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Esquibel

charged

forgery

Long-time Latino advocate faces three

felony charges By Sven Berg For the Times-News

BURLEY — Gladys
Esquibel, a long-time
advocate for Latino rights
in the Mini-Cassin region
and statewide, has been
charged in Cassin County's
Fifth-District Court with
three felony counts of forgery and recording false
documents.

If convicted, Esquibel
would face up to 42 years
in prison.
According to court documents, Esquibel, 68, is
accused of forging a power
of attorney document in
May 1999 and using it to
file a quitchlim deed, in
which a grantor disclams
interest in a property, in
May 2005. She later
recorded both documents
with Cassia County.
Sheriff's Department
Office Investigator Randy
Kidd said the Power of
Attorney document gave
Esquibel authority to sign
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Watts'

lawyer

drops his defense

Defendant is charged with the first-degree

murder of Dale Miller

Twin Falls autorney Tim Williams on Friday dropped his client, first-degree muder defendant Cameron Watts, after stumbling onto infor-mation he declines to reveal.

Williams said. "He is unaware of the reason

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

"I am not at lib-

erty to divulge

(anything) even to my client,

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Coming tomorrow in the



Decision to die

An 89-year-old with kidney failure faces the end unafraid.

FAMILY LIFE



Quenchable thirst

Vater projects help preserve city of Twin Falls. But they

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First in flight

Twin Falls fleet of charter planes now includes private jet.

BUSINESS



Trigger teaching

Gun safety programs are one casualty of a time

MAGIC VALLEY



takes aim at long-term debt barriers

Municipal groups tackle 'ordinary and necessary laws

By Sared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE — A proposal to amend the state's Constitution in relation to an Idaho Supreme Court ruling two years ago that changed how governments fund projects was introduced to state law-makers Friday.

The proposal would create exemptions for when municipalities would need two-thirds of voter approval to incur debt on projects. The legislation stems from the 2006 decidon of City of Boise vs. BOISE — A proposal to

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ROPERS GOLDEN EAGLE



Chelal Schrangreidt, a freshman at the Collego of Southern Idaho and originally from Surprise, Ariz., team off after a calf during the calf-roping event at the 32md Annual Intercollegiste Rodeo Friday night in Twis Falls. Schwarereidt finished her run with a time of 3.8 seconds. Results from Friday's rodeo action were unavailable at press time. See Sounday's Times-News for the results.

Dear Taxpayer:

This letter cost you \$42 million

clated Press writer

WASHINGTON — At a cost of nearly \$42 million, the IRS wants you to know. Your check is almost in the mail.

The Internal Revenue Service is spending the money on letters to alert taxpayers to expect rebate checks as part of the economic stimulus plan.

The notlees are going out this month to an estimated 130 million households who filed returns for the 2006 tax year, at a cost of

returns for the 2006 tax year, at a cost of \$41.8 million, IRS spokesman John Lipold

confirmed.

That works out to about 32 cents to print, process and mail each letter. It doesn't include the tab for another round of mailings planned for those who didn't file tax returns last year but may still qualify for a rebate.

Democrats accused the Bush administration of wasting time and postage.

and postage.

"There are countless better uses for \$42 million than a self-congratulatory mailer that gives

the president a pat on the back for an idea that wasn't even his," Sen. Charles Schumer said Friday, arguing the IRS could more effectively spend the money to catch tax cheats

Keith Hennessey, director of the presi-dent's National Economic Council, said the letters are being sent to explain how the tax rebates will work.

repates will work.

Any time you do something as a government tens of millions of times, there is ample room for people to get confused. And so if you're going to have tens of millions of

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Bush says economy has slowed but will get boost

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Fact check: Bush has rosier view than data suggests.

See page A5

Employers slash 6,300 jobs in February.

See page C6

unaware of the reason why."
Watts chose to stay locked up in a Mini-Cassia jail rather than attend the afternoon hearing in Twin Falls.
The unexplained move is the laters salvo in what has already become a bizarre murder prosecution with two months to go before Watts riral.
Watts and John McElhiney were indicted

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TODAY'S FORECAST

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MINI-CASSIA Today:Mostly cloudy, developing mixed showers. Highs

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Complete weather report: See page C8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"A Year with Frog and Toad," presented by Oakley Valley Arts Council, 7:30 p.m., Howells Opera House, Oakley, \$8 ticket, 677-2787.

b11/2181. William Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors," presented by College of Southern Idaho Theater Department, 8 p.m., C.S.I. Fine Arts Theater, Twin Falls, \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students, 732-6781 or tickets.csi.edu.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

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Rock and Gem Show, with dealers, displays, demonstrations, grab bags, silent auction, wheeleof-fortune, mineral table, door prizes and more, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Boys and Grits Club of Magic Valley, 999 Frontier Road, Twin Falls, \$2 admission, no cost for children under age 12 accompanied by an adult, 734-1435.

The Elist 'Annual Auction, includes 10:30 a.m. day auction and 6:30 p.m. night auction with barbecue pork shank dinner, Rupert Eliss Lodge, \$10 per person for dinner, 436-6852.

ner, Rupert Eliks Lodge, 3-10 per person for dinition, 430-6852.

Snake River Eliks Crab Feed or Prime Rib dininer, hosted by the Past Exalled Rulers, 6 to 9 p.m., at the lodge, 412 East 200 South (by 93 Golf Course), Jerome, \$20 per person, proceeds to chainly fund, 420-7238.

*A Disney Spectacular, "dinner/show fundraiser catered by the Best Western Burley Inn and presented by Burley High Schools Bed Cantos Choir: includes arifle, 6:30 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley, \$20 per person, proceeds (oward group's trip and travel expenses to California Heritage Festival, 878-6606 or 677-8894, Magic Valley Arts Cuncil La Mascarado - Arabian Nights, fundraiser dinner, dance and raffle (includes pitzes: white water rafting trip, fine wines and unique jevelry), 7 p.m., The Balloom, Twin Falls, \$40 (\$250 cax deductible) per person and raffle tickets: \$10 each or 12 for \$100, 734-2787 or www.magicvalleyartscouncil.org.

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Sout basic training, offered by the Cassia District for all
Cub Scott. Boy Scott, Varsity and Venture Leaders and
ment badge counselors. 7:30 a.m. registration: 8 a.m.
leaderspecfile training: 10 to 10:30 a.m. Merit Badge counselors classes (no charge): and 12:30 to 2 p.m. New Leader
Essentials (no charge), Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Park
Ave., Burley, Stol for leader-specific training, (bring lunch or
extra 55 for meal), 678-1666.
Wish Falls Bank & Trust Employees and friends are
also invited to attend, 1 p.m.. The Bisto, 360 Main Ave. N.,
Twin Falls, 4235493 or 420-4418.
Buttons "n" Bows Square Dance Club Half-way Dance, all
new dancers vedcome, 7:30 pm. prerounds and 8 p.m.
square dance, Twin Falls Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave., \$4
per person, bring finger foods, 5365147.

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"Dotography" by Shelley Brulotta and Russ Repworth, alternative photography exhibit presented by Magic Valley Arts Council, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Brizee Healing, Air Conditioning and Fireplaces showroom, 227 Second Ave. E., Historic Downtown Iwan Falis, no cost, 734-2787.
Gallery Opening, "Cowboys, Parks and Canyonlands," featuring the work of Ann Parker (sculpture and furniture); new collection from Canyon Lands and Tetons by Teddy Khteian-Keeton; and new work by galley's professional artists, 1 to 6 p.m., Lion's Gate Gallery, 219 Moin St., Filer, public invited, no cost, refreshments, 543-4690 or 420-0034.

FAIRS AND MARKETS

The Twin Falls Farmers Market vendors meeting, for all potential and established vendors, 1 p.m., Obenchain Meeting Room, 254 Main Ave. (entrance at rear of building), Twin Falls, all vendors must pre-register, 316-1291 or tiffarmersmarket@vahoo.com

Indoor Twin Falls Flea Market, with 35 vendors and Girl Scout Cookies for sale at local Girl Scout troops booth, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, cam-

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The 1st annual Discover Magle Valley Home and Garden
Show, sponsored by DiscoverMagle/Valley Home and American
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Grand Prize giveaway; Cub Cadet lawn Tractor, 10 a.m. to 6
p.m., Snake River Plaza (across from WallMart), Burley, (208)
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www.DiscoverMagleValley.com.
FREE VA/FhA Home Loan Seminar, sponsored by Magic
Valley Realty and 1st Horizon Home Loans; Deb Drake to
discuss all aspects of VA and FhA loans and assist veter
ans with obtaining Certificate of Eigbillity, 1 to 2 p.m., at the
Model Home in Jerome Estates Subdivision, 1501
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To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by email at strowne@maglocalley. com; by fax, 7345538; or by mail, Times-News, BQBox 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in

MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE NATION

LOUISIANA

John McCain flashes temper, cuts off a reporter who asked him about Sen. Kerry

NEW ORLEANS
Republican Sen. John
McCain, showing a flash of
the temper he is known for,
repeatedly cut off a reporter
Friday when asked whether
he had spoken to Democratic
Sen. John Kerry about being
his vice president in 2004.
"Everyhody knows that I
had a private conversation." McCain
beryhody knows that, that I
had a conversation." McCain
told the reporter. "And you
know it, too. No. You know it,
too. No. You do know. You do
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too. No. You do know. You do know."

The reporter. Elisabeth Buniller of The New York Buniller of The New York Hunsiller of The New York Imms, was following up on a question. McCain had answered at a campaign event Friday morning in Atlanta. Asked if he might consider Kerry as a running mate, since Kerry asked him in 2004. McCain said no.

Afterward, on a campaign flight, Bumiller sald she looked in the Times' archives and that McCain had denied alking with Kerry in a May 2004 story.

McCain interrupted, saying that everyone knew he had a private conversation, and he kept interrupting as she tried.

kept interrupting as she tried to follow up. McCain clearly

to follow up. McCam clearly was trate.
"I don't know what you read or heard of, and I don't know the circumstances," McCain said, "Maybe in May of '04 I hadn't had a conversation."

NEW YORK

Lisa Marie Presley says she was forced to announce pregnancy

NEW YORK — Lisa Marie Presley wanted to keep her pregnancy private, but felt she had to say something when photos of her

photos of nei looking heav-were ier were ridiculed in news

media. "After





Republican presidential candidate, Sen. John McCain, R.Ariz., talks to reporters while in flight from Atlanta to New Orleans, La., Friday.

reporters while in flight from Atlanta attack that I am in fact pregament, "the 40-year-old singer wrote on her MySpace page. Presley and her husband, music producer Michael Lockwood, are expecting a baby next fall, her spokes-woman, Cindy Guagenti, said Friday, It will be the third child for Presley, who has two children from her marriage to exhaushand Danny Koough. The announcement comes several days after photos of Presley — daughter of Elvis Presley and actress Friscilla—ading lunch in Los Angeles made the media rounds, with the London newspaper The

made the media rounds, with the London newspaper The Daily Mail asking: "Like father like daughter? Bloated Lisa Marie is now the double of dat Elvis."

dad Elvis."
Guagenti told The
Associated Press: "I mean, if
you read some of the stories
it's like, ëshe's gonna die like
her father," her and her mom
are in a fight because of her
weight"—that's not true at all.
It's just awful stuff."

WASHINGTON

Judge holds reporter in contempt over sources for anthrax stories WASHINGTON - A federal

WASHINGTON — A federal judge held a former USA Today reporter in contempt Friday and ordered her to pay up to \$5,000 a day if she refuses to identify her sources for stories about a former Army scientist under scrutiny in the 2001 anthrax attack. U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton said Toril Locy must pay fines out to fher own pocket as long as she continues to dely his order that she cooperate in scientist Steven J. Harfill's lawsuit against the government.

Harfill accuses the Justice Department of violating his privacy by discussing the investigation with reporters. Starting at midnight Tuesday, Locy is ordered to pay fines of \$500 a day for the

to New Orleans, La., Friday.

first week, \$1,000 a day for the second week and \$5,000 thereafter until she appears before the judge on April 3.

"To maximize the potential that Ms. Locy will ultimately comply with the court's order. Ms. Locy will ultimately comply with the court's order. Ms. Locy sir equired to personally bear the responsibility of paying the fine the court imposed." Walton wrote. Locy "is precluded from accepting any monetary or other form of reimbursement." the judge added.

Locy is a former Associated Press reporter who wrote about Hattill while working at 1854 Today.

Press reporter who wrote about Hatfill, while working at USA Today. "I'm terribly disappointed in the judge's ruling," said Locy, now a professor at West Virginia University's journalism school. "I had hoped he would reconsider this draconian sanction." I've people were killed and 17 sickened when anthrax was mailed to Capitol I lil lawmakers and members of the news media just weeks after the Sejn. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Then-Attorney General John Asheroft called Hatfill, who worked at the Army's infectious diseases aboratory from 1997 to 1999, "a person of interest" in the investigation.

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Snowstorm pummels Ohio, Ky.; Two die after Fla. twisters

COLUMBUS — A heavy late-winter snowstorm Friday purnmeted residents from Arkansas to the Great Lakes, knocking out electricity for bring near-blizzard conditions to Ohio and Kenucky. In several Florida communities, tornadoes damaged buildings and left residents without electricity. Two people died.

While the storms dumped more than a foot of snow in parts of Arkansas and left about 44,000 homes and bust-nesses without power, people

about 44,000 homes and businesses without power, people in southern Ohlo and northern Kentucky were braching for a massive snowstorm. "It could get real nasty," said Dusty Harbage, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Jackson, Ky.

An Ohlo Highway Patrol spokesman said the agency responded to 610 crashes statewide ower 7½ hours Friday. A 20-mile stretch of interstate 70 in eastern Ohlo was closed after a tractor-railer went off the road.

A woman died in central Ohlo's Pickaway County after her sport-utility vehicle ran off an icy, snow-cowered road-way into a utility pole, the sheriffs office said.

A variety of weekend events were canceled or pusponed in Ohlo, including a couple of St. Patrick's Day parades and a student science competition in Akron.

In north Florida, two people died after a tornado tore through Lake City. State officials said two other tornadoes touched down in Keaton Boach on the Gulf of Mexico and Capitola, a neighborhood on the outskirts of Idlahassee.

FBI: No link between Times Square bombing and letters to Congress

WASHINGTON - The IBI was rinker on who mailed rambling letters to Congress this week featuring a photo of a Manhattan military recruiting station was not linked to Thursday's bombing outside that station.

Scores of congressional
Democrats received identical

Scores of congressional Democrats received identical antivar letters in recent days that declared "We did it" and included photos of a mas standing in front of the Iconic Times Square recruiting station, officials said.

But the FBI interviewed the Los Angeles man who sent the Los Angeles man who sent the Lost and concluded he was not the person captured on cameras riding a bicycle before and after a crude bomb exploded at the station, officials said. The FBI also searched the man's house.

"The letters had no camera in the bombing," said Laura Eimiller, a spokeswoman for the FBI field office in Los Angeles. It appears to

in Los Angeles. "It appears to have been a matter of coinci-dental details and unfortu-

dental details and unfortu-nate timing on his part."

The letter writer was not identified because he did not commit a crime and is not being charged with - any offense, Eimiller said.

compiled from wire reports

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarlum "Planet Patrol: Solar System Stakeout" at 2 p.m.; "WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars" at 4 p.m.; "WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars" at 7 p.m.; and "Pink Floyd: The Wall" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

SPORTS

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Opening day of Jeromo Gun Club Annual Sporting Clays
League, first of four consecutive Saturdays, 9 a.m. start
time, 11 miles north of junction of 184 and Highway 93,
mile marker 64, 580 for adults and 562 for juniors and subjuniors, 7336045.
Personal Trainer Certification Workshop, two-day workshop
with demonstrations and practical application of one-on-one
training, 8 a.m., Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoin
Are, Jerome, (800) 237-6242 or www.netafit.org to register;
contact number: 324-3389.

NOTABLE OUOTES

"McCain's got to make it very clear that this is not a third Bush term, but a John McCain presidency."

Republican polister David Winston on John
McCain getting President Bush's endorsement.

"Happy New Year, We Did It."

Message on a photo of a man standing in front of the Times Square military recruiting office which was bombed Thursday. The photo was malled to several Capitol Hill offices.

CORRECTIONS

Due to incorrect information provided to the Times-News, a story Friday about a man charged with arson mis-states that Patrick Morrissey was an employee at Middlekauff Ford Dealership.



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MAIL INFORMATION

Charge

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The name of her husband,
Augustin Esquibel, on the
quitclaim deed. The quitclaim
Augustin State Cousurrendered Augustin Esquibel's rights to the cou-ple's home to Gladys Esquibel and their daughter, Gaynol Berber, Kidd sald he does not

anticipate any further charges will be filed. will be filed.

Gladys and Augustin

Esquibed could not be

reached for comment on this

story. It is not known if

Esquibed has retained an

attorney to represent her in

the case.

Kidd said it does not appear

Berber was involved in the

alleged forgeries.

"I found nothing in the

investigation to indicate she was aware the documents had been forged," he said. According to court documents, Gladys Esquibed admitted to investigators in February she had forged burley attorney David Penas name on the Power of Attorney document. "She explained that at times, Mr. Pena had allowed her to sign his name, but she admitted she never had his specific permission to sign his name on the power of attorney, document," an affidavit signed by Deputy Shannor Taylor reads.

Pena said he had worked at the same law firm as Esquibel.

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sign his name on documents. He said she worked as a receptionist for attorney Ray Pena, but not directly for him. "She never prepared documents for me," he said.
Esquibel has a long history of community activism. She served as chairwoman of the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs (ICHA) and has worked with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. According to a Boston Globe report, she to a Boston Globe report, she served as a delegate at the Republican National

Republican National
Convention in 2004.
ICHA Director Margie
Gonzalez described
Esquibel's work as "very
professional, very organized.

very passionate."
She said Esquibel continues to serve the Latino community and is very well respected among politicians and peers throughout the

David Pena said he has known Esquibél for many years and was "astonished" to hear charges had been fled against her. But he sald, even if she is found guilty, the crimes will not detract from her "good work for the good of the community."

"I don't think anything could tarnish her record," he said.

Sven Berg is a staff writer for the South Idaho Press.

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taxpayers getting checks you want to get the informa-tion out so that you have as few people as possible con-fused about what's happen-ing, they understand what's coming and it reduces the number of incoming requests that IRS and Treasury have to figure out how to deal with it," said

how to deal with it," said Hennessey.
"Dear Taxpayer," the letters will begin, going on to say the IRS is pleased to inform the recipient that Congress passed and President Bush signed into law a plan that will provide payments of up to \$500 for individuals who qualify or \$1,200 for married couples filing jointly. The rebates are the centerplece of a \$168 billion economic stimulus package.

The actual rebate checks

lion economic stimulus package.

The actual rebate checks are scheduled to go out starting in May, after the IRS has finished separately mailing out routine refunds for the 2007 fax year.

The letters will be a reminder that people need to file a 2007 tax return so they will receive the rebate if they are eligible for it.

Similar notices will go out

On the Net:

Internal Revenue Service: http://www.irs.gov

later to some Social Security recipients and those who receive veterans benefits — groups that often do not file tax returns. For those people to get a rebate check, they will need to file a tax return if they received at least \$3,000 from a combination of certain Social Security benefits, veterans benefits and earned income. The minimum pay. income. The minimum pay-ment for this group will be \$300 for an individual and \$600 for a couple filing joint-

ly.

Not everyone will be eligi-ble. Singles with income of more than \$75,000 and cou-

more than \$75,000 and cou-ples with more than \$150,000 get only partial rebates if any. People who earn less than \$3,000, illegal impilgrants and anyone who does not Singles with incomes exceeding \$87,000 and cou-ples with incomes exceeding \$174,000 also yen't qualify, although those caps rise by \$6,000 per child.

Debt

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Frazier that ruled "ordinary
and necessary" expenses
had to have voter approval
unless municipalities were
in an emergency.
Public officials have said

Public officials have said the decision created uncertainty and have minimized the ability to fund projects or sign contracts. The proposal is sponsored by the Idaho Association of Counties, the Association of Counties, the Association of Idaho Cities and the Idaho Hospital Association.

"This is to clarify when a wote is required and when a wote is required and when a contract of the Idaho Hospital Chadwick, executive director for the IAC, said after the meeting.

tor for the MC, said after the meeting.
According to the legislation, the two-thirds voter supermajority requirement would remain for namy general obligation bonds. The changes would:

• allow a majority vote (51 percent) on facilities that are funded by voluntary fees, such as improving parking or recreational facilities.

• authorize public hospilass to fund projects or sign leases and incur debt without voter authorization as

leases and incur debt without voter authorization as
long as tax revenue is not
used in the projects.

allow governments to
enter into contracts or leases
that are five years or less in
longevity, or are paid only by

that are five years or less in longevity, or are paid only by user fees.

The resolution is expected to be scheduled for a hearing, It must then pass committee and two-thirds of the Senate. Then It must pass a House committee and two-thirds of the House before being approved by at least half the voters.

Constitutional amendments do not need approval by a governor. Unlike other states, Idaho's Constitution cannot be amended by a direct voter initiative.

In 2004, the city of Bolse received a judge's permission for a \$27 million plan to expand the city's airport's parking garage. But David Frazier — a local photographer and government watchdog— sued the city.

Frazier — a local photogra-pher and government watchdog — sued the city. The court ruled in his favor and sald Idaho's Constitu-tion allows governments to bypass the voters only in an

tion allows governments to bypass the voters only in an emergency. Reached for comment Friday, Frazier said the court was clear how municipalities can incur debt and that the resolution will remove the public's oversight. "It takes away citizen oversight of long-term debt," said Frazier, adding that he was asked but declined to participate in drafting the legislation. That's their goal—to not have to be responsible to their citizens."

Twin Falls County Commission Chairman Tom Mikesell said Friday that the county would lose it was challenged about whether some of its vehicles were "ordinary and necessary" expenses.

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"It takes away citizen oversight of long-term debt. That's their goal to not have to be responsible to their citizens."

- David Frazier, who sued the city of Boise to stop it from spending \$27 million without voter approval

new equipment? he asked.
"We would like it the laws)
better defined."
Twin Falls Mayor Lance
Clow, who serves as presision has caused-banks to be
more cautious in loaning to
cities. Clow said the decicities. Clow said the banks
could possibly lose money if
cities' spending decisions
are challenged in court and
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"Things we used to finance for a few years now, we have to accumulate the cash, pay for it, and now its really changed our budgeting and forced us into a new way of doing business, he said.

A some area.

A separate proposal from the HIA would only address hospitals. Its provisions are included in the other bill. ictuded in the other bill, at it was proposed because is late in the legislative ses-on and the IHA still wants something passed, to get someth

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

Watts_

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on first-degree murder charges in the killing of Dale Miller, 10, in early September. Miller was found in a barrel Sept. 12 in a Twin Falls garage. On Sept. 4, Miller made three calls to police — calls that did not add up to a clear call for help, the prosecutor said. After the discovery of Miller's body, a city dispatcher was placed on administrative leave. Lurer, a Blaine County detective revealed McElhiney was a confidential informant.
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confidential informant. This latest salvo is equal-ly difficult to follow. Williams called the cir-cumstances of his with-drawal from Watts' defense

cumstances of his with-drawal from Marts defense "unusual."
Fifth District Judge G.
Richard Bevan permitted him to drop the case after Williams assured the court he spent days consulting with u state Bart Association official about what may be a unique problem.
Williams said that Bad Andrews, a coursel for the Idaho State Bart Association who studies ethical mat-ters, found that Williams redicament was not clear-cut. Andrews said he had never pleand of such a prob-lem arising, and could only give guidance, Williams said.

said.
"I inadvertently came across something that is serious enough to have some heavy consequences," Williams said. He said the information arose from a "communication, separate and apart from Cameron Watts' case."

case."
"I have a duty to pursue

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every reasonable ground of defense through completion of his trial," he said, "I could not do that. It would be impossible."

The most common reason for an attorney to quit his client is that a legal conflict arises from the attorney representing two clients. Clients of the public defender often complain of inadequate representation, which Williams assured the court was not the case. He said his decision to quit met "heartfelt" opposition from Watts.

While private attorneys may quit when their client fails to pay, Williams, although a private attorneys may quit when their client fails to pay, Williams, although a private attorneys as assigned to the case as a conflict public defender. The county public defender Williams word and assigned the case to conflict public defender Geg Fuller.

Williams will continue to provide a support role until watts 'trial. Fuller is set Friday

provide a support role unti Watts' trial, Fuller is set Friday argue several discovery-e motions filed by type n Williams. mams. 'This is a slow withdrawal,'

Williams said:

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student body president at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, applauds during election night in February 2007 in Chapel Hill. Carson was found shot to death on a city street, police said Thursday.

Slain student leader at University of North Carolina remembered as selfless, smart

By Mike Baker Associated Press writer

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Associated Press writer

CHAPEL HILL, N.C., —You couldn't escape Eve Carson's presence at the University of North Carolina.

The student body president welcomed all incoming freshmen—each and every one—to stop by her office for a chat. She was a member of the school's Board of Trustees and a tournament-winning intramed the stop of the school's top-training intramed from the country of the school's top-training intramed from the country of the school's top-training intramed from the country of the school's 28,000 students.

"She was a bright spot in anybody's day," said Seth bearmin, a former student body president who met carson during her freshman year. "She took time to talk to people, to listen to them. She cared about what they were interested in. That's what throw her She was a completely selliess person."

And for it, North Carolina-loved her back.

Tyrice in the hours after

And for it, North Carollna-loved her back.
Twice in the hours after Jeven her back the Carolina her 22-year-old Carson had been shot to death early Wednesday on a clay street not far from campus, thousands of sudents, and faulty gathered to mouth her death. The tears continued to flow Friday, and it's likely the school will hold another memortal service after students return from text weeks spring break.

University Chancellor James Moeser plans to attend services this weekend for Carson at her home in Abbens. Ga. The Board of Trustees, meanwhile, has offered a \$25,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in her

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death.
"She touched so many lives
over the period of four years
that she was here," Moeser
said. "Kids who didn't even
know her felt they were
touched by her."

touched by her." The many memories make the mystery of her death that much harder to accept on the campus of the nations first public university. Detectives know Carson was killed by a shot from a handgun to her right temple but said Friday they still have no suspects in what they still consider a random act.

"It's just a huge blow, It's a

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on

about ourselves, about ourselves, about being a peaceful, safe place where kids come," Moser said, "She was a Joyful person. She loved this place. For now, police are looking for clues in her car. Officers believe the killer had access to her vehicle, but aren't sute of the circumstances. They are canwassing the neighborhood where Carson's body was found but don't know what she was doing there. Two callers to 911 reported hearing several guu shots, and one heard Carson scream. "We've been getting a number of leads that were trying to follow up on," said Chapel lill Police Chief Brian Curran. Carson was last seen a few nours before, when she staved

nnt rotice Chief Brian Curran.
Carson was last seen a few lours before, when she stayed behind at home to study as her roommates went out for the night. There were no signs of forced enry to the home, but Curran said authorities have yet to find her keys and wallet.

Burk's fantily said they created a fund to help apprehend her killer. Georgia Gov Sonny Perdue said he has asked the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to Offer assistance in both investigations. Teachers at Carson's high school in Athens said she seemed destined for greatness. She was courted by prestigious universities who admired her both her leadership and interest in everything science, politics and government, music and art and sports.

T've been teaching for 26 years and honsely, she's truly one of a kind," said Clarke Central High-biology teacher haddy Sims. The saught a lot more than a smart kid. She was just incredibly inquisitive. She was never satisfied with just a cursory look at anything.

She was never sustained win-just a cursory look at any-thing."

Carson was perfect for the prestigious Morehead-Cain Scholarship, an award that packages a full ride to North Carolina with a legion of opportunities on campus and off, While in college, Carson studied abroad in Cuba and control in working and culspent time working and vol-uneteering in Ecuador, Egypt and Ghana.

Wyoming basks in a rare Democrats' glow

CHEVENNE, Wyo. — The headline in the Casper Star-Tibhure the other day pretty much said it all: "Iny and very Republican, Woming is a Democratic player at last." Normally, it is not much fun being a Democrat here. The sparsely populated state — with half a million residents, it ranks 50th in the nation — has 59,130 registered Democratis, compared with 136,000 Republicans. When asked to describe what that feels like, Kathy Karpan, a former Wyoming secretary of state who supports Hillary Rodbam Clinton for president, didm'ins a beat: "How about Custer?" We are always outcumbered, always the underdog,"

Casterf We are always out-numbered, always the under-dog." This week, Clinton resuscitated her campaign after a long primary losing streak, keeping the nomina-tion contest with Barack Obama close. And suddenly, Wyoming Democrats are basking in a spotlight they have not enjoyed since the state's delegates put John E Kennedy over the up at the 1950 Democratic National Convention.

Convention. What is at stake when



ratic presidential hopeful An unidentified supporter stands on a chair to get a better photograph of De Barack Obama as he leaves a town hall meeting Friday in Casper, Wyo.

Democrats caucus here

Democrats caucus neristaurday?
In reality, not much. Twelve
delegates are up for grabs.
Another six, mostly superdegates, eventually will be in
the mix, bringing Wyoming's
total to 18 of the 2,025 needed to secure the nomination.
But with the state's caucus
occurring during a lull in the
nominating calendar, presidential candidates — and
one very high-profile surrogate — for the first time in
nearly 20 years have stepped

all meeting Friday in Casper, Wyo.
foot onto Wyoming soil.
That has come as both a
shock and a pleasant surprise
to Democratis here, who are
used to being overlooked.
The last time Democratic
presidential candidates came
through, Karpan said, was in
1988.

On Friday, Clinton and Obama each made two appearances. Both visited Casper, while Clinton also stopped in Cheyenne and Obama went to Laramie. In Cheyenne, Laramie

County Community College president Darrell Hammon seemed to be referring to the Republican domination in the state when he welcomed

the state when he weldomed intercrowd.

One of the things that's most important to us at this institution is we allow anyone on our campus," he said, when people said to me, You know, Sen. Hillary Clinton is gonna be on your campus. Are you OK with that? I said, "Why wouldn's we be?"

Former Obama adviser says Iraq commitment a 'best case scenario,' Clinton a 'monster'

WASHINGTON — A for-er adviser to Barack Obama

WASHINGTON — A former adviser to Barack Obama who resigned Friday after calling rival Hillary Rodham Clinton 'a monster' said Obama may not be able to withdraw all U.S. combat troops from Iraq within ayear as he has promised on the campaign trail. Samantha Power, a Pullizer Prize-winner author and unpaid adviser, made the comments in two separate interviews with foreign media while promoting her interviews with foreign media while promoting her interviews with foreign media while promoting her latest book, In a tight Democratic presidential campaign where attacks are becoming increasingly bitter. Power's comments ignited a flurry of accusations between the two candidates.

Clinton said it's bard to know what Obama's real positions are, while Obama insisted he will end the war in 2009 if elected and blamed Clinton for helping start it. The comment that led to the proper substitution came in

2009 if elected and blanned Clinton for helping start it. The comment that led to Power's resignation came in an interview with The Scottsman. 'She is a monster, too—that is off the record—she is stooping to anything, the newspaper quoted her as saying. A few hours after the comments were published, Power, a Harvard professor, announced her resignation in a statement in which she said the remarks were inexcusable and contradictory to her admiration for Clinton. Power told RTE, relands public broadcast service, that alse spoke with Obama by phone Friday and he "made it absolutely clear that we just

couldn't make comments like this in his campaign."

Clinton's campaign sent an e-mail to supporters telling them about the monster

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Fact check: Bush view on economy is rosier than underlying data suggests

By Tom Raum Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON WASHINGTON
President Bush put the best
face on Friday's grim employment report, claiming a
recently Ipassed economic
stimulus; package should
provide a "booster shot" to
an economy he acknowledged was in decline — but
on track, the sald, to prosper
in the future.

on track/he sald, to prosper in the future. Economists, for the most part, don't share his rosy outlook. The Labor Department reported Friday that the economy lost 63,000 payroll jobs in February, the deepest cut in five years, after losing 22,000 Jobs in January. The February figure would have been even higher — over 100,000 lost Jobs in the private sector—had it not brivate sector—had it not brivate for an offsetting increase in government Jobs of 38,000.

THE SPIN

Bush sought to case fears that the U.S. is slipping into a recession, saying he is taking action to get the economy back on track. "I know this is a difficult time for our economy, but we recognized the problem early and provided the economy with a booster shot." Bush told reporters at the White House on Friday. "We will begin to see the impact over the coming months." "In the long run, we can have confidence that so long as we pursue pro-growth, low-tax policies that put faith in the American people, our

in the American people, our economy will prosper," he

economy will prosper," he said.

Bush also noted that "the unemployment rate improved to 4.8 percent."

A White House "fact sheet" boasts that the economy has added "more than 6.1 million jobs since August 2003."

In his remarks, Bush said the \$152 billion stimulus package passed last monthly Congress would give the economy a needed jolt. Rebate thecks of \$600 for individuals, \$1.200 for copies, plus \$300 each for dependent children for all but the highest-paid Armericans will sart appear in May.

THE FACTS

The "Improvement" in the monthly unamployment rate, 0.4. Be percent is not really good news. The statistic was iargely driven by the fact that so many adults have become discouraged and stopped looking for work, contributing to a drop in the total number of adults either employed or looking for work.

University of Maryland economist Peter, Morici calculates that, factoring in the decline in adults looking for work, the unemployment rate is actually 6.B percent. As to job growth during Bushs term do you wonder why the administration picked August 2003 as a starting point?

That's because it was a low point for job creation.

When Bushs took office in the control of the con The "improvement" in the

That's because it was a low point for job creation.

When Bush took office in January 2001, there were 132.5 million non-farm workers. In August 2003, the number had fallen to 129.0 million. As of February, there are 130 million in the work ce — for a net increase ce Bush took office of 5.5

That barely keeps pace with population growth, conomists suggest.

Many economists say the U.S. economy is already in recession — even though it hasn't met the classic definition of itwo back-to-back quarters' of declining gross domestic product — and say the White House is trying to sugarcoat the statistics.

The U.S. economy grew at a 0.6 percent annual rate in the October-December 2007 quarter.

guarter.

"They're certainly trying to put the best face on the situation. They're spinning it their way," said Standard and Poor's chief economist David Wyss, who suggests the econ-

Se Habla Espanol

Bush says economy has slowed but consumers will give it a boost by spending rebate checks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Friday that "it's clear our economy has slowed" and tried to reassure an anxious public that the long-term outlook is mored.

is good.
"Losing a job is painful
and I know Americans are
concerned about our economy. So am I," Bush said
during a hastily arranged

White House appearance on the heels of a gloomy government economic report.

I know this is a difficult time for our economy. The said. "But we recognized the problem early and we provided the economy with a booster shot."

Congress passed and Bush signed a stimulus package that will send tax

rebates to many families fear it will come too late

fear it will come too late—
or that people will use the
money to save or pay off
debt, rather than go on a
spending spree that will
boost the economy.

Bush gently urged people
to do the latter. "When the
money reaches the
American people, we expect

it to boost consumer spend-ing," he said.
Earlier, the presidents top economic adviser said that the nations conomic growth could dip into nega-ive territory for the current quarter. That tracks with the assessments of many out-side experts but is the most pestimistic word to come so far from the White House.



Finally, putting a leash on Connecting Idaho

CHEERS: To the House Transportation Committee, for voting to scale back the Connecting Idaho roads project. The measure, sponsored by Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, aims to limit debt payments on bonds to 20 percent of annual federal highway aid. It's now 30 percent. Since 2006, 5446 million in highway bonds have been approved, with \$134 million proposed for fiscal 2009.

Smith has warned of the longterm consequences of Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle indebtedness. Thursday's vote shows that he's not alone. If it passes the House, the legisla-tion is likely DOA in the Senate, where Transportation Committee chair John McGee, it-Caldwell, backs GAIVIEI. But at least one House committee has embraced fiscal sanity.

IEERS: There's not a single expert on climate change in the Idaho Senate, but that doesn't matter. Senators voted Wednesday not ask the state to compile a report on greenhouse gas emissions. Sen. Shirley McKague, R-Meridian, explained that she and 19 of her colleagues — including Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo,



and Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert
— aren't convinced humans contribute to climate change.
The retired legal secretary evidently has insight that has cluded
the bulk of the scientific communi-

And she missed the point. The

resolution wasn't about the sci-ence; it was about what the state was going to do about climate change.

was going to do about change.
Nothing, apparently,
Had the measure passed, it
would have directed state agencies
to Identify potential economic
growth opportunities that may
result from future greenhouse gas
emission regulation — and identify
ways Idaho could develop renewable energy resources.
Instead, talk-radlo pseudo-science prevailed, leaving Idaho at a
competitive disadvantage.

CHEERS: To the Burley High

School boys basketball team, which capped a 46-game winning streak last week with a second con-secutive state Class 4A champi-

onship.

The Bobcats' 75-54 victory over
Bonneville High School in the title
game ran their two-year record to
53-1.

That's a remarkable achievement in an era when high schools are closely grouped by size into five divisions, making each classification more competitive.

We cagerly look forward to seeing whether the Burley boys can run their winning streak to 47 games and a three-peat.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questions unanswered in school levy election

In SCR001 tey election
Before the 2006 school
bond election, questions
were raised about location,
facilities, maintenance,
landscaping, alternative
heating and cooling,
teachers, administration,
furnishing, equipment,
construction and related costs. All responses were

evasive.

Why did it take more
than a year to receive the
proper permits, estimates,
approvals of plans and, inally, the letting of con-tracts for bid? The high inable, the letting of con-treates for hid? The high school that was to be \$33.6 million is more than 147.5 million and growing. The tax rate more \$23.8 (2.64) per \$1.000 assessed value. The proposed levy could go from 29 cents to \$1.27 and raise the taxes on a \$200,000 home more than \$110 per year. Yet news articles state, the districts tax rate would not increase if this facilities levy passes. So should not the price of zero? The stadius digyn improvements (tocker space, gyn lobby, lobby, foyer to bridge gynals ve-tours passed to the price of zero? The stadius flocker space, gyn lobby, lobby, foyer to bridge gynals ve-tours pass the proposed

included in the 593.7 mil-lion bond. However, "If voters pass the proposed plant facilities lavy, it could also be used toward some of the skited remod-eling projects associated / with the district's school bond..." That is not the purpose of this levy. In each generation, con-cerned eithers committed to improve public school facilities, environment and in each community. Are we getting the best bang for the buck? Are we playing fish and the administration is changing the rules to poker!

administration is changing the rules to poker?
The Idaho Code has one Title for School Elections and another for Primary and General Elections. Is the fox managing the hen-

house? Vote: Ready our ballot Does it state, "Acquisition of School Sites" again? I still like "Segundo High." "Sharks" and "Kelly Green and Silver" for the new high school. Did anyone consider the future students' input? DICK TANAKA Twin Falls

District needs to learn to live within its means

Here we go again — those who want everyone else to pay for what they want are trying to raise

want are trying to raise taxes again.

Since the Magle Valley is growing so fast, those of us who have been here a long time are supposed to help hay for all the newcomers. We need to change the property tax structures that the people causing the need for new schools

and infrastructure pay for it themselves. I don't need any new Infrastructure; why should I have to pay for it?

Why is the Twin Falls School District showing the need for a tax increase down the throats of Inyear-olds to write for high they will not have to pay for! How many property or pay property tax? I suppose that is why years ago only property tax? I suppose that is why years ago only property owned. Those of as who are tired of the never-ending government pick; pocketing of its citizens need to say enough is cough!, am paying no more. We need to let the schools and other governmental agencies, how what we are not never-ending sources of funds for all their per projects.

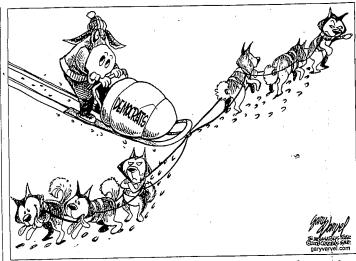
ects.
They need to learn to live on less just like many of us in this valley are doing to survive. We, the people, cannot go out and tax our neighbors every time we need something. Sometimes we have to go without or live on less.
STEVEN W. HARMON Filer

Spending on schools now will save in the long run

"Analytical Reading and Critical Thinking" was the title of a demanding and exciting subject that I once taught at Twin Falls High School

exciting surject may note taught at twin Falls High School.
Unfortunately, that class became a victim of budget constraints.
Fortunately, teachers try to instill critical thinking in all disciplines, urging students to look at the facts when reaching a conclusion.
The facts concerning the renewal of the plant facilities levy for the Twin Falls School District are readily available. Still we hear people protest that the renewed levy will increase property taxes, while the fact is that the tax rate will remain the same as it is now.
It is true that property

fact is that the tax rate will remain the same as it is now.
It is true that property taxes have increased recently, but don't blame the school district. Instead, blame the increased assessments, blame the appreciation of property which has risen dramateally the last few dramateally dramateally



A long six weeks until Pennsylvania

ASHINGTON —
Last fall, long
before the first
before the first
bemocratic presidential
contest, Rep. Rabm
Emanuel of Illinois told me
in an interview that he
thought Barack Obama
could beat filliary Rodham
Clinton, But Emanuel added
an important proviso, saying
Obama could win only "fifue
runs a perfect campragn."



DAVID BRODER

Emanuel, a former aide in Emanuel, a former aide ir the Clinton White House and a fellow Chleagoan of Obama's, is now happily clinging to neutrality because as chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, he is part of the congres-sional leadership.

he is part of the congressional leadership.

A veteran campaign strategist himself, Emanuel said he knew it was rare that a first-time national candidate like Objama could achieve perfection. He could point to the experiences of such diverse figures as Hubert Humphrey, Ronald Reagan, Al Gore, George H.W. Bush land now John McCain), all of whom rail to be comparable to the country of the country of the country of the country implied that odds were that Objama would not run 'a perfect campaign.' And this week Emanuel was proved right.

When Objama, after 12 victories in a row (Including Tuesday's win in Vermont), stumbled in Texas. Ohio and Rhode Island, he allowed

"The overriding factor in Clinton's comeback may have been the wish by Democratic voters, who admire both these candidates, to see the contest continue."

In pulling off her third comeback — following her recovery after losses in Iowa and South Carolina — Clinton proclaimed at a Columbus rally that her victory was vindication for everyone "who's ever been counted out but refused to be knocked out and for everyone who has stumbled but stood right back up. Signalling her intention to fight on to the August con-vention in Denver, she said, "We're going on, we're going tory was vindication for "We're going on, we're going strong and we're going all

Clinton back into the race

Obama, in San Antonio, responded by boasting plausibly that the net results of Tuesday's voting would hardly dent his roughly 150-vote lead in elected dele-gates, a lead that is likely to

vote lead in elected delegates, a lead that is likely to grow in upcoming contests in Wyoming and Mississippl. But by adding Texas and Ohio to her previous wins in California, New York and New Jersey, Clinton strengthened her argument to the superdelegates who may utilmately decide this contest that she is the stronger bet in the big states that are key to Democratic victories in November. She is the early favorite in the next big battleground, Pennsylvania, on April 22. Its Democrate governor. Ed Rendell, told me 10 days ago that she would certainly win there if she came in off victories in Ohio and Texas. And Rendell — the leader of the strongest organization in the state — has the capacity

to make that a self-fulfilling prophecy, just as Gov. Ted Strickland did for Clinton in Ohio.

prophecy, just as Gov. Ted Strickland did for Clinton in Ohio.

The most striking thing in the exit pulls was Clinton's success with the late deciders in both big states. Among the one-fifth of the voters who told exit pulls hely made their decision during the last three days. Clinton led by 21 points in Texas and 18 points in Ohio. In that time span, Ohama was pummeled by all sides and he did not stand up well. McCain also took him to task for a statement implying that al-Quida was not already embedded in Iraq. His own campaign was anot already embedded in Iraq. His own campaign was about a senior advisor's private assurances to the Canadian government not to take too seriously Obama's talk about renegotating NATAT. Reporters pastered him so presistently with questions about his past ties to a Chicagoan on rial for political flaing that Doman belied from the room.

Obama bolted from the room.
Important as these events were, the overriding factor in Clinton's comeback may have been the wish by Democratic voters, who admire both these candidates the state of the s admire both these candidates, to see the contest continue. A Washington Post-ABC News poil reported Tuesday morning showed that two-thirds of the Democrats wanted Clinton to stay in if she won either Texas or Ohio.

As they contemplate a

The road to the White House

Delegates still needed to secure the Democratic nomination: 504Barack Obama 600......Hillary Clinton

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campaign against McCain, who emphasizes his national security credentials, the superdiegates must factor in the fact that in both these big states, Democrats gave much higher marks to Clinton than to Obama as a potential commander in chief.

chief.
Whenever the Democratic race ends, the winner is on notice that the tougher struggle still lites ahead. In officially claiming the Republican nomination, McCain clearly signaled his readiness to defend his position on Iraq, pledging to bring the war 'to the swiftest possible conclusion,' but only after defeating al-Qalda in Iraq so America can leave with 'our honor intact.'' And Mike Huckabee, in his graceful concession speech, signaled the growing Republican unity behind McCain, while strengthening his own claim to a future: leadership noe in title GOP.
This has been a magnificent campaign on both sides. And the best of it may still tehead.

Washington Post colum-Whenever the Democratic

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Article on school levy needs clarification

After reading Andre

After reading Andrea Gates' articles on the front page of the Sunday March 2, paper, I felt some clarification was needed.

By the inaccuracies it would appear that your primary source was Tony Salterno, and not the information provided through the district and Dr. Dobbsthorough answers to your many questions. You mentioned in your article that if the maintenance levy is approved, the tax rate would go from 29 cents to \$1.27. Where did you come up with that figure? The current rate is 29 cents, but the tax rate will not increase, it will remain at 29 cents. The increase in revenue comes from increased property values which the school district has no control over. The combined bond and maintenance levy will remain at \$2.38, just as they have in the past.

Honeywell had proposed

the past.
Honeywell had proposed three phases of performance contracts. The first two

have been approved; the third was not even discussed. At the time the board approved the second phase, there were three roofs in the district that had to be replaced.

These were at Bickel, Lincoln and the high school gym. The district had been warned that if the gym roof was not replaced, catastrophic failure was certain. The current maintenance levy revenues are 5750,000; the cost of the gym roof alone was more than \$775,000, with Bickel and Lincoln's roof projects at nearly \$1 million.

There was little choice and this decision did not increase taxes.

If this levy fails, the district, by law HB743, will still come from cutting programs, maybe arts or sports. How popular will that be? Please keep in mind that the School Board trustees are taxpayers too.

SHERRY DRUMMOND

are taxpayers too.
SHERRY DRUMMOND
Twin Falls
(Editor's Note: Sherry
Drummond is the sister of

School Roard member School Board member Kenney Young and is a past trustee candidate. All infor-mation in the article was provided by the school dis-trict, State Department of Education or county offi-cials. None have questioned its accuracy.

Facilities levy helps pay for needed improvements

Thank you for your past support regarding the Twin Falls School District Plant Facilities Levy. The commu-nity's financial backing has allowed Bickel School.

Facilities Levy. The community financial backing has allowed Bickel School, which is 70 years old, to function as well as newer school buildings.

In the past, the money has been used to purchase new desks and chaltrs, as well as lunchroom tables. We have been able to replace carper, sinks and windows.

The new air conditioning and upgrades to the boiler system make our learning environment much more comfortable. Cameras have been installed both inside the building and outside to increase security.

We appreciate your com-

mitment and encourage your continued support. KELLI SCHROEDER

Twin Falls Twin Falls (Editor's note: Kelli Schroeder is the principal at Bickel Elementary School.)

Facilities levy will ensure longevity of schools

Support the Twin Falls shool District Plant

Facilities Levy, March 11. Twin Falls residents can be proud of Twin Falls School District buildings. The buildings are aging, yet remain well maintained, safe and in exceptional con-

ition. The district is seeking renewal of the 10-year pla facilities levy March 11. Twin Falls School District has maintained its numerhas maintained its numer-ous buildings using the existing 10-year plant facili-ty levy funds for 50 years. Residents have supported the 10-year plant facilities levy since 1958 and every 10 years since. These funds will not be

used for new projects but to maintain or remodel existg facilities and to upgrade

It is important to remem-ber that residents will not experience an increase in the current tax rate due to the 10-year plant facilities

Continuing to support the levy will ensure the longevi ty of school facilities for future use.

luture use.
Help keep Twin Falls students in safe, well-maintained school buildings by voting March 11.
MIK ALLRED
CLARA A. ALLRED
Twin Falls

Schools rely on levy money to stay safe

This is the time of year we begin thinking about summer maintenance projects that need to be completed at our schools. At Harrison, there are a

few rooms that need new carpet (after 20 years). There are also many desks that are broken and need to be replaced.
All of these things are paid for with the building main-

tenance levy that voters have supported for the last

In the past, we were able

to redo our library and computer lab with these funds. We rely on this money to keep our buildings maintained in a safe and functional manner. As a taxpayer, I'm Impressed with the fact that my tax rate will not go up if the levy is approved. Thanks for your support of our schools, both in the past and, hopefully, on Tuesday,

Tuesday, CHRISTINE GILLETTE Twin Falls (Editor's note: Christine Gillette is the principal at Harrison Elementary School.)

Schools need support to be well maintained

to be well maintained
Drive around our schools in Twin Falls, and you will be able to see how well they have been maintained through the years. It is so important to pass the levy so that our buildings and grounds will continue to be upgraded and taken care of.
We have to get out and vote yes on March 11.
RUITH DAY
Twin Falls



يسم هـ Jon Poling, left, and Terry Poling are shown with their Sycarolid daughter Hannah Poling. In a more artism advocates call unprecedented, federal health officials have agreed that childhood vaccines contributed to the autiptic Georgia girl's symptoms.

Vaccine settlement no slam-dunk for autism advocates; girl not 'typical autistic'

By Mike Stobbe and Marilynn Marchione Associated Pross writers

ATLANTA - For those convinced ATLANTA — For those convinced that vaccines can cause autism, the sad case of a Georgia girl, daughter of a doctor and lawyer, seems like clear-cut evidence. The government has agreed to pay the girl's family for injury caused by vaccines.

But it turns out it's not that simple —

caused by vaccines.
But it turns out it's not that simple—
and maybe not even a first.
The 9-year-old girl, Hannah Poling,
had an underlying condition that may
have been worsened, triggering her
autism-like symptoms.
Her parents believe it was the five
simultaneous vaccines she got as a
oddler in one day eight years ago that
did it. Government scientists say
something like a fever or infection
could have set off the problem—but
they didn't rule out the vaccines either.
This week, government officials said
they have agreed to pay the Polings
from a federal fund that compensates
people Injured by vaccines. The
amount Is not yet determined.

from a federal fund that compensates people Injured by vaccines. The amount is not yet determined.
While parents and advocates for autistic children say the case is a landmark legal precedent that signals the government is finally conceding potential autism-related risk modified to the control of the cont

O.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Her comments came after the Polings, from Athens, Ga., held a news conference Thursday to talk about their daughter, who accompanied them. At the briefing, Hannah seemed socially engaged with her, caregiver, but later in an appeadance on CNN's "Larry King Live" she was quiet and seemed to be in her own world.

As a toddler, they said she was a bright, normal-behaving child until she got five shots when she was about 18 months old. She was a little behind on her vaccinations, so the decision

Analysis

was made to give her five shots.
Almost immediately after, she was screaming, feverish and irritable. Then, her behavior gradually changed so she would stare at fans and lights and run in circles.
"It wasn't like a switch being turned off. It was more like a dimmer switch being turned down," said Hannah's father, ion, a 37-year-old mother. Terry, who is trained shate, jon, a 37-year-old mother. Terry, who is trained as both a lawyer and a nurse. "Suddenly my daughter was no longer there," she said.
The family filed a claim with the federal vaccine compensation program in 2002, which the government ultimate-ly decided to concede before any evidentiary hearing.
The case may not be a first, said Gary Golklewicz, chief special master for the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. He oversees the special "vaccine court" which rules on requests for payments from the waccine injury fund.
"Years ago, actually, I had a case, before we understood or knew the implications of autism, that the vaccine injury the said.
And the symptoms that come with hust cases. Collidenter and there are other somewhat similar cases. Goldwinder, we have the menter of autism."

And there are other somewhat similar cases, Golkiewicz says, that were decided before autism and its sympms were more clearly defined. Hannah has a disorder involving her

Hannah has a disorder involving her mitochondria, the energy factories of cells. The disorder — which can be present at birth or acquired later in life — impairs cells' ability to use nutrients. It often causes problems in brain functioning and can lead to delays in walking and talking.

The Polings were exploring two theories to explain what happened to Hannah. One is that she was born with the mitochondria disorder and the vaccines caused a stress to her body

orsened the condition. that worsened the vaccine ingredient thimerosal caused the mitochondrial dysfunction, Ion Poling said. CDC officials decline to talk about

dysfunction, Jon Poling said.
CDC officials decline to talk about
the Poling case, but they say it should
not be used to draw conclusions
about tisks for other children.
Scientists believe that in cases in
which a mitochondrial disorder cause
ea childs brain function to deterior
atte, the disorder exists and then is
worsened by a fewer, infection or other
stress on the body.
Scientists don't know if a vaccination—independent of fewer or infection—can cause such a stress, said
Dr. Edwin Trevathan, a pediatric neurologist who heads the CDC's birth
defects center.
Others echoed his assessment.
"There are no scientific studies doumenting that childhood vaccinations
cause or worsen mitochondrial discause or worsen mitochondrial discause or worsen mitochondrial discases, but there is very little scientific
research in this area," said Chuck
Mohan, executive director the United
Mitochondrial Disease Foundation, a
Pittsburgh-based group that raises Pittsburgh-based group that raises money for research.

Mohan said there are more than 100

types of mitochondrial disease, and genetic tests can find only a couple

dozen.

"Most children with autism do not seem to have a mitochondrial problem, so this association... is probably relatively rare," said Trevathan.

Some research suggests the disorder occurs in one in 4,000 births, but some experts believe the rate is closer to one in 2,000, similar to childhood leukenia.

in 2,000, similar to childhood leukemia.
And it is often just as fatal, said Mohan, bolest a daughter to the disease in 1995.
Other federal vaccine advisers seek to portray Hannah Poling as an isolated if not unique case.
She is 'not a typical autistic child,' said Dr. Paul Offit, chief of infectious diseases at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and a longtime government vaccine adviser. 'It's not a precedent-setting case."

Continue a long tradition of Twin Falls residents supporting schools

1 958, 1968, 1978, 1988, and 1998. What do these years have in common? These were the years patrons in Twin Falls supported a plant facilities levy for the Twin Falls School District. We are hoping to add 2008 to this

llst.
Over the past 50 years
this money has provided
necessary upgrades needed
to maintain and operate
the educational facilities in
which our children are taught. Unquestionably th be the best, as we all are experiencing increases in our cost of living. Should this stop our commitment to the youth of our commu-nity? We believe not. General maintenance

General maintenance and upkeep of school facili-ties is something that can-not be overlooked or deferred. These repairs and upgrades are necessary to maintain and operate aging buildings in our school dis-trict, some of which are

we want patrons to know that funds generated from the plant facilities levy are separate from the monies that were levied in the construction of t 2006 for the construction of Canyon Ridge High School and the ongoing renovation projects occurring through-out the district. During the long-range facilities planning process, particular care was taken to accurately identify both the present and future facility needs of our schools. In truth, the planned continuation of the plant facility levy is a key element of the long-range facilities plan in the TWM Falls School District. We need to continue the practice of maintaining our buildings and school grounds for if we fall to do so we will be replacing them in the future at a much greater cost to tax-payers. ly identify both the present

payers.
Fortunately for each of us, we have chosen a great place to live. However, due to the state of Idaho's education funding formula, the

READER COMMENT Scott McNeley and Linda Watkins

cost of constructing and maintaining our educational facilities lies in the hands of the patrons within each school district. The state legislature is mandating that school districts spend 2 percent of the value of its educational facilities per year. This amounts to approximately \$30 million over a 10 year period for the Twin Falls School District. The formula however is skewed, as it uses \$80 per square foot for new construction costs, when in all actuality we are experiencing new construction costs of over \$200 per square foot.

foot.

Until we see a change at the state level for the funding of new facilities and the maintenance of existing facilities where no other choice than to pay for these projects 100 percent through bond levies.

Continuing growth in Twin Falls will be accomplished through investment in our commountly, both public and private. One such investment is in our school system. Which was such investment is in our school system will be unable to compete for future business growth. If we ignore the cost of improving our educational facilities in the short run, we risk a significant decline in the quality of education we provide our children. Eventually, the cost of this neglect will affect each of us personally and financially, as well as the community as a whole. Please join us in supporting the TESD plant facilities levy. Get out and vote yes ownersh.

levy. Get out on March 11.

Scot McNeley and Linda Watkins co-chair the Twin Falls School District Long Range Planning Committe

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U.S. troops are suffering hearing damage in epidemic numbers

Roadside bombs blamed

By Chelsea J. Carter Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — Soldiers and Marines caught in road-side bombings and fitelights in Iraq and Afghanistan are coming home in repidemic numbers with permanent hearing loss and ringing in their ears, prompting the military to redouble its efforts to protect the troops from noise. Hearing damage is the No. 1 disability in the war on terror. according to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and some experts say the true toll could take decades to become clear. Nearly 70,000 of the more than 1.3 million troops who have served in the two war zones are collecting disability for tinnitus. a potentially for tinnitus, a potentially debilitating ringing in the ears, and more than 50,000 are on disability for rearing loss, the VA said. —The numbers attagering," said Theresa Schulz, a former audiologist with the Air Force, past president of the National Hearing Conservation Association and author of a 2004 report titled "Troops Return With Alarming Rates of Hearing Lass."

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One major explanation given is the insurgency's use of a fearsome weapon the Pentagon did not fully anticipate: powerful roadside bombs. Their blasts cause violent changes in air pressure that can rupture the eardstan and break bones. sure that can rupture the eardrum and break bones

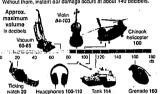
inside the ear.

Also, much of the fighting consists of ambushes, bombings and firefights, which come suddenly and unex-



San Diego. Thursday, Kahlor's hearing was damaged by exposure to multi-

Combat noise harms solider's hearing



death. Hoffer and others said. Others were not given earplugs or did not take them along when they were sent into the war zone. And some Marines weren't told how to

use their specialized earplugs and inserted them incorrect-

ly.

Hearing damage has been
a battlefield risk ever since
the introduction of explosives and artillery, and the
U.S. military recognized it in
fraq and Afghanistan and
issued earplugs early on. But
the sheer number of injuries

ectedly, giving soldiers no me to use their military-

pectedly, going soldiers no time to use their militaryissued hearing protection.

They can't say, 'Wait a
minute, let me put my
earphugs in." said Dr. Michael E. Hoffer, a Navy
captain and one of the country's leading inner-ear specialists. They are in the fight
of their lives.

In addition, some servicemen on patrol refuse to wear
carplugs for fear of dulling
their senses and missing
sounds that can make the difference between life and

and their nature — particularly the high incidence of timitus—came as a surprise to military medical specialists and outside experts.

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The military has respond-dover the past three years with better and easier-to-use earplugs, greater efforts to educate troops about protecting their hearing, and more testing in the war zone to detect ear linjuries. The results aren't in yet on the new measures, but Army officials believe they will significantly slow the rate of new cases of hearing damage, said Col. Kathy Gates, the Army surgeon general's audiology adviser.
Considerable damage has already been done.

auditology adviser.

Considerable damage has already been done.

For former Staff Sgt. Ryan Kelly. 27, of Austin. Texas, the noise of war is still with him more than four years after the simultaneous explosion of three roadside bombs near Baghdad.

"It's funny, you know. When it happened, I didn't feel my leg gone. What I remember was my ears ringing," said Kelly, whose leg was blown off below the knee in 2003. Today, his leg has been replaced with a prosthetic, but his ears are still fringing. "It is constantly reminds me of getting hit. I don't want to sit here and think about getting blown up all the time. But that's what it does."

Skry percent of U.S. personnel exposed to blasts suffer from permanent hearing loss, and 49 percent also suf-

sonnel exposed to blasts suf-fer from permanent hearing loss, and 49 percent also suf-fer from dinnitus, according to military audiology reports. The hearing damage ranges from mild, such as an inabili-ty to hear whispers or low pitches, to severe, including total deafness or a constant loud ringing that destroys the ability to concentrate. There is no known cure for tinnitus or hearing loss.



Interior official looks into delays in listing polar bear as threatened species

Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The
Interior Department's
inspector general has begun
a preliminary investigation
into why the department
has delayed for nearly two
months a decision on listing
the polar bear as threatened
because of the loss of Aretic
sea Ice.

A recommendation to
Interior Secretary Dirk
Kempthorne was to have
been made by the U.S. Fish
and Wildliff Service on
whether to declare the bear
threatened in early January.
But when the deadline
came, the Jagency sald it
needed another month, a
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A spokesman for the department's inspector general's office said a case had been opened in response to a letter from several environmental groups. He said the preliminary inquiry would determine whether a full-fledged investigation is warranted.

"The letter had specific allegations... (so) we started an initial inquiry," said Kris J. Kolesnik, associate inspector general for exter-

nal affairs. "If the initial inquiry produces some-thing that warrants us to take further action, that's when we open an investiga-

when we open an investiga-tion."

Scientists have said the bear is under a growing interat because of the signif-icant loss of Arctic see ice due to global warming. The interior Department in early 2007 proposed list-ing the bear as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, triggering a year of scientific review. By law a recommendation was to have been made by the Fish and Wildlife Service by last Jan. 9, a year after tige

to have been made by the Fish and Wildliffs Service by last Jan. 9, a year after the initial action. The letter to Inspector General Earl Devaney, signed by six environmental groups, alleges that Fish and Wildlife Director Dale Hall violated the agency's scientific code of conduct and the Endangered Species Act in delaying the decision after all of the scientific data had already been developed and sent to Washington before Christmas.

The code is almed at preventing inappropriate political influence as the agency administers the Endangered Species Act.





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Student who faced expulsion taken out of school

Andrea Gates

The mother of a seventh-grade student who faced pos-sible expulsion from Xavier Charter School said she has withdrawn her child from the

withdrawn her child from the school. Jennifer Garcia and her son, Justice Garcia, 12, said they didn't feel the school made lis policies clear to them and they didn't feel they were being treated fairly. Garcia said an expulsion hearing set for Feb. 28 was cancelled. She said this week she took her child out of the school on Feb. 29.

"I didn't want to fight," Garcia said. "It was exhausting."

"I didn't want to fight." Garcia said. "It was exhausting."
Justice Garcia had been suspended twice this school over from Xavier and given 23 "tickets" from teachers for act working a cell phone, chewing gum, not finishing homework, in working and leaving class without permission. Garcia said. The Garcias said they were told to pull Justice from the school.

Students are referred to the school board if they've been suspended twice. Students with two tekets are assigned one hour of "teacher-direct deservice," and then, after five of those sessions, a kid is suspended, according to letter from Xavier to Garcia. This ticket policy is not specified in the school's charred document or in a school board policy manual provided by the school to the Times. News.

Nens.

Xavier requires students to be polite and attentive. All other behavior is considered disruptive, according to a letter from the school to Garcia. Xavier has not expelled a student, its principal, Cindy Palcher, has said.

Justice Garcia is now attention.

Fulcher, has said.

Justice Garcia is now
attending a junior high
school in the Twin Falls
School District, Garcia said.

Fulcher, has said she does
not counsel families away
from enrollment, and she
said consequences are discussed.

said consequences are dis-cussed.

Xavier was approved by the Idaho Public Charter School Commission this week to begin expanding its school beginning this fall with ninth grade and then the remain-ing high school grades will follow during the next three years, Fulcher has said.

Andrea Gates can reached at 735-3380 Andrea.Gates@lce.net.

in the Magic Valley



Age: 44 Description: 6 feet 4 inch

es tall, 175 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes Wanted for: Probation

violation Original charge: Fraud, no account check, insuforiginal quarge. Plaus, insufficient funds check; bond, \$75,000
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information boat Paulice, where about Paullus' where-abouts to call 735,1911 abouts to call 735,1911 or Crime Stoppers at 732,5387, where tip— sters can remain anony-mous and might be eligi-ble for a cash reward.

Recognizing dating danger

Coalition against sexual violence trains social workers

There are warning signs of dating violence, and a group of social service agencies in Idaho tried spreading the word in Twin Falls. More than 30 local police

detectives, school nurses, teachers, church workers, Girl Scouts, lawyers, state

employees and hospital staff filled a conference room at the Shilo Inn on Friday, Each attendee received a

Each attendee received a binder picturing a man squeezing the forearm of a young woman. Inside that binder were four sets of curriculum designed to teach about the warning signs of dating violence for different age groups — from the fifth

grade through adulthood.
Warning signs can be all
around teenagers and adults,
but sometimes unhealthy
relationships kids see in their
homes can confuse them,
said Sherry Iverson, director
of women's and children's
community education at St.
Luke's Regional Medical

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Service rewarded



Bill Erans and his wife Jan are congratulated Friday afternoon after he received the Jefferson Award at the Blue Lakes Cor is part of interfaith Volunteers and has logged more than 1,000 hours doing home modifications such as wheelchair ramp

Jefferson Awards recognize Kimberly man for outstanding volunteer work

By Damon Hunzeker Times-News correspondent

There's only one side to this story. On Friday, Blue Lakes Country Club hosted the Southern Idaho Jefferson Awards — an on-controversial event, because few people, If any, oppose selfies volunteers committed to anonymous community service.

ice.
While 24 Magic Valley residents were nominated for their contributions, only one person could, of

course, actually win — Bill Evans of

course, actually win — Bill Evans of Kimberly.
The Jefferson Awards was founded in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Sen. Robert Taft, Jr., and Sam Beard. On the national level, people such as Laura Bush and Whoopi Goldberg, provide the norminations. Devryone from Dick Cheney to Ralph Nader has received the awards, norminated by local leaders, are reserved for common clients devoted to free numberalded service to their communities.

For the past five years, the Southern Idaho Awards have been sponsored by Con Paulos Automotive Group and Neuhoff Communi-cations.

cations.

The luncheon began with a invocation by the Rev. J. Pat Branch, who reminded the 70-plus attendees that people of all denominations — or perhaps no religious affiliation — are supposed to help the disadvantaged.

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Ex-Ketchum athlete races in ski championships

FAIRFIELD — For Elliss Storey, coming to Soldier Mountain for the 2008 Hartford U.S. Disabled Alpine Championships is coming home. While com-peting to defend her position on the U.S. Disabled Alpine Ski Team this week, Storey, 20, got to stay with her par-ents in Ketchum. "Everyone here saw me

20, got to stay with her parents in Ketchum.
"Everyone here saw me growing up," she said Thursday Since she attended schools in Blaine County, she anticipates support from friends at today's stalion events, the last day of the championships, which began Monday.

Storey was born with Amniotic Band Syndrome, a defect believed to be caused by an early break in the inner layer of the placenta. Fibers from the amnion and other membranes wrap acound the fetal: extremities and constrict them. Storey's ABS led to an above-the-knee amputation of her right leg. She uses a prosthesia.

uses a prosthesis Now a sopl Now a sophomore at Colorado Mountain College, Storey stays positive while balancing academics and



Elitsa Storey of prings, Colo. ls shown Thursday out-side a lodge at Soldier Mountain Ski

Area after par-ticipating in the Pro-Am event, a fundraiser for the Wood River Ability Program. Storey used to live in Ketchu

competition. "Ski racing's all I've known," she said. Now, though, she is exploring new life goals and career options in addition to contending for a berth at the 2010

agree more. "Just because you're disabled doesn't mean you can't accomplish great. things," he said. "Your life's not over. You can go back to work. You can find a new out-

in addition to contending tor both and the 2010 work you can find a new ounger beautiful and the 2010 work you can find a new ounger beautiful and coming racers keep "Golo" came to that conclusion with the car accident make the team "she sald," body in 1995. When the car accident that particular that the car accident that particular t

but realized his legs weren't working.
With his hand, he felt an abnormality on his spine. My next thought was, They don't fix this," he said. 'I started' thinking of all the people I knew in wheel-chairs, which was none."

At 41, Snow thinks of the accident as a positive thing. 'It's been good for me in a lot of ways," he said Thursday. 'It's probably one of the best things that ever happened to me. It changes your perspective. I wanted to be king of the world. You figure out what life is all about—living, playing and loving."

the world. You figure out what life is all about—living, playing and loving." Ken Corrock, ski school director and race coordinator at Solder Mountain Ski Area, was influential in bringing the event to Solder Mountain, one of the race downhill areas in the nation. "It's just a thrill to have these great athletes here," he said. "This is the biggest event welve ever held."

Ski area thatager Kyle Davenport said he thinks the event will return to Soldier Mountain in the future. We prepared for the worst and hoped for the best. It's just gone really smoothly," he said.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Community Action seeks representative

The South Central
Community Action
Partnership is looking for
an elected low-income
representative for Twin
Falls County on its board
of directors.

of directors.

The representative, who will speak up for the needs of the low-income population of the community, does not have to be low-income, but must be directly connected to the arealytime affecting low.

directly connected to the problems affecting low-income families. Low-income people are encouraged to wote for the representative of their choice to serve on the board.

The election will be held between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. March 18 at the South Central Community Action Partnership, 550 Washington St. S. in Twin Falls. Applications may be obtained at the address above or by calling 733-9351. The application deadline is Thursday.

Support continues for wounded soldier

Families United for Our Troops and Their Mission, a national nonprofit coali-tion, is still seeking dona-tions for U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Anthony Maschek, a Twin Falls resident who was severely injured in an ambush in Iraq last

ambush in Iraq last month.

State chairwoman M.J. Kesterson said she's seeking help for Maschek and his family, who face
months, if not a year or
more, of medical and travel expenses, People can
donate gas cards, frequent
flyer miles, cookies or
even get-well cards.
Financial donations can
be made to an account at
Magic Valley Bank.
Maschek, who was shot
at least flwe times, is recovering in Walter Reed Army
Medical Center in
Washington, D.C. The
Shake-Out in Twin Falls,
the city of Hollister and
other groups in the area
are also seeking donations.

For more information: Kesterson: 733-4411 or (503) 930-9097, or fami-liesunitedmission.com.

First DUI court class graduates in Twin Falls

graduates in Iwin Falls
The first class of divining
under the influence court
in Twin Falls County graduated at 7.30 a.m.
Wednesday to a standling
room only crowd.
Seventeen Twin Falls
County Dul offenders
expressed the positive
transformation the course
had brought about in their
lives.

lives.
The court has existed in Twin falls County for one year. It launched with the help of a Highway Safety grant. Each graduate received a certificate of graduation by Sh District Magistrate Howard Smyser.

From staff reports

Deloris Ruth Bates

Deloris Ruth Bates, 82, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, March 6, 2008, at St. Luke's Magle Valley Medical Center. She was born Dec. 6, 1925, in Grafton, N.D., to Oscar and Annie Staffine. She attended and graduated from Grafton High School in Grafton, N.D. On Aug. 2, 1954, in Twin Falls, she married Paul Raymond Bates. She stood by Paul's side will he was in the millitary for 21 years. In 1990, the family moved to back to Twin Falls from California. Deloris loved to cook. She also loved spending time with her family and friends. She enjoyed animals, flowers, cartoons and watching the Price is Right on TV. Deloris is survived by two

and watering and Right on TV.
Deloris is survived by two sons, Raymond Bates of Irvine, Calif., and Wayne Bates of Nashville, Tenn., four daughters, Victoria Bates of

Sheridan, Calif., Mellodie (Bill) Jarvi of Anaconda, Mont., Sara Bates of Twin Falls and Riobin (Kenny) Cook of Twin Falls. She is also survived by one daughter-inaw, Lori Bates of Citrus Heights, Calif.; three brothers, Michael Staffine, Richard Staffine and Donald Staffine; Richard Staffine and Donald Staffine; Richard Staffine and Donald Staffine; Richard Staffine, Richard Staffine, Richard Staffine, Robert Huff Ir., Nicole Bates, Allchia Welch, Wesley Cook, Gall Cook and Thavis Dye; and by two great-grandchildren, Malh Riobinson and Anthony Robinson Ir; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, her mother and one sister.

A private family graveside service will be held at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Arrangements have been entrusted to White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

Cathern M. VanOverschelde

BUHL — Cathern M. VanOverschelde, age 77, of Buhl, died Friday, March 7. 2008, at her residence.
Cathern was born July 17, 1930, in Nowinger, Mo. She was raised in California and it was at Napn. Calif., that she married Edward L. VanOverschelde on Feb. 10, 1949. The couple moved to Buhl in 1992, where she had

since resided. since resided.

Survivors include her husband, Edward; children,
Gary, Doreen, Karen, Alice
and Debbie; brother, Brownie; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchil

There will be no formal service. Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl is in charge of

SERVICES

Robert D. Joosten of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 il St.; visitation one hour before the funeral (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Ida Elizabeth "Liz" Choate, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Katherine "Kat" Rodd of Kimberly, graveside memori-al service at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial park in Twin Falls (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Michael L. Healy of Hailey memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Life Church, 406 N. Main in Hailey (Wood River Chapel of Hailey).

Margarita Padilla Martinez of Twin Falls, funer-al Mass at noon today at St. Edward the Confesso Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Wynn P. Tingey of Paul, burial at 1 p.m. today at the Brigham City Cenuctery in Brigham City, Utah (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Marcille Ellis of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Rupert LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 26 S. 200 W; visita-tion from 6 to 8 p.m. today the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Brinegar Lucille Lucille Brinegar Albrethsen, formerly of Hailey, open house at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 N. Cloverdale in Boise.

Julie Baker of Alpine, Texas, and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the

Geeslin Chapel in Alpine,

Jeannene Gentry of Rupert, graveside service at 10 a.m. Monday at the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Hazel McAnulty Steen of Glenns Ferry, memorial serv-ice at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Glenns Ferry United Methodist Church (Rost Funeral Home, Mc Murtre Chapel in Mountain Home).

Raymond H. Johnson of Wickenburg, Ariz... and for-merly of Burley, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Presbyterian Church in Burley.

Opal Irene Miller of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary.

Joe Tomeo Tomlnaga of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St.: visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and one hour before the funeral Monday at, the church.

David Kent Severe of Oakley, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, 355 N. Center Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday a Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 1 to 145 p.m. Monday at the church.

Patricia Ann Roy of Gooding, memorial and life tribute at 4 p.m. Monday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding (Demaray Funeral Service in Gooding).

Jonathon Richard Rooney

HAGERMAN — March 5, 2008, our heavenly father called his angel, Jonathon Richard Rooney, back into his

called his angel, Jonathon Richard Rooney, back Into his loving arms.

Jonathon was born Aug.

30, 1993, in Elko, New. While blessing our lives with his be a ut if u smile, he also a up to heart that will be there forever, lonathon left footprints on hearts that will be there forever, lonathon left footprints on hearts that will be there forever, lonathon left footprints on hearts that will be there forever, lonathon level to snow board and be outdoors. He was an avid hunter and excelled at baseball. After being convinced to try out for football this year, he discovered a passion for the game. Jonathon is survived by his pranents, Chad and Cherish Rooney; and his brother, Aaron of Hagerman. He is also survived by his grandparents, John and Byvonne

Rooney and Bill and Terry Millage of Spring Creek, Nev. and by his great-grandparents, Marge Rooney of Elko, Nev. Earnest Tredidga and wife, Flossie of Butte, Mont., and Dolores Watson of Welppe. He is also survived by his aunts and uncles, Brad Rooney and Laura Denney of Boise, Mark and Jenny Millage of Vall, Artz., John and Melia Pentilla of Hagerman, Curtis Millage of Janee, Jacky Huster of Spring Creek, Nev., and Shanelle Millage of Elko, Nev.; and his coustins, Vincent, Vance and Jackson Millage, Ianae and Kyra Millage, Janae and Kyra Pentilla, Annelle Millage and

others. He is loved and dearly missed by all. A celebration of his life will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, March 10, at the Hagerman Christian Center of Hagerman. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service in Gooding.

Lily Rooney, along with many others. He is loved and dearly

Ruth H. Wellhousen

Ruth H. W. HAZELTON — Ruth H. Wellhousen passed away due to complications from old age on Feb. 28, 2008, at B10 s s om Creek Care Center in Wenatchee, Wash. She was born March 29, 1914, in Gothenburg, Neb, to Charles A. and Alice C. (Krawbergen) Strohmeyer. Her parents farmed in the Congregational Church Colorado. She was active in the Congregational Church caching Sunday school and attending youth group. In high school, she was jumping center and captain for the basketball team for four years. Ruth graduated from Arriba High School in 1932.

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During the Dust, Bowl. she
moved with her family to
Twin Falls, Ruth did house
work and later worked at
Woolworth's. Her family
attended the Lutheran
Church (MS) where she met
Martin E Wellhousen. They
married on Jan. 16, 1938.
When Martin died in
October 1990, they had been
married 52 years.
They farmed in both
Hansen and Hazelton. Both
were family farms with Ruth
driving tractor, doing the
farm accounting and milking
her herd of 30 to 40 Holstein
cows. She was active both at
home and in her community
through 4-11 leadership,
homemaker's clubs and
church. Ruth was always
busy with her hands: putting
up produce from the garden.
baking, decorating wedding
cakes for her daughters and
sewing for herself and her
family. During the 1990s, she
made more than 2,000 baby
quilts for abused and neglected children. She played quilts for abused and neg-lected children. She played piano and organ both at



Germany at age 79.
Australia at 83 and Israel at 84.
In May 2006, she moved from Idaho to Wenatchee, Wash., and lived in Blossom Creek Care Center. The family would like to thank Silvia Norman and Pat Haderly of Comfort ,hose care allowed Ruth to stay in her own home in Idaho for as long as she did. did a. Survivors include daugh-

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Survivors include daughters, Ja net' W. (Dale) Crouse of East Wenatchee, Wash., and Gail M. (Edward) Brune of Hazelton: granddaughters, Jennifer (Tony) Talbot of Washington, Sarah Crouse of Washington, Sarah Crouse of Washington, Laurie (Dave of Washington, Sarah Crouse of Washington, Laurie (Dave of Washington, Laurie (Dave of Washington, Laurie (Dave of Washington, Brandchideren, Desiree Ingles (Talbot), Daniel, Martin, Henry and Samuel Talbot, and Nathaniel Kohtz. She is also survived by two sisters-in-law, Mary Strohmeyer of Washington and Edna Brune of Twin Falls. She was preceded in death by the husband, Martin: her parents and three brothers.
A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 17, a Sunset

March 17, at Sunse Memorial Park in Twin Falls Memorial Park in Win Faus, and a memorial service will be held April 12 at the Trinity United Methodist Church in East Wenatchee, Wash. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the College of Idaho in Caldwell or the Idaho Youth Ranch in Rupert.

DEATH NOTICES

Jay C. Looney

BUHI. — Joy Calvin Looney, 58, of Buhl, died Thursday, March 6, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Genoveva Moreno

JEROME — Genoveva (Eva) Moreno, died Friday, March 7, 2008, at home. Arrangements will be announced by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Learn about antiques at North Side Center

GOODING — The College of Southern Idaho North Side

GOUDING — The Coinege of Southern Idaho North Side Center class, Antiques and Collectibles, will meet from 10:30 to 12:30 pm. today at the North Side Center in Gooding.

Learn why antiques are important to collect, with tips on how to care for and use them in your home. Participants will also learn how to find values on elsay, at antique stores, auctions and garage sales.

Cost for the one-session class is \$17. For registration information: 934-8678 or stop by the center at 202 14th Ave. E.

Community Health Fair joins with Family Fair

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BURLEY — Community
Health Fair and Family Fair
have teamed up to bring
Mini-Cassia residents an
educational, informative and
tun health fair for the entire
family. The event is 8 a.m. to 1
p.m. today at Burley High
School.

Space will be reserved in
classrooms for electrical,
farm, internet and fire safety
and many other topics
involving children's safety.
Parents can learn about batly
and infant development, parenting as well as family ideas.
Public Health will also be on
hand to answer questions hand to answer questions about immunizations.

The event is sponsored by Cassia Regional Medical Center, Mini-Cassia Child Protection Team, Cassia County Schools, South Idaho Press and the Burley Press and Reminder.

Minico High School hosting open house

Attention Minico High freshman, parents: The school will host an open house for incoming fresh-

man from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday In the main gym.
Counselors will be avail-able to answer questions and help with registration. Representatives from clubs, academies, teams and departments will be present to meet students and par-ents, and to answer ques-tions and recruit for their programs. Students should bring their registration sheet and course catalog. For more information: 436-4721.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

BI Duplicate Bridge Club lists results

RUPERT — To Duplicate Bridge results of play for: The BJ ge Club

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Jan. 22. North/south winners were: first, George and Narcy Globon; second, Faun and Warren McErder; third, Vera Mai and Marette Woodland; and fourth, Ella Annest and Lola Mooman. In east/vest play, the winners were: first, Mitterd Wolf and Shella Hubernith; second, Jim and Trudy Carver; third, Leo Moore and Dee Keicher; and fourth, Eugene and Marie Price.

Price, Jan. 29. North/south winners v first, Steve Sams and Kent Gillespie; second, George and Nancy Gibson; third, Marian St and Lilla Burnan; and fourth, Eugene and Marie Price, in

Nancy upsom; sunce, however, and full so burns; and fourth. Eugene and Marie Price, new York (Marie Price). The sunce and Marie Price, and Marie Price, and the sunce and Marie Price, and Tonly Carvet; third, Det Chasson and Norma Goodman; fourth, Dona Mural and Pepip Payne.

Fab. 19. Northly south winners were; trist, Elia Annest and Lola Moorman; second, George and Nancy Glabour, third, Sired Same and Kent Gliespier, fourth, Vea Marie Marie Price; Tourner, and Carvet, and Sylvas Riverent; high groups and Marie Price; Grund, Marie Marie, Price; Grund, Marie Marie, Price; Grund, Marie Marie, Grund, Marie Marie, Grund, Marie Marie, Marie Marie

Games are held at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. For partners or more information: Steve Sams at 878-3997 or Vera Mai at 436-

Find out about Basques at talk in Hagerman

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Hagerman Valley
Historical Society will have
an audio-visual presentation on the history of the
Basques in Idaha John
Bieter, a teacher at Bishop
Kelly High School in Bolse,
will be the speaker. The program will be 7 p.m. Thesday
at the National Park Service

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building, 221 N. State In Hagerman.

Bieter received his B.A. in Social Science from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn., and an M.A. in History from Boise State University. He is currently a doctoral candidate in history from Boston College. He studied for two years in the Basque and the Basque of Northern Spain. He is fluent in Basque and March 1985.

Spain, rie is fluent in Basque and Spanish and has served has served as the direc-

or of a Basque Government

historical research grant.
The public is invited to

the free program; refresh-ments will be served. Idaho Humanities Idaho Humanities Council makes this lecture available. For more infor-mation; Milo Packer, 837-

Cassia 4-H club offers activities for spring

The Cassia County 4-H is

The Cassia County 4-Hi is offering a series of activities for young people to participate in during spring break. Monday, March 17 Baking Basics — 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$1. Card Making 101 — 2 2-4:30 p.m. Cost is \$1. Tuesday, March 18 Outdoor.Fun with Frozen Bread Dough — 9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$1. Evenly Making — 2-4:30 p.m. This class is only for the youth whot satted this project last fall. Participants will work on their last pillow design and finish the demonstrations. Class sizes are limited. All youth must be age 8 as of lan. 1. Participants do not have to be enrolled in 4-Ht attend the classes. Theremust be eight registered in order to hold a class.

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Castleford schools announce honor rolls

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Idaho House clears vehicle emissions testing program

By John Miller Associated Press writer

BOISE — In debate colored by fears of big government intrusion, the Idaho House word 42-26 Friday for a pro-gram that would let state envy-ronmental regulators estab-lish vehicle emissions testing for parts of Idaho where pollu-tion is approaching federal limits.

Ilmits.

The measure now goes to the Senate, Should it pass, it would limit any program developed by the Department of Environmental Quality to

tests performed once every two years, for a maximum fee of no more than \$20. Agricultural vehicles would be exempt, as would be cars up to five years old and classic

cars.
The federal Environmental The federal Environmental Protection Agency is expected to issue tougher air-quality standards for ezone snog, perhaps by next week. With the region that includes Ada. Canyon. Payette and pars of Elmore counties in south-western Idaho approaching existing allowable limits, backers of the bill said the state should act before the

state should act before the EPA intervenes: "Those standards are going to go down, those standards might throw us into non-attainment," said Rep. Mark Snodgrass, R-Meridian and

attainment," said Rep. Mark Snodgrass, R-Merridian and sponsor of the bill.

Ada County already has auto emissions testing, while Canyon County to the west has rejected such measures.

Ozone is formed when volatile organic compounds found in emissions from cars and other combustion react with sunlight and heat. DEQ began monitoring ozone in

southwestern Idaho's Treasure Valley in 2000, and since then there have been occasions when levels have exceeded federal clean-air standards.

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High levels can exacerhate respiratory allments such as astima.

Because ozone levels in the Treasure Valley are bumping up against EPA limits, there's fear a new standard could put the region over the top come next summers heat wave.

Following the vote, Gov. C.L. "Butch!" Otter said he supports the bill, after sponsors added provisions that give counties

120 days to come up with their own alternative motor vehicle mission control strategy before DEQ intervenes. That will allow places like Camyon County to retain local control. It allows them to tell us how they're going to lessen their impact." Otter stalt. Despite such assurances, some Camyon County law-makers rejected the bill as an encroachment of state government on their right to decide for themselves.

Doing something even before the EPA releases lis new standards is premature, said 120 days to come up with their

Rep. Steve Kren, R-Nampa.

"We don't know if they are going to lower the bar." Kren said. "They might leave it right where it's at."

Rep. Steve Thayn. R-Emmett, said the bill puts too much of the burden for improving air quality on automobile drivers.

"We're talking about air quality, but this is a vehicle-emissions testing bill." Thays said. "It seems like we're shifting the burden to solve an air quality put problem, if we do have one, on one segment of society."

Bill rejected to curb employers who hire illegal immigrants

Associated Press writer

BOISE — For a second straight year, Idaho lawmakers have killed a measure that would crack down on employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants.

The House State Affairs Committee unantmously rejected a bill Friday that would have required employers to verify workers' immigration status. Companies could have had their business licenses suspended or revoked for hiring people unauthorized to work in the United States.

The proposal is modeled on a law passed last year in Arizona to weaken economic incentives for immigrants to sneak across the border. That law, which took effect on Jan. has already caused scores of immigrants to go to other states or back to their homelands.

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states of back to their home-lands.

"It's a problem not being dealt with in the way it should be," said Rep. Phil Hart, R-Athol. one of the bill's sup-porters. "If (the employer) can show that he did make a good faith effort, there would be no penalty."

States across the country

Legislature 2008

are responding to calls from constituents for tougher antiumnigration laws. Oklahoma passed a similar law to Arizona's last year, and the Misslashippi Legislature approved a bill this week. Alabama, South Carolina, Indiana and other states are

also considering legislation this year. In Idaho, the measure would have left enforcement up to county prosecutors and the state attorney general. A first violation would have

A first violation would have required an employer to sign an affidavit verifying the fir-ing of all unauthorized work-ers. A second violation would have resulted in a 10-day sus-pension of a license. A third violation would have meant

violation would nave mean permanent revocation. The measure also would have punished illegal immi-grants who falsely imperson-ate other people with up to two years in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

Businesses could have protected themselves by checking employment eligibility on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's electronic verification system. The committee bombarded Hart with questions about the proposal, including the possibility of unfair competitors, the economic consequences of the Arizona law and the potential impact to Idaho's business and farming communities.

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"You're asking employers to basically police federal immi-gration law," said Republican Rep. John Vander Woude, a Nampa dairy farmer. "You're asking the local business peo-ple to be the law enforcement agency."

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Rep. Raul Labrador, REagle, an immigration lawyer
who abstained from the vote,
said the Arizona law has sent that state's economy into tallspin.

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"Iave you done any studies
on that?" Labrador asked.
Hart said he hadn't.
Also on Friday, the Senate
State Affairs Committee
agreed to hear testimony on a
squartae measure dealing
with illegal immigration. Sen.
Shirley McKague. R.
Meridian, presented a revised

copy of a resolution that accuses the federal govern-ment of shirking its constitu-tional duties in allowing ille-gal immigrants into the coun-

gal immigration in the president and Congress to secure the nation's borders, end economic incentives to illegal immigration and implement a guest-worker program with enforcement standards.

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McKague's resolution,
modeled originally on a sammodeled from the conple resolution from the con-servative John Birch Society of which she has been a member, no longer calls for an end to birthright citizen-ship or a rejection of amnesty for Illegal inmigrants. "This is kinder, and not as rude." McKague told the committee.

committee.

Last year, lawmakers passed several laws dealing

passed several laws dealing with issues surrounding illegal immigration but stopped short of adding to punishments for employers who willfully hire illegal aliens. Lawmakers passed one law aimed at preventing illegal immigrants from receiving most public assistance and another that makes English the state's official language.

Otter signs bill to revamp N. Idaho field burning law

BOISE (AP) — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter signed legis-lation Friday aimed at restoring the ability of north Idaho bluegrass north Idaho bluegrass growers to burn harvested fields each fall, but this time under new rules to better protect public health.

endorsement Otter's endorsement came one day after the leg-islation cruised through the Senate and just days after farmers, public health activists and state environ-mental officials worked out final details of a new statute and set of regulations gov-

erning the burn program. Leaders in the House and Senate suspended rules to speed the bill's approval so the state Board of Environmental Quality can quickly approve a new set of air quality rules. Those rules must then be approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency before farmers can begin seeking burn permits for the fall season.

season.

Before signing the bill,
Otter said the agreement
sends a signal that traditional economic livelihoods rooted in natural resources and agriculture can survive with a generation of healthconscious newcomers who have made Idaho the fourth-fastest-growing state in the nation.

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Centre of Boise.
"Some teens see then twarning signs, but have never put it together to know what it is." said leverson.
For example, if a boyfriend punched a hole in a wall during a fight, the girlfriend may not see anything wrong with that if her family members act that way at home.
Warning signs can become skewed, breson said, "If a boyfriend does that, then that must mean he really loves me."
Abuse can be verbal, emo-

tional, sexual or physical according to the Idaho Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Project. The curriculum is designed to highlight warning signs and stop abuse before it's too late.

late.

Development and dispersal of this curriculum, called "No Means Know," was funded through an \$600,000, wo year federal grant to the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Sexual and Domestic Violence that has partner-ships with St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Idaho State

Department of Education, Idaho School Counselors Association, Silver Sage Girl Scout Council, Idaho Legal Aide - Services, Interfaith Alliance of Idaho and Treasure Valley YMCA.

The Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, a non-profit group, was incorporated in 1980 to domestic violence and sexual assault. ult.

Boxes of material were sent to schools throughout Idaho, and handbooks that are cur-rently only in English are

being printed In Spanish, event organizers said. The school nurse for the Twin Falls School District was in attendance along with two Twin Falls Police detectives, a counselor from Magic Valley High School, and a counselor from the Filer School District.

from the Filer School District.
Iverson said she hopes No
Means Know will expand to
pediatricians and juvenile
detention facilities if another
grant is garnered this year.

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Service

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Lee Wagner, of Neuhoff, remarked upon the Awards' namesake: "Thomas was a great public servant in the early days of this country." Wagner then introduced a video about the history of the Wagner then introduced a video about the history of the Awards. It stopped frequently, prompting Wagner to announce: We put the little pauses in there on purpose so that you'd have the opportunity to reflect on the importance of what was just said."

There's not a person in this from who couldn't represent Magic Valley," Con Paulos Temarked.

Before introducing the formarked.

Moments Wagner said, "The Jefferson Award 'winners' is really a misnomer, because this isn't a competition. That's why we have selectors, not judges."

Magic Valley selectors nominated peòple from all facets of volunteerism and leadership — from seven-year-old Kynil Mahnke of Jerome to 77-year-old Evans.

Mahnke helpod raise

ar-old Evans. Mahnke helped Malnke helped raise money to purchase a head-stone for a classmate whose family couldn't afford one. She has continued to help families without sufficient income for headstones and is two years younger than the youngest nominee in the nation prior to Friday's cere-

youngest nominee in the mation prior to friday's ceremony.

Evans has been a member of the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Magic Valley since 1999 and regularly sasists the disabled, the elderly, and the chronically ill—including the construction of 43 wheelchair ramps, sometimes during fierce snowstorms. His free repairs and modifications have allowed otherwise disabled people to continue living in their own homes.

In addition to the gold medallion commemorating

homes.

In addition to the gold medallion commemorating his service, Evans will be provided an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the national ceremony in June. When the recipient

When the recipient approached the podium, Paulos asked him, "Would you like to say a few words

"No thanks," Evans said.
Neither Bill nor his wife lan have ever been to the nation's capital, and she hates flying. Evans later told the Times-News that the award "doesn't really mean anything to me.1 didn't do the things! I did for this. I appreciate it for the intent... but I didn't do anything more important than anyone else did." "According to Paulos, the attitude is not only typical but uniform among past and present nominees. The indifference to recognition is appropriate. After all, Thomas Jefferson once wrote: "Whenever you are to do a thing, though it can never be known but to yourself, ask yourself how you would act were all the world looking at you, and act accordingly." "I'm thankful for it, but I'm

you, and act accordingly."
"I'm thankful for it, but I'm
not proud of it," Evans said.

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Judge declares mistrial in Border Patrol agent's murder trial

TUCSON, Ariz. — A federal judge declared a mistrial Friday in the case of a U.S. Border Patrol agent charged with fatally shooting an illegal immigrant from Mexico. Jurros who had been deliberating the fate of agent Nicholas Corhett since late Tucsday told the judge they were hopelessly deadlocked. Corbett was charged with

second-degree mutder, manslaughter and negligent homicide in the January 2007 death of 22-year-old Francisco Javier Dominguez, Rivera of Puebla, Mexico, Juros could convict on only one charge.

Corbett testified that Dominguez was going to smash his head with a rock and he fired in self-defense.

Dominguez's two brothers testified that he was surrendering and was shot without



him," said Corbett's att-orney, Sean Chapman. "We are precorbet pared to try it again, and I believe he's innocent. I believe nother jury will acquit him."

Dominguez was crossing.

"I'm disap-pointed that the jury did not acquit him," said

the southern Arizona desert along with his two brothers and a woman when Corbett spotted them, raced up in his Border Patrol SUV and the fatal confrontation took place. The case is unusual because it involves state criminal charges but is being tried in federal court because Corbett is a federal law enforcement agent.

"We would have preferred they convict him, but we'll leave that to the next jury."

sald Grant Woods, a former Arizona attorney general who was appointed as special prosecutor for the case. "They reached an impasse, but they put in another 11 or 12 hours after that. That's all you can sk."

Woods said prosecutors hope to introduce new evidence at the second trial, including an incident, in which the agent was ordered to undergo anger management counseling.

Corbett "has a pattern of this, of allegedly assaulting people and threatening to kill people," Woods said.

Defense attorney Jim Calle said those allegations have been "denled by the people involved in them... none of these allegations are true."

The Border Patrol's chief deputy patrol agent in the Tucson sector, Robert Boatright, said Corbett had only seconds to make a decision concerning Domlinguez.





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## Golden Eagles fly into finals

NIC upsets Salt Lake. advances to title game

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

Three out of five wouldn't be

The seventh-ranked College of Southern Idaho women's basket-ball team advanced to the NJCAA Division I Region 18 Tournament championship game for the fourth time in five years with Friday's runaway 95-62 victory over the College of Eastern Utah in Twin

The 29-2 Golden Eagles will vie

for their third region title in that five-year span, but won't have to do so against recent tournament nemests Salt Lake Community College, which North Idaho College eliminated with an earlier 76-67 semilinal victory.
CSI freshman post Soana Lucet had a monster night in her collegate postseason debut, recording a 25-point, 19-rebound double-double.

double.
"I think we played hard and played with heart," Lucet said.
"We're going to play like that tomorrow."

Licet and frontcourt team-mates Maddy Plunkett, Anita Burdick and Eva Ivanova decimat-ed their Eastern Utah counter-

parts, combining for 70 of Southern Idaho's points. CSI also outrebounded CEU 56-40, ds 20 offensive rebounds resulted in 25 second-chance points.

"Maddy and So set the tone for the game with their rebounding."

CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "When you get extra shots, defensively, the other teams psyche is devastated."

Plunkett finished with 15 points, Burdick notched 18 and ninerbounds, and Ivanova sofred seven off the bench, while LüCale Pringle-Buchanan finished with 12 points, seven assists and six rebounds.

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College of Southern Idaho guard Tera Tremayne (31) drives around the Eastern Utah de during the first half of the Golden Eagles' game at the Region 18 Tournament Friday ni

## It's on: CSI, SLCC men reach finals

## Golden Eagles put NIC away early in blowout

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

Times-News writer

The first three games were so good, they'll try it again.

The No. 3 College of Southern Idaho and fourth-rainked Salt Lake Community College mer's basketball teams will meet for the fourth and final time in today's NICAN Division 1 Region 18 Tournament champlonship game. Hours after the Bruins capped off an 85-77 semifinal win over the College of Eastern Utah, the 30-1 Golden Eagles blasted in-state rival North Idaho College il 19-33 at the CSI gymnasium, setting up a rematch of last seasons title tilt.

Belanzisten ble man Art.

CSI gymnasium, setting up a rematch of last seasons' tide tilt. Belarusian big man Art Parakhouski shredded the NIC big men with a gamehigh 23 points and nine rebounds in an inspired performance. "I just wanted to show them that in tils game we would fight for every ball," Parakhouski said. The sonhomore center

Parakhouski said.

The sophomore center brought a large crowd into the game early, stealing a North Idaho pass at half-court and racing down the floor for a thunderous onehanded slam.

floor for a thunderous one-handed slam.

"I've never seen that happen," sophmore point
guard Reggie Guyton, who
scored 10 points, sald of
Parakhousel's dunk. 'That's
how you. know this game
means something, when Art
goes out and does something he's never done. At
that point, we knew things
would go our way. It was just
meant to be."

Parakhousel's athletic
slam helped ignite a blisterling CSI start as the Golden
Eagles hit their first seven
shots of the game en route
to shooting 62.2 percent
from the field in the first
half. The game was all but
over after the first 20 mintutes, as CSI built a 63-41

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## Region 18 Tournament

At College of Southern Iddaho gymnasium, Twin Falls Thursday's games Women North Iddaho 96, Colorado NW 59 Eastern Utah 55, Snow 45 Mon Eastern Utah 90, Colorado NW 74 North Iddaho 74 Sonwers

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CC 67 CSI 95, Eastern Utah 62

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Utah 77 CSI 119, North Idaho 93 Today's games Women's champlenship No. 7 CSI vs. North Idaho,

No. 7 CSI vs. North Idaho 5 p.m. Men's championship No. 3 CSI vs. No. 4 Salt Lake CC, 7 p.m.

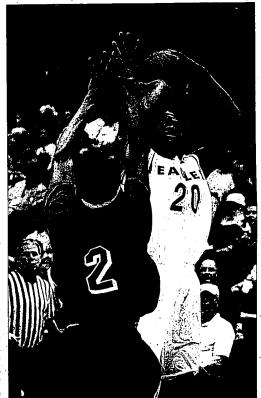
lead, partially on the strength of a 27-8 halftime rebounding advantage. CSI outrebounded NIC 51-22 for the game, grabbing 23 offensive rebounds in the

ottensive resolutes in the process.

Juan Pattillo scored 22 for a CSI squad that boasted seven players in double figure scoring. Kevin, Galloway dished out 13 assists while Bocar Ba grabbed a gamehigh: 10 rebounds off the bench.

The 20-12 Cardinals were led by David Johnson's 19point performance, while Steve Wesley and Humberto Perez scored 18 each. The Cardinals shot better than 60 percent in the second half, but it was of little consequence to a CSI team that entered the half up 22.

"I thought the key was in both halves, we set the tone." CSI head coach



College of Southern Idaho's Harvey Perry (20) takes a jump shot over North Idaho College's David Johnson (2) during their Region 18 Tournament matching Friday alght in Twin Falls.

Barret Peery said. "We came out strong with about a 10-0 run in each half and didn't let them back in." Today's 7 p.m. showdown between the Golden Eagles and Bruins will be a rematch of what have been three of

the most high profile junior college games of the season. CSI won the first game of the series 44-78 while SLCC took the second, winning 90-78. CSI won the regular-season rubber match 105-87, but the Golden Eagles

know a special effort will be required of them to make a fifth straight trip to the national tournament. Guyton said CSI is ready to national tour Guyton said CSI is put forth that effort.

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## District IV all-star games set

The District IV All-Star games will be played Monday evening at Twin Falls High School. The East girls will take on the West girls at 6 p.m., with the East-West boys game following at 730 p.m. 7:30 p.m

7:30 p.m. Rosters feature the top players from the district in all classifications. Admission is S5 feature adults and students without activity cards and \$3 for senior citizens and students with activity cards.

## District IV All-Star

rosters

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Guilford, Shoshone; Macey
Jones, Declo; McKell Webb,
Declo; Nicole Toilman, Butley;
McKenzi Baker, Burley; Moe
Hubsmith, Richfeld; Nicole
Hubsmith, Rimberty, Kassie
Newberry, Klimberty,
West
Amber Petersen, Twin Falls;
Rolly Viriesman, Twin Falls;
Kelly Viriesman, Twin Falls;
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Holly German; Jordan
Burnham, Jerome; Molly Rold,
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Geoding; Nicil Abramowski,
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Boys East Anthony Garcia, Millico; 19 Pebloy, Minico; Jason Harper, Minico; Cotton Moon, Burley, Ben Scalle, Burley; Jordan Hosteen, Burley; Brad Caresla, Burley; D.J. Simpson, Carey; Bradden Buckner, Richfield; Milke Dehoney, Marey.

West
Brad Twiss, Buhl; Tory Cooper,
Buhl; Patrick Osterkamp, Buhl;
Devin Hosack, Wendell; Ruben
Cortez, Wendell; Justin Stokes,
Jerome; Jason Stokes, Jerome;
Mac Whittington, Community
School; Jesus Rodriguez, Glenns
Ferry; Bryant Ward, Twin Falls.

## CSI baseball wins home opener over WNCC



ied Hanson grimaces after being tagged out at second on a staal Friday against Western Nevada at Skip Walker Field in Turn Falls. *For full bases on Friday's games, visit Magicvall*e

Golden Eagles' Smith pitches complete game

A change of venue turned out to be exactly what the College of Southern Idaho basebal team needed.

The Golden Eagles broke a four-game losling streak by topping the visiting Western Newada College Wildears 3-2 in Friday's home opener at Skip Walker Field. A three-run rally the beat statement of the strike may CSI its in the bottom of the sixth gave CSI its first Scenic West Athletic Conference victory of the season as a team previ-ously lacking in the execution depart ment took advantage of Logan Parsley's inning-starting error.

"That felt real good." CSI starting pitcher Justin Smith said. "I was jumping up and doorn in the dugous honestly. Our litters came through really big."

After Parsley's boot of a Matt Deacon grounder to second started the inning. Garrett Wolff advanced CSI's leadoff man with a hit-and-run grounder to third. Njec Tolism followed with only CSI's third hit of the game, a single up the middle to score Deacon, trimming Western Nevada's lead to 2-1.

Justin Jensen doubled in the next at bet to put men at first and third for

at-bat to put men at first and third for Victor Spencer, who knotted the game at 2-2 with an RBI single to third. Sophomore Travis Reynolds put the Golden Eagles ahead for good

Please see BASEBALL, Page C2

## Burley boys win opener

By Zach Kyle For the Times-News

BURLEY — In Friday's season opener pitting Bobcats verses Bobcats, Buley lost the lead to Madison, then the game, 6-3.
A 2-0 lead was, all of the offense Burley could muster against starting Madison Pitcher Cade Casper, who struck out seven and held Burley scoreless for the rest of his five innings.

"That's one of the best pitchers we're going to see," Burley coach Brett Graham said. "As the game went along, he got stronger. The kids just have to battle."

Steve Beck, who started on the mound for Burley, held Madison to a single run through four innings, in the fifth inning, however, Madison's Mike Woolf tripled to drive in a run, then scored on a Beck wild pitch to take a 3-2 lead.

Graham said that Beck and reliev-ers Kace Redder and Tyler Owen all threw well in their first pitching effort of the season.

"Back threw year, well. They all

"Beck threw very well. They all threw well for the first time out," Graham said: "We just need to locate a little better."

ittle better. The Burley gloves were sure-hand-i, led by centerfielder Garrett 'ons' beautiful charging catch to b Jaden Cook of an RBI base hit.

Burley hung a zero in the errors olumn until committing a late throwing error.

"The defense was great," Graham said, "We just have to get the bats

going."
Burley hosts Bonneville today in a
doubleheader at 11 a.m.

Madison 6, Burley 3

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Capper and Rasmisson, Beck, Redder, Overss and Harriss,
Bark, WP, Casper, UP, Beck, 28 Burley Commings, 38: Madison,

## Bruins open with win over Tigers

The Twin Falls baseball team kicked the ball around more than coach Mike Federico would like, but the Bruins were balled out by solid pitching and timely execu-

solld pitching and timely execution.

Brodle Hall ripped the decisive
two-run single in the bottom of
the fifth inning and five pitchers
combined on a three-hit shutout
as the Bruins topped Jerome 3-0
on Friday in Twin Falls, spolling
agood five-inning outing from
Tigers hurler Logan Parker.
Jacob Coast started the game for
Twin Falls (1-0) and was followed
by Nick Vergensen, Zeb Sneed,
Conner Bennett and Kasey Jeroue.
Bennett picked up the win and
Jeroue threw two innings for the
save.

save.
"(Parker) did a good job and I
was happy with the way we stuck

with it," said Federico. "It's good to win, but I want to play a lot better to get where we want to be. But I was happy that we executed when was did seen."

was nappy that we did score."

Twin Falls travels to Borah today for a matchup with Meridian, followed by a game against the host school. Jerome hosts single games against Middleton and Rigby

Twin Falls 3, Jerome 0 000 000 0 - 0 3 3 000 021 X - 3 6 B , Cameron Studier (6) and Keegan Aller: Jecob organism (7), Lee Sneed (4), Conner Bennett (5).

### Softball

BURLEY 5, MADISON 1

Playing at home, the Burley soft-ball team topped Madison to win its season opener 5-1 in a dark-ness-shortened game.

Burley pitcher Molly Mills held Madison to two hits, and her dou-ble and three RBIs led the offense. Burley's win,was assisted by the earth's rotation, as several Burley errors enabled Madison to tie the

errors enabled Madison to tie the game in the top of the fifth. But the umpire determined it was too dark for Burley to bat in the bottom half of the inning, offi-cially ending the game at four

cially ending the game at four innings.

"I thought it was a good start," Burley coach Tim Campbell said. We started strong in the first four innings. In the fifth, we made some big mistakes trying to pick people off."

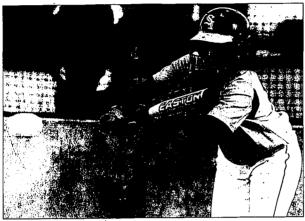
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people off."

Burley hosts Twin Falls on
Wednesday at A p.m.

Burley 5, Madison 1, four innings Madison 001 0-120 Barley 300 2 - 54 3 Netf and Waterns; Mole and Stanger. WP. Miss. LP. Netf. 2 - Burley, Miss.

CSI's Cassi Merrill bunts the ball Friday afternoon during the Golden Eagles' doubleheader against Snow College in Twin



## CSI bats, hurlers bury Snow

## Hillstead's walk-off grand slam highlights sweep

Times-News writer

The excitement was palpable as soon as the hall left Gollege of Southern Idaho redshirt freshman McKensy Hilbstead's bat, its destination somewhere over the right-field wall at the Golden Bagles' softhall field.

Hilbstead could hardly contain her enthusiasm as the hall cleared the fence for a walk-off grand slam to run-rule her former school. Snow College, and complete a doubleheader sweep with a 9-0, five-hining victory after the Golden Bagles took the opener 9-1, also in five innings.

Hilbstead's heroics capped off a seven-run fifth inning after CSI (10-9, B2) ticher Stephanie Holmes wrigsled out of a two-on, one-out situation to deny the Badgers (5-17, 4-6) anything on the scoreboard. And for Hilbstead, it was a gratifying way to beach feed team even.

scoreboard. And for rinisted. It was a gratifying way to beat her old team even if she harbors no ill feelings.

"I knew it was gone ... it's pretty sweet," she said. "But I totally respect them, and the coaches. We didn't (part ways) on bad terms. It's just good to beat them."

Id Siam nignignis sweep

Holmes scattered seven hits in her
complete-game shotout, adding onto
the impressive outing in Game I from
Golden Eagles teammate lody Zillner,
who allowed one run on two hits and
fanned seven Snow batters to win the
early game.

Unlike the Badgers bats, CSIs offense
was alive and well, and that allowed both
pitchers to settle into a routine and deal
with setbacks more easily.

"I missed my spot pretty hadly and
hung one over the middle of the plate,"
Zillner said of her only mistake pitch,
which Snow pitcher Kyll Flanary deposied over the left-field wall for the Badgers
only run of the doubleheader. "But you edover the left-field wall for the Badgers only run of the doubleheader. "But you don't get down on yourself if the offense gets off to a good start, and our offense has been going great the last little bit." It seemed nothing could curb the

Golden Eagles' momentum, not even a 28-minute delay during Game 2 to dry the third-base line after an apparent plp-ing issue led to water bubbling to the

ing issue led to water bubbling to the field surface from the earth below. CSI will try and take that momentum into today's second doubleheader, knowing that a sweep will go a long way

to putting itself in good position for next week's colossal showdown with fellow conference frontrunner Salt Lake Community College.

"That's what our goal is to sweep (at home), and I thought the kids did some really nice things today," sald CSI head coach Nick Baument, "You don't like to look ahead, but with Salt Lake (upcomised was wear to kind of lolan ahead and ing) you want to kind of plan ahead and put yourself in a good position (for that

CSI and Snow are back at it at noon today for another twinbill.

## District IV All-Conference lists

## **Basketball**

Class 5A Boys All-Region Four-Five-Six

Co-Players of the Year: Rennie Leavitt, Highland; Taylor Tingey, Highland; Taysom Hill,

Tingey, Highland; Taysom Hill, Highland.
First team: Austin Walls, Styline; Justin Brodle, Madison; Chase Wildo, Idaho Falis; Robert Edwards, Slyline; Jaco Balls, Madison. Second team: Trevor Collette, Idaho Falis; Kory Matthews, Madison; Brandon Smith, Highland; Jason Ralph, Idaho Falis; Biyarti Ward, Fwin Falis. Honorable mentloru. Josh Fuller, Madison; Logan Laws, Styline; Trevo Blanchard, Madison; Russell Crane, Iwin Falis.

Class 1A
Boys
Magic Valley Southside
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Coach of the Year: Kevin Cate,

Coach of the Year: Nevin of Hagerman First team: Jesus Cabral, Murtaugh; Morgan Knight Hagerman; Jacob William: Raft River; Cotton Bedke, kley; Jeremy Eldredge, hthouse Christian. ond team: Taylor Wilson Oakley; Je: Lighthouse Murtaugh; Jesus Guerrero; Payson Bedke, Oakley; Doug Hurst, Raft River; Jake Emerson, Hagerman. Honorable mention: Nick Urle, Honorable mention: Nick Hansen; Johnny Reid, Hagerman; Zach Kline, Castleford; Tanner Owen Hagerman; Bridger Barrett, Raft River.

Magic Valloy Southside All-Conference Coach of the Vear: Jeremy Qualis, Raft River First team: Nicote Harper, Raft River; Sally Hansen, Raft River; Rided Wiggins, Castleford: Chauncee Avalson, Hagerman; Shambray Pendley, Hagerman; Shambray Pendley,

Hagerman.
Second team: Rachel Rodg
Castleford; Michelle Hill,
Castleford; Abby Curry,
Hansen; Christine Regnler,
Hagerman; Amanda Regnle

Honorable mention: Taylor Kirkdorffer, Lighthouse Christian; Marti Manning, Raft River; Natalie Greenwood, Raft River; Shawnie Higgins, Hansen; Haley Arriago, Hagerman,

Wrestling All-Region Four-Five-Six (Listed in order of first team, second team and honorable mention at each week class) Coach of the Year: Travis Bell,

coach of the Year: Travis Be Highland 103 pounds: Kyle Bramlette, Skyline: Carlos Ojeda, Madison; Michael Hunns, Highland; Brandon Clements Idaho Falle

o Fall 112: Brenn Schless, Highland:

112: Brenn Schless, Highland; Jacob Hall, Highland; Cameron Dalley, Skyline. 119: Nick Hughes, Highland; Preston Rammell, Skyline; Joe Hamilton, Twin Falls; Chris Bateman, Idaho Falls.

Bateman, Idano Falls.

125: Jordan Cox, Idaho Falls;
Will Keeter, Twin Falls; Tallen
Bannister, Highland.

130: Todd Anderson, Twin Falls; Derrick Kutch, Highland;

Cole Jenkins, Skyline 135: Jordan Johnson, Idaho Jase: Jordan Johnson, Idaho Falls; Tyler Hine, Twin Falls; James Esplin, Highland; Devin Broadhead, Madison. 140: Josh Warner, Idaho Falls;

Jady: Josh Warner, Ioano Pails; Daryl Cunningham, Madison; Josh Jeffreys, Highland; Cody Morgan, Skyline. 145: Spencer Sare, Madison; Chance Requa, Twin Falls; Stratton Wheatley, Highland. 152: Jake Lords, Madison; Zak Slotten, Twin Falls; Ethan Hall, Highland.

Slotten, Twin Falls; Ethan Hall, Highland, 1801; Justin Allen, Highland; Shawn Horn, Medison; Grayson, Stone, Twin Falls; Garrett Myers, Skyline. 1712; Karl Thompson, Idaho Falls; Dillon Filliga, Highland; Jesse Paulsen, Idaho Falls; Bernt Martiner, Twin Falls; Evan Seamons, Idaho Falls; Evan Seamons, Idaho Falls; Robbie Rausch, Highland; Steven Paulos, Idaho Falls; 255; Christian Denny, Idaho Esis; Christian Denny, Idaho Esis; Christian Denny, Idaho Esis; Christian Denny, Idaho Esis; Christian Denny, Idaho

Idaho Falls 285; Christian Denny, Idaho Falls; Simon Resendiz, Idaho Falls; Justin Elmer, Twin Falls; Ben Sanders, Highland.

## LATE GOLF

## Jerome girls win in Burley

For the Times-News

BURLEY — The Ierome Tigers girls golf team earned a sesson-opening victory in a Class AA Region IV-V golf meet Thursday at Burley Golf Course, combining for a team score of 421. The Tigers were led by Jordan Burnham, who shot a round of 84 to place first individually. The Burley Bobcats came in second in team scoring with 470, led by Breama Pace, whose round of 99 was third among individuals at the meet.

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Burley Bobcats came to see the county Diamondbacks in third at 481, the Pocatello Indians in fourth at 581 and the Preston Indians in fifth at 597.

The Minico Sparans and Wood River Wolverines each had two golfers competing Thursday, Minico's Ashley Cook scoreed 137, while teanmate Megan Lindsay shot a 146. The Bobcats and Sparans will compete March 10 in the Blue Lakes Invitational in Twin Falls.

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CSI finished the first half with a 12-2 run which was only topped by a 13-0 second-half surge that extended the lead to 29.

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Eastern Utah's season came to a 14-18 conclusion. Kendra Dalebout led CEU with 19 points while Brandi King chipped in 10.
CSI built a 19-point lead at the break going up 50-31 as Lucer posted a 16-point, 12-rebound double-double in the game's first 20 minutes. Eastern Utah point goard Erin Richardson left the game at the six-minute mark of the first half after twisting her knee while guarding Pringle-Buchanan and could not return.

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"It's a hard match-up with (Shaneya) Valdez and Ula (Taulal) for our guards because their quickness is better than our quickness, Rogers said.

CSI will look continue the solid ball movement that Rogers thought helped wear down CEU as it takes on North Idalto at 5 p.m.

"We didn't work this hard all season to not make it to nationals," Lucet said.

NORTH IDAHO 76, SALT LAKE CC 57
The surging North Idaho College

Cardinals upset second-seeded Salt Lake Community College 76-67 behind Kia Gibson's 16-point, six-rebound effort. Cassie Pilkinton added 15 points and Shaneya Valdez 12 as the Cardinals built a 39-24 halftime lead.

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The 22-9 Cardinals forced 23 Bruins
turnovers to end SLCC's season with a
23-8 record, Michelle Pace led SLCC
with 20 points and 11 rebounds, while
Krista Farr added 11 points and 13
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14 points for the Bruins.

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with an RBI ground out to short on a hit-and-run play that plated the winning run.
"Chism and Jensen and Spencer getting those three straight hits was huge, but we're going to have to score in more than one inning to win games." CSI head coach Boomer Walker said. "We didn't get going early, and that's something this team is going to have to start doing. Smith threw a complete game to improve to 2-1 on the season, allowing two earned runs on five hits while striking out five in the process.

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The CSI sophomore was ahead in the count all game, which helped handcuff a Wildcats team that entered the weekend with a .292

the weekend with a .292 team batting average. "That's the biggest thing: Pitching is about changing timing and getting ahead," Smith said. "If you get ahead, you can dictate, but if you get behind, the hitter can do

whatever he wants to."
Smith credited the CSI hitters for the win, as Jed
Hanson played through a

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strained oblique muscle to finish 2-for-2 with an inten-Inish 2-for-2 with an inten-tional walk, Jenson finished 1-for-2 with a double, an RBI and a walk, while Spencer went 1-for-2 with an RBI-single and a walk. CSI went on to take earn a

sweep with a 9-4 win in Game 2. The home-opening wins Improved CSI to 9-10 (2-4 SWAC), while the Wildcats fell to 9-10 (4-2

Wildcats fell to 5-10 SWAC). The Golden Eagles and Wildcats are slated to finish their series with today's noon doubleheader at The Skip.

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## Pro golfer Isenhour: Killing of hawk a 'one-in-a-million' accident contact the pro shop at 324-5281. League play will begin Thursday, April 10.

ORLANDO, Fla. — Pro golfer Tripp Isenhour said it was a "one-in-a-million" golf shot that killed a protected hawk and that he was only trying to scare the bird he now faces criminal charges for killing.

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Investigators say Isenhour got upset because the hawk's loud chirps interrupted the fliming of his instructional video. He was charged Wednesday in Orange County Circuit Court with animal cruely and killing a migratory bird, charges that carry a combined 14 months in jall and \$1,500 in fines.

"What happened was, you know, the bird was maccurate," Isenhour said. "There were several others trying to get the bird to simply its away. That's all we were trying to do. The bird was high up in the tree and I was slingly just trying to bit the tree to make the bird fly away."

Also Friday, the head of the Humane Society.

Just 17 yag to Jin the the Ce to Jina and Society of the United States faxed PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchern a letter urging "appropriate remedial action against Isenhour up to and including fines and suspension."

"By setting an example of compassion for the public, the PGA has the chance to make a difference for our communities and instill and their of animal protection," Humane Society president and CEO Wayne Pacelle wrote.

Isenhour is playing the Nationvilde Tour this year, but has played two years on the PGA

Tour, He lost his card both times after failing to finish in the top 125 money winners. "Obviously, any set of facts which involve an individual hitting a golf ball at a living tanget is clearly happropriate behavior," PGA Tour executive vice president Ty Votawsaid.

COLLEGE SPORTS

### Wooden improves at hospital, expected to be released soon

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LOS ANGELES — John Wooden's condition
is improving and he should be released from
the hospital in the next couple days, his
daughter said Friday.

In a statement, Nan Muchihausen said the
former UCLA basketball coach was healing
and that an irregular heart beat discovered a
few days ago was under control.

The 97-year-old Hall of Fanne coach fell at
his home Feb. 28, breakhing his left wrist and
collarbone. He was hospitalized the following
day. His wrist is in a cast and his arm will have
to be in a sling when he leaves the hospital.

## Donovan may succeed Frazier at UK

HONOLULU --- University of Hawaii Manoa Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw wants Jim Donovan to become the school's next athletics

director.

Donovan spent 20 years at UH as a football player, graduate assistant and associate athletics director. He has been executive director of

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the Hawaii Bowl since 2002.
He would succeed Herman Frazier, who was fired lan. 8, the day after football coach June Jones announced his move to Southern Methodist University. Greg McMackin was named to replace Jones on Jan. 16.

## MAGIC VALLEY Jerome boosters to meet

JEROME — The Jerome High School Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m., Monday in room 101 at the high school.

### Jerome Twilight rosters due

JEROME — Captains of the Jerome Country Club Twillight teams are asked to submit team rosters to the pro-shop as soon as possible. Blank rosters are available in the pro-shop or may be e-mailed upon request. The spring meeting and kilc-off scramble is scheduled for April 5 and will replace the usual opening light scramble. The format will include twillte teams and members of the association who are not involved in regular twi-ling to the arm of the country of the spring the scrambers wanting to play league that are not already assigned to a team are asked to

## Canyon Springs' scramble Sunday

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Springs opening scramble is Sunday, beginning with a 7:30 breakfast. There is a meeting at 8:30 a.m., with the shotgun start at 9, Call Canyon Springs Golf Course at 734-7609 for more details.

### Twin Falls Muni hosting Scramble

TWIN FAILS — The Twin Falls Men's Association Tee-off Scramble will be Sunday at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course, with a a.m. shotgun start. The entry fee is \$25 plus greens fees, and includes lunch. Golfers may create their own foursomes or sign up individually. The deadline to sign up its Saturdaly at 5 p.m. For more information contact 733-3326.

## Bruins host softball camp

The Twin Falls Lady Bruin Softball Program will be conducting a Skills Camp for girls in 3rd-8th grades on Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22. The Skills camp will be held at the Bruin Softball Fields on Stadium Bled. The cost for the camp is \$50 for two days of instruction and a Bruin Camp T-Shirt. Registration forms will be available at the area clementary and junior high schools as well as the Twin Falls High School. For more, contact Ken Johnson at 410-5764 or 732-1219.

— Compiled from staff and wire reports



allas Mavericks Jason Kidd bites bis ier-Angeles Lakers in Los Ange The Mays have lost four of five since iring the All-Star point guard.

## No Kidd-ing: Mavs could miss playoffs

DALLAS (AP) — Trading for Jason Kidd was supposed to make the Dallas Mavericks championship contenders. First, they better make sure to qualify for the playoffs. The Mavericks are 4-5 since pairing the All-Star point guard with the reigning MPD plit Nowicki. The rut includes three straight losses and four of five, dropping Dallas to seventh in the Western Conference. The Mays went into Friday night's action just two games ahead of the Denver Nuggest for the dreaded ninth spot, the one that comes with lottery balls instead of a shot at the title.

title. After blowing a 2-0 lead in the 2006 NBA finals, then winning 67 games but getting bounced from the first round in 2007, missing the post-season in 2008 — after trading for Kidd — would really be a crusher for Mark Cuban's club.

ark Cuban's club. As bad as it seems, there is a plau-ble explanation for the struggles. Every loss since Kidd arrived has

been to a team ahead of the Mays in the West. That included three road games against division leaders in a five-day spain, a run that would be brutal even for an established club much less one that's breaking in a new floor leader.

As cruel as the schedule was the last few weeks, payback is coming: Quickly.

Eight of Dallas' next nine games are at home. The only exception is a visit to Miami, which has the league's worst record.

The biggest' comfort for the flavericks is that they won't face a team with a winning record until March 18. So if they are going to turn into the kind of team they were expecting to become, this is the time of the Mays to have the last of the same they were expecting to become, this is the time.

to start.
"We have to have a big performance to snap out of this thing,"
guard Jason Terry said. "Everyone
has to look at themselves and see guard Jason 1err has to look at th what each individual can do better within the team concept. We have to

get rolling."

Coach Avery Johnson is eager to make the most of this schedule lull. Dallas also has at least one day between every game until March 30-31, giving him plenty of opportunities for practices, film sessions and any other type of bonding he might want to try.

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"I think this time will give us a chance to hopefully get our feet planted," he sald.

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The upcoming schedule also provides a chance for them to see how well-rooted they get. The tail end of this home streeth features visits by the Los Angeles Lakers, NBA-leading Boston Celtics and the San Antonio Spurs. The Lakers and Spurs were teams Dallas lost to recently, so those rematches should show whether they've made any progress.

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Dallas opened its recent tour of division leaders with a 3-point loss in San Antonio. The Mays had a chance to tie in the closing seconds and

Johnson chose to do so with kIdd on the bench the final 35 seconds.

After beating Sacramento at home the next night, the Mavericks went to Los Angeles and took the Lakers to overtime. Then they went to toes to overtime. Then they went to train for their fourth game in five night; they were ragged early, getting down by 21. But they managed to claw back and lead by three in the fourth quarter. They couldn't sustain it, but Johnson came away feeling pretty good about the effort. "I'm not saying Ilike second place, but I like a lot of what I saw in three of our recort road games," Johnson said. "Ilike what I saw in terms of the grittiness. I like a lot of our mental toughness."

Dallas returned home Thursday night but was without Nowitzki because of a suspension. The Mavericks looked lost without their top score and rebounder. It didn't help that they were playing a Houston club that had won 16 in a row.

## Jazz rally with strong fourth

PHOENIX — Carlos Bonzer scored 17 of his 23 points in the second half, including a tough 8-foot bank shot with 311 seconds to play, and the Utah Jazz handed the Phoenix Suns heier third consecutive home loss, 126-118 on Friday night. Derno Williams had 25 points and 5 assesses and Mehmet Okur had 25 points, including 4-of-6 3-pointers, and grabbed 14 rebounds to give the lazz their fourth win in a row and just

points, incuring and grabbed 14 rebounds to give use Juzz their fourth win in a row and just their 14th in 33 games on the road

this season.

Amare Stoudemire scored 37 but
the Suns fell to 3-6 since Shaquille
O'Neal joined the lineup. O'Neal had O Near joined the interp. O Near interp. O Sear joined in 20 points, this highest-scoring game with Phoenix, and Steve Nash added 17 points and 15 sasists. Raja Bell added 19 points. Phoenix is 8-0 when he scores at least 20.

The Jazz, who shot 57 percent, outscored Phoenix 12-4 over the frantic final 2:09.

76ERS 117, SUPERSONICS 83
PHILADELPHIA — Samuel Dalembert had 22 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to their eighth straight home victory, 117-83 over the Seattle SuperSonics on Priday night.
Andre Iguodala and Thaddeus Young added 18 points apiece for Philadelphia, which has won three straight overall and 11 of its last 14 cames to move into seventh place in

straight overall and 11 of its last 45 games to move into severall place in the Eastern Conference.

Chris Wilcox scored 20 points and Kevin Durant scored 10 of his 14 points in the first quarter for the SuperSonics, playing the fourth game of a seven-game road trip.

BOBCATS 108, HAWKS 33
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Raymond Felton had 23 points and 11 assists, Matt Carroll scored 21 points and the new-look Charlotte Bobcats conduct their surprising turnaround.
Emeka Okafor added 16 points and 15 rebounds in another balanced effort for the fourth-year Bobcats, who matched a cam record with their fourth straight win. Joe Johnson scored 20 points and Al Horford added 18 points and 11 rebounds for Adanta.

rebounds for Atlanta.

## WIZARDS 110, RAPTORS 106, OT

WIZEROS 110, RAFTORS 166, OT TOTIONTO — Antawn lamison had 25 points and 16 rebounds to lead Washington.

Roger Mason added 18 points for the Wizards, who had six players score in double figures. Washington has won five of seven despite missing Gilbert Arenas and Canon Butler. Andrea Bargnani had 27 points for the Raptors, whose star forward Chris Bosh missed his fourth straight game with a sore right knee.

### WARRIORS 134, HEAT 99

MIAMI — Stephen Jackson scored 22 points, Ai Harrington added 17,



Utah Jazz forward Carlos Boozer, left, shooright, during the first quarter Friday in Ph er, left, shoots over Phoenix Suns forward An

Baron Davis had 15 points and 10 assists and Golden State cased past severely short-handed Miami. Miami only had seven available players and was without Dwyane Wade, sidelined by left knee sore-

Chris Ouinn and Marcus Banks each scored 20 points for the Heat

Monta Ellis scored 16 points and Mickael Pietrus finished with 15 for Golden State.

### PISTONS 101, KNICKS 97

PISTORS 101, KHICKS 97
NEW YORK — Tayshaun Prince
bounced back from a horrendous
game in his last trip to Madison
Square Garden, scoring 28 points to
lead Detroit.
Rodney Stuckey added 13 for the
Pistons.
Eddy Curry scored 23 points and
Jamal Crawford had 17 for the
knicks, who lost their fifth in a row.

### CELTICS 116, BULLS 93

BOSTON — Paul Pierce scored 22 points and Kevin Garnett added 16 and eight rebounds before the Celtics starters sat out the fourth quarter of their seventh consecutive

win. Kendrick Perkins had 14 points

and 11 rebounds for Boston, which won its 10th consecutive home game. The Celtics led by 12 after one

and 20 after two.

Ben Gordon scored 20 points, and Joakim Noah had 10 points and seven rebotateds for the Bulls.

## HORNETS 107, NETS 96

MGMETS 107, METS 96
NEW ORLEANS — Chris Paul had
25 points and 16 assists, and New
Orleans won its third straight game.
In keeping with a growing trend\*
this season, several of Paul's assists
came on alley-oop lobs to Tyson
Chandler, 'who finished with 19
points and 10 rebounds as New
Orleans won for the fifth time in six
eames.

ames.
Richard Jefferson scored 27 and ince Carter had 19 points and 10 ssists for New Jersey.

### TRAIL BLAZERS 103, BUCKS 101

MilkyAuKiEE — LaMarcus MilkyAuKiEE — LaMarcus Aldridge scored 29 points, including a 13-foot jumper with 24 seconds remaining, to rally Portland over Milkwaukee. Steve Blake had 21 points and Brandon Roy added 20 for the Trail Blazers.

- The Associated Press

## Another ACC title at stake in Duke-UNC

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) - There's reason North Carolina and a reason North Caronna and Duke meet every year in the regu-lar-season finale: the Atlantic

iar-season finale: the Atlantic Coast Conference championship always seems to be on the line. For the fifth time in series his-tory, the ACC title — along with the top seed in the top seed in next week's league UNC

tournament goes to the winat Duke

tournament goes to the winner when the No.

1 Tar Heels visit 7 p.m., ESPN
the sixth-ranked
Blue Devils on Saturday night in
the latest renewal of college baskeeball's fereest rivalry.

"It's March. There's a month or
so left in the season (and) I have
to be the most excited that I've
ever been," Duke freshman Kyle
Singler said Priday. "Each game is
the biggest game to this date."
The Tar Heels (28-2) and Blue
Devils (26-3) bring identical 13-2
conference records into their final
regular season game. The
Thacco Road rivals, separated by
an 8-mile stretch of U.S. highway,
have staged plenty of memorable
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matchips during the past 80
years, with ACC championships,
high tournament seeds and bragyears, with ACC championsings, high tournament seeds and brag-ging rights having been decided on one of the most unique land-

on one of the most unique landscapes in the sport.
At least a share of the league tide has been at stake in the finale 11 times, with four previous winner-take-all meetings. The most recent of those came in 1991, when Duke claimed the crown with an 83-77 victory and went on to win coach Mike Krzyzewskiś first national championship by beating a Kansas team led by cur-

rent North Carolina coach Roy Williams.

rent North Carolina coach Roy-Williams.

For many reasons, this one has the potential to join those. That's why those rowdy Cameron Crazies have been camping out in the patch of grass known as Krzyzwskiville for months and perhaps why Supre Bowl MVPs Peyton and Eli Manning were spotted at Cameron Indoor-Stadium on Friday and are expected to attend.

\*\*Tk kind of carries a different-vibe to it because it is for an ACC-tampionship. Singler said.

Duke and North Carolina are meeting as top-10 teams for the second time this season; the Blue Devils wom 98-78 last month in a No. 2-vs-No. 3 matchup, but the second time this season; the Blue non-Lawson, the catalyst of North Carolina's fast-paced offense, is looking to rediscover his rhythm after missing six games with a sprained left anikle.

"Y Lawson at 80 percent is pretty doggone good, and Ty Lawson at 80 percent is pretty doggone good, and Ty Lawson at 80 percent is pretty doggone good, and Ty Lawson at 80 percent is extrement." Williams said.

Lawson's ability to generate points in transition and work the

Lawson's ability to generate points in transition and work the ball inside to the 6-foot-9 Hansbrough could give the bigger Hansbrough could give the bigger Tar Heels an advantage over a Duke cean that stakes its reputa-tion on being able to create mis-matches, drive the lane and kick it out for open looks from 3-point range. The Blue Devils sank 13 35 in last month's victory, and not even Hansbrough's 28-point, 18-rebound performance could save the Tar Heels.

## Big East, big game: Hoyas, Cardinals play for top spot

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Big

in 20 years.

Two teams tied for first place will meet on the final day of the regular season. A title, m tum, bragging rights, the No. 1 seed in the

conference Louisville at tournament and a better seed for the NCAA tour
10 a.m., CBS

NCAM tour-nament are all on the line when No. 11 Georgetown hosts No. 12 Louisville on Saturday. Oh, yeah, don't forget that it will be Senior Day for the class that vaulted the Hoyas back to respectability. Or that those very seniors will be looking to avenge a 59-51 loss at Freedom Hall on Feb. 9.

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"Big game. Huge game," Georgetown senlor point guard lonathan Wallace said. "When you look at how that first game played out against Louisville, this is what we wanted — a chance to redeem ourselves and at the same time capture threat Big East regular season tide."

When the Hoyas clinched first place last year, coach John Thompson III was so excited he wanted to sneak back onto the court with his wife and children and cut the nets. Now there's a chance for two in a row, something the storied Georgetown program never accomplished under his Hall of Fame father — or any other coach.

"This is extremely important," said Thompson, who coached at Princeton before coming to Georgetown four seasons ago. "With my background, I've been socialized to think that the regular season is enticla because in lar season is crucial because in the ly League there is no confer-ence tournament. I've been pro-

has season is Cittata needs to the ley League there is no conference tournament. I've been programmed that way.

On the other hand, the tide wouldn't be the be-all and end-all to this season. These floyas have been there, done that.

"I don't want to get excited about accomplishments that we get this year that we did last year. Senior forward Patrick, Ewing Ir. said. "We won the regular season last year. We won the regular season last year. We won the flig East) tournament last year. Those aren't really things that as a Lean we should get excited about because we already the want to get excited whe want to get excited. We want to get excited whe want to get excited whe want to get excited. We want to win a national championship.

As for the Cardinals, a victory

No for the Cardinals, a victory Saturday would be another show fresilience from a team that was ranked No. 6 in the preseason but fell out of the rankings after injuries to seniors David Padgett and Juan Palacios.

"There's so much at stake that: it's a lot of fran and I wouldn't want it any other way. Louisville coach Rike Pitino said, "If you gave me a choice to play it at home or on the road I would; chose the road because I think that type of pressure is great for a basketball team."

## Men

"Me and Terry (Fields) and Joan were talking about it earlier," Guyton said. "We got to Hutch last year and worked so hard to do It. We did It last year and fin not going to let myself not make it there again." CSI and Sait Lake mer for last year's regional tournament title which saw Parakhouski score a 12-point, 10-rebound double-double in an 85-77 victory. This y year's chample.

coubte in an 85-77 victory. This year's championship game figures to be another battle of wills as the nation-leading CSI offense is pitted against a stalwart Salt Lake defense that is one of the best in

junior college basketball.
"I think we're going to
come and play hard and I
think we know that Salt
Lake is going to come and
play hard," Peery said.

## SALT LAKE CC 85, EASTERN UTAH 77

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Habosh Bonner spend
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yaholi Jackson and
led Salt Lake Community
College to an 85-77 semifinal victory over the College
of Eastern Utah. Bonner
scored a team-high 24
points to go with seven
assists, while Dan Stafford
added 13 points and Vassy
Banny and Aaron Smith
chipped in 12 each for the
28-3 Bruins.

Darington Hobson fin-ished with 29 points, 14 rebounds and six assists for the 17-15 Golden Eagles, while Kal Bay added 19 points. The loss ends CEUwhile the Bruin will play in their second straight region tournamen title game.

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## Padres Young shines in return from paternity leave

thris Young pitched three hitless unings and scored all the way from irst on a double, sliding in ahead of

Imagine what he could have done if he wasn't worn out from spending the last three nights changing his newborn daughter's diapers.

"That's the first time I saw a 6-10 guy slide into home plate," general manager Kewin Towers said after the Padres beat an Arlzon's Diagon." Padres beat an Arizona Diamondbacks split squad 6-3 on Friday in Peoria, Ariz.

Young singled and made the dash

in the second inning. Young didn't think third-base coach, Glenn Hoffman would have sent him if there was going to be a play, but said it's part of the game.

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"I consider tryself an athlete," said Young, who played basketball at Princeton. "I don't want to think of myself as just a pitcher, that I can't do anything else."

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Young faced the minimum nine batters. Arizona's Chris Young walked to open the game but was erased on an inning-ending double play. Young struck out the side in

the third.
"I've definitely been tired the last few days so I didn't have great expectations going out there," Young said.
"But once! got out there! I'felt good and really maybe! I didn't have that adrenaline and didn't ty to do too much, and sometimes things work out better that way."

much, and sometimes things work out better that way." Young's wife, Liz, gave birth Tuesday to the couple's first child. Catherine Elizabeth. "Yeah, I've changed a few diapers, so it was a first-time experience for me," Young said, "Tibere's room for improvement, to say the least."

At Kissimmee, Fla., Braves starter Mike Hampton's day didn't go nearly

Mike Hampton's day didn't go nearly as well.

He left his start in the second inning of Atlanta's 9-6 loss to the Detroit Tigers. The Braves sald his latest injury Is a mild strain that Isn't believed to be serious.

"I've got to get my legs in shape," said Hampton, who hasn't pitched in a major league game since August 2005 because of two elbow operations and other allments.

Hampton walked off the mount after throwing 38 pitches, 19 for strikes. The left-hander sald he

came out of the game mainly as a precaution and still thinks he should be ready to open the season in Adanta's rotation. At Phoenix, Brandon McCarthy didn't even make it out for his second inning of the Texas Rangers' 9 loss to Milwaukee. McCarthy pitched just one and felt soreness in his right elbow when he threw his third curveball of the day. He will be re-examined on Saturday. "Hopefully, it's nothing too serious and it's something we can get past soon," McCarthy said. "But, it's not fun right now."

past soon, not fun right now.

## Maggert leads at rainy Innisbrook

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — The wind was blowing hard enough to sweep sand out of the bunkers and knock down scores Friday at the PODS Championship, Jeff M-aggert used it to

scores Friday at the PODS Championship, left M-aggert used it to his advantage.

Starting his second round with the wind at his back, Maggert birdled three of his opening four holes and hung on long enough to be leading by three shots at the turn when play was suspended for the rest of the day because of storms.

Maggert was at B-under par, three shots ahead of Kenny Perry and DJ. Trahan. For the second straight day, none of the late starters came close to finishing the round. "Tve only played 27 holes." Maggert said. "Ive got a lot of the tournament in front of me. Even though I have the lead now, I'm not really looking at my position. I'm just trying to play solid and give myself an opportunity to finish off this round with a good score.

About 15 minutes after the siren sounded to stop play, the sky opened and dumped even more rain on the Copperhead course at Innisbrook. That might not be a bad thing, for softer greens at least gave players a fighting chance.

"At least it's not cold yet, 'said Mark."

greens at least gave players a fighting chance.

"At least it's not cold yet," said Mark Calcavecchia, the defending champion who shot a 1-under 70 and was tied for the clubhouse lead at 3-uyder 139 with two-time U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen (74), Billy Marylir (71), Stuart Appleby (73) and Paul (issey (72).

Only three players among the early starters managed to beak 70, with Tim Petrovic and Kevin Sytherland leading the way at 68.

Everyone braced for scores to tumble in the afternoon, soft was a surprise to see Maggert play as though this were the Bob Hope Classic on a calm day in the desert.

Along with geting the good end of the draw, however, Maggert started his second round on the right side of the curse.

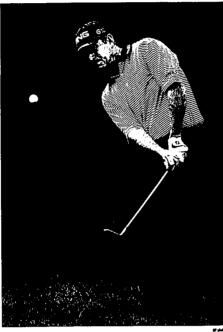
second round to course.

He holed an 4-foot birdie putt on the par-5 first hole then hit driver with the hole and 424 yards, leaving him He holed an Motor and part first holed an Motor appare 5 first hole then hit driver with the wind at his back 324 yards, leaving him a simple pitch from 78 yards to 5 feet for another bitdle. His first big test was the par-3 fourth, which played into the wind. Magget hammered 4-iron that fed to the holed an 18-foot birdle.

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where he hold an 18-foot birdle. Others were long gone by then. Errite IIs, Bridled his last two holes so salvage a 73, leaving him at 4-over 146 and likely to miss the cu. "It's very tuegh, demanding golf," he said, "I didni quite have it." Days Loyd II was 3 under for his first three holes with les started giving shots back, shooting 72 to miss the cut for the second time since returning from ankle

surgery.
Six players failed to break 80, includ-



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ing David Toms (81), which might end up costing him a spot in the World Goif Championship in two weeks at Doral. John Daly also shot 80 for the first

John Daly also shot ev ou manimum this year.
Janzen, wintess since his second U.S.
Open title 10 years ago at Olympic
Club, played 21 holes on Friday. He
returned in the morning to finish his
first round, hitting a 3-iron off the pine
needles to 20 feet for birdle on the
uogh 16th to catch first-round leader
Bart Bryant at 6-under 65. The next 18
holes were more of a struggle.

### Simpson in front at Toshiba

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Tim Simpson took the first-round lead in the Toshiba Classic with the best round of his Champions Tour career, a bogey-

free, 8-under 63 that left him a shot clear of 2005 winner Mark Johnson.
The 51-year-old Simpson, a four-time winner on the PGA Tour whose career has been sidetracked by Lyme disease and a series of injuries and other ailments, is winless in 44 starts in parts of three seasons on the 50-and-over tour.

over tour.
Defending champion Jay Hans and
Bernhard Langer opened with 65s, and
Graig Stadler. Ren Crenshaw, Bruce
Lietzke and D.A. Welbring shot 65s.
Scott Hoch, coming off consecutive
wins in Horida in the Allianz Champlonship and The ACE Group Classic,
had a 67. Mark O'Meara opened with a 69 in his first start of the year on the tour, and Scotland's Sandy Lyle shot a 70 in his Champions Tour debut.

— The Associated Press

## NFL

## Goodell seeks more inspections, harsher penalties for spying

NEW YORK (AP) — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell wants to crack down on spying next season with more inspections and harsher penalties, steps that follow the disciplining of the New England Patriots for taping opponents' signals.

Goodell is urging tougher action on teams and employees that would include unannounced inspections of locker rooms and coaches' areas in press boxes and a lower standard of proof for imposing discipline on those with violate rules. Loss of draft-tolices would be a possible punishment.

The cleaners first dis-

The changes, first dis-losed in The Washington Post on Friday, are contained in a memo obtained by The Associated Press. It was sent Associated ress. It was sent to the league's rule-making competition committee, which will make recommen-dations to the owners at the league meeting starting March 30 in Palm Beach, Fla.

"I think there are a number of steps that should be taken in advance of the start of the in advance of the start of the 2008 season to improve and strengthen the enforcement procedures designed to pre-serve the competitive integri-ty of the game. Goodell wrote in the memo. It is a direct outgrowth from Spygae, which resulted in severe fines against coach Bill Belichtek and the New England Patriots, and the forfeiture of New Englands first-round draft choice after



NFL commissioner Roger Goo vants to crack down on soring wants to crack down on spying next football season, with more Inspections and harsher penalties, steps that follow the disciplining of the New England Patriots for tan-

the confiscation of tapes during the opening game of the season against the New

the season against the New York Jets.

The tapes and other evidence were subsequently destroyed, leading to further outcry including a meeting between Goodell and Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who expressed his displeasure at disclosures that the Patriots' spying may have gone back to 2000.

Competition committee

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Competition committee members also suggested Friday that the memo is less about Spygate than it is about finding a way to keep up with advances in technology.

## Giants reward Coughlin with four-year contract

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(AP) — Tom Coughlin was
rewarded for the New York
Glants' Super Bowl victory,
agreeing to a four-year, \$21
million contract Friday that
will make him one of the
NFLS highest-paid coaches.
He will carn about \$5.25
million annually, according to
a person with knowledge of
the deal who spoke on condition of anonymity to The
Associated Press because the
contract hasn't been signed.
The person said the team will
announce the deal Saturday. announce the deal Saturday The two sides had the outline of the deal in place for weeks.

The contract represents a
\$2 million increase over last

season and what he was to have earned this year have earned this year. Seattle's Mike Holmgren is the NFL's top-paid coach at \$8

Seattle's Mike Holingren is the NFL's top-plaid coach at \$8 million a year.
Gary O'Hagan, Coughlin's agent, did not return a call. The Glants had no comment. The Glants had no comment. I'don't think Tom's going to change," veteran punier Jeff Feagles said in a relephone interview. "The monetary value, that falls into line with what other coaches make. And especially with the Glants, you're rewarded for what you do on the field and your dedication, and Tom deserves every bit of it." Coughlin had been on the verge of being fired after the Glants went 8-8 in 2006 and were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs for the second straight year. Coughlin and the Glants (14-6) both staged remarkable turnarounds, capped by a 17-14 win over the previously unbeaten New England in the

Super Bowl in Glendale, Ariz Coughlin was an assistant coach on Bill Parcells' staff when the Giants won the Super Bowl in 1991. He left to coach Boston College and eventually took the head Job with the expansion Jacksonville Jaguars. Coughlin has a 103-89 record in 12 NFL seasons, including a 35-29 mark in four seasons with New York. "We know what we'll be

"Wi know what we'll be getting with Tom, and that makes a difference to a play-er," said Feagles, who signed a new two-year contract on Feb. 12, "You bring somebody else in, you never know if

new two-year contract on new two-year contract on feeh. 12. You bring somehody else in, you never know if they're going to change your routine. But we all know how we all know he'll be around for a few more years.

Once an unyielding disciplination. Oughlin became a kinder, geruler oach. He still demanded perfection, but he was wise enough to enlist a group of which was wise enough to enlist a group of when the Giants were routted by Dallas and Green Bay in their lirst two groups of the work o

over the Redskins.

## Mackey first into Ruby checkpoint of Iditarod

RUBY Alaska (AP) — The village iell rang as defending champion Lance Mackey and hil 14 dogs sailed up a snowyhill Friday morning as the first team in the Iditarod Trail Shel Dog Race to pull into this Yukon River outpost. "Dor't count me out just yet," the Faitbanks musher said ashis dogs yelped at the checkpoint in Ruby, about 600 mies into the 1.100-mile race to Nome. The trek usually takes about 10 days, meaning the winner could cross the line Tuesday. Mackey arrived at 7.32 a.m., more than 2½ hours before foor-time winner leff King of Lenali Park clocked in at 10-th a.m. with all 16 dogs.

For beating a record field to the Yubon, a tired Mackey was treated to the traditional seven-course gourmet feast. Mackey will also receive \$5,000 in \$10 bills.

The 37-jear-old musher, who has dready taken his mandatory 24-hour rest, plans to take one of the two required eight-hour breaks at the Athabascan village of 170. After eeding his dogs.



Mitch Seavey, 2004 Iditared champion from Sterling, Alaska, runs his team up a hill as he arrives at the Ruby, Alaska, checkpoint on the

he was chowing down on halibut with peach chutney, beef fillet stuffed with Alaskan King crab, asparagus and bleu cheese, and other

ficacies. "Incredible food," he s "Incredible food," he said. Mackey said his run has been stymied by issues with his dogs, including warm weather zapping their strength and scuffles between the team leaders. The 24-hour rest seemed to revive the team, although they still were struggling with bouts of diarrhea. So far, he's had to drop two dogs, including Hobo, a leader.

"They're coming around," he said in Ruby, Still, he was somewhat surprised he was leading the race, considering his dogs inferior performance, compared to other races.

"At the moment I'm first here by some kind of luck because my team isn't 100 percent, by no means," he

Mackey was the first to

leave the race's halfway point, the checkpoint in Cripple, late Thursday, 'He took off nearly two-and-ahalf hours ahead of Hans Gatt of Whitchones, Yukon.

Thitreen other mushers were en route to Ruby, including four-time winner King and Rick Swenson of Two Rivers, the race's only five-time winner.

Mackey last year became

Mackey last year became the first to record back-to-back wins in the 1,100-mile back wins in the 1,100-mile Yukon Quest International Sted Dog Race and the Iditarod. He also won the Yukon Quest Inst month with many of the same dogs with him on the Iditarod.

His menu in Ruby, prepared by a chef flown in from Anchorage, also included chicken and wild mushroom terrine, Yukon potato bisque with shiring ravioli and raspberry crepses:

berry crepes.
Each plate was served with a fresh glass of wine.
Rookle musher Kim
Franklih of Britain was withdrawn from the race Thursday after two dogs became separated from her

For a complete stock listing, go to Magicvalley.com

# TIMES-NEWS . BUSINESS EDITOR JOSHUA PALMER: 735-3231

SATURDAY

Permits for new home construction in the City of Twin Falls plunged from 19 in January to just six last month, an indication that home buyers are still wary of the local housing market and nationwide economic concerns.

A report of building permits Issued by the City of Jerome also showed a decline—the city Issued only one permit for new home construction in February.

## A bad sign New home construction hits lowest point in more than a decade; Magic Valley numbers down, too

Comparable numbers for Burley were not available.

The February decline in home construction — an indicator of future home sales and surplus — comes at a critical time, according to the National Association of Realors.

"Three consecutive months of low-to-above-average growth usually indi-

"Three consecutive months of low-to above-average growth usually Indi-cates that local (housing) markets have sold off home surpluses and buyers are once again confident in making the investment," according to a report by the association.

Home construction edged upward in inuary compared to 2007 — a sign nat local housing markets might be surpling to normal.

that local housing markets might be returning to normal.

However, February was one of the worst months for new home construction in more than a decade for most of south-central idaho.

Local builders say they don't know why home buyers are sitting on the sidellnes even though local economic indicators show signs of stability—the

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A new subdivision under construction is shown in the Burley area

## **Employers** slash 63,000 jobs in **February**

Largest cutback in five years feeds fears

By Jeannine Aversa Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON
Employers slashed 63,000 jobs in February, the most in five years and the starkest sign yet that the country is heading dangerously toward recession or is in one already.
The Labor Department's report, released Friday, also indicated that the nation's unemployment rate dipped to 4.8 percent as hundreds of thousands of people — perhaps discouraged by their prospects — left the civilian labor furer. The jobless rate was 4.9 percent in January. Job losses were widespread, with hefty cuts coming from construction, manufacturing, retailing, financial services and warley of professional and business services. Those losses swamped gains elsewhere, including education and health care, leisure and hospitality and the government.
The latest snapshot of the audors's employment climate underscored the heavy toll of

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one nousing and credit crises on companies, jobseekers and the overall economy. To provide rollef to presistent credit problems, the federal Reserve announced Friday that it will increase the amount of toans it plans to make available to banks this ment to \$100 billion.

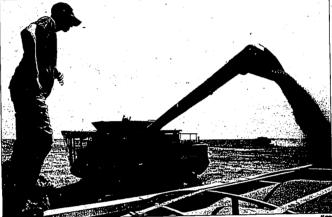
It has already provided a total of \$160 billion in shorterm loans to cash-strapped banks since the auctions hegan in December. The Feds new step well involve making \$100 billion available to a broad range of financial players through a series of separate transactions.

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## Unemployment

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# The grain game



Truck driver Nate Henry watches as Tyson Zunkel dumps a load of wheat as they work for a custom cutting crew barvesting wheat in a field west Mullmrille, Kan. Record high grain prices are fueling a economic boom out in farm states like Kansas.

## Record-high grain prices bolstering rural economy

By Roxana Hegeman Associated Press writer

Record-high grain prices are fuel-ing a rural economic boom in farm states in the west and midwest. Farm equipment dealers have a backlog of several months in orders for new machinery. Cropland rena-are rising, along with agricultural land prices. And with spring planting just weeks away, farmers are watch-ing the volatile commodities markets as they decide which crops to grow in the coming season.

ing the volatile commodities markets as they decide which crops to grow in the coming season. While their city neighbors are struggling with foreclosures and fears of a recession, a lot more money is circulating in rural Kausass today, said fere White. executive director of the Kausas Corn Growers Association. "They are kind of riding the wave, running counter to the rest of the economy." Terry Kastens, a part-time agricultural economy professor at Kausass State University, said of his fellow farmers. White said that after several lean years in Kansas agriculture, many farmers are using money they're making from their grain to upgrade, not just on their farms, but in their homes and elsewhere. "If you care envision tens of thousands of farmers in Kansass receiving a good price for virtually any grain they grow, the impact it has on rural communities has to be substantial," he said.
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"That filters its way to people who sell cars and tires and shoes and

clothing and everything else."

Perhaps one of the most telling barometers of the farm economy is the rising numbers of orders for new

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Jere White, executive director of the Kansas Corn Growers Association

farm machinery, Kastens, who farms in northwest Kansas near Atwood, bought a new planter in August of the August o

ery, which is pushing up the cost of equipment as much as 20 percent, Kastens said.

put costs -- items : filizer, herbicide and seed prices— are also soaring, something farmers will take into consideration when deciding what and how much to

piant.
"Corn is very expensive to plant,"
said Mike Woolverton, grain marketing economist at Kansus State
University. It takes a lot of fertilizer
and seed costs are high."
Still, Kastens said, grain prices are
"plenty high" to cover the increased
costs.

costs.
"Another big plus for farmers today is that despite the fact there is a lot of borrowing — all input costs have

risen — interest rates have been pretry low," he said. Government officials lowered the interest rates, which is another nice, positive thing.

Corn is the first spring crop planted in Kansas. With input costs so high farmers are now making almost irreversible planting decisions as they buy fertilizer and seed.

The Agriculture Department plans to issue on March 31 its report on what farmers are planning to plant. Soybeans and wheat may seem like a better option than corn when looking at relative prices, but the selling price of corn today makes it a profitable crop.

"They have to look ahead at harvest-time prices, and that is where the lociture could change," Woolverton said.

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said.

He said nothing in the past farm economy compares with the volatility of today's commodity markets. One option for farmers may be to lock in prices in the futures market.

"What we are telling people Is to forward contract as much of their 2008 and 2009 crops as they are comfortable with, but no more than they can every with crop insurance." can cover with crop insurance,"
Woolverton said. "We can't tell them
any more than that, otherwise they
are speculating."

## **Postal** service feels weight of 'junk mail'

Do-not-mail lists and troubled businesses reduce 'junk mail'

By Lyndsey Layton The Washington Post

WASHINGTON -WASHINGTON — The souring economy and changing lifestyles are dramatically affecting one of the most dependable institutions in American life: the U.S. Postal Service. Troubled banks are Service. Troubled banks are mailing fewer credit card offers. Declining new-home sales mean vacant houses sit-

sales mean vacant houses sit-ting with empty mallboxes. And as onsumers switch to paying bils online, first-class mallings are drying up. Now, a tew trend in con-sumer actalism — do-not-mall inst pending in 18 states — threatensto reduce deliv-eries of catalogues and other 'junk mall' that make up the largest volume of postal deliveries. Because of these factors.

largest volume of postal deliveries.

Because of these factors, postal officials are expecting an operating deficit of \$1 billion this year, the largest since 1995, and are looking for creative solutions.

"We cannot that sillion in the red," Postmaster General John Patter testified before a Senate subcommittee Wednesday, "We would never be able tt dig out of that hole."

Potter said he wants to explore the possibility of renting space in the \$37,000 post offices acrossithe country to banks and other commercial interests. He said, however, that legal restrictions governing federal property could get in the way of, say, installing a Starlucks in the local post office.

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Coming in business

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve announced Friday that it will boost the size of auctions planned for March 10 and March 24 to \$50 billion each. That isup from the \$30 billion limits it had previously announced. The auctions serve as short-term loans to get banks the cash they need to keep lending to their customers.

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Continued from page C6 unemployment rate in south-central Idaho remains one of the lowest in the nation and the regional housing market has been largely unaffected by the meltdown in subprime

loans.
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loans.

"It's like they are waiting to see something, but we don't know what that is," said Tony Hughes, past-president of the Magic Valley Builders Association. "The only thing I can think of is that maybe (lenders) have matched up lending requirements."

Local lenders say Jending requirements have been tightened for alternative loans, such as interest-only and stated-income loans, but those loans are a small portion of the market.

"What you're seeing is that there is not a lunge restructuring in conforming loans that are our core products," said Brenda Holmes, senior vice president of First Federal Bank. "But there has been a reduction in alternative loans — those loans are pretty much impossible to find right now."

She said major lenders have

much impossible to find right now."

She said major lenders have also tightened credit quality requirements, which include the borrowers' credit history as well as the amount of money that can be used in a down payment.

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## **Jobs**

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On Wall Street, the Dow
Jones industrials were off
around 15 points in morning trading as the Fed's
actions helped to blum
worry about the eroding
jobs situation.
The Labor report also
showed that January's job
losses were worse than the
government first reported.
Employers cut 22,000 jobs,
versus 17,000.
It was the first monthly

versus 17,000. It was the first monthly back-to-back job losses

since May and June 2003, when the job market was still struggling to recover from the blows of the 2001

from the blows or the Loo-recession.

The health of the nations haping how the overall economy fares. If compa-nies continue to cut back on hiring, that will spell more trouble.

"It certainly solidifies the notion that the economy has fallen into a recession," said Ken Mayland, econo-

mist at ClearView Economics. Friday's report was much weaker than economists were expecting. They were forecasting employers to boost payrolls by around 25,000.

25,000. However, they were also expecting the jobless rate to edge up to 5 percent. The reason why the jobless rate went down, rather than up, is because so many people stopped looking for work and left the labor force.

"We are disappointed any time you see a number showing lost jobs,"

time you see a number showing lost jobs."
Commerce Secretary Carlos Guiterrez told The Associated Press. "This is consistent with a slow-down," he said.
Still, he was hopeful that the recently enacted economic stimulus package forged by the White House and Congress will help boster the economy in the second half of this year.
Workers with jobs, how-

ever, saw modest wage

gains.

Average hourly earnings for jobholders rose to \$17.80 in February, a 0.3 percent increase from the previous

increase from the previous month.
That was on target with economists' forecasts. Over the last 12 months, wages were up 3.7 percent. With high energy and food prices, though, workers may feel squeezed and feel like their paychecks aren't stretching that far.

## Junk .

Continued from page C6 same challenges, but they look at their assets and use those assets to generate revenue. They use their retail outlets as banks," Potter said. "That type of flexibility is something I think we need to

smething! think we need to explore.

The looming deficit is a sharp reversal from the past several years. As recently as 2004, the Postal Service had as 2004, the Postal Service had since been struggling against growing competition from FedEx, DHL, UPS and other delivery services. The Internet also has possed a threat, with the explosion of e-mail and an increase in the number of consumers who pay bills online rather than send a check in the mail.

First-class mail, the Postal

### "I'm infuriated. We throw out the equivalent of a grocery bag of unwanted mail each day." ·

### - Karen Montgomery, D-Montgomery

Service's most profitable type, has been dropping steadily. The amount of first-class mail, which includes letters and bill payments, fell to 95 billion pieces in 2007 from 98 billion in 2004. The holiday season in December was the first in which mail volume was less than the previous year. At the same time, standard mail — advertising circulars, catalogues, fundraising appeals — has grown to 104 billion pieces in 2007 from 101 billion in 2005

The explosion in standard mail has not gone unnoticed

by consumers, many of whom have begun asking lawmakers for a national "do not mail" registry similar to the telemarketing Do Not Call phone registry, where advertisers would have to stop mailing catalogues and other unwanted mail to anyone on the list.
"I see catalogues of clothing, furniture and food, and I have no idea how they even get my name," said Maryland Del, Karen Montgomery, D-Montgomery, Tim infuriated. We throw out the equivalent of a grocery bag of unwanted mail each day. We

used to have a trash can in the post office, and most of people's mail went into the trash. I just thought, this is ridiculous. What it does, of course, is to keep the post office in business."

office in business."
Montgomery proposed 'do not mail' regislation late last year, making Maryland one of 18 states to consider such a registry since 2007. Soon after she filed her bill, she said she was inundated by lobbyists who represent the Postal Service and direct marketing industry. There was so much pressure against it," she said. "It

turns out the Postal Service is relying on a lot of this junk mail."

Montgomery withdrew her bill but says she will rein-troduce it offer. troduce it after more research and a consultation with the states attorney gen-

with the state's attorney general.

At Wednesday's hearing before the Senate subcommittee, Potter talked about the Postal Service's lobbying efforts against "do not mail." We're working very hard to inform people about the lole that mail plays in the economy, as an employer of millions of Americans," said Potter, adding that it is unclear whether states have the authority to create laws that affect the Postal Service. "Fortunately, no legislation has passed."

### TWIN FALLS FORECAS

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## Roush denies oil tank cover was intentionally left off oil tank lid off and/or creating

HAMITON, Ga. (AP) — Car owner Jack Roush strongly denied any Intentional wrongdoling Friday in the wake of NASCAR penalties that knocked driver Carl Edwards out of first place in the Sprint Cut points and purcrew chief Bob Osborne on a six-week suspension.

"Jack is mad," a visibly upset Roush declared as he strode to a podium Friday at Atlanta Motor Speedway to respond to Toyota official Lee white's claim in a published report that Edwards No. 99 Roush Fenway Racing team had intentionally taken the cover off the ear's oll tank to gain an aerodynamic advantage.

"He's a real nice gay," Roush said of White, a former Roush employee." I respect him, but he's also a great racer and would seek any advantage he might think he bad an opportunity for.

The 99 car failed postrace inspection last Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway after MASCAR inspectors found there was no cover on the oil tank. Roush Fenway Racing said the cover came off when a bolt failed during the race, possibly due to vibration.

White had a hard time believing that could happen.
"I guarantee you the cover bolts didn't fall out, because if they fall, the engine leaks and

they fall, the engine leaks and you can't run," he said in a story published Friday in USA Today. "If you want some-thing to fall off, you fix it so it can."

can."
White, general manager of Toyota Racing Development, backed off slightly Friday from his published accusa-



MASCAR team owner Jack Roush watches practice for Sunday's Kobalt Tools 500 Friday at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga. Roush strongly denied any intentional wrongdoing Friday in the wake of NASCAR es that knocked driver Carl Edwards out of first place in the Sprint

## Sore Gordon comes back from last week's crash with pole-winning effort

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Gordon, bouncing back from a
hard crash in Las Vegas, feit a
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"I was sore, but none of the soreness effected me in the record, Gordon said other posting a fest lap of 185,251 mph on the 1,5-mile Allanta ord, assiy faster, than the 184,852 of Dale Earnhardt Jr. After what he called "one of the nastlest wrecks" the every hand. Coordon was falled "one of the nastlest wrecks" the every hand. Coordon was falled sore of the nastlest wrecks "the every hand Tuesday" in Procein, so he knew he'd be OK heading Into

six weeks, and Roush was docked 100 owner points:
The team, which has not yet decided whether or not to appeal the penalties, has insisted that the cover came off during the 400-mile race because of severe wibrations. "It was tight." Roush said of the cover. "It was secure when the race started. Sometime during the 400 miles, it came off."
Roush said he is ember-

Roush said he is embar-rassed by the penalties and the accusations. If necessary, he said he and anyone from his team even remotely

his weekend.

"My stomach was sore and my elbow was banged up, but I was able to put that aside in the race car," he said after saming his second Allanda pole and the 64th of his Cup carrer. This makes me fed less time.

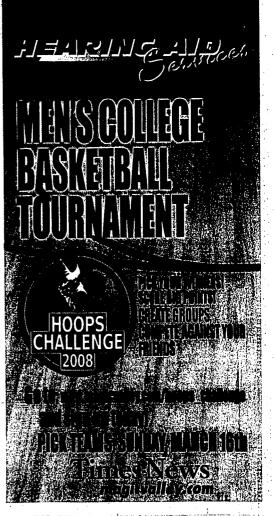
central in a securiar value to pole and the Schind files Cup career. This makes me feel just fine. "You know what, this is a tough place to ston the pole and I'm extremely excited by this. This is a very fest mos track and it's very fought to get amound here quick. Today, we got out there in practice and if thought something was wrinning with the car, it was so out of control." Gordon said the worked with crew chief Steve Leitarfa to make the care better and the team made, steady progress in practice,
To go out there and put.
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involved with securing the cover on the oil tank would be willing to take lle detector lests. to, prove It was not removed intentionally. "I can prove that I was not culpable here and nobody on the team was culpable, and I think that should make a difference." Roush said later Friday at the 99 hauler. "It would make a difference any-place else in the world. There would make a difference any-place else in the world. There would be a difference between first-degree murder and manslaughter based on culpability. NASCAR doesn't provide for that difference."

Meanwhlle, the team has made what he called a "lack fix," wiring down the oil tank covers on its cars this week. After Sunday's race, com-petitors circulated a photo via e-mail of Edwards doing his

trademark celebratory back-flip off his car with the cover clearly missing from the oil tank and a gap near the right rear fender. Several crew chiefs have confirmed that by leaving the

on tanking on anoror creating an obening that allows air to flow in, the air is able to circu-late through the car, exit through the windows and create as much as 10 percent





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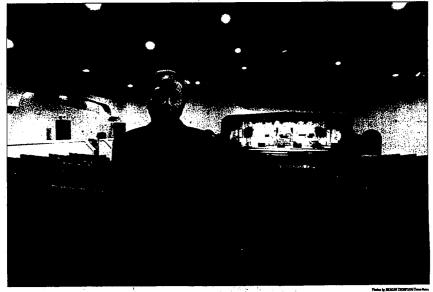
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"People that come here don't come here because of the name."

## Sign to announce **River Christian Fellowship**



Bruce Spratt of Lytle Signs guides one of the new metal signs for The River Christian Fellowship as Travis Tucker mans the crane Friday afternoon at the Twin Falls church ding to the Rey. Mike Kestler, the change of name was about the only difference the congregation noticed as River Christian severed ties last year with Calvary Cl a national nondenominational Christian church.



Mike Kestler, pastor of The River Christian Fellowship, poses in the back of the chapel of the church be has led for the past three decades. On Monday, the letters on the front of the church sign will proclaim the new name but Nestler says his church will be the same church it has always been.

## Church, satellite network no longer associated with Calvary Chapel

Late last year, Mike Kestler and the Calvary Chapel movement made a deal. Kestler would keep the nation's largest Christian radio network, and the network and his Twin Fall's church would no longer be associated with the Calvary name.

On Friday, a symbol of the church's new brand was installed. Cranes lowered the pieces of a meta sign into place at the corner of Falls Avenue and Champlin Road—though the letters naming it The River Christian Fellowship likely won't be added until Monday. Teople always said. Tis the church out by the river." said Kestler, senior pastor at River Christian since the church started 29 years ago. "I think it's a far better name than Calvary Chapel." Kestler said there is no substantive difference in teachings or atmosphere between River Christian and Calvary Chapel. "Kestler stall there is no substantive difference in teachings or atmosphere between River Christian and Calvary Chapel."

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## The River Christian Fellowship

(formerly Calvary Clapel of Twis Falls)

4002 N.3300 E. Twis Falls)

4733-3133, www.theriverchristianfellow.

ship,com

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Additional Bible studies, prayer meetings,

and interessing/our meetings are held; contact, the church for information.

\*The Christian Studies Network radio:

ministry(sron 9.9.9 RM,

www.chynadio.com. The television ministry

can be seen on Twin Falls channels 27,

45 and 55;

"It's one and the same, it's just a different name," said Mike Stocklin, a congregant at the church and general manager of the satellite network, which encompasses more than 400 radio stations.

Kestler said there was a confidentiality, clause in the settlement with Calvary Chapel and declined to comment on it further. The deal dis-

missed lawsuits on both sides dating back to 2001 that alleged misappropriation of funds, attempts to control the media network, even retailatory funding of a sexual misconduct suit. However, the Twin Falls church's leaders noted that a new identity for the church was planned even before the deal was reached.

The name would have changed anway regardless of

"The name would have changed anyway regardless of the settlement," Stocklin said. River Christian, he said, doesn't have the same connotation of a small structure that the word chapel does, and the new name is more ecumenical, reflecting the church's mission to be wel-

the church's mission to be wel-coming to all Christians.

"People in this world identify with names Instead of God, and that's unfortunate," Kestler said. "People that come here don't come here because of the name."

He said he doesn't feel any ill will toward the Calvary Chaplel move-ment, and maintains good relations with the leaders of Calvary Chapels

in southern Idaho.
"Because we changed our name, that does not make me anti-Calvary," Kestler said. "There's no animosity of mine toward Calvary Chapel."
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Chapel."

The legal wrangling did leave a bad taste in the mouth of at least one congregant, however. Cally Marshall, a Twin Falls resident who has attended River Christian for eight years, said she's flad the church is no longer associated with

Calvary Chapel.

"I'm relieved that we aren't, just because of all the things that have happened," Marshall said. Like Kestler and other congregants, she said the name itself wasn't important leber.

said the name itself wasni unpostant to her.

"Really, honestly the name doesn' mean anything to me," she said.

"The church is made up of a body of people, I don't care If they call themselves Calvary Chapel or The River Christian Fellowship."

Bonnie Grace, a Burley resident who began attending Calvary Chapel services when they started in California 40 years ago, continues

Sunday.

It no longer bothers her that River
Christian and Calvary, which is led
in Costa Mesa, Calif., by founder
Chuck Smith, have severed their

in Costa Mesa, Caili, Joy Tounder, Chuck Smith, have severed their association. "It kind of did at first, and it was disappointing because I love Chuck Smith and I didn't think he'd do some of the things he'd do. But we're all past it, "Grace said. She likes the new name. "I think it's neat, because we are not far from the falls," she said, "The church is the same and the pastor's the same and the same an about 400 people.

Ariel Hansen may be reached at ariel.hansen@lee.net or 735-3376.

## U.S. is still a Protestant country — although percentage is declining

Americans are switching religious affiliation in ever greater numbers or abandoning due to organized denominations altogether, while Protestants are on the cusp of becoming a minority, according to a new survey released last week. 

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Public Life. Protestants have held a majority status in the U.S. for more than two cen-

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Barely '5] percent of Americans are Protestants, and among people between the ages of 18 and 29, just 43 percent identify with this branch of Christianity, according to the study by the Pew Forum on Religion and

Lutheran mother and a Catholic father, who attended an Episcopal Church. His par-ents later switched to a charismatic congregation. Although they started out as Presbyterlans, Savage said he and his wife eventually joined a non-denominational church.

and his wife eventually joined non-denominational church.

"I fundamentally did not change what I believe, but I changed brands," Savage said.

Leo Poveda, a 43-year Los Angeles native whose family is Catholic, said he became a non-denomination at Evangelical in 2004.

Catholicism "never took a

## sects losing loyalty

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of me," he said. that immigrants to the United e Pew study also found States are twice as likely as

native-born Americans to identify with the Catholic church, with one in three adult Catholics being

identify with the Catholic church, with one in three adult Catholics being Hispanic.

The Rev. Guillermo Garcia, pastor at St. Gertrude's Catholic Church in Bell Gardens, Califi, says the large numbers of Catholic Immigrants are "stabilizing" the church's membership, But "even if they come," he said, "there is a tendency to lose them in the second and third generation."

The 148-page Pew study,

generation."

The 148-page Pew study, with a margin of error of less

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## Magic Valley Jubilee

## presents concert The Magic Valley Jubiles

will present a concert at p.m. today at the River Christian Fellowship, located at the corner of Falls Avenue and Shoshone Falls Road in

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and Shoshone Falls Road in
Twin Falls.
Tonight's theme,
"A
Resurrection Celebration," is
a celebration of Easter featuring local vocalists and musi-

cians.

Admission is free; the pub-lic is invited. Information: 734-9436.

### Unitarian Universalists start new class

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An adult Theological Development Class hosted by the Unitarian Universalists will begin Sunday, with class from 8 to 10 a.m. before the Sunday service. The group meets at 273 Shoup Ave. W. in Then Ealls.

Sunday service. The group meets at 273 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

The six-session program explores the history and her-lage of theological issues, personal religious values and trends for the future. It features historical essays from original sources and engaging group discussions and activities. The theme and description explores description Unitarian II tion explores an Universalist identi-

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Unitarian Universalist identity within the context of the
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participants explore their
spiritual development, religious attitudes, values and
beliefs, and current theological trends and issues. Goals
are for participants to understand the issues, disputes and
principles in the historical
evolution of Unitarian
Universalism, to appreciate
the struggles and sacrifices of
historical figures in the movement and to explore how
their own falth journeys compare to those of Unitarian
Universalist forebears.
Unitarian Universalist congregations are designed as
laces where people gather to
nurture their spirits and put
their faith into action by helping to make communities and
the world a better place. The
promote the slogan, "Room
for Different Beliefs — Yours,"
Information: 734-6552.

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### Presbyterians mark Girl Scout Sunday

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drivers at the

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Girl Scout Sunday will be recognized during worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 209

Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls.
Girl Scouts will participate
and help lead worship. Nicole
Narchio and Kim Dolecheck
will serve as greeters, and
ushers will be Catina Crum,
Dakotah Romans, Kara Tarter,
Whitney Walker and
Elizabeth Middleton. Camille
Flournoy will serve as liturgist
and read the responsive reading and how the Girl Scout.
Law relates to Bible scriptures. Girl Scouts from Troops
261 and 202 will be serving
Girl Scout cookies in the fellowship hall after service.
Richard Irwin will be
ordained and installed as deacon.

deacon.
Order forms are available to order Easter Illies at a cost of \$7.50. The lilies will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and taken to shut-ins after the service.
Information: 733-7023.

### Hansen Baptists welcome new pastor

The Hansen Baptist Fellowship welcomed new pastor Doug Stevenson on March 1.

Stevenson replaced interim pastor Larry Maxwell. He came here from Boise and is

came here from Boise and is starting a series of sermons and Sunday school lessons titled, 'Back to Basics.' Maxwell, who served from July 3, 2005, to March 1, 2008, will be pastoring at Valley Baptist in Hagerman. An open house for community members to meet Stevenson will be held at 4 p.m. April 6. Services begin at 4 p.m. Sundays and are followed by Sunday school at 5 p.m. and a weekly polluck at 6 p.m. The church is at 340 Main St. (the old City Hall building). Information: 423-6937.

### LDS Church hosts singles fireside

A multi-stake fireside for LDS adult singles ages 31 and up will be held Sunday at the up will be new suman, ..... Twin Falls Stake Center, 421 Maurice St. N.

mber of the Twin Falls West Stake presidency will be

the speaker. Information: Fred Jaynes.

## Mendelson presents

Jews for Jesus program Susan Mendelson, with Jews for Jesus, will present "Christ in the Passover" at 7 p.m. Friday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filer Ave, E. in Twin Falls,

Participants will have an opportunity to gain insights into how the pieces of Gods plan of salvation fit together and observe a visual display of the Passover pageantry for years to come.

Information: 733-7820.

### Assembly of God shows 'Passion of the Christ'

Hansen Assembly of God, 319 Second St. E., will present the Mel Gibson film "The Passion of the Christ" at 7

p.m. Friday.
This depiction of the last 12 hours of the life of Jesus Christ will give participants a new appreciation for what Christ will give participants a new appreciation for what Christ did for mankind. Historians call the last week of Christ's life The Passion Week. The film will help understand why. This film has been rated a R for sequences of graphic violence; however, no film has been created that is more true to the biblical record and the reality of the Roman crucifision. Parents are encouraged to give guidance to children under 13.

Information: 423-5224 or

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### Catholics celebrate St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day will be celchrated Friday at St. Charles
Catholic Church, 311 S. First
Ave. in Hailey.

A dinner of corned beef
and cabbage with potatoes
and vegetables, clarn chowder, salads and desserts will
be served from 5 to 9 p.m.
Kids can have corn dogs and
tater tots. Homenade Irish
soda bread will be available,
along with a selection of Irish along with a selection of Irish beers, coffee and Leprechaun Kool-Aid. Music and dancing

Kool-Aid, Music and dancing will feature the Boulder Brothers. Bingo, kid's games and raffles are planned. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$3 for kids or \$20 for a family ticket. Tickets are available in ticket. Tickets are available in advance or at the door. Proceeds will help fund the St. Charles Men's Group Scholarship. The event is a tribute to the late Dave Ovard, a longtime local

arishioner.
Information: Jack Peters, 20-3626.

### United in Prayer Day to be observed March 15

The 16th Annual United in Prayer Day will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. March 15 at the Ascension Episcopal Church, .371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin

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Falls, A brown bag lunch is set for noon. The topic is "Beauty, Truth and Goodness."

Truth and Goodness."

Anyone interested in Centering Prayer is invited. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted to cover the cost of materials.

Information: Jamle Kelley, 734-9499, or Joyce Ballard, 733-8881

### Auction planned, fund recipients announced

The Central Asia Institute,
Crisis Center, Interfaith
Caregivers and Hispanic
Ministries Bus Fund will be
recipients of this year's
United Methodist Mission

Auction.

The auction will begin at noon April 27 at the First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. It will feature live and silent auctions with handmade Items, antiques, gift baskets, dinners, homermade goods and more. A potato bar will be served.

Anyone interested in donating for the auctions or needing more information should contact John at papa-johnt@cableone.net or 733-

### Family History Library offers classes

The Family History Library is offering an all-day series of free classes on Irish research on March 29.

Specific topics include "Emigration Sources," "Civil Census and Church Records,"

"Census Substitutes: and "Land and Probate Records." Classes will run from 9 a.m. Classes will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Museum of Church History and Art located north of the library. The museum and library are located to the west of Temple Square in downtown Salt Lake City. Parking is available for a fee at the northwest corner of West Temple and North Temple streets.

streets.
To register, send an email to FHLClassReg@ldschurch.org or call (801) 240-4950.
To view a complete schedule and series poster, visit www.familysearch.org.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thomason at ellen@magic-valley.com or, in the Mini-Cassia anca. Trana Figan at tegan@magicvalley.com. Deadline is 5 p.n. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

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## **MISSIONARIES**

Three Magic Valley-area residents have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

### Called to serve:



### Returned from serving:

 Sister
C I n d y
Steadman
served in the Kentucky Louisville Mission Steadman

daughter of



Lynn and Susan Steadman of Raft River and is in the Raft River Ward. She will continue her education at Boise State University in the

• Elder Rick Lee Roper served in the Washington Tacoma Mission.

Mission.
Roper is the son of Dave and S h a n n a Roper of Kimberly and is in the

Kimberly 5th Ward, He graduated from Kimberly High School in 2005 and attended a semester at Brigham Young University-Idaho. He will continue his education at BYU-1 in the fall.

The Times-News welcomes The Times-News velcomes reus of clurch missionaries. Send information to Ellen Thomason at ellen@magic-valley.com or, in the Mini-Cassia area, Trenn Tegan at tegan@magicvalley.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

## Catholic diocese center in Boise to change locations

The Diocesan Pastoral Center of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise, which serves Idaho, is mov-

which serves (danie, is milling.

The center, currently at 303 Federal Way in Bolse, will close at noon March 20 and reopen March 31 at 1501 Federal Way.

Mail is being accepted at the new location, and phone service will be switched on March 25. Phone and fax numbers are expected to

remain the same.

The administrative offices of Catholic Charities of Idaho will relocate March 31 from 4202 W. Emerald St. to the new pastoral center, and from 4202 W. Emerald St. to the new pastoral center, and the Family Strengthening Center will continue to pro-vide social services at its current location.

current location.

The diocesan center is traditionally closed beginning
at noon on Holy Thursday,
which falls this year on
March 20, Catholic Charities will remain open during the holy days.

## Mormon Tabernacle Choir director passes the baton

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) -he music director of the SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—
The music director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir has resigned after nearly a decade leading the choir. Craig Jessop says he plans to do more teaching — a discipline that began his musical career. He also says he will spend more time

with family

with family.
Under Jessop, the choir launched a private record label in 2003 and released more than 10 albums. Several of those topped Billboards Classical Music chart.
Associate Music Director Mack Wilburg will step in as interim director.

## School compromises on Bible class

ODESSA, Texas (AP)—
Both sides in a lawsuit challenging a school district's
Bible course claimed victory
after they agreed to allow the
course to continue but with
curriculum developed by a
superintendent-appointed
committee of local educators.

ors. A mediator developed the proposal, which was approved Wednesday by the Ector County Independent School District's trustees and earlier in the week by plaintiffs.

laintiffs. The high school elective, pproved in 2005, teaches The high school elective, approved in 2005, teaches the King James version of the sacred text using material produced by the Greensboro, N.C.-based National Council on Bible Curriculum in Public Catherium in Public Catherium



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## Turkish court rules religion classes should not be compulsory

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) Turkish high court rule Monday that religious educa tion classes geared toward Sunni Muslims should not be

Sunni Muslims should not be compulsory, a major victory for a Shitte branch of Islam. The ruling affecting Turkey's Alevi community is also likely to please the European Union which has made religious liberties a condition for Turkey's membership bid. The EU has been pressing Turkey to address Alevi claims.

The Alevis are followers of a radition rooted in Shiite The Alevis are followers of a tradition rooted in Shifte beliefs, and have long complained of discrimination and forced assimilation through mandatory courses on Sunni Islam in schools. An overwhelming majority of Turks are Sunni.

The decision means Turkey's Education Ministry will now have to either introduce classes geared toward the Alevi faith or make religious classes non-mandatory.

"For the Religious Culture

and Morality course to be mandatory under its current content is against the law," the court ruled.

The case was initially filled by an Alevi family in Istanbul who objected to their children being forced to attend Sunni-oriented classes.

Estimates of the number of Alevis vary, Alevis themselves claim to represent nearly a third of Turkey's Muslims—or more than 20 million people. The U.S. State Department's International

Religious Freedom Report for Turkey estimates Alevis num-ber at least 15 million people, or about 20 percent of the population.

population.
The Alevis are mostly confined to Turkey, and diverge greatly from Shitte majorities in neighboring tran and Iraq. They incorporate rites such as singing, ritual chanting and dance, and shun such leavile negritors as he sense. and dance, and shall such Islamic practices as the sepa-ration of men and women in prayer and the hajj pilgrim-age to Mecca.

## Not going to church? You're not alone

ave you ever noticed, if you're a person who attends church or synagogue or mosque, that a lot of your neighbors aren't joining you'll's been an impression among religious folks that their numbers are shrinking. Now comes data to prove I. Last week, the Pew Forum on Religions & Public Life released the results of a survey that is not only the most comprehensive assessment of where we are currently as a nation of believers — and nonbelievers — lt also gives a sense of just how things have changed in the last generation or so. Because the U.S. Census does not gather religious data, and because determinational data is selfgious data, and because denominational data is selfdenominational data is self-reported and not always reli-able, the Pew survey, based on interviews with 35,000 American adults, gives an excellent independent meas-terment.

rement. The results of the U.S. Religious Landscape Survey are contained in a 140-page report that can be seen on the Pew Web site the Pew Web site (religions pewforum.org), along with some handy interactive charts and maps.
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There are a few major find-ings. Among them: Since its inception, America has been predomi-nantly Protestant, but Protestantism is about to go from majority to plurality sta-tus. In 1972, about 65 percent of Americans were Protestant, Today, it is 51.3

Protestant, 10016), and accepted percent.
Catholics are the largest religious denomination in the country, about 24 percent of the population. That percentage has stayed roughly the same over the past 35 years, but the Catholic Church has lost by far the highest percentage of its members — 7.5 percent of people who were raised.



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Catholic are now something else. So why has the percent-age of Catholic Americans : Americans 1e? Those who stayed the same? Those who left have been replaced by some converts and a large number of immigrants. The group that has grown the most? It's the "unaffillat-

ed" — those who say they are not part of any religious group (atheists, agnostics and "nothing in particular"). and 'nothing in particular'). That is 16.1 percent of the population, and it is more than double the number who said they were unaffiliated as children. Put another way, about 9 percent of American adults are religious dropouts. Almost half of American

Almost half of American adults (44 percent) have changed from the faith tradition they were affiliated with as a child. The survey interprets this as a 'dynamic' and competitive' religious environment. But consider: 56 percent of Americans have remained in the faith of their childhood.

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The report is chockablock with fascinating data, far too much to go into here. But here are a couple of avenues I want to pursue.

Thad long thought that some religious groups exagerated their membership. Southern Baptists, for example, claim I for million members, which would make them the largest Protestant group. Most Baptists admit they would be hard-pressed to account for them all. The Pew survey Indicates 6.7 perto account for them all. The Pew survey indicates 6.7 per-cent of America's 225 million adults say they are Southern-

Baptist. That's right at 15 million.

But the survey turned up more United Methodists — 5.1 percent, or about 11 mil-lion adults — than are offi-cially claimed by the United Methodist Church (about 8 million), and the church has million), and the church has fairly rigorous reporting stan-dards. So perhaps people are claiming religious identities they don't actually practice. The decline of mainline

The decline of mainline Protestant church membership has been well documented, and the conservative wings of the United Methodist, Presbyterian, Evangelical Lutheran and Episcopal churches have long blamed the decline on the liberal stances of the denominations. Members were fleeing the mainline churches for more conservative traditions, it was claimed. The Pew data show this isn't the case.

claimed. The Pew data show this fair the case. For example, in the Presbyterian Church (USA). 40 percent of people who were raised in that tradition didn't change, and only 16 percent changed to an evan-gelical church, with 14 per-cent changing to "no reli-gion." The numbers were similar for the other mainline churches.

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One further note: The percentages of people who are married, colabiliting or divorced were about the same for both evangelical and maintine Protestants.

The increase in America's secularism will be no surprise to Baby Boomers who remember going to church or synagogue as a kid in the 1950s. Try skipping church and drive around some Sunday morning. There are Sunday morning. There a lots of folks not sitting in

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## **Abolished**

## House of Lords casts off blasphemy laws

I.ONDON — A funny thing happened last November when Britain launched a righteous protest over the arrest in Sudan of a British school cacher who was accused of insulting religion by naming a class teddy bear Mohammed.

The Sudanese ambassador was summoned; Prime Minister Gordon Brown issued a protest. It didn't take long, though, for someone to point out that Downing Street was standing on diplomatic quick-sand: Britain itself has a law making blasphemy a crime. Thus began a period of collective soul-scarching on free speech and secularism, traditional values and the church that anoints Britain's queen. It cubminated Wodnesday in a 148-87 vote in the House of Lords to abolish the laws on blasphemy after a wrenching, two-hour debate.

"It is crystal clear that the offenses of blasphemy and blasphemy and blasphemy and blasphemy and blasphemous libel are unworkable in today's sociative." Kay Andrews said in introducing the governent-backed amendment.

adding that "as long as this law remains on the statute books, it hinders the U.K.'s ability to challenge oppres

sive blasphemy laws in other jurisdictions." But in a debate that underscored Britain's conunderscored Britain's con-inuing strong roots in the Church of England, there was substantial doubt about the wisdom of abandoning what for many is a symbol of the increasingly multi-cultural nation's reliance on Christian values as a foun-dation for law and society. The essential question is: Should we abolish Christian beliefs and replace them with secular beliefs? As long

as there has been a country called England, it has been a Christian country, publicly acknowledging the one true God," said Detta O'Cathain, "Conservative member of

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food," said Detta O'Cathain,
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the house.
"Noble lords may cry free
dom, but I urge them to
pause and consider that the
freedom we have today was
nurtured by Christian principles, and continues to
guided by them," she said
Most remaining blasphemy
laws in Western democracies are either little used or,
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week, the
Massachusetts legislature
began consideration of a bill
op plase out that state's
blasphemy proscription,
along with other outdated
'blue laws."
Wednesday's vote in the

"blue laws."
Wednesday's vote in the
House of Lords was an
amendment to a broad proposed law on criminal justice that must still go back to the House of Commons for approval before taking effect. Still, the vote was seen as a crucial hurdle in a process that is now all but assured. "The law on blasassured. "The law on blas-phemy will be abolished. And good riddance, is what we say," Terry Sanderson, president of the National Secular Society, said in an interview. "It's an unusable law, as it stands at the moment, and in the past it's been a very cruel law."

been a very cruel law.

In fact, parliament has never passed a blasphemy law. It is a common law crime established centuries ago and clarified by judges in the 19th century to protect the beliefs of the Church of England; citizens may fall afoul if they insult odd. Christian religion or the Bible in a way that is scurrilous, abusive offensive, or in a manner which may breach the peace.

peace.
Attacks on other religions are not covered, a short-

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coming which has prompted many critics to brand the law as discriminatory. In practice, the law has seldom been used, and in 2006 a new law making it a crime to incite religious hatred was adopted as a more equitable alternative. The last time anyone was imprisoned for biasphemy was in 1922, when a man was convicted after comparing fesus Christ to a circus clown.

The last successful blasphemy prosecution

The last successful blas-phemy prosecution occurred as a result of a pri-vate complaint in 1977 against a gay newspaper for publishing a poem which describes a Roman centuridescribes a Roman centuri-on's homosexual lovemak-ing with Christ's dead body, and legal analysts say it is doubtful any new prosecu-tion could survive under European human rights

laws.
Just this week, a Christian activist organization. Christian Voice, lost its appeal under the blasphemy laws of a challenge to the musical. Jerry Springer: The Opera. Far from being abolished, the laws against blasphemy should be strengthened to remove the loopholes the courts have created. Christian Voice's national directors. Stephen Green, said in an interview. This is all part of a move by the atheists to turn us into a secular state. The case of the teacher in Sudan, Gillian Gibbons, ended with a pardon and release after eight days in custody, negotiated in part by Muslim members of the pritish parliament. Gibbons said in a statement she had great respect for the Muslim religion and had intended no offense when she allowed her students to choose a name for the bear, but protesters in Sudan continued to call for puniws. Just this week, a Christian

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## **Protestant**

Continued from page D1 than 1 percent, is the first report of the U.S. Religious Landscape Survey and is believed to be the most comprehensive snapshot of religious affiliation. The study, was based on interviews in English and Spanish with a English and Spanish with a representative sample of more than 35,000 adults in the continental U.S. The interviews, which included 40 detailed questions, were con-ducted from May 8 to Aug. 13

ducted from May 8 to Aug. 13 in 2007.

"The presumption of a Protestant framework for understanding the American character is now a thing of the past," said Richard J. Mouw president of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. 'We are an increasingly pluralistic society, and we Protestants now have to think much about how we can contribute to the common good as simply just one more voice in the American choir." But Jerry Campbell, presi-

American choir."

But Jerry Campbell, president of the Claremont School of Theology, a United Methodist seminary in Claremont, Calif., questioned Methodist seminary in Claremont, Calif., questioned whether the United States ever was a Protestant nation.

"Early on, Europeans came to America at least in part so that they could enjoy religious freedom," he said. "Thus, they

adopted the principle of the separation of church and state. So, technically, one would not say that this was ever a Protestant nation, rather it was a nation made up primarily of individuals who professed to be Protestants.

According to the study, 78.4. According to the study, 78.4 percent of Americans are Christians, about 5 percent belong to other faith traditions and 16.1 percent are unaffiliated with any specific religion.

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Secular unaffiliated Americans account for 6.3 percent bf the population; religious unaffiliated, 5.8 percent; atheists, 1.4 percent and agnosites, 2.4 percent, at 1.7 percent of the population, Jews make up the largest group after Christians. Buddhists are 0.7 percent of the population; Muslims 0.6 percent; and Hindus and New Age followers, both 0.4 percent.

cent. Study noted that Protestantism is characterized by significant internal diversity and fragmentation, encompassing hundreds of denominations loosely grouped around three "fairly distinct" religious traditions – evangelical Protestant churches (26.3 percent), mainline Protestants (18.1 percent) and historically

black Protestant churches (6.9

black Protestant churches (6.9 percent).

Most of the decline in Protestantism has been in the mainline churches, such as Episcopal, United Methodis, American Baptist and Presbyterian Church (USA).

John Green, a senior research fellow and a principal author, attributes this to the decline in birth rates, inability to retain people born into the churches and people raised mainline Protestants moving to the ranks of the unaffiliated. "You might sort of think of this as family problems — both at the level of having children, and raising children," Green said.

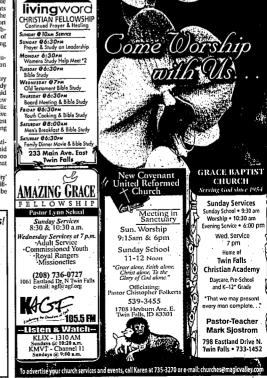
Researchers found the fluidity of religious affiliation.

idity of religious affiliation especially striking. "Everybody in this country

is losing members; everybody is gaining members," said Luis Lugo, director of Pew Forum on Religion and Public

Forum on Religion and Public Life. This a very competitive market place and if you rest on your laurels, you're going to be history."

Despite the decline of insti-tutional religion, Mouw said "we should not jump too quickly to the conclusion that secularism has taken over.
"There is much 'spirtuality' out there among the unaffili-ated," he said. "I find this to be an exciting challenge."







In this photo provided by Hadoram Shirihai, and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, a Beck's petrel is seen in the summer of 2007 in the Bismarck Archipelago, Papua

## Bird believed extinct found on South **Pacific** island group

By Regan McTarsney Associated Press writer

ASSociated Press white LONDON — A pale-bel-lied bird species last seen in the 1920s and long thought to be extinct has been, rediscovered near Papua New Guinea. The Beck's pettel was photographed last summer by an Israeli ornithologist in the Bismarck Archipelago, a group of islands northeast of Papua New Guinea. Hadoram Shirihal, who

1 Hadoram Shirihai, who ted an expedition to find the seabird, returned with photographs of more than 30 of the birds and a freshly dead specimen found at sea — evidence that has so far convinced several

experts. Shirihai's photographs

Shirihai's photographs and his report were published in "The Bulletin of the British Omithologist" Club" on Friday.

Britain's Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and Birdlife International — a Cambridge conservation group — both said their committees of experts had reviewed Shirihai's evidence and agreed he had found Beck's petrel.

"I don't think there's much doubt about it," said Birdlife International spokesman Nick Askew.

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The pictures are the first hard evidence of the Beck's petrel's existence since unconfirmed sightings of the bird were reported in Australia two years ago.

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Beck's petrels are seabirds related to albatrosses and shearwaters. They are dark brown with pale hellies and tube-like noses. Upon first glance they look similar to the Tahitian petrel, one of 66 petrel species, but Beck's are smaller and have narrower wings than the Tahitian variety.

The last known specimen of the Beck's petrel before its rediscovery was collected in 1929 and the species is currently categorized as critically endangered by Birdlife international.

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International.

Shirihai compared a dead petrel that he brought back with the data collected in the late 1920s by Rollo Beck — an American ornithologist after whom the bird is named — to verify that his was a genuine Beck's petrel.

## Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela agree to end crisis

doesn't come easy for South American countries, presidents

By Andrew O. Selsky

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — South American presidents reached a testy compromise Friday to a testy componies triagy to resolve a dangerous crisis trig-gered by a Colombian military attack in Ecuador, stepping back from a week of insults, troop movements and talk of

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Troop to the talk of the talk of the talk of the talk of followed on the talk of fered one another stiff handshakes and joined other Latin American presidents in approving a declaration resolving to work for a peacetal end to the crisis.

The statement noes that Colombian President Awaro Uribe apologized for the March 1 raid that killed 25 people including a senior eabel commander, and that he pledged not to violate another nations sovereignly again. But

nation's sovereignty again. But it also committed all the

countries to fight threats to national stability from "irreg-ular or criminal groups," a ref-erence to Colombia's accusation that its two neighbors have ties to Colombian rebels.

In the end, even Ecuador's Rafael Correa — who was brimming with anger during the debate — seemed satis-

"With the commitment to never again attack a brother country and the request for forgiveness, we can consider this grave incident as over," he

this grave incident as over, he said.

The leaders immediately began to reverse their steps toward conflict.

Colombia pledged not to follow through on its threat to seek genocide charges against Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez at an international court. Nicaragua said it would restore diplomatic relations with Colombia, broken off only the day before. Chavez said trade with Colombia should "keep increasing," two days after saying he didn't want even "a grain of rice" from his neighbor.

"We're going to begin to descalate." Chavez said. 'Hopefully this componise.

escalate," Chavez said.
"Hopefully this compromise
will be honored so this never
happens again."

happens again."
But the agreement didn't eliminate the causes of the crisis: a Colombian insur-

gency that has spilled across its borders, and a stalemate over international efforts to facilitate a swap of rebel-held hostages for Colombian pris-

hostages for Colombian prisoners.

The showdown underscored Latin America's werve to the left in recent years—and the increasing solution of Colombia's center-right government, Washington's strongest ally in Latin America. The United States was the only country in the Americas to offer Colombia unqualified support in the dispute.

Correa, Chavez and Ortega, all leftists -aligned against Washington, were the most strident in confronting Uribe, but even more centrist leaders from Argentina, Brazil and Chile lectured him. The day's loudest applause

Chile lectured him.

The days loudest applause came when Correa made a final appeal to Uribe to respect their border, saying otherwise no nation can be

The summit featured hours of finger-jabbing lectures, angry speeches and pleas for goodwill.

At one point, the atm At the point, the atmosphere became so bitter that Correa walked out for what an aide said was a bathroom break. He quickly returned and denounced Uribe as a lian.



Colombia says rebel leader killed by

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security chief in another blow to guerrillas

Ecuador that set off an international

diplomatic "The FARC

has suffered a new major blow Defense President Alvaro Uribe, right, talks to Venezuela' President before th closing of the 20th

MADRID, Spain — The brazen murder of a Basque politician two days before elections threw Spanish politics into turmoil Friday, conjuring painful memories of the last national ballot — when a bombing onslaught by Islamic radicals killed 191 people on Mariot trains.

The Basque separatist group ETA was believed behind the assassination, which brought an early halt an early halt

group ETA was believed behind the assassination, which brought an early halt to campaigning for Sundays parliamentary elections and left politicians from both main parties scrambling to show solidarity.

After the bombings in 2004, voters threw out a conservative government. It's unclear whether Prime Minister forse Luis Rodriguez Zapatero will be punished this time. At the least, the death of former city councilmant is aims carrasco is a set-back for the Socialist leader, who has valuly yield to reach peace with ETA.

The killing occurred about 130 p.m. in the Basque town of Arnsate, as Carrasco left the home he shared with is wife and children. Witnesses

**Deadly blasts** 

Karradah bombings illustrate

neighborhoods vulnerable

even better Baghdad

By John Affleck Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — The death toll rose Friday to 68 from twin bombings whose blow also reverberated beyond the body count: showing that insurgens can still bring bloodshed into the heart of Bagbada and rattle the fragile confidence that is returning nightife and commerce to parts of the battered city.

The U.S. milliary blamed al-Oaida in Irna for the

al-Qaida in Iraq for the Thursday attack, one of the deadliest so far this year. It had all the signs of the radi-

cal Sunni group's previous assaults on Shiite civilians.

cal Sunni groups previous assaults on Shifte civilians. It also struck in an area of high symbolic importance—the Karradah neighborhood—which has bounced back as one of Baghdad's most vibrant commercial districts and also a stronghold for the country's most powerful 'Shifte political party, the Suprem Islamic Traqi Council.

The attack came on a beautiful evening and the streets were packed with shoppers and young people mingling at the start of the Iraqi weekend.

A bomb hidden under avendor stall exploded first, and then in the chaos that followed a suicide bomber wearing an explosives belt detonated, Mohammed al-Rubale, the head of the Karradah municipality, told the state-run Al-Iraqiya TV. Severed limbs rained down on bystanders.

Everything from domestic appllances to clothes to fruits and vegetables can be purchased there, and shop-

pers can grab a bite to eat at its kebab and falafel stands,

or a drink at its fruit-juice

parlors.
Yet while it has several



Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council has a strong security presence, Karradah has been targeted repeatedly. The Associated Press counted at least a dozen attacks that killed seven or more people in the area since last April, most before the so-called surge of U.S. troops took full effect. Thursday's was the deadllest.

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The situation creates a quandary for leap's Shilte-led government and U.S. forces. How do you maintain security in a commercial district without smothering it?

An interior Ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, told the AP ort Friday that the ministry will add more checkpoints and increase staffing at all such places.

As a long-range measure, the ministry is studying the idea of erecting blast walls around the commercial area, will check points where Vis.

with check points where visitors would be searche searched before entering the street, the official said.

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A police officer in Karradah, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said that at least for now it becomes impossible to search every shopper when thousands of people are milling around.

## Assassination blamed on ETA throws Spanish politics into turmoil ahead of elections

By Paul Haven Associated Press

said a gunman wearing a false beard fired five shots, then sped away in a gray Car as Carrasco's wife and daughter screamed. Authorities said the 42-year-old Socialist politician was hit at least three times, including in the head and chest.

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There was no claim of responsibility, but the government was quick to blame ETA, which set off a series of small bombs ahead of the vote and killed two Spanish pullcamparing the across the

small bombs ahead of the vote and killed two Spanish pollcemen just across the border in France on Dec. 1. A gim-faced Zapatero cut short a campaign swing through the southern city of Malaga and rusked back to the capital, vowing to use every means at his disposal to hunt down the killers. "We knew that ETA colds still cause irreparable damage and pain to Spanlands," he said in a televised address. "Today they have added another victim to their long and ignominious light." Zapatero's main rival. Mariano Rajoy of the conservative Popular Party, issued a call for unity, saying politics must be put aside in the fight against terrorism.

## Archaeologists unveil finds at digs for subway in downtown Rome

ROME — A sixth-century copper factory, medieval kitchens still stocked with kitchens still stocked with potes and pans, and remains of Renaissance palaces are among the flutds unveiled Friday by archaeologists dig ging up Rome in preparation for a new subway line.

Archaeologists have been probing the depths of the Returnal City at 38 digs, many of which are near famous monuments or on key thoroughfares.

Over the last nine months, remains — including Roman taverns and 16th-century palace foundations — have turned up at the central Plazza Venezla and near the ancient Forum where works are paving the way for one of the 30 stations of Rome's third subway line.

"The medieval and Renaissance finds that were brought to light in Plazza Venezla are extremely important for their rarity," said archineologist Mirelia Seriorezi, who is working on the site. Seriorenzi said that

By Vivian Sequera Associated Press writer

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BOGOTA, Colombia — A top rubel leader was killed by his own chief of security who gave Colombian troops the leader's severed hand as proof, the defense minister said Friday. Ivan Rios was the second top rebel killed in a week, a major setback for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, the country's largest rebel force. No top Colombian rebel leader had ever been slain until Raul Reyes was killed in all Raul Reyes was killed sturrday in a cross-border raid by Colombian troops into

Bos Minister Juan
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Santos told reporters, calling
Rios' death "yet another
demonstration that the FARC
is falling apart."
He said troops launched an
operation designed to capture
Rios on Feb. 17 after receiving
typs that he was in a mountainous area straddling the

among the most significant discoveries in a ninth-century kitchen were three pots that were used to heat sauce. Only two others had been found previously in Italy. The copper factory factory was used to work or per alloys, and it consisted of small ovens, traces of which can be seen. Small copper ingots were found and are being analyzed. The archaeological investigations are needed only for stairvells and air ducts, as the 15 miles of stations and tunnels will be dug at a depth

western Colombian provinces of Caldas and Antioquia, and engaged the guerrillas' outer

engaged the guerrillas outer security ring seven times. Thursday rilght, he said, a guerrilla known as Rojas came to the troops with Rios' sev-ered right hand, laptop com-puter and ID, saying he had killed his boss three days ear-lier.

killed his boss three days earlier.

It was unclear what motivated the killing, but Santos
sald it was to "relieve the military pressure" because the
rebels were "surrounded,
without supplies and without
communication."

The U.S. State Department
has a bounty of \$5 million for
Rios' capture.

of 80 to 100 feet — below the level of any past human habitation, experts sald. However, most of the digs still have to reach the earth strata that date back to Roman times, where plenty of surprises may be walting. That may create problems between planners and conservationists, officials sald. "It is impossible that there will not be situations of conflict. We know that in some

will not be situations of con-flict. We know that in some cases the conflict will create a removal of ancient ruins," Rome's archaeological super-intendent Angelo Bottini told

The Associated Press.

Under Italy's strict conservation laws, it will be up to Bottini's office for Rome to decide whether a find will be removed, destroyed or eneased within the subway's structures.

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Countless public and private works have been scrapped over the years in Rome and across Italy, and it is not uncommon for developers to fail to report a find and plow through ancient treasures.

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Rome's 2.8 million inhabi-tants can rely on just two

subway lines, which only skirt the center and leave it clogged with traffic and

tourists.
Plans for a third line that
would serve the history-rich
heart of Rome have been put
off for decades amid funding
shortages and fears that a
wealth of discoveries would
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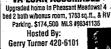
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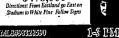


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You will have time on your hands and will be unable to keep still. Focus on construc-tive projects that test your ingenuity and your ability to

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follow instructions.

CANCER (June 21- July 22):
Remain footloose and fancy
Ree because the playing field
could be leveled. Happy surprises are likely if you have
made entertainment plans.
There is a sliver lining to a
certain cloud.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):
Today is a good time to show
who you really are. You are
often at your best in an emergency or when handling swift,
changes of plan. Remain
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).
Today may be full of suprises and you will find yourself the better for it. Someone will go out of his or her way to entertain you. You'll be walking on aff because you are overwhelmed by the attention.

tion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):
There may be a grievous
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affect other activities. The
damage will not be as bad as
it first appears and can be
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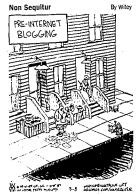
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Think about what maters most and act upon it. This is no time to be idle but an opportunity for moving towards specific goals. Use creative ingenuity to entertain yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Old habits die hard. It will be difficult to keep yourself from slipping back into old routines. Try to add it will be difficult to keep yourself from slipping back into old routines. Try to add a little spice to events by taking a different perspective or being more adventuresome.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The fickle finger of fate is wagged in your face. New hookups may stimulate your thinking processes and compely you to make significant changes, but don't count on making a lasting friendship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be able to take chances that would normally seem illogical and experience surprising success. Keep the dice rolling but be careful not to overdoit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Today is a day built for adventure and for discovering new ideas, places and things. Any excursions you undertake will be full of pleasant surprises and broaden your horizons.





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"In case you're wondering, I'm not doing anything wrong."

Man in love with his boss has only one focus at work

DEAR ABBY: When my new boss, a Marilyn Monroe look-alike, began working here five years ago, I immediately had a crush on her. Two years ago, I began working directly with her in the office and fell head-over-heels, smitten to the bone with her.

She's married, I'm married, and I have never made a pass. The problem is, I have become obsessed with her. Can't stop thinking about her all day, I dream about her at leight. Ifee! I have never been in love like this, and it has reached the point where it consumes every second of my day.

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this, and it has reached the point where it consumes every second of my day.

Hove my wife and would not want to jeopardize my life with her. But how can I stop this overwhelming passion that I feel for "Marilyn"? Please don't clime to change jobs. That would be my worst nightmare. I can't picture my life without being at least able to see this woman and exchange pleasantries with her.

—LOST IN LOVE Wousdid it yourself — you have become obsessed. This "grand passion" is not only unfair to your wife, it is also unfair to your wife, it is also unfair to your boss because although she may remind you of Marilyn Monroe, I'll bet you dollars to doughnuts that she would rather be taken seriously.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne **Phillips**

As I see it, you have several cholces: psychotherapy, aversion therapy or another Job. Because psychotherapy can be expensive, and you won't change Jobs, my this: Put a thick rubber band on your wrist. When you catch yourself husting after Marilyn, give the rubber band a strong 'snap.' it will not only bring you back to the reality of the task at hand, but also the fact that you're married. With luck, you will begin to associate lusting after this woman with pain, and stop daydreaming when you're supposed to be working.

DEAR ABBY: I need your help. Senlor prom is coming up, and there's this girl at school? I'd like to ask, but frankly, I don't have the nerve. I know it's still a couple of months away, but I want to ask her before someone des does. Please, I really need advice. SCAREDY-CAT.

DEAR SCAREDY-CAT:
There's a saying: "Nothing TO ALL VALUE OF

ventured, nothing gained."
Asking for a date may seem risky because nobody wants to be told "no." But unless you take the risk, you will never hear yes."
Talk to this girl at school. Start the conversation by ask-ing her something about a class you're in together or what she thought about a sporting event. Then ask if she has plans for the prom. If her answer is no, then say, "Would you like to go with me?" It's that simple.

If talking to her at school would be too embarrassing for you, the alternative is calling her at home, If that's the way you'd prefer to do it, the directions are the same as in the paragraph above.

DEAR READERS: For those

DEAR READERS: For those of you who live in states with daylight saving time, it begins at 2 a.m. tomorrow morning. So, remember the saying. Spring forward, fall back, and set your clocks AHEAD one hour tonight at bedtime. Fun fact: Daylight saving time is not observed in Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Hawaii or Arizona. However, the Navajo Nation utilizes

the Navajo Nation utilizes daylight saving time — even in the state of Arizona, because of its large size and location in three sta (Source: Webexhibits.org) statės.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, March 8, the 68th day of 2008. There are 298 days left in the year. Daylight-saving time returns Sunday at 2 a.m. local time; clocks go forward one hour.

Today's highlight:

On March 8, 1862, during the Civil War, the Ironclad CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimack) rammed and sank the USS Cumberland and inflicted heavy damage on the USS Congress, both frigates, off Newport News, Va.

On this date:

In 1702, England's Queen Anne acceded to the throne upon the death of King William III. In 1782, the

In 1782, the Gnadenhutten massacre took place as more than 90 Indians were slain by militi-amen in Ohio in retaliation for raids carried out by other Indians. Indians.
In 1854, U.S. Commodore
Matthew C. Perry made his
second landing in Japan;
within a month, he concluded a treaty with the

within a month, he concluded a treaty with the Japanese. In 1874, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, died in Buffalo, N.Y. In 1917, Russia's "February Revolution" (so called because of the Old Style calendar being used by

Russians at the time) began with rioting and strikes in

Russians at the time) began with rioting and strikes in Petrograd.

In 1917, the U.S. Senate voted to limit fillibusters by adopting the cloture rule.

In 1930, the 27th president of the United States, William Howard Taft, died in Washington at age 72.

In 1946, the Supreme Court, in McCollum v. Board of Education, struck down voluntary religious education classes in Champaign, Ill., public schools, saying the program violated separation of church and state.

In 1965, the United States landed its first combat troops in South Vietnam, about 3,500 Marines sent to defend the U.S. air base at Da Nang.

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In 1939, New York Yankees baseball star Joe DiMaggio died in Hollywood, Fla., at age 84.
Ten years ago: James McDougal, one of the most important cooperating witnesses in Kenneth Starr's Whitewater investigation, died in a federal medical prison in Fort Worth. Texas at age 57. More than a foot of wind-driven snow para-lyzed travel across the central Plains and Midwest. Hall of Fame linebacker Ray Nischke died in Florida at age 61.

Five years ago: The militant Islamic group Hamas vowed revenge after one of its founding members and

three bodyguards were killed in an Israell helicopter attack in Gaza; the Israeli army promised to strike the militants again. One year ago: House Democrats unveiled legislation that would require the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq by the fall of 2008; the White House said President Bush would veto it. In his first news conference since taking over command of U.S. forces in Iraq. Gen. David Petraeus said Insurgents were seeking to intensify attacks and that additional U.S. forces would be sent to areas where militant groups were regroupling. President Bush arrived in Sao Paulo, Brazil, as he began a 6-day tour of Latin America.

THOUGHT

"We do not acquire humility. There is humility in us -only we humiliate ourselves before

false gods."

— Simone Well, French philosopher (1909-1943)

Network apologizes for mocking town's name It was even more offensive,

By Stephanie Reitz

Associated Press writer SPRINGFIELD, Mass. -

cable sports network says it no longer will make Athol the

SPHINGFIELD, Mass. — A cable sports network says it no longer will make Athol the butt of its jokes.

Comeast SportsNet said Thursday it would pull a newspaper ad that leaders of the small central Massachusetts town called insulting and offensive.

The ad featured two sleb-ysleb sligns that together read: "We can pronounce Worcester. without sounding like an Athol." A network spokesman said it apologized Thursday to the town and Selectman Wayne Miller, who raised the issue this week after residents complained that the addictuded Athol by linking its name to a similarity sounding vulgarity.

Town selectmen voted Tuesday to have the town

vulgarity.
Town selectmen voted
Tuesday to have the town
attorney write a letter of
protest to the company, and
Miller also urged residents to
boycott papers if they ran the
ads.

they said, because the adver-tisement required mispro-nouncing Athol to make its point. The correct pronunci-ation is "ATH'-awl."

"There's always been this,

ntion is 'ATH'-awl.'

"There's always been this, shall we say, 'humorous' promunciation.' Miller said Thursday. 'If one person is doing it, that's nothing to worry about. But you have to draw the line when a major company uses it to make money.'

Comeas Skip Perham sald Thursday the ad was intended as a humorous play on words, but that they respect Miller's concerns. Its reference to the odd pronunciations of some Massachusetts town names was meant to underscore the ad campaign's tag line: 'If you live here, you get it.'

The network will immediately stop publishing the ad, which last appeared in Thursday's editions of the Boston Herald. Perham sald it ran periodically to promote one of Comcast SportsNet's

regular sports analysis and interview programs.

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Athol, a town of about 11,500 in north-central Massachusetts, is believed to have been named for the Scottish second Duke of Atholl, who died two years after the town was incorporated in 1762.
There is also a town named Athol in northern Idaho.
That's the beautiful the second Duke of Athol in That's the beautiful the second Duke of That's the second

named athol in northern Idaho.
That's the legacy modernday Athol residents and leaders promote, though Miller said they recognize they have to accept a certain amount of lowbrow humor. Selectman Susannah Whipps was the lone selectmen of the five to vote against sending the letter to the network. She told the Telegram and Gazette newspaper of Worcester that she was not offended by the ad, and predicted the publicity would help Comcast.
She was more concerned, she said, about vandals who add an "" and an "e" to town signs to change the name to "rathole."

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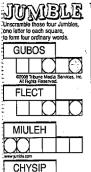
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Declarer won West's lead of the diamond queen and took an immediate heart finesse. Hallberg Œast) could see that with normal defense declarer probably had One of the most exciting regu-

defense declarer probably had five spade tricks, two diamonds, two hearts and one club — a cold contract. Having reached this conclusion in the twinkling of an eye, he smoothly ducked the heart

eye, he smoothly ducked the heart queen!
Declarer, pleased for the moment with this state of affairs, now looked for a line to guarantee his contract if the black suits lay unfavorably. He decided that if trumps were 4-1, he might need to ruff a fourth-round club loser in the dummy. So he cashed the heart ace, discarding a diamond, and exited with ace and another club. Hallberg won the queen and casually played another heart. Declarer "knew" he could safely ruff low because West was marked with the king. West could now overruff and give Hallberg a diamond ruff. The club king was the defenders' fourth trick. defenders' fourth trick

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West Pass Pass North East 2 ♥ Pass 4 ♠ All pa South All pass Opening lead: Diamond queen

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ANSWER: I can understand those of you who counted your points and passed dutifully. I can't understand anyone who stretched to open one club. The only conceivable call with this hand—if you do open—is one heart, the suit you have and the one you want partner to lead. Don't try this with a partner who, as a passed hand, will bounce to game with three trumps!

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