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February 22, 2008

THE DAY THE EARTH SHOOK

6.0 quake strikes northern Nevada. southern Idaho

By Nate Poppino and Matt Christensen Times-News writers

Thursday dawned bright and cold in Vells, Nev. Children readied for school. People rove to work.

Children readied for school. People drove to work. Then the earth moved. Houses ratited, pictures fell, chimneys crumbled and people panicked. In Jackpot, 68 miles from Wells. Twin Falls resident Scott Palmer said he and some friends had just settled into gambling at Bartonis 93 Club. Siot nachines began to sway and walls rippled, he said. Gamblers ran from the building into the streets. If felt like we were on a treadmill, kind of, 'Palmer said. In Builey 85 miles from Wells, the quake rocked the brick-foundation home of Barbara Goringe and threw tools out the front of a nearby woodsited.

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A damaged building on Front Street in the historic district is seen after a 6.0 earthquake hit Wells, Nev., at 7:16 a.m. Thursday.

Quake could be one of most recorded in history

Times-News writer

Days like Thursday, when a 6.0 magnitude earthquake sent shock waves into southern Idaho, are the days Bill Phillips dreams of. He harbors no Ill will, of course, toward the 1,300 residents of Wells, who today are cleaning up their town in the aftermath, as

just that earthquakes are ps' business.

mips business. He's a research geologist at the

Idaho Geological Survey, who sees "a silver lining" in Thursday's cloud of destruction. Because of a National Science Foundation pro-gram called EarthScope, the Welis quake could be one of the most recorded in history. Scientists like phillips should be able to use information from hundreds of seismographs recently placed in Idaho, Nevada, Montana and Utah to learn more about how and why to learn more about how and why

earthquakes happen.
"This earthquake will have been

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See video and photos of earthquake damage.
 Watch an Interview with a geology professor about the quake.

ward every 18 months in an ongo-ing effort to map the country's seis-mic activity. By chance, the bulk of those meters were placed near the epicenter of Thursday's quake.

recorded by hundreds more seismographs than normal," he said from his Moscow office Thursday morning, about three hours after the quake struck.

The NSF program is moving hundreds of seismographs west-

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The earthquake damaged houses considerably in Paris, about 62 miles southeast of Pocatello, in the southeast corner of Idaho.

3. May 13, 1916

The earthquake wrecked several brick chimneys in Boise and sent residents rushing into the street.

5. Sep. 11, 1963 Central Idaho

Contrai liano
Plaster fell in buildings at
Redfish Lake, south of Stanley
in Custer County; a window
pane was broken at a fire station in Challis National Forest.

7. March 28, 1975
Eastam Idaho
In the Ridgedala area of the sparsely populated Pocatello Valley, this quake shifted several ranch houses on their foundations and toppled many chimneys. Total properly damage was estimated at \$1 million.

Significant earthquakes in recent Idaho history Source: Idaho Geological Survey

ister County

2. Nov. 11, 1905 Near Shoshone, Lincoln County

Cracks formed in the walls of the courthouse and schools in Shoshone, and plaster fell from ceilings in almost all the buildings. Felt from Salt Lake City to Baker, Oregon.

Timbers fell and mine walls col-lapsed at the Galena Silver mine near Wallace, Shoshone County.

Cracks formed in concrete floors of structures in Warm Springs and Ketchum. Plaster was cracked at Livingston Mill, 12 miles south of Clayton.

9. Oct. 28, 1983 Borah Peak, Cust

Borah Peak, Custer County
Tho Borah Peak earthquake is the largest ever
recorded in Idaho — both in terms of magnitude
and in amount of property damage, it caused two
deaths in Challis, and cost an estimated \$12.5
million in damage in the Challis-Mackay area.

-00 0-0-8. Nov. 27, 1977 Cascado, Valley County

Property damage was reported only at Cascade, a few miles east of the epicenter, near Cascade Dam, Also felt in Oregon.

Angry Serbs set fire to U.S. Embassy

Mob protests Kosovo independence

BELGRADE. Serbia — Angry Serbs broke into the U.S. Embassy and set fire to an office Thursday night as noters rampaged through Belgrades streets, putting an exclamation point of violence to a day of mass protest and point of violence to a day of mass protest of an independent Kosovo. At least 150,000 people ralled in Belgrade, waving Serbian flags and signs proclaiming Stop USA terror, to denounce the bid by Kosovoš ethnic Albanian majority to create their own state out of BELGRADE, Serbia

what Serbs consider the

ancient heardand of their culture.

The United States strongly
criticized the violence and the
Serb response. White House
spokesman Dana Perino said
the embassy 'was attacked by
thugs' and Serb police didn't
do enough to stop It. State
Department spokesman Sean
McCormack said the U.S.
warned Serbian Prime
Minister Voljslav Kostunica
and Foreign Minister Vuk
peremic that it would hold
them personally responsible
for further damage.

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The U.S. embassy in Belgrade burns after masked attackers brief into the boilding and set an office on fire at the end of a massive protest against Western-backed Kosoro Independence, in the Serblan capital, Thursday, More than 150,000 Serbs gathered at the raily vowing to retake the territory, which is viewed as Serbia's heartland.

Federal authorities will remove gray wolves from endangered list

By Matthew Brown Associated Press writer

BILLINGS, Mont. — Gray walves in the Northern Rockies will be removed from the endangered species list, following a 13-year restoration effort that helped the ani-mal's popula-tion soar, feder-al officials said Thursday.

Thursday. An estimated 1,500 wolve

ow roam Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. That repre-sents a dramatic turnaround for a predator that was largely exterminated in the U.S. out-side of Alaska in the early 20th

century.
"Gray wolves in
the Northern Rocky
Mountains are thriving
and no longer require the
protection of the

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS Today





High 42 MINI-CASSIA

Today: A chance of rain and snow showers. Breezy in the mering. Highs reaching the upper 30s. Tonight: Mostly, Jourdy with a slight chance of a snow shower Love middle 20s.

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. Perhaps a snow shower. Highs

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Sweetheart Dance, featuring the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers, 7 to 10 p.m., West End Senior Center, 1010 Main, Buhl, open to the public, \$5 per single, \$9 per couple, 543-4577

ple, 543-457/. Gombined Junior-Senior High School Band concert, includ-ing Gooding, Shoshone, Wood River and Wendell schools, 7 p.m., Shoshone High School gym, no cost, (208) 886-2381 ext. 351 or rossgede@shoshone.h12.id.us.

zool en. 531 or rossgedewsnoshone.k12.id.us, Dr. Amy Hunsaker in conquection with Burley Junior Music Vocal Festival, 7 p.m., Minico High School auditorium, Rupert: and Master-classes, 5 p.m. and 8:15 p.m., in the choir room, M.H.S., Rupert, \$4 per person or \$10 per family, 532-4626 or 678-3664 (to sign up for classes).

CHURCH

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

Cowboy Church-Jerome, 7 p.m., NorthRidge Fellowship Church, 456 Golf Course Road, Jerome, (3.5 miles south of Wal-Mart, exit 168 of I-84), 644-1480.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Jr. Toastmaster club meeting, ongoing club sponsored by Magic Valley Toastmasters for interested youth age 12-18, 4 p.m., Idaho Pizza, 1859 Kimberly Roed, Twin Falls, no cost or obligation to buy food, 316-8534 or 736-2010.

EXHIBITS

Sally Machils' "Books of a Talwan Autumn," 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, no cost, 732-6655.

FAMILY

Traditional Storytime, stories and songs for preschoolers, 10:30 a.m., Storytime Kiva, Twin Falls Public Library, 733-2964 ext. 110.

"Youth Options," activities for young people ages 12-19 only, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, \$2, 733-87-20.

GOVERNMENT

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

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec

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.

737-988. Celebrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight biblical principles, 6 p.m., Cafe Agape, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, 737-

Al-Anon/Alateen family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, hot-line: (866) 592-3198.

MUSEUMS

Faulknor Planetarium "tcy Worlds/Saving the Night/Live Sky Tour" at 7 p.m. and "Lynyrd Skynyrd: Fly On Free Blrd" at 81.5 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, S4 for adults, S3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for familles, 732-6655.

To list an event, please submit the name of the event, a To list an event, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne-Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@maglevalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, RO.Box 548, Twin Falls, DI 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE

See video and a photo gallery of the aftermath Thursday's earthquake I

Wells, Nev., and hear a video interview with a geol-ogy professor about how rare the quake was and its impact on idaho.





MORNING BRIEFING

Say ... Steve Crump

Lou Dobbs talks back to the Valley

There's just so much about Rupert's own Lou Dobbs that's curi-r than life ...

Do Dobbs that's curiouser than life ...
Did you know, for example, that his dad was Hank lilll (the cartoon character from Fox's 'King of the Illl')?
... Dobbs was born in Childress. Texas (population 6,650) where his father was a propane dealer ...The family moved to Idaho after the business failed ...
And did you know that when Dobbs' dad took him to the statlon in the summer of 1963 to send Lou off to Harvard University.— the lad had never been east of Texas — Dobbs was wearing a Dobbs was wearing a
Stetson, Levi's and Acme boots when he climbed aboard the train? ... Today Dobbs favors \$1,200

suits and \$300 wing-tips, and he's about to launch a three-

Talk to me If its outrageous, sed funny, ridiculous or polgnant and it happens in south-central idaho, I want to hear about it. Cell me at 735,3223, or write me at scrump@magicvalley.

hour, five-day-a-week radio talk show. In the Magic Valley, Twin Falls' KTF1-AM will broadcast it at 1 p.m. starting March 3 ... At 62, Dobbs is easily the

At 62. Dobbs is easily the most prominent pundit idaho has ever produced... He's the Bill O'Rellly of America's radical center—tough on immigration, tougher on corporations... From his platform on CNN's 'Lou Dobbs Tonight,' he's watched by about 800,000 people seven nights a week. Dobbs. Who noce bucked

Dobbs, who once bucked hay on Minkloka County farms and whose \$25 appli-cation fee to Harvard was

paid by teachers at Minico High, now earns \$6 million a year at CNN and lives on a 300-acre horse farm in New

300-acre noise torm.
"Dobbs sometimes seem oddly formal." Ken Auletta wrote in a profile of in The New Worker hast year... "He does not toll up his sleeves and he puts on a Jacket when he leaves his office area. In conversation, he does not harbor much Jeauts.

"Everything I believe, I believe unequivocally." believe unequivocally," Dobbs told Auletta ... Sounds like a radio talk

FROM OUR ONGOING FROM OUR ONGOING quest to discover the real story of Red Cap Corner, located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 50 north of Kimberly, come two more intriguing hits of lore from readers.

intriguing his of for from readers...

• Red Cap was so called after a service station on the site, part of chain that included stations in Utah and elsewhere in lablao...

• The building had a red roof and a statue out front of a cartoonish, red-topped gas station attendant, who did out check want oil.

AROUND THE WORLD

CALIFORNIA

USDA inspectors say staff shortages threaten safety of meat supply

safety of neat supply

LOS ANGELES

Sometimes, government inspectors responsible for examining slaughterhouse cattle for mad cow disease and other ills are so short-staffed that they find themselves peering down from catwalks at hundreds of animals at once, looking for such tellule signs as droopy ears, stumbling galt and facial paralysis.

The ranks of Inspectors are so thin that shughterhouse workers often figure out when surprise visits are about to take place, and make sure they are on their behavior.

These allegations were raised by former and current U.S. Department of Agriculture inspectors in the wake of the biggest beef recall in listory — 143 million pounds from a California meatpacker accused of sending lame "downer" cows to slaughter.

The inspectors told The Associated Press that they

slaughter. The Inspectors told The Associated Press that they fear chronic staff shortages in their ranks are allowing sick cows to get into the nations food supply, endongering the public. According to USDNs own figures, the inspector ranks nationwide had vacancy rates of 10 percent or more in 2006-07.

WASHINGTON **Obama wins Democrats** Abroad global primary, 11th straight victory

WASHINGTON — Barack
Obama won the Democrats
Abroad global primary in
results announced Thursday,
giving him 11 straight victories in the race for the
Democratic
presidential
pomination

HANG IN THERE, OWLET



pical screech owl clings to a pi held by a worker at the Endangered Wildlife Rescue Center near Alajuela, Costa Rica, Thursday, Two neotropical screech owlets were brought to the center after their nest fell out of a tree.

The Illinois senator won the primary in which Democrats living in other countries voted by Internet, mail and in person, according to results released by the Democrats Abroad, an organization sanctioned by the national party.

Sen. Hilliary Rodham Clinton has not won a nominating contest since Super Tuesday, more than two weeks ago.

More than 20,000 U.S. citizens living abroad voted in the primary, which ran from Feb. 5 to Feb. 12. Obama won about 65 percent of the vote, according to the results released Thursday.

Voters living In 164 countries cast votes online, while The Illinois senator won

expatriates voted in person in more than 30 countries, at hotels in Australia and Costa notels in Australia and Costa Rica, at a pub in Ireland and at a Starbucks in Thailand. The results took about a week to tabulate as local commit-tees around the globe gath-ered hallots.

ARIZONA Curiosity didn't kill this cat: Kitty heads home after journey in locker

PHOENIX — A cat who took a three-week cross-country ride to Arizona in a storage container is headed home to Florida.

Arizona Humane Society

not check your oil ... Next up: the natural histo-ry of Ketchum's Geezer Alley Steve Crump is the Times-

officials say the 2-year-old gray cat crawled into the locker in Pompano Beach, Pla, white a man loaded it for a move to Phoenix. The container spent time in a Florida warehouse and on a semitraller before being delivered to a Phoenix facility.

ty.
A worker heard a cat
meowing Inside the container Tuesday. The cat, named
Meatloaf, was hungry and
thirsty but unharmed. The

thirsty but unharmed. The man who was moving remembered a similar cat near his old apartment. Meatload's owners had put up posters around their neighborhood. The apart-ment manager remembered them when Humane Society called.

Officials will give Meatloaf time to recover before flying him home.

LIBERIA **Bush completes** 'exciting' Africa trip

MONROVIA — The five-nation African trip President Bush completed Thursday was all about political progress, success in fighting the scourges; of HIV/AIDS and malaria, and economic growth, Besides Liberia, he visited Benin, Tanzania, Rwanda and Ghana over six days.

Rwanda and some days.

The journey was "one of the most exciting" of his presidency. Bush toff reporters on the flight home. It offered "a chance to herald courageous people in their efforts to deal with hopeless-uss,"

efforts to deal with hopeless-ness."

"I would hope that the country never says, Well, it's not worth it over there, what happens over there,' or it says, "Well, we've got to take care of our own first, exclu-sively." Bush said. "My answer is, we can do both. We're a generous country."

- The Associated Pro

COMING TOMORROW

God's menu

Many faiths have dietary restrictions, and some followers eat with religion in mind. SATURDAY IN RELIGION



THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"I can resist everything except temptation."

From "Lady Windermere's Fan," by Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

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Ouake

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"I grew up a cowgirl," she gild. "It was like being on a bucking brone."

Many Wells residents couldn't find words to describe the quake. Mike Bennett, a teacher at the towns juntor high, was driving to work at 7:16 a.m. when the 6.0 magnitude quake hit. He didn't feel It, but he knew something was wrong when he reached downtown and saw the flashing lights, the crumbled buildings and residents in tears.

"There were two or three people who just walked up to me and needed a hug," he said. "Everyone was extrangely upset. A lot of people didn't feel safe in their houses because things were flying off the walks."

Nearly every building in News, about 700 structures.

because things were flying off the walls."
Nearly every building in flown, about 700 structures, sustained damage. At least one building collapsed. Many others are threatening to fall.
Downtown. especially, resembled a war zone moments after the quake. Bewildered residents wandered out of homes and businesses, where bricks litter of the streets and debris jutted from snow-covered sidewalks. A white sedan on Lake Avenue had been erushed by concrete chunks fallen from a nearby building. Roof shingles were everywhere. Fractures splinered across the walls of some buildings, like cracks in porcelain bowls.

The sounds of ringing tele-phones — people frantically

trying to reach their relatives - echoed over the police

— echoed over the ponce sirens.

"We're asking residents to put signs in windows telling us they're OK," said Tom Turk, a regional forester with the Nevada Division of Forestry and the public information officer at the scene.

Elko County Commis-

Nevada Division or Foresary and the public information officer at the scene. Elko County Commissioners quickly declared a state of emergency, and officials urged people to avoid doing business.

At most stores, employees spent Thursday cleaning up. We have beer and wine all over the floor and pallets leaning and about to fall over, said Heldl Schant, an employee of Great Basin Bevenge. The office is a mess."

At least three water main breaks prompted authorities to shut off water service in the town of I,300. Late Thursday, Interstate 80 and Highway Interstate 80 and Highway 31 remained open, but off ramps into the city were closed to non-residents. Turk said, Identifications will be checked by law enforcement positioned at off-ramps.

positioned at off-ramps.
Amazingly, no serious injuries were reported, said Wells Mayor Busty Tybo. At least one person broke an arm, and several residents were treated for head wounds.
"It shook everything pretty good," he said.
The 6.0 magnitude, quake appeared to have been caused by a fault line about 12 miles

man restocks the shelves of a east of Wells, said John Bellini with the U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Center in

reported no major harm to electric lines and systems.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources reported a computer model showed no likely damage at southern Idaho dams from a 6.0 quake. But the department ordered inspections of 16 southern Idaho water facilities after the model showed possible damage from an 8.0 magnitude quake. By early afternoon, most dams had been declared safe.

By mid-morning, Frey had received only one southern Idaho damage report: a cracked ceiling.

canada danling. Cleanup continues today in Wells, however, where some reeling residents are afraid to return to their damaged homes. Stelters have been established for the displaced, officials said.

Aftershocks continue to threaten buildings, At least 14 aftershocks had been registered in the first six hours after the quake, said Sgt. Kevin

hardware store in Wells, Nev., Thursday after an earthquake

McKinney of the Elko County Sheriff's Office, which is limiting access to damaged structures. More aftershocks could strike in the coming days.
"Most of the buildings are so old, they might never be structurally sound again," McKinney said.
With the exception of hooks tossed around and some shelving toppled, Wells Elementary School, which was used as the central evacuation center for the American Red Cross and the overall command tops for the disasadon center for the American Red Cross and the overall command post for the disas-ter, suffered no structural damage. The same can't be said for the building housing grades 7 through 12. The gym-nasium is likely to be con-demned and various other damage has rendered the school closed indefinitely. Elko County Sheriff Dale Lotspeich said a mugh esti-mate to replace the huilding would be upward of 540 mil-lion.

Elko County Superin-

tendent of Schools Antoinette Cavanaugh, assisted by Steve Bowers, supervisor of mainte-nance and operations for the school district, and spokes-woman Beth Kern, is working tendent of Schools Antoinette woman Beth Kern, is working on interim plans to resume school for the 135 students who are now displaced. Options being considered include identifying alternate locations within Wells to tem-

include identifying alternate locations within Wells to temporarily hold classes, but this is proving difficult as the obvious cholecs are also in need or pelar to varying degrees.

Wells' buildings, including homes, probably aren't instruct for earthquakes, sald Ron Blingham, an insurance agent with State Farm in Twin Falls. Standard insurance policies don't cover damage from earthquakes, and most people in the area probably haven't bought special carthquake policies, which can sometimes double premitums. Insurance companies ustail place a 30-day moratorium on new earthquake policy in the past Il years.

it's too late to buy insurance to cover damage from after-

onocks,
Officials say the community
will take a significant onicians say me community will take a significant economicblow— a small price to pay, however, for a quake that claimed no lives.

"We're pretty lucky," McKinney said.

The Elko Daily Free Press contributed to this report.

History.

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That's a godsend to scientists in the interior West who tists in the Interior West who don't have as much data on area earthquakes as scientists near legendary faults such as the San Andreas in California. Little is known about area fault lines in southern Idaho and northern Nevada compared with faults in California that have been studied for decades after major quakes, he said.

"It's a pretty rural area that he said.
"It's a pretty rural area that

just hasn't been studied as much," he said.

Scientists do know, however, the potential for quakes exists here Idaho and Newada both rank in the top five among states for earthquakerisks, according to the Idaho Geological Survey.

Small quakes have been reported in Idaho as recently as last month, and the Wells quake struck "in an area in Newada with known active faults," Phillips said. Scientists do know, howev-

The fault line that triggered The fault line that triggered the quake, known as a "normal fault," winds near the Wood Hills mountain range, said Shawn Wilkey a professor of geology at the College of Southern Idaho.

There are thousands of similar faults in the area, though none are likely to trigger major quakes like those seen in Southern California.

Hot volcanic ruck below the Snake River Plain dampens most area trembles, which

Denver.

The bulk of damage occurred in Wells, but the quake awakened residents, spooked pets and sparked first response crews into action in neighboring states, including Idaho.

Local agencies rescond

including Idaho.

Local agencies reacted exactly as they should have, said Jackie Frey, Twin Falls County's director of emergency services. This is the kind of thing we plan and prepare for," she said.

Public utilities and state agencies began inspecting power lines, bridges, roads and dams just moments after the quake.

and dams just moments area-the quake.

By 10 a.m., about three
hours after the initial rum-biling, the idaho Department
of Transportation declared
the Perrine Bridge and other
infrastructure had suffered no
damage. Idaho Power Co.

means they're more likely to happen in surrounding areas, such as the Sawtooth Mountains or Yellowstone National Park, Willsey said. "Where we live, (the rocks) don't break and snap like cold, brittle rocks do." he said.

brittle rocks do," he said.
"They tend to flow and deform,"

They was deform."
Thursday's quake was triggered more than five miles underground and was felt as far away as Tucson, Ariz., according to U.S. Geological

Survey reports. Aftershocks could ripple through the area for days. But could "forestocks" have signaled an inminent quake? Perhaps. Phillips sald, though earthquakes are even less accurate than forceasts of volcaule en

less accurate train forceasts of volcanic eruptions. "It's a hotly debated field," he said, "Most scientists don't think earthquakes are pre-dictable." Scientists from the Nevada

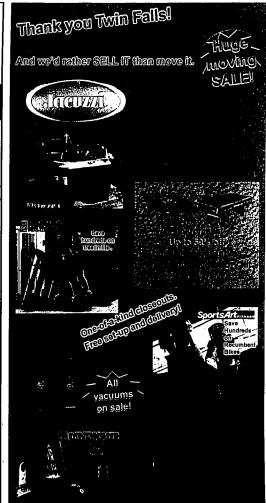
Scientists from the Nevada Selsmological Lab in Reno

traveled to the Wells area Thursday to examine the meters and look for an actual

meters and look for an actual chasm caused by the quake. But two feet of show on the ground could deap them. It'll likely be late this spring before scientists can draw conclusions from the Wells quake, Phillips said, But that's better late than never.

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





Earthjustice attorney Doug Honnold, who is preparing the lawsule

Wolf

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Endangered Species Act," said
Interior Deputy Secretary
Lynn Scarlett, "The wolf's
recovery in the Northern
Rocky Mountains is a conser-

recovery in the Northern Rocky Mountains is a conservation success story."

The restoration effort, however, has been unpopular with ranchers and many others in the three states since it began in the mid-1990s, and today some state leaders want the population thinned significantly.

The states could allow hunters to target the animals as soon as this fall. That angers environmental groups, which plan to sue over the delisting and say it's too soon to remove federal protection. "The enduring hostility to wolves still exists," said earthjustice attorney Doug Honnold, who is preparing the lawsait. "We're going to have hundreds of wolves filled under state management. It's a said day for our wolves."

Plans submitted by Idaho, Montaina and Wyoming indi-

wolves,"
Plans submitted by Idaho,
Montana and Wyoming indi-cate the states will likely
maintain between 900 and
1,250 wolves for the foresee-able future, federal officials
said.

ia. The Idaho Fish and Game

Commission will meet early next month to discuss idaho's plan for managing wolves.

plan for managing wolves.
Wolves have increasingly
preyed on livestock as they
expanded into new territories. preyect of invested as drey expanded into new territories. At the same time, ranchers and wildlife agents have made more wolf kills, whileh are allowed under the Endangered Species Act in response to livestock conflicts.

Since the late 1980s, 724 wolves have been killed legality, and it's estimated roughly the same number have been killed illegally by poachers.

Despite that, the overall population has continued to growart the rate of 24 percent a year.

year.
"We've been managing

"We've been managing wolves pretty aggressively for livestock problems, but there are still a ton of wolves over a bigarea." Said Ed Bangs, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist who led the wolf recovery effort.

The wolf was nearly wiped out in the West through a government eradication program in the 1930s that included widespread poisoning of wolves. In the late 1980s the wolf had just 200 square niles of territory around Galero National Park, in Montana

near the Canadian border.
Wolves were listed as endangered in 1974, and the government has spent more than \$27 million on recovery efforts in the Northern Rockies.

Rockies.
Since 66 wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho in the mid-1990s, their population has grown rapidly. The wolf's territory now covers an estimated 113,000 square miles, Bangs said.
Public hunting could significantly decrease the size of the wolf's range, It could also reduce the chance of wolves spreading to neighboring

spreading to neighboring states such as Utah, Colorado, Oregon and Washington,

However, an independent wolf blologist sald he would be "shocked" if the animal again ends up on the endan-

"The last thing any of the states want is for wolves to be re-listed by the federal government," said Daniel Pletscher, director of the University of Montana's widdlife biology program.

That's the goal in idaho, said officials who helped develop the state's proposed plan, which calls for managing wolves well above the threshold for listing.

Times-News writer Matt Christensen contributed to this

red list.
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"The enduring hostility to wolves still exists."



Learning to Use Excel (\$50)

Tuesdays and Thursdays Feb. 26 to March 13 to 9 p.m. at the Id. School for the Deaf and Blind

Yoga Retreat Day (\$40)

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, March 1 At the CSI North Side Center in Gooding

Contact 934-8678 or northsidecenter@csLedu for information and registration

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fought with police in front of
other diplomatic compounds
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secession of what has been its
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in the U.S. Embassy after the
fire was put out, but all staff
were accounted for, embassy
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give up our brothers in knowor? he told the crowd. Coming after smaller outbursts of violence in Belgrade as well as attacks on a United Nations building and police checkpoints in Kosowo, the surge of rloting underlined the determination of Serbs not to give up Kosowo quietly. The Serbian government has said it wont resort to mill-tary force, but the street violence could he a tactic to slow moves by more countries to follow the U.S., Britain, Germany and Prance in quickly recognizing Kosowis independence. Russis and China lead the states standing with Serbia.

Russia and China lead the states standing with Serbia, worrying that Kosowo's exam-ple could encourage sepa-ratist sentiment elsewhere. The Kremlin has under-lined its displeasure by hinting it might back sepa-ratists in pro-Western nations such as the former Soviet

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republic of Georgia.

Serbian officials dismissed violence earlier in the week as insignificant, and no police were guarding the U.S. Embassy compound even though it had been targeted previously. American officials said the offices had been closed at midday because of security concerns.

Milorad Veljovic, a top interior Ministry official, said that security forces had the situation under control and that nobs had been broken up.

up. Masked men smashed their

Masked men smashed their way inside the compound's consular hullding, fore down the U.S. lag and tried to throw furniture from an office. They set fine to the office and flames shot up the building. The State Department officials said no protesters got into the embassy's main chancery section, a separate area that was manned by a U.S. Marline guard unit and some security personnel.

Police arrived about 45 minutes after the blaze broke out, and after the rioters left building, A half dozen fire trucks also appeared and quickly doused the flames, leaving the front facade and wop police guard posts on the sidewalk smoldering. It was the first attack on a U.S. Embassy since Sept. 12, 2006, when Syrlan security guards stopped an attempt to blow up the compound. The last time a mob broke hito one was the Iranians' seizare of the U.S. Embassy on Nov. 4, 1979, taking the American staffers hostage.



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High-tech crime busting hits the wall in Idaho

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Its 775 miles from Las Vegas to the Idaho State Police's crime lab in Meridian.
They might as well be on different planets. Vegas, of course, is the setting for the highly rated TVe crime drama "CSI," about all of the high-tech ways forensic scientists solve crimes.
But in Meridian — and at the ISP's other labs in Cocur d'Alene and Pocatello — they're bucky to get a DNA test done before the evidence has to be used in court.
The problem's not that there is no Gill Grissom in Idaho; the issue is an acute lack of manpower.
Gow Butch Otter wants to change that by giving the ISP S640,000 to hire six new staffers. On Thesday, the Legislature's budget evertiling Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee said no.
That was a mistake; the committee should reconsider.
State police asked for the extra employees to reduce a testing backlog of DNA samples, finger-prims and other evidence. Is present of DNA tests were completed on time last year.
Demands on the laboratories have increased at the same time as the state's population and crime rates have fiscensed at the same time as the state's population and crime rates have fiscensed at the same time as the state's population and crime rates have fiscensed at the same time as the state's population and crime rates have fiscensed at the same time as the state's population and crime rates have fiscensed at the same time as the state's population and crime rates have fiscensed at the same time as the state's population and crime rates have fiscensed at the same time as the state's population and crime rates have fiscensed at the same time as the state's population and crime rates have fiscensed at the same time as the state's population and crime rates have fiscensed at the same time as the state's completed within the 90-day target fell from 77 percent to 43 percent increase. The number of DNA tests completed within the 90-day target fell from 77 percent to 43 percent.

In 2004, Francisco Ferrer was murdered in Jerone within days, police arrested two men in

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Continuation of levy vital to T.F. school district

As you examine issue As you examine issues surrounding the upcoming March 11 vote in Twin Falls for continuation of the Twin Falls School District's 10-year plant facilities levy, it is important to focus on the uses (and importance) of the plant facilities tax lear.

levy.
This tax commitment ha been supported by patrons of the Twin Falls School District for 50 years and, in that time, funds from the that time, funds from the plant facilities levy have been used to maintain school buildings, repair and replace roofs, provide for security and safety upgrades, and allow for security and safety upgrades, and allow for better access to school district facilities. The fact that the school district safelities. The fact that the school district still utilizes an umber of buildings more than 40 years old (Bickel School is more than a century old) is a testament to a longstanding practice in the school district to repair and removate buildings in order to use them as long as possible for safe and effective places of learning. The Twin Falls School District does not own and operate "throw-away" buildings, and this prudent practice has util-mately lessened the tax burden on its patrons over

the past four decades. Twin Fails School District spent more than \$31 mil-lion from 1998 to 2008 spent more than \$31 million from 1998 to 2009 repairing and maintaining its current facilities and, given the increases we all experience due to rising costs in fuel, building materials and labor, its target of \$33 million over the next 10 years does not seem unreasonable. It is a sure bet that if \$chool facilities are allowed to deteriorate because the school district is not able to support an ongoing maintenance program, the eventual cost to toxpayers will be far greater. A renewal of the plant facilities levy, as it is currently planned, will not risis taxes for Twin Palls School District patrons, but returns and the plant facilities levy, as it is currently planned, will not risis taxes for Twin Palls School District patrons, but School District patrons, but it will provide for maintenance and repairs of exist-ing school facilities that will extend their useful life far

extend their useful life far into this century.
Continuation of the 10-year plant facilities levy is necessary to maintain the safety and quality of buildings within in the Twin Falls School District, and it is a fiscally sound approach to address the repair and upkeep of aging buildings. I urge you to vote yes for the Twin Falls Plant Facilities Levy on March 11.

Facilities Levy on March 11, JERRY MEYERHOEFFER

The great American consuming machine

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ASHINGTON — In the 20th century, the 20th century, the marvel of the world. In the 21st century, American consumption is the marvel of the world. As news goes, this is both big and bad.

and bad.

It was American production, after all, that won Worl
War II. It was the exports of
American manufacturing
and agriculture that revitalized postwar Europe and
Asia — indeed, one of the on World magnetiature that revitalized postwar Europe and Asia — indeed, one of the Marshall Plan's goals was to ensure that Europe had enough funds to buy America's products.

HAROLD MEYERSON

In today's world economy, however, we have become the consumers of last — and first — resort. No nation with the consumers of last — and first — resort. No nation with level. In 2006, our purchases constituted 70 percent of Use, goos domestic product, Britain ranked second among nations in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, at 61 percent, then came lady, at 59 percent, with Japan, Germany, France and Camada all hovering around 55 percent, If 19th-century England was a nation of shopkeepers, and our role in the world economy is to buy what other countries — or U.S.—based corporations with factories in other countries — or U.S.—based corporations with factories in other countries — make. It was not ever thus, in the four decades following World War II, our largest employer was General Motors; for the past decade, it's been Wal-Mart. GM followed, it's been Wal-Mart. GM followed in the footsteps of Henry Ford, who by 1913 had concluded that he needed to pay his workers. had concluded that he need ed to pay his workers enough that they could afford to buy a new Ford. Wal-Mart, by contrast, pays its workers so little that they are compelled to shop at Wal-Mart. But man if Wal-Mart

val-mart. But even if Wal-Mart reten't a downward force on

wages throughout much of the economy, consider the implications of a nation whose chief economic activi-yis personal consumption—more particularly, personal consumption at a titue when incomes are stagnat-ing. The only way such a nation can get along is to go into debt, which is precisely what Americans have done. This transformation of America from natulacturer to shopper was anything but accidental, in the early 1800s, the rise of Japan and the deficient of U.S. manufactur-ing spurred unions and lip-

ing spurred unions and lib-erals to advocate domestic content requirements for products, such as autos, sold in the United States, A few in the United States. A few years later, unions and illier-als were promoting industrial policy—due that the U.S. government should make strate-gic investments in certain key industries to keep them stateslide (this Belt champi-ons pushed for auto and steel; new economy" advo-cates plumped for investments in high tech). In the late '90s, unions and liberals opposed permaently noropposed permanently no malizing trade relations w China, But orthodox econo mists and even more ortho-dox editorialists heaped scorn on all these ideas, which died quiet deaths — even as the governments of

nations that have supplanted us as the world's manufac-turers (most notably, China) adhered to domestic content regulations and invested heavily in strategic indus-tries, to the betterment of their citizens.

tries, to the besterment of their citizens. Today, 20 years after we decided not in have an industrial policy, we have an industrial policy, we have an industrial base that earlier number of Americans. What has kept us alload during the current decade hasn't been our productive capacity but the inflation of our assets—the rislay galate of our homes, against which we've borrowed to purchase the things we could not afford out of our stagnant paycheeks. To our stagnant paychecks. To the extent that the United

the extent that the United States had a macro-recomming the strategy, it was Shop Till You Drop.

So we've shopped. And now we've dropped. One of the crucial differences between the two parties this year is that Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama have both revived the idea of a national industrial strategy — better late than never — while John McCain still acts as If Danks and corporations, left to their own devices, would revive our economy would revive our economy through their investments. Problem is, we've left banks and corporations to their

own devices for decades, and they've funded the rise of low-wage, high-profit East Asia.

and they've funded the rise of low-wage, high-profit East Asla.

Nometheless, McCain calls for across-the-board corporate tax cuts, though that money may well be bound for Shanghai. Clinton and Obama, by contrast, call for the public sector to take up the slack created by the private sector's reluctance to invest in the United States. Each proposes a construction, transportation and manufacturing strategy to retrofit America and create millions of "green" jobs. Each advocates public health insurance when private employers decline to cover workers. Each wants to make it easier for workers and band that can't be offshored in such industries as construction, transportation and health care).

The Democrats' incomes and-industrial policy worthing back, say, flig Steel, but it will riske wages and put more Americans to work actually making bhings. As a national economic strategy, that sure beats shopping.

that sure beats shopping.

Washington Post columnist Harold Meyerson is the editor of The American Prospect.

School consolidation should be decided locally

I feel I must respond to the headline Tence pushes considiation" which appeared in Tuesday's Times-News. I have never advocated for consolidation and do not feel it is the responsibility of the Legislature or inclividual legislators to be involved in such decklons. This inflammatory headline and several misstatements in the article have caused unnecessary

misstatements in the article have caused unnecessary concern in some of our local communities. If cell it was irresponsible for the Times Neno to frame the delicussion in this manner.

House Bill 505 in no way pulses consolidation. It simply creates the framework for the appointment of a transition board of trustees when districts choose to consolidate. The bill designates the



READER COMMENT Rep. Donna Pence

superintendent of public Instruction as the overseer of the board selection not the selector. The trustees of all the consolidating districts select the trustees of the new board in a procedure relying on seniority that is outlined in statute. It is complementary legislation to the bill House Minority Wendy Jaquet and Senate Pro Tem Bob Geddes passed last year that provided incentives for school districts that decide ctor. The trustees of all

to consolidate.

Several years ago Richfield, Dietrich and Shoshone spent time investigating consolidation in the investigating consolidation and decided against it. One of the issues was the lack of a trustee board with equal representation for each community and this bill was designed to create such a transitional board. Two of the communities have since moved alread with plans to expand their facilities. I grew up in Richfield and appreciate the sense of community that exists between the schools and the cliticens. I respect local decisions and would never suggest any other course.

The Education Committee recommended some minor corrections with wording but were most concerned.

that using the equal representation method of choosing the transition board would not neet the proportional representation (one-person, one-vote) criteria. I was given a week to make changes. An attorney general's opinion on the legality of the plan is in the works.

I regret the angst caused to community members and I feel this opinion piece will go far in eductaring individuals as to the bill and what It does. If you have any additional

as to the Diff and what it does
If you have any additional
questions please contact me
at (208) 332-1271 or e-mail
dpence@house.idaho, gov.

Rep. Donna Pence, a Democrat, represents Gooding, Lincoln, Blaine and Camas counties in the Legislature.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Twin Falls Care Center served in time of need

Servet in title of need terminal illness, my beloved wife, Betty, passed away in the Twin Falls Care Center, which had given her excellent care as a patient. I am eternally grateful for its wonderful care and kindness given to her and my family during her stay in this facility. ty.
I was able to spend every

day with her during her time there and could see for myself the excellent condi-tion and staff of this care

tion and stall of tinis cane center.

After a long illness, even with the fine care provided her by doctors, in-home care by nurses and hospice, it became obvious that full-time professional care was necessary. Much as it sad-dened me, I was finally convinced by caregivers and family to place her in a

care facility.

care incility.

Before moving her, my
family and I investigated
mursing homes both in Boise
and Twin Falls. We finally
determined that Twin Falls.
Care Center here in Twin
Falls offered the best facility,
personnel and care available.

able.
My children and grand-children moved us from Boise to Twin Falls, where Betty was accepted by the care center and I was able to

find an apartment close by so I could spend my days

so I could spend my days with her.

I have remained living in Twin Falls, which I have found to be an excellent city with fine and caring resident and businesses. dents and busine

I certainly thank the Twin Falls Care Center and recommend its facility, Kelly Spiers and his staff to anyone needing its semilars.

ing its services.
PHILIP M. MIER
Twin Falls



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Do the math: Obama has nomination in the bag

A TIANTA—Even though Mike Huckabee lost Wisconsin by more than 15 percentage points, he has owed to press on it o Ohio and Texas. But it would take a miracle for lim to win his party's nomination.
The exact same thing can be said of Hillary Clinton. She too lost Wisconsin by more than 15 percentage points; she too needs a miracle. And while she too was to press on, the race is over and she has lost.
Thanks to substantial

she has lost.
Thanks to substantial
defeats in Wisconsin and
Hawaii — giving her a losing
streak of 10 in a row —
Clinton has now fallen
behind Barack Obama by
more than 140 pledged dele-



gates. With 981 delegates still to be elected between now and early June, It might at first glance seem possible to overcome that gap. But It's just not so. To pull ahead of Obarnal ne elected delegates. Clinton would have to win every one of the 16 remaining contests by margins of 15 to 20 percentage points. There is no sign that such a sweep is possible. Clinton's only other hope for a mirricle lies with her

party's 800 superdelegates, who have the right to vote for the nomination because they hold elective office or high positions in the party.

However, those superdele-tes show no sign of wanting to get into the miracle business, nor should they. They understand the outrage that would result if unelected dele-

would result if unelected delegates by to overturn the ver-edict of Democratic primary voters, particularly when the candidate the voters have chosen is a black man. Denying Obama the nomi-nation under those circum-stances would allenate not just black Democrats, but also the many young people drawn into politics by Obama. It would tear the Democratic Party apart and

doom its chances not just in 2009, but in 2012 and 2016 and perhaps beyond. That is particularly true given the lingering bitterness in the party over the 2000 presidential elections. Many party regulars believe that race was settled by the Supreme Court, not by the American people. They would not accept party elders altering the outcome of a vote in a similar manner. party regulars believe that

ing the outcome of a vote in similar manner. Obama's victory has to impress and to a degree even frighten Republican political professionals. Try as they might, the Republicans have not been able to beat the Climtons. They couldn't beat Bill, and in two Senate elections they couldn't beat lidliand in the Senate elections they couldn't beat 1 fillary either.

Between them, the Clintons have been regarded as two of the smartest, most fearsome politicians of their generation. And yet Obama, coming out of nowhere, has now beaten them both, in a campaign in which Hillary had all the initial advantages A lot of Republicans who might have rushed to the polis to vote against Clinton

polls to vote against Clinton
— a payoff for the party's 15year investment in Hillary
hatemongering — won't be
quite so motivated to vote quite so moname to vote against Obama. Together, those trends could elect a lot more Democrats in down-ticket races this fall, which in turn could help Obama make good on his pledges of change.

In his campaign, Obama has talked fervently of a new spirit of cooperation and post-partisanship in Washington. He has been criticized by some as naive fi those statements, but I sus-pect there's hardheaded cal-culation behind the rhetoric

culation behind the rhetoric.
Obama knows that the bes
way—the only way—to
overcome partisanship in
Washington is to have a lot
more votes on your side than
the other guy does.
And while November is a
long way off, he seems wellpositioned to make that strategy pay.

egy pay.

Jay Bookman writes for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. He can be reached at jbookman@uic.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Plant facilities levies provide great benefits

provine great Denefits

My name is Randy Ruiledge,
and I have been the principal
of Savstooth Elementary
School for the past 20 years, in
that time, I have seen the
tremendous benefits to all of
our schools in the I'win Falls
School District because of the
10-year plant facilities levies.
We have seen many benefits
to our school specifically.
These include upgrading the
restrooms, enclosing the
library putting in a computer

library, putting in a computer lab, adding storage in the class rooms, upgrading the heating and air-conditioning, replacing

and air-conditioning, replacing old carpets, fresh paint throughout furumerous times), replacing old desks (many of which were inherited from the old Washington school), and along with our PTO, refurbishing the playground. The building that bouses our school is more than 33 years old, but because we have the funds to keep up on the maintenance many, people passing through have no idea of the building's age. We have many older homes in Twin Talls and, as many homeowners know, those to meet any former whose to homes need maintenance to say safe and functioning. Our nomes need mantenance to stay safe and functioning. Our school is like our home away from home, and we have more than 750 to 900 people mov-ing through here on a daily basis. Needless to say, there is a lot of wear and tear on the

a lot of wear and tear on the building that would be very difficult. In on impossible, to keep up with without the levy. I am grateful, as a building principal, to know that I can rely on the funds from the levy when things need to be done at our school to keep it updated and safe.

I urge you to support the plant facilities levy. Help us maintain a safe and secure environment for all of our children.

RANDY RUTLEDGE
TWIN Falls

Volunteer kicked off board because of residence

Approximately 2 1/2 years ago, I was contacted by the Twin Falls Parks and Waterways. It informed me that it was trying to form the second county tree commis-sion in Idaho. The purpose for the tree commission is to the tree commission is to inform people on planting of



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proper trees for highway rights of-way appropriate trees and procedures when power lines are in the vicinity, etc. This committee is an advisory board made up of volunteer people with a firm knowledge of trees.

I have owned and operated assoccasful tree business for several years now. Feeling that I would have a lot to offer, I galdy accepted dis volunteer positions, After filling in the five required volunteer positions, the Twin Falls County Thee Commission was formed. Every year, we wanted to plant Tree Commission was formed. Every year, we wanted to plant trees in a county or city park. Last year, we planted trees in the Hansen City Park, which happens to also be the residing town of one of the county commissioners. Have volun-terred time and money to this

commissioners. I have volun-tered time and money to this worthwhile (I thought) cause. Now after 2 1/2 years, the Twin falls County commis-sioners have informed me that I can no longer be on this committee because I do not actually live in Twin Falls County. I actually live 300 yards from the Twin Falls County in Chowever, I still own a home in Buhl and pay property taxes on that home l and pay own a nome in hull and pay property taxes on that home which all go to Twin Falls County line; 90 percent of my business is conducted in Twin

Talls County.
They can take my money, but they won't accept my time and expertise on trees on this and expertise on trees on this volunteer-run advisory committee? Last I knew, volunteers were hard to come by and when one came along, you gadly accepted the offer. Since I do not live in Twin Falls County and got kicked off a volunteer committee, that must mean that all pald employees of Twin Falls County right? CHUCK STEELE Haverman.

The triumph of America's know-nothings

Learning to this country, taught to alm at low objects, eats upon itself." Ralph Waldo Emerson offered that observation in 1037, but his words echo with painful prescience in today's very different United States. Americans are in serious intellectual trouble — in danger of losing their hard-won cultural capital to a virulent makture of anti-intellectualism, anti-rationalism and low expectations. This is the last subject that any candidate would dare raise on the long and winding road to the White House. It is almost impossible to talk about the manner in which builds in most impossible to talk about the manner in which builds in most impossible.

ble to talk about the n ner in which public igno-

bie to talk about the man-ner in which public igno-rance contributes to graven autional problems without being labeled an "elitist," one of the most powerful pejoratives that can be applied to anyone aspiring to high office. Instead, our politicians repeatedly assure Americans that they are just "folks," a patronizing term that you will search for in vain in important presiden-tial speeches before 1980. Such exaliations of ordinariness are among the distin-guishing traits of anti-intellectualism in any era. Columbia University his-torian Richard Hofstadder saw American and intellec-tualism as a cyclical phe-

saw American anti-intellec-tualism as a cyclical phe-nomenon that often mani-fested listel as the dark side of the country's democratic impulses in religion and education. But today's brand of anti-intellectual-ism is less a cycle than a floud. Doubless, to paraphrase the late Sen, Daniel Patrick Moynilian, las been stead-ily defined downward for



SUSAN **I**ACOBY

several decades, by a com-bination of heretofore irre-sistible forces. First and foremost is viden. The decline of book, newspaper and magnzine reading is by now an old story. The drop-off is most pronounced among the young, but it continues to accelerate and afflict Americans of all ages and education levels. Reading has declined not only among the poorly edu-cated, according to a report last year by the National Endowment for the Arts. More than 40 percent of

More than 40 percent of Americans under 44 did not Americans under 44 did not read a single book — fiction or nonfiction — over the course of a year. The proportion of 17-year-olds who read nothing more than doubted between 1984 and 2004. This time period, of course, encompasses the rise of personal computers, Web surfing and video games.

games.

There is no evidence that focusing on a screen is anything but bad for infants and toddlers. University of Washington researchers found that habies between 8 and 16 months recognized

B and 16 months recognized an average of six to eight fewer words for every hour spent watching videos. The inability to concen-trate for long periods of time seems to me intimately related to the inability of the public to remember even recent news events. No wonder negative polit-ical ads work.

location of an important country is a manifestation of ignorance; denying that such knowledge matters is pure anti-rationalism.

Not knowing a foreign language or the

The shrinking public attention span fostered by video is closely tied to the erosion of general knowl-

video as erosion of general knowledge, edge, People accustomed to hearing their president explain complicated policy choices by snapping 'Tm the decider' may find it admost impossible to imagine the pains that Franklin D. Roosevelt took, in the samonths after Pearl worky U.S. D. Roesevelt took, in the grim months after Peurl Harbor, to explain why U.S. armed forces were suffering mon defeat after another in the Pacific. In February 1942, Roosevelt urged Americans to spread out a map during his ratio 'fire-side chat' so that they might better understand the geography of battle. In stores throughout the country, maps sold out; about 80 percent of American adults tuned in to hear the president.

This is a portrait not only This is a portrait not only of a different country and citizenty. According to a 2006 survey by National Geographic-Roper, nearly half of Americans between ages 18 and 24 don't think it's necessary to know the location of other countries in which important news is being made.

being made.

Worst of all is arrogance about lack of knowledge.

The problem is not just the things we do not know (consider the one in five

American adults who, according to the National Science Foundation, thinks the sun revolves around the Earth) it's the alarming number of Americans who have smugly concluded that they do not need to know such things in the first place. Call this anti-rationalism

a syndrome that is par-ticularly dangerous to our public institutions and dis

course.

Not knowing a foreign language or the location Interest and the control of an important country is a manifestation of ignorance; denying that such knowledge matters is pure anti-rationalism. The toxic brew of anti-rationalism and ignorance burrs discussions of U.S. public policy on topics from health care to taxulinn. It is past time for a serious national discussion about whether, as a nation, we truly value intellect and rationality. If this indeed turns out to be a "change election," the

be a "change election," the low level of discourse in a country with a mind taught to aim at low objects ought to be the first item on the change agenda.

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Minico, Twin Falls start strong at state

NAMPA — Eight Minico
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Spartans won their opening
matches at the Class 4A state
worstling
Unumment
Thursday, including top seeds
David Burgara, Nate Crane and
Josh Ramirez,
However, Minico coach Brad
Cooper said the Spartans are
fourth overall and just five
fourth overall and just five
in the first round stayed alive
and earned points in the consolution bracket.

That first round we dropped

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a few that we didn't expect, but for the most part, the kids that lost came back and wrestled tough. 'Cooper said.' So far we're hanging in.'

Burgara remained undefeated by beating Moscow's Eric Frisbey in the 130-pound class in a 5-2 decision. Which is the pounds of the courant of the pounds in the courant of the pounds in the same placed the past the pounds pinned Minicos three-time sites placed in Sisson. Sandpoint's Sam Sam Sam Sisson. Moscow's Eric Hard Moscow's Eric

Sisson.

Hammond said he likes his chances, but tries not to look too far down the bracket.

Burley coach Clint Milliron said I lammond picked a good time to return to top form.

"Jerod looked really good on top." Milliton said. "That's the best he's looked in a while, so that was good to see."
"Like I always say, you've got to win the first one to get to the next one." Harmmond said.
Jerome's Cory Cummins, a favorite at 103 pounds, earned a 6-3 decision over Matt Gallegas of Blackfoot.
At the 5A level, the Bruins had a solid opening day. Twin Falls senior Brent Martinez.
pinned Tom Matthews of Highland to advance in the championship bracket. Seniors Chance

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Twin Falls wrestler Chance Requa grappies his way to a win over Skyline's Chase Winterbottom in their 145-pound match Thursday during the Class SA state tournament in Nampa.

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llege of Southern Idaho sophomore forward Jaan Pattillo is one of the top players in junior college basketball, and part of the reason the top-ranked Golden Eagles are 28-0 heading int

Uniquely gifted, CSI's Pattillo strives for a bright future

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

ou see the showman

He's Las Vegas in a College of Southern Idaho basketball jersey. There's that first step, wildly long, dramatic as a magician's flourish as he reveals the prestige.
You see him climb, climb, climb like some freak-

ishly athletic Cirque du Soleil acrobat. But there's no rope, only those sinewy legs to propel him upward.

Watch him cock back that big right arm, the ball loaded in his palm like the bullet in a gangster's

gun. See him explode. He assaults the rim with one of

those windmill dunks you've seen on television, but there are no pix no filters, no slow-mo TV magic. This is live. This is larger. This is louder. This is ... real. Right?

Listen as that shrill whistle signals another timeout. The opposing team is letting go of this one and its coach knows it. Watch as No. 32 slowly walks to the CSI bench, yellow mouthpiece half-hanging out of his mouth, almost too muscular. Almost larger than life.

You see the showman, but you don't see Juan Pattillo. Listen as that shrill whistle signals

You don't get to see the kid. Not that easily. There are layers of protection. The iPod turned up, the black do-ng, the gray CSI hoody covering it all today. They're the trapplings of the young, black man, the dour styling of the juco thug. The showman plays the part.

"He didn't have the easiest homelife growing up." Pattilla's former
high school coach, Daryl Branham
sald. "The area of town his morn
lived at is probably not the best.
When he got hume, he stayed hisde, He didn't go out unless he was going
to play basketball. He wasn't the
thug or anything like that."
Watt, did you think the layers were
protecting you from him?
Maybe, because the story has
been told before. Dad wasn't around
as morn struggled, sometimes going
under, while facing the demands of
raising and providing for a small
family in North Las Vegas. Pattillo, a

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dell Hirts School's forday Lancaster (23) shoots ove ry's Hollister Jones (4) during the Car a title game Thursday night in Wendel

WENDELL — The Wendell Tolans are headed back to the Class 2A boys hoops state tour-nament after railying for a thrilling win over the visiting Genns Ferry Pilous in the Canyon Conference Tournament championship, 3-57 with 1:12 left, Wendell junior Jordan Lancaster of Go-60. With both teams fouling and sending each other to the foul line in the last 54 seconds, the Tolans were able to convert on 3 of 7 free throws while the Pilous finished 0-for-3 down the stretch.

stretch.
"I would rather that we would have made more of the free throws instead of making it so

difficult," said Wendell coach Ryon Jarvis, "Our boys perse-vered and kept it together in the end."

Trojans nip Pilots for Canyon title

wered and kept it tog-end."
Wendell fell behind after the first quarter 16-13 and trailed by a single point at the break, 36-35. By the end of three quarters, the Pilots extended their lead to six, 51-45.

Si-45.
Wendell outscored Glenns
Ferry 18-9 in the final period but
it came down to the all-impor-nant made free throws by seniors
Devin Hosack, Erfe Lopez and
Lancaster, who all finished? -for-2 at the charity stripe during the
games final minute to cinch the
Trojans' win.
"I was so proud of the boys, the
way they were able to fight back
after being down," said jarvis. It
shows this team has guts and
never says die."

Dusty VanderHam took two charges late in the game as Jarvis thought the junior's defensive play was a key to the Wendell

though any play was a key to the voca-play was a key to the voca-"It was a great defensive effort by Dusty, We were able to get the ball back and kept them from sorting," said Jarvis. Vanderflam said he felt he should take the charges at the

should take the charges at the time.
"You just get in there and get in the way and hold your ground," said Vander lam.
Hosack and Glenns Ferry sen-or Aaron Cane put on a shooting clinic in the first half. Hosack scored 17 of his game-high 26 points while Crane scored 18 first-half points, including four 3-pointers before finishing with a

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CSI men ready for Jackson, Salt Lake

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

This weekend isn't com-

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This weekend isn't completely about stoppling DaVell Jackson. Then again, maybe its.

As the top-ranked College of Southern Halba tearn with the highest-scoring offense of Southern Halba tearn with the real Salt Lake Community Colden Engles have No. 10 in mind. Its the number on the front and back of the 6-foot1 sophomore point guard's jersey, a number that CSI's guard corps saw blaze a trial to 32 points and five assists in a narrow 484-78 with over the Bruins earlier this season. Beating a 25-1 Bruins team with a No. 4 national ranking and one of the stinglest defenses in the nation requires more than stopping Jackson. CSI did those hings, including harassing sophomore sharpshooter Brian Green, the last time these teams met. Do them again, and CSI leaves Jackson as the lone wildcard Please see MEN, Page B4

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CSI women one win away from SWAC title

By Eric Larsen Times-Nows writer

It takes a certain sort to laugh in the face of tremendous pressure.

College of Southern Idaho head women's basketbail coach Randy Rogers is a certain sort, to say the least. Sitting in his office with the solid programment of the Colden Lagles' two most critical conference games of the soason, a sly smile crossed Rogers' mouth.

Take in the factors of that smile. His fourth-ranked deam, undefeated in Scenic West Athlette Conference jay is about to play its most bitter rival, the 20-6 Salt Lake Community College Bruins. The 25-1 Golden Lagles have a perfect conference record to protect against a Bruins than the theory of the soason before falling 75-66 ear light this year in Salt Lake City. Oh, and one win over the Prints will bring the Region 18 Tournament to Twin Falls

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Burley boys win to claim regions top seed to 4A state

By Chuck Nann For the Times-News

BURLEY - Now all that's left is the

BURLEY—Now all that's left is the state tournament.
The Great Basin Conference West champlon Burley boys basketball team defeated East champion Pocatello 62-52 Thursday to claim the District IV-V top seed to next week's Class 4A Boys Real Dairy Shootout.
T think that was a great way for us to end the season, Burley coach Jack Bagley said of the final predude to the state tournament. Procatello is playing really well, and that was a leading really well, and that was a

tough, hard-fought game. And that's what we can expect in the state tournament — great teams just like that. That was a great game for us going into the state tournament."

Ben Séarle led the Bobcats with 19 points — including three 3-pointers — and eight rebounds. Colton Moon notched 15 points to go with four assists and six steals, and Jordan Hosteen scored 16 points. For Pocatello, Alex Drecksel led the way with 13 points and eight rebounds, Jordan Steele added 12 points and also grabbed eight boards for the Indians.

The district champions battled

back and forth for the lead, but Burley was able to break away dur-lng the third quarter with an 11-3 run and never look back. Pocatello still had enough in the

Pocatello still had enough in the can for one more run at the defend-ing state champs, and narrowed the gap to 50-46. But Searles third 3:14 remaining was a dagger to the heart of the Indians' chances, as the Bobcats took a 53-46 lead and fin-shed the game at the free throw line to push the advantage to the final margin.

margin.
Pocatello, which handed the
Bobcats their only loss last season,

came out of the gate strong with a 7-2 run but lost the quarter to Burley. The Indians would overtake Burley with seconds to go in the first half as Steele hit a 3-pointer to give Pocatello a 29-28 lead.

Pocatello a 29-28 lead.

With the Bobcats pushing their winning streak to 43 garnes, they can finally look ahead to the state tour-

linany took areas to the loser out of Skyview and Emmett, we know that," Bagley said, "We've already played Emmett, and we have an idea of what they do and what they're of what they do like. "So we'll take a little trip to Boise

and find out who we're going to be playing. Then we've got to get pre-pared for that first game. We'll have the team ready to go."
That game is set for 8 p.m. Thursday at the College of Idaho in Caldwell.

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CLASS 1A DISTRICT IV BOYS TOURNAMENT

Panthers top Red Devils for title

MUITAUGH—The quick-est route to success is starting fast, and Carey did its hest to make sure Thursday's Class 1A District IV championship game was over before it start-ed

ed. If it wasn't over after one quarter, it sure was after three. The fourth period was

three. The fourth period was just gravy.

The Panthers cruised to a comfortable 57-31 win over work of the start of each half, both courtesy of a patient yet high-intensity defense and brazen penetration to the basket on the offensive end.

But what ultimately made the game safe was a dominant second-half effort that saw Carey hold the Red Devils to just 10 points, and a paltry two just the third quarter.

"I thought we played great

two in the third quarter.

'I thought we played great
defense in the first quarter
and picked it back up in the
second half and played great
become half and played great
like second half. We felt we
needed to shut three groys
down and we did that.

'Tyler Parke led the Panthers
with 15 points on the offensive end and was backed with
12 from hoth DJ Simpson
and Blake Whitby.

The Panthers had a week to prepare for the game, which usually allows some rust to set in, but they were having none of it in getting out to a

set in, un, us, in getting out to a flying start.
"We worked on defense all week It was conditioning and defense." DJ. Simpson sald.
"No more running, we were ready to play."

Murtaugh, which rode hot outside shouling to its best stretch of hasebual all season in the Magie Valley on in the Magie Valley.

RICHFIELD 66, OAKLEY 49
Richfield blew things open
in Thursday's District IV
third-place game with a 16-0

outside shooting to its ness stretch of hasketball all season in the Magic Valley Southside tournament last week, endured a miserable night from the field.

Taylor Wilson led the Red Devils with 12 points, but he was shut out in the second half, lesus Cabral added 10.

But losing may not be the worst thing in the world for Murtaugh, as the Red Devils will start their state tournament against the fourthplaced lean from District 11 on Wednesday at Vallivue High School in Caldwell, with tipoff coming at 8 pan.

High School in Caldwell, with tipoff coming at 8 p.m. Carey, meanwhile, opens up at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday against the third seed frp, the notoriously difficult District II at Caldwell High.

third-quarter-ending run to clinch the third seed in next weeks state tournament with a 66-49 win over Oakley in

week's state tournament with a 66-49 win over Oakley in Murtaugh. The Tigers led by just six, 29-23 at halftime, but ended the third quarter up 50-28. They were led by 15 points from Tel Clark and 12 from Bralden Buckner.
Calton Bedke and Mark Pickett led the Hornets with 10 points aplece. Richfield opens the state tournament against the top seed from District II on Wednesday at Valilvue High School in Caldwell in a 1:15 p.m. tipoff. Oakley starts the tournament with a 6:15 p.m. matchup against the champion from District I on Wednesday at Caldwell in a 1:15 p.m. Upoff. Oakley starts the cournament with a 6:15 p.m. matchup against the champion from District I on Wednesday at Caldwell High School.

HAGERMAN 52, SHOSHONE 47

Morgan Knight had a team-high 15 points to help Hagerman rebound from consecutive loss in the Southside tournament and clinch a state playoff herth with a 52-47 win over Shoshone in Murtaugh on Thursday.

Shoshone in Murtaugh on Thursday.

The Pirates also got 10 points from Tanner Owen in the win, which sets up a first-round state tournament game against the champion

from District III at 6:15 p.m., Wednesday at Vallivue High School in Caldwell. Josh Olsen had a game-high 19 points in defeat for the Indians.

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team-high 22 points.
Sophomore Michael Crane
registered a double-double
for the Pilots with 16 points
and 15 rebounds. Senior
Jesus Rodriguez was also in
double digits with 11 points.
"Wendell worked hard and
earned the right to go where
they are going," Glenns Ferry
coach Jeremiah Johnston
said. "Every time we would
get a lead, they would push
up their intensity and get
buckets and make runs when
they needed."

buckets and make runs when they needed. "Our kids played well but it came down to who would hit the shots, and we didn't make our shots down the stretch."

Lancaster scored 12 points for Wendell, followed by jun-ior Justin Brandsma with 11 points and eight rebounds. With the win, the Trojans will open Class 2A state tour-

nament play against a No. 2 seed from District III or V, at 3 p.m., Thursday, Feb., 28 : Boise's Capital High School.

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for the first time in three years, to a CSI community with a sense of entitlement that the tournament should be held here every year. Still, there was that smile, and the words that followed.

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Tim going to put something in somewhere so it
should be a bid so it's always
here and takes the pressure
off the coaches and teams,"
Rogers joked about the
process of selecting a region
tournament site. "It's not fair
to these kids to feel like they
have to win games."

Irony isn't lost on Rogers,
who thrives on these biggame situations.

For the CSI women, no
games have been more
important than those against

games have been more important than those against Salt Lake since Rogers arrived in Twin Falls in 2002. Salt Lake since Rogers arrived in Twin Falls in 2002. The two teams have met in the past four Region 18 Tournament championship games, the most recent limes, the games were played at neutral sites, while Rogers teams have never been defeated in regional tournament play in Twin Falls. "It's fun to have this pressure," Rogers said of playing Salt Lake. "It's not just that we have to win. We have to beat Salt Lake, and it's getting to be old habit, It seems like we have to beat Salt Lake, and it's getting to be old habit, It seems like we have to beat Salt Lake, and it's getting to be old habit, It seems like we have to beat Salt Lake, and it's getting to something good for ourselves."

If history truly is self-repeating, hosting the regional fournament is of the regional fournament is of the utmost importance to CSI. Over Rogers' tenure, the Golden Eagles have won 95.7 percent of their home games, while winning 72.9 percent of games played on the road or at neutral sites. That significant home-court advantage would be a boon for CSIs chances of qualifying for the national tournament in Salina, Kan.

Economically, CSI is likely the only SWAC program that can cover the minimum \$25,000 hosting payment to the regional treasurer without taking a loss at the tournament. Still, possible financial complications arent going to deer a proud SLCC program led by head coach Betsey Speketer.

Rogers expects to see full-court pressure and a tightity-packed 2-3 zone as the limins look to harass CSIs guards and deny the talented CSI posts the ball. In wharts expected to be another close game, how the Golden Eagles handle the pressure, of both the situation and SLCCs defense, will likely determine the outcome.

"I expect these kids know. They know what's going on and they're going to feel it Friday night, Rogers said." I think they're going to feel it Friday night, Rogers said. "I think they're going to play hard. And I think when my team plays hard, we're pretty good."

Eagle Eyes

Tonight: Salt Lake CC (20-6, 9-2 SWAC) at No. 4 CSI (25-1, 11-0

Tenight: Salt Lake CC (226, 9.2 SWAC) at No. 4 CSI (25.1, 11.0 SWAC), 53.00 p.m. (20.6, 9.5 SWAC), 53.0

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leequa (145 pounds) and
Grayson Stone (160) also
moved on via pin. Freshman
Todd Anderson recorded a
major decision at 130
pounds. Other Bruins to win
in the first round included
Will Keeter (125). Tylor 161
lifelights from the 3A
ranks included Declois
Brandon Adams pinning
Matt Erskine of Fruiland at
125 and José Alonoz takina.
The Hornets are 19th overall.
Goodling got early wins from
Derek Gerratt at 125. Bldir
Gerratt at 140, David Bauma
at 145, Ross Koyle at 152 and
Calvin Walgamott at 215.
Bulls Ryon Sirucek pinner.

Gerratt at 140, David tataman at 145, Ross Koyle at 152 and Calvin Walgarnott at 215, Build's Hyon Sirucek plinned Weiser's Alton Funk at 160 pounds, while Vincent Orr plinned Maico Rodriguez, Kimblery's Jamie Folk had a pin at 285, while Buildogs Tucker Mulberry (130) and Chaudher Holcomb (112) also recorded first-round pins. In Class 2A action, Oakley coach Brennan Jones said his lornets, who are sitting at 15th overall didn't fare as well Hornets, who are sitting at 15th overall didn't fare as well short to be seen at 15th overall didn't fare as well prinned. Still, Ryan Kingsland pinned Parina's Anthony Gray at 119 and Caleb Greenwell pinned Devin Jensen of Firth. "We feel like we can win both of those matches (this) morning to get into the semis," Jones said.

Raft River's Ty Safer pinned Firth's Josh Freeman to advance to the second round. Raft River coach Chris Bogers said the win caps a long recovery for Sayler, who suffered a knee Injury midseason.

"He's beat the No. 2 kid

suffered n knee injury non-season.
"He's beat the No. 2 kid that's ranked here," Rogers said of Sayler. "His seeding is bad just because he was out half the season with the knee. If he wrestles to his potential like I know he can, he'll be right there in the finals." Wendell is 18th at Day I despite wins by Kevin Vanhoozer, Andrew Ringling and Cody Slade.

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Declo's Jose Alonzo works his way to a win against Trevor Meligan of Homedale during Class 3A action at the state tournament in Nampa.



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Bonds says prosecutors' typos could compromise perjury case

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds seized on a pair of typos, complaining in court papers. Thursday that the governments mistakes could compromise his chances for a fair trial recent filling by prosecutors wrongly accusing Bonds of hunking a drug test in 2001. They later admitted they instead meant 2000. Baseballis homer run king has pleaded not guilty to perjury and obstruction of justice charges alleging he lide when he told a feeder-al grand jury he never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs. He is asking a judge to dismiss she case, anguing the questions posed to him while under oath were ambiguous and confusing.

In a filling last week opposing Bonds' motion for dismissal, prosecutors twice referred to a drug test that had previously been mentioned in the indictment.

Still, some media outlets reported that the government had procured new evidence proving Bonds had lied.

The mistakes were corrected the next day, but Bonds' lawyers argue in their response to the government's filling that the damage to the case was already done.

"As is always the case, many more prospective juors will have read the original story than the retraction," wrote Dennis Riordan and Donald Horgan, two of Bonds's attorneys.

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Bonds' attorneys also signaled in Thursday's filing that they intend to attack the

credibility of the November 2000 test results, which were seized in 2003 when the government raided the nove-defunct Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, or BALCO, head-quarters of a drug ring that peddled steroids to numerous elite athletes.

That drug rest was mentioned in the indictment unscaled in November, with prosecutors saying it was for a player they called "Barry B."

MAGIC VALLEY Minico freestyle clubs holds sign-ups

RUPERT — Minico Freestyle Club will hold sign-ups from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, and Thursday, Feb. 26 in the auxiliary gym belland Minico High School. The cost is SSO and parents should bring a copy of participal-ing child's birth certificate. For more informa-tion, call Rick Stimpson at 431-1655.

North Side Baseball holds auction

IEROME — North Side Baseball and Softball will hold its annual fundraising auction at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 27 at the Best Western Sawtooth Inn (2635 South Lincoln) in Jerome. Proceeds will benefit all levels of North Side Baseball and Softball along with the Jerome High School Baseball program. Auction Items will include gift certificates to local businesses, baseball memorabilitis, gift baskets and lots of other great trems. Call Larry or Debble Bos at 324-8104 or Darcie Bobrowski at 324-2346

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with questions or visit http://www.leagueline-up.com/northsidebaseball for more informa-tion.

New club team holds meeting

KIMBERLY — Magic Valley United, a new club soccer team for youth ages 10-18 will hold a parent meeting at 6 p.m.. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Kimberly High School. Those interested in helping to build a competitive spring club soccer program are Invited to attend. Representatives from the Idatto Youth Soccer Association will be present at the meeting. Contact Van Parker at 423-5090, 420-7326 or ivysweep@yahoo.com.

Filer to liost Donkey Basketball

FILER.—The Filer FFA Alumni is sponsering a Donkey Baskethall game between the Filer High School FFA Chapter and the Castleford High School FFA Chapter at 7 p.m., on Feb. 29 at Filer High School. Advance tickets are available from Filer FFA members or by calling 326-4968. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students in grades \$7-12 and \$5 for students in grades \$7-12 and \$5 for students in grades \$7-10 kets will be sold at the door starting at \$6 p.m. on Feb. 29 for \$8,

\$7 and \$6, respectively.

Proceeds will go toward the Filer FFA
Chapter's year-round activities and the Filer
FFA Alumni scholarship fund.

Youth wrestling sign-ups end today

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation is holding youth wrestling registration until Feb. 22. The program is for grades K-6 and the season runs March 4 through April 3. Practices will be held at Twin Falls High School from 530-630 pm. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for grades K-2 and from 630-730 pm. for grades 3-6. Twin Falls High School coach Said Davestani will coach the participants. The cost is \$18 for those in city Hintis and \$21 for those outside city Hintis. All participants receive a T-shirt.

Call 736-2265 with any questions.

CSI rodeo scheduled

TVIN FALLS—Cowboys and cowgirls from 12 Idaho and Utah colleges will gather for the 32nd annual CSI intercollegiate Rodeo March 7-8 at the College of Southern Idahos Eldon Evans Expo Center. Action begins at 8 p.m. noch daw. each day

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Tickets are available in advance from
Lutham Motors and Vickers Western Store in
Twin Falls or at EZ. Money Pawn and Auto in
Burley. Tickets purchased in advance are \$8
for adults. Tickets at the door will be \$9. Kids
from age 4-12 will be admitted for \$5.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Indiana mum on Sampson's fate after alleged violations



Saturday. School officials met Thursday to School officials met Thursday to consider the future of embattled coach Kelvin Sampson, who has been accused by the NCAA of five major recruiting violations over improper telephone calls to high school players. The university was reviewing the allegations and had set a Fiday deadline for a report and recommendation on action. University spokesman Larry

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — MacIntyre and members of the Indiana could have a new head board of trustees denied reports coach when the 15th-ranked Indiana had decided Sampsons fate Hoosiers travel to Northwestern on Saturday. Dan Aukh the intertin head coach.

Dan Daklch the interim head coach.
"I don't believe the athlete director has even given the recommendation to the president yet," trustee Parick Shoulders said Thursday.
Antoher trustee, Philip Eske had been notified by e-mail that Indiana would have an announcement on Sampson's status Friday but did not lave details. MacIntyre said late Thursday afternoon nothing had yet

been scheduled but called an announcement likely.

"We have some plans, but we don't have a definite time and we don't have a definite time and we don't have a definite time and we for the said.

The team met with athletic director Rick Greenspan on Thursday night. Almost the entire team left en masse after the meeting about 7:45 p.m. and declined comment as they got into their cars and left.

Meanwhile, university officials and athletic department officials spent Thursday reviewing options.

President Michael McRobble had

a lunch meeting with university counsel Dorothy Frapwell and faculty representative Bruce Jaffee in the presidents office. Frapwell and Jaffee were two of the three people asked to conduct the school's second himself, and hims

Cavs land Wallace, Szczerbiak in 11-player, three-team trade

(AP) — The Cleveland Cavallers gave LeBron James the help he wants — maybe enough to compete for the ring

maybe enough to compete for the ring he craves.

The Cavallers took part in the biggest trade of deadline day, landing center Ben Wallace and swingman Wally Szczerbiak on Thursday in a three-team deal with Chicago and Seattle.

Wallace provides the Cavs with rebounding, shot blocking and plenty of playoff experience. Szczerbiaks outside shooting could make teams pay for double-teaming fames, the Nibás leading scorer who hoped his team could pull off a move.

"When you have a superstar like LeBron James, it's hipportant to be able to put shooters around him," Cavallers general manager Danny Ferry said. "When you have guys who make the estra passes, bading somehody to knock down that shot is big."

There were four other deals, ending a busy trading season that included the earlier blockbastes throubing. Pau Casol, Shaquille O'Neal and Jason Kidd. Those physical went to Western Conference powers, and the New Orleans Hornets completed a deal they hope proves they are one of them.

The Hornets acquired Bonzl Wells and Mike James fond Honston, adding depth to thelr bench for the strech run. New Orleans dealt Bobby Jackson to the Rockets, where he was reunited with Rick Adelman, his old coach in Sacramento. Adam Haluska also went to Houston in the dealt, which also included Memphis.

The bolder more was made by the Cavs, who went to the NBA finals last year but are well behind Boston and Detroit in the East this season.

The Cavallers sent guard Larry Hughes, forwards Drew Gooden and Cedric Simmons, and guard Delonte West from Seattle for forwards Ira Newble and Donyell Marshall. The SuperSonies

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Chicago Bulis forward Ben Wallace, center, was part of a three-way trade involving the Cleveland Cavallers, Chicago and the Seattle

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"I didn't think we were good enough to win the championship," Ferry said, explaining his motives for the more." I thought we had a very good team, But I do helieve if we have a chance to make ourselves better we should try.
"Was it a risk in doing so? Yes, it was a risk. But we're going to have to make some decisions that have some risk in them if we want to continue to hulld and grow."

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Wallace was a disappointment after leaving Detroit, where he was the defensive anchor of the 2004 NBA champlons, to sign a \$60 million, fun-year contract with the Bulls in 2006. The trade allows Chicago to get out from under some of that.

"He was a great teammate," Chicago's Ben Gordon said. "I think he definitely helped us to get to the sec-ond round of the playoffs last season. I guess management felt that they didn't reach expectations that they wanted

Spurs nip T'Wolves

MINNEAPOLIS — Manu Ginobill hit a jumper from the top of the key with 6.2 seconds left for the last of his 44 points, leading the San Antonio Spurs to their fourth straight win with a 100-99 victory over Minnesota on Thursday right.

Minnesota had a chance win, but Schastian Telfair's long jumper clanked around the rim and out as the burger straight.

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uzzer soundea. Tim Duncan added 24 points and 14 rebounds for San Antonio. Al Jefferson scored 28 points to lead the Wolves.

ROCKETS 112, HEAT 100

HOUSTON — Tracy McGrady scored 23 points, Yao Ming added 21 and Houston won its 10th straight game and handed Miami its 10th loss

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Houston has won 14 of its last 15 games and the winning streak is its longest since the champlonship season of 1993-94 when the team opened

- The Associated Press

him to. That's part of the business."

Hughes also struggled to live up to the big contract he signed in Cleveland, and was hurt last year when the Cavs reached the finals. The Sonies continued their goal of trying to build for the

ued their goal of trying to build for the future. Also Thursday: "The Toronto Raptors acquired cen-ter Primoz Brezec and cash from the Detroit Pistons for guard Juan Dixon. "The Minnesota Timberwelves trad-ed seldom-used swingman Gerald Green Houston for shooting guard Kirk Snyder.

Snyder.

• The Portland Trail Blazers acquired

• The Portland Irail Blazers acquired guard Von Wafer from the Denver Nuggets for guard Taurean Green. Denver was hoping to do something bigger to compete with the top teams in the West, but apparently all the big deals were already done.

Eagle Eyes

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Tonight: No. 4 Sait Lako CC (25-1, 10-1 SWAC) at No. 1 CSI (28-0, 11-0 SWAC), 7:30 p.m:

After the game. A Fiddy postgame function is planned at the Twin Fails Outseck Steakhouse.

Last time they met: Then renked second in the nation, the Golden Eagles defeated the then third-ranked Bruins 84-78 in Sait Lake Cly behind Juan Pattillos' 33-point effort.

On the hortan: The Golden Eagles end Bruins will tangle for the last time during the regular season at 3 p.m., Saurdey. CSI finishes its regular-season aschedule next Friday and Saturdy, taking on Colorado Northwestern Community

College in Rangely, Colo.

On the radict This weekend's games will be broadcast live by Jonathan Drew on 1270 AM KTF!

CSI season isseders

(Minimums spp)r, Averages, made/missed in perenthesis.)

Points: Jorg Shew 454 (17-5), Juan Pattillo 406 (17-7).

Rebounds: Art Parakhouski 199 (7-7), Pattillo 168 (7-2).

Steals: Harrey Perry 69 (2-7), Gallowey 65 (2-5), Blocks:

Parakhouski 4, (13-8 clivery 27 (1.0), Field goal percenture, age: Parakhouski 621 (138-219); Deequon Montrea: 75-76 (195-167). April preparating: Styption 142 (25-66), Nick, Hansen 387 (72-166); Free throw percentage: Shew 829 (121-146), Hansen 318 (27-33).

No. 10 Xavier wins big over Duquesne

CINCINNATI — Derrick
Brown and C.J. Anderson had
double-doubles Thursday
inght and No. 10 Xavier rolde
to its ninth straight victory,
75-48 over Duquesne.
The Musketeers (23-4, 11) solidified their hold on fists place in the Atlantic 10 with
one of their more impressive
performances.
For the third straight game,
point guard Draw Lavender
moved tentatively and shot
sparingly because of a
sprained left ankle. Lavender
played only 14 minutes and
had five points.
B.J. Haymond went 5-0-68
from the field for 13 points,
making all three of his shots
from behind the arc in the
first half as Xavier took a 4526 lead.

NO. 17 WASSHINGTON ST. 59.

NO. 17 WASHINGTON ST. 59, ARIZONA ST. 47
PULLMAN, Wash. —
Derrick Low scored 15 points
and Washington State relied
on the Pac-10's best defense
to shut down Arizona State. Aron Baynes and Taylor Rochestic both had 10 points

and six rebounds for Washington State (21-5, 9-5),

which won its fourth straight, the longest current streak in the conference. The Cougars swept the two-game series with Arizona State for the second straight season.

Freshman James Harden, who averages 18 points per garne, had 10 points to lead the Sun Devils (16-9, 6-7), who were held 21 points below their season average.

below their season average.

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PTISSUBGR 70
SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Indee
Harangody had 21 points and
12 rebounds and Tory jackson
added 16 points and 13 rebounds for Notre Dame,
which overcame an 11-point
deficit in the second haff.
The Fighting Irish trailed
51-40 when Sam Young hit a
14-foot jumper with just
under 14 minutes left. But
Notre Dame responded with
a 21-10 run, lying the game at
61 on a 3-pointer by Kyle
McAlarney with 5-59 left.
Harangody then scored six
points, Byan Ayers had five
and Jackson three as the listh
took control with a 143 run
that made it 75-64. that made it 75-64.

— The Asso

Kinghorn leads ISU past Montana State

POCATELLO — Matt Stucki scored 21 points, Logan Kinghorn had a dou-ble-double with 13 points and 13 rebounds, and Idaho State beat Montana State 64-

and 13 rebounes, and name State 64-49 on Thursday night. Idaho State (10-16, 7-6 Big Sky) controlled the boards, outrebounding the Bobcats 44-29, including 17 offensive rebounds. Donnie Carson added 12 points and eight rebounds for the Bengals. Divaldo Mbung led Montana State with 12 points and eight rebounds and Carlos Taylor scored 11. But the Bobcats (15-11, 7-6) could not overcome their poor shooting. Montana State shot just 25 percent in the second half and 32 percent for the game.

the second half and 32 per-cent for the game. Idaho State led by six at halftime, but qulckly built the lead to double figures in the second half, taking an 11-point advantage with 12 min-utes left on Stuckl's break-away dunk. Montana State never got closer than nine.

Late Wednesday

EYU 67, UTAH 59 PROVO, Utah — Jonathan Tavernari scored five of his 20

points in the final 1:03 to help Brigham Young pull away at the end and win its school record 45th consecutive the end and win its school record 45th consecutive home game, beating Utah 67-59 Wednesday night to sweep the state rivalry for the sec-ond straight year. BYU (21-5, 10-1 Mountain

onto straigni year.
BYU (21-5, 10-1 Mountain
West) had not won both regular season meetings on consecutive seasons since 1979
and 1980. The Cougars took
advantage of a huge discrepancy at the fold life to clinch
the season sweep.
Lee Cummard had 14
for the Cougars, who were
congratulated after the game
for the new school record for
consecutive home wins, BYU
was tted with the previous
high of 44, which was broken
in 2003 by Unah.
The Could—The Co

The Utes (15-9, 6-5) couldn't quite end the streak again, although they stayed in it until the final minute despite
missing center Luke Nevill
for much of the game because of foul rouble.
Johnnie Bryant led Utah
with 15 potions and
Lawrence Borha added 12
points and seven rebounds.
— The Associated Press

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standing between i and a conference time.

"A point guard probably has to play a special game, we think, to have a chunce to win (against us), "Csi head coach Barret Peery sald, "He did have a special game, and they still came up ablt short."

Averaging 13 points and nearly three assists per game, Jackson is the motor that makes the Bruins offense go. Compact and muscular, the former high school football player's game is seemingly tailor-made to face CSIs gambling defense that is at times susceptible no dribble penetration. With his fearless forays to the hoop, Jackson forays to the hoop, lackson

penetration. With his fearless forays to the hoop, Jackson connected on 12 of 21 field

Confined from page 81
high school player of seemhigh semilides potential,
bounced around, living with
his mom, relatives, basketall
coaches. Wherever was safe
at the time.
He started his high school
career at Vegas Valley High
before transferring as a juntor to the newly-opened
Carnyon Springs High and
Branhams first-year Ploneers
program. With a build nearly
as imposing as his current 6foot-7, 205-yound frame, he
became one of the programs
first stars.

"He was a tremendous tal-ent," Branham said."... We told him that with his body and the athleticism, if he was willing to work hard enough,

he could go as far as he wanted to with this game." With an interlor game in fine order and academies in a fine mess, the surefire NCAA Division I talent found his way to CSI.

goals and earned 16 free-throw attempts in his earlier standout performance against CSI. While Jackson connected on only seven of those 16 attempts at the line.

against CSI. While Jackson connected on only seven of those 16 attempts at the line, a CSI squad that has tight-need up its Interior help defense in recent weeks would rather keep Jackson out of the lane this weekend than chance another off night from the regular 70-percent free-throw shooter.

"We did a pretty good job against (Eastern Utah) with their point guard, and we did a pretty good job with (Snow's Rene) Farias over the weekend, not letting him get in the middle and make layer of the did against (Eastern Utah) with their point guard, and the did pretty good job with (Snow's Rene) Farias over the weekend, not letting him get in the middle and make do that again this weekend with DaVell."

The thing you miss while ratching the showman is the

smile.

It doesn't show up often on the basketball court but there's a little Vegas there, too. The kid can be playful, and when he is, there's that million-megawatt smile, wide and bright as the Vegas

white and origin as the vegas strip.
On Tuesday, it comes out as Pattillo talks about his mindset. A turbulent past behind him, and two years at a major NCAA basketball

power awalting, the NiCAA
Division I Preseason AllAmerica selection starts with
living in the present.
"You learn from the past
when you look back at it but
you don't live in it," Partillo
says." I try not to look too far
ahead or too far behind."
He thinks of CSI head
cach Barm Berv, about the

coach Barret Peery, about the Golden Eagles' pursuit of a perfect season, and the smile You know, I talk a lot about

taking things as they come and one game at a time, and Coach stole that from me, Coach stole that from me,"
Pattillo says. "He stole that
from me. I need to get that—
get my saying back."
That smile comes out on
good days, when Pattillo is
loud and gregarious, a joy to

be near. But there are bad days when the smile disap-pears, though they're been less frequent. Averaging 17.7 points and 7.2 rebounds, Pattillo is CSI's most produc-tive player, but he's missed three games, mainly due to a few early-season clashes with Pecry as he adjusted from beling a freshman role-player to his All-America sopho-more status.

more status.
"He's had a bull's-eye on
his chest ever since he was
talked about as being a preseason All-America type
player," Peery said. 'I think
he's had ups and downs with
it as far as handling it. Bbut!
hink he's really grown as a
player and as a person, and
I'm excited to see how far we player and as a p I'm excited to se

more excited to see how far Juan can go as a player and as a person."

How far will Pattillo go? The showman has the skills to make it to the NBA, but the kid will have to get him

to make it to the NBA, but the kid will have to get him there. "You say all these things, and you look at it and say, "Wow, he could get even better," Peery said, "Juan's potential for improvement is really, really jill." People have taken notice of the strides Pattillo has made in becoming an all-around player. Oklahoma Sooners head coach, Jeff Capel watched a CSI practice entile this season. Ever since, the Sooners message since, the Sooners messages.

over Pattillo. Regardless of where he plays during the next two seasons, Pattillo's work ethic on the court and

work ethic on the court and in the classroom will ultimately determine his success and his prospects of playing
professionally.

"If it wasn't for basketball, I wouldn't be here, in college,
Pattillo said. "It's meant a lot
to me because I'm trying to
get my family in a better
place. I don't really think
about having to make money
with it, but it has gotten me
here."

You see the showman. You see the kid. Watch him fight for something more.

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GOLF ROUNDUP

Woods advances easily at Match Play

MARANA, Ariz. (AP) — Tiger Woods barely broke a sweat. Steve Stricker went into overtime for the second straight day. They had only one thing in common Thursday in the Accenture Match Play Championship, which ultimately was all that mattered.

Both are still playing.

One day after a stunning comeback to survive the opening round, Woods built a quick lead against Arrion Oberholser and never gave film much hope in a 3-and-2 victory.

Tite thrills belonged to Steve Stricker, who made a 10-foot birdle putt on the 19th hole to extend the match, then beat Presidents Cup teammate Hunter Mahan with a birdle putt just inside 50 feet. It was the second straight day Stricker won in 20 holes.

"I'm getting my money's worth out of this event," Stricker said. It was the second straight year that Phil Mickelson was given a long weekend off.

Phil Mickelson was given a long week-end off.
Fresh of a victory at Riviera, he could-in make enough birdles to keep up with Stuart Appleby, who couldn't miss, Applebys ninth birdle came on the 17th hole, and it was enough to send Lefty packing with a 2-and-1 loss.
"It was a good match, but unfortu-nately; I just didn't shoot low enough." aid Mickelson, who has never made it past the quarterfunds in this tourna-ment. "I wanted a chance on 10, but unfortunately, I didn't get it.
David' foms didn't have any chance at all.

DavidToms out a manage all.

His back flared up late in his firstround victory over Masters champion
Zach Johnson, and the pain was such
that he had to withdraw before facing
Aaron Baddeley, giving the Australian a

Aaron Baddeley, giving the Australian a day off.

Next up for Baddeley is a third-round date with Woods.

Woods had to play his final five holes in 5-under par to rally against J.B. Holmes in the first round, He had so such worries against Oberholser, playing in his first tournament of the year because of a shoulder injury. He list his second shot into the desert to lose the opening, hole, and didn't win a hole until a birdie at the 12th.

"Match play is an animal that's all about the moment." Woods said. "It's not about building toward Sunday. If you don't play well, you're going horne. Out off the play well, you're going horne. Out off the play well, you're going horne. Out off better get organized quick and got off to a quick start and never give holes away. That's one of the things that I did



Minimizer Woods witches his tee shot on the No. 14 hole during the second round of the Accenture Match Play Champlonship at The Gallery Golf Club at Dove Mountain, in Marana, Ariz., Thursday.

Match Play Championship at The Gallery Golf Cit today versus yesterday. I never gave Arron a hole, lie had to earn holes."

Match play delivered some key moments on a sunny day amid saguaros and sagobussh.

• K.J. Citol was even par through 19 holes and advanced. Hunter Mahan was 7 under over 20 holes and lost.

• Serglo Garcia was cruising against Boo Weekley going 2 up with an eagle on the 10th, then his putter started acting up, he bogeyed three of the next four holes and was headed home.

• Adam Scott missed three putts inside 10 fect over his last four holes and lost to Woody Austin, the seventh straight year that Scott was heaten in the Match Play by an American.

The most bizarre match was the final one of the second round. Defending champion Henrik Stenson was 4 up through eight holes against Trevor Immelman, but it took him 17 more holes to wim — and only after it appeared that he had lost.

Wie starts strong at Fields Open

KAPOLEI, Hawaii — Michelle Wie got off to a promising start in her first tour-nament round of the year, shooting a 3-under 69 in the Fields Open to finish five strokes behind first-round leader leave lare.

under 69 in the Fields Open to finish five strokes behind first-round lender Jeong Jang. Showing no signs of the wrist injuries that plagued her last year, Wie broke 70 for the first time since the Evian Ladies Masters .in July 2006, a tournament

be at Deve Mountain, in Marana, Artz, Thurdey,
where she tied for second and earned
her largest LPCA Tour check.
Jang, the 2005 British Open champion, opened with an 8-under 64, making
nine birdies in a spectacular 16-hole
stretch. Paula Creamer shot a 66,
birdicing the last three holes for a 5under 31 on the back nine.
Annika Sorenstam, trying to complete a Hawalian sweep after vinning
at the season-opening SBS Open at
Turtle Bay for her 70th LPCA Tour title,
opened with a 70.
The 18-year-old Wie looked relaxed
and confident playing on her home
sland of Oahu in front of a familiar
gallery that ballooned as she moved up
the leaderboard.

Merrick leads at Mayakoba

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, Mexico
John Merrick holed a 50-foot putt on his
final hole for a 6-under 64 and a one-stroke lead in the Mayakoba Golf Classic, while course designer Greg Norman opened with a 70 at El Camadeon.

The 53-year-old Norman dropped to strokes on the 16th hole when he

two strokes on the 16th hole when he needed three shots to escape a green-side bunker, then three-putted for a bogey on the next hole. Larry Mize, Robert Damron, David Latterus and Kenneth Ferrie shot 65s, and John Daly, Brian Gay and Tommy Gainey had 66s.

Tulowitzki: from wide-eyed rookie to established star

TUCSON. Ariz. (AP) — Troy Tulowitzki pulled up to Hi Tulowitzki pulled up to Hi Corbett Field in a shiny black Maserati GraniTurismo sports car, backed into his parking spot under the high deserpalms and stepped out with a smile as big as the engine. "A lot can change in a year," said the 23-year-old budding star who was tooling around in an SUV this time last spring training.

in an SUV this time last spring training.

Back then, he was hoping to skip Triple-A altogether and break camp with the Colorado Rockies, but there was no guarantee he'd beat out Clint Barmes for the star-ing shortstop job.

Now, he's the marquee player on a voung team that is

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Now, he's the marquee player on a young team that is coming off its first Nt. pensamt, one fueled by his phenomenal performance in the field, at the plate and in the clubbouse. He became a respected leader among established veterans including Todd Helton and Matt Holliday despite having played barely a year in the minor league.

Tultowitzki ied big league shortstops in fielding percentage last year, got to many more balls than anyone at his position and even turned an unassisted triple play, just the

position and even turned an unassisted triple play, just the 13th in major league history.

He also set an NL rooke record for home runs by a shortstop (24) and batted .291 with 99 RBIs as the Rockies surged to their first World Series

surged to their mas Series.

The crowds at Coors Field began a rhythmic chant for Tulowitzki, and Colorado set a big league record for field-ing percentage.

The made some plays that

"He made some plays that were jaw-dropping, eye-opening, take-your-breath-away," manager Clint Hurdle said Thursday. "He showed some leadership traits for a



Colorado Rockies shortstop Trov Tulowitzki is noised for a hig san son after a stellar rooki

young player that I hadn't seen before on the field in the heat of battle. Some big swings of the bat late in games that you don't count on.

"But about two-thirds of the way through the season, nothing he did after that kind of surprised us. If e threw a lot at us in a hurry."

His meteorie fise even took Tulowizeki by surprise.

"I think I came a long way in a year." Tulowizeki tool The Associated Press. "Last year I came in just competing for a came in just competing for a lob. This year I come in and lob. This year I come in and job. This year I come in and it's a whole different spring

its a whole different spring training for me."

Despite having one of the bespite having one of the league shortstop, Tulowitzki was edged by Milwaukee slug-ger liyan Braun for Roskie of the Year honors, and Philadelphia's Jimmy Rollins won the NL Gold Glove.

SPRING TRAINING ROUNDUP

It's the early show for Ramirez Manny arrives on time for Sox

(AP) — Manny Ramirez is midseason form.

in midsenson form.

The big bopper with his midsenson form.

The big bopper with his leaf own style—on and off the field—showed up at camp Thursday, mark in g the first time in three seasons he's beat Boston's deadline for reporting to spring training, Right on cue, he came out with a curious comment.

'I might be late two years in a row," Ramirez said with a straight face, 'but I'm always on time."

on time."
Whatever, his latest Yogi-ism came in Fort Myers, Fla..
Plus, there was this pronouncement: "I want to finish

my career here."

MVP of the 2004 World Series, Ramirez helped the Red Sox win another championship last fall. The star left Red Sox with another championship last fall. The star left find season of his eight-year, \$160 million canch.

It want to stay here, but it is the team options for 2009 and 2010 at \$200 million cach.

"I want to stay here, but it is up to them if they want to bring me." Ramirez said. "But it up to them if they want to bring me." Ramirez said. "But if they don't want to bring me back, that's fine. I know I'll be a free agent after '08 so that's another thing that I'm looking forward (to)."

He added." It's up to them to say, 'Ok, we're going to take the option. It's not up to me to go into the office and demand a four-year deal, whatever. No, I'm going come here to play the game, finish my year. If they want me to come back, 'Il' come back."

General manager Theo Epstein also prefers to walt.

"We're focused on 2008, 'Epstein said, 'Manny's contract provides for the first of his options to be decided upon at the end of the year and there's a time for that, but it's certainly after the season. And we're looking forward to Manny continuing to work hard and heve a great year."

Manager Terry Francona

ston Red Sox left fielder Ma-

Ramirez arrives at the team's spring training facility in Fort Myers, Fla., Thursday.

Myers, Fla., Thanday,
isn't too worried about
Ramirez losing his concentration over future contracts.
"Once he steps in the batter's box, that isn't an issue,
Francona sald. "Or if there's
something that is an issue,
when those two feet get
planted in the batter's box,
he's ready to go."
Ramirez is coming off one
of his worst offensive seasons

— a. 296 batting average with
20 homers and 88 RBIs. He's
26th on the all-time list with
490 homers and should move
into the Top 20 this year. into the Top 20 this year.
Ramirez wasn't moving

much on Thursday. Francona merely laughed when asked about Ramirez skipping the teams conditioning drills.

"I give Manny credit for being smart enough to sneak out of here." Francons said.

At Dunedin, Fla., Frank Thomas said the's not ready to call it a career — a switch from a year ago when retirement was on his mind.

"Not at all, not at all," he said. "I take care of myself and work hard. I still have my hand-eye coordination and can see a baseball great. Those are the things that make guys retire."

Thomas hit .277 with 26 home runs and 95 RBIs last season in the first year of a two-year deal with the Blue Jays. Bronnto holds an option for 2009.

At Surprise. Ariz., Texas Rancers right fielder Millon

for 2009.
At Surprise, Ariz., Texas
Rangers right fielder Milton
Bradley practiced for the second day without limitations
on his surgically repaired
right knee.

nt knee. He's hitting, doing outfield

"He's hitting, doing outfield drills and running," manager Ron Washington said.
Bradley had officason sur-gery after tearing up his knee on Sept. 23 when his manag-er, San Diego's Bud Black, spun him to the ground while trying to keep him from going after an umpire.

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DON'T MISS OUT ON THE SKETBALL MATCHUPS OF THE YEAR.

e Lady Golden Eagles look to lock up hosting rights for the Region 18 Tournament today of 5:30 p.m. and Saturday at **p.m.** against Salt Lake CC



The top-ranked men, undefeated at O, host 4th-ranked Salt Lake CC at 7:30 p.m. today and 3 p.m.

An after-game function tonight for CSI Boosters and teams will follow the men's game at Outback



TWIN LATES FORECAST

ay: A change of rain and snow showers. Breezy in ning. Highs reaching the lower 40s. lefts: Mostly cloudy with a slight change of a snow

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NFL committee considering changing playoff seeding rules

INDIANAPOLIS — The NFI, is considering changing the postseason so seeding would be based on records rather than division titles. That won't avoid instances like the one last season when Cleveland missed the playoffs and Tonnessee made it by beating Indianapolis backups, But competition committee members agreed Thursday that chonging the seeding guidelines would result in fewer such situations.

Committee co-chairman

tions.

Committee co-chairman
Rich McKay, the Atlanta
Falcons president, said some
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clubs had indicated support for the changes.

"There are definitely peopen both sides," McKay said Thursday at the NFL scouting combine, "and I think there are good arguments on both sides." The altered seeding would have a factead the Colts-Trams game — Indianapolis had already elinched the second-best record in the AFC—but it could nake an impact in other future situations in which one club would have nothing to play for under the current guidelines. The main motivation for changing the rules is ensuring that the best teams are rewarded. With the NFL aligned in eight four-team divisions, the odds increase that a champion of a weak division may have home field against a wild-card squafrom a tough division with a better record.

That happened last season when NFC South champion Tampa Bay (9-7) played host to the New York Giants (10-6). The Giants, who despite having cliniched a playoff spot, played all-out in their finale against unbeaten. New England, beat the Bucs in aman and won two more

England, beat the Bucs in Tampa and won two more playoff games on the road.

Then they upset New England in the Super Bowl, crediting in part the 36-35 loss to the Patriots in the regular-season finale for giving them the confidence that they could stay a team seeking to finish a historic 19-0.

The committee is also seeking to revamp its proposal to allow one defensive player to wear a headset in his helmet to communicate with coaches as the quarterback does.

NFL owners have previously

es as the quarterback does. NFL owners have previously voted down that idea. A similar rule was considered last season at the NFL meetings. On offense, it's easy to ensure that only one player at a time is wearing the headest on the field because it's always the quarterback Thats more complicated on defense.



معره Receiver John Carlson of Notre Dame is interviewed at the NFL Combine in olis, Thursday

"If your identified defensive "If your identified defensive starter is injured and you lose the ability to communicate with the defense, how do you handle the backup situa-tisher, the committees other co-chair. "Those are the things were currently dis-cussing."

The committee does not plan to propose any rule changes to prevent coaches from culling a timeout just as the ball is snapped on a field goal attempt, as happened several times this past season.

goal attempt, as happened several times this past season Fisher predicted the trend won't continue because coaches have realized the move can backfire.

Running back Jamal Lewis agrees to 3-year deal with Browns

deal with Browns

CLEVELAND — Running hack Jamal Lewis has agreed to terms on a three-year contract to stay with the Cleveland Browns.

Lewis was to become an unrestricted free agent new week. But the Browns, who went 10-6 and barely missed the playoffs last season, didn't want to risk losing the furtising back after he rushed for more than 1,300 yards.

"The Browns are pleased that Jamal has deelded to continue his carrer here in Cleveland," general manager hill savage said in a statement. "He brings a maturity tougliness and football ten-perament to the team that is perament to the team that is critical to our success on top of the physical abilities that

of the physical women to be possessed."
Lewis proved he could be an effective every-down back in 2007. After signing a one-year, incentive-laded free-agent deal in March, he gained 1,304 yards and scored nine touchdowns. Only Hall of Famer Jim Brown has run for more yards

in a season for the Browns.
Lewis came to Cleveland after seven years in Baltimore. At the time he signed, there were questions about Lewis' durability and speed, but he answered them speed, but he answered them all with his best season since leading the NFI, with 2,066 yards in '03.

Panthers release RB DeShaun Foster

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers released starting running back Deshaun Foster on Thursday, a move that clears salary-cap space and opens the door for DeAngelo Williams to become the team's featured hack.

become the teams related back. Foster, Carolina's second-round plck in 2002, never rushed for more than 93 yards in six seasons plagued by fumbles and injuries. "We wish him the best because we'll always hold him in high regard," general manager Marty Humey sald. "We just thought it was time to go in another direction." The move clears about \$4.75 million in cap space and comes after the Panthers started shopping Foster in the last couple of weeks.

Report: Seahawks place franchise tag on Trufant

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KIRKLAND, Wash. — The
Seattle Seahawks officially
made their initial move to
keep Pro Bowl cornerback
Marcus Trufant from free
agency by designating him as
their franchise player for 2003
The team announced tha
Trufant is still free to negotiate with any other team when
free agency begins March 1.
That means Seattle used the
non-exclusive franchise tag,
which allows the Seahawks to
match any offer or receive
two first-round draft choices

If they decide not to match.
Should he decide to sign the tender offer, Trufant would be guaranteed \$9,465,000 for 2008, currently the average of the top five salaries for cornerbacks in the league. He could still sign a long-term contract with the Seahawks president and general manager Tim Ruskell expects Trufant will sign the tender — or will eventually

sign a multiyear deal to stay with the hometown team that drafted the native of Tacoma, Wash., 11th overall in 2003 out of Washington State.

Moss not designated franchise by Patriots

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots did not designate Randy Moss as a franchise player Thursday, but there was no word from

the team on whether they had reached a contract agreement with the wide receiver or are allowing him to become a free

agent.

If Moss and the Patriots have agreed to a multiyear contract, it cannot be announced until Feb. 29.

Moss set the NFL record with 23 touchdown catches in a season and totaled 98 receptions for 1,493 yards.

— The Associated Press





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One-mile CAFO testimony bill heads to Senate

Same bill died in House last year

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News write

BOISE — For the second consecutive year, the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee approved a bill that would allow people living more than a mile from a proposed confined animal feeding operation to testify in permit hearings.

The bill, which heads to the full Senate, amends an old law and permits public testimony from "affected persons," which would include nearby businesses, school districts or people with secondary residences. Current law provides only for primary homeowners, but counties can change the terms themselves.

Last year, the Senate public which was the bill with a provided and the provided of the provided provided in a provided provided the provided provide



House Committee.
The one-mile dispute emerged at its strongest point in November when the commissioners denied a feedlot application made by Big Sky Limited Partnership.
"If it's going to affect our way of life, why shouldn't we have the right to testify?"



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Jerome County resident Dean Dimond told the com-mittee Thursday. Dimond was one of the strongest sup-porters of allowing written testimony because his father owned property near the Big Sky site, but lived more than a mile from it and could only provide limited testimony.

Thursday's committee work bore little resemblance to last year's two-hour hearing that had to be held in a large conference room to accommodate a crowd that included almost a dozen people who testified.

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Midwives want licensing option

Doctors, nurses say they lack training

By Simon Shifrin Associated Press writer

BOISE — Midwives who help in home births asked Idaho lawmakers on Wednesday to create a licens-ing system that would let them administer medica-tions.

tions.
Doctors and nurses oppose the move, saying midwives don't have the training or equipment to save a mother or child if something goes wrong.
A bill before the House Health and Welfare Committee would create a board that would establish rules for the licensing of midwives.

wives.
Proponents say midwies have provided safe birthing assistance for centuries and that expanding their privileges when it comes to dispensing medications, inchaing intravenous fluids, antibiotics, painkillers and emergency oxygen, will boost the value of their services. They say this will especially help people in less-populated areas around the state.

A roughly five-hour hearing on the bill rat not long for a vote, and the panel opted to continue testimony next week before votting on whether to send the bill to continue testimony next week before votting on whether to send the bill to continue testimony next week before votting on whether to send the bill to continue testimony next met for the bill the said that 24 states have some form of midwife licensing. Idaho's version would create a voluntary licensing system that would still allow unlicensed birth assistants to practice even if they didn't have the same qualifications. Should the bill pass, a midwife examiner board would be created to set rules governing licensing. To qualify, midwives would have to be certified by the North American Registry of Midwives, a national organization that governs the profession; take continuing education, including training in child cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and pay a \$500 fee.

Connie Wolcott, a certified muse-midwife who currently practices at \$1. Benedicts family Medical Center in Jerome, traveled to Boise Wednesday to testify in favor of the bill. The voluntary licensing, she said, would give licensed midwives more legitimacy and make it easier for them to work with other health care providers, while still preserving the network

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"In this current form, it doesn't cover all what we hoped it would."

— South Central Public Health District spokesman Bruce Fox

breaks to geothermal energy companies the same that lawmakers approved last year for wind energy produc-ers.

Buhl School Board strips clerk title from Frev

Busmann named as replacement.

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

Buhl School Board trustee

Buhl School Board trustee lacke Frey was named board clerk earlier this year, but already her title has been stripped from her, with tyan Busmann named as her replacement. The action came during Tuesday night's board meet-ing after Frey accepted a pet-tion requesting the recall of Chalman Gene Clemens ear-lier that day. According to talaho code, the board clerk is responsible for accepting recall petitions. But there was the man taw, According to data out, the bound clerk is reponsible for accepting recall petitions. But there was some confusion as to who the correct person would be to handle the issue, since Frey held the dute of board clerk but most duties were being performed by Busmann, after the petition was turned in (Frey) as required by law, and resident Linda Billingsies, who is helping to organize the recall.

recall.
Clemens said the motion to remove Frey as board clerk was not intended as a puni-

remove Frey as board clerk was not intended as a punitive measure for accepting the petition, but because of
the confusion associated with
ther position. He also said it
isn't uncommon for school
districts to have someone
other than a board member to
carry out clerk duties.
Busmann, he said, was
already completting some
duties of the board clerk.
"It was brought to my attention that there was a certain
amount of confusion as to
who fulfills the role of clerk
and this action will clear that
uncertainty," he said. "As I was
looking over the responsibilities of the clerk of the board, I
found most of them were
already being taken care of by
Iym."

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"One person," Clemons said, "was doing the job of clerk while one person only had the title."

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The motion to name lessmann as the new board clerk was met with support by trustees Jay Anderson and Ken McDonald.

The recall petition, however, is now at the district office and will be canvassed soon. If the petition proves to have the 20 needed crafted signatures, a special election will be scheduled for Clemen's recall.

'Another change in status during Tuesday's meeting livolved McDonald, who was named as the board's new

inivolved McDonald, who was named as the board's new vice chairman, a position previously held by Steve Highbarger, who recently resigned from his trustee position.

Despite concern from some audience members, as well as Frey, about appointing a new vice chairman before filling the trustee position, Clemens said he felt it was important to make the move "as quickly as possible."

$D \circ G$ DAY A F T E R N O O N



Hanging out with his pack, Slob the dog relaxes in the back of a pickup Thursday while their owner stops for coffee in Hagerman. "What a moties crew I got bere," said Wade Gridiey as he greeted his five dogs before jumping into the track.

Dunn appointed to Filer City Council

By John E. Swayzo

FILER — A new face has been added to the Filer City Council. Richard Dunn, 53, was appointed to the council by unanimous vote Tuesday evening and will complete a four-year term left wacant by the resignation of Darin Stoddard, Stoddard resigned from the council for personal reasons last mouth.

seagree from the council for personal reasons last month.

Dunn, who challenged Stoddard for his council seat in the November elections, has more than 20 years of experience in construction and planning and zoning, which he believes can help the city meet its demands of growth.

"If you don't plan for growth by building a solid infrastructure of roads



see us use some of this city's great old build-ings by bringing in more businesses and improving our economic base."

Dunn holds an associate's degree in business administration from Southeast Community College Lincoln, Neb., and works in an administrative capacity overseeing both IVth Falls County Planning and Zoning and the Building Departments. He admits to a lack of experience in public office or politics, but said his career has

councils and other agencies concerning building Issues.

Teurently serve as president of the High Desert Chapter of Building Officials, he said. There are five chapters state-wide and ours extends over the Magic Valley and up into Blaine County.

Mayor Bob Templeman said he believes Dunn will be a valuable asset to both the City Council and Filer community.

"His expertise will certainly he useful to us," Templeman said. "Right now, he's been assigned to our city planning and zoning and rural development committees."

John Swayze can be reached at 326-7212 or swayzef@aol.com.

County attorney Loebs announces re-election bid

Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loebs announced Thursday that he will seek re-election in the county that he calls "the murder capitol of the state."

Loebs, a Republican, has served as the county's top

prosecutor since he was appointed in 1997. He was elected by voters in 1998 and re-elected in 2000 and 2004, both times running unopposed.

"My office is now facing the largest and most complex caseload in Twin Falls history," he said in a news release. "We have a lot of

tough trials ahead of us this year. I have confidence that the attorneys and staff in my office will continue to be up to the challenges they face. While the homicide cases are the most dramatic, we still have a lot of other work to do."

His re-election announce-ment focuses on the many

homleide cases in the county, even stating that "Their Palls County fines itself the murder capitol of the state." Locks also said he is comitted to fighting drugs, a problem at the core of many criminal problems, he said, and cited a concern for the control of the said.

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFS

Sponsor pulls bill to make milk official state beverage

Rep. Branden Durst, D-Boise, pulled his bill Thursday that would have made milk the official state beverage of Idaho.

Durst said on the House floor that the legislation was

encouraged to decrease childhood obesity by encouraging milk consumption over soda pop. Then he asked for unanimous consent to return it to committee. Afterwards, he told reporters that there was a misconception that he was pandering and promoting the dairy industry.

At least 18 other states

have designated the dairy product as its official drink. But Durst said he received almost 50 e-mails, mostly from people in the Magic Valley, and that none were

"My job as a legislator, I have to be responsive to the public trust," he said. But he added: "There were people who felt it was a waste of

time, I took umbrage to that."

House tax panel OKs bill for tax breaks for geothermal energy

The House Revenue and Taxation Committee approved Thursday a bill that would give the same tax The legislation was pitched by U.S. Geothermal lnc., whose plant south of Malta produces enough electricity to power about

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Mariorie J. Newman

JEROME — Marjorle J. lewman, 86, of Jerome, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, at her home.

20.2008, at her home.

Marforle fean Folkman was horn in Jerome on Oct. 6, 1921, to Heber Nephi Folkman and Sathryn Nealla King. She was the sixth of seven children. She attended schools in Jerome and graduated as solutatorian from Jerome High School in 1939. She worked at Tingwalls Department Store for a time until she married H. Thomas Newman on May 21, 1943, in the Salt Lake Temple. They lived and farmed northeast of Jerome until their deaths. She ne until their death was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings, Including Young Women leader, Relief Society president and teacher of the spiritual living lesson in Relief Society for

teacher of the spinion non-lesson in Reider Society for many years.

She and her husband served in the Bolse Idaho femple from its dedication mil 1988, when they served a mission in the California Fresno Mission in Merced, Califo, to the Hunong and Laotian people. She was a lowing and dedicated home-maker. She enjoyed canning, cooking and was an accom-plished seamstress, sewing dresses for her children and grandchildren. She was an avid reader and journal writer. She had quiet nature and quick wit that was enjoyed and appreciated by all who knew her. enjoyed and appreciated by all who knewher.

Marjorie is survived by her





children, Marcy (Lonnie)
Ambrose of Jerome, Tim
(Fran) Newman of Jerome,
Cathy (Stan) Lot of Jerome,
Sharya (Denny) Thurston of
Meridian, Kerry (Dave)
Raudall of Jerome and Janell
(Inyce) Berry of Sandy, Utah;
26 grandchildren and 22
great-grandchildren, She was
preceded in death by her
husband, H. Thomas
Newman in December 2007,
her parents; and her broth-

Newman in December 2007, her parents; and her brothers, Harold Folkman, Fred Folkman, kenneth Folkman and Robert Folkman; and sisters, Catherine Crouch and Miliam Burdette.

The family would like to thank Dr. Sugden and staff, Idaha Home Health and Hospice and also her grand-daughter, Rhonda Randall, for her care in her final months.

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A service will be held at 10
a.n. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the
[rome Idaho 1.DS Stake
Center, 26 N. Tiger Drive,
with Bishop Dave Davis officlating, Visitation will be held
from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb.
22, at Farnsworth Mortuary,
at March In Jerome. and one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

Leroy 'Pete' Stowe

BUHL — Leroy "Petc" Stowe, 70, of Buhl, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, in Twin Falls.

2008, in Twin Falls.
He was born Sept. 13, 1937,
In Sutter County, Calif., the
son of Dano Ralph and
Odetta Roberts Stowe. He
married Jacque Stowe on
Sept. 29,
1958, in
California.
They had two
sons, Gregg
and Kent,
and moved
to Bubil in d Kent, d moved Buhl in irch of

to Buni in March of 1972. Pete spent much of his working life as a mechanic. He owned Pete's Auto and Truck Repair in Buhl. The Truck Repair in Buhl. The years before he retired, he worked with his two sons as

worked with his two sons as an electricalen.
Pete loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting and riding his four-wheeler. He loved his family, all his children, grandchildren and grearandchildren. He lost his wife, Jacque, on Dec. 19, 1995. He found a new love in Linda, and they got married

in 1990. She brought much joy to his life with traveling, celebrations with family and living life to its fullest. Pete will be remembered as being caring, sensitive and honest, and he was never late. He has touched many lives with lending a helping hand, showing friendship and support.

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Pete is survived by his wife, Linda Stowe; his son, Kent (Shannon) Stowe; Gregg's wife, Anna Stowe; other children, Lila (Jim) Aldins, Marty (Randy) Wilson, Teresa (Nick) Robbins, Darin (Gina) McGuire; and Mark (Shannon) McGuire; and sisters, Alice Anderson, Jerry Cox, and Bessie DeSilva; brother, Donald (Jeri) Stowe; leg grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by wife, Jacqueline Stowe; parents, Dano and Odetta Stowe; and sister, Barbara Hartis.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the First Cliristian Church in Buhl.

in Twin Falls. Burial will fol-low at the Twin Falls Cemetery. The family requests donations be made requests donations be made to Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301, to help defray expens-

Jasmine Gorbenko

Harold Hunt Stiles

CALDWELL - Harold Hunt Stiles, 87, died at his home in the early morning hours of Feb.

hours or rea.
19, 2008.
Harold was born April 21, 1920, in Twin Falls, to Floyd and Ruth Stilles, who came to

Ruth Stiles, who came to Idaho from Grenola, Kan. Harold attended school in Filer. Harold married Elizabeth Shouse of Filer on July 24, 1938. Harold degan working for the Times-News in 1932 as a paper carrier. He worked bit

Filer on July 24, 1938. Harold began working for the Times-Netus in 1932 as a paper carrier. He worked his way up and eventually became circulation manager and continued in the employ of the Time-Netus until 1968. He was much respected by his paperboys and their parents. Harold subsequently worked for newspapers in Kennewick, Washi.; Idaho Falls and in Boise for the idaho Satasesman. Harold's passion for motorcycling began as a young boy and led him on many adventures throughout his life. He and his wife. Elizabeth, node to Deathout, in 1942 to pick up a new care Later, he preferred BMW motorcycles and generally riding alone, with his brother Herb, or one or two riders of the sixtee of the six Harold, His sister, Maxine Mogensen, and his grand-daughter, Kristin Jarvis, also accompanied him on event-

ful rides. He became an ambassador for the BMW Owners of America and attended many rallies during his retirement years, finally hanging up his helmet when he was 81.

he was B1.

Harold served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. serving as a nawigator did gunner on B25s. He was about to ship out when the war ended. Harold was also active in the Masonic Lodge of Jiwin Falls and was a member of the Harold was also active in the Masonic Lodge of Jiwin Falls and was a member of the Harold was also active in the Masonic Lodge of Jiwin Falls and was a member of the Harold was also active in the Masonic Lodge of Jiwin Falls and was a member of the was also with the same of the way to th Dorothy Pauline Kimball.

Kimball.

A semi-private family gathering will be held Saturday, Feb. 23, in Caldwell.

Alisabeth Rockwell

MERIDIAN — Allsabeth Rockwell, infant daughter of Paul and Tera Rockwell of Meridian, passed away Friday, Feb. 15, 200B, at a Boise hospita. You were in our lives for just a short time, but you touched our hearst. You will be missed.

inuched our hearst. You will be missed. Alisabeth is survived by her parents; two brothers. Tristan and Leeland; and twin sister, Layla of Meridian; grandpar-ents, Richard Rockwell, Teresa Bach and Chris Roland, of Twin Falls, and

Norman A. Hanks of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Paul Jay West of Rupert, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; vis-itation from noon to 12:45

itation from noon to 12:4 p.m. today at the mortuary.

David Mack Belliston of

David Mack Belliston of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Saurdaya the Hazelton LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 531 Middleton Ave; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. In Burley, and 10 to 1045 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Hernandez of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS West Stake; visi-

tation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert

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SERVICES

philip Warren of Bolse; great grandparents, Doris Rockwell, Billy and Fern Warren, Gary and Nancy Roland, and Pat Pietz, all of Twin Falls; aunt, Liz Warren; uncles, David Rockwell and Christopher Roland, both of Twin Falls.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at the Meridlan Cemetery in Meridlan, with Pastor Lee Galway officiating.

Galway officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bowman Funeral Parlor in Garden City.

Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the service Saturday at the church.

Melha Lou Ellen Wilkins of Boise, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Flahiff Funeral Chapel, 624 Cleveland Blvd, in Caldwell.

Willard D. Ihler of Twin Falls, celebration of life with polluck at 1 p.m. Saturday at Valley Christian Church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

. Shun Lee of Jerome, funct-al at 1 p.m. Saturday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome: visitation one hour before the service Saturday at the mortuary.

Warren Paul Crane of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Acequia LDS Ward Chapel; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Saturday at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chanel)

(Hansen Chapel).

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DEATH NOTICES

Francis W. Towns

Jasmine Gorbenko, 2. of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road

Francis Wilbur Towns, 65, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008, at his home after a battle with cancer.

cancer.

A celebration of life ceremony will be held at 11 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 23, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at the p.m. Frida mortuary.

Betty E. Anderson

Betty Elen Anderson, 12, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2000, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the mortusary.

Elaine Schmidt

Bolse — Elaine Schmidt, 78, of Bolse and formerly of Kimberly, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at an assisted living home in Eagle. Arrangements will be announced by Potter Funeral Chapel in Emmett.

Richard L. Jacobsen

BURLEY — Richard Lee Jacobsen, 72, of Burley and formerly of Burns, Ore, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, at the Parkview Care Center. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Adrian F. Human

Adrian Francis Human, 81, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at his home in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin

Alfred A. Fuller

FILER — Alfred A. Fuller, 87, of Filer, died Thursday, Feb. 21. 2008, at the Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Elmer G. Reichert

Elmer G. Reichert, 84, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Juanita Bolinger

Juanita Bolinger, 86, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at the Twin Falls Carc Center. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Ernest A. Green

ELKO, Nev. — Ernest A. Green, 65, of Elko, Nev., and formerly of Burley, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, at Sunbridge Nursing Home in Payette from complications Payette fr of cancer.

Arrangements will be announced by Zeyer Funeral Home in Nampa.

Roy D. Ghan

Roy D. Ghan, 75, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008 at the Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly, Arrangements will be announced by Serenity Arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Zikrija Siocic

Zikrija Siocic, 42, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at his home in Twin Falls.

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

William 'Bill' Hinrichs

PAUL — William "Bill" Hinrichs, 62, of Paul, passed away , Feb. 19, 2008, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Pupert

Minidoka Memorlal Hospital in Rupert.

Bill was born March 3, 1945, in Fairhury, Neb., to Frank E. and Evelyn Veatah Hinrichs. He moved from Fairbury at the age of 7 to Callfornia and, in 1957, moved to Rupert. After

graduating from Minico High School

from Minico High School college at Pocatello and Muscow university, he moved to Alaska. He moved back to Idaho in 1989. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Victnam War and was discharged in May of 1974. He married Sandy Plerce, and they had two children. They inter divorced. He married Jackle Pfeifer in 1989. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Boise Temple.

later solemnized in the bull-Temple.

Bill was an extra hard worker with a strong work ethic. He was a journeyman electrician since the age of 18 and was dedicated to his job. He was proud of his electrical accomplishments and

He was proud of his electrical accomplishments and enjoyed helping people. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in various priesthood positions. He also

was a member of the Back Country Horseman and Cowboy Shooters. Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing, cowboy shooting and riding his four-wheeler. He loved to sing and play the gultar. Bill leaves fond memories with his children of traveling to Havaii, camping and the like.

like.
Bill is survived by his wife,
Jackie Hinrichs; children,
Kathleen (Emil) Therianos,
David Hinrichs, Shella (David David Hinrichs, Shella (David Shaw) Pefier and Teryal (Glenn) Ward; grandchildren, Stacl Rac Coster, Kallie O'Neal, Andraya, Jonatian, and Quintan Ward; four step-grandchildren; and two adopted grandchildren, Kate and Trayson Foreman, He was preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn; and grand-parents.

mother, Evelyn; and grant-parents.
The funeral will be 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., with Bishop Doug Iharley officiating, Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, and one hour prior to the service Monday at the mortuary. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Countryside Care and Rehabilitation in and Rehabilitation in

The family would like to thank Dr. Saurey and the emergency staff of Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

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Adult trivia night scheduled at O'Leary

A local Modern Woodman Service Club, the O'Leary PTSO and Intermediate Resource Classroom stu-dents are combining their efforts and sponsoring an Adult Trivia Night to be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at the O'Leary Junior High cafeteria, 2350 Elizabeth Blwd., Twin Falls. Trivia night will be a fun, Irlendly competition where teams of five people play against other teams to see who has

knowledge

the greatest knowledge of trivia. Categories include sports, TV, history and more. The event will have 10 rounds of play each with 10 questions. Advance registration by Feb. 25 is preferred. Advance registration will receive a complimentary dinner the night of the event from New York Burrito. The cost to enter is \$10 per person or \$50 per team. The community is invited to watch the event for a \$1 entrance fee.

There will be concessions for sale and door prizes for all in attendance. Proceeds will go towards the O'Leary Intermediate Resource Classroom students field trip to Boise and to help the PTSO purchase classroom supplies. Businesses who would like to contribute prizes for the competition are welcome. welcon

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Public comments sought for CSI nursing accreditation

TWIN FALLS — The accrediting agency, which is evaluating the College of Southern Idaho's two-year nursing program, is accepting public comments through early March, It also invites anyone who would livites anyone who would like to attend a public meet-ing to come to room 276 of CSI's Taylor building starting at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 5. Public cor

Public comment is an important part of the program evaluation, which occurs every eight-years, said Janet Sandy, chairwoman of the CSI Registered Nursing Department, Written com Department, without ments are also welcome and sent to Sharon may be Tanner Tanner, executive director, The National League for

Nursing Accrediting
Commission, 33 Broadway,
33rd Floor, New York, NY
10006. Comments may also
be e-mailed to
stanner@nlnac.org.
About 1.400 students have
graduated from CSI's

graduated from CSI's Registered Nursing programs since 1971. The programs accreditation has been conaccreditation na tinuous since the early

1970s. The program now graduates between 50 and 60 RNs each semester, a number that will increase when the program acquires more from in the college's new Health Science building, expected to be ready by fall 2009.

For more information: Sandy at 732-6734 or at jsandy@csi.edu.

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Bill

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instead, only four people tes-tilled, none in opposition.
"I think everyone knew
what the outcome was going
to be ahead of time so they
kept the testimony short."
Committee Chairman Bret.
Hill, R.-Rexburg, said after the
meeting. The bill is expected
to pass the Senate.

to pass the Senate.

The only opposing vote
was Sen. Jeff Siddoway, RTerreton, an elk rancher who
last year was one of four senlast year was one of four sen-ators to oppose the bill on the Senate floor. He said the issue should be settled by counties, and that a better bill would include the entire public, not just "affected" people. He cited rules the Legislature

"Do you just let the meeting run all the rest of the evening and into the next morning and just keep going until everybody has said everything they want to say or do you somehow limit it?"

limit it?

- Sen. Jeff Siddoway, R-Terreton

limit it?"
Siddoway recently said he helped kill last year's bill in the House with Rep. Lenore Barrett, R-Challis. Barrett could not be reached for comment Thursday
After the bill failed to get a hearly a learner was a larger to the said of the

hearing last year, Jerome County allowed oral testimo-ny from people living farther

often adopts during crowded hearings, such as time limits. "Do you have a better way to give the testimony?" he asked. "Do you just let the meeting run all the rest of the

evening and into the next morning and just keep going until everybody has said everything they want to say or do you somehow

than one mile of proposed CAFOs but has not allowed written testimony, despite promises to do so more than eight months ago. Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, the bill's sponsor, said that he's hopeful the bill will receive a hearing in the House once it passes the Senate.

Senate,
"To me it's not constitu-tional. And it's certainly un-American," he said after the meeting, "We're going to keep bringing it until this aberra-tion in Idaho code goes away."

Jared S. Hopkins may be reached at 420-8371,

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Midwives

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of unlicensed midwives who
she said are still competent.
"If we don't make it voluntary... they will end up
being criminals," she told
the Times-News Thursday
morning.
The debate, she said, is
especially important given
that 40 percent of births in
the U.S. are done by cesare
an section. Licensing, she
said, would make it easier

for people to become mid-wives and ease what she described as a huge backlog of patients.
"As a woman, that terrifies me," Wolcott said of the cesarean rate. "As a scientist, I am appalled."
The bill has faced opposi-tion from hospital and physician groups, and even public health agencles aren't sure how they feel about it. South Central

Public Health District spokesman Bruce Fox said on Thursday that the bill is one the district has been watching. "In this current form, it doesn't cover all what we hoped it would," he said, Idaho medical doctors and nurses who testified against the bill said creating a licensing system that still allowed uncertified birth assistants to practice could assistants to practice could

confuse unsuspecting members of the public who wouldn't know the level of training of their care provider.

They also said that the rules would allow midwives to do things that registered nurses aren't allowed to do on their own.

times-News writer Nate Poppino contributed to this report,

Briefs.

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wanted to pay a production in G 3 percent of its gross energy earnings in lleu of other taxes.

CFO Kerry Hawkley said that his energy production could increase up to three times with possible expansion.

slon.
"The state of Idaho has "The state of Idaho has wast, untapped geothermal energy sources," sald House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, "I think it's a net gain for Cassia County.",
Bedke sald that tax revenue for Cassia County will

for Cassia County increase, not decrease.

Otter returns

after hip surgery

after hip surgery
Gow. C.L. "Butch" Otter
made his first public appearance Thursday presiding over
the idaho State Board of Land
Commissioners. Later in the
day he met with senlor GOP
lawmakers at the Borah
Building.
House Majority Leader
Mike Moyle, R-Star, said that
the governor looked healthy,
adding that he's "engaged" in
negotiations regarding grocery tax credit.
"He looked good," he said.
"Since his hip surgery Jan.
29, Otter has been recovering

and working from his home in Star. He has not made any public appearances, but has been conducting business via telephone.

House committee approves two bills

approves two bills

The House Business
Committee approved a bill
Thursday that would
increase the size of land eligible for financing with a deed
of trust from 40 acres to 80
acres. The bill is consumerfriendly because it eliminates
some paperwork and costs
that are assessed to homeowners, according to its
sponsor, Rep. Jim Patrick,

R-Twin Falls.

R-Twin Falls.

The committee also approved legislation that would amend 20-year-old legislation related to survey-ors and engineers in Idaho. Among changes that concerned lawmakers were requirements that would require monument caps be metal, not plastic, and increase monument sizes from 1/2-inch by two-feet long to 5/8-inch by two-feet long.

The legislation also increases administrative penalties from \$2,000 to \$5,000.



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U.S. braces for diplomatic backlash after rendition flight flasco with Britain

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is bracing for a diplomatic backlash after conceding it used British territory to transport suspected terrorists on secret rendition flights despite the support of the support of

S. ha. U.S. oh. have sought to quell the fallut by apolo

out by apologizing to Beliager gizing to Britain for what they said was an "administative error." The admission, however, may reopen a bitter debate between the United States and its allies over how the fight against terrorism should be conducted and compro-

mise future cooperation.

"Mistakes were made in the reporting of the information." said Gorden Johndroe, National Security Council spokesman for President Bush. Johndroe insisted that cooperation between the U.S. and Britain would not be affected.

and Britain would not be affected.
But as a sign of its concern, the State Department sent its top lawyer, John Bellinger, to Lundon on Thursday on a two-day mission. Bellinger will try to defuse what many expect will be widespread anger that the U.S., when asked in 2004, incorrectly assured its closest afly that neither British soil nor air-space had been used in moving suspected terrorists, officials said.
The CIA used a U.S. military airstrip on the British territory of Diego García in the Indian Ocean to refuel plaues carrying two suspects in 2002. That

fact was not uncovered until a "self-generated" review by the CIA in hate 2007 after persistent media reports, the department said.

"We regret that there was an error in initially providing inaccurate information to a good friend and ally." State Department spokesman Sean McCormack

said. 'Unfortunated', even with the

"Unfortunately, even with the best intentions, unfortunate-ly, even with the most rigor-ous searches and unfortu-nately with good technology, cometimes—administrative sometimes administrative errors occur and this was the

case."

He took pains to note that the United States had not violated any obligation it had toward Birtian in using Diego Garcia for the flights at the time they occurred. Not until 2003 did the two countries start to work out a "final mutual understanding" that now requires the U.S. to seek

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Analysis: Lobbyist story threatens to undercut McCain image, candidacy mail to supporters. "We need your help to counteract the liberal establishment and light back against The New York Times by making an immediate contribution

By Liz Sidoti Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — John McCain sought to minimize damage to his man-of-tain his presidential hopes Thursday, vigorous-tial hopes Thursday, vigorous-tial hopes and his presidential hopes an improper relationship with a female lobhysis, "It's not true," the WASHINGTON

ican nomines said of the report that implied a romantic link with telecommunications lobbyist Vicki Iseman and suggested McCain pushed legislation that would have benefited her clients.

"At no time have I ever done "At no time have I ever done anything that would betray the public trust," said McCain, a four-term Arizona senator and a hero of the Vietnam War. He described the lobby ist as a friend, McCain and his wife, standing to the reaching at a pure conformation."

McCan and his wife, standing together at a news conference, said they were disappointed that The New York Times ran its page one article, and his campaign referred to a "smear campaign" and "gutter polities" in the midst of the presidental race. The allegations in the Thursday report in the Himes — and a story in The Washington Post — contradict core themes of McCainis campaign — that he would bring honor and integrity to the White House as well as a record of changing business-as-usual Washington ways. Even the suggestion of marital impropriety — though rejected by both McCain and his wife — would seem to risk further damaging his acrimonious relationship with the social conservatives whose support he desperately needs in the general election campaign against a fired-up Democratic Party.

In a twist, however, there were early signs that the brouthala might actually help McCain soldify the GOP base.

Conservative pundles who are some of McCain Samily values. Instead, they went after the Times.

"Three is nothing in it here

er the Times. "There is nothing in it here o von can say is true," Rush that you can say is true," Rush Limbaugh told his radio listeners. He accused the news-paper of "trying to take him out." Another conservative voice, Laura ingraham, conAP news analysis

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tended the newspaper was rying to "contaminate" the GOP's nominee with an "absurd attack." By Thursday afternoun, the Arizona senator had begun a fundraising appeal based on

the story.
"The New York Times ... has "The New York Times... has shown once again that it can-not exercise good journalistic judgment when it comes to dealing with a conservative Republican," campaign man-ager Rick Davis wrote in an e-

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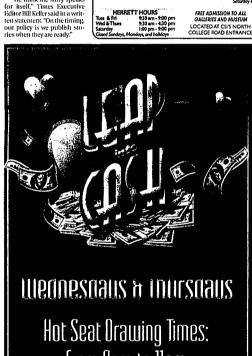
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Missile hit on satellite boosts American credibility, experts say

WASHINGTON — The suc-cessful U.S. missels strike against a falling say satellite 133 miles above the Earth on Wednesday bolstered the credibility of America's long-troubled missil-defense sys-tem, according to military experts.

U.S. military officials have sought to play down the strategic value of the opera-tion, saying that it was solely intended to take out a mal-functioning satellite with a tank of toxic rocket fuel.

But the power and preci-sion of the strike also provid-cid a demonstration for North Korea and other potential adversaries that the United States has deployed a sea-based missile-defense sys-tem that can be adapted to multiple targets with relative case.

"This is the latest indicaease.
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ease.

"This is the latest indication among several that we've
made a let of progress on
interception of simple ballistic objects." said Loren B,
Thompson, a military expert
at the Lexington Institute, a
think tank in Virginia. "What
this shows is that the United
States has a modest capability to destroy large satellites in
very low orbits."
Hours after the missile was
fred from the U.Is. Navy
cruiser Lake Erie positioned
in the Pacific Ocean, officials
at the Pentagon showed
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when the missile struck the
satellite and expressed "high
confidence" that the fuel tank
was destroyed.
Gen. James E. Cartwright of
the Marines, vice chalrman
of the Joint Chiefe of Staff,
said the Pentagon was "80, 90
percent sure that was breached."

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percent sure that the tank was breaches, was breaches. The said it could take up to the said it could take up to the said it could take up to the days for final confirmation but noted that imagery of the coilsion showed that the missile struck the satellite "right in the area of the tank" and that an ensuing vapor cloud probably was caused by the release of the hydrazine that served as the spacecraft's fuel.

The 5,000-pound satellite — which was operated by the nation's largest spy agencies, the National Reconnaissance Office — failed shortly after its launch in December 2006, Shoce then, it has been drifting toward the Earth's atmosphere.

Officials said they could not yet rule out the possibility of fragments striking polated areas but noted that the force of the explosion left into the time to a was or debris.

the force of the explosion left little but a wake of debris,

Right now we're seeing

China asks U.S. for satellite downing data

BEIJING (AP) — China asked the U.S. on Thursday to release data on the missile hit on an ailing spy satellite, while the Communist Party's newspaper blasted what it called toward the weaponization of snace.

Washington's callous attitude toward the weaponization of space.
Defense Secretary Robert Gares said the United States is determined to be open about the U.S. operation and told reporters during a visit to Hawaii that "we are prepared to share whatever appropriately we can."
Earlier Thursday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said Beijing was saking the U.S. to "provide to the international community increasing information and relevant data in a timely and prompt way."
The overseas edition of People's Daily excortated Washington for opposing a recent Russian-Chinese proposal on demilitaring space. "One cannot but worry for the future of space when the militarization of space military technology categorically, refuses a measure to prevent he militarization of space," the paper said.

nothing bigger than a foot-ball." Cartwright said. "So, by all indications, we're on a positive path that this was a successful intercept."

The operation marked the first time that the Aegis sys-tem, designed to intercept missiles in mid-nir, was used

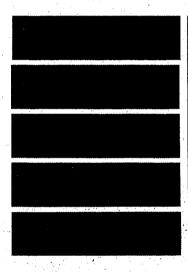
to strike a satellite. Such spacecraft always have a lim-ited life-span but in most cases can be guided toward oceans — and away from population centers — as they plummet to Earth. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates, who gave the order

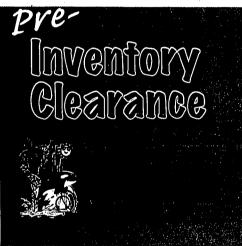
for the missile shot aboard a plane from Washington to Hawaii, said afterward that the exercise showed the sys-tem had worked. "I think the operation speaks for itself in that respect," Gates told reporters Wednesday.

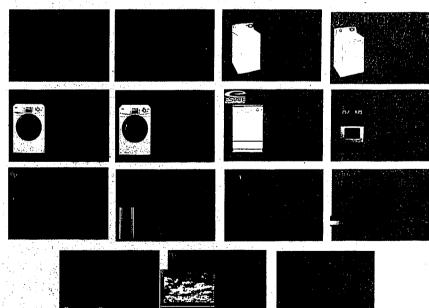


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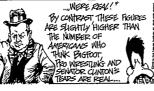
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rent events.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):
The grass isn't greener on the other side of the fence, and even if it is there could be pit-falls hidden beneath the surface. Don't make new com-

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IF FEB. 22 IS YOUR
BIRKTIDAY: You may question whether the glass is half full or half empty as you develop an ambitton that goes hand in hand with greater responsibility this year. It is important to get plenty of rest and take good care of your physical body because you may drive your-self too hard. You can achieve your goals through some type of apprenticeship that will give you solid experience. Hold off on making reucial decisions between March and the end of June.

ARIES (MARCE 21-April 19): Don't take a chance with a sizable investment. It is tempting to take advantage of others when they are willing to believe anything that is said and ignore the fine print.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The person who make you feel secure and who is completely predictable is your best bet this evening. Cuddle closer to an old flame and commiscente about current events.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The grass is his greener on the commence project or teaching and the proposed of the commence project or taking on the block, but this is not a good time to pursue a fresh hookup.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. AVIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A significant other is arisinus for close encounters of the commantic sind. Steer clear of the romantic sind. Steer clear of the romantic soft to remark this weekend, as there could be unpleasant of their could be a sign that the milments, promises or agreements.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't toss it now. You have just as much chance of winning as of losing. The odds are not in your favor for intiling on a fresh commitment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Flattery could be a sign that someone is trying to influence your opinion for their own gain. Someone might taunt you by parading their cown gain. Someone might taunt you by parading their success with something of little real value.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It is tempting to risk all on a new romance, project or deal. Before you commit yourself to a major change, remember how peaceful it is just paddling along without making waves.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A list of pros and cons can't always help you make a decision. The blinders may como off; you may eventually take a dim view of someone who is passionate but unprincipled.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.
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or begin a new relationship,
you might get more than you
bargained for or less than
you expected. Keep a cool
head on your shoulders.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18): You can gauge your happliness by the mood of your
companions. Just because
there is money is in your
pocket doesn't mean you
must hurry out to spend it
tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20): Consider your principles
an asset and steer clear of
items and ideas that might
merely be fool's gold. You
should stall for time if asked
to make an important commitment or promise.



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Girlfriend's weight doesn't mean she'll never find love

DEAR ABBY: Although I agree with you that "Dee-Voted Friend in D.C." (Dec. 26) needs to stop lying to her friend and building up false hopes, I think you missed the mark with the rest of your adulte.

mark with the rest of your advice.

Belleve me, Dee knows she's overweight and that it's negatively affecting her social life. She's just not ready to deal with. "Dee-Voted" didn't indicate that Dee has even asked for her advice or help, so maybe she should consider her own motivation. Does she really just want to help her friend, or does she want Dee to conform to her standards?

Abby, friendship is acceptance. If she's truly a friend, ance. If she's truly a friend,

dards?

Abby, friendship is acceptance. If she's truly a friend, "Dee-Voted" will simply enjoy Dee and remain supportive until that special guy who can appreclate her comes along. Believe me, he's out there.

IN BOZEMAN, MONT DEAR G.D.: You make a valid point. Although most of those who responded disthose who responded dis-agreed with my advice to "Dee-Voted," I feel it is important to address the issue of the health risks —



heart disease, dlabetes, stroke, joint pain — related to people who are overweight or obese. Read on:

or obese. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As a chubby person myself, I'm sick and tired of the myth that extra pounds mean you can't find tove. I have never been a thin person, but I've rarefy been a single person.

I firmly believe that there is a slote for every foot, and finding that shoe has more to owith having confidence and being true to yourself than being thin. I have known many women who have lost 50 pounds or more only to find the problem was-mething much deeper in their personalities.

If Dee is striking out with the men in her life, my advice is to look in a different social circle for a date. If the men she's alming for can't see past her size, I'm not sure why

she'd want to be with them

nyway.
— CHUBBY AND LOVED,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

DEAR ABBY: There's no way to delude yourself into thinking you're not fat if you are. Dee is reminded of that fact when she goes to the mall and shops in plus-size stores and departments. She knows what's reflected in the mirror.

knows what's reflected in use mirror.

I've been fat all my life, and I have never lacked for male companionship when I really wanted It. Dee needs to believe that she's beautiful, talented and funny, and that she is worthy of love and respect, no matter what size her jeans are. When that happens, she'll find "Mr. Right.—PLUS-SIZE AND HAPPY

DEAR ABBY: Many cultures embrace being plus-sized as a beautiful thing, as a man, I would choose a large woman over a 'twig' any day of the week. Dee is beautiful regardless of weight. One day someone like me will come along and prove that she is loved for who she is.

— EBIC. - ERIC

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 2008. There are 313 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Feb. 22, 1732, the first president of the United States, George Washington, was born at his parents' plan-tation in the Virginia Colony.

On this date:

In 1819, Spain agreed to cede Florida to the United States under the Adams-

cede Florida to the United States under the Adams Onis Treaty. In 1862, Jefferson Davis, already the provisional pres-ident of the Confederacy, was inaugurated for a sky-year term as president fol-lowing his election the previ-ous November. In 1865, Fennessee adopt-ed a new constitution that included the abolition of slavery.

slavery.
In 1889, President
Cleveland signed an
omnibus bill to admit the
Dakotas, Montana and
Washington state to the avery. In 11 leveland Union.

in 1892, "Lady
Windermere's Fan" by Oscar
Wilde was first performed, at
London's St. James' Theater.
In 1924, President
Coolidge delivered the first
radio broadcast from the
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addressed the country over 42 stations.
In 1935, it became illegal for airplanes to fly over the White House.
In 1967, more than 25,000
U.S. and South Vietnamese troops launched Operation lunction City, aimed at smashing a Vietcong stronghold near the

TODAY'S **BIRTHDAYS**

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Cambodian border.
In 1973, the United States and China agreed to establish flaison offices.
In 1980, the U.S. Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets at Lake Placid, N.Y., 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)
Ten years age; Abraham A. Ribicoff, the former Connecticut governor and

Ribicoff, the former Connecticut governor and senator who served as President Kennedy's secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, died in Riveraide, NY, at age 87. The Czech Republic defeated Russia 1-0 to vin men's hockey as the Nagano Winter Olympics came to a close. Five years ago: jesica Santillan, the teenager who'd

survived a botched heartlung transplant long enough
to get a second set of donated organs, died two days
after the second transplant
at Duke University Medical
Center in North Carolina.
One year ago: Britain's
Ministry of Defense
announced that Prince
Harry, a second Heuternant in
the British army, would be
deployed to Iraq. (Officials
later reversed the decision
because of insurgent
threats.) The U.N. nuclear
watchdog agency said Iran
had ignored a Security
Council ultimatum to freeze
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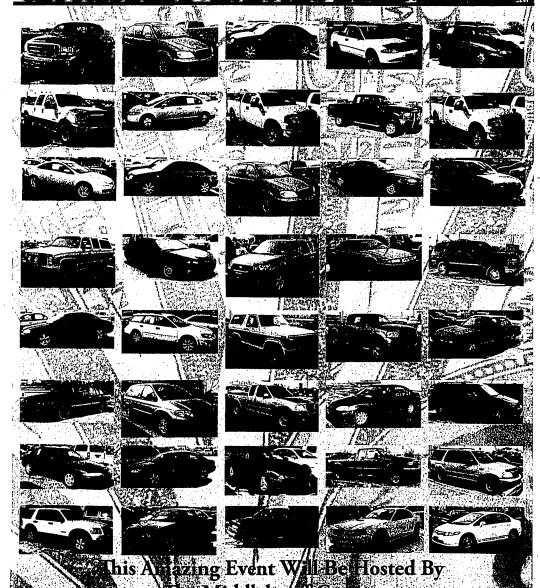
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INSIDE: Ask The Officer, D2 | Skywatch, D3 | Business, D4 | Mutual funds and commodities, D5 | World, D6 Timberland: Rime Ridge snow boot earning more respect

In he humble snow boot has historically been footwear for low-action winter pastimes like tobogganing, igloo making, ice fishing and snowman construction. These boots — at least the lace-ups and Moon Boots of my childhood — were overinsulated and ill-fitting, often slippery-soled and ineffective for little more than shuffling uphill while pulling a sled.



THE GEAR **JUNKIE** Stephen Regenold

As such, I have eschewed snow boots for a decade or more, trading bulk and warmth for the performance and good fit of a stout mountaineering boot, knobby tread and crampon-compatible soles employed even for back-yard snowball fights. But this year Timberland company's pricey Rime Ridge boot pulls characteristics from technical wintertime footwear as well as from the relain of the snow boot. At \$190, the boots are net something most people will buy for tompling around the yard. You'll want to employ the Ridge Stouth of the snow boot.



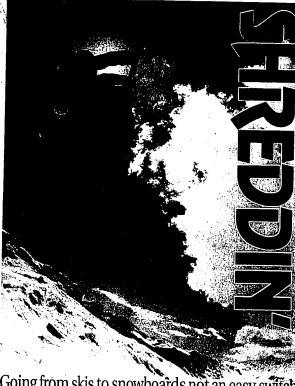
The fit is such that the Timberlands can pull off these kind of adventurous tasks. On my foot, the boot hugged and cradled, fitting more akin to a running shoe than a Moon Boot. This is thanks in part to its fancy BOA Multi-Adjust Lacing System, which is a cinching pattern of thin lines that ratchets tight across the front foot and call area at the twist of a knob. A removable insole with arch support helps, too. The boot has a Gore-Tex membrane, making it water-proof and somewhat breath-about 200 grams of it — is stuffed into the boot walls for warmth. A nice extra feature is the closure along the boot's top collar, which lets you seal off the foot from above via an elasticized cord to keep snow out. This renders galters unnecessary, unnecessary.

out. This renders gaiters unnecessary, Gripes? While it's pretty slick as is, the BOA closure system could be better. I had to crank the tiny knob hard to get a tight if around the leg. My test model had a two-tone orange color scheme, announcing the boots' presence wherever I went. It comes in black gray and blue, which are perhaps better fashion moves. The Rime Ridige's price is high. You need to be a dedicated snow person to put

down nearly \$200 on these boots. However, at sites like http://www.peterglenn.com this model sells for around

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\$150.

Overall, the Rime Ridge is a fine boot for the snow. It's easy on, easy off. The soft-rubber tread gipts great. It's toasty warm and has enough performance to stand in as footwear for a range of wintertime activities, from snowshoeing to hiking to, if need be, taking out the trash.



Going from skis to snowboards not an easy switch

Story by David Bashore / Graphic by Bradley Guire

Times-News

Odds are if you've gone to a ski resort in the past 10 years, you've seen a lot of snowboarders shredding snow up and down the mountain. You've probably even noticed that most of them are in their teens or 20s, and there are far fewer older boarders.

There are a number of perfectly good reasons for this.

Snowboarding is much like skateboarding, which has again picked up in popularity in the last decade or so. It's harder on the ankles and knees than skiing is. And above all else, switching from skiing to snowboarding is just plain tough to do.

Much like riding a bicycle, Much like riding a bicycle, sonoboarding is pretty easy once you get the hang of it, but it takes a lot of bumps, bruises, thrills and spills to achieve the goal of making a successful conversion. The most important thing to realize, however, is that the change is possible no matter how hard it



there are a few relatively easy steps to get on the road to learning how to snowboard.

A new snowboard. is or how much time it takes. And

steps to get on the road to learning how to snowboard.

A new snowboarder's biggest challenge presents itself before even setting foot on the mountain. Anyone who wants to learn how to snowboard must be prepared to take a beating — both physically and mentally. You will fall, and it will prohably hurt. A knee or wrist might get tweaked in the process. But being able to bounce back and keep at it despite innumerable spills along the way, so long as the rider mains free from injury, is essential.

Someone who has mentally prepared for that inevitability has a leg up on the perseverance necessary to be successful. A rider is considered reasonably successful if he or she can make it through a mountain run with just a few falls after a couple

hours of practice.

After ensuring the proper mental preparation, it's advisable to sign up for a snowboarding les-son before venturing out onto the mountain. Most resorts offer ski school group lessons every con-pie of hours daily, while also hav-ing professionals on-hand for paid individual lessons. Those typically run around 540 but will guarantee one-on-one instrucguarantee one-on-one instruc-tion. In either case, a lesson is a must for beginners.

must for beginners.
For those who are more adventurous and don't feel a lesson is absolutely necessary, it is still recommended to stick to the 'bunny hill' for swhile use'll finding your feet on the board. While snow-boarding is reasonably similar to skateboarding, the snowboard is far more sensitive to balance and far more difficult to control.
The bunny hill is pretty flat, but shifting weight from side to side can generate a little bit of speed

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Finding the balance between dark and light

dark and light

Photography is about capturing light. The range of color and intensity in the visible spectrum of light is what makes photography so exciting and challenging. In photography, dynamic range is defined by the range of light a carnera can capture. For cameras, light is measured in "stops." A typical camera can "set" about five or six stops of light. The human eye, in contrast, can see the equivalent of 12 to 13 stops of light. The human eye, in contrast, can see the equivalent of 12 to 13 stops of light. Photographers of light. Photographers therefore, have to understand the limitations of the camera's 'eye' compared to his or there own and make the proper exposure for a given adjust, and learning to expose properly in different situations can take a lifetime of practice. Setting the proper exposure beneath the light of a full moon, requires different considerations than shooting in the bright light of a summer day. Photographer can spend a lifetime trying to perfect the art of exposing correctly for the given light.

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Rather than attempt to discuss a range of topics related to exposure, I wanted to address a fairly common challenge encountered while taking photos in the natural world. As the sun moves through the sky, it throws shadows across the landscape. These areas of dark stand out in stark con-trast to the sulfil faces of mountain peaks, or river valleys. The human eye with its broad dynamic range can pick out detail in the shadows while still appreciating the briefleth it norpick out detail in the shadows while still appreciating the brightly lit por-tions of the landscape. A camera, however, has a narrower dynamic range and photographers must take this into account when setting their exposure for scene split by dark and light.

light.

This month's photograph illustrates this fairly common situation. While taking the image I was able to pick out colors in the skier's clothing with my naked eye. Since a camera is more limited in what it can "see," a

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Two skiers cross the 4th Bench Lake in the Sawtooth Wilderness

Winter tenting too much? Try a yurt instead

By Pete Zimowski The Idaho Statesman

The Idaho Statesman

IDAHO CITY — The outside temperature is in the teens, and snow has smothered the Bolse Mountains northeast of Idaho City.

The trees are Iaden with snow. There's a stillness that is deafening, a wood-burning stove crackles, while a pot of melting snow sizzles. Light from two propane lanterns cause the room to glow. You're snuggled in your sleeping bag and the temperature is about 70 degrees. The backcountry yurts near Idaho City provide a comfortable way to spend a night in winter's backcountry. Snuggle up and read on. Allyson and Dustin Labrum watched as heavy snow fell in the mountains between Idaho City and Lowman. It was comling down so

hard that it was constantly covering a freshly shoveled path to the out-

a freshly shoveled path to the outhouse.
But the Labrums, of Nampa, were snug and warm in the Rocky Ridge snug and warm in the Rocky Ridge Vurt high above the Crooked River drainage of the Bolse Mountains. They are confirmed yurters. It doesn't matter that you have to haul food, clothing and sleeping bags about two miles to get to the yurt. It doesn't matter that you have to dig your way into the outhouse after a stinging snowstorm. It doesn't matter that you have to haul frenwood from the shed to the yurt or melt snow for drinking and cooking water.

water.
It's all part of that pioneering and trekking spirit and the rewards of spending a night in a backcountry

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The Rocky Ridge Yart mear Idaho City, own the Boise Mountains.

ATVs can't replace legs during the hunt

Questlom: I have encountered upland bird hunters using all-terrain vehicles to follow hunting dogs. When a dog would go on point the hunter would stop the ATV, get off and shoot the birds. Once the birds were picked up they would climb back on the ATV and continue after the dugs. Is this legal? Answer: What they are doing could be a violation of a couple of hunting rules. According to Idaho Statute 38-1101(b) I It is unlawful to Hunt game aintimals and birds.

hunt game animals and birds from or by the use of any motorized vehicle. The presmotorized vehicle. The pres-ence or absence of a road is a completely different rule and this law makes no distinction whether a hunter is on or off a road. When the hunters are on their ATVs following their hunting dops, they are actively hunting, even though they shoot at the birds when they are off ASK THE OFFICER Meghan Roos

of the ATVs.

A careful distinction must be drawn between hunting and non-hunting travel. This law does not prohibit hunters from using motorized vehicles or ATVs to lawfully access hunting areas but it does prohibit their use for hunting. A fitend of mind puts it simply, "If the vehicle takes the place of your legs during the hunt, then its use is unlawful."

A second rule that applies

A second rule that applies to hunting big game, game birds, and upland game in birds, and upiand game in several big game units pro-hibits off-road use of a motorized vehicle when used as an aid to hunting. This rule is more restrictive than the previous statute and prohibits all off-road use of motorized vehicles when used for the act of hunting.

I suggest sportsmen try to objectively examine what they are doing through someone clees eyes. If it would appear they were using their ATVs in the act of hunting while off-road, they would be in violation of this rule.

ne. In units containing this rule, motorized vehicles are restricted to madways cape ble of being traveled by a full-sized vehicle weighing more than 1,500 pounds. There are some exceptions for retrieval of game, transfor retrieval of game, trans-porting equipment, private land, and handicapped indi-viduals (please refer to the motorized vehicle restriction rule on page 14 of the 2007 big game regulations for these exceptions). Handicapped hunters may qualify for a special permit

that exempts them from some of these motorized vehicle rules. However, handleapped sportsmen, even with a permit, may not to go off road unless rules from the land management agency allow it and not are allowed to shoot from or across a public roadway. Finally, all other state, federal and local laws must be followed. For example, in the Jarbidge area there is a Wilderness Study Area that

Jarbidge area there is a Wilderness Study Area that has been designated by the BLM. In this area all motorized travel is allowed only on existing roads. The BLM has also closed all burned areas

to cross country travel.
Reference Idaho Code 36-1101(a) and 36-1101(b)1 and IDAPA 13.01.08411.

Meghan Roos is a cons-tion officer for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Ode to the .270 Winchester, Part I

A friend stopped by the other evening while I was away, and as promised, left a small package inside with the door way. Scooping up the paper sack along with the newspaper, I absent-mindedly dropped both on the casy chair and headed to the kitchen for my belated supper.

Pressed inside the crumpled paper sack was a zip-lock platic baggie filled with rile brass. Fishing around in the log jam of tarnished cases later that evening exposed a folded yellow Post-it note. Scrawled on the crumpled sheet were the instructions, 'Fill 'em up just like you did last year, Rich.'



game hunting round was none other than wincresser's genatric pride and joy; the .270 WCF (Winchester Center Fire).

One of the most highly acclaimed big game cartridges in North America today, the .270 Winchester also remains one of the most controversial for certain big game applications. Envisioned by its designers back in 1925 as a long-range slayer of light/medium game, the .270 was conceived by simply necking the phenomenally popular .30-06 down from .30 to .27 calibrer. A .27 calibre represents a bore measuring .27 inches in diameter.

From its inception, the .270 s spindly 130-grain bullet was viewed in hunting circles with both curlosity and contempt. Conventional wisdom of the day suggested that any bullet under .30 calibre and weighing less than 150 grains would be as effective as a waffle ball on any game animal heavier than a wet spaniel. The New Haven, Conn., firm's first factory offering featured a stoutly lacketed 130 grain bullet (the famous Pointed Soft-Point Expanding) at an ungody velocity of 3.160 feet per second. That skinny little missile represented to many pure "Hellfire and Danmatlon' blasphemy!

They say that every underdog deserves a champion and one of the first to step forward to prove the new rounds met the was a bespeckled professor of English from the University of Arizana, lack Octonnor. Unboding one of the first to step forward to prove the new rounds mettle was a bespeckled professor of English from the University of Arizana, lack Connor. Unboding one of the first own and the pennier rith chambered in 2700 to arrive in Arizana, lack Connor. Unboding one of the first own and went deer hunting. Through the approue of his open sights, lack claimed that he was able to cluster flee rounds of factory amme into sub-two into groups at one hundred yards — more than adequate hunting accuracy.

one hundred yards — more than adequate hunting accuracy.

Reminiscing years later about those first seasons afield with his new pet, Jack fondly wrote, 'Everything I hit well with it (and there were times that I didn't hit well) went down like a ton of bricks. It kicked a little less than the '06 I had been using, made about the same amount of noise, and shot noticeably flatter.' Tiring in time of the 54's creepy trigger pull, miscrable stock design and incompatibility for a scope sight, Jack replaced the Winchester with a commercial flat-bolt Mauser action inletted into one of Al Linden's swelte custom stocks.

Living in Tuscon gave Jack easy access to the hunting fields of the Mexican state of Sonora. Game abounded. The hunting seasons were long and bag limits liberal, Jack and his wife. Elemor did lots of hunting, I le wrote. 'I have never seen a more sudden killer on deer, sheep, and antellope. I also short a lot of copotes and pactrabilis with that combination. By the time i retired the rifle, I had gone through three barrels and had put over 20000 rounds through three.

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In 1939 Jack bired on with Outdoor Life magazine and In 1939 Jack hired on with Outdoor Life magazine and began pinning a monthly column called, "Getting the Range." Month after glorious month, devoted readers accompanied Jack along narrow, crumbling North American and Aslatic sheep rails, bounced alongside him in dust-choked safari cars with that relentless African sun beating down overhead, and shitvered in the pre-dawn cold while the shrill whistles and guttural grunts of rutting Rocky Mountain buil elk echoed off the canyon walls around us.

around us.

Though Jack used and wrote favorably about many different calibers and cartridges during his lengthy tenure as
hunter and author, none has been so inexotably linked
with him as the .270 Winchester. In fact, he became know
in time — perhaps for all time — as Ole Mr. .270. This was
a title he, no doubt, derived more than a little satisfaction
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With each flourish of his pen, sales of .270 Winch

with each flourish of his pen, sales of .270 Winchester rifles escalated. Even today, the trend shows little sign of abating. As we speak, the .270 WCF shares the collective spotlight with the 7mm Remington Magnum, .30-06, and .300 Winchester Magnum as the firearms manufacturers' big four in national sales. The undersized upstart has also garnered unabashed acclaim from hunters across the "Big Pond." The .270 has truly become an international standard for medium-sized big game. Is this flattering reputation justly deserved? Next time we'll rummage through the data and see if the .270 Winchester is a legitimate "big game basher extraordinale" or an overstated "Magnum wannabe" best reserved for the smaller stuff. Let me know about your positive or negative experience with the carridge. I'll include some of these in the next installment. Till then, good shooting and keep politically-informed about your sport and its electoral advocates.

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Share your outdoors tales

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Traps help keep South Fork a habitat for native fish

POCATELLO (AP) — Every day, a Swan Valley man con-tracted by the state walks to the lower sections of several major tributaries on the South Fork of the Snake River to sort live fish trapped by Idaho Fish and Game.

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The barriers, called weirs, are located on the Pine, Burns, Palisades and Rainy creek tributaries. Some phys-ically divert the fish while others use electricity to coax others use electricity to coax the trout into the traps. The South Fork weir program began in 2000.

The weirs are part of a larg-

er Fish and Game effort to protect the genetic purity of the Yellowstone cutthroat. Every spring as rainbow eggs are hatching, high pulses of water are released from Palisades Reservoir upstream to flush away the fry. In addition, Fish and Game has removed limits on the number of rainbow trout anglers are allowed to keep in order to thin the population of the species.

species.
Jim Fredericks, Idaho Fish and Game fishery manager for the Upper Snake River region, said finding a weir that works year around has been a matter of trial and orror.

error.
"We've really been trying to
find a design that is effective
and efficient," Fredericks
said, "It's not hard to trap fish
in the summer and the fall
when water levels are real
low, But in the spring when

rainbows and cutthroat migrate, trapping can be very difficult."

difficult."

The newest of the weirs, located on Palisades Creek, diverts fish using a series of four electrodes that span all but a small channel of the but a small channel of the waterway leading to the trap, It was built last year after floating and picket type weirs, which sieve the stream, proved ineffective because they are often damaged by debris during high water months. In fact, Fredericks said the picket work on Pine Creek was shut down last year for that reason.

This year, Fredericks hopes place the floating web rns Creek with a velocity barrier, which is a steep concrete slope that diverts trout up a fish ladder and into trap. Fredericks said it is still too

early to empirically gauge the success of the weir program. He said while the barriers don't prevent rainbows from interbreeding with cutthroats on the main river. It does block them from reaching the

on the main river, it toose block them from reaching the spawning areas on the tiburaters. That is paramount because most of the pure cut-troats migrate to those tributaries to reproduce. "The idea is to ensure that rainbows don't continue to invade those inbutaries," Predericks said. "The South Fork cuthroat population is one of the last remaining strongholds of Yellowstone cuthroat in the West. Preserving them is important not only from a fishery standpoint but also from a species conservation standpoint, to maintain the genetic purity of the E-8-The South For maintain the genetic purity of the fish. The South Fork became famous because the cutthroat trout."

OUTDOOR BRIEFS

Project WILD classes upcoming

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game released its Project WILD workshop dates for the winter season. Those participating in the programs can learn more about rout and how to raise them in the classroom, and about how mule deer survive in Idaho's rugged environment.

vive in Idaho's rugged environment.

WILD about Mule Deer is being offered today and Saturday at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Regional office in Jerome. The classes will run from 4 to 9 p.m. tonight with the Saturday session going from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Project WILD is a wildlifferoriented, multi-disciplinary set of activities developed for educators, youth leaders or anyone working with the youth. The activities develop

awareness, knowledge, and skills concerning the rela-tionships between human-tionships between human-world. Wildlife concepts are related to social studies mathematics, language are and other subjects and do not take time away from established curricula. The

The workshop actively involves participants in the tearning activities and demonstrates techniques for demonstrates techniques for integrating the supplementary materials into class-rooms and informal learning settings. Cost for the 15-hour workshop is \$20, and participants may opt to receive one hour of graduate or undergraduate credit for an additional fee of \$50. Young people are fascinated by the study of wildlife, opening windows of learning into all sublect areas.

ening windo into all subject ect areas. sed in 50 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 incorporate Project WILD activities into their curricuactivities into their curricu-lum. To register, contact Kelton Hatch, Magic Valley Regional Conservation Educator at khatch@idig.idaho.gov or (200) 324-4559, or download a regis-tration form at http://fis-handgame.ladho.gov/ems/e ducation/project_wild/.

Elk foundation to host fundraiser

The Magle Valley chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will be hosting an elk camp fundrai ndevoo at 241 Main n Twin Falls on

Saturday, March 1st.
To help celebrate the 20th anniversary this year a RMEIF Commemorative Buck hunting knife will be giving to each new member or renewing member (one per family) that attends this banquet.
The event features games, raffles, silent and live auctions to raise money for elk and wildlife habitat.
Ticket information is avail-

Ticket information is available from Steve Westphal at 420-6085 or Mike Harrison at 731-5527.

Jerome Ducks Unlimited banquet set

The Jerome Ducks
Unlimited will be having their
Annual Couples Banquet on
Saturday at the Jerome Fair
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.

Big game season planning meetings set for Jerome, Burley

IEROME — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will host two big game season planning meetings to discuss proposed changes and listen to suggestions hunters have for season modifications

ifications.
The first meeting will be held on Feb. 27 at Fish and Game's Regional Office in Jerome at 319 S. 417 E., located two miles north of the Flying I on Highway 93. The Second will be held Feb. 28 at the Burley City Hall. 1401 Overland Ave. Both meeting will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 n.m.

p.m.
These meetings will set the These meetings will set the stage for the next several years as the Department begins to implement the new Idahio Mule Deer Management Plan. An Important portion of this comprehensive plan is to align mule deer hunting opportunities with the desires of Idaho

deer hunters.

"The input received from hunters has been clear," said andy Smith, Magic Valley Begion wildlife manager. "Most hunters want to hunt mule deer every year, they want more deer and they want more deer and they want more opportunities to hunt for mature bucks. These are rather tall orders but Idaho's new plan provides the guidance and direction for making it all happen."

In the Magic Valley Region, butters have generally been provided in the provider with the mix and diversity of hunting opportunities provided, it alf of the 14 game management units in the region provide general rific deer hunting, and half provider quality opportunities with controlled hunts. Twelve units general archery hunting and sk units provider controlled muzzle-loader seasons. Ilunting season proposals include:

A muzzleloader hunt in

A muzzleloader hunt in



Units 47, 54, 55, and 57 from

Nov. 1-14, • Changing Unit 44 from a

Changing Unit 44 from a quality hunt to a high-quality hunt to a high-quality hunt. Buck permits would be reduced from 225 permits to 75 permits, and the season would be lengthened by 30 days to run from Sept. 15-Nov. 30.

Change Unit 45 from a High-Quality hunt to a Quality hunt to a Quality hunt. Buck permits would be increased from 75 permits to 225 permits and the season would be lengthened by 20 days to run from Sept. 15 – Oct. 31.

Elimination of the ty

point regulation in Unit 56.

• A 33 percent reduction in antiered elk permits in Unit

49.

If you are unable to attend

If you are unable to attend one the meetings but would like to provide input on the proposals, you may contact Fish and Game at 324-4350. Individuals with disabilities may request meeting accommodations by contacting the Idaho Department of Fish and Game directly at 209-324-4359 or through the Idaho Relay Service at 1-800-377-2529 (TDD).

Sun Valley offers college lift ticket discounts

Sun Valley has announced a significant lift ielder discount program for college students and faculty beginning March 1 and continuing through 485TRAIGHT, winterlimes largest sports, music and entertainment event, taking place March 14-16. College students and faculty, with current proof of identification, can take advantage of Sun Valley's incomparable ski and snow-board terrain for only \$29 per day from the start of March

through the conclusion of the resort's ski season.

The discount coincides with the arrival of 485TRAIGHT, an event billed as the "Loudest Show on Snow." This jam-packed weekend of on-snow and off-snow activities celebrates the mountain culture through ski and snowboard cross racing and halipipe competitions, over a dozen live concerts, street parties, fashion shows, film festivals and environmental symposiums. The event energed from the consolidation of the Jeep King of the Mountain Series.

one of the most renowned professional race programs over the past 15 years and The Skl Tour, a Ketchum-based event that in its inau-gural year combined the highest level of racing with unmatched musical offer-ines.

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The sports action will fea-ture arguably the world's most thrilling snow sport events, snowboard cross and skl cross racing, as part of the events, snowboard cross and skl cross racing, as part of the grand finale of the Jeep King of the Mountain competi-tion. Headlining the line-ups will the top names in each discipline, including Shaun Palmer, Nate Holland, Seth Wescott, Lindsey Jacobellis, Daron Rahlves, Casey Puckett and Ophelie David,

Puckett and Ophelle David, among many other olympians, World Cup titlls and national champions Full event information, including dates, times, locations and ticket information for 485TRAIGHT concerts, street parties, fashion shows, film lestivals and environmental expos can be found online at www.48straight.com. Tickets may be purchased for concert events at www.ticketweb.com.

uppose you went on a search for the oldest rock. While a geologist can point you to some pretty old rocks, astronomers can

an point you to some pretty old rocks, astronomers can point you to some pretty old rocks, astronomers can go one better.

First things first. A rock's age is the time since it solidified from a molten state, because that's when the component minerals are locked in place, resetting the clock of radioactive decay, the process of the clock of radioactive decay, by measuring the ratio of decaying elements to the elements they decay into, the rock's age is thereafter determined.

Idaho's youngest rocks are found at Cruters of the Moon National Monument, whose last cruption occurred 2,000 years ago. Closer to home, the lavar flows north of Shoshone oncode forth within the last 10,000 years. Idaho's oldest rocks are found in City of Rocks National Reserve, south of Burley. The southernmost of the famous Twin Sisters ranks among the oldest rocks are in North America, but just barely. The Acasta gneiss complex in extreme northern Canada, just shy of the Arctic Circle, clocks in at 4.03 billion years, the conditions and the leady old rocks are the recommendation.

4.03 billion years old.
Really old rocks are rare because of plate tectonics, the process that both drives face rocks into the molten mantle, and powers volcanic eruptions which bury older rock under new. Such dynamic and and Such dynamic geology is rare in the solar system, making earth's surface

among the youngest known.
To find the older material,
therefore, demands that our



Old rocks, older rocks,

and the oldest rocks

Sky Calendar through Thursday:

Planets:
One hour before sunrise:
Jupiter: SE, very low
Saturn: W, very low
One hour after sunset:
Mars: SE, very high
Saturn: E, very low
Moon: No major phase this
week (waning gibbous).

search go extraterrestrial.
Asteroids—leftovers of the planets' births—have remained unaltered since they formed, Bits of them fall to earth as meteorites. The oldest (called chondries) are 4.5675 billion years old and the youngest (the iron meteorites) are only slightly younger. At the risk of sounding like a shill, I'll point out that you can buy iron meteorite fragments embedded in an acrylic key chain right here in the Magic Valley—at the Herrett Center's gift shop.
Next week a global project to measure light pollution.

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

How much snow is too much when it comes to fun outdoors?

By Eric Barker The Lewiston Tribune

LEWISTON — How much snow is too much?
Most fans of winter recreation won't acknowledge there is such a thing. But the chain of storms that have dumped snow on north central Idaho and southeastern Washington might change that.

that.

Steep slopes favored by backcountry skiers and snowmobilers are Joaded with snow, in some cases leading to avalanche danger. Roads that lead to trailheads have been treacherous, resulting in some winter events being canceled. In Washington, the

events being canceled. In Washington, the Department of Parks and Recreation has used most, if not all, of its budget that pays for Snopark parking areas to be cleared of snow. "We have blown through all of our funds for snow removal and also used the reserves we had on hand;

said Virginia Painter, a spokeswoman for the department at Olympia. "Right now the winter recre-ation staff is doing its best to figure out ways to keep as many Snoparks as possible open."

many Snoparks as possible open."
Possible solutions include domaitons of snow removal service or temporarily moving some Snoparks to lower clevations. Tom Lundquist of the Mount Misers of the Snopark at Bose Springs, as well as about a mile and half of road from the allowed the Snopark at Bose Springs, as well as about a mile and half of road from the and the Snopark.
Wa are kind of nursing the last part of it for the last hurrah, "he said.

After that, snownobilers who use the park will likely have to opt for the Boundary Snopark that is plowed by Garfield County.

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Garfield County.
The heavy snow and occasional high winds have him-

dered grooming of snowmo-bile trails in the Blue Mountains on some nights. Lundquist said the groome has been idled by some of the extreme weather condi-tions and is playing catch-

up.

A broken snowplow that greatly restricted the parking capacity at Field's Spring State Park near Anatone has been repaired. But the snow State Park near Anatone has been repaired. But the snow there is now too deep for the repaired plow to handle. Because of that the tubing hill at the park is closed. There is some parking available at an Asotin County parking lot past the Puffer Butte Lodge, but the parks main parking lot is clogged with snow. The cross-country ski trails have not been groomed.

The storms have closed some highways and left others in poor condition. Multiple avalanches closed for several days U.S. Highway 12 between Lowell and Lolo Pass, a popular

cross-country ski and snowcross-country ski and snow-mobiling destination. U.S. highways 95 and 195 have closed in various places, making it difficult for winter recreationists to reach ski areas or trailheads.

areas or trailheads.
Even when the roads are open, some people have chosen not to travel. The University of Idaho Outdoor Program canceled a van trip to Lookout Pass this month because of the poor traveling conditions. ing conditions.

The manager of Snowhaven Ski Area at Grangeville said crowds have been good at the hill, have been good at the hill, but he suspects some people have stayed home because of the roads. "The roads were really a deelding factor in who came up from outly-ing areas." Ilm Kingma said. Abundant amounts of new snow often bring increased risk of avalanches. Regional avalanche centers have been warning skiers and snowmobilers of the increased risks.

Snowboarding

Corfuned from page B1 and gives the rider a better sense of how to properly balance without getting out of control on the tougher slopes. At low speeds, experimenting with putting weight on a rider's heels or toes, and carving side to side much like a skier would is

also possible with little ill-effect. Something to bear in mind is that the preferred weight distribution is primarily on the back foot, and the stance is slightly on the

heels,
Lastly, after a rider is as
comfortable as can be with
the lesson and the bunny

hill, the instructor will take them on the chair lift and up

them on the chair int and up the mountain. Following the steps detailed above doesn't necessarily guarantee success, but you're bound to have better luck than this writer, who will probably stick to skiing in the future.

Leidecker

Continued from page D1 situation like this one requires a choice between the light and dark. Once that decision is make it generally works well to frame a composition that commits a large percentage of the composition to that element (the sunlit peaks in the background).

Once the composition is chosen, the next step is to set the proper exposure for the dominant element of the picture. For the image of

picture. For the image of skiers crossing the frozen lake I framed a quick com-

skiers or shadow and locked in that exposure reading, I then re-composed and took the shot effectively fooling the camera into thinking was "seeing" only a smilt mountains. Set for the bright light of the snowy peaks, the camera was not capable of captur-ing any detail in the skiers. In order to add perspective and depth to the photo-graph I crouched to the snow in order to create a sil-houette of the skiers against the bright background. My original intention was to

against the patch of snow to the right of the cliff at water level, but I didn't move quickly enough. The addi-tion of the shadows adds an element to the composition that enhances what was a beautiful scenic photograph. Understanding the limita-tions of you cameras dynamic range, and how to properly set the exposure is crucial in such split light sit-uations. With practice it becomes easier to choose compositions that take advantage of these variables and add exciting elements to your photography.

Yurt_ Continued from page B1

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yurt and winter's silence.
Guess the Mongolian
herders have it right. The
yuris are patterned after the
round tent-like structures
used on the steppes of
Mongolia.
"It's so relaxing. It's the
snowshoeling. It's the total
experience," said Allyson, as
she looked out the door window at a white landscape.
Silky ganjsh-white clouds
laced the mountains where
pine and fir trees looked as
though they were smothered
in white icing.
The Labrums were at the
yurt with their dog, Mijah.
They were volunteering to
do clean up and maintenance but did have time to
relax and take in the sights
and sounds of wintertime
with no one around for
miles.
The Idaho Department of

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation's back-

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation's back-country yurts near Idaho City are popular. It's a winter campling experience with a lot of toasty comforts. Five yurts in the Idaho City Park N' Ski trail systems northeast of Idaho City are popular and booked most of the time. The yurts require a ki or snowshoe trek. The traillieads for the yurts are about an hour from Treasure Valley and can ebreached reached by taking Idaho Highway 21 northeast from Bolse. Maps to the yurts are found on http://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov. Look under lodging then backcountry yurts. Backcountry yurts sleep six and rent for \$75 per night on weekdays. The weeken for \$75 per night on weekdays. The weeken to the fort they can stay for an additional \$10 per night each on weekdays and \$12 each on weekdays and \$12 each on weekdays.

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per night weckends. The maximum is nine in each yurt.
Yurts can be reserved by calling (866) 634-3246 or by calling (866) 634-3246 or by going online at Idahos Parks and Recreation Web site. Reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. You may make reservations up to nine months in advance of the first day of your stay. Weekdays are easier to get.
Pick a yurt to sult your sking or snowshoeing ability. Check out descriptions online. The Rocky Ridge Yurt is the only one that allows dogs.

You'll need the \$25 annual Park N' Ski Pass to park at the trailheads to the yurts. You can get a three-day pass

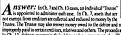
for \$7.50, plus tax.
You can still get the yurt experience even if you're not into trekking over mountains and meadows and mapping your way to a yurt way out in the backcountry. Try one at an Idaho state you have been also available at Ponderosa State Park at Ponderosa State Park ear Cascade, Winchester State Park hear Cascade, Winchester State Park between Grangeville and Lewiston and Harriman State Park north of Ashion.
One of the Winchester yurts even has a microwave, barbecue grill, deck furniture and four pairs of snowshoes. The yurts at Lake Cascade are for groups.

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U.S. jobless claims fall Improvement seen as only temporary

By Martin Crutsinger Associated Press writer

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WASHINGTON — The number of newly laid off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits fell last week, but the larger-than-expected drop was seen as only a temporary improvement.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that the number of Jobless claims dropped by 9,000 last week to a total of 349,000.

While that was bigger than the decline that had been expected, analysis noted that claims offices in California, the largest state, were closed for one day fast week for a

How does

Idaho compare?

The Idaho Department of Labor will release its report on jobless claims To see if the state's unamployment

claims have also disen, read about it Tuesday in the Times-News.

state holiday, giving laid off workers one less day to file claims... The four-week average for claims, which gives a better picture of labor market trends, rose to 360,500, which was the highest

level since claims spiked in October 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Analysts said the rise in the fourweek average was depicting a labor market that is coming under increasing strains because of the slowing economy.

The Federal Reserve released a revised economic forceast on Wednesday that slashed growth prospects for this year but still maintained that the country could avoid a recession.

However, many private economist believe the country has already entered a downum that began this quarter and will last through the

spring. They are forecasting that the overall economy, which skidded to growth at a barely discernible annual rate of 0.6 percent in the final three months of last year, will turn negative in the first and second quarter this year. The classic definition of a recession is two consecutive quarters of negative economic growth.

tive quarters of negative growth.
President Bush last week signed a \$168 billion economic stimulus bill which is designed to provide rebate checks of \$600 for individual and \$1,200 for couples with the checks scheduled to begin arriving in mallboxes this spring as a way to give the economy a boost.

But even with the rebate checks, which Bush called a "booster shot" for the economy, analysts are forecasting a period of slower growth, reflecting the blows that have been dealt by a prolonged downturn in housing and a severe credit squeeze, which has made it harder for consumers and businesses to get loans.

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The economy shed 17,000 jobs in January, the first monthly job loss in more than four years. Analysts believe that the unemployment rate, which currently stands at 4.9 percent, will itse to 6 percent before the current slowdown has run its

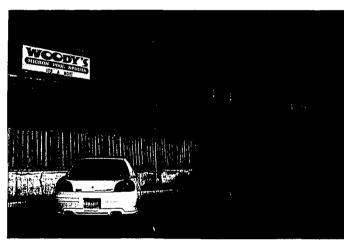
Working out the problems

Plan meant to put police, bar owners on 'same page'

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

It is a superation of the largest in Twin Falls. The large with a proper of the large with fall proper of the large with fall proper of the large with lar

incidents.
In 2007, police responded to 68 calls for service at Woody's, which included battery, theft and fights.
In a memo obtained by the Times-News, Capt. Matt Hicks from the Twin Falls



David Woodhead owns property that houses two bars. Twin Falls Police and local bars will be working together in an effort to help prevent criminal

"The purpose is to put us all on the same page, so that (bar) employees know what we're there to do when we show up."

– Staff Sgt. John Wilson Sidewinders in 2007," Highs

Police Department under-scored the numbers during a planning and zoning meet-ing when Woodhead request-ed a special use permit to serve alcohol.

serve alcohol.
"There is not mention of

the numbers of calls for serv-ice that the TFPD responded to at Woody's and

Sidewinders in 2007, 1968s wrote in the memo to the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission.

Local bar owners have grown reluctant to call police

to resolve disputes because they fear their alcohol licenses will be revoked.
"I think its something that

some (bar) owners worry about, which is sad because (the police) are there to help out, "Woodhead said." I don't think that I've every felt that way, but I know it's a con-cern."

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Woodhead and other business owners said they support the new approach to work with police before problems occur— saying that it will give them the opportunity to train their own staff to deal with problems.

establishments Several that serve alcohol use

house security during large

cvents.
"Sooner or later there is going to be a problem in a place where people are going to the police department isn't going to blame the business owner, 'Wilson said. He added that the department hopes to work with other business owners to prevent problems and to develop a closer working relationship with them.

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Burley firm protests rent increase

By Sven Berg For the Times-News

BURLEY — Kodiak Northwest owner Brek Pilling sald Wednesday that Burley has "no legal basis" for raising Kodiak's rent payment for its city-owned facility next to Albertson's Supermarket on Pomerelle Avenue.

Kodiak's rent payment to re-city-owned facility next to Albertson's Supermarket on Pomerelle Avenue.

At their Feb. 5 meeting, city councilmen voted to raise Kodiak's monthly rent pay-ment from \$1.400 to \$1.900 if Pilling, also a clinical psycholo-gist, continues to see clients at the Burley facility. Councilman Jay Lenkersdorfer proposed the rent hike, saying Pilling's use of the building to see clients was not included in Kodiak's lease agreement.

Kodiak took up occupancy in the Burley facility in October 2007. The building is used as an assembly site for snowblowing machines the company manu-factures.

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Kodlak's lease agreement, signed by Pilling and Burley Mayor Jon Anderson in November 2006, allows Kodlak to sublet "all or portions" of the building "with the written approval of the Landlord." Pilling said Wednesday when he submitted his request to the clay for approval of a sublease, he "thought it was basically a formality because the contract says I can sublet it, period." Purthermore, Pilling said he believes the Kodlak lease agreement would prevent the case of a sublease. The lease agreement does not specifically state the city from raising his rent in the case of a sublease. The lease agreement does not specifically state the city cannot raise Kodlak's monthly payment, but the only language that mentions a rent increase provides for a 5 percent yearly increase after the first 10 years of the lease have expired.

test to years of the expired.

Lenkersdorfer said Wednesday he had intended the \$500 increase as an amendment to Kodiak's original lease agreement. But he acknowledged a change that makes the company's monthly payment might require Kodiak's consent.

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"We approved it for manufacturing." Lenkersdorfer sud.

"If they want to use it for an office, I don't see anythic and office, I don't see anythic getting additional value out of it, then we should get some additional payment."

Next week, he said, councilment are planning to source them.

men are planning to tour the Kodiak facility. He said he will use the opportunity to asses

Pilling's operation.
"We're just going to go and take a look, and I think at that time we'll decide what to do about it," he said. "It may turn out to be a non-issue."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Ameristar reports fourth-quarter earnings

Ameristar Casinos, Inc.
reported that its adjusted
EBITDA (earnings before
Interest, taxes depreciation
and amortization) for the
fourth-quarter of 2007
Increased 2 percent from a
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increased 2 percent from a year ago.

Although Ameristar casi-nos, such as Cactus Petes and The Horseshu in Jackpot, generated strong revenue within their markets, profits were offset by con-struction costs and pre-opening expenses for casinos in Chicago, Ill. and St. Charles Mo.

Fourth-quarter adjusted

Fourth-quarter adjusted

EBITDA for 2007 was \$66.8 million, similar to the \$66.6 million during the same quarter in 2006.

Net revenues for the fourth quarter were \$302.8 million compared to \$244 million for the fourth quarter in 2006.

Wal-Mart expects increased profit

increased profit

Defying the gloom that many retailers are feeling. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. expects amore profitable year selling to penny-pinching shoppers after its renewed focus on low prices paid off over the holldays with a 4 percent rise in fourth-quarter profit.

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emerging from a yearlong turnaround effort after sales stumbles in 2005 and 2006, sald Tuesday that aggressive holiday discounts and improvements in its more than 4,000 U.S. stores boost-ed sales despite consumer worries.

Hershey plans to build

Hershey is expected to invest \$38 million. The Pennsylvania compa-ny is the nation's largest can-dymaker. Hershey had nearly \$5 billion in revenue last year and employs about 13,000 people worldwide. Construction will start in spring. The incentive offered to Hershey is worth as much as \$2.6 million.

Studio development seeks tax breaks

Seeks tax breaks
BOISE — A proposed film
studio and residential development slated to be built
near Kuna wants the Idaho
Legislature to pass property
tax breaks to ease the pro-

Allen's that Invest at least so million. Ken Burgess, a lobbyist working for Allen, says the bill extends to other kinds of manufacturing in rural areas — in an effort to boost the number of potential beneficiartes and spur economic development. The project would include film production offices, proportion of the production of the productio

ject's financing.
In legislation introduced
Thursday, county commissioners would be allowed to

offer up to five years of prop-erty tax relief for projects like Allen's that invest at least \$3

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More bang for the buck

Ethanol producer partners with university to enhance production

Associated Press writer

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — The nation's top ethanol produc-er is teaming with an lowa State University researcher in hopes of squeezing more ethanol out of a kernel of

ethanol out of a kernel of corn.
Sioux Falls-based Poet LLC already uses a process called BPX, which converts starch to sugar and then ferments it to ethanol without he use of heat or cooking. Poet uses the method in 20 of its 22 ethanol plants and estimates it can get 3 gallons of ethanol from each bushel of corn compared with an industry standard of 2.7 gallons per bushel.

Poet is working with Jay-lin Jane, a carbohydrate chemist and professor in lowa State's food science and human mutrition depart-ment, to look at differences between starches in various varieties of corn.

The goal is to Identify which lines of corn starches are more easily broken down fito glucose by the enzyme used for conversion. The glucose is then fermented' into ethanol and carbon dioxide.

oxide. "When starch is in the when starch is in the corn plant, it's sometimes difficult to break down," said Mark Stowers. Poet's vice president of research and development. "So what we're trying to understand is how the starch is structured in

warious corn plants so that we can do a better job and more efficiently break the starch down into the sugars for the ethanol process." Jane said some starches are loosely packed in the granule and can be easily broken into glucose. Others, especially those with different crystalline structures, prove much more difficult. "Certain corn lines are more easily susceptible to enzyme conversion," she said.

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Jane said she's about four Jane said shes about four months into the two-year project, which is co-funded by Poet and a state econom-ic development fund. Poet said it's contributing \$234,000 to the project over two years and the Grow lowa Values Fund is contributing \$149,233

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Stowers said the BPX process helps the company reduce energy costs, increase ethanol yields, decrease plant emissions and improve the nutrient quality of its distillers grains, an ethanol byproduct used as cattle feed.

Poet officials hope the research collaboration will improve its per-bushel ethanol yield.

Think that it's a good university-industry parmership to solve an important question, and that is how much more ethanol can we get out of an acre of corn. Stowers said. "And that has tremendous positive land implications."

30-year mortgage rates see highest level in 7 weeks

WASHINGTON (AP)—
Rates on 30-year mortgages rose to the highest level in seven weeks, breaking above the 6 percent level.
Freddle Mac, the mortgage company, reported Thursday that 30-year, Racel-nite mortgages averaged 6.04 percent this week. up from 5.72 percent last week.

That is the highest level since the first week of the year, when the 30-year morigage stood at 6.07 percent. For the next six weeks, the rate fell below the 6 percent level as financial markets reacted to the sharp slowdown in economic growth and growing risks of a recession by pushing interest rates lower.

However, increased worries about inflation have
pushed long-term rates higher in the past two weeks.
However, one-year
adjustable-rate mortgages
are still about one-half percentage point lower than at
the start of the year, reflecting
the aggressive rate cuts engineered by the Federal

Reserve in January in an effort to combat the economic slowdown.

As the spread between long-term fixed-rates and adjustable-rates videns, it is possible we could see a slight increase in the popularity of adjustable-rate mortgages, said Frank Nothaft, chief economist at Freddie Mac.

Precious metals futures hit record-highs

Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - Precious

NEW YORK — Precious metals prices soared Thursday, with gold, silver and platinum hitting record highs after a drop in the dolinical relative traders to shift fundalinto hard assets as safenaven investments.

Other commodities trademixed, with crude oil retreating from \$100 a barrel and agriculture futures rising. The dollar's decline wersus the 15-nation euro has been a major driver of precious metals, which are seen as safer alternative investments used to hedge against inflation and economic and opposition and economic and uncertainty. Platinum has gained 38 percent this year, gold 11 percent and silver 19 percent. This a dollar play today. Every day there's a new reason to worry, and there seems to be a drive toward owning hard assets such as precious metals," said George Gero, senior vice president at RRC Capital Markets Global Futures in New York.

The dollar felt Thursday against the euro, which

lew York.
The dollar fell Thursday The dollar left Thursday against the euro, which fetched \$1.4818 in trading in New York, A weaker green-back encourages U.S. investors to turn to gold

because the metal is known for holding its value. It also encourages foreign investors to buy the dollar-denominated metal, because the cost is not as high for those with stronger currencies. Gold jumped on the dollar's drap, with the April contract rising \$11.00 to settle at \$349.20 an jource on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after earlier tract rising \$11.40 to settle at \$\$949.20 an ounce on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after cartier touching an all-time high of \$\$958.40.00 to her for for the first time Wednesday, ratising expectations that the metal could breach the psychologically important \$1.000 mark in coming weeks or months. Silver rose to its highest level since 1980, with the March contract hitting a record \$18.075 an ounce on the Nymex before settling at \$17.435, up 19 cents.

Platinum also extended its record-stelling rally and supply concerns fed by a power shortage in South Africa. An ounce of platinum for April delivery surged \$49.40 to settle at \$2.180.20 on the Nymex, after earlier pushing to an all-time high of \$2.298.40. Nymex copper for March

Nymex copper for March delivery added 10,20 cents to settle at \$3.8105 a pound after falling back from a record \$3,8465.

Victorious Pakistan parties to join forces

By Laura King Los Angeles Times

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan —
The two main Pakistan inposition parties announced Thursday that they would work to form a coalition government, after dealing the party of President Pervez Musharraf a bruising defeat in this week's elections.
But it was unclear whether the two would jointly seek to oust Musharraf in the wake of Monday's vote, which was widely vicewed as a devastating verdict on his performance as Pakistan's leader.
Neither the Pakistan People's Party of assassinated

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Neither the Pakistan
People's Parry of assassinated
former Prime Minister
Benazir Bhutto nor the
Pakistan Muslim League-N,
led by former Prime Minister
Nawaz Sharif, won enough
votes to govern on its own,
but together they have a comfortable parliamentary majority.

ity.

The two parties appeared ready to paper over differences, at least for the time being, in order to move to assemble a governing coali-

But more talks lie ahead before the coalition's final composition is determined and a candidate for prime minister is put forward. Details of the tentative accord between the two sides also remained unclear.
"In principle we have agreed to stay together," blutto's widower, Asif Ali Zardari, who leads her party, told a news conference in Islamalbad.
"We have to support each other," said Sharif, seated beside him. Rut more talks lie ahead

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According to Sharif, the two

sides agreed that dozens of judges fired late last year by Musharraf should be reinstated. The Supreme Court had appeared poised to invalidate musharrafs election to a second presidential term when declared a state of emergency in November and ousted Chief Justice Itikhar Mohammed Chaudhry.

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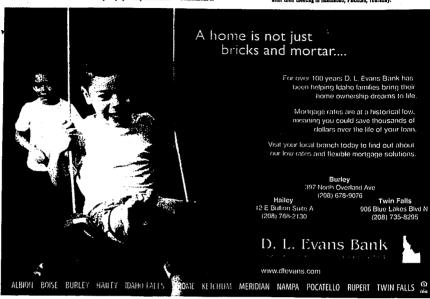
Shaif, who was overthrown and jelled by Musharraf in 1999 before being sent into exile, declared anew that the former general must step down or be forced out.

Zardari, however, has not ruled out allowing Musharraf to serve out his new five-year from as president. He

to serve out his new five-year term as president. He appeared to indicate, however, that his party would not ally itself with the remnants of Musharraf's.



عمر بر sd of the Pakistan Muslim League-N party, right, shakes hands with Asif All Zardari, co-chairman of the Pakistan after their meeting in islamabad, Pakistan, Thursday.



Three senators in emergency landing in Afghanistan

By Andrew Miga Associated Press writer

WASILINGTON — A helicopper carrying three sentor U.S. senators made an emergency landing Thursday in the mountains of Afghanistan because of a snowstorm.

Sens. John Kerry, Joseph Biden and Chuck Hagel were aboard one of two helicopters that made emergency landings, Kerry said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press from Turkey, The Control of the Contr

Afghanistan before the emer-

Afghanistan before the emer-gency landing.

"The weather closed in on us," Kerry said. "It went pret-ty blind, pretty fast and we were around some pretty dangerous ridges. So the pilot exercised his Judgment that we were better off put-ting down there, and we all agreed."

ting down there, and we all agreed.

Kerry, the 2004 Democratic presidential nominee, said the group waited for about three hours until a convoy with American troops took with American troops took them to Bagram Air Base. There was a perimeter guard and an F-16 fighter overhead providing cover, he said.

Kerry said the lawmakers were lucky because there happened to be a road nearby.

happened to be a road head by.

"We sat up there and traded stories," Kerry Joked. "We were going to send Blein out to fight the Taliban with snowballs, but we didn't have

Added Kerry: "Other than getting a little cold, it was line."

The lawmakers were on a trip this week that included stops in India, Turkey and Pakistan, where they observed the elections earlier this week.

onserved the elections earnier this week. Kerry is from Massachusetts and fellow Democrat Biden is from Delaware, while the Republican Hagel is from Nebraska.







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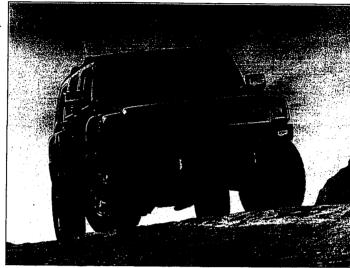
RoadWorthyl By Ken Chester, In Motor News Media Corporation

The folks at DUMMER ontinue to expand the 113 SUV franchise of rugged, durable, extreme machines with the debut of the H3 Alpha. Joining the midsize H3 and the urban-inspired H3x that was introduced last year, the H3 Alpha is the newest model in the performance-bred Alpha series. This can-do HUMMER on steroids is outfitted with a new 5.3L Vit engine and holted to a Hydra-Matic 41.60 electronically controlled four-speed automatic transmission.

Base power for the H3 is provided by a Vortec 3.7L in-line five cylinder engine with dual overhead cams and variable valve timing. The prime mover is bolted to the standard five-speed manual gearbox or optional Hydra-Matic 41.60-1 four-speed automatic. The H3 is equipped with a two-speed. electronically controlled, full-time 4WD system. A fully locking electronic rear differential is available in the optional Off-Road Adventure nackase.

Other changes and enhancements for the entire 2008 H3 lineup include standard head curtain side airbags and available Rear Vision system. Smaller does not mean

weaker when referring to the 113. This is the only SUV in the ★ midsize segment that can climb a 16-inch vertical wall, scale a 60 percent grade, transverse a 40 percent side slope and



operate in 24 Inches of water and do it fully loaded at its maximum cargo capacity.

The H3 shares much of its underplinnings with GM's Chevrolet Colorado/GMC Canyon midsize pickup trucks. The H3's formidable foundation starts with a three-piece, modular, welded ladder-type frame. The frame includes high-strength steel side ratis and cross members for durability and enhanced off-road capability. Suspension hardware includes a Short-Long Arm (SLA) Independent from

suspension and a Hotelskies sign, dual-stage, leaf spring rear suspension.

The front suspension uses an aluminum-forged upper control arm and a cast nodular fron lower control arm, providing robustness and strength when off-roading, Microcellular urethane Jounce bumpers are used in the front and rear to prevent the suspension from hitting the frame in rough

terrain. Inside, the airy cabin is ruggedly tasteful -- a clean onest presentation of display



In addition, the 60/

split fold-down seats add

eargo hauling capabilities to the H3 although they do not

fold flat with the cargo floor. Access to the rear cargo area is by a door at the rear of the

vehicle as opposed to a hatch

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The cloth seats are both comfortable and supportive,
Two power points are located at
the bottom of the center stack. The rear seat is comfortable and versatile. The seat cushion has a hard plastic cuphoider that flips open, as needed

2008 HUMMER H3 SUV by the Numbers

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ducing an unnaturally high or low card to create a false impression about a side suit, hoping declarer

about a side suit, hoping declarer will misplay later on.
Here is a famous example of this genre. The setting was rub-ber-bridge,-honec-the-rustic-nature of the auction. (If you are looking for a more sophisticated way to describe the North hand, consider using the jump to four diamonds over the Stayman response to set hearts as trump in a balanced hand, with a subsequent

sponse to set hearts as frump in a balanced hand, with a subsequent bid of four no-trump as Blackwood. A direct four-no-trump bid would then be quantitative.)

West had an awkward choice of leads against six hearts, but he opted for the club two. Declarer sniffed the air cautiously and rose with dummy's ace, pinning his hopes on the heart finesse. Reasonable enough, and a line that was destined to succeed if Liza Shaw (East) had not been equally on the ball.

Shaw (East) had not been equany on the ball.

Under the club ace she deposit-ed the king, and now declarer had a real problem. If it was East, not West, who was short in clubs, it West, who was short in clubs, it was imperative to draw frump while keeping West off play because of the threatened club ruff. Accordingly, declarer executed the perfect safety play of leading ace and another trump. Nothing could go wrong ... unless East could win the heart king and give her partner the ruff. And so it was.

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Opening lead: Club two

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↑ Q J 5 ♥ A 7 6 4 ↑ A K ↑ J 9 6 4

South

West North

1 ♦ 2 ♦ 4 ♥ Pass

East

ANSWER: This is a remarkable auction. Partner must have at least seven diamonds (given that you have the top diamond cards) and three good hearts. That only adds up to about eight points my guess would be that he is also very short in one black suit with a top card in the other suit. That top card in the other suit. That said, how bad can six diamonds be now? I'd expect it to be lay-down—so bid it!

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