utah, 7:30 p.m.

Last time they met: CSI topped CEU 104-88 behind Art Parakhouski's 20 points and eight rebounds earlier this season in Twin Falls.

On the horizon: CSI is back in Twin Falls during the next two weeks, hosting Snow College and Salt Lake Community College in conference action.

On the radio: This weekend's games will be broadcast live on 1270 AM KTR by logation Dreams.

Jonathan Drew.

OSI season leaders (minimums apply, made/missed in parenthesis)

Points: Josy Shaw 382 (17.4); Juan Pattilio 335 (17.6), Rebounds: Art

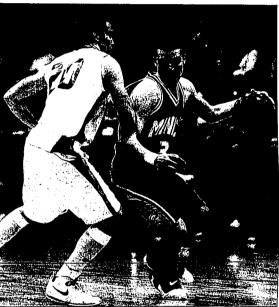
Parakhouski 172 (7.8); Bocor Ba 147 (6.7), Assists: Kevin Galloway 189 (8.6);

Reggie Guyton 48 (3.8), Steals: Galloway, 1499 Perry 56 (2.5); Nick Haenes 15 (2.3), Blocks: Parakhouski 29 (1.3); Galloway 26 (1.2), Field goal percentage:

Parakhouski .634 (12.3-194); Docquon Montrodi. 559 (86-147). 3-point percentage: Guyton .412 (21-51); Hanson .384 (63-364), Pree throw percentage:

Guyton .846 (22-26); Shaw .810 (94-116).

since to the sophomore's arrival to Twin Falls, but to the hoops layman, the reasons why are cloudy. Fields, hit he reasons why are cloudy. Fields, he was the reasons at rebunds during his senior season at Please see FIELDS, Page 85



Minico's Ty Pebley makes his way around Twin Falls High School's Jake Hanchey during Thursday in Twin

## Tigers take top seed to 4A state

By John Derr Times-News writer

IEROME - It was basically a game that didn't matter. Forme and Pocatello had already accomplished their maling poal, making it to state. For the Tigers it was finally got to their first trip in five years. Thursday was just for seeding. Basically who would play at 615 p.m., and had to the first round of the Class 4A tournament.

After a close first quarter Jerome used the defense that had led them all year to manhandle Pocatello 71-44 and callar, the top, seed from the Great Basin Conference.

It became clear it wouldn't be a normal night as a young man from the Tigers boys basketball team invited one of the Tiger gifts to the sweetheart dance before the answer.

Both teams substituted

neart dance herore the mational anthem. No word on the answer. Both teams substituted freely with nearly every play-er seeing quality time on the floor. Even the officials must have sensed something as only 17 fouls were called. Pocatello's Itall Coles drained a three-loid completed the old-fashioned 3-point play for an 8-7 advantage. The rest of the injent would belong to lerome. Tigers coach Breat Clark called a time out and got his players focused. A 10-0 run to end the quarter was the result.

to end the quarter was the result.

"We didn't come out with a lot of intensity and played like it didn't matter," said Clark. 'After the time out, the defense stepped up and the offense got going.

Aubrece Callen converted a pair of lay-ups and dished; and of lay-ups and dished; all of a lay-ups and dished; and of lay-ups and dished; and of lay-ups and dished; we haven't played someone new for a while. It showed up what we need to work on," said Callen, who finished with 15 points. 'At state we need 100 percent focus from everyone."

Jordan Burnham made it.

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Jordan Burnham made it.

Jordan Burnham in pair of buckets in the paint before the Tigers stretched their lead to 20 at the break.

"This was a hard earne to

stretched their lead to 20 at the break.

"This was a hard game to play Our focus was getting to state and this was just for seeding," said. Burnham, who tailled a game-ligh IT points. "It was important to win, it gives us the top seed. The time out really motivated us and got us going." Molly Red hit is jumper to start the third. Reld, who has

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# Spartans surge past Bruins

Times-News writer

The past week hadn't been kind to the Minico boys basketball team. After playing poorly against Burley and letting that funk earry over into the first half of the Spartans' gan against Jerome, a sluggish start to Thursday's game at Baun Gymnasium saw Minico clinging to a two-point lead at halftime over struggling Twin Falls.

Then Jordan Gillette came to the res-

The Minico senior scored all eight of his points in the third quarter, helping

the Spartans blast out a 14-0 run in the second half to cement a 60-48 win over

the spartans blast out a 14-U run in second half to cement a 69-48 win over the Bruins.

Jason Harper led the 13-6 Spartans with 12 points — he was one of six Minico players to socra at least eight—but it was Gillette's ability to knock down tough shots in transition that made the difference.

"Gillette was instrumental. We got him in transition and created some open looks and he knocked them down," said Minico coach Mike Graefe. "That's really what made the difference for us and allowed us to get a bigger lead."

Twin Falls (5-14) hung tough

through a physical first half, but the Bruins were ultimately worn down courtesy of a Minico substitution polity on the property of the proper

Broadhead,
"Hes a good athlete, and I look forward to playing (against) him," Ward
said of Broadhead, "We banged (in the

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Wendell's Whitney Glaes [14] drives to the hoop as Valley's Gabi Na trails during their matchup Thursday in Wendell.

## Wendell returns to state

Trojans top Valley for Canyon tourney title

By Diane Philbin Times-News writer

WENDELL - The Wendell WENDELL — The Wendell Trojans will once again be making a trlp to the Class 2A girls basketball state tourna-ment after rallying to defeat the Valley Vikings 53-52 in the Canyon Conference Conference

Canyon Conference
Tournament champlonslip.
Moments after Camille
Sizemore gave Valley a 52-51
lead with 24 seconds remaining, Ione Trojans senior
Whitney, Gines navigated the
Valley defense to draw a foul
that enabled her to sink two
free-throws, including the
game winner.

"The klds never thought

about quitting," said Wendell coach Delon Huse. "I know I have sald it before but I am just so proud of these girls and how they stepped up and did what they had to. It is a shame we can't both go to state."

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The Trojans won in gutsy come-from-behind fashion after trailing by 10 points, 43-33 when Thursday night's fourth quarter began. Within the first two minutes of the final period, the Trojans cut the Valley lend to three, 44-41, aided by back-to-back 3-jointers by sophomore Krystyl Miller.

The momentum changed when (Miller) hit the two 3-

pointers," said Jamie Cauhom.
"We kind of panleked for a sec-ond but then we got it back. Wendell is a good team."

At the 5:24 mark, junior Jaci Lancaster canned her second trifecta of the night, tying the game at 44.

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game at 44.

Even with Valley taking back the lead on two baskets by senior Cauhorn, the Trojans stormed back on four Trojans stormed back on four made free throws by Lancaster and, sophomore tie. Wendell took its first lead of the game, 49-48 at.141 as Miller made, one of two attempts at the charity stripe. The two teams traded leads, Valley going ahead, 50-48 on another Cauhorn basket, and

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## CSI softball splits at Howard in tune-up

Times-Nows

The No. 9 College of Southern Idaho softball team had what head coach Nick Baumert called a "mixed bag" of a day in its tune-up for the Odessa College First Pitch Tournament, splitting a doubleheader with Howard College in Big Spring, Texas. CSI ruled the opener 11-1 as pitcher lody Zillner battled some accuracy issues to allow one run on four hits and stx walks. The sophomore right-hander hurled nine strikenuts in the win. "She three well," Baumert said.". With the exception of the walks, she had a pretty dominating performance." Stephanie Holmes blasted a two-run home run and addied adouble on mute run and

Stephanic Holmes blasted a two-run home run and added double en route to a four-RBI day, while fellow sophomore Anna Sorrell also homered. Freshman Megan Zimmerman finished 4-for-5, while Rochelle Noren tallied a double and a triple.

triple.

Howard rehounded to win the second game 11-2 in six innings as the Hawks roughed up CSI's pitching for to bite.

for IO hits.

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#### First Pitch Tournament

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No. 9 CSI vs. No. 4 Midland,
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Saturday No. 9 CSI vs. No. 22 Odessa, noon No. 9 CSI vs. Western Texas No. 9 CSI vs. Western Texas, 2 p.m. No. 9 CSI vs. No. 14 Walface St.-Hanceville, 4 p.m.

Holmes blasted her second home run of the season in the 5-6 Golden Eagles' loss, as freshman McKensy Hillstead was the losing

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## The most wonderful time of the year

ndy Williams had the words right. His timing was just a bit .off.

ure, the holidays are great, but noth-Sure, the holidays are great, but nothing beats tournament time. Truly, this the most wonderful time of the year. Want evidence of a caring higher power in the universe? Here's some: When the most dark dreary and chilly season of the year begins, it's accompanied by the food and football or had by the food and football of Christmas. When whiter nears its end, it's escorted away by a holiday of hoops.

And that time is now.
This month we'll have a February feast of high school basketball with dis-



turn our attention to base ets of a collegiate nature.

What most folks call "spring fever" is in actuality, the vibes of March Mayhem filling the air and lifting the soul. Not much can top it. Normatter what Andy Williams says. (From the conference tournaments in early March to the greatest four days in sports — the opening weekend of the NCAA men's basketball tournament—it's a mointh to be treasured. The incessant snowfall is certainly enough to get you feeling blue, but the hollday of hoops is here as a sure-fire remedy. The key is to get your daily dosage. So hit the gym, root for your frowfire teams and find some cheer from the most wonderful time of the year.

#### Idaho High School Boys Basketball Media Poll

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MAGIC VALLEY SOUTHSIDE BOYS TOURNAMENT

## Oakley boys throttle Castleford

OAKLEY — The Oakley Hornets boys basekhall team opened the Magic Valley Southside Conference Tournament in style, running and gunning its way to a 63-39 win over the visiting Castleford Wolves. Payson Bedke led the Oakley boys with It points, 130 f which came during two key runs. He hit his first of three 3-pointers to tie the game 8-8 in the first quarter, sparking a 14-0 run. His second and third treys came in the final 42 seconds of the half, giving Oakley a 37-25 lead at the break.

Oakley coach Scott Arnell said Bedke's shooting paved the way for a big third quarter when the Homets outscored Castleford 24-7 and ended the came for all competitive purposes. "(Bedke) forced their "Bedke) forced their

Castleford 24-7 and ended the came for all competitive purposes.

"Theetke" forced their defense to stretch out to honor his shot, so we were able to dump it inside. When we did that, Mitch (Bedke) and Spencer Petersen scored eight quick points."

Oscar Vargas and Kody Irving both scored eight for the Wolves, and Nick Howard scored seven, all in the second quarter. After Castleford standout Zach Kilne torched Oakley for 35 points in a Castleford win earlier this season. Arnell said the Hornets centered their game plan around keeping Kilne in check, and held the sharpshooter to ski points.

Mitch Bedke scored, 12 points on the block for Oakley, and Greenwell being and Greenwell in 3. The Hornets scored easily in transition, part of why 20 of Oakleys 26 field goals were assisted from the 3-point line.

The Hornets play Murtaugh, a team they've lost



Oakley's Colton Bedke (12) goes for a layup during the Hor 39 Magic Valley Southside Conference tournament win over the Castleford Wolves on Thursday

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Tanner Owen scored 15
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14 and top-seeded Hagerman
cruised to a 67-41 first-round
win over No. 8 seed Magic
Valley Christan on Thursday.
"Our kids played with heart
and played well together,"
said Hagerman coach Kevin
Cato. Cato praised the 6-foot
A Owen for a "breakout game
in the post."
Jake Emerson netted 10 for
the Pirates while both Dylan

#### Northside delayed

The first round of the Ma nent was p poned due to Thursday's inclement weather. The game times will follow the original schedule with three contests at Shoshone High today.

Brooks and Thomas Owsley

brooks and Thomas Owstey scored nine. Jordan Jarvis buried three 3-pointers and scored 19 to pace the Conquerors, who will face fifth-seeded Rafi River in an elimination game

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MURTAUGH 71, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 54 Mirraugh's big two were at it ragain as Taylor Wilson scored 24 points and lesus Cabral added 20 in the Red Devils 71-54 win over visiting Lighthouse Christian in the first round of the Magic Valley Southside Conference tour-nament.

ament. Cabral totaled six steals in Cabral totaled skr steals in the win, which advances Murtaugh to a home game tonight against third-seeded Oakley at 7 pm. "(Cabrals) defensive intensity sparked fast-break opportunities of our offense," sald Murtaugh coach Adam Johnson.

The Lons were led by 20 points from Jeremy Eldrædge, who canned four 3-pointers.

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HANSEN 48, RAFT RIVER 40 Fourth-seeded Hansen lost

Fourth-secded Hansen lost both regular-season matchups to No. 5 seed Baft River, including the final game of the regular season on Wednesday.

But Thursday's first-round matchup was a different story, Jesus Guerrero scored 15 points, Justin Anderson added nine and the Huskies used an 18-5 scoring edge in the third quarter to heat the Trojans 48-40.

Hansen coach Mike Pfeiffer told him team to "go out and have fun," in the tournament opener and they did just that. After trailing 25-20 at Intermission, the

did just that. After trailing 2520 at Intermission, the
10 at Intermission, the
11 luskies took control in the
11 third period and advance to
12 face top-seeded Hagerman
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15 the hole, said Pfeiffer.
16 Raft River was led by Cade
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18 Trojans host eighth-seeded
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## Armstrong, CSI baseball top Phoenix College

The College of Southern Idaho baseball team got just what it needed Thursday evening in Phoenix.

After starting the season of last week, the Golden Eagles topped host Phoenix College 4-1 to start their second weekend of the season on a blob not.

on a high note.
"I think we played with a bit more assuredness, a bit more confidence, and Sam

(Armstrong) threw real well,"
CSI head coach Boomer
Walker said. "He got off to a
good start and had some
quick innings."
Armstrong, a freshman
right-hander, pitched 5 2-3
Innings to improve to 1-1 on
the season. Matt. Deacon.

scored CSI's biggest blow in the top of the fourth with a two-RBI single, while Tyler Chism-added an RBI double for a team that left the field with a definite boost.

"I think they're excited, you bet." Walker slid of his players. It's a group that just doesn't really know what to expect. Coming out of last week, they were just grasping at any sort of confidence they could get."

The Golden-Bagles-headThe Golden-Bagles-headThe Golden-Bagles head to play Yavapal College for today's two on doubleheader. CSI and Yavapai will hook up for a 1 y.m. single game on Saturday before the Golden

Eagles finish their road trip at Scottsdale Community College for an 11 a.m.,

College for an 11 a.m., Sunday game. CSI faced Yavapal in its sea-son opener, falling 4-2. "Yavapai's a great team and we're excited to play them,"

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## Embattled again, Willingham gets chance to make last stand

SEATTLE (AP) — Tyrone Willingham has had better months.

The coach who has already been dumped abruptly by been dumped abruptly by botte Dame after just three years knows adversity. But even this has been unfque.

"This year has had a lot of special hutdles to it," willingham said with a wry smillingham said with a wry smillingham said with a wry smillingham is a week, a rare good one for ith Washington Huskies recently.

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This lightning rod from South Bend, Ind., to Seattle

was seated inside the University of Washington's Founder's Club, a conference room the school's donors use for pregame hobnobbing. Many of them wanted him

Many of them wanted him fired months ago.
"If it doesn't kill you, it makes you stronger. And I it hink this has made our program stronger," Willingham said of a Huskles program that currently has more negativity surrounding it than Britney Snoars.

In an interview with The



willingtham controversy all my life, in some form or fashlon," he said.

He quoted pioneering

Associated Press, the s t o i c Willingham brushed off the turnoll newsman David Brinkley. He referred to chats he's had with Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice, the provost at Stanford when he was the coach there, and with President George W. Bush, when he visited Notre surround-Dame. Willingham.

Willingham, whose demeanor is as even as his 76-76-1 record in 13 seasons as a college coach, said he might have been an elementary-school teacher instead, because those kids need male role models. He said he and

his family love Scattle enough to make Washington the last stop on a football journey that began as a walk-on athlete at Michigan State in the early

1970s.
He has graduated his players. Most have stayed out of trouble at UW. He just hasn't won enough games.
Wednesday brought rare victories: 26 of them, recruits that included five of the consensus top seven prospects in Washington and some from Southern California, Many

experts rank Washington's incoming class among the nation's top 25.

That's a measure of Willingham's resolve and ramond persona. It also fuels his belief he will get Washington back to the perennial Rose Bowl days of Don James.

"I tell my football team — I use this 'quote from David Brinkley.' A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him." Willingham said.

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Wilson (22-5-3) vs. BJ Flores
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## Arizona's Stoops apologizes for calling archrival school ASU 'a J.C.

TUCSON, Arlz. — Arlzona coach Mike Stoops apologized on Thursday for saying that Arizona State has "urned into a I.C."
"Yesterday in my annual signing day news conference i regretfully made some comments about sister institution Arlzona State University." Stoops said in a statement. These remarks were dutifully reported by the media, and not necessarily taken out of context — which was within some of my heartfelt observations about the rerutifup process and what it entails for individuals and college football programs. But It was a personal mistake and one for which I apologize."

Stoops was not available for further comment.

ment.

Stoops apologized for a comment made during a football signing day news conference on Wednesday in Tucson. He said some recruits had told him that it was easier to earn

recruits had told him that it was easier to earn acceptance at ASU than at Arizona.

"Both school has to recruit to that school and what type of academic requirements there are," \$1600/8" \$400 then. "Obviously, Arizona State has turned into a J.C. and we are a four-year college. According to all the players, they say it is easier to go to school there, easier to get in. I thought we had the same requirements. It is news to me."

Even with the apology, Stoops' remarks are

sure to turn up the intensity in one of the Pac10's most bitter rivalries. Tensions between the
football programs, located 90 miles apart,
grev last month when highly touted tailback
Ryan Bass of Corona, Calif., backed out of an
oral commitment to Arizona and said he
would attend ASU. Bass was among the 27
signees announced by the Sun Devils on
Wednesday.
Arizona signed only two players from the
state—seven fewer than Arizona State. Stoops
conceded on Wednesday that the Wildeas'
recruiting might improve if they defeat ASU
more often.

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#### NCAA surveying Div. III members about split into fourth division

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INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA is asking the presidents and chancellors of Division III schools, already the association's largest membership group, about the featibility of splitting the division or creating a new Division IV.

Surveys were mailed "Thursday to the '440-Division III schools." The membership received a lot of important information and engaged in some very good discussions at the NCAA Convention in jahuary, 'said Dan Dutcher, NCAA vice president for Division III. "With this survey, we are

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looking to build on those discussions and con-tinue to ask Division III members what they think is the best direction to move toward." Division III already is projected to grow to about 480 members in the next dozen years.

#### MAGIC VALLEY Baseball, softball rules clinics near

TWIN FALLS - The 2008 state baseball and TWIN FALLS — The 2008 state baschall and softball rules clinics will be Feb. 10 at Twin Falls High School. The softball clinic begins at 6 p.m. with baseball following at 7. The clinic is mandatory for any umpires wishing to officiate during the 2008 high school season. Contact District TV commissioner Craig Mills at 678-7144 or 878-6606 with any questions.

#### T.F. spring soccer sign-ups open

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and ecreation Department will offer spring soc-

cer sign-ups Feb. 11-29. The league is for boys and girls in grades K-7. Teams will play twice a week for few weeks, beginning April 7. The cost is \$15 for those in city limits and \$25 outside city limits, lerseys are \$10. Volunteer coaches are needed. To register, visit the parks and recreation office (136 Maxwell Awe.) or call 736-2265 for more information.

#### MVTA tennis tourney sign-ups end

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Tennis Association will hold the 2008 Singles Tennis Tournament Feb. 13-16 at the Twin Falls WACA. Players must be members of the MVTA to participate. The entry fee is \$35 per person and players may register online at http://www.mvtanet.com or entry forms are available at Elevation Sports and the Twin Falls YMCA. Registration deadline is today. For more, contact Bill Fowler at 312-3925 or Mike Sato at 731-1633.

#### Rapids soccer has rosters spots

TWIN FALLS — The 2008 Twin Falls Rapids Soccer Club is looking for boys in grades 2-6 to fill open roster spots. Those interested may visit www.twinfallsrapids.com or call 734-9364. — Compiled from staff and wire reports

## Broncos' shooting keys win over Louisiana Tech

#### Larry totals 25 points, eight rebounds in win

RUSTON, La. (AP) — Former College of Southern Idaho standout Reggie Larry scored 25 points as Bolse State shot a blistering 57.7 percent in the first half of the game en route to a 73-61 Western Athletic Conference win over Louislana Tech on Thursday. Louislana Tech (3-18, 0-9) came out of the gate hot, leading for much of the first half but Boise State (17-5, 8-2) would its stroke, ending the half

or the first flow of the half on a 13-2 run to take a 35-32 lead into the locker room. For the first five minutes of the

second half, the teams traded baskets but the speed and depth of Bolse State wore down the Bulldogs. The Broncos lead grew to as many as 12 with 1137 to play, but a 13-4 Tech run would cut that to 57-54 at the eight-minute mark. But Bolse State made clutch shots down the Stretch to get the 12-point win.

Tyler Tiedeman scored 15 points for the Broncos, while Matt Nelson added 12.

The Orren Tims, a freshman making his debut for the Bulldogs, had 16 points and nine rebounds. James Loe and Kyle Gibson added 11 aplece.

Bolse State travels to New Mexico State for a 7 p.m. game on Saturday before returning home Feb. 14 to host Nevada.

## Northern Colorado slips past Bengals

POCATELLO — It was a game that should have been easy for Idaho State.

Idaho State. Playing at home, against a team that had won one game on the road all season and hadn't won in Pocatello since 1950, it was expected that the Bengals men would dust off Northern Colorado and set up a showdown game next week at Portland State.

op a showoom game next week at Portland State. It should have been easy but it wasn't as Idaho State was on the short end of a 76-66 loss to the

short end of a 10-00.
Bears.
The loss dropped ISU (9-14 over-all, 6-4 Big Sky) to a game and a half behind Portland State which won at Northern Arizona Thursday

night.
With the Bengals down 50-48,
Bears (10-13, 4-7) head coach Tad

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Tably, limited .in minutes because of a bad knee, scored eight points in 30 seconds, part of a 10-0 run that upped the lead from two points to 12 within a minute and a half. Tabli hit a pair of 3-point shots as well as a layup in that decisive run.

Afterwards Bengals head coach Joe O'Brien didn't mince his words.

There was no energy, no enthu-stasm for the game tonight, he said. 'Defensively, we were horri-ble. Our heads weren't in the game. I'm really, really disappointed that we didn't take advantage of the opportunity we had in front of us.'

Making matters worse for the Bengals was the fact that when they fouled to ry to stop the clock and get back into the game by sending the Bears to the line,

Northern Colorado burled its shots. The Bears went 24-for-29 from the line on the night. They'd have five players in double figures, led by Tablis 16. Will Figures added 14 and Jabril Banks tossed in 13. JSU was led by Donnie Carson with a game-high 20. Bengals leading scorer Matt Stucki finished with only three points and missed some time in the second half after taking a hit above the eye that required four stitches.

itenes. O'Brien also had a warning for is players that the upcoming eek would not be easy in prac-

week would not be easy in practice.
""We're going to go back in the gym and get busy like it was October," he said. Tim not going to be concerned with wearing them out or getting them tred. We don't play again until next Thursday."

## O'Neal out to prove critics wrong

PHOENIX (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal flashed that wide smile, and took on the critics who spies too old and too slow to fit in with the steek, speedy Phoenix Sins.

"Hook forward to making people eat their words," he said at a news conference Thursday. "I really do,"
Wearing a Suns' purple shirt and the with his immaculate dark

news conference Thursday. "I really do."
Wearing a Suns' purple shirt and the with his immaculate dark suit, O'Neal met the media for the first time since the stunning deal Wednesday that sent the 14-time distribution of the 18-Star from the Miami Heat to Phoenix in exchange for Shawn Marion and Marcus Banks. He chartmed the Jam-packed room at US Airways Center. Someone asked if he knew he looked good in purple.

"I already knew that," O'Neal sold, "But thank you very much." He acknowledged a new motivation after going from a team with the worst record in the NBA to one with the best record in the Wide Too one with the deal has not gone unnoticed.

"To were unser," he said "You "To were unserted."

style. But they have never made it to the finals, and the trade con-firmed the belief that this version of the Suns, despite its record, wasn't going to be able to do it,

either.
"I think with the addition of me
It gives the guys the extra that we
can make It," O'Neal said, "The

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin
Garnett got on Boston's team
plane Thursday aftermon with
the rest of the Celtics, headed for
his old home and what will surely
be a warm reception from
Timberwolves fans.
They should have their chance
to stand and cheer him.
Watching him play is another
matter.

matter.
Garnett has not taken the court

Garnett has not taken the court in two weeks because of a strained abdominal muscle, and it will be a surprise if the 11-time All-Star for ward suits up on tonight for his first game in Minnesota since the seven-for-one trade that sent him to Boston in July.



مموهه Shaquille O'Neal smiles as be is introduced as a new Phoenix Suns NBA basketball

first thing it takes in winning a championship is belief. If you can believe that you can do it, you can get it done. If there's ever a doubt that 'I ley, we can't do it,' you will never win. Now I think the guys really, really believe that we have a shot."

really really believe that we have a shot."

The presence of a 7-foot-1, 325-pound man in the middle should go a long way toward erasing Phoenix limage as a soft cam. It's four championship rings give billing and his personality should, as he put it. "amp up" what has been a joyless Suns team this season.

Ite will energize the locker room, he said, "just by being me." O'Neal, out for two weeks with a hip injury, said his new teammate Grant Hill, who has a long history of injuries, told him how good the Suns' training staff is.

"Ive given a full commitment to the medical staff that I will be there every day before and after practice, doing whatever it takes

He said he would like to play, "But this picture's just bigger than one or two days or what's around the corner," he said,

Boston is an NBA-bes

37-9.

to keep me going for the next 10 years, he said. "And Hook forward to my next \$200 million con-

to my next \$200 million con-tract.

D'Antoni stepped in to assure owner Robert Sarver that Sarver was kidding about that last part.

O'Neal said he hopes to he able to play before the All-Star break (feb. 15-19). Ills streak of 14 con-secutive All-Star appearances ended this season.

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secutive All-Star appearances ended this season.
"Nothing really hurts," he said of his current health, "Ifyou want to take me in a room and examine me yourself, you could see for my age I have a fabulous body. It was laving some hip trouble was laving some hip trouble was laving some hip trouble if I stick with them every day I'll feel like Gamt."
A more realistic timeline would have him coming back after the break. Phoenisk first game hack will be at home against the Los Angeles Lakers, the franches the helped win four titles. He brushed aside any talk of "silly rivairles."

The Wolves don't plan an elab-orate ceremony. They're focusing on winning the game and getting people interested again in their fledgling team, which recently moved ahead of the Miami Heat and no longer has the league's worst record.

#### Yao, Rockets best Cavaliers

HOUSTON — Yao Ming had 22 points and 12 rebounds as the Houston Rockets over-came a poor night from alling All-Star Tracy McGrady to beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 92-77

the Cleveland Cavaliers 92-77 on Thursday night.
Rafer Alston had 17 points and nine assists and Shane Battler had 15 points for the Rockets, who've won nine of their last 10. Houston outre-bounded Cleveland 55-35.
LeBron James had 32 points and seven rebounds for the Cavaliers, who sorely missed Draw Gooden, their second-leading rebounder. Gooden sat out with a goriol injury, the first game he's missed this season.

76ERS 101, HEAT 84
PHILADELPHIA — Andre Iguodala scored 25, Andre Miller added 21 and Philadelphia handed short-handed Miami its sixth straight loss. Willie Green flinished with 14 points and Thaddeus Young 11 as the Sivers wan for the fourth

points and Thaddeus Young 11 as the Sixers won for the fourth time in six games. — The Associated Press

"I'm not concerned with other teams. I'm the assistant vice general manager of this team," he said to laughter, then he added. "They (the Lakers) have been playing well all year. Kobe's one of the best players in the league on the said ways been!. They're playing well and Pau Gasol is a great, fundamentally sound big man." Timberwolves fans in for letdown if K.G. sits out

the nationally televised game to announce Garnett to the crowd even if he's on the inactive list.

Rockets' Francis to have

HOUSTON. — Houston Rockets guard Steve Francis will have season-ending surgery to repair a torn quadriceps tendon in his right knee, but expects to play again next season. The 6-foot-3 Francis hasn't related since Dec. 15. He's

The 6-1001-3 Francis hasn't played since Dec. 15. He's appeared in only 10 games this season with three starts, averag-ing 5.5 points and 3.0 assists. — The Associated Press

season-ending surgery

## Hoosiers rally past Illinois

CHAMPAIGN, III. — Eric Gordon finally gave Illinois fans something to cheer. Armon Bassett wasn't as kind.
Armon Bassett scored 11 of his 16 points in the second overtime, and No. 14 Indiana ralied to beat Illinois 80-79 Tursday even though. Gordon struggled for much of the right.

night.

The Hoosiers' freshman was jeered throughout the night for reneging on an early verbal commitment to illinois and he committed what looked like a costly turnover in the second overtime.

NO. 9 STANFORD 72, OREGON 43

NO. 9 STANFORD 72, OREGON 43 STANFORD, Califf. — Robin Lopez had 15 points, six rebounds and two blocks and No. 9 Stanford jumped to an early lead on the way to winning its sixth straight game. Lawrence Hill had his second straight pro-ductive outling with 12 points, including four 3-pointers, after a slow start this season. Robin Lopez led Stanford (19-3, 8-2 Pac-10) in scoring.

NO. 13 XAVIER 70, SAINT LOUIS 68 ST. LOUIS — Derrick Brown made a tip-in with 0.1 seconds to go, enabling No. 13 Xavier to barely avoid a second-buff metdown. Josh Duncan led a balanced atack with 15 points for Xavier (19-4, 7-1 Atlantic 10), which squandered all of a 16-point cushion against the persistent Billikens.

MO. 21 PITTSBURGH 55, WEST WIRGINIA 54
PITTSBURGH — Bonald Ramon barely
beat the final horn with a game-winning 3pointer from the left wing and No. 21
Little properties of the final minute.
The Panthus (18-5, 6-4, 18) East; pot-an
important win that substantially helps their
NCAA tournament hopes and damages
those of West Virginia (16-7, 5-5).

#### Wendell Continued from page B1

Confined from page 81. Flemning scoring for Wendell to set up the game's exciting finish. Wendell trailed 20-21 at halftime as Valley's Kate Hall and Shannon Sizemore controlled the paint. Hall scored 11 of her game-high 25 points in the first half and Sizemore also totaled 11 at halftime before finishing with 17.

. "Wendell made adjustments in the second "Wendell made adjustments in the second hift by putting more pressure on the perime-ter making it hard to find the girls inside," said Valley coach Brian Hardy. For Wendell, Lancaster scored a team-high 17, and Fleming followed with 11.

Wendell 53, Valley 52 15 13 15 9 - 62 10 11 12 20 - 53

# around the corner, ne sau. Boston is an NBA-best 37-9, obvlously more concerned about Garnett's condition in April, May and June than his availability before the All-Star break. Even the Timberwolves recognized that, though they wished he would play, too. "The playoffs and championship are more important than coming here and playing us," said Al Jefferson, who came to Minnesota as the centerplece of the deal. 'If he's not healthy, that's a smart decision that he's making," worst record. "I'd be the first to say that whenever Kevin Garnett retires, or announces he's going to retire, we will be first in line to hold a ceremony to celebrate all of his accomplishments as a Timbervolves player, 'chlef matching officer Ted Johnson sald. The Wolves have, however, asked the NBA for extra time during player introductions before Kimberly tops Declo Bruins

The Kimberly wrestling team took down Declo 48-27 on Thusday, Koltin Kenney, Conner Moody, Tucker Mülberry, Evan Albright and Jamle Folk had pins in Kimberlys win.

Declo's Ricky Garcia, Kyle Kelsey and Dakota Smith recorded pins. The Bulldogs lost Wendell tonight in preparation for next Thursday's district meet at Filer High School.

Allen Hunt, Dimberly, dec. Harley Goodheari 10.3, 189. Kyn Kelley, Decis, pinned David Busier 10.3, 218-Dakota Smitz, Decis, pinned Zach Ahrendeaen 1.01. 282 Jamie Folk, Kimberly pinned Lant Datemput in 00.218.

## Girls Basketball

OPPONENTS DETERMINED FOR TWO LOCAL STATE ENTRIES The Twin Falls Bruins will play Eagle in the opening round of the state tournament next Thursday at 6:15 p.m. at the Idaho Center, after Eagle eliminated Borah in the District III tournament.

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Decle will play Shelley at Highland High School in Pocatello at 3 p.m., Saturday in a Class 3A-play-in-game-with the winner playing the District III champion in the opening round of next week opening round of next w state tournament Middleton High School.

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keyy a lot, but he got the better of me tonight. He's
a great challenge."
The game opened up in
the second half, after being
24-22 at the end of two
quarters of play. But the
audden run-and-gun style
of play obviously favored
Minico over Twin Falls.
It was a welcome change
of pace for Graefe and company, even if it inthrored a
lot of the season so far.
"We seem to be aluggish a
lot in the first half," Harper
sald, "But having 10 guys
you can play really helps
-wear-them down-They got

## tired in the third quarter and that's when we got away from them." Twin Falls closes its regu-

lar season at home aga Jerome tonight, while Minico hosts Idaho Falls,

Minico 60, Twin Falls 48

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played on the varsity four years, is looking forward to

years, is 100king 101mate state.
"It is going to be a great experience, we are excited to go, it has been our goal since summer to take state," said Reid, who chipped in eight

Reid, who chipped in cagain points. The indians put on a rally midway through the third, scoring 12 straight points. Ten of those came from junior post Brenne Brigham, who led Pocatello with 15. The Tigers responded with 15-2 run to end the quarter with a 57-32 lead. Reserveatook the Boor for most of the final period.

final period.

For Pocatello coach Jeff
Huff, who in just a few years
has taken a losing program to
the state tournament, it was a

learning experience.
"We got a look at state-callber competition. We will learn
from it," said huff, whose team
had played five games in seven
days. "We were wom out."
Jerome will play the second
place team out of District III,
either Bishop Kelly or Skyriew.
Pocatello will play the top seedfrom Districts I-II, most likely
Lakeland.

# Pebble Beach leaderboard devoid of golf's big names

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif.—
The celebrity watch at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am took place everywhere but the top-of the leaderboard Thursday.

Kent Jones birdied the two most famous par 3s at Pebble Beach and kept bogeys off his card for a 6-under 66 and a one-shot lead, an encouraging start for someone who has played 270 tournaments on the PGA Tour without finishing in the top five.

Nationwide Tour grad Roland Thatcher was a shot back along with Q-school grad Brad Adamonis and John Mallinger, third at Pebble Beach last year as a tookke.

rookie.

The star gazing took place at Poppy Hills, and while it didn't always produce great golf to match the spectacular sonshine on the Monterey



Greg Norman tees off on the No. 12 hole during the first round of the ... AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am at the Poppy Hills course in Pebble

Peninsula, it was entertain-

ing.

Defending champion Phil
Mickelson was on the verge of
shooting himself out of the

the PGA Tour for the first time in 18 months, was holding steady until a four-put on the 13th hole for a double bogey. He finished with a 76. His flancee, tennis great Christevert, flew in from Florida and didn't make it out to the golf course until Norman was on the 16th.

Evert has no plans to take up golf, saying it was too time-consuming with three boys — "It's like four boys with Greg," she said — and a tennis academy to run. "Tennis only takes one hour," she said, laughling.

These rounds take close to six hours with two pros and

These founds take close to six hours with two pros and two amateurs in every group, and it was aslow, steady grind, Norman struggled with that and the bumpy greens, but he had no complaints about how he hit the ball. "It's a long day of concen-

tration, which I'm not used tration, which I'm not used tration, Norman said. "You get past four hours, you really have to stay locked in." Jones, a 41-year-old from New Mexico who has yet to finish in the top 100 on the minely list, has been around long enough to realize that one round is too early to get excited, especially in a format that uses three courses, and in a tournament where the leaderboard doesn't hegin to sort itself out until Sunday. "I think I'm Just satisfied that I played well and putted well," Jones said. "When everyone is playing different goff courses, being in the lead isn't every important. But its nice to be playing well, obviously."

J.B. Holmes, coming off a had a 68 at Spyglass Hill to join a group of 10 players that included Todd Demsey.

The top 14 players on the leaderboard have combined for 10 career, victories, and that doesn't include the California State Amateur that Demsey won in 1992.

Davis Love III, returning to the PGA Tour for the first time in PGA Tour for the first time.

the PGA Tour for the first time in four months after a severe ankle injury, overcame an early gaffe on the par-5 14th at Spyglass with three birdies on his back nine for a 70. Vijay Singh also had a 70.

#### Els 10 shots back at Indian Masters

At Indian masters

NEW DELHI — Indias Jyoti
Randhawa shot a 7-under 05
to take a two-stroke lead in
the Indian Masters, while
Ernle Els followed his Sunday
loss to Tiger Woods in Dubal
with a 75 that included a 9 on
the par-5 18th.

The Associated Press

# **Two-sided story**

## Clemens back on Hill; McNamee's lawyers show committee 2 photos of needles, steroids

SILOW COMMILLO

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens spent Thursday going doorto-door on Capitol Hill, lobbying congressmen investigating whether he used drugs. His accuser, Brian Menamee, gave a seven-hour deposition behind closed doors, and the trainer's lawyers presented photographs of evidence they said prove the star pictor was injected with steroids. Menamee headed straight for an exit, not speaking a word to reporters, when he emerged from his Interview with lawyers from the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. His attorneys wouldn't discuss the deposition, but they did talk at length about two color photographs they showed the committee for the first time.

"Toger Clemens has put himself in a position where his tegory as the greatest pictoria in baseball will depend less on his Elva aigh more about a story walk away limited the Rayburn House Office Building, Clemens held his own was conference, during which his lawyers repeatedly attacked McNamees newly presented evidence.
"This man has a total history of

mewly presented evidence.

"This man has a total history of lying," Clemens' attorney Rusty Hardin

said

The seven-time Cy Young Award winner's repeated denials of McNamee's
allegations in the Mitchell Report about
drug use drew Congress' attention.
Clemens spoke under oath to the comnitree Tuesday — the first time he
addressed the allegations under oath,
and therefore the first time he put himself at legal risk if he were to make false
statements.

statements.
There is a public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, when Clemens, McNamee and other vidnesses, including New York Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitie, are to testify McNamee, also a former personal trainer for Pettitie vidnical Mitchell that he injected Pettite with 1IGH. Pettitie confirmed in December that he used IIGH for two days.



Brian McNamee, former personal trainer for Roger Clemens, leaves after his deposition before the House Oversight and Government



Former New York Vankees pitcher Roger Clemens pauses during a news conference 

turned over physical evidence to a fed-eral prosecutor for the Northern District of California last month, shortly after Clemens held a Jan. 7 nationally

District of California hast month, shortly after Clemens held a Jan. 7 nationally televised news conference at which he played a taped conversation between the two men with conflicting accounts at the center of the issue.

"At that point," Ward said, "(McNamee) ducided there was no holds barred."

One photo shows a crushed beer can that Richard Emery, another of McNamee's attorneys, said was taken out of a trash can in Clemens' New York apartment in 2001. Emery said the can contained needles used to inject Clemens. That picture also shows what Emery said was gauze used to wipe blood off Clemens after a shot.

The other picture shows vials of what Emery said were testosterone, and needles—items the attorney said Clemens feed were testosterone, and needles—items the attorney said Clemens gave to McNamee for safekeeping at the

end of the 2002 baseball season.
While Clemens' camp called it "manufactured" evidence, lancry said the tenns were "just a collection of stuff thrown in a box and "kept in a basement for seven years."
Emery said McNanuec kept the items because he "had this inkling and gut feeling that he couldn't trust Roger and better kens samething to meter him.

teeing that he couldn't fust Roger and better keep something to protect him-self in the future."
"We invite Roger Clemens to provide his DNA to the federal government." Ward sald, "so a determination can be made whether or not the Items we say were taken from him are, in fact, his DNA."

DNA."
Asked about that, Hardin said the pitcher would comply with any request of that type from a federal authority.

But they're going to have to come to us," Hardin added. "It's not going to be McNamee getting out here with a bunch of pictures of waste."

## With Spagnuolo out, 'Skins keep looking

WASHINGTON — With the rising star from the Super Bowl out of the running, the Washington Redskins spent Thursday planning their next

Thursday planning their next move. Will their new coach be Jim Fassel? Rom Meeks? Steve Marlucel?

Or how about another mystery candidate? After all, owner Dan Snyder has kept the process well under warspasince loe Gibbs resigned Jan. B. At least two contenders, Fassel and Pete Carroll, weren't known to be on Snyders' ist until more than a week after their luital interviews.

their Initial interviews. And, of course, it was a mys-tery candidate who got the job four years ago, when Gibbs emerged out of nowhere after Snyder had higher-profile talks with other prospects. One certainty is that the next Redskins coach will not be New York Giants defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo, who withdrew his name from consideration Thursdax c.j.

who withdrew his name from consideration Thursday, citing his desire to remain with the Super Bowl champions.
'His heart is in New York—City—Spagnuolo's-agent-Bob—LaMonte, told/The Associated Press. 'He loves the owner-ship. He loves the players. He feels he has to stay there.'
The Giants promptly rewarded Spagnuolo with a three-year, 56 million contract.

#### Sean Taylor autopsy report released

MIAMI — The bullet that killed Washington Redskins safety Sean Taylor ripped first through his right leg and then the left, and possibly came from a 9mm handgun, an auttopsy released Thursday said.

said.

The report, obtained by The Associated Press through a public records request filed after Taylor's Nov. 27 death, notes a bullet perforated the

Johnson, Winslow show Pro Bowl not just a party week

Just a parry week
HONOLULU (AP) — Chad
Johnson is unhappy about the
silance or his teammeters, ra
new contract. Asenta Samuel
and Marcus Truent are
preparing for the open market.
Who says the Pro Bow it sail
fun and games?
Certainly not those NFL players, who spoke Thursday on a
variety of topics, including the
bushess of pro bell.
Johnson reliterated his unhap-

variety of topics, including the business of pro bell.
Johnson reiterated his unhappliness with the Chicameti Bengals. The receiver is at his fifth Pro Bowl, replecing, New England's Randy Moss, and he wasn't looking at the surroundings as paradise.
All the volces tailed for 16 weeks, Johnson said of Chicanatt's disappointing regular season. I don't here unew Mere you at?
Now's the time to left it out. The only volce I here is mine. While that's not unsual with—the-loquacious with—the-loquacious with—the-loquacious, and with the said of the promoting manner, although he admitted some of it didn't fit the Bengals' approach.

the Bengais approach

soft tissues and muscles of
the right groin and the right
femoral artery, a crucial pathway for blood.

The bullet tore through
muscles of Taylor's upper
right thigh, according to the
teport from the Maint-Dade
Medical Examiner, then exited the leg and entered the
athlete's left thigh.
Aside from the bullet
wounds and a small abrasion
on Taylor's right bleeps, no
other injuries were noted.
Toxicology tests found no
drugs in Taylor's system.

— The Associated Fress

#### Wood

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in the starting lineup during 11 of the Golden Eagles' 22 games. Wood hasn't had a double-digit scoring game during her adjust-ment to guard at CSI, but ripped down 12 rebounds against a taller Northwestern College

down 12 rebounds against a taller Northwestern College (Wyo) squad.

\*People have roles on the team and right now my role isnt really scoring. Wood said. 1 shoot the ball when I have open looks, and some nights 1'll score some, but my role is really to play hard, go after the ball and get rebounds.

And defend, from post to play hard, go after the ball and get rebounds.

And defend, from post to perimeter. That will be CSIs railying cry tonight and Saturday against a 12-10 CEU squad that has thrown up 622 3-pointers this season, exceeding an average of 28 attempts per game. CEU is similar to the North Idaho College team CSI swept last week as both have perimeter-oriented officiases.

Rogers and Wood both expect last weekends series against CEU, to pay dividends against CEU, to pay dividends against CEU, although the Golden Eagles suffered through a sub-par showing in last Friday's win.

#### **Eagle Eyes**

Tealght: No. 4 CSI (21-1, 7-0 SWAC) at College of Eastern Utah (12-10, 3-4 SWAC), Price, Utah, 5-30 p.m.

1-4 SWAC), Price, Utah, 5-30 p.m.

1-4 SWAC), Price of CSI (1994) CSI (1994) CSI (1994) CSI (1994)

Plunkett notched a 2-3-point, 15-rebound double-double.

1-6 The horizon: CSI hosts Snow College net weekend before facing rival Salt Lake Community College at home in two weeks.

1-6 This weekend's games will be broadcast live on 1270 AM KIR by Jonathan Drev.

1-7 Streams landors.

KFI by Jonathan Drew.

CSI season leaders

(Minimums apply, Averages, made/missed in parenthesis.)

Points: Made/ Punkett 340 (1.55): Soans Lucet 303 (13.8).

Robounds: Plunkett 468 (7.6): Lucet 165 (7.5). Assists: Maylone
Ornels 106 (4.6): Lacle Pringle Buchanan 91 (4.4). Steals: PringleBuchanan 105 (4.8): Ornelas 45 (2.1). Blocks: Anita Burdick 22 (1.1):
Eva Ivanova 18 (0.8). Field goal perentage: Punick: A31 (86.1): PringleBuchanan .518 (73-141). 3-pintt percentage: Pringle-Buchanan
.415 (22-53): Ornelas .337 (31-32). Free threw percentage: Burdick
.781 (57-73): Plunkett .721 (44-61).

"It helped us a lot," Wood said. it neiped us a lot," Wood said.
"I think each week we try and get
a little bit better, and I think last
week we probably didn't do it. So
this weekend gives us another
opportunity to take a step forward."

ward.

A proven winner at the high school level, Wood continues to take her own steps forward in the college game. For a ranch kid from a rural idaho town with its own unique love for the game.

the chance to remain synony-mous with Magic Valley basket-

hous with Marge valuey bases, ball — and most importantly, winning — is what playing at CSI is all about.

"She knows she could be bucking hay or something right now instead of playing basketball," flogers said. "So I think she appreciates where she's at."

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

## Fields

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season, Fields is averaging 6.5 points and
3.7 rebounds, and hasn't surpassed 12
points or 10 rebounds in a single game.
But to Peery, statistics are a small part of
Fields game.
"Effort," Peery statistics are a small part of
Fields are good player. "Ills effort is just
always the best, so for him, a lot of good
things happen. Sometimes he doesn't
have tremendous stats, but he can set a
tome for us through his effort that other
guys will follow."
Fields arthoutes his effort and leadership capabilities to his upbringing in
Headland, a rural town in the southeastern cerner of Alabama with a population
of roughly 3.700 people. Raised by a
mother that calls him a natural leader,
Fields picked up southern manners along
the way, as he'll often answer questions
with a "Nes sit," or "No sit." Somewhere
along the way, Fields also learned a
lumility that's almost foreign in the
cheest-thumping world of joinor college
basketball.
"You really have to be humble." Fields

chest-thumpling worne or jumes—haskethall.
"You really have to be humble." Fields
said. "You really have to be humble." Said. "You really have to be bount everything. If you're humble about everything. If you're humble about everything. If so work on and off the cour."
It's that humble made Fields aft in Peery's team-oriented system as the No. 2 Galden Engles put their 22-0 season record on the line tonight as Fields

returns to action against the College of Eastern Utah. Against a volatile 13-9 CEU team that sits thirld in the Scenic West Athletic Conference standings at 5-2, the CSI players ability to fill their designated roles will be tested.

"Other than us, I think they're the second-most explosive team in the league," Peery said. "I think they really have that ability to go on scoring runs with their tal-ent. They play loose enough that they can make mistakes and play through it." While the Golden Eagles enjoy quick, physical play, they can't get suckered into playing rec center ball in a hostile environment. CEU officials sold more than 2,000 tickets for tonlghr's game by Wednesday afternoon, and plan on drawing record crowds over the weekend.

For Fields, the showcase of playing for the top team in the nation in his return is one more chance to remind the SWAC of what he brings to the court.

"I bring a lot of energy," he said. "I take charges, play defense. Başteally, what each asks me to do, I do. I'm not a hig scorer or anything, but the linite things "Har Other people worn" dor, I will to.

"Yes sir, that's Terry Fields, plain and simple.

"Etc. Larsen may be reached at 1-800-

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

#### TWIN FALLS FOR CAST

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## NASCAR's opening event lacks circus-type atmosphere

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.
(AP) — There were no mar-riage proposals, no child reporters and hardly any silly questions.
Media day at the Daytona 500 didn't even have a predic-tion.

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No doubt, NASCAR's sea-

No doubt, NASCAIRS season-opening even thas a longway to go before it reaches
son-opening even thas a longway to go before it reaches
the level of the Super Bowl.
Although it was held under
a huge, white tent outside
Daytona International
Speedway on Thursday, it
was missing the circus-type
atmosphere of Super Bowl
media day.
The juticlest story of the day
came from lamie McMurray,
who recounted his recent
four-day stint as jury foreman in a rape trial.

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Gibbs Racing Even the Car of
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become old news.

"I could find a thousand
things better to do than this,
two-time Cup series champimitony Stewart sald us he sat
down to speak to dozens of
reporters.

Stewart was annoyed with
the entire daylong event. He
spent several hours shuffling
the tenter daylong event. He
spent several hours shuffling
the compensations hed been jasked since
the end of last season.

"What are you going to ask
me today that you didn't ask
me tow weeks ago and five weeks
ago" Stewart quipped, 'Ask
me something different.'

How about the Car of
Tomorrow making its
Dayton debut?

"I don't understand why
we're still answering the same
question atbout how does it
feel, 'Stewart said, wearing
list orange and black race
suit. 'Nobody knows. Nobody
can feel 3 or 4 horsepower."



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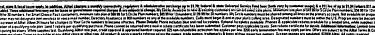
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# Second water hearing finishes in Boise

The second of three pivotal water hearings finished in Bolse this week, bringing the state 'and water users one step closer to clarifying who has claim to southern Idaho

State close to clarifying complex water laws

By Matt Christensen
Times-News witter

A hearing between the Surface Water Coalition, which includes Twin Falls
Clanal Co., and the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators blosed Wednesday. Formet blosed Wednesday. Formet state and water users one step closer to califying who has claim to southern Idaho to Idaho for the Surface water users are also alleging groundwater pumpers of more than the borney are also maked Plain Aquifer that belongs to them of the state's opinion that groundwater pumpers own that belongs to them of the state's opinion that groundwater pumpers own the state's not water to surface users in a previous hearing that pitted two Magic Valley trout farms answered in the trout farm case, according to lawyers close to the disputes.

Schroeder ruled to uphold from the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer that belongs to them first-served water law. Many questions of fact in the coalition case, surface water users are also alleging groundwater pumpers own the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer that belongs to them first-served water law. Many questions of fact in the coalition case, surface water users are also alleging groundwater pumpers own the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer that belongs to them first-served water law. Many questions of fact in the coalition case were users are also alleging groundwater pumpers own the state's proportion that groundwater pumpers own the state's proportion that groundwater users are also alleging groundwater users are also alleging groundwater users are also alleging groundwater water user

issue his latest recommenda-tion within 30 days, though it may take longer depending on procedure, according to IDWR,

IDWR.
Groundwater pumpers may have to close some of their wells to free up water for the trout farms under conditions in the trout case, but a strong snowpack could prevent curtallment in the coalition case.

A third hearing, involving

the A&B Irrigation District, is scheduled for May. The outcomes of one or more of these hearings is nore of these hearings is expected to be the basis for a Supreme Court case, which will determine whether a contested portion of Idaho's water can be applied legally.

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

## **Police** warn of fake money

## Counterfeit bills passing through area

Twin Falls police are warning of new counterfeit \$20 and \$50 bills passing through

and S50 bills passing through the area.

There are a number of details that distinguish counterfeit bills from the genuine bills printed through the Federal Reserve, according to a Twin Falls police press release.

Hold un two bills of the state of the

release.
Hold up two bills of the same denomination:
Portraits on genuine bills appear more lifelike than the Inclease and Ital Teatures of the counterfeit, which usually looks dark or mottled.
Genuine bills contain cleater, more distinct and sharp sawtooth points on the Federal Reserve and Treasury seals. The seals on a counterfeit may have uneven, blunt or broken points.
Borders of genuine bills are clear and unbroken while on fake bills the lines on the outer margin and scrollwork may be blurred an indistinct.
Make sure serial numbers have a distinctive style and are evenly space. They should also be printed in the same ink as the Treasury seal. Counterfeit bills may be uniform in spacing and may vary in color.
Also look for thy red and blue filbers embedded throughout the bill. Counterfeiters often try to Simulate these fibers by printing tiny red and blue lines on the paper, but on lose inspection you can tell whether it's an embedded where are setting on the sur-

fiber or resting on the sur-

. Twin Falls police ask any-one with information about the counterfelts to call 735-4357.

## Fighting terror with 'tea'



Greg Mortenson, co-author of 'Three Cups of Tea,' talks with students Thursday after about the hullding of schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

## Mortenson tells CSI audience of inroads into Asia

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

Times-Nows writer

The man who falled to summit Pakistan's K2 mountain, only to become one of America's most effective diplomats in the post-9/11 era, told a Twin Falls audience Thursday that extremist Muslim schools are cropping up in his native land of Tanzania — contrary to the claims of the U.S. government.

Greg Mortenson, an American citizen born in Tanzania, learned that grim news first-hand last summer when he traveled back to his native country, now a popular tourist destination for Americans chimbing Mount Killimanjaro.

Mortenson spoke to a group of 52 honors students and professors at the College of Southern Idaho Thursday, before addressing a standing-room only audience later in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

"Mo Heart sank" said Mortenson.

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Auditorium.
"My heart sank," said Mortenson,
who now lives in Bozeman, Mont.
After developing dozens of schools for
tens of thousands of students in
Pakistan and Afghanistan whose only access to education was through extremist madrassas, Mortenson has made himself a trusted source for "The real enemy is ignorance."

– Greg Mortenson

struggling American intelligence

struggling American Intelligence agencies.

"I new right away." he sald of the burgeoning schools that preach hatred of the West." I saw those whitewashed little buildings, with Arabic red letters on the side."

His first reaction was "shock" and then true to form, he told his wife, "I've got to start getting schools in here."

Mortenson sald the "faurania of his youth was a peacefully-coexisting blend of lews, Christians and Muslims. He sald American intelligence "has become so technologically based" that it's not likely to discover madrassas have emerged in Tanzania for another five years.

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The title refers to the traditional way denizens of Korphe — the first town

where he built a school — cultivate trust in a stranger.

As Mortenson's Central Asia Institute builds schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan, extremist Muslim groups have outpaced his projects by increasing the number of extremist schools in Afghanistan from 900 to 2,500 since the 1980s. Those sponsors are buying the hearts and minds of young, poor Afghans, a segment of the country that's six times larger than it was before Sept. 11, 2001.

In addition, American policy has been to clear cut poppy fields used to manufacture heroin. But Mortenson says oplum production increased 60 percent last year. Endicating poppy fields only steals the livelihood of growers, creating new adversaries for the U.S.

"The real enemy is ignorance," Most popple do not like al Queda very much.

the U.S.

"The real enemy is ignorance,"
Mortenson told the gathering, "Most
people do not like al Qaeda very much.
There is the snying, you can rent an
Afghan but you can't buy an Afghan.'
Al Qaeda... they recognize the value of
education. We're learning but it's takine a lone time.

ing a long time.
"The thing we need to remember,"
he said, "is that young kids don't have

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## Charter schools accepting applications New school in Gooding sets

May 6 deadline By Andrea Gates Times-News writer

Two charter schools are tak-ing applications for fall enroll-ment in Gooding and Twin Falls.

North Valley Academy in Gooding, the area's newest public charter school, is tak-ing applications until May 6 for its first school year, to begin in the fall. The charter school will lease space at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. the Blind.

One-year-old Xavier Charter School in Twin Falls, which currently has 260 stu-dents, is accepting applica-tions until March 31.

tons until March 31.
Charter schools can set their own enrollment dead-lines, said Idaho Charter School Commission Program Manager Tamara Baysinger.
Xavier Charter School

Xavier Charter School serves kindergarten through eighth grade and it's petition-ing the Idaho Charter School Commission to add ninth grade, or 30 additional stu-dents for next year. Baysinger said the commission will like-ly hear that request on March 6. Both schools are multifel.

ly hear that request on March 6.
Both schools are publicly funded and operate under the Idabo Charter School Commission, independently of local school districts surrounding them.
They first need to enroll students within their school districts, but if quotas aren'd met they can open up enrollment and hold a lottery before priority is first given to school founders' kids, then their shiftings and finally non-shiftings. At Xavier, kids already enrolled this year have first priority for next year, and the application is just a formality, said the school's principal Please see School's Prace C2

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#### For applications

Log on to orthvalleyacademy.com

#### LEGISLATIVE BRIEFS

#### Legislator suffers stroke on House floor

stroke on House floor

House Revenue and Taxation Committee Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot, a six-term legislator, was transported to a hospital during the middle of Thursday's floor session after an apparentstroke.

As Rep. Ilm Clark, R-Hayden Take, Issued Telostigremarks to his bill, Lake looked weak and couldn't stand up, according to legislators. Several legislators hier described the episode as a stroke.



At about 12:20 p.m., Clark was cut off mid-sentence and the House went to ease, Paramedics arrived and Lake Faramedics arrived and Lake was brought to St. Luke's tegtonal Medical Center. He was later transferred to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

As he was moved from the House floor to an elevator, Lake appeared alert, sitting

upright in a wheelchair and waving, Lawmakers said Lake did not lose consclousness. "My fans," he said with a smile to a crowd of about two dozen people outside the chamber.

The House reconvened and suspended the bill being debated until today. Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, one of Lake's closest friends' in the Tegislature; said that an hour before Lake needed medical assistance, the two lawmakers had a conversation in the hallway about a bill.

about a bill. Smith sald Lake told him

his left leg was locking up and in his left arm was numb. Smith said he told him that sounded like the precursor to a stroke and offered him aspirin, but Lake declined.

#### Senate panel to review home price disclosure

The Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee will review two proposals that would change Idaho's home sales disclosure

laws.
One, a bipartisan pitch
from lawmakers, would make
disclosure of sales price for

homes mandatory to county assessors. Prices would remain private from the public, unless people appealed their property taxes.

The sponsors said that the change would bring ldaho into compliance with a constitutional requirement that property taxes be based on market value.

The bill is sponsored by Sent. "Shawn "Keotught, R-Sandpoint, and "Jouse Minority Leader Wendy laquet, D-Ketchum. They stressed lis a statewide problem. The same bill was proposed last year but left

intouched so that it could be reviewed between sessions.

The committee also voted to hold a hearing on a proposal that would make it mandatory for sales prices of a home to be reported to multiple listing services. Nearly all Idaho county assessors use multiple listing services, said John Eaton, a lobbyist for the Idaho Association of Reattors, which is snonorine the bill.

Association "of "Reations, which is sponsoring the bill.
"I think we all agree more information is better," Eaton said. He said the organization

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## S.V. chamber official sentenced for DUI

Carol Waller, executive director of the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber and Visitor's Burcau, was sentenced to 18 months of unsupervised probation last week after pleading guilty to driving under the influence. A Blaine County Sheriff's depuy arresced Waller the evening of Oct. 25 at the intersection of Buttercup Road, and Indian Creek Road.

Road.

A judge fined Waller, 49, 5400 plus court costs and ordered her to submit to alcohol tests when requested. He allowed her to drive only when she has not consumed alcohol. She must also enroll berself in a vic-



t i m 's i m p a c t panel and a t t e n d c o u r t alcohol school.

She was credited for serv-

for serv-ing two days in jall. But a lieutenant at the the jail said d at 8:16 p.m. and released at 10:49 p.m

at same day. A Blaine County deputy A Blaine County deputy prosecutor, who was attending a conference in Boise, did not respond to a request for a clarification. Waller could not be reached Thursday evening.

## Scout earns Eagle award

Devin Harris, son of Tracy and Shelly Harris of Kimberly, received his Eagle S c o u t award at a

ceremony held Jan.

Harris 42 sponsored by
Crossroads United

Methodist Church in Kimberly, with Kathee Clark as Scoutmaster. For his Eagle project, he made and placed 50 wood-

made and placed 50 wood-en crosses on veterants graves at the Terome Cemerciy, He was also on staff this past summer at Camp Bradley and has earned his BSA Life Guarding Award. Devin is a senior at Kimberly High School and plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho this fall.

#### OFFICERS INSTALLED



Officers were installed on Jan. 15 at St. Luke's Magic Valley Aurillary. The Aurillary is an enthusiastic group that places high priorities on programs such as the Cancer Patient Gasoline Fund, Scholarships, Diabetes Education and special emphasis on alleviating the stress of Diabetes Education and special emphasis on alleriating the stress of patients and their families as they come to SLIMYMG for medical care. Officer's elected include, from left, president, Virginia Becker; first vice president, Betty Syrior, second vice president, Betty Syrior, second vice president, Herd Call; third vice president, Gue Chipman; secretary, Imagene Health; treasurer, Ila Wirrest; corresponding secretary, Anna Schwarz; and historian, Geri Hirschkom.

#### CITIZENS OF THE WEEK



10 include, from left, front: Angelica, Tyler, Cotton, Preston; center, Rene, Derin, Cameron, Nayeli; and back, Mitchell, Melissa, Leslie, Sara and Carlos. ntary School's Citizens of the Week for the week of Ja

#### Schools

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Confused from page C.1 Clindy Falcher. Klds expelled from another school, public or private, could be rejected by charter schools and anyother public school, according to the Idaho State Department of Education.

Education.
Xavier made an enrollment mistake last year, and
got a letter of defect from the
charter commission in

got a letter of defect from the charter commission in September after a parent said the school threatened to reject her special-needs children.

The school now serves less than 10° special needs kids, has contracts with two special needs providers and its trying to hire a half-time special needs teacher, said Fulcher. special news.
Fulcher.
The school's enrollment

mistake was a topic of conversation at a lan. 10 charter commission meeting, where commissioners discussed the need for new charter schools to understand they can't turn away special needs kids. What Xayler did het war should be be a large topic and the second to be a large topic and the second a before the second a se last year showed a lack of understanding, commis-

understanding, commis-sioners said. North Valley Academy will ry to stay clear any emoli-ment problems. "Everybody's welcome, said Infanger. Enrollment lotteries at the schools will be held during public meetings, school offi-cials said, and applications are available online.

Andrea Gates can be reached at 735-3380 or Andrea.Gates@lee.net.

#### CHEERLEADERS VISIT CARE CENTER



The Magic Valley Eagle All-Star cheerleaders shared some Christman with the residents at the Twin Falls Care Center on Dec. 22. ers from the various squads spent their time caroling and meet-

## T.F. woman to celebrate 80th birthday Saturday

Lora Primm of Twin Falls will celebrate her 80th birthday at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Shilo Inn, 1586 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Lakes Blvd. N. In Twin Falls. Lora Reddy was born Feb. 7, 1928. She married Everett Primm. She has lived in the Magic Valley for 80 years. Her children are lim (Teresa) Primm. Sharon (Bill) Strickland and Judie (Ric) Mayne. She has six grandchildren and six geat-grandchildren and six geat-grandchildren.



The event is hosted by her family.

#### Mary H. Darrell

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BUHL — Mary H. Darrell,

87, of Bubl, died Tuesday,
Feb. 5, 2008, in her sleep
peacefully at her home.

She was born Sept. 20,
1920, to Isaac and Anna
(Tannehill) Pyle. She was the
hird of five children. She
attended Lucerne Country
School. She married Herbert
Jack Darrell, and to this
union was born three children, Barbara, Jack and Lary.
They later were divorced.

During World War II, she
worked in the shipping yards.
She purchased her rown property and raised her three children on her own. Among her
occupations, she worked on

a farm and was an upholsterer. She enjoyed reading and gardening.
She is survived by her two sons, Jack (Lorena) Darrell, and off Bublitwo sisters, Elsie Pryor of Bublitwo sisters, Esther Norris; and one brother, D.L. Pyle.
No service is scheduled.
Arrangements are under the direction of Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

#### SERVICES-

Jose "Joe" Zuniga, of Gooding, memorial service at 5:30 p.m. today at the Desert Hills Community Church of the Nazarene in Gooding.

Helen Price Harris of Boise and formerly of Shoshone, service at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the

Donald C. Tolley of Boise and formerly of Caldwell and Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Dakan's Funeral Chapel in Caldwell.

William Troy Dickard of Pocatello and formerly of Kimberly, graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Filer Cemetery, visitation from 6 to 7:30 p.m. today at the Manning-Wheatley Funeral Chapel, 510 N. 12th Ave. in Pocatello.

George B. Sullivan of Gresham, Ore, and formerly of Rupert, finieral Mass at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Henrys Catholic Church in Gresham; visitation from noon to 4 p.m., with recitation of the rosary at 4 p.m., today at the Gresham Funeral Chapel.

Donna Fay Packard Watson Barrus of El Paso, Texas, and formerly of Twin Palls, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at White Mortuary

in Twin Falls; visitation from to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Floyd Raymond Ricks of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Demarays Gooding Chapel; visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the mortuary.

Russell Whitney Pincock of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Emerson LDS Church, 127 S. Emerson LDS Church, 1275. 950 W. In Paul: visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church the church.

Jackle Irene DeBoard of Idaho Falls and formerly of Buhl, Twin Falls and Jerome, graveside service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Dorothy Aleene Bush of Richland, Wash., and formerly of Itvih Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Sautdray at the Central United Professant Church, 124 Sevens Drive in Richland; graveside service at Superson Collows at Sunset Memorial Gardens, 915 By-Pass Highway, in Richland; reception after graveside service at the church; visitation from noon to 5 p.m. Priday and B to 11 a.m. Sautdray at Elinan's Funeral Home, 915 By-Pass Highway.

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obits@magicvalley.com.

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#### Virginia J. Pratt

HEYBURN — Virginia J. Pratt, was born Feb. 6, 1922, in Ogden, Utah, and passed m Ogden, Utah, and passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 5, 2008, at her home in Heyburn.

2008, at her home in Heyburn. Preceded by Grant L. Pratt Sr., she is reunited with her beloved husband and many friends and family. Survived by her twin brother, Vernon Eversen of Corn. Habit. 100 or 100 properties of Corn. Habit. 2009. many ... and family. Survived twin brother, Vernon Evertsen of Orem, Utah; 10 children, Grant Ir, Nicholas (1994). Janean Hendrickson Teri Hall children, Grant Jr., Nicholas (Judee), Janean Hendrickson (John), Karen Pratt, Teri Hall (Boh), James (Jeanne), Rex (Jaml), Jeffrey, Craig and Scott: 33 grandchildren and

62 great-grandchildren.
She lived with great faith as
a lifelong member of The
Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints, holding a

variety of positions. She served a full-time mission with her husband in the Virginia Roanoke Mission. One of her last expressions was "Perfect!" regarding the new first presidency of the church organized the day prior to her passing. Though deaf, unable to hear music and communicate freely to others for 40 years, she listened to the melodies of the spirit, and love and deep faith in Jesus Christ were the result. The funeral will be held at the Heyburn LDS 1st Ward building, 530 Villa Drive in Heyburn. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Arrangements are under the

the Paul Cemetery. Arrangements are under the Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary in Rupert. In lieu of Bowers donations may be considered for the Missionary Fund of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

#### Mary W. (Andrews) Hoobler

Mary W. (And FILER — Mary Winifred Hoobler, of Filer, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center.
She was born lan. 1, 1927, in Soldier Summit, Usab, to Faye Monroe Andrews. The family moved to northern Idaho, settling on a farm near the small community of Sagle. Mary attended the Morton Grade School and Sandpoint High School. After graduating from high school. Mary joined her sister, Susie Messinger, in working at the bean houses in Twin Falls. She met Robert Hoobler in Hansen. They were married in luly of 1947 in Sandpoint. They made their home in Twin Falls, where both sons were born, R. Gordon and Douglas Lee. In 1968, the family moved to Filer, were Mary resided until her death. Mary became an LPN in 1961, working until 1973 when an injury prevented her from working Mary loved to make quilts and crochet in when I During the summer, she raised a big garden.

canning everything that grew. She loved to make jel-lies, jams and pickles for her sons and grandchildren. Mary was a member of the Hansen Assembly of God Churchs. Church.

Clurch.
Survivors include her husband, Robert Hobbler of Flier; a son, Gordon Hobbler (Nancy) of Dearry one brother, George Andrews of Sandpoint; foor grandchildren: 13 great-grandchildren: and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son and daughter-in-law, four sisters and two brothers.

four sisters and two mon-cers.

A service will be held at H
a.m. Monday, Feh. H, at the Hansen Assembly of God Church in Hansen. A viewing will be held prior to the serv-ice starting at 10 a.m. in lieu of flowers, the family encour-ages contributions to be made in her memory to the Hansen Assembly of God Building Fund, in care of White Mortnary, PO, Box 845, Twin Falls, ID 8330, Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortnary.

#### Mary Jo Harvey

Mary Jo Harvey passed away Feb. 5, 2008, at the age of 85.

she met her husband, Eugene Harvey. They moved to Sacramento, Calif., in 1940, where they lived and raised their family, Mary Jo moved to Twin Falls in 2002 to be closer to her daughter, JoAnn Harvey. She passed away peacefully at her-daughter's home. She will be inurned next to her husband at East Lawn Cemetery Sacramento, Calif.

Arrangements have been entrusted to White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls.

#### DEATH NOTICES

#### Kenneth D. Lahn Jr.

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KIMBERIY — Kenneth
Donald "Ken" Lahn Jr., 38, of
Kimberiy died Tuesday, Feb.
5, 2000, from injuries sustained in an electrical accident at a job site in Jerome.
The funeral will be held at 2
pm. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at
Reynolds Funeral Chapel,
2466 Addison Ave. En Tybu
Falls: visitation from 4 to 8
pm. Monday, Feb. 11, at the
mortuary.

#### James H. Spafford

KIMBERLY — James H. Spafford, MD, 79, of Kimberly, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Dwight Brandon

Dwight Brandon, 80 of Twin, Falls died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at his home.
Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic

Buhl — Genese Sevall 84, of Buhl, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at SunBridge Care
Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic

Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Valley Funeral home of Twin

#### Helen M. Cooper ?

WENDELL — Helen Mary Cooper, 89, of Wendell, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

#### Barbara Drenker

Barbara Drenker, 85, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at Bridgeview Estates.

Arrangements will announced by V Mortuary in Twin Falls. ll be White

#### Genese Sevall

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## Fed judge: Schools' lawsuit against Idaho Supreme Court to continue

BOISE (AP) — A lawsul brought by school districts against the idaho Supreme Court will move forward in the federal courts, U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winnill ruled Thursday.

Citing what he called "the Idaho Supreme Court's lack of clarity in its tiectistons and pronouncements," Yilmill told both sides to be ready to schedule future hearings. Then the judge suggested that the state high court could avert a possible trial by simply carlyfung its sardire rulling.

"In the interest of judicial economy, and to save the state of Idaho and list taxpayers unnecessary expenses associated with this case, the court will note that an expedited order by the Idaho Supreme Court clarifying the posture of the state-court carlying the posture of the state of the s

The school districts sued the Supreme Court last June to force the

justices to order a remedy phase, for a case the districts won two years ago, in 2005, the high court upheld a lower court ruling in favor of a 1990 lawsuit fleed by the districts that contended Idaho's school funding system was unconstitutional because it did not set aside enough money. The June lawsuit contends the light part of the property of t

ing to make sine use according to obeyed.

In his ruling Thursday, Wimmill rejected the Idaho Supreme Court's request to throw out the districts lates I navail, I also rejected the school districts' request for a summary judgment, saying the complicated case involved too many factual questions for an immediate ruling.

"We are as pleased as a 'possum in a pea patch' with this decision," said Robert Huntley, the lawyer for the school districts and himself a former Idaho Supreme Court justice.

chool districts and number a former laho Supreme Court justice. Merlyn Clark, the lawyer representing

the high court justices, said the districts may ask Winmill to reconsider. That argument — that the federal court doesn't have the jurisdiction to order a state supreme court to take action—isn't the only troublesome part of the ruling. Clark said. Some of the Idaho Supreme Court justices who were used in the case have since retired, and it's not clear if the court would have to reconvene with the instites who were

site of the cour would have to reconvene with the justices who were on the case at the time or if the current panel would be sufficient, Clark said. Still, Clark said, the idanho Supreme Court justices are taking Winntill's recommendation to clarify their earlier rulaing "very seriously." The original lawsuit argued that the state was not fulfilling its responsibility under Idaho law to provide public schools. In 2005, the high court said the districts were essentially right. — Idaho's system was unconstitutional because poor school districts were unable to build safe schools for children.

#### Pioneer female ad executive Adrienne A. Hall dies at 81

By Jocelyn Stewart Los Angeles Times

Adrienne A. Hall, who became a leader in the advertising industry at a time when few women held such positions and who later helped create prestigious organizations for high-achileving women, died Saturday in a nursing home in Los Angeles from complications of Lou Gehrigs disease. She was 81.

In 1970 Hall and Joan Levine formed Hall & Levine

Advertising, which was often described as the first U.S. advertising agency headed by women.

The agency's clients included such companies as Max Factor and Neutrogena, said's 'Stefanie' Titall', 'Halls' daughter.

Six years after the agency was formed, the Western States Advertising Agency Association changed the name of its 'Man of the Vara Award' to 'Advertising Award of the Yara 'and gave it to Itali and her partner. and her partner.

#### 5TH DISTRICT COURT

#### FEB. 5 AND 6 ARRAIGNMENTS

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15; \$100,000 bond.
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would oppose the other bill.

#### Senate panel will hear one-mile bill again

The Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee agreed to review legislation that would allow people liv-ing farther than one-mile from pro-posed feedlots to testify at public hear-

posed feedlots to testify at public hear-ings.

The exact same bill cleared the Senate overwhelmingly last year, but failed to get a hearing in the House. Some senators volced concern they'd be wasting their time, but offered to give the legislation another shot.

Sen. Jeff Siddoway, R-Terreton, who last week told the *Times-News* he was

"instrumental" in keeping last year's bill from having a hearing, tried unsue-cessfully to kill the proposal. "To me it's not a falmess issue, it's a local issue," said Siddoway, an elk rancher who was among four senators to vote against last year's bill.

## House passes energy

The House approved a bill 55-11 that would require all major state building projects and enovations be designed with a standard that is at least 30 percent more energy efficient than the state energy code.

Rep. George Eskridge.

Rep. George Eskridge, the bill's chief sponsor, said that over the next five years, Idaho will save \$1 million. He

said the hope is that leadership can be demonstrated to the private sector and local governments to follow. Rep. Leon Smith, B-Twin Falls, opposed the measure on the grounds that state buildings are already too costly. He said that while energy effi-ciency is beneficial, there were too many questions with the bill, including who would decide how the buildings would pay for themselves within 10 years.

years.
"It just adds another layer of bureau-cracy," he said after the vote.
The bill applies to only state govern-ment buildings and not local govern-ment or public buildings. It also exempts community colleges and - lared S. Honkins, Times-News

#### Tea

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another option besides those

madrassas."
According to Mortenson's
co-authored book, Rep. Mary
Bono, R-Calif., told him she
learned more about the crisis
in Afghanistan from just one
of his speeches than from all
her committee briefings in

Congress.
Mortenson has experienced serbacks. On Sunday, several members of a construction team building a set of schools for a village in Afghanistan were killed, including some decapitations. Despite the tragedy, the community excited to finally have a school — continued to thrust forward the project.

As long as people there

Patient Spotlight

want education. I think we should continue to help them, he said.
So far, Mortenson has rejected offers from about 30 Hollywood producers who have aggressively pursued making his movie. His caution comes from fear that it will disrupt his efforts in central Asia.
He noted the recent film

tral Asia.

He noted the recent film The Kite Runner' about the region has been bunned and les acrost the reatment. He said he's considering the possibility of a documentary to encourage American involvement in his projects.

As Mortenson prepared for his next speaking event at the Herrett Center across campus, an audience mem-

"I don't have to keep

saying, 'What?' all

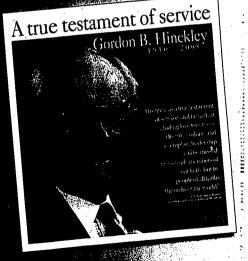
ber said he thought he could

ber said he thought he could secure enough money to build multiple schools from his rich friends in London. A popular theme in Mortenson's book is that he never knows where his next breakthrough might occur. Could his next big donation come from Twin Falls? Bruce James, a pharmacy student who brought his 10-year old daughter along, lavished Mortenson with praise usually reserved for church. "I think what you're doing a quite awesome," James said. "You're not a savior but I bet you could walk on watt.

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## Heavy snow causes problems across much of Idaho

BOISE (AP) — Heavy snow—across much of Idaho is causing problems ranging from loose dogs walking over fences to buried vehicles on city streets apparently being left by owners for the spring than.

In northern Idaho, officials have captured 12 dogs in Post Falls since Jan. 22.

"People are calling in left and right with missing dogs and realizing dogs are just walking over their fence," said Post Falls sainal safety officer Kristi Williams.

Coeur d'Alene also has had

dogs go missing.

If they'd had a city license
on, they'd have gotten a ride
home instead of to the shelter," said Coeur d'Alene police Sgt. Christie Wood

In Coeur d'Alene,

said. Cocur d'Alene, more than 55 vehicles buried by snow have been tagged by snow have been tagged by police and will be towed if not moved within 48 hours. "It takes a considerable amount of our resources to didress these vehicles that have become a hazard," said police Chief Wayne Longo. "I encourage vehicle owners to take responsibility for their vehicles and get them removed. This will help ensure that emergency vehicles are able to respond to the needs of our clitzens."

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ST. IOE, Idaho (AP) - Deer,

51.10E, Idaho (AP) — Deer, elk and moose have been moving to lower elevations because of heavy snow in the mountains along the St. low River, and a recent kill shows wolves have been quick to follow.

workes have been quick to follow.

Some residents in the rugged, sparsely populated area southeast of Goeur d'Alene are concerned, although state Fish and Game Department experts say the workes don't pose a danger to people.

Rence McQuade met with a conservation officer, Jerry Hugo, last week after her children found the carcass of a deer killed by three wolves about 200 feet from their bus stop in Shoshome County.

"I assured Rence the wolves are after this and not

"I assured Rence the wolves are after this and not your kids," Hugo said. "A lot of people don't understand wildlife behavior

enough to begin with, so they have a predisposed fear of them." he said, "but they are just as afraid of us as we are of them."

them."
Even so, McQuade sup-ports the removal of wolves from the federal endangered species list in the state, which, and a proposed wolf hunt as part of a state management plan.

"Anytime there's a predator in the area, I'm concerned," she said.

Wolves follow big game

to lower elevations



ck stops to help a stranded motorist Thursday on US Highway 95 in e. High winds and icy roads closed the highway for most of the day.

Weather Service hydrologist in Bolse, said Coeur d'Alene end loaders have been clear end toaders have been clear-ing snow from around vehi-cles so that a waiting tow truck could take them away. So far this week, about a dozen cars and trucks have has received about 65 inches of snow so far this winter, more than double the aver-

age.
More is on the way, with about a foot of snow is expected at elevations above 5,000 feet from central Idaho dozen cars and heen towed away. towed vehicles can expect to pay from \$85 to \$145, plus

north.

Lower elevations could see rain, he said.

"Northern Idaho is still under the gun," he said Thursday. "It looks like as we head into the weekend, more spow."

snow."

Breidenbach said what's unusual this winter is the amount of snow at lower ele-

In Coeur d'Aiene, front-

\$30 a day for storage.

"In a way. I hate to have it. done," said Lavern Shaffer, owner of Lavern and David Shaffer's Towing. "I hate to charge people for towing their own cars in front of their houses, it's not a good thing, but they should abide by the law and get them off the street in the first place." In Idaho Falls, more than \$1 million has been spent removing snow.
"We're definitely over budget, but we're still going to stand tall and plow the streets," Idaho Falls Mayor lared Fuhriman said.

"We're going, to plow we're going to plow we're going, to plow the streets," Idaho Falls Mayor lared Fuhriman said.

"We're going to plow regardless," said Public gardless, saw ..... orks Director Chad Stanger, works Director Chad Stanger, adding that the city might start replowing residential streets Friday. "We'll worry about (the budger) later." Fuhriman said that once winter is over, the City Council will look at how to pay the bill.



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"It's a daily thing around here, someone finding a dead elk or deer that's been killed by a wolf or a pack of wolves," she said.

The Walters say deer and elk populations appear to have decreased as wolf packs have hecome established in the area after they were reintroduced into Idaho in 1995. Twin Falls, Idaho

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know wolves are new and they're back on the scene," he said, "but it's just

scene," he said, "but it's just another carnivore "If the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service delists them, we're ready to start managing them just like we manage mountain lions and black bears."

He said the deer careas's was hardly eaten, indicating the wolves had been spooked and left.

John and Renee Walters, who photographed the aftermath of the kill, said wolves are competing with hunters for deer, elk and moose and coild pose a threat to small children.

Renee Walters said she say a wolf at another bus stop a wolf at another bus stop a wolf at another bus stop a

Rence Walters said she saw a wolf at another bus stop a lew years ago. She said she's seen others, Including one that circled her car when she pulled over to look at it, apparently while it was guarding its kill. A dead moose call was found nearby.

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## Officer, gunman among 5 dead after standoff

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A gunman killed three apparent relatives and a veteran SWAT officer and wounded another officer before police shot him to death early Thursday in a home that crupted in flames during a long standoff. A woman escaped near the end of the slege. Police Chief William Bratton said investigators going through the house afterward believed there may be an additional victim inside, so "we are even at this stage of the game not certain how many victims we have." Two other SWAT officers received minor fragment wounds in a barrage of gunfre, Bratton said. There was no immediate

wounds in a barrage of gun-fire, Bratton said.

There was no immediate explanation, of what trig-gered the bloodbath in the modest San Fernando Valley home, leading to the first line-of-duty death in the 41 years of the Los Angeles Police Department's elite

NEW YORK (AP) —
Authorities arrested dozents
of, people Thursday in a
sweeping Mafia takedown
aimed at closing the book on
decades-old gangland killings
and other crimes and knocking out what's left of the oncemighty Gambino family.

A federal indictment in
frooklyn named 62 people,
including the three highestranking members of the
Gambino clan and the brother and nephew of the late
John Gottl, the notorious
boss who ran the family in its
heyday. State prosecutors
separately charged 26 others
with running a gambling ring
that took nearly \$10 million
in bets on professional and
college sport.

The New York raids coincided with an Italian operation, code-named "Old
Bridge" and centered on the
Stellian capital of Palermo,
targeting Mafia figures who
were strengthening contacts
between mob groups in Italy
and the United States.

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unconnected, signaled an international attempt to distribute Statistics and international attempt to distribute Statistics and the Cambino familie, dulich lasses the decimated by prosecutions since Gottl's fall.

The U.S. investigation ensured whatever members of the Gambinos hierarchy were still at liberty and will bring "closure to crimes from the past," U.S. Attorney benton Campbell said, including the slaying of a court officer, drug trafficking, robberles, extortion at a failed NASCAR track and other crimes dating to the 1970s.

The probe's scope shows the mob "still exists in the city and the state of New York, said New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo. "We like to think that it's a vestige of the past. It's not."

Most of the suspects were necessary including the reputed acting boss of the Gambino family, loth Tackle the Nose." D'Amico, who is accused of playing a lead role na broad meketeering con-

me Nose D'Amico, who is accused of playing a lead role in a broad racketeering con-spiracy. His lawyer could not immediately be reached for

comment.

Joseph Corozzo, accused of being a high-level Gambino adviser, pleaded not guilty to



Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, left, listens as Police Chief William Bratton speaks to reporters after a man barricaded in a house killed three relatives and opened fire on a SWAT team in Los Angeles Thursday.

SWAT team

SWAT team.

The unidentified gunman was killed about 11 hours after barricading himself in

the house and telling police in a 911 call he had killed three relatives, police said. Those victims identities were not immediately known.

The shooting occurred at the home of a man, his wife and their three sons, said Armando Rivera, who identified himself as a cousin.

Annatur (avera, who occurred himself as a cousin.

The slain officer was Randal Simmons, S1, who left a wife and two children. His colleague James Veenstra, 51, was in stable condition after surgery, said Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell. Veenstraß wife is a police capatan.

Today's a sad and tragic day here in the city of Los Angeles," said an ernotional Augor Antonio Villaraigosa, who revealed that both officers, 20-year members of SWAT, were assigned to protect his children last year.

Veenstm had three hours of surgery at Northridge Medical Center to remove

fragments of the bullet that went through his lip and shattered his Jaw, said Dr. Gabriel Aslanian. Gabriel Asl

veenstra's prognosis "should be very good," Aslanian said.

Bratton said entering the home was a proper SWAT tac-

home was a peop-tic.
"If there's a belief that a hostage is in danger, they will seek to make entry... SWAT did what we would have expected them to do," the chief said.

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expected them to do," the chief said.
Bratton said preliminary information from the 911 call indicated as many as six people were in the house.
Preliminary information gave no hint of problems with police actions, but a complete review will be done, consistent with policy, said Police Commission inspector General Andre Birotte, whose panel functions as the civilian overseer of the Police Department.

A SWAT team surrounded the house minutes after the 911 call about 9 p.m. Wednesday. About three hours later, officers entered the one-story home and were met with a barrage of gunfire, authorities said.

authorities said.
Inside, they found two
males dead and another who
might have been alive,
Assistant Chief Michael
Moore said.

More said.

After the two officers were shot, police retreated with their wounded colleagues and the other person, who was pronounced dead out-

side. Moore said the three men might have been related to one another or to the fami-ly that lived in the house. Authorities then located family members of the gun-man, who asked him to sur-router.

man, who asked him to sur-render. "Unfortunately the suspect had absolutely no contact with us, made no effort to surrender," Moore said. A woman who ran from the rear of the home during the slege was rescued. Police believe she had been hiding inside during the entire ordeal.



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arrested, investigators warned that as part of his attempt to become the Cosa Nostra's next boss of bosses; he had been working to mend ties with U.S. Italian clans such as the Gambinos and the Inzerillos. Those relations were wereked during Sielly's internal Mafia war of the 1890s.

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John 'Jackis the Rose' D'Amico, right, arrives at the Federal Courthouse in Brooklyn in March 1992 for continued testimony in the John Gottl case. The other men are not identified. D'Amico, the reputed acting boss of the Gambi crime family, was named in a federal indictment, authorities said Thursday.

multiple racketeering counts including encaine trafficking. "Ite's never been involved in drugs." Jus autorney and son, Joseph Corozzo Ir., said outside court. Among the 29 people arrested or sought in Italy were members of class linked to Salvatore La Piccolo, the

Sicilian Mafia boss arrested in November, Italian officials said.
"We have cut short a dan-gerous connection that would have been the bask for new illegal trafficking." Palermo. Prosecutor Francesco Messineo said. new illegal traffic Palermo Prose Francesco Messineo sa When Lo Piccolo

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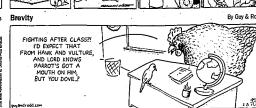
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ARIES (March 21-April 19):
Toss a coin. You may have a
choice between following the
common path and blazing a
trail for others to follow. Your
significant other will expect
you to be businessike and
competent at all times.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):
Avoid misunderstandings by
steering clear of business
dealings and investments.
especially with loved ones or
tolse friends. Keep your
money in your wallet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):
Dig up the dirt. You have a
nose for details, especially lift
concerns certain opponents
or adversaries. A certain
someone is actually looking
for unqualified affection
instead of dollars and cents.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):
Play your cards for pennies,
not dollars. Spend quality

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pleasure. Someone new on the scene may suspect your motives.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Gather data for the future. You can pan for gold where facts and figures are concerned. There will, unfortunately, be little opportunity or employ negotiation skills or put your knowledge to good use.

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LBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):
Your vulnerabilities leave you open to problems. Because you may be too concerned that others like you, you risk forgetting to follow sound business practices. Someone could take advantage of your kind nature.

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Rather than looking for new investments, start taking beter care of funds already within your control. Partners might not be impressed or amused by your suggestions.

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19): To satisfy a special someone, you, must show you are
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those who are not completely
orthright wont succeed.

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18): You might go to extremes
in an effort to be amenable
with a professional contact. A
note of hypocrisy may creep
into the picture if you try to
ignore basic differences of
opinion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):
Don't hand over the controls
to a new acquaintance. Your
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others make you overly trusting and reluctant to compete.

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By Chris Browne







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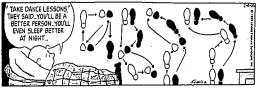


Classic Peanuts

and Lois

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Dennis the Menace



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"If the noise was funny, why aren't you laughing?"

# Man's marriage proposal DEAR ABBY: My wife, and it's time I propose. The three of us are a little team, and I'm wondering, when I ask her to marry ashould I involve her son and buy something for him and if so, what I was thinking of a custom-made charm for a chain (remember, he's only 4). I would be greatly appreciated. DEAR ABBY: My wife, and it's time I propose. The three of us are a little team, and I'm wondering, when I ask her to marry and shuy something for him and if so, what I was thinking of a custom-made charm for a chain (remember, he's only 4). I would be greatly appreciated. — BACHIELOR: Your setminents are endearing liceause you are a "team," it would be wonderful; the proposal. You might include him in the "surprise" for his mother, or even proposal. You might include him in the "surprise" for his mother, or even proposal becoming a family to both of them. However, at 4, the boy is not how the condensity in the proposal. You might include him in the "surprise" for his mother, or even proposal. You might include him in the "surprise" for his mother, or even proposal. You might include him in the "surprise" for his mother, or even proposal becoming a family to both of them. However, at 4, the boy is no lower and appreciated. — BACHIELOR: Your skeep with his her surprise for his mother, or even proposal. You might include him in the "surprise" for his mother, or even proposal becoming a family to both of them. However, at 4, the boy is no young to entrust with a piece of expensive jewelry—and by the time he would.

#### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today Is Friday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2008. There are 327 days left in the year.

#### Today's highlight:

On Feb. 8, 1968, three college students were killed in a confrontation with highway patrolmen in Orangeburg. S.C., during a civil rights protest against a whites-only bowling alley.

#### On this date:

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In 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was Implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1593, a charter was granted for the College of William and Mary in Williamshung Va.

In 1837, the Senate selected the vice president of the United States, choosing Richard Mentor Johnson after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

In 1904, the Russo-Japanese Way, a conflict over control of Manchuria and Korea, began as Japanese

forces attacked Port Arthur.
In 1910, the Boy Scouts of
America was incorporated.
In 1915, D.W. Griffith's
groundbreaking as well as
controversial silent movie
epic about the Civil War,
The Birth of a Nation," preniered in Los Angeles.
In 1924, the first execution
by gas in the United States
took place at the Nevada
State Prison in Carson City
as Gee Jon, a Chinese immigrant convicted of murder,
was put to death.
In 1974, the last threenan crew of the Skylab
space station returned to
Farth after spending 84 days

Earth after spending 84 days in space.
In 1978, the deliberations

In 1978, the deliberations of the Senate were broadcast on radio for the first time as members opened debate on the Panama Canal treades. In 1989, 144 people were killed when an American-chartered Boeing 707 filled with Italian tourists slammed into a fog-covered mountain in the Azores. Ten years ago: Olga Danilova of Russla won the first gold medal of the Nagano Winter Games in 15-

country skiing.

Five years ago: The chief
UN, arms inspectors arrived
in Baghdad for a new round
of cruciat talks with Iraqi
officials. In a jab at major
U.S. allies, Defense
Secretary Donald II.
Rumsfeld told a security
conference in Munich that
countries such as France
and Germany that favored
giving Iraq another chance
to disarm were undermining
what slim chance existed to
avoidd war. Tens of thousands
of Venezuelans marched in of Venezuelans marched in support of 9,000 oil workers

support of 1,000 of workers fired for leading a two-month strike against President Hugo Chavez. One year ago: Model, actress and tabloid sensa-tion Anna Nicole Smith died in Florida at age 39 of an accidental drug overdose. A federal Judge in Fango, N.D., sentenced Alfonso Rodriguez Jr. to dealf for the slaying of college student Dru Sjodin, Rival Palestinian leaders signed an agreement on a power-sharing govern-ment at 8 andi-brokered talks in Mecca.

THOUGHT

"To maintain

one's ideals in ignorance

#### TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Composer-conductor John Williams is 76. Actor Jack Larson is 75. Former ABC News anchor Ted Koppel is 68. Actor Nick Nolte is 67. Comedian Robert Klein is 65. Actorrock musician Creed Fratton is 65. Country singer Dan Seals is 60. Actress Brooke Adams is 59. Actress Mary Steenburgen is 55. Author John Grisham is 53. Rock singer Vince Neil (Motley Crue) is 47. Rock singer

L. a n a s ( T h e BoDeans) is 47. Actor Gary Cole-man is 40. A c t r e s s Mary Mc-Gormack is 39. Actor Flosh Mor-row is 34. Rock musi-cian Phoenik (Linkin Park) is 31. Actor Hyan Pinkston is 20. Actor is 31. Actor Ryan Pinkston is 20. Actress Karle Warren ("ludging Amy") is 16.



is easy." — Uta Hagen, German-born actress (1919-2004)

## Honey, are we insured for this?

SUTHERLIN, Ore. (AP) —
They say problem gamblers
never quit while they re
ahead, and one properly
insured Oregon man apparently didn't, either.
Authorities recovered as
stolen antique slot machineworth \$4,000 and arrested
the 30-year-old, who they
said asked his wife to help
file an insurance claim to
cover damage done to his
van during the helst.
The slot machine was
reported stolen in a burglary

Monday night at a home in Sutherlin, 170 miles south of Portland, Douglas County sheriff's deputies said, investigators learned that the victim's housekeeper filed a police report a day earlier claiming someone had thrown a piece of sheet metal through the window of her parked van.

The sheet metal urned out to be from the back of the stolen slot machine, with the serial number attached.

Deputies said the house-keeper's husband stole the machine, which tipped over as he drove away, breaking the van window. He told his wife the van had been vandalized and asked her to report the damage so insurance would cover it, deputies said.

The husband and a 25-year-old man were charged with burglary and theft, but the wife wasn't charged.

The case was still being investigated. Deputies said the house-



From left, U.S. Secretary of State Condoleszza Rice, Afghan President Hamid Karzal and Britaln's Foreign Secretary David Millband stand togeth-er during a joint press conference at the Presidential palace in Kabul, raday. Rice was on the visit with Britain's Fore

## Rice visits Afghanistan's dicey Kandahar region

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan

The top diplomats from
Britain and the U.S. made an
unannounced visit to one of
Afghanistan's most danger
ous corners Thursday in
a show of support for NATO
allies that have been willing
to suffer casualtles in the
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to suffer casualties in the fight.

Secretary of State Condolecza Rice and British Foreign Secretary David Millband Rew to this southern eity, the cradle and former headquarters of the milliant Tallban movement, to salute 200 NATO troops at the sprawling Kandahar Air Base. "On hehalf of the people of the United States, thank you, fitted bit the troops, who were primarily Canadian. Dutch, British and Australian. Although she denied any intention to slight other countries, her words carried a bite because NATO is locked in an intensifying internal struggle between member nations that have been willing to send combat troops to the most dangerous parts of the most dangerous parts of Afebanistan and those that

ing to send combat troops to the most dangerous parts of Afghanistan and those that have limited assignments to safer zones. Rice spoke to the forces in the southern town just weeks after Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates criticized NATO troops there as lacking adequate training in coun-terinsurgency techniques, touching off a political firestorm. U.S. officials also have

litestorm.

U.S. officials also have been pushing hard for other countries to increase their presence in the hot spots, and have suggested that their refusal could undermine the

defense ministers in Vilnius, Lithuania, said Wednesday in Washington that the division "puts a cloud over the future of the alliance" that could "get even worse."

et even worse." Rice made it clear, as Gates has, that she Intended to con-tinue pressing the Western allies to step up their contri-

allies to step up their contri-butions.
"It's not an overwhelming number of forces that is being sought here," Rice said. "This is a troop contribution level that NATO can meet and should meet."
Millband signaled that he expected the debate over deployments to remain intense.

deployments to remain intense.

"As the debate hots up about what you are doing here, we will be defending you heart and sou," he told the group, which had gathered amid low-slung beige buildings and barbed-wire festooned walls.

The defense ministers gathered in Liduania are discussing how to reorient the 6-

cussing how to reorient the 6-year-old mission, which some observers believe Is los-

ing ground. NATO leaders have been ing ground.

NATO leaders have been trying to avoid an open quarted over the issue, and Rice and Milband muted their comments in Kandahar and later in the afternoon, when they appeared at a joint news conference with Afghan President Hamid Katzal at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. But some senior European officials have made it clear that they tessent the pressure, which has been aimed at such countries as Germany, Italy and France.

Rice said in London on Wednesday that the NATO countries were facing a test and that they leave the condensation of the countries were facing a test and that their citizens had to understand that the job was

understand that the job was more than just peacekeep-ing.

## alliance. Gates, speaking ahead of Thursday's meeting of NATO

**Experts: Iran starts testing own** 

version of advanced centrifuge

VIENNA, Austria (AP)

Iran's nuclear project has developed its own version of an advanced centrifuge to churn out enriched uranium; much faster than its previous machines, diplomats and esperts said thus few of the BP2 centrifuges were operating and that testing appeared to be in an early phase, with the new machines rotating without processing any uranium gas.

nium gas.

More significant, the offi-cials said, is the fact that Iran appears to have used know-how and equipment bought on the nuclear black market in combination with domes-tic ingenuity to overcome daunting technical difficul-

ties and create highly advanced centrifuges. Iran's urantum enrichment work has raised concerns in Washington and other western capitals because it can produce the radioactive material needed for nuclear bombs. Tehran says it is only pur-

Tehran says it is only pur-suing lower-level enrichment to make fuel for atomic reac-tors that will generate elec-

to make fuel for atomic reac-tors that will generate elec-tricity.

Iran is under two sets of
U.N. Security Council sanc-tions for refusing to suspend uranium eprichment, which it started developing during early two decades of cover nuclear activity bull on illicit purchases and revealed only five years ago.



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## CIA chief: Legality of waterboarding is in doubt under current law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Debate over waterboarding flared Thursday on Capitol Hill, with the CIA director raising doubts about whether it's currently legal and the attorney general refusing to investigate U.S. interrogators who have used the technique

Investigate U.S. Interrogators who have used the technique on terror detainees. Vice President Dick Cheneymeanwhile, sald "lis a good dhig" that top al-Qaida leaders who underwent the harsh interrogation tactle in 2002 and 2003 were forced to give up information that helped protect the country. "It's a good thing we had them in custody, and it's good thing we found out what theyknew," Cheney told the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, President Bush has "made the right decisions for the right reasons," Cheney said. "And would I support those same decisions again

Water-boarding strapping a person down person down and pouring

modessey water over his or her cloth-covered face to create the sensation of drowning. It has been traced back hundreds of years, to the Spanish Inquisition, and is condemned by mations around the world. Critics call it a form of torture.

This week, for the first time, the Bush administration acknowledged it waterboarding waterboarding waterboarding waterboarding waterboarding waterboarding was used, in part, because of widespread belief among U.S. intelligence officials that

were imminent.
In 2006, the CIA banned

waterboarding by its person-nel in the wake of a Supreme Court decision and ne the treatment of U.S.

Court decision and new laws on the treatment of U.S. detailness.

"It is not included in the current program, and in my lawyers and the Department of Justlee, it is not certain that that technique would be considered to be lawful under current statute." Hayden told the House Intelligence Committee.

Hours earlier, Autorney General Michael Mukasey pushed back against Democrats on the House Lording to Know whether he would prosecute U.S. interrogators who used waterboarding in the past.
"Are you ready to start a criminal Investigation into whether this confirmed use of waterboarding by U.S.

waterboarding by U.S.

agents was illegal?" the com-mittee's chairman, Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., asked, calling the technique an "odi-

Conyers, D-Mich, asked, calling the technique an 'odi-ous practice." 'No, I am not,' Mukasey answered bluntly. He said the Justice Department could not investigate or prosecute people for actions that it had authorized earlier, Mukasey has refused to say publicly whether he considers waterboarding legal. On Thursday he said it 'was found to be permissible under the law as It existed." In the years immediately follow-ing 9/11. Critics say waterboarding violates the U.N. Convention Against Torture and U.S. laws outlining legal treatment of detainces. The Justice Department long has resisted expossing the Bush adminis-tration and its employees to criminal or civil charges or even international war crimes [Varieto and line and international war crimes [Varieto and line week crimes [

even international 'war crimes if waterboarding were declared illegal.



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## Remington: Going great in 2008

un makers, of late, seem to be taking comfort in the adage, "unlted we stand or divided

comfort in the adage, 'united we stand or divided we fall.'
Many of the old guard manufacturers have been consolidating their assets and product lines within highly diversified manage-ment corporations. Remington — America's old est gun company and our only native manufacturer of both firearns and ammuni-tion — recently amounced its merger with Cerberus Capital Management. Carbetus the company should not be comfused with just plain Cerberus, the three-headed, dragon-tailed dog of Greek mythology assigned to guard the gate-way to Hades. If they are indeed one in the same, not a single stockholder has bothered to mention it in the firms portfolio. bothered to mention it in the firm's portfolio.



THE BULL Rich Simpson

In much the same manner that a giant three-headed hound could gobble up the entile contents of a Wal-Mart doggle food alse in short order. Cerberus has been very busy shepherding American gun producers into its corporate kennel. In April of 2006 and then in December of '07, two proprietary makers of civilian and law enforcement AR-15 type. December of '07, two propri-etary makers of civillan and law enforcement AR-15 type riftes — Bushmaster and DPMS Panther — joined the Big CS fold.
Prior to its merger with Gerberus in 2007, Remington Arms itself had annexed another New England stalwart, the Marlin -Firearms Gro-of-North Haven, Conn., which had earlier incorporated with N.E.F (New England Firearms) and H&I (Harrington and

(Harrington and (Harrington and Richardson), primarily mak-ers of single-shot rifles and shotguns, and the resurrect-ed double barrel shattergun maker L.C. Smith. With the massive infusion of capital massive infusion of capital afforded by its new corporate status and additional legal protections from reck-less/junk law suits by renegade anti-gun groups and city governments. Remington (The Big Green) has greatly expanded its product lines for 2008. First up on the docket is Remington's enhanced line of fine rifles.

Good manners dictate that begin with the company's flagship long gun, the ubiquitous Model 700. This is without doubt, America's

without doubt America's most popular bolt action rifle. With sales in the milrific. With sales in the mil-lions since its introduction in 1964, this basic push-feed gun has annually spawned more variations than a wel-fare daddy — I count no less than 24 in the firm's 2008 online catalog (www.remlng-ton.com/rifles). With an absolutely mind-

ton.com/filles). With an absolutely mind-numbing array of stock style and material options, stain-less, blued, or matte finished harreled actions, a generous selection of barrel lengths and diameters, as well as a very well rounded assort-ment of carridge chamber-ings, the Model 700 is the uncontested "Swiss army knile" of filled weapons. In an effort to "keep up with the Joneses," Remitgion optied to update its already excel-lent trigger system. Coinced the X-Mark Pro Trigger, this little jewel is easily adjusted for pull weight and creep. Samples that have useged on exhibited no sluggishness whatsoever and brise Piense see GUIS, Page D2

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## F&G looks to boost mule deer numbers

#### Agency releases 10-year plan

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game recently released its 10-year plan for mule deer management for public review before it goes to the Idaho Fish and Game nission at next month's

meeting in Boise.
Created in response to a 2006 survey in which respondents complained of a stark

lack in mule deer — primari-ly bucks — sightings despite having an overall enjoyable experience, the plan hopes to alleviate concerns of citizens and help the mule deer pop-ulation thrive.

Fish and Game noted the importance of mule deer to

Fish and Game noted the importance of mule deer to the Idaho outdoorsman's way of life, and has under-lined a series of guidelines it hopes to have implemented

by 2009 to better manage the mule deer population.
Specific directions for the South Hills area include improving key seasonal habitats by planting an average of 5,000 native shrub seedlings annually as well as treating an average of 100 acres of aspen stands amnually to foster growth in habitat for deer to survive in all seasons.
The specific local plan also includes increasing the departments involvement in

includes increasing the department's involvement in land-use proposals that may

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affect the mule deer population and improving the management of motorized vehicle (ATV) use to diminish conflict between motorized and nonmotorized hunters. The latter may not come without some level of concession for hunters, however, Concessions in Units 54 and 55 may include additional motorized vehicle use restrictions in the Sawtooth National Forest and access restrictions to winter ranges. Statewide guidelines

include: Implementing pred-ator mandgement actions when and where appropriate to add in achieving manage-ment objectives: establishing short-term and long-term population objectives that represent maintenance of, or increase in, current mule deer population levels; improving and protecting over 10,000 acres of habitat annually: encouraging land management agencies to

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up to the snow's surface for a brief outing before retreating and resuming their slumber. Filled with knowledge

# A softer perspective

## Snowshoes help visitors view Craters in a different light

Times-News correspondent

Moving slowly through
the fresh powder, many
visitors were experiencing the winter landscape
at Craters of the Moon
for the first time. Little
was said between stops
as they contentedly
absorbed the tranquil
day's silence, broken
only by the rhythmic
shuffle of snowshoes.

At key spots, park natural-

only by the rhythmic shuffle of snowshoes. At key spots, park naturalist Doug Owen gathered his group of 20 and described a particular scene's story. Combining nearly 12 years of experience at Craters with an ex-teacher's skill at conveying knowledge. Owen enjoyably revealed some of the monument's unique secrets. Owen's "class," formally called the Winter Ecology Snowshoe Workshop, actually started earlier that morning in a classroom at the visitor center, Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve, Jointly administered by the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management, conducts the workshop — confugent on adequate snow depth — every Saturday. The full-day event combines an outdoor excursion with some insight on how plants and animals survive the harsh conditions.

conditions,
"Wildlife have three cholces for coping with the winter
world: Escape, avoid, or



trail during a recent Winter Ecology Snowshoo

adapt," Owen said. He explained that while some animals, like mule deer, simply—nigrate—southward—to lower elevations, not all have that fuxury.

Smaller—mammals—that

Smaller mammals that cannot escape, such as the vellow-bellied marmot, head underground for a deep sleep. Taking hibernation to the extreme, they exhibit physiological change worthy of scientific study. Rather than a normal 80 beats per minute, their heart rate slows to only four, while their body temperature drops from 98.7 to 37 degrees.

Smaller rodents such as voles and mice, often leading solitary lives, may share communal nests in the winter and enter into a much lighter hibernation than the

If you go ... If you go ...

The Winter Ecology
Snowshoe Workshop held ...
on Saturday's at Cristers of ...
when Moon is limited to 20 people: Recent generous snowfall has allowed for the scheduling of an extra sigup for Forurary 23. For those Interested in cross-courtry skilling, the loop road is groomed weekly allowed the courtry skilling, the loop road is groomed weekly allowed the second state of the second state of the second s

marmots. They also occa-sionally awaken, use the



Filled with knowledge from these and many other examples of how both wildlife and vegetation survive winter, class was dismissed. The students' then strapped on their own temporary adaptations and eased out into the wild. The group generally proceeded in single file over the two-foot snow depth, with several members taking turns breaking trail. On downhill jaunts, they were encouraged to strike out and blaze their own paths. The highlights were numerous. On the first stop Owen talked about the limber pine, the monthly found the process of t Please see CRATERS, Page D2

backdrop to the Craters



## S.W. Idaho area closed to help deer

# High snowfall forces animals into lower elevations officials say, about 85 to 90 percent of does survive. Usually, about 50 percent of fawns survive, though that can drop to 20 percent during midd ones. Four susually start dying in late February, officials said throughout the winter. So far, Fish and Game has not started emergency white feeding in southwest daho, though that is being done in some other parts of the state. Summer and fall forage conditions also influence deer survival during the winter, said Brad Compton, Fish

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has closed the 33,500, acre Boise River Wildlife Management Area east of Boise to help mule deer sur-strate by citizer.

boise to neip mine deer survive the winter.

The high snowfall this winter has forced deer into lower elevations, and Ed Bottum, manager of the area, said humans disturbing deer can cause them to use up energy they need to survive until

"Their strategy is to mini-mize the amount of energy they use so their body

reserves will last as long as possible," Bottum told the Idaho Statesman. "It's kind of a race to see if their body fat ill\_last\_until\_spring\_greens

will last until spring greens, up."

Bottum said that not distrabing the deer on the management area means they will be more likely to stay there, where they won't be hit by whickes, chased by dogs, or eat shrubs near homes.

Fish and Game tries to track the health of deer herds in the state by placing radio collars on some animals, it currently has collars on 950 deer.

On average, Fish and Game

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and Game blg-game manager.

He said a mild, wet fall allowed deer to find more food, and that big snow-storms didn't start in southern Idaho until the middle of December. He also said temperatures have not-been unusually cold.

If deer can survive the winter snow, he said, the additional molsture this spring will mean they'll likely have plenty of food.

"There's a strong correlation between deer populations and precipitation," Compton said. We may take a hit this winter, but in the long term, we end up with healthier, more productive deer populations.

## Despite higher ammo costs, shooters pay to play

LEWISTON Recreational shooters and

necreational shooters and hunters are feeling the pinch of rising ammunition costs.

costs.

But most avid shooters are biting the builtet and continuing to participate in shooting sports despite the higher prices.

A conflagration of events has caused the cost of bullets, shotgun shells and reloading supplies to spike sharply upward. Among the factors blamed are the thriving Chinese economy, the

factors blamed are the thriving Chinese economy, the price of fuel and the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"A lot of it has to do with the demand in China," sald Jason Nash, a spokesman for CCI at Anoka, Minn. "A lot of the raw materials; come from China and they are using so much of it themselves it has diven prices up and we have had to respond with some price increases."

to respond with some price increases."

The company is a division of ATK that makes ammunitions for sport shooting, the military and law enforcement agencies. Their brands include Federal and Estate cartridges made at Anoka and CCI, Speer, Lawman and Blazer ammunition, all made at Lewiston.

Lawman and nitton, all made Lewiston.

Nash said the cost of shotgun shells and bullets has risen about 15 percent in the past year, or an average of \$2 to \$3 a box.

Avid shooters are talking about the rising costs of ceding their guns, said Bob Jones, owner of Stamondback Shooting said of the shooting should be shooting shooting.

Diamondback Shooting Range at Lewiston.

"Just about everybody who comes in here is concerned and frustrated with the price of ammo and where it's going." he said.

"They are not getting as cheap as they were three months ago."

onths ago." He's heard from wholesalers that ammunition demand for the war in Iraq

is playing a primary role in the rising prices. The cost of fuel also is making shooters feel the pinch. "It's on their minds, the price of fuel and the price of ammo." Jones sald.

Add shooters are combating the higher prices by shopping around or shooting the higher prices by shopping around or shooting cheaper brands. Others have turned to reloading, but the price of reloading supplies also is on the rise. A year ago Black Sheep Sporting Goods at Lewiston sold bags of shot for \$18.

Today the price is more than \$36 and some retailers are charging close to \$50 a bag. Many reloaders have centes of supplies, which have insulated them against rising costs, said Dan Caldwell, president of the Lewiston Gran Club and a reloader. Some reloaders have been using lighter loads, or less prowder, to reduce costs. They also are buying reclaimed shot from the gain club. The club milnes the lead shot from its fall-out zone and sends it off to be meleted down and redropped. The bags sell for \$70.

S28.

Many avid shooters reload to reduce costs, but Caldwell said that is not the

only reason.
"Reloading is fun," he said, "I equate it to a guy ying his own files fun, ing, or his own files fishing, or his own files of hunting."
He said he can shoot a few hundred shells a week, or eight boxes for about \$25, by his figuring, he can reload 12-gauge shells for about \$4,16 a box or buy them for \$4.75 to \$6.50.
Reloading, 28-gauge shells

54.75 to \$6.50. Reloading 28-gauge shells can cost about \$5.30 per hox and .410 shells for \$5.65 per hox. But the retail cost of 28-gauge and .410 shells in figher, \$6 to \$9 a box or \$11 to \$12 a box respectively, even though the smaller shells use less short and power. Since they are less nonsnells use less shot and pow-der. Since they are less pou-lar, the smaller-gauge shells are not produced in mass quantities like 12-gauge shells.

## More great gear from the trade show

Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series of columns on new gear debuted at the 2008 Outdoor Retailer Winter Market ade show an event late last month in Sali Lake City, Utah. rom wearable sleeping bags to Swiss

From wearable sleeping bags to Swiss
Army Knife backpacks, new gear at
this year's Outdoor Retailer Winter
Market trade show In Salt Lake City took
the cake in its Innovation and good of redblooded American resourcefulness, Here
are five items that stood out: Lippi USA Selk Sleep Wear System

Lippi USA Selk Sleep Wear System: Essentially a sleeping bug that you wear. Lippi USA'S Selk Sleep Wear System was made for conflort, warrant and mobility. While wearing this "bag," you can walk around camp, repeare food, use a restroom, and lie down to sleep wherever you choose. The sleeping bag sait will come in three warrant levels and two sleep, fitting large and small campers in tempe down to about 15 degrees Fabrenheit, (\$149 to \$349, depending on warrant level; www.hippioutdoor.com; available in Warch). Bex Wool Sports Bra: Utter the words wool sports bra' in an outdoors shop 10 years back and you might have been thrown out the door. But wool today from companies like fleex Outdoor Clothing is silky and soft, it wicks sweat well, doesn't stink even after much use, and is less harmful than most synthetics on the environment. Thus, like has designed the Woman's Balance Sports Bra, a machine-washable and seamless wool bra with a hint of spander for stretch. It is made to ff A, B and C cups during medium to lowingat activities like paddling, liking and biking, (\$48 yews/lbex/wear.com; available.

nger Zernez Racknack: Wenger, the wenger zernez backpack wenger, me company that makes the Swlss Army Knife, has a new pack that reflects the multifunc-tional nature of its knives: The Wenger Zernez backpack is made for activities from skiing to backpacking to moun-taineering. Features include a removable lid that converts into a lumbar pack; a water bottle pocket that can be secured on one of four receptors on the pack; multiple attachment points for skls, snowhoards. and to the exeptors on the place multiple attachment points for skls, snowbaards, trækking poles, sleepting bags and climbling equipment; and specialty pokets, Incheding a fleece-lined pouch for electronics, a first ald kit poket, and a small pocket on the walst helt for a Swiss Army Kalle. The Zernez pack comes in two sizes, with 3,000 or 3,600 cubic inches of capacity. (S249 to \$228), depending on model; www.weingernaccom; available this spring. REI eVent jackets: REI took the Outdoor Retailer Show to unveil an apparal line that is the first nationally distributed brand to feature eVent fabric technology, (eVent is a waterproof and breathable laminate made by a subsidiary of the General Electric Company; it competes with Gore-Tex.)

When it comes out next fall, the REI Gear





z bag that you wear

allows athletes an easy transition

#### Guns

Continued from page D1 cleanly as an icicle. As a bonus, the X-Mark can be retrofitted on older Model 700's like yours and mi Life is good! Most of us, I would

Most of us, I would assume, are primarily big game hunters and my vote for the most practical Model 700 variant to fill this role would have to be the new M700 XCR (Xtreme role would have to be the new M700 XCR (Xtreme Conditions Bifle). Its stainless steel metal work is shielded by a new proprietary Thibyte coating touted to offer more scratch and corrosion resistance than any other finish available on the market today. The classically-styled synthetic stock features Hogue rub-berized overmoded punets on the grip, forearm, and swivel studs for secure handling in any weather. This is one rifle that is not going to slip from your sweaty palms, no matter how big

that buck or bull is. This streamlined little weather-beater is available in all your favorite calibers from the gentle, but efficient 7mm-08 to the thundering charge stopper — the 375 Rem. Ultra Mag. Anxious to tap into the lucrative civilian and law enforcement market for the

enforcement market for the "dreaded black assault rifles," as AR-type platforms have been characterized by the dim and uninitiated, Remington has fielded its Remington has fielded its Bushmaster-inspired semi auto — the R-15 VTR (Varmint Tactical Rifle) Modular Repeating Rifle. Hope! don't have to repeat all that Designed primarily with the predator hunter in mind, three versions of the R-15 will be offered initially. Each version will be dressed in Advantage Max-I III oza and Caba Russel. Additionally, all rifles will feature button-rifled barrels feature button-rilled barrels with six longitudinal flutes, recessed muzzle crowns, single-stage triggers, pistol grips, machined aluminum free-floated fore-end tubes drilled and tapped for accessories, and the handy receiver length Picatinny rall recognitions system up to programme system system up to programme system er length Pleatinny rain mounting system up top. Each R-15 variation comes equipped with a five round magazine, but they are entirely compatible with all after-market AR magazines and accessories. Good mar-

and accessories. Good marketing!
My choice for loping prairie wolves or skulking bobcats would be the Predator model. With its substantial 22-inch barrel and 7 3/4lb. heft, it should hold steady for quick off hand shots and settle right down on a rest for "yodes", the far end of the suge flats. If you hunting involves lots of walking about or continual climbing on and off your

four-wheeler or in and out of your 4x4, then either the IB-inch barried Predator Carbine or Predator Carbine or Predator Carbine or Predator Carbine or Secondary of the Secondary of the Secondary of the Secondary of Predator Versions would certainly not be out of place in the home for self-defense purposes in which long guns might be appropriate. For my money, I'll wager that these guns will be well received.

If you want one, you might be wise to purchase it before November. May the Saints preserve us and the 2nd Amendment, if either Illiary or Barack get to hang their hat in the Oval Office. For firearm and shooting affelonados, things would certainly not be great in Cood shooting. four-wheeler or in and out

od shooting.

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#### Craters

comment non page 11 relating to cave's layout and its orientation to sunrise at the winter solstice. Unfortunately, the cave was desecrated during an excavation following an unfounded rumor about stolen voild.

unfounded rumor about stolen gold.

At the crown of Palsley Cone, summited shortly after funch, the snowshoers received an excellent view of the monument's northern edge. When asked about exploring some of this region on their own, Mike Settock, BLM Park Ranger, who was assisting the expedition, emphasized caution.

"The monument"

"The monument places few restrictions on most locations, but we recommend that visitors stay away from the lava flows," he said. "The snow covers up a lot of cracks and holes that can't be seen until you step right into them.

In addition to the view of the surrounding monu-ment, the perspective lent sights of more distant landforms. Blsing from the plain to the east stood Big Southern Butte. Further north sat, the Lost River Bange's lovee end. Finally, just across the highway the the control of the Ploneer Mountains which, according to Owen, also marks the beginning of the Northern Buckles. Rockius.

After completing the nearly five-mile luop, satisfaction among the group was evident. Bob Prestwich, who along with his ten-year old daughter, Kate, had come from protatello, remarked: "What a great way to spend the day. It's been so nice to find a place in the middle of winter and just-slow down, relax, and in the middle of winter and just slow down, relax, and take in some peace and quiet."

quiet."
Indeed, seeing Craters of
the Moon in a softer perspective, with most of the
lava landscape covered in a
white blanket, is something
to hebold. Add to that stoto behold. Add to that st ries of survival, geology, and even history, and the jour-ney becomes even richer.

## Deer .

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incorporate mule deer habi-tat needs in agency decisions; evaluating a cost-effective and reliable habitat effective and reliable habitat monitoring program; implementing special investigations to improve population and habitat management capabilities; ensuring continued citizen involvement in mule management. Tredator management and the practice of antierless harvests are two pin-pointed areas of prime focus in the department's ciphipage executive summary of

the plan, In that same docu-ment Fish and Game details ment Fish and Game details that meeting most or all of the guidelines will help reach short-term (one to three years) and long-term (three to 10 years) goals for much deer populations.

The executive summary and the entire 72-page plan are both available for review yell a.the. department's. Web, site, http://fishand game.ldaho.gov/apps/sur-

site, http://fishand game.ldaho.gov/apps/sur-veys/muleDeerExec/index.c fm. Comments may be left at the base of the Index

## OUTDOOR BRIEFS

#### **Project WILD** classes upcoming

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The Idaho Department of Fish and Game released its Project Will. And Game released its Project Will. And the Carlot of the Winter and Land more about frout and flow to raise them in the classroom, and about how mule deer survive in Idaho's rugged environment.
WILD about Mule Deer is being offered Feb. 22 and 23, and will be held at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Regional office in Jerome. The classes will run from 4 to 9 p.m. on Friday with the Saturday session going from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Project WILD is a wildlife-oriented, multi-disciplinary set of activities developed for educators, youth leaders or anyone working with the youth. The activities developed awareness, knowledge, and skills concerning the relationships between humans, wildliffe and the natural world. Wildliffe concepts are related to social studies, mathematics, language arts and other subjects and on take time away from established curriculia.

The workshop activities and

lished curricula.

The workshop actively involves participants in the learning activities and learning activities and demonstrates techniques for integrating the supplemen-tary materials into classintegrating the supplemen-tary materials into class-rooms and informal learning rooms and informal learning settings. Cost for the 15-hour workshop is \$20, and partici-pants may opt to receive one hour of graduate or under-graduate credit for an addi-tional fee of \$50.

Young people are fascinated by the study of wildlife ed by the study of wildlife, opening windows of learning into all subject areas. Project WILD is used in 50 states and will is used in 50 states and seven countries, and is based on the premise that young people and their teachers have a vital interest in learning about the earth as home for people and wildlife.

More than 70 percent of Idaho teachers currently

More than 70 percent of ldaho teachers currently incorporate Project WILD activities into their curriculum. To register, contact Kelton Hatch, Magic Valley Regional Conservation at khatch@idfy.ldaho.gov or khatch@idfy.ldaho.gov or currently.ldaho.gov or drup://ldshandgame.idaho.gov/cms/education/project\_wi

#### **Ducks Unlimited** banquet set for Jackpot

Jackpot's 26th Annual Ducks Unlimited banquet and auction is slated for Saturday at Cactus Pete's Ruby Mountain Ballroom at 5

p.m. Banquet prices include Ducks Unlimited member-ship as well as Cactus Pete's four-dlamond buffet consist-ing of prime rib, roasted duck, Atlantic salmon, shrimp scampi, various sal-ads and desserts.

ads and desserts.

Games will include tossthe-dice, slots, raffles, and
pop-the-balloon; we will also
have a silent auction and a live auction. Prizes and a tion items include gu sculptures, decoys miscellaneous items, and local donation

reservations, contact Karen or Mark Smith at (208) 326-4446. For more information and

#### Herrett Center to open for total lunar eclipse

The Centennial Observatory at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science will be open the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 20, for people to watch a total

lunar eclipse.

The moon rises at 6:06 p.m.
The darkest phase of the eclipse will begin at 6:43 and end at 10:08. Mid-eclipse is at 8:26 p.m. Viewing will be free of charge. The next total lunar eclipse

visible from Idaho will occur on June 15, 2011.

#### HDNA to hear about Yellowstone, Yosemite

Yellowstone, Yosemite
High Desert Nordic.
Association members will hear about skl Journeys of Yellowstone and Yosemite National Parks when they meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Idaho Joe's Brestaurant.
Dennis Kincaid and Alan Bland, veteran back country sklers and members of the cross-country ski association, made the week-long Yellowstone trip in late winter 2007.

Vellowstone trip in late winter 2007.

They skied from the Old Faithful area along the Bechler River trail, which leads to the southwest corner of the park. The pair followed the Yosemite High Route in the winter of 2006.

Association members will complete plans for outings in late February and early March as well as conducting other business.

Purther information may be obtained by calling Dan Cress at 326-3172, Valdon Hancock at 734-6835 or by visiting the association we still a three of the control of the co

Hancock a. visiting the association we site at http://www.skihdn

#### Jerome Ducks Unlimited banquet set

The Jerome Ducks
Unlimited will be having its
Annual Couples Banquet on
Feb. 23 at the Jerome Pair
Grounds. It will be catered by the Snake River Grill. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. For more information please call Randall Rector at 280-5425.

#### ATV association meeting Wednesday

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The Magle Valley ATV
Riders group will have its next
meeting on Wednesday at
Idaho Plzza Company on
Kimberly Road, at 7 p.m.
Dinner is at 6 p.m., and the
lunch prices will apply for
those attending the meeting.
There will be two special
speakers as well as an update
on the ATV licensing bill and
Valentine's Day don't prizes
for members.

For more Information visit

for members.
For more information visit http://www.mvatvr.org or call group president Stan Mai at 733-5981.

#### **ATV Riders headed** to Bruneau Canvon

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The Magic Valley ATV
Riders are staging a ride from
Hammett to Bruneau Caryon
on Saturday Feb. 23.
Staging will begin at 9:30
a.m. and the ride will commence at 10 a.m., weather
permitting.
For more information contact Stan Mul at 733:5981.

#### SFW to host rally

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife will host its Sixth Annual Magic Valley Chapter Rally for Wildlife Banquet and Fundraiser on March 1 at the Furniture Now building on Kimberly Road.

Kimberly Road.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.,
and there will be a Dutch
oven meal, silent and live
auctions, and several speakers including Gov. C.L.,
"Butch" Otter and Fish and
Ear more information cell

For more information call Doug at 316-3633 or Jack at 420-1233.

- staff reports

## Super shark caught on video

HONOLULU (AP) — A video of a glant shark taken off Molokai is drawing some attention on the Internet.

A crew including University of Hawall oceanographer decided to post the 2006 video on YouTube to help educate people on sharks in Hawaiian waters.

The shark estimated to be

Hawailan waters.

The shark estimated to be 18 feet long with six gills is a deep-sea variety known as Hexanchus griseus.

The video was taken from Hawaii Undersea Research

laboratory's Pisces V sub-mersible anchored 3,000 feet deep about two miles from Molokal.

UH professor Eric Vetter says he felt the sub move when the shark nudged against it.

He says the crew believes the shark was attracted by large chunks of ahl the crew was using to attract scav-angers for research. He says little is known about the pop-ulation of that type of super-shark around Hawaii.

## Plenty of things for outdoorsmen to do

Question: "In last week's column, you described sev-eral hunting and fishing opportunities available this time of year. You left out numerous shooting clubs and the shooting preserves Does the Department main tain a list of those opportu-

nities?"
Answer: I apologize to the dozen or so licensed shooting preserves and ranges in the Magic Valley for not including them in last week's column

Shooting preserves are fee hunting opportunities on private property to hunt pen-reared game birds. Shooting preserves are Shooting preserves are licensed by the Department and are required to maintain records of hunters and birds released. The shooting preserve hunting season runs from Aug. 15 through April 15. A regular hunting license 15. A regular munting licens or a shooting preserve license is required for all hunters. To locate shooting preserves in your area a list of them can be found on the e found on the in hunting page of the partment's website under



ASK THE OFFICER Gary Hompland

"Sporting Access."
Shooting Is a perishable skill that requires good hand-eye coordination. There are several ranges available to the public to maintain good shooting fundamentals and have a coordination. fundamentals and have a great day afield without hav-ing to clean birds. The Department does not keep an all-encompassing list of the shooting ranges in the area but I've included a few

The Jerome Bod & Gun Club, located north of Jerome, offers outdoor Jerome, offers outdoor shooting opportunities like sporting clays, trap shoot-ing, big bore rifle & pistol, and cowboy action shoot-ing. The Twin Falls and ing. The Twin Falls and Burley Gun Clubs also offer trap and skeet shooting. As the weather improves, the

Blaine County Gun Club has big bore rifle, pistol, trap, skeet and sporting clays shooting. For indoor shooting during cold weather small bore rifle and pistol shooting is avail able at-rifle and pistol-club in Rupert, Twin Falls and Bubl.

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Archery enthusiasts can maintain their skills at indoor ranges operated by the Magic Valley Bowhmetes, Mindloka Bowmen, or at Advantage Archery in Twin Falls.

Archery shooting games, including National Field Archery Association-sanctioned meets as well as interactive bowhunting games such as "Techno Hunt," are available in organized shooting leagues or individual shooting for a variety of big game animals at Advantage Archery in Twin Falls.

Now is the time many

Now is the time many organized sporting groups hold their annual fund rais ing banquets. During these banquets the groups raise money used for habitat and conservation projects around the country. Participants may also pur-chase products sponsored by the conservation organi-

by the conservation organization.

Audi Sportsmen that

would like to assist or teach
youth the proper techniques
and ethics of hunding are
encouraged to sign up for a
hunter education instructor
workshop on March 6 at the
Magic Valley Regional Office
in Jerome. Lastly, spring
hunter education classes are
gearing up. Interested students or parents should
checkout classes scheduled
in the Magic Valley on the
Department's website listed
below.

If you have any further

below.
If you have any further questions you may call the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at (208)324-4350 or e-mail the Fish and Game Web site at http://fishandgame.idaho.gov.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game,

## Get a look at Saturn's rings before they disappear

To telescope owners there are few targets more iconic than Saturn, with its picturesque rings. But the rings sometimes do a disappearing act. My first telescope was a Christmas gift when I was cheap little refractor on a wobbly wooden tripod, and I didn't have the slightest Idea what to point I at, nor what It would show me. My first time out, I stood in the back yard snow after sunset, walting for the stars to appear. As luck would have it; one of the brightest "stars" was Saturn. When the rings came into focus, I was dumbstruck. It was like seeing the Grand

was like seeing the Grand Canyon for the first time, and I was hooked

In the years that followed I



SKYWATCH Chris

learned how to cope with my telescope's limitations. But I yearned for more. When I saw ads in an astronomy magazine for the "world's best reflector telescope for under \$300," I started saving my nepnies

my pennies.
By my senior year in high
school I had finally scraped
together enough money. I'll
never forget my first look at
Saturn with my new pride
and joy; The rings were gone!
I had "discovered" some-

Sky Calendar through Thursday: One hour before sunrise:

Venus: SE, extremely low Jupiter: SE, very low Saturn: W, low Mars: ESE; very high Moon: First quarter Wednesday, 8:33 pm.

thing that Gallleo saw four

thing that Gallleo saw four centuries before. With his modest Instru-ment, the rings appeared as Indistinct blobs flanking the planet, which then vanished some years later. Twice every 30 year orbit of Saturn, its titled rings turn edge on. On my first view of Saturn the

tings were opened wide. But by 1980, nearly a quarter orbit of Saturn later, the razor-thin rings had turned edge on, disappearing from

view.
Saturn's rings are still in view, but they won't be for much longer.
Next year, Saturn will have completed one full orbit

completed one full orbit since I bought my new tele-scope three decades ago, and once again its rings will disappear. Next week: Proving the Earth is round.

Chris Anderson is a pro-duction specialist and obser-vatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

## Sage grouse recommendation due by December

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — deral officials say they plan to decide by December whether greater sage grouse should be listed as an

should be listed as an endangered species across much of the Rocky Mountain West.
A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declaration that the bird is in danger of extinction could lead to new restrictions on residential, oil and gas, and agricultural development.
However, those seein

unlikely until well into
2009: The process of listing
the bird as endangered
could take another year following December's decision
on whether it is warranted,
said Fish and Wildlife
Service spokeswoman
Diane Katzenberger.
The chicken-sized grouse.

The chicken-sized grouse, which spends much of its life on the ground, is found on the sage brush plains of 11 states — from Colorado to California and north to the Canadian border.

The government plans next week to launch a year-long population evaluation of the grouse after a judge in Idaho sald an earlier determination that it was not endangered was "taint-

ed."

U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill in December overturned a 2005 Bush administration decision not to list the bird. Winmill said it faces "accelerating threats" from invasive weeds, fires, oil and gas

development.
grazing.
The judge's decision came in a lawsuit filed by the Western Watersheds

the Western Waterseche Project. The sage grouse population has been declining for decades and the bird now occupies about half of its original, year-round habitat. In January 2005, the Fish and Wildiffe Service estimated that there were between 100,000 and between 100,000 and 500,000 greater sage grouse



You could be the talk of the town in next week's issue. Times-News Outdoors accepts the following: - photos of big game/fish catches - first-hand accounts (please keep these to 500 words maxim if possible) of hunting, fishing, iking, etc. adventures - suggestions for possible story ideas

Share your outdoors tales

All submissions should be sent to outdoors editor Davi Beshore at dissistore@magicvelley.com, or at *Times-New* 8xx 548; *Twin Felis*, ID 83303. Altematively, photos may brought to the Times-News at 132 Felifield St. W.

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## BANKRUPT

Question: I need to file bankruptcy because of overwhelming hospital bills. I co-signed with my mother on a bank loan for mom's car. Will she lose the car if I



A IISWET: Your bankruptey will discharge the debt as to you, but not as to your mom. The bank's lien on the car remains valid even though you are bankrupt. If the car payments are not being made, the bank has the right to take the car. However, if mom has a good payment record and continues to make her car payments on time, her car is probably safe. If your bank is mean-spirited, or if mom has been late with payments, the bank might declare the loan in default just because you filed a bankruptcy. To be absolutely certain that mom can keep the car, you may want to reaffirm that particular debt. If you do, that debt will not be discharged in the bankruptcy. There are prost and const regarding reaffirmation under these circumstances, so you should coistail which are experienced bankruptcy at tome;

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# Introducing Idaho

#### State economic officials meet with firearms manufacturers

Times-News writer

LAS VEGAS — State and regional economic officials met with more than 35 firearms manufacturers carlier this week at the worlds largest gun show. The meetings were part of the state's latest and most aggressive campaigns to attract firearms manufacturers to Idaho.

Among nearly 60,000 manufacturers, distributors and buyers of firearms and other accessories who gathered in Las Vegas for the annual Shot Show, representatives from Idaho Department of Commerce, Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization (SIEDO) and two other idaho economic development groups met face-to-ment groups met face-to-ment groups met face-to-met states. Idaho economic develop-ment groups met face-to-face with manufacturers from around the nation. After the show, more than 35 gun manufacturers met in private with Idaho offi-cials.

ns. "I think we were all sur prised at how well it turned out," said Jan Rogers, direc-tor of SIEDO. "We didn't really know what to expect, but the level of Interest had (Idaho officials) very excit-

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Talks are already under way with at least three manufacturing companies from other states, said offi-cials from the Department of Commerce. All-ethers states have imposed more rigid laws on gunmakers or have raised taxes, providing new incentives to move to idaho's more gun-friendly Idaho's more gun-friendly

clamate.

The response on Monday night to the state's campaign has prompted state officials to set the firearms industry at fourth-place on its list of recruitment targets, following only green energy, aviation technologies and food processing. "A couple of companies said they had us in their hulls-eye," sald Biblana Nertney, communications director for Idaho Commerce.

Although state officials would not release the names of the prospect com-



Greg Selbert, left, an Idaho Department of Commerce economic development specialist, makes a pitch during a ring in Las Vegas Monday. State and regional ecor and other accessories during a campaign to attract out-of-state businesses to idaho.

"I think we were all surprised at how well it turned out. We didn't really know what to expect, but the level of interest had (Idaho officials) very excited." - Jan Rogers, director of SIEDO

anies, as is common in conomic development cir-les, they did say the com-anies like idaho's gun- and

business-friendly laws.
"We understand that it is "We understand that It is tough to do business as a flearm or amunition manufacturer in many states," said Greg Seibert, economic specialist for Idaho Department of Commerce. "Some states have punitive taxes or allow frivolous lawsuits on these companies, while Idaho's laws protect the rights of these manufacturers and firearms owners."

ers."
Times-News has learned that a California maker of shotguns recently scouted sites in southern Idaho.
The state is now home to about 35 small manufactur-

ers of firearms and acces-sories, as well as Lewiston's

#### ldaho isn't alone State one of four states aggressively pursuing firearms manufacturers.

Oklahoma and other ates already offer infra-ructure gunmakers need. So how does Idaho com-



ATK CCI Spears, one of the nation's largest ammuni-

nation's largest ammuni-tion makers.
State officials quietly kicked off the campaign less than a year ago after surveying industries that would "be a good fit in Idaho."

"One of the great things about these companies is

that they can help support a that they can help supplote small town in some of Idaho's more remote areas," Selbert sald. "These businessmen want to set up shop close to where they want to play."

Joshua Palmer may be ached at 735-3231 or at almer@magicvally.com

## Some businesses at mercy of Google see hope in Yahoo bid

Phil Davies relies heavily on Google for his two online businesses. The search engine drives half the traffic to his antiques retail Web site. But when Google recently made a change to the algorithm that it uses to rank sites, it bumped his from a slot on the first page of results to the sixth. That sent traffic—and sales—plummeting. So he's keenly interested in Phil Davies relies heavily

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and sales — plummeting.

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Microsoft's \$44.6 billion bid

for Yahoo. For Davies, it is a alternative

Google.
"It almost destroyed our business — the amount of control that company has is frightening," said Davies, who eventually recovered by recoding his pages to conform to Google's requirements. Davies also allows Google to sell advertising on his consulting site, BigNews.biz, and that mar-

keting revenue has become a large source of his income. In many cases, working with Google has become essential to an online compa-

with Google has become essential to an online company's existence. The majority of the world's Web searches are powered by Google, and online firms pay top dollar for advertisements that pop up alongside every search result. With Microsoft's bid to take over Yahoo, the face-off over the online advertising industry has hit full tilt. Google is inte midst of trying to complete its acquisition of Double-Click, a leader in display advertising. Yahoo is also strong in that area. Microsoft, in turn. recently acquired aQuantive, a company specializing in technology that targets ads based on Web surfers' habits. Both companies view the need to build up their roster of advertisers and publishers — Web sizes like Davies' that attract the

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## Shoppers pull back further in January

Retailers report weakest results in nearly four decades

By Anne D'Innocenzio Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The nation's retailers delivered, more evidence of a stumbling economy Thursday, as merchants reported their weakest January performance in nearly four decades, extending a malaise that has deepened since the holiday shopping season. The sales flaures made it clear that consumers wrestling with high gas and food prices, a slumping housing market, an escalating credit crisis and a weakening Job market retroched further, buying mostly necessities even when redeeming their holiday gift cards. The disappointments cut across all sectors including discounters like Wait-Mart Stores Inc., teen retailers including Pacific Sunwear of

#### Retall sales

Percent change in major retailers' sales compared to Jan. 2007:

7.0% Costco Corp. 0.51 Target Corp. -1.1% ₹ 1,9% Nordstrom Inc Macy's Inc. -7.1% ¥

California Inc. and mall-based apparel chalal Lmitted Brands Inc. Even affluent shoppers are pulling back, hurting stores like Nordstrom Inc. "Clearly, this is a reflec-tion of a very difficult envi-ronment for the consumer," said Ken Perkins, president of RetatilMetrics LLC, a "separath company in California Inc. and mall-

research company in Swampscott, Mass. "It looks like consumer spending is

## Jerome to hold community focus group to determine city's strengths

The City of Jerome will hold its first community focus group from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the Con Paulos Dealership Conference Room at 901 S. Lincoln.

The purpose of the focus group is to bring residents and businesses together to analyze the community's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

The city plans to discuss the following top-lies:

ics:
• Community Livability
• Regional Cooperation

- Land Use
   Transportation/circulation
   Economy
   Acsthetics
   Public Safety
   Community Coordination
   Housing
   Parks and Recreation
   Frudernmental Considerati
- Panks and recreation
   Environmental Considerations
   The direction the city is heading
  Jerome residents are invited to attend the teeting. To reserve a seat, call 324-8189.

#### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Unemployment claims decline

WASHINGTON — The number of newly laid off workers filing applications for unemployment benefits dropped last week, but not enough to indicate that strains on the labor market are easing.

are easing.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that 356,000 claims for jobless benefits were filed last week, a decline of 22,000 from the

previous week. The decline only crased a part of the 72,000 claims two week ago. The four-week average for jobless claims rose to 335,000, which was the high-est level in a month.

#### Consumer borrowing slows in December

WASHINGTON Consumers increased their borrowing in December at the slowest pace in eight months, additional evidence

that economic activity was slowing significantly at the end of last year. For all of 2007, consumer credit rose at the fastest clip in three years. The Federal Reserve reported Thursday that consumer borrowing mose at an annual rate of 2.1 percent in December, a sharp slow-down from an 8.2 percent jump in Newplement was the weakest showing since credit had increased just 1.6 percent in April.

## STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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Many Web sites trying to reach online consumers feet they have to do business with Google to be visible on the Internet, and some are starting to resent the lack of choices, said Shar VanBoskirk, an analyst with Forrester Research, a market-research firm.

There does seem to be an attitudinal shift, she said. Two years ago, Google was everyone's salvation, because it enabled small Web site owners to easily make money by selling ads, she said. Now people feel like it has too much control. They may prefer to work with a player that doesn't have as much power in the narket."

Recent defectors from Google to Microsoft include CNBC.com and Viacom, the parent compa-

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With its spirited driving character, contemporary exterior appearance and smart interior, the Ford Focus continues to be among the leaders in the small car segment. For 2008 the small Ford brings a bold exterior design, all-new interlor and Improved driving dynamics to the American motorist. For the first time, the Focus model line

Includes a two-door coupe.

Drawing inspiration for
the larger and very successful Fusion sedan, the automaker's design teams adopted its prominent chrome-bar grille design, flared wheel arches and sweeping, crisp lines to create a small car with a sporty stance. Available in S, SE and SES trim levels, the front-drive

Focus is powered by a strong Duratec 20 2.0L four-cylinder engine that receives a four hp hump in power for 2008 A super-clean version of the Duratec engine (20E) is the standard engine in Focus vehicles sold in California, New York, Massachusetts, Vermont and Maine.
Torque from both engines is

communicated to the payement via the standard five-speed manual gearbox. A four-speed automatic transmission is optional. The transmissions revised final drive ratios. which let the engine turn at a lower rpm rate during highway driving to get hetter fuel economy. In addition to powertrain refinements, fuel economy gains were



o achieved by weight reduction and aerodynamic vements.

On the road, the Focus coupe is solidly capable -- a nice dally driver that will not break the driver that will not break the bank to purchase or operate. For 2008, the control hardware was redesigned and retuned to further improve overall driving dynanits. The cross-car beam located beneath the instrument punel was significantly stiffened. The steering column is mounted to this beam, which means minimal vibration in the steering wheel over rough and uneven roads.

The suspension setup features MacPherson struts up front and an independent multi-link design in the rear. The spring rates, dampers, stabilizer bars and bushings are all new. In addition, improvements to steering and handling were accomplished by careful tuning and increasing the size of the front stabilizer

interior design features unique materials and new levels of craftsmanship, delivering a sense of modern, contemporary ess and provides even

more flexible storage space. The new Focus offers a larger center console as well as added space in front of the shifter for extra storage. Newly designed door trim features larger bins and cupholders in the doors. The console also provides three additional cupholders.

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New seats Improve contours and offer more lateral and lumbar support. A new cloth pattern is featured for 2008, while the optional leather seats include contrast stitching for an dded touch of craftsm The rear seating area featur a 60/40 fold down seat back

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Unfortunately, many of these vows will fall by the wayside before the end of the first month of the year. Folks lose momentum. Some get coverbelmed. And others lose their nerve. Use these lips to make your resolutions a lesting reality in 2008.

1. Be Clear About Your Intentions

Torry Wilson-Malam, a Cartifled Professional Co-Active Ceach (CPCC), believes that at resolutions must be born out of clarity if people are going to stay the course. She cour sets clients to be as hencet as possible about what they want, if you're not sure of what your intent, if, Wilson-Malam auggests, "Start at log of your accomplishments, small and large over the past few years. Those things will tell you where you are and where you are per not."

ask yourself what you want more and less of. Do you want more flexibility? Less so? More responsibility? Fewer meetings? Keep a list of your intentions, as they will me the action you need to take.

2. Make a Plan with Actionable Steps

An action plan is absolutely imporative," age Wiles Coaching and Consulting, Crade a plan that work is to complete the coaching and a plan that work is to complete the coaching and actionable stops. "Focus on email atips that are choose events that you'll go to, but choose them carretty overall intentions."

3. Measure Your Results

"Baing able to tick off things from your action list can even be a result," she adds.

4. Stay Focused

To muster courage, she urges job-changers to go back to their flet of inte look at that liet and it reminds you that you're stagnating, that will make yof changing now."

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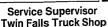
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bies reached tour spaces after a pre-empt from West.

Declarer Huub Bertens rose with dummy's diamond ace at trick one to play a spade to the ace, finding the bad news, then led the club jack to East's queen. East now returned the spade queen, a mistake

East now returned the spade queen, a mistake.

Bertens won his spade king, played a diamond to the king, ruffed a diamond, crossed to dummy's heart ace, and led the fourth diamond, scoring his spade eight. It would have done East no good to ruff high in front of him.) He then ruffed a heart, exited with a trump, and eventually collected a club and a spade trick for a spectacular plus 420.

After the same start, at trick four in the othor room, Marten Schollaardt as East returned a diamond instead of a top spade after winning the club queen. Declarer won in dummy and played a spade, but Schollaardt did very well to duck the trick rather than split his honors. Now declarer could no longer come home.

The duck in trump is crucial. By not covering the second spade, East either secons both his

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♠ 10 9 6 5 3

♥ A

♠ A K 8 5

♣ K 8 7

↑ — ▼ K J 10 7 4 3 ◆ Q 7 4 3 ♣ 5 4 2

SOUTH ♠ A K 8 7 ♥ Q 9 6 2 ♦ 9 2 ♣ J 10 9

Vulnerable: Neither

The bidding:

South West North East 3 ♥ Dbl. Pass 4 ♠ All pass

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