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Iran doles out justice to manwho burned woman with acid.

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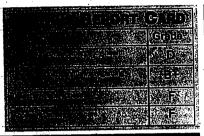
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Dallas shakes off team turmoil to stun Giants. SPORTS: A5



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SUBPAR SCORES





Paramedic Stam Fliet checks with Pilot Scott Lowe before their lift-off along with Harse Shelia Dealert Saturday morning at the St. Lakes Hader Wall belipsed in Yols Falls. The crew and their Bell 30 bris-engine craft have an average lift off time of 19 mileting from sofficiation. For the second it town parts, the American College of Emergency Physicians gave idahe an overall D grade, and this time ranked it 46th out of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The country overall received a C-minus grade.

Report: Idaho still gets low national ranking in emergency care

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

Two years after it first ranked the nation's ability to provide emergency health care, the American College of Emergency Physicians still says Idaho needs to do more to fix its system.

The study, first done in 2006, gave Idaho an overall D grade both years and this time ranked it 46th out of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The country overall received a Cminus grade.

The information is com-piled from a number of sources, including an emer-gency room survey done by hospitals and a survey of state disaster preparedness coordinators.

coordinators.
The state's biggest strength,
roort concludes, is its The state's biggest strength, the report concludes, is its favorable costs and laws regarding medical liability, the sixth-best in the nation and graded as a B-plus. All other scores for individual categories were D's or below,

and both the state's disaster preparedness and access to emergency care were rated

emergency care were rated Fs.

The results aren't terribly surprising, said Dr. Curtis Sandy, a Pocatello emergency room physician who's the president of ACEP's Idaho chapter.

The physician shortage, a lack of behavioral health beds, low reimbursement rates for Medicaid patients—they all contribute to the



problem, he said. And it's exacerbated by many projects—such as a polson control center and a traumapatient registry—that me handed to or end up with the state's EMS Bureau and eat up its funding, he said.

Other health care leaders aren't, as convinced. Tom Shanshan, spokesman for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, pointed to several areas where state

to improve certain issues. The health districts are work-The health districts are working to comple's central registry for volunteer health
providers, one suggestion
under "disaster preparedness." The trauma registry is
in the works, he said. And
some other items, such as
patient and victim tracking
systems, haven't been named
as a priority by local EMS
workers he said. ns a priority by workers, he said.

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Crowded clubhouse

T.F. Council looks to build golf building, raise fees, extend Hamblin's contract

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

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The Twin Falls City
Council is scheduled to consider tonight three Items
that impact the Twin Falls
Municipal Golf Course: a
request by staff to build a
new maintenance building;
a recommendation to mise
most golf fees; and whether
to extend the contract with
the golf professional who
manages the facility by one
year as other alternatives
are explored.

The new 1.200 squarefoot maintenance facility is
estimated to cost \$50,000
and would be a more costeffective way than originally
planned for the city to
improve the working condi-

tions for grounds crew workers at the course, according to a city staff report. The existing nearly 70-year-old building is replete of holes and leaks, and other building prob-lems, and has insufficient space.

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The new building — which was not included in the 2009-budget — would have work hays, a bathroom and an office, To shore up about \$81,000, officials will delay the purchase of two trucks delay decritical and mechanical upgrades to the parks shop; and transfer money the city received in a recent land swap.

The city decided to build a smaller shop after early estimates to replace the current one at the same size cost between \$200,000 and almost \$500,000. With the second shop, the current one would remain as a large storage building.

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Jubilee House residents help program for needy children

By Blair Kock Times News correspondent

Boxes of princess play sets, puzzles, games and other trinkets were stacked around the living room in Kelly Close's Twin Falls home. One by one, the toys would be wrapped and placed inside three-foot tall red and felt socks. But without the gals living at jubilee House, a faith-based rehabilitation pro-gram for women, the 15,000 toys might remain

Want to help?

To support Three Foot Socks, contact Kelly Close at 208-316-0344.

unwrapped and go undelivered this year to needy children, sald Close. She organizes Grey Eagle Realty Three Foot Socks, a program designed to help 6,000 needy children in the Mugio Valley this Christmas.

Close typically collects.

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in Twin Falls, wraps gifts Saturday for the

Honestly, who throws a shoe?

Iragi reporter throws shoes at Bush at speech in Iraq

BAGHDAD — On an Iraq trip shrouded in secrecy and marred by dissent. President George W. Bush on Sunday hailed progress in the war that defines his presidency and got a size-10 reminder of his unpopularity when a man hurled two shoes at him dur-

Bush's trip highlights war unwon.

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ing a news conference.

"This is the end!" shouled the protester, later identified as Muntadar at-Zeidl, a correspondent for Al-Baghdadia television, an Imaj-owned station based in Cairo, Egypt.

Bush ducked both shoes a they whitzed past his head and landed with a thud against

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rge W. Bess dering a news c nace with Iraq Prime Minister ri al-Mallid on Sanday in Indad. The man threw two sk lash, one after another. Bust

Washington becomes new hot spot in Border Patrol's expansion

SEATTLE — The note from U.S. Attorney Jeff Sullivan to the U.S. Border Patrol was short and to the point: Stop sending petty marijuana cases to his

office.

"It is our long-standing policy to use limited federal resources to pursue the sophisticated criminal

Sullivan wrote in November.
Sullivan's note is one in a string of flare-ups as the Border Patrol expanded its influence and manpower here in recent months. The marijuana busts had come from inland road blocks on state highways.

Sheriff's offices, farmers and a U.S. Congressman have all made their opinion have all made their opinion about the patrol's increased presence known, and not all of it has been friendly. The clashes cast light the expanded power of the agency along the country northern border.

More than 1,100 agents

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MORNING BRIEFING

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"Snow Biz," presented by Melanie's TaVaci School of Performing Arts featuring children ages 3-12, 6:30 p.m., College of Southern idaho's Fine Arts building, Twin Falls, no cost,

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Magic Valley Detachment of Marine Corp League, 7 p.m., DAV Hell, Shoup and Harrison, Twin Falls, 293-7312 or 734-8015.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 735-4068. Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, 876-7302. Jerome County commissioners, 19 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700. house, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
Mindota Caurity commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert, 436-7111.
Print Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Tind Ave. E., 735-7274.
College of Southern Idaho Board, 5:30 p.m., council chambers, 305 Tind Koom, 248. Tipler Administration building, 315 Falls Ave., Ivin Falls, 732-6261.
Ketchum City Council, 3:30 p.m., City Hall, 406 E. Ave. N., 726-3841.
Halley Planning and Zonling Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., 788-9815.
Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 550 S. Main, 423-5593.

o 3. main, 423-3393. ding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 th Ave. W., 934-5669.

Fith Ave. W., 934-5669 ; Jerome County Planning "Advisory Committee" Commission, 7 p.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 324-9116. Minidoka County School Board, 7 p.m., library, Minico High School, Rupert, 436-4727. Billiss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library, 601 E. Highway 30, 352-4445.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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

Gym, Bigine County Campus Gym and Filer Elementary; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Buhl old middle school gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at C.S. Burley Outreach Center gym, no cost, 732-8475.
Fit and Fall-Proof Exercise Class, 10: 01 a.m., Blaine County Senior Connection, 721 S. Third Ave., Halley, no cost, 737-5988.
Fit and Fall-Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Cittans, Inc., 310

Initia Awe., Halley, no cost, 737-9999.
If and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, inc., 310 Main St. N., Kimberty, no cost, 737-5988.
SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 1:115 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751. Elizabetti Bibd., no cost for Humane-Insured or YMCA members and 55 per class for non-insured, 733-4394.
Macular Degenaration support group, sponsored by the Commission for the Billnd, 12:30 p.m., Jerome Senior Center, 244-6833.
Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m., front lounge, Woodstone Assisted Living Facility, 491 Caswell Ave. W., Win Falls, no cost, 737-5998.

5988.

Choloes for Recovery, a non-traditional, 12-step spiritual program open to all faiths, Issues and addictions, 4 to 5:30 p.m., west conference room, Mindoka Memorial Hospital, Rupert, no cost, 431:3741.

Recovery for Life: "Find Help, Discover Hope, Experience Healing," includes Divorce Care, 1: Financial Peace, Co-dependency for Women, 12-Step HOPE (addiction recovery), 6 to 6:45 p.m. meal served and 7 p.m. meetings, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 16:31 Grandview Drive N., (comer of Grandview Drive N., (corner of Grandview Drive North and Pole Line Road), 733-6128.

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Buhl Christmas Open Houses, unique customized Christmas glit ideas; refreshments; maps available, The Nehemian, Buhl, 543-4253.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, pleae, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, 60,00x 548, Win Falls, 10 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the

Patrol .

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Canadian border since Sent. Chiadian border since sept. 11, 2001, four times its pres-ence before the terrorist attacks. Hundreds more agents are to be hired next

agents are to be hired next year.

Agents can set up road blocks up to 100 miles from the border, board passenger buses, and patrol transportation hubs that are not near the border. Elsewhere, the Border Patrol, which is part of flomeland Security, has set up road blocks in- other iorthern states, including Vermont, New York and Maline.

This authority, relatively new to the people of Washington, has stirred controversy.

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new to the people of Washington, has stirred conWashington, has stirred conWashington, has stirred conWashington, has stirred conWashington, has stirred conBrought this issue to the forefront, said John Bates, the parties chief for the western laif of Washington, Webe been utilizing check polats for more than 75 years. Obviously when you use a new rattle in the border, people are going to have questions, and rightfully so:
Bates wants people to speak out if agents are rude at the checkpoints, one of complaints he has heard. But the checkpoints aren't going away, sald Bates, who calls them an integral part of the agency's security strategy.
Advocates say intrusive operations—such as boarding passenger bases—are threatening childherites.

The American Civil Ubernies Union has led the challenge of Border Patrols

powers. They call the patrol's 100-mile belt of jurisdiction 100-mile belt of jurisdiction a "Constitution-Free Zone" occupied by two-thirds of the country's population.

"Our concern is not what they en doing now. But what this expanded interpretation of what they can do, can expand into, said Shankar Narnyan, legislative director for Washington's ACLU chapers. They can eventually claim a range of authority away from the border, who can say where that stops? Narnyan said the ACLU expects to file a lawsuit challenging the road blocks when it finds the right case. There are no checkpoints in largely rural eastern Washington and none are planned, though spokes-woman Danielle Suarez said the patrol reserves the right to set them up. Suarez said that eastern Washington Sugged terrain calls for different tactles.

ent tactics.

The last checkpoint operated in western Washington happened in October, although border agents are now patrolling bus terminals.

In Vermont, the Border Patrol reinstated a traffic checkpoint 97 miles from the Canadian border on an inter-state in 2007. The checkpoint has drawn criticism from U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy, who questioned its effectivenss. The Border Patrol, however, also provides manpower and technical aid to local police in the region.

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In Washington, small protests have also taken place in the towns of Port Angeles and Forks, two towns on the Olympic Peninsula that have seen an increased presence of border

agents. The peninsula can only be reached from Canada by ferry. In 1999, Ahrned Ressam,

in 1999, Africa Ressam, an Algerian national who was convicted on multiple counts for plotting to bomb Los Angeles International Airport around Jan. 1, 2000, was caught by custom agents with explosives in the trupk of his car when he drove off a ferry.

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"Canada does have lax polices, there are dangerous people who have gotten into Canada," said Ira Mehingan D.C.-based Federation for American Immigration Reform." They have these check points in close proximity to the southern border, and there's no reason why they can have them in the norhern border."

Democrat U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks has criticized aquest for being too gruff, and said the agency should focus on protecting the coastlines. Farmers say Border Patrol's encledown on llegal immigration is scaring away workers.

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"We're going to become a millitary zone in effect, where the federal government has dozens of police on the street, stopping people at will," said Eric Chester of Port Townsend, Wash.

Bates argues that border agents are trying to protect a challenging, porous and busy border. Cocaine being smuggled north from Mexica, and marijuana from Cinada are some of the drugs traffickors carry'n this corridor, Bates said.

Bates also said the agency will likely refer petty drug cases to local prosecutors, instead of Sullivans office.

Lneck out the wish lists for people in long-term care facilities in the Times-News or check with the facilities in your town, and then buy gifts for the residents. Go ahead and play Santa without having to put on the uniform. ancan and play saint with-out having to put on the uni-form. Continue in the giving spirit, by donating canned, dry and frozen food, dairy products, soups and more to

Check out the wish lists

the Jerome Soup Kitchen for the needy. The kitchen is open Monday and Wednesday evenings at S. Jeromes Catholic Churchi, 216 2nd Ave. E. Information, Diane, 324-2943. - And why not gather the kids, the grandparents and even that annoying uncle and drive around to see the Christmas lights around

Par SIRA GRAS — Pat Marcantonio /

Christmas lights around your town? Check out the

Food and Home and Garder pages on Magicvalley.com for a list of places. So get in the car, put on some Christmas music and enjoy the sparkle.

Have your own pick you want to share? Something that is unique to the area and that may take people by surprise? E-mail me at patm@magicvalley.com.

Report

Report

Steve Millard, president of the Idaho Hospital Association, said he doesn't usually like mational rankings because they usually seem tied to how much money state spends, and remembers taking issue with ACEP's 2006 offering. After reviewing the more recent report card, he said he can't fault the issues they point out and said the overall format and conclusions have improved. But he still wasn't sure the document would convince anyone to do anything more than they already are.

"It's a mountain environment, rural with searce population." Millard said, addressing some issues usual still and said the lack of trauma centers. "We're not going to have the

things that the big cities

things that the big cities have."

ACEP was aware of the rural/urban split, said Stephen Epstein, an emergency physician who was part of the task force that compiled the report. One section notes that rural areas face greater challenges, including larger distances, higher rates of some health problems and doctor short-ages. The study attempted to balance such areas with their more-urban counterparts, Epstein said, noting that the lowest overall scores still largely but not exclusively went to rural states.

Asked what the odds are of states tackling health-care reform in a tight economy, Epstein said he hopes the incoming Obama adminis-

tration will spur some change and pointed out what he felt were some low-cost solutions to the issues.

Sandy acknowledged that not much may change it ladso until legislators feel they we found the bottom of the current budget crisis. Even then, he said, reform will require many tough decisions, possibly higher taxes and fees and regional consolidation of services, including emergency dispatch centers.

"I don't know how the governments are going to continue to be able to meet the needs without making some serious decisions," he said.

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Council

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In other golf course man-

In other golf course management issues:

The council will consider a Twin Fails Golf Advisory Commission recommendation to raise fees at the course, although most increases are barely over 6 percent. A single adult season pass would rise \$30, or 6.7 percent, to \$475. But adult greens fees would rise by \$3 to \$20 on weekends.

The increases are designed to raise money — \$40,000 in additional revenue, according to a city staff report — at the course, which continuously losse money.

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The only fee increased last year was the punch card rate, which increased from \$100 to \$125 for 10 rounds of golf. The commission recommended the price increase to \$150.

A public hearing on the

increases is scheduled for 6 p.m.

• The council will consider

* The council will consider a one-year contract extension with PGA Pro Mike Hamblin, a move designed to give the city ample time to engage in request for proposals for management of the course. The city owns the course and city workers maintain it, but management of the facility has been contracted out to Hamblin since 1998. Before that, he was a city employee. The RFP process is expected to take six months to complete, and the city plans to

ed to take six months to com-plete, and the city plans to seek RIPs from all regional goil professionals.

This summer, the council extended his contract by six months and later formed a task force to review the future of the golf course.

The one-year extension assures Hamblin — a popular

figure in Twin Falls for his contributions to Junior 2011—will be relimbursed for credit card charges. Earlier this year, the council rejected Hamblin's request to be relimbursed for up to \$17,000 in the frees.

Also on tonight's agenda:

Vote to reject bid proposals for the Perrine Coulee Sewer Line Replacement Project and rebid the project.

Discussion on the city's new Comprehensive Plan and its section on impact fees. figure in Twin Falls for his

Consideration of a grant • C offer offer from the Idal Transportation Department for \$25,000.

for \$25,000.

Appointment of Patti
Patterson to serve as a library
trustee.

City Council meetings
begin at 5 p.m. at 305 3rd Ave.
E. and are open to the public.

Jubilee

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year.
"This year, if it weren't for Jubilee House this just wouldn't have happened." Close said.

n't have happened," Close said.
For residents of the JublieHouse residents — who gave only first names on conditions of anonymity — wrapping presents Saturday in Close's home was an opportunity to give back to the community that supports them. "Jubliee House is nonprofitand runs entirely on donations and funds donated to
it," said Particla, who is six months into her recovery from methamphetamine. "It feels good to give back and
help, especially to the children who will get these gifts."

The program runs along the popular Toys for Tots, which collects information from service, schools and church organizations on children who need presents for Christmas. Meanwhile Three Foot Socks collects dollarstone type trinkets and toys—stocking stuffers, for the children—which leaves the large gift giving to Toys for Tots. "We are a totally different organization but get our information from Toys for Tots." Close sald. "Some of our tides may get presents from

Tots, Close sald. Some of our kids may get presents from them but some of our kids don't. We lust want to reach as many children as we can."
Patricia sald wrapping presents helped her feel better about the upcoming Christmas she'll spend without her four children, ages nine to 21, waiting for her in Arizona.

"They know that when I'm done here I'm coming back to

them a different person, a bet-ter person and better mom," she said.

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she sald
Shellie, who sald she was
from the Twin Falls area, sald
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was something she would
have to get used a
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break and to fail through.
Nobody could rust you,
Shellie sald, "I feel like I'm
walking on egg shells...I've
never known what normal is
and I'm still learning what
that feels like.
Close's neighbor, Sharon
Morris, said she was
impressed with the women
from jubile House.
"They are very hard workers, nice gals." Morris sald, "It
breaks my heart they are
going to make it. You can tell
they are very good women."

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CORRECTION County man moving to misidentified

A story about Jerome Economic Development Director Marlin Eldred misidentified the county to which he is moving. He accepted a position in Davis County, Utah. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Bush

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the wall behind him.
"It was a size 10," Bush
joked later.
The U.S. president visited
the Iraqic applial just 37 days
before he lands the war off to
his successor, Barack Obama,
who has pledged to end it.
The president wanted to highlight a drop in violence in a
nation still riven by ethnic
strife and to celebrate a necent
U.S.-traq security agreement,

which calls for U.S. troops to withdraw from Iraq by the end of 2011. "The war is not over." Bush said, adding that "It is deci-sively on it's way to being won."

won. In many ways, the unan-nounced trip was a victory lap without a clear victory. Nearly 150,000 U.S. troops remain in Iraq fighting a war that is intensely disliked across the globe. More than 4,209 mem-

bers of the U.S. military have died in the confilict, which has cost U.S. taxpayers \$376 billon since it began five years and nine months ago. Polls show most Americans believe the U.S. erred in invading Iraq in 2003. Bush ordered the nation into war against Saddam Husseins iraq while citing intelligence claiming the Mideast nation harbored weapons of mass destruction.

Night of lights

Buhl celebrates 'Christmas around the world'

By Blair Kock Times News correspondent

BUHL—Cold temperatures and a chance of more snow didn't stop people Saturday night from coming out and enjoying the Buhl Night Light parade.

thought the parade was really cute and liked now everyone came out. All of the kids and the community got involved." said Cassie involved," said Cassle Simpson of Buhl. "It was short

anyson or Bull. "It was short and sweet."
Simpson just moved with her family to Buhl from upstate New York and heard great things about the parade; she wasn't disappointed. "I heard that no matter what kind weather the whole town comes out anyway," she said. "It did."
Prior to the parade; which featured several lit floats and youth groups, the West End Senior Center hosted live entertainment and the Klywanis Club chill feed. "This!" entertainment and Kiwanis Club chili feed.

Kiwanis Club chill feed.
"This is our second fundraiser of the year," said judy Hoffman, Kiwanis Club member and chill feed chairwoman. "All of the money we raise goes to sponsor area youth. The Kiwanis Club sponsors the school's K-Kids,

Buhi High School Key Club me

Ball High School key Clair meen-bers wave the crowd during Saturday's Night Light parade in Ball. Braving cold temps and a chance of snow, the community came out and lived the streets of downtows Ball to watch the annual

Builders and Key clubs. The most important thing we do is help teach youngsters how to community service. Those kids grow up with a sense of being responsible about doing some service for their community."

From service clubs to shoppers, downtown was pretty busy all day, said Chamber of Commerce Executive Direct Christine Garrison. In addi-



abers of the Bah High School select choir Sehrday lead a crowd in singing at the Eighth Street Center, sehments following the Night Light parade.

tion to Santa Claus visiting the children; adults were tempted into town with, several busi-ness ribbon cuttings, open houses and a Christmas gift craft bazaar. "We were really excited because we had several new

because we had severa floats enter this year...It was a great day for Buhl," Garrison

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Wolf kills on the rise in Northern Rockies

BILLINGS, Mont. — Record numbers of endan-gered gray wolves were shot this year by government wildlife agents and ranchers in the Northern Rockles, as the predator's attacks on live-stock met with an increasing-by agencysive response.

stock met with an increasingly aggressive response.

In a case that underscores the bruale efficiency of those government wolf control efforts, wildlife agents recently silled all 27 members of a wolf pack near Kallspell. Mont. Their removal followed repeated attacks on livestock within the packs territory.

The Bush administration is poised to remove the regions

the endangered species list as soon as this week. Environmentalists — who

soon as this week. Environmentalists — who successfully fought to reverse a prior removal of endanagered protections—are gearing up to again challenge the government in federal court. But as Jockeying over the animal's legal status continues, an Associated Press review shows more wolves review shows more wolves (illed in 2008 than at any time since they were reintroduced to the region more than a decade ago.

"In the course of conserving wolves, some will die," sald Carolyn Sime, wolf condinator for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Sime said removing prob-

lem wolves is necessary for the animals to coexist with the region's rural residents. "It's not a national park. We live here" about?

"It's not a national park. We live here," she said.
Through early December, 245 wolves were legally killed by wildlife agents and ranchers — a 31 percent spike over last year's figure, according to state and federal records.
That included 102 wolves in Montana, 101 in Idaho and 12 in libertus as a contract and second of the state of the stat

in Montana, 101 in Idaho and 42 in Wyoming, Another nine wolves were shot in a specially designated predator zone. In Wyoming that has since been struck down by a federal judge. Environmentalists contend that's too much pressure for a species that's been on the endangered list since 1974.

"I realize there are times on private land where wolves have to be taken out, but I think this goes way beyond that now," said Jerry Black, a wildlife activist from Missoula, Mont. "They're not being managed. They're being killed."

The 27 wolves from Montana's "Hog Heaven" pack had killed at least five cows, five Illamas and a bull over the course of several months. Wildlife agents initially killed eight of the wolves in hopes of cubing the pack's behavior, but decided to take out the remaining 19 wolves in early December after the attacks continued:

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The pack is one of seven

year. Wildlife managers in idaho and Wyoming have taken similar steps with packs that demonstrated a taste for livestock. Trapping and relocating problem-causing wolves has not been-causing wolves has not been-causing wolves has not been-causing wolves from the stream of the problem-causing wolves from the already occupied by wolves, game managers said.

Removing wolves from the endangered list would open the door to public hunting. Supporters, including some sporting and conservation groups, say that would allow hunters to help keep the population of the predators in check.

Wolves were completely wiped out across the American West in the early 1900s. After settlers moved

into the region and livestock operations began to flourish, the government sponsored poisoning and bounty programs to stem the economic losses caused by wolf attacks. The animal rebounded quickly in the Northern Rockles after 66 wolves were shipped in from Canada in 1995 and 1996. Since then, their population has grown by about 25 percent a year. In recent years, as the most remote wilderness areas became saturated with the predators, new packs have became saturated with the predators, new packs have became saturated with the predators, new packs have wolves den up near cattle or sheep ranches, wildlife biologists say, it is only a matter of time before the predators cross the line.

Procrastinators, rejoice: Airlines are slashing holiday fares

Early birds aren't necessarily getting the best air fares this holiday season — and procrastinators can end up getting a good deal.

With lower oil prices and slumping demand for air travel, airlines are slashing winter fares, so much so that travelers who waited are finding some of the lowest-priced plane tickets in years. The bottom line: It might not be too late — even for the holidays — to find an affordable air fare to visit family and friends. Just don't try to fly on days when everyone else is taking off.

"Forget the early bird getting the worm," said Tom Parsons, chief executive of travel Web site Bestfares.com. "There is no reason to buy tickets in advance anymore."

It used to buy tickets in advance anymore. The and many airlines continue to push the idea — that travelers who bought plane tickets early got the best deals because

fares typically increased as the departure date got closer. Indeed, buying a ticket at the alriline counter a few bours before the flight can cost two to three times more than a ticket purchased in advance. It's the price business travelers and harried passengers have to pay. But with the economy in recession, flights to certain the control of the c

availability — and some great prices on holiday air-line tickets," said Brian Ek line tickets," said Brian Ek, spokesman for online travel agency Priceline.com. "We took a look at fares and-found that depending on the route and travel dates, fares can be down as much as 10

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percent over last year."
Cynthia Stafford, a Los
Angeles resident and owner
of a small film production
company, was surprised to
find on Wednesday that the
cost of a flight to New York
during Christmas week had
declined since she last
looked a few weeks ago.
"It's pretty decent for lastminute." said Stafford, who
decided to book the plane
ticket. "With the economy in
turmoil, it would make sense
that airlines cut back on
fares."
With fuel costs one-third
of what they were last summer, airlines also have a lot
more wiggle room to slash
fares. And with last-minute
cancellations made by travelers who lost their jobs,
some airlines are offering
deals that require only a
one-day advance purchase,
compared with the twoweek requirement that has
been the standard for years.
"You'd be surprised how
airlines are opening up
theap seats at the last
minute." said George

Hobica, founder and president of Airfarewatch-dog.com. "If you haven't made plans already, you may be rewarded."

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An example: A flight in late December from Los Angeles to Dallas dropped from \$450 for people who booked in October to \$259 for those who bought last week. Bet Williams, a singer who was flying back to New York last week after performing in Los Angeles, said she was planning to visit her mother in Tampa. Fla., for Christmas after Inding a round-trip fare of \$240. When she checked a month ago, the fare was between \$380 and \$400.

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"I couldn't believe it." said Williams, who just a week ago had been resigned to forgoing the annual visit this year. "I procrastinated so long 1 didn't think there would be any more cheap force."

would be any mon-fares."
But don't expect to find deals on the days when everyone wants to fly. They're probably sold out or

nearly so. Fares for flights to smaller clites where airlines have slashed most of their service are unlikely to be reduced.
Hobica said to keep in mind that fares can vary day by day — or even hour by hour.
Fares for flights from Los Angeles International Airport to New Yorks Kennedy airport can fluctuate widely even within the two-week holiday travel period.
Last week, a flight depart-

two-week hollday travel period.
Last week, a flight departing Saturday and returning Tuesday, Dec. 23, had the highest fare at \$535 rouind trip. But if you departed advalater, on Sunday, Dec. 21, the fare dropped to \$447, a savings of \$888.
Departing on Christmas and returning jan. 2 would save you even more — the fare dropped by \$160.
Better yet, put off travel until after the holldays and the savings can be dramatic. A barrage of fare sales began last week for travel in January and February, typi-

cally the months with the weakest demand.

A check of travel Web sites A check of travel Web sites last week found fares for L.A.-New York flights after Jan. 5 as low as \$294 round

L.A. New York flights after Jan. 5 as low as \$294 round trip.

But what if you heeded the long-standing advice and purchased tickets a month or two ago and now are finding that the same seats are seiling for less?

It's not something that airlines readily advertise, but savry passengers can get some airlines to give them a credit for a future flight or even a refund of the price difference if they discover that their fare diopped. (This does not apply to changes in fuel surcharges, which many international carriers began imposing during the surge in oil prices.)

United Airlines, JetBlue Airlines will give passengers credit for the fare difference, and Southwest Airlines offers two options: a woucher for a future flight or a refund.

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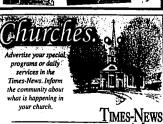
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Smith, Williams lead Panthers past Broncos 30-10

rterback Jake mme (17) prepares to throw a pass during the third quarter of the Panthers' 30-10 win In arlotte, N.C., Sunday



CHARLOTTE, N.C. — In front of their ailing owner, the Carolina Panthers finished off a perfect regular season at home with a dominating performance that had to make Jerry Richardson

that had to make Jerry Richardson proud.

Four days after it was announced Richardson needs a heart transplant, he checked out of the hospital and was in his familiar spot in his end zone suite; watching Steve Smith and DeAngelo Williams power the Panthers past the Denver Broncos 30-10 on Sunday.

In clinching at least at the for the NFC South title and moving closer to their first playoff berth in three years, the Panthers (11-3) improved to 8-0 at home and prevented the Broncos (8-6) from clinching the AFC West.

Taking advantage of a thin Denver exceeding missing Champ Balley (grouth Marton McCree (ankle).

Smith caught nine passes for 165 yards and a touchdown. Williams added a 56-yard touchdown run and the Panthers defense shut down Justemann the

league's second-rated offense.
Jonathan Stewart added-another touchdown and got most of the carries in the second half after the team sald Williams was shaken up.
While Williams and Stewart (140 combined yards) weren't as impressive as six days earlier when they rushed for 301 yards and four touchdowns. It was enough to avoid any letdown a week before the Panthers visit the New York Glants with the No. 1 seed in the NFC on the line.

the line.
Cutler threw for only 172 yards, one touchdown and one interception, but was fortunate the Panthers dropped several potential picks. Brandon Marshall had only five catches for 58 yards, and the running game, declmated by injuries, couldn't pick up the slack.

slack.

Tatum Bell, who was selling cell phones last month, starting at tailback and had 43 yards on seven carries. Pl. Pope rushed for 51 yards and caugh this first career touchdown on Denver's first

possession, but the Broncos didn't reach the end zone again on a day that began so promising for the Broncos. Denver went through pregame warmups perhaps thinking it would clinch the AFC West midway through the first quarter, when Kansas City fin-ished off a win over San Diego in an early warm.

issed on a win over San Diego in an early game. Instead, the Chiefs blew a 21-3 third-quarter lead. The Chargers got the winning TD as Cutter was shredding Carolina's secondary on the opening drive that ended with his 7-yard pass Pope.

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Smith caught three passes for 66 yards on Carolina's first possession, ending with a 15-yard catch-and-run TD off a big block from fellow receiver Muhsin Muhammad.

The Panthers took their first lead on Stewart's 2-yard run midway through the second quarter — with Smith's 38-yard grab the key play of the drive — then got a glit to take a 20-10 halftime lead.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Arizona defeats No. 4 Gonzaga

PHOENIX — Nic Wise scored 21 points, including three free throws in the final 31 seconds, and Arizona upset No. 4 Gonzaga 69-64 on Sunday.

PHOENIX — Nic Wise scored 21 points, including three free throws in the final 31 seconds, and Arizona upset No. 4 Gonzaga 69-64 on Sunday, Jordan I IIII added 22 points and Chase Budinger had 14 for the Wildcats (7-2), who beat a team ranked in the top four for the first time since Now. 8, 2001, when they beat No. 2 Maryland.

The Wildcats, who led most of the game, outscored Gonzaga 7-2 over the last 2:25, with Hill and Wise scoring all their points. Austin Daye had 22 points and Matt Bouldin added 14 for the Buildogs (7-1).

The second half was played with the fury of an NCAA tournament game.

Hill broke a 62-62 tie with two free throws with 1:17 to go, then hit a 4-footer over Josh Heytvelt to put the Wildcats up 66-62 with 36 seconds left.

Bouldin scored on a layup, then Wisc cod the game at the free throw line, going 3-of-4 down the stretch.

The Buildogs seemed to unravel in the clutch, with a spate of turnovers in the final 2 minutes.

This was Gonzaga's second straight game against a Pac-10 opponent. But after hiltring Washington State 74-52 at Pullman on Wednesday night, the Bulled as Struggled to cope with Arizona's athleticism.

Throw also had to deal with a pro-Arizona crowd at 'neutral' U.S. Airways Center, home of the Phoenix Suns. The arena is only about 90 miles from Artzona's campus in Tucson.

Arizona and Gonzaga met for only the third time — and the first since the top-

only about 90 miles from Arizonas campus in Tucson.
Arizona and Gonzaga met for only the third time — and the first since the top-seeded Wildcats held off the Buildogs in a double-overime thriller in the NCAN's second round in 2003.
Gonzaga hopes this is the first of two trips to Arizona this season. The Buildogs may return in March, when the NCAN West Regional will be staged in nearby Glendale. The Wildcats took a 35-34 lead at half-time as both teams shot 46.4 percent from the field (13-07-28).
The game was the second half of a doubleheader. No. 20 Arizona State held of IUPUI 59-58 in overtime in the opener.



Dallas' defense dominates Eli's Giants 20-8

IRVING, Texas — The soap opera that is the Dailas Cowboys' offense gets all the attention. The defense, however, is keeping them in the playoff hunt.

hunt.

DeMarcus Ware added three sacks to his NFL-leading total and the Cowboys took down Ell Manning eight times on their way to a crucial 20-8 victory Sunday night in a game where all eyes were otherwise on Tony Romo, Terrell Owens and Jason Witten.

Witten.
With everyone watching to With everyone watching to see how Romo would appease the two main rivals for his oftensive affection, he pulled a fast one by tossing touchdowns to third receiver Partick Crayton and seldom thrown-to fullback Deon Anderson. Then, with 2:16 and Dallas trying to manage the clock, rionkle Tashard Choice broke off a victory-sealing 38-yard touchdown run. Finally, the Cowboys could exhale. After a late loss in Pitsburgh and a week of lockerroom turmoll, Dallas (9-5) was back in control of its wild-card

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back in control of its wine-tank
Tk wasn't a pretty win but we
got it done, 'Owens said.
The Cowboys are guaranted
a playoff spot by winning their
last two games, but it won't be
easy, Baltimore comes to Texas
Stadium on Saturday night, then
Dallas closes in Philadelphia.
The Glants (11-3) locked up
the NFC East title when Dallas
tost last Sunday, but suddenly
things aren't going so well for the
reigning Super Bowl champions.
New York has lost consecutive

in Dallas

Dallas Cowboys running back Marion Barber pushes an yard gain during the first quarter Sunday, in Irving, Te

games for the first time since starting 0-2 last season, with both losses coming since star receiver Placico Burress shot himself and was lost for the sea-son. This one featured its fewest points of the season and its first regular-season game without a

touchdown since November 2004.

A win would've given the Giants a first-round bye and breathing room in the mae for the No. I playoff seed. Instead, they head home tied with Carolina for the top spot head-

ing into their matchup with the Panthers on Sunday night. Romo was 20-of-30 for 244 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions. He was sacked four times, including

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Bradford's old school glad to claim Heisman winner

OKLAHOMA CITY — Sam Bradford's high school coach stared at the TV, chewing his nails and waiting for the announcement. When he and about a dozen oth-ers heard the name "Sam." they roared so loudly no one could hear the last name. It didn't matter. It was a night to celebrate for Bob

the last name. It didn't mater. Bt was a night to celebrate for Bollson, Bradford's high school coach at Putnam City North, when the worked with the Oklahoma quarterback who is now a Heisman Trophy winne.

"It felt like right before a state championship game," Wilson said. Within seconds of Bradford's big win, Wilson received a text from a coaching friend: "He's a stud." the coach wrote about Bradford, who played for Wilson's Panthers from 2003-05.

Yep, they're proud of Bradford at his aims mater. "You just fight back the emotions and the tears," Wilson said. "You think that maybe you had a small part somewhere" in his success. This kid was so far along when we got him, he had such a great bargound with his folks and such a great family, he was pretty well grounded. "It makes you feel good that sometimes good guys win. To see that everything you talk about as coach. — be disciplined, do things right on and off the field, stay away from people who aren't going to help you to be successful, care about people and have lifetong friends, do all those things, and a kid does that and he wins the Helsman'l it doesn't get any better."

Bradford, a sophomore, has Please see BEAUFGROD Page 46.

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In this Sept. 13, file photo, Oklahoma quarterhack Sam

Seahawks rally second half to top Rams 23-20

ST. LOUIS — Olindo Mare's 27-yard field goal as time expired lifted the Seahawks, who broke a sky game silde. Seattle (3-11) tied the game on T.I. Duckett's 1-yard run with 247 to go. The Rams (2-12) scored 17-points in the first half, more than in all but two entire games, while

points in the first half, more than in all but two entire games, while rolling up 243 yards. They reverted to their bumbling form the rest of the way while losing to an injury-ravaged team without Matt Hasselbeck and tackle Walter

Hasseners and Jones.
Duckett's touchdown from about a half-yard out capped an 80-yard drive, and the Rams were hampered before getting back the ball when coach Jim Haslett unsuccessfully challenged the ruling from a scrum at the goal line.

STELERS 13, RAVENS 9
BALTIMONE — The Pittsburgh Steelers used a second straight fourth-quarter comeback to earn another AFC North title.
Santonih Ohlmes caught a 4-yard touchdown pass from Ben Roethilsberger with 43 seconds left, and the Steelers clinched their second consecutive division crown by beating the Baltimore Ravens 13-9 Sunday.

COLTS 31, LONS 22
INDIANAPOLIS — The Colts weren't themselves. Against winess beroit, they didn't need to be. The Llons, seemingly on their way to the first 0-16 season in RiPL history, were victimized in the fourth quar

and the Colts.

Despite a litany of missed tackles and two lost fumbles, Manning kept the Colts (10-4) on track for a playoff run. And he kept the Llons (0-14) on track for a winless year.

TEXANS 13, TITANS 12
HOUSTON — Andre Johnson atoned for one of the worst games of his career in Houston's first meeting with Tennessee this season with a career-high 207 yata and a touchdown to lead the Texans to their fourth consecutive with ın. Kris Brown kicked two field goals

Kris Brown kicket two new some for Houston.
It was an uninspired showing for the Titans (12-2), who have already clinched the AFC South and a first-round playoff bye, but could have secured home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a win and a Pittsburgh loss later Sunday.

VININGS 35, CARDINALS 14
GENDALE, Arlz. — Tarvaris
Jackson got another shot at starting
quarterback, and boy did he make
the most of it. Playing in place of
injured Gus Frerotte, Jackson threw
for four touchdowns and the
Vikings stayed alone atop the NFC
North.

Vikings stayed none and North North Adrian Peterson rushed for 165 yards on 28 carries, his franchise record night 100-yard game of the season for the Vikings (9-5), who on their fourth in a row. They and clinch the division title with another victory or loss by Chicago.

cr victory or loss by Chicago.

DOLPHINS 14, 49ERS 9

MIAMI — Miami had possession for less than 22 minutes, but held the opposition without a touchdown for the third game in a row and helped its playoff chances.

The 49ers ran 79 plays to 42 for the Dolphins, but Miami tight ends scored the only touchdowns on first-half passes from Chall Pennington. He threw a 61-yarder to David Martin and a 19-yarder to David Martin and a 19-yarder to rookle Joey Haynos, making the first reception of his career.

ETS 31, BiLLS 27
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. —
One big hit and one favorable
bounce kept New York in control of
its playoff destiny.
Abram Elam saked J.P. Losman
and Shaun Ellis picked up the fumble and rumbled 11 yards into the



NUMBER OF STATES Rams 23-20.

end zone with 1:54 left for the go-

ahead score.

The Jets (9-5) will win the AFC East with victories in their finals two games, against Seattle and Miami.

PATRIOTS 49, RAIDERS 26
OAKLAND, Cailf. — Randy Moss
caught two of Matt Cassel's careerhigh four touchdown passes in his
first game against the Raiders since
his trade to New England last sea-

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Cassel's sterling, performance
just six days after the death of his
father, Greg, kept the Patriors (9-5)
in a three-way tie for first place the
AFC East with Miami and the
Jets. Cassel left the team briefly
during the week to be with his family, but looked sharp Sunday.

FALCONS 13, BUCCANEERS 10, OT

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ATLANTA — Michael Turner ran
for 152 yards, John Abraham had
three sacks and Jason Elam kicked
34-yard field goal in overtime.
Atlanta twice turned it over near
the Tampa Bay end zone and had a
huge breakdown on special teams,
allowing Tampa Bay to block a
punt with less than 3 minutes left
in regulation. That set up Matt
Bryants typin field goal with 48
seconds left.

BENGALS 20, REDSKINS 13

BENGALS 20, REDSKINS 13
CINCINNATI — The Redskins lost for the fifth time in six games, unable to keep up with one of the NFL's lowliest teams. Ryan Fitzpatrick ran for a touchdown and threw for another.

The main intrigue was how the Redskins (7-7) would react to injuries that decimated their offensive line and grumbling by running back Clinton Portis that rippled through the locker room. They-led a players-only meeting at midweek after Portis derisively called coach Jim Zorn a "gentus" for benching him the previous week.

CHARGERS 22, CHIEFS 21

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The NFI's highest-rated passer would not be stopped. Philip Rivers railled San Diego from a 21-3 third-quarter deficit, throwing two touchound passes in the final 73 seconds. The Chiefs (2-12), helped by a delay-of-game penalty against the Chargers, tried a 50-yard field goal on the final play, but Connor Barthis kick was wide left.

IAGUARS 20, PACKERS 16
JACKSONVILLE, Pla. — Green
Bay's slim playoff chances ended in
fitting fashion — with another
fourth-quarter collapse.
David Garrard threw two touchdowns passes. Maurice JonesDrew scored twice and the Jaguars
snapped a four-game losing streak.

-The Associated Press

Bradford

Description from page 3 posted gaudy statistics for No. 2 Oklahoma (12-1), passing for 4,464 yards and 48 touchdoms this season. Oklahoma has scored 702 points, breaking the major college record of 555 set by Hawaii in 2006. The Sooners, who will face top-ranked Fordán in the mational champlonship game, are the first major college team in 89 to the state to a core of least 61 points in the state of the st national championship game, are the first major college team in 89 years to score at least 60 points in five straight games.

Bradford's high school numbers weren't quite as flashy, but they were impressive. He was a rare three years starter for North, which plays in Class 6A, the highest level of competi-

tion in Oklahoma. Bradford received All-State honors after passing for 2,422 yards and 19 touchdowns as a senior. The season before, he threw for 1.380 yards and 16 touchdowns and led the Panthers to the 6A semilinals. "What we really tried to push hard after his punior year was that he could play on the high pivision I level," Wilson said. "A lot of college coaches came through. I told them, If you're asking my opinion, it's tish, her through I told them, If you're asking my opinion, it's tish, her through I told them, If you're asking my opinion, it's tish, her through I told them. If you're asking my opinion, it's tish, her through I told them. If you're asking my opinion to be playing for you, or you're going to be playing against him... I think that's a decision you've got to make."

NFL SCOREBOARD



Dallas

back-to-back plays at the end of the first quarter that left him wincing in pain. He didn't miss a snap, but wasn't moving as well as he usually does. Witten caught five passes for 44 yards and Owens had three catches for 38 yards. T.O. would've had more than that on one play had he caught the first pass thrown, but he couldn't haul it in, drawing boos from fans who also jeered him during pregame introductions.

Owens and Witten

Owens and Witten reportedly got into a tiff

this week over the close relationship between Romo and his tight end. Earlier in the week, Owens, Crayton and Roy Williams went to offen-sive coordinator Jason Garrett.

Garrett.
After the Cowboys went up 14-3 midway through the fourth quar-

ter, the trio of Romo, Owens and Witten were yukking it up on the side-line.

All three were together again for a postgame interview with NBC and continued to laugh it all off.

"It's just part of playing football," Romo said.

Mayo leads Grizzlies to fourth straight

Homphis Grizzles forward Rady Gay, left, shoots while efended by Miami Heat's Yakhouha fawara Senday, in Memphis, Yesa. The Grizzles

win.

Memphis winning streak is its longest since it won the final five games of the 2005-06 season. Darko Milicie finished with 13 points and reserve Mike Conley had 12 for the Grizzles.

Dwyane Wade, who entered averaging a league-best 29.1 points, had his second straight subpar game. He scored 17 on 5-0f-16 shooting after making nine of 24 attempts in the Heat's loss to Atlanta on

attempts in the rices were likely and look plants, and Joel Anthony registered a double-double with 12 points and 13 rebounds.

Memphis shot 65 percent in the third and closed the quarter with a 12-2 run to take an 81-66 lead, Mayō hadr a big 3-pointer as the shot clock ran out and Gay had a steal and a drunk in the surge.

Mami was without forward Udonis Haslem, who missed the game due to the death of his grandmother. Yakhouba Diawara started in Haslems, place, and finished with sky points.

Dlawarn started in Hastems place, and fin-ished with six points.

Beasley gave the Heat a hoost after both teams struggled at the start. His short bank shot put Miami ahead 31.30 with about 9 minutes left in the half. Wade's 10-footer with about 5 seconds remaining sent the teams into halftime tied at 46.

HORNETS 99, RAPTORS 91
TORONTO — David West scored 29
points, James Posey made six 3-pointers

and had 20 points, and the New Orleans Hornets beat the Toronto Raptors 99-91 on Sunday for their eighth win in 10

games.
Rasual Butler added 16 points, and
Chris Paul had 12 points and 12 assists
for the Hornets, 12-of-33 from 3-point
range. Chris Bosh had 25 points for
Toronto.

SPURS 109, THUNDER 104

SPURS 109, THUNDER 104
SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker scored
22 points, and Tim Duncan had 20 points
and 12 rebounds in San Antonio's seventh straight victory.
Matt Bonner added 17 points, and
Roger Mason had 14 for the Spurs, leff
Green ied the Thunder (2-23) with 33
points, and Kevin Durant had 28.

—The Associated Press

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Female runner collapses, dies during Dallas race

DALIAS — A 29-year-old Austin woman running in the Dallas White Rock Marathon Collapsed on Sunday and died, officials said.

The cause of death for Erin Lahr remains under investigation, according a spokes-woman for the Dallas County medical examinar's office who refused to give her name.

""" We are deeply saddened to learn of the collapse of a runner at mile marker 21 of the marathon today." Chuck Dannis, marathon president, said in a statement. "Our sympathies and prayers go out to her family."

The 26.2-mile certified course, which starts

MAGIC VALLEY CSI holds booster luncheon

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Booster Club will hold its weekly luncheon at noon today in Room 276 in the Taylor Building. CSI coaches will be on hand to talk about their programs. Anyone Interested is

welcome to attend and bring lunch from the CSI cafeteria.

Club Canyon/CSI

volleyball camp nears

JEROME — The Club Canyon/College of

Sports Shorts
Southern Idaho Winter Volleyball Camp will be held Dec. 29-30 at the Jerome Recreation Center. The camp is open to girls in grades 5-8 and applications may be downloaded from the CSI volleyball Web site at arbitects, established. the CSI volleyball Web site at athletes.csl.edu or picked up at the Jerome Recreation Center. The cost is \$60 and the camp is limited to 40 athletes. Sessions, will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Information: Jim Cartisser at 404-2768.

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EDITORIAL

How to keep the good jobs we have

labor market

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over the past 20

What do. you think?

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viewpoints from our readers on

this and

other Issues.

years.

here's no Micron or Hewlett-Packard in south-central Idaho, but for 20 years the Magic Valley has been able to offset a dearth of high-paying jobs with a remarkably robust labor market.

Now unemployment is rising in this region, erasing all kinds of jobs.

Some of them, in industries such as retail and food processing, are likely to bounce back quickly. But are better-paying jobs—the kinds to be found at Dell and layco—coming back in numbers anytime soon? That's a critical question for Magic Valley economic developers, who try to focus their nowlimited resources on companies and industries that pay a living wage. That's \$31.90 an hour for two working adults and a family of four, according to the Northwest Federation of Community Organizations, or \$20.57 for a single parent with a child.

But the average wage in south-

child.

But the average wage in southcentral Idaho is only \$15.82 an
hour, according to the Idaho
Department of Labor.
Meanwhile, the high-paying
jobs that the Magic Valley has—

a computer programmer here makes \$34.17 an hour, on average, a registered nurse \$25.08 and a plumber \$20.60 — are in jeop-ardy if the economy continues to

Fortunately, south-central Idaho isn't without resources. Idaho isn't without resources. Dairy meets the classic definition of a value-added Industry, creat-ing a whole network of support-ing jobs and raising wages across the board. A truck driver in the Magic Valley, for example, aver-ages \$16.68 an hour, a farmwork-er \$9.46 and a food-processing worker \$12.40. worker \$12.40.

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And then there's the College of outhern Idaho, which can quickly train workers for limost any industry.
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amost any industry.

One danger is that higher unemployment will make other areas of the state or neighboring Utah and Nevada more attractive to young families. For two decades of economic development have taught south-central Idaho that good jobs are hard to attract and easy to lose. The factors that enticed employers who came to the Magic Valley over the past 20 years — competitive wages, a flexible workforce and cheap electricity — might not last:

And being the fourth- or fifth-larges turban center in the state, the Twin Falls area is always going to be competing with the Treasure Valley, Pocatello, Idaho Falls and the Panhandle cities.

Complacency just isn't an option anymore, so south-central Idaho needs an aggressive, integrated and focused regional economic development effort with the full participation of the city of Twin Falls, which has devoted most of its attention recently to downtown redevelopment.

The Magic Valley needs to spend more — not less — on attracting employers, and it needs buy-in from and full participation by the Idaho Department of Commerce.

South-central Idaho sot the good lobs that we now

South-central Idaho got the good jobs that we now enjoy because our economic developers outhustled the competition. And that's the only way we're going keep them.

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Brad Hurd publisher Steve Crump Opinion editor

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Obama's 'secretary of food'?

As Barack Obama ponders whom to pick as agriculture secretary, he should reframe the question. What he needs is actually a bold reformer in a position renamed "secretary of food."

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A Department of Agriculture made sense 100 years ago when 35 percent o Americans engaged in farming. But today, fewer than 2 percent are farmers. In contrast, 100 percent are farmers. In contrast, 100 percent of Americans eat.



Renaming the department ould signal that Obama would signal that Obama seeks to move away from a bankrupt structure of factory farming that squanders energy, exacerbates climate change and makes Americans unhealthy — all while costing texpayers bil-lions of dollars. "We're subsidizing the least healthy calories in the supermarket — high fruc-tose carn syrup and hydro-

least healthy calories in the supermarket — high fructose corn syrup and hydrogenated soy oil, and we're deing very little for farmers trying to grow real food, notes Michael Pollan, author of such books as "The Omnivore's Dilemma" and "in Defense of Food." The Agriculture Department — and the agriculture committees in Congress — have traditionally been handed over to industrial farming interests by Democrate and Republicans alike. The farm lobby uses than prech to inflict unhealthy food on American children in school lunch programs, exacerbat-American children in schot lunch programs, exacerbat-ing our national crisis with diabetes and obesity.

ing our national crisis with diabetes and obesity. But let's be clear. The problem isn't farmers. It's the farm lobby a bipartisan tra-dition of kowtowing to it.

larm lobby a bipartisan or dillon of kowtowing to it. I grew up on a farm in Yamhill, Ore., where my family grew cherries and timber and raised sheep and, at times, small num-bers of cattle, hogs and

geese. One of my regrets is that my kids don't have the chance to grow up on a farm

as well.
Yet the Agriculture
Department doesn't support
rural towns like Yamhill; it
bolsters industrial operations that have lobbying
clout. The result is that family farms have to sell out to

ly farms have to sell out to larger operators, undermining small towns.
One measure of the absurdity of the system: Every year you, the American taxpayer, send me a check for \$588 in exchange for me not growing crops on timberland I own in Oregon. That's right. The Agriculture Department pays a New York fournalls in not to grow crops in a forest in Oregon. Modern confinement operations are less like farms than like meat assembly lines. They are dazzlingly

lines. They are dazzlingly efficient in some ways, but efficient in some ways, but they use vast amounts of grain, as well as low-level antibioties to reduce infe-tions — and the result is public health threat from antibiotic-resistant infec-

tions.
An industrial farm with 5,000 hogs produces as much waste as a town with 20,000 people. But while thown is required to have a sewage system, the industrial farm isn't.

"They look profitable because we're paying for their wastes," notes flober I! Marith, executive director of the Pew Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production. "And then there's the cost of antibiotic resistance to the economy as a whole."

One study suggests that these large operations receive, in effect, a \$24 subsidy for each hog raised. We face an obesity crisis and a budget crisis, and we subsidize bacon?

The need for change is "They look profitable

Ze pacons The need for change is increasingly obvious, for health, climate and even humanitarian reasons. California voters last month passed a landmark referen passed a landmark referen-dum that will require factory farms to give minimum amounts of space to poultry and livestock. Society is becoming concerned not only with little boys who abuse cats but also with tycoons whose business model is abusing farm ani-mals.

mals.
An online petition at
www.fooddemocracynow.org
calls for a reformist pick for
agriculture secretary — and
names six terrific candidates,
such as Chuck Hassebrook, a such as Chuck Hassebrook, a reformer in Nebraska. On campaign, Obama made comments showing a deep

understanding of food issues, but the names people in the food industry say are under consideration for agri-culture secretary represent the problem more than the

colution.
Change we can believe in?
The most powerful signalDbama could send would be... o name a reformer to a

Obama could send would be to amoe a feformer to a renamed position. A former-secretary of agriculture, John Block, said publicly the other day that the agency should be renamed "the Department of Food, Agriculture and Forestry."
And another, Ann Veneman, told me that she believes it should be renamed, "Department of Food and Agriculture." It prefer to see simply "Department of Food, giving primacy to America's 300. million eaters.

As Pollan told me: "Even If you don't think agriculture is a high priority, given all the other problems we face, we're not going to make progress on the issues Obama campaigned on health care, climate change and energy independence unless we reform agriculture." and energy independence unless we reform agricul-ture."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help the Salvation Army this holiday season

Since Dec. 1, I've had the pleasure of doing my community service at the Salvation Army, Major Eddle is in charge of the entire operation and his chief assisoperation and his ctuer used tant is Becky; she is a multi-tasker — I've watched her tant is Becky, she is a multi-tasker — I've watched her talk on the phone, operate the computer and nod her head yes or no while some-one is asking her questions, all at the same time. She's amazing, If you can't find her, look for a cloud of dust and there's a 99 percent chance she's causing It. I'm not sure if Mindy has a title, but she also goes 100 mph without creating a wake. They all just 'git' er done." It's truly amaz-ing the huge number of peo-ple they help out. Another amazing thing is

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the number of different sources that donate to their food bank as well as donations of other litens to make the operation run smoothly. If you'd like to feel good about yourself, pick a tag off of their Angel Trees" located in the mall, at Fred Meyer and Old Navy; spend a few bucks and Fil guarantee you'll light up some faces Christmas morning. Tired of being a couch potatof Call and offer your time as a volunteer, it will

make you feel good, I guar-antee it. If big business was operated the way the Salvation Army is, the coun-try wouldn't be in the sad shape it is today. If you're sleeping indoors and eating every day, you're much more fortunate than a lot of peo-

ple.
Give a little and get a lot.
Happy holidays, everyone,
and you, too, Stan.
CALVIN "BLACKIE"

Mental iliness is not contagious

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I am a member of an outpatient mental health center who benefits from the support of others with brain disporters. I benefit from the structure of the groups when's we gain the knowledge to lead a quality life in the committee, the committee of the committee of

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bama's rules or Chicago rules?

arack Obama may soon face a defining of illinois Gow. Rod R. Blagojevich's alleged attempt to sell the president-elect's Senate seat: What standard of conduct should Obama impose on aldes acting on his behalf! Here's what we know! It's increasingly clear that someone on Obamas staff talked with Blagojevich or his aldes last month about the now-empty Senate seat. According to the criminal complaint filed by U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald, Blagojevich believed that Obama wanted his longtime alde, Valerie Jarrett, to get the seeit, and the governor aide, Valerie Jarrett, to get the seat, and the governor sought to find out what he could obtain from the president-elect in return. But after several days of discussion, Blagolevich concluded with disgust that Obama wanted to be given "his senator ... for noithing" (fileep) him," the governor added.



DOYLE MCMANUS

There's nothing unusual about a senator or his staff talking with a governor about who will get a vacant Senate seat. That's normal politics, even outside Chicago, 'So far, it seems that Obamas team it seems that Obama's team did the right thing. The ques tion is, when the tapes and transcripts of their conversa-tions are released, will there be something that makes us

cringe? Obama's staff includes sev-Obamas stall includes se-cral people who know Blagojevich well. The presi-dent-elects chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, once bragged that he was one of the governor's most impor-tant advisers. Obamas top political strategist, David

xelrod, worked for lagojevich in the 1990s, lthough they eventually

although they eventually parted ways.

Axelrod said Thursday that the last time he spoke with the governor was "thankfully, a long time ago." The normally voluble Emanuel, famous for deploying expletives as frequently as Blagolevich, hasn't calked said that he had no personal contact with the governor's staff and has asked his team "to gather the facts can share them wit "to gather the facts ... so we can share them with you over the next few days." That's the kind of thing politicians say when they know they have a problem but they aren't sure how bad it is.

By now, a few days after the processure blow the

By now, a few days atter the prosecutor blew the whistle, Obama should know what most of the facts are. When the governor's side said they wanted something in return for putting larrett in the Senate, how did Obama's aide react? By rebuffing the

idea and calling the police? Or in some less stiff-necked way that in the cold light of a transcript will look less high-minded?

minded?
, In short, when Obama's team talked with the governor, were they operating under Obama's rules — or Chicago rules? More important: How will Obama react if someone on his team made a missten?

misstep?
His actions over the next rns actions over the next eek could set a tone for his iministration. They will ark a real-world test of his rhetoric about ethics and

transparency.

"There are ciever politi-clans who conduct all their phone conversations as if they knew a tape was run-ning," said Suzanne Garment, a lawyer who has ning," said Suzanne Garment, a lawyer who has written extensively on mod-em political scandals. "Let's hope that happened here." But, she noted, 'even if they behaved like model cit-zens, it's likely that there's something on the tape that

embarrassn If there wa is an appar ribery, you might think the erson solicited would have legal duty to report it. But wyers say that's not the

case.
Still, Obarma has promised to hold his administration to a far higher standard. "It's for enough to bust change the players we have to change the players we have to change the game," he says. An ethics bill he proposed in 2007 was aimed partly at empowering ordinary clitzens to report ethics violations.

At best, the controversy is At best, the controversy is an unwelcome distraction for the president-elect from the substantite work of his transition — work that has been undeniably impressive so far. It reminds voters that for all Obama's post-partisan reformism, his roots are in the grid of Lideago politics. At worst — although we are not yet there — the president-elect could even face

he hoped to bring to the White House, merely for the appearance created by a conersation with Blagojevich in era of high ethical stan

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ing politics in its most inno-cent form."

But it's not over. "We've been around so many of these," Garment noted. "If you say there's nothing more here, you risk looking like a sucker."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hunter had one option

Hunter had one option
Since moving here from
the Midwest a couple of
years ago. I have seen a lot
of different kinds of happenings. However, this one
tops them all. What was the
hunter supposed to do, ask
the cougar to wait before
attacking until the hunter
goes home to get the right
gun? Unbelievable!
Note to all hunters:
Always carry several differMays carry several differseries and the series of the series of

lways carry several differ-nt kinds of guns when you Αl

go out hunting. STORMI STORCH

P&W director should keep her lob

Keep ner job
I am writing this after
understanding that the
Parks and Waterways director is not continuing.
It is my understanding
that the position was
offered to sher but a flower
could not be agreed on. It is
also my understanding that
there was a difference of \$6,000 to \$15,000 in salary. It ould seem that as busi

would seem that as busi-nessmen, you would under-stand that to keep a valued employee would be of the highest priority. Please consider some of the facts that should come into play here. I feel I have some insight into this situa-tion since I in the past had the opportunity to work with the last two directors. I. You and the county now have a person who can and

has run the program with little or no problem. Your phones were not ringing off the hook this summer;

the nook this summer; things were under control. 2. The parks looked and were in the best shape they have been in a number of

3. Murtaugh Lake and park were not a problem as in the past. 4. You have a director who

knows and understands a budget; something lacking

budget; sometiming tacking in the past. 5. Yes, she would possibly be the highest-paid depart-ment head, but how many others run two departments with the success that is dis-played here?

with the success that is als-played here?
When this all started last spring, you had doubts that the job could be handled by one person. Now you know! Yes, it can be and it was done in a first-class and professional manner.
Now the dollars and cents of this must be tree better

of this matter. Let's see here. Pay proven employee the \$9,000 extra or hire someone, within house or out, \$42,000 to \$52,000. I wonder just how many businesses, in the private sector, would consider such a move. It consider such a move. It would appear that the county could save about \$30,000, plus insurance, etc. There must not be any hard times in the county Courthouse.

I would urge the county commissioners to reconside

opportunity to have a department that is in budg et, running smoothly keep smoothly, kee et, running smoothly, keep ing people happy and not causing you any problems; don't change horses in the middle of the stream.

IIM OLSON Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Ilm Olson has been a member and chairman of the Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways ard for 11 years.)

Clubs should have standards

have standards
Are we kiddling here? I am
tired of hearing the Victorias
of Foreign Vars and the
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I am not a member of the legion, but I and my wife are life members of the VFW. The VFW's standards of admission by the title of the admission by the title of the organization are being vet-erans of a foreign war! My wife is a veteran of a foreign war and thus was accepted with no problem as a life member!

member! If you can't tell by now, I am a bit agitated. I am sorry Ms. Bergen had her feelings hurt. That is too bad. And b reading the legion's Web site and talking with the legion's

Internal Affairs Division women are allowed to join the legion and not just an auxiliary. Maybe the prob-lem lies with the local chap

As a matter of fact. Ms Bergen can submit her application online or mail it in to obtain a membership through the national office and not the local one. Point being, even if the legion did n't allow membership of females doesn't make it discrimination. It hat was the
standard, then the 508
Parachute Infantry organization i am a member of is
also in violation of that rule,
even though we didn't have
one female in my unit.
But hey, why not let the
war protester in my club
because he has the word
"war" in his tile? The standards of admission of any
group are decided he when n't allow membership of

dards of admission of any group are decided by that group. If you don't like them, quit whining and

ake your own. MICHAEL GREENWELL

Kimberly has had a good year

One year has passed sinc the last election for the city of Kimberly. During this

of Kimberry, During ans past year, many positive things have happened that are worth mentioning. 1. The Kimberly Business Owners Association has been established. This group has sponsored many

ecial events that have knit e community together. It s been a pleasure to parhas been a pleasure to ticipate in the activities oonsored by KBOA. 2. A Citizen's Advisory

Committee has been formed to study utility rates and determine what might be the best route for the city

be the best route for the cr in the future.

3. The Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee has been founded. Along with projects they are working on, and learning about ho city government works, they are being trained as future

aders.

4. The Kimberly City
ibrary continues to grow
ith circulation each month
urpassing the previous

month.
5. Economic growth is on the rise. The city of Kimberly has been fortunate to have welcomed many new businesses durmany new outsinesses dur-ing this past year with mon to come in the near future. What a positive influence! It seems to me that the

private sector, existing and new businesses and devel-opers are proud to be a part of Kimberly. The Kimberly ool District and the city good partners and work School District and the city are good partners and worl together toward common goals. It is difficult for me tunderstand why our city leaders are being attacked when so many positive things are taking place.



Thanks to those of you who offer support to Mayor Overacre, George Plew, myself and other council myself and other council members. Your vote of conmembers. Your vote of con-fidence and positive sup-port is meaningful and truly appreciated. I resolve to appreciated. I resolve to serve with integrity, listen to your concerns, and search for good solutions to benefit our clitzens and communi-ty. Thanks. LEE McKINLAY Kimberly (Editor's note: Lee McKinlay is a member of the Kimberly City Council.)

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Officials: Ore. bank bomber might have used cell phones

PORTLAND, Ore. - Cell hones might have need sed in a bomb blast that illed two officers who had killed two officers who had carried the device into an Oregon bank, investigators said Sunday as they released surveillance photos of a "person of interest

son of interest."

Marlon County Sheriff
Russ Isham said the man in
the photos, who has not been
identified, may have experience in welding and elec-

tronics.

The photos, apparently taken with a security camera, show a man with an average build who appears to be in his 30s. He has a beard and his 30s. ... dark hair. The Sheriff's

Office

dark halt.
The Sheriff's Office declined to say where-the photos were taken but said someone involved in the tentral Oregon city of Bend last month.
Cell phones and items that might have been used to make the bomb were bought in Bend last month, shain said. The man might have compared in the man might have of his plan" on Thursday and Woodburn.
Authorities would not

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Las Nageles Times

LAS VEGAS — In a city launched by shotgun weddings and quickle divorces, which offers the chance to be wed by faux Liberaces, King Tuts and Grim Reapers, there there is a supersystem of the control of the control

tant plantin. But he's walling to fight on principle, recalling one time he couldn't: In the 1960s, the Army demanded that his dogtags note his reli-

that his dogtags note his rei-gion. He reluctantly chose Judaism, which reflected his ancestry if not his beliefs. "One of the things I like to do is stand up and say I'm a nonbeliever, so you know



Sunday shows a 'person of interest' in the homb bleat friday that filled two police officers at a Woodbern, Oregon bank and left a third in critical condition. The sheriff's office would not say where the photo was taken, o

claborate on how cell phones might have been used. Rombers often use cell might have been used. Bombers often use cell phone signals to remotely detonate explosives.

you're not atone, increently.
For years 'Mel Lipman, a friend of Jécôbsons and the American Humanist Association president, had presided over nonreligious weddings in Las Vegas. But he belonged to the Humanist Society, a secular branch of the Humanist Association

umanist Association tax status as a reli-group satisfied the glous group satisfied the cier's requirements. When Lipman and his wife moved to Florida this spring, Jacobson — a balding man

moved to Florida this spring, Jacobson — a balding man with a thin white mustache and a trace of his native Philadelphia in his voice—decided to become the Las Vegas athelst celebrant.

"But I'm not going to do it by saying I belong to a religious organization," he sald.

"That's a sham because athelists are not religious."

ists are not religious."

application to perform mar-riages but sidestepped the

riages but sidestepped the questions regarding religion. County Clerk Shirley Parraguirre said she had little choice but to reject it.

As Nevada law requires, all of the county's 2,500 or silicensed officiants are conj

ilicensed officiants are con-nected to a congregation — though some are as small as two people, Parraguirre sald. (Judges and commissioners of civil marriages can also lead ceremonies.)

lead ceremonies.)
Some of the state's regula-

Lt. Shella Lorance of the Marion County Sheriff's Office, the lead agency in the case, did not have an expla-nation Sunday for why the ministers were dumping their flocks to become wealthy "Marrying Sams," according to the book "Las Vegas: An Unconventional History." One would-be offi-

vegus: An uncontentional History. One would-be officiant apparently hoped to finance his divorce. Lawmakers, trying to ferret out the profit-hungry, said betrothals must be among a ministers' "incidential" duties, Drive past the string of neon-lighted downtown chapels, and you'll see that didn't guite pan out. Clark County Issues nearly 100,000 marriage licenses a year and boasts dozens of places to exchange vows

year and boasts dozens on places to exchange vows — atop Harley-Davidsons, in Renaissance costumes, — 24 hours

Renalisance costumes, aboard gondolas — 24 hours a day. The competition is so ferce that, in recent years, employees at rival chapels have accused each other of stashing tires and shouting death threats.

**Someone is a

death threats.
"Someone is working at all of these chapels," said Parraguirre, whose office doesn't have the resources to track down ministers flouting the law. In fact, she worriest that if the criteria to become an officiant changes, her staff would be bombarded with people coming in and just doing it for a job."
But Bob Bitme products.

for a job."

But Bob Ritter, an attorney
for the American Humanist
Association, argued that

officers who ended up dead or wounded took the bomb into the bank after it was found outside.

A West Coast Bank branch

A West Coast Bank branch manager found the device Friday after a call about a bomb threat to a nearby Wells Fargo bank branch that turned up a harmless device. Isham asked the public to help identify the man in the photos. A \$35,000 reward has been offered for tips. "We remind the public of the danger he poses to our community, not only to the potential intended victims, but to others who may know him or are exposed to his explosives," Isham said.

"He may be careful, but the sa round him — children, relatives or co-workers — may be in grave danger."

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ham said. Woodburn Police Chief cott Russell remained in woodourn rollee Chief
Scott Russell remained in
critical condition Sunday at a
Portland hospital as a result
of the blast that killed
Woodburn police Capt. Tom
Tennant and Oregon State
Police Senior Trooper William
Hakim

Hakim.
Robert Sznewajs, the CEO
of West Coast Bank, said
Sunday that the bank
planned to establish a fund
for the familles of the law
enforcement officers.

Atheists vow to fight rule on marriage, religion when a celebrant marries a couple, he's acting as an agent of the state. Therefore, it's unconstitutional to block

on. Most state laws regarding the can wed couples are

At least three states, however, allow notaries — who are licensed to administer oaths

auow notaties — who are licensed to administer oaths and act as witnesses — to preside over "I dos." Ritter hopes Newada legislators will embrace something similar.

If not, Ritter might have success in court, said Lymne Henderson, a professor at the University of Newada, Las Vegas, law school. Judges performing ceremonies, for example, don't have to meet religious criteria, so it's "absurd" to make anyone else do so, she said. Officialis could regulate celebrants in other ways, such as making them get trainling.

could regulate celebrants in other ways, such as making them get training.

"It's very weird," she said, "to try to support these laws in a city of 24-hour wedding chapels."

someone from holding that position based on his religion — or lack of it. "Many atheists and agnos-tics have deeply held "Many athelsts and agnos-tics have ... deeply held beliefs," Ritter wrote to Parraguirre. 'Are not their beliefs entitled to the same respect? Nevada law, he continued, implies that "the religious are more trustwo-thy than the nonreligious. This is a bigoted assump-tion."

Gustavo Gonzalez

DEATH NOTICES

Daniel R. Zohner

PAUL — Daniel R. Zohner, 85, of Paul, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008, at his home. The funeral is pending and will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Susan Becker

BURLEY — Susan Becker, 44, of Burley, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008, at Parke View Care & Rehabilitation Center

In Burley.

The funeral is pending

Howell R. 'Hawky' Gnau -- #

University and his maser's from Colorado State University. He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Bernice, his daughter Margaret Annigameter, five grandchildeg 10 great-grandchildren. He was loved dearly and will_bernissed.

Arrangements 3886 Howell R. "Hawky" Gnau left to Join his son in heav-en Dec. 10, 2008. Hawky was born in York, Pa., on Sept. 10, 1912, and enlisted in the Naval Reserve in 1942. After servenlisted in the Navai Reserve in 1942. After serv-ing until 1945 he worked for the Bureau of Reclamation for 30 years, retiring after 30 years as superintendent of Glen Canyon Dam. He received his electrical engineering degree from Penn State

nissed.
Arrangements are entrusted to Sunland Mortuary in Sun City, Ariza,

(Serenity Funeral Chapel In

Fails, military graveside service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Aberdeen Communication

service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Aberdeen Cemetery III. Aberdeen: visitation at II; a.m. Tuesday at III. Aberdeen American Legion Hall, 180 S. Main (Davisti Rose Mortuary in American Feila).

Jennie (Mariluei); Kendall of Hagerman; memorial service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Castleford First Baptist Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Lawrence A. "Bode" Sheridan of Twin Falls, gravesile service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Reynofff, Funcral Chapel, 2469 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls;

Tressle Marie Cowglil of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 parts Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; visitation from 4 to 8 phil. Tuesday at the mortuary.

William Bonner Shapped f Bellevue, memorial serv

of Bellevue, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Wood River Chapel in.

Lynn Nielsen Bradshaw of Rupert, funeral at 11 ein; Wednesday at the Rupert West Stake Center, 26 S. 100 W. In Rupert; visitation fibh! 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday htt and one hour before titl! and one hour before titl! service Wednesday at the church.

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SERVICES

Omer Kennith Carter of Jerome, funeral at noon today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation one hour rome; visitation one non-efore the service Monday the mortuary.

Sarah Vera Vanskike of Fairfield, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Fairfield Community Church (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Tracey Joseph Farrow of Bellevue, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at St. Charles Catholle Church in Hailey (Wood River Chapel of Hailey).

Coy Zane Neal of Kimberly, graveside service at 2:30 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Benny C. Stroud of rome, funeral Mass at Benny C. Stroud of Jerome, funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Wendell; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today, with rosary at 7 p.m. at Demaray at 7 p.m. at Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell

Hubert L Thleme of Filer, funeral at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filer Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation one hour before the service Tuesday at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in

Gervantes of Jackpot, Nev., funeral Mass at 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin

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Obituaries.

Children's literature luminary Sterling dies at 95

Los Angeles Times

Dorothy Sterling, a signifi-cant figure in 20th-century children's literature for her well-researched portrayals of historical black Americans written decades before mul-ticulturalism became main-stream, died Dec. 1 at her home in Wellfleet, Mass. She was 95.

home in Wellfleet, Mass. She was 95.

A self-described accidental historian. Sterling wrote more than 35 books, among the best known of which is Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman." Published in 1954 and still in print, it was one of the first full-length blographies of a historical black figure written for children.

The author drew attention on more obscure but impor-

The author drew attention to more obscure but impor-tant figures in "Captain of the Planter: The Story of Robert Smalls" (1958), the first chil-dren's blography of the slave who captured a Confederate gunboat during the Civil War.

"The Making of an Afro-American: Martin Robinson Delany" (1971) helped sitrinterest in the little-known abolitionist, Harvard-educated physician and early proponent of black nationalism. Sterling 'was a major figure in the development of 20th-century children's literature because she was one of the first people to insist upon the representation of African Americans totallers in that literature,' said Julia Mickenberg, an American studies professor at the University of Texas. Austin.

Austin.

In the mid-1960s, Sterling testified before a congressional committee headed by Adam Cayton Powell It. D. N.X., on racial bias in, textbooks and helped form the Council on Interracial Books for Children, which worked to improve the portrayal of minorities in childrens books.

She also wrote for adults in

She also wrote for adults in
"We Are Your Sisters: Black
Women in the Nineteenth

Century" (1984), an anthology of volces drawn from diarles, letters, literature and other records that The Christian Science Monitor said 'read better than fiction and have the vividness of poetry': and 'Ahead of Het Time: Abby Kelley and the Politics of Antislavery' (1992), about a white abblictonist and social reformer who influenced suffragettes who influenced suffragettes including Susan B. Anthony and Lucy Stone.

The title of that book, ead of Her Time,' is the Abead of Her Time, is the perfect description of Dorothy," said Mary Helen Washington, a professor of African American literature at the University of Maryland, College Park, who knew Sterling for more than two decades. "She was the most extraordinary researcher I've ever seen in my life."

my life."

Sterling, who was white, developed an interest in black American history after reading the works of radical

historians such as Herbert Aptheker and W.E.B. Du Bols. In the 1940s she was a Communist; later she said socialism was her long-term goal. "I learned about black his-

"I learned about black his-tory from the Left, and then I pursued it," she told Mickenberg in the book 'Learning from the Left: Children's Literature, the Cold War, and Radical Politics in the United States." Born Nov 23, 1913, in New York, Droughty Dannenberg

Born Nov. 23, 1913, In New York, Dorothy Dannenberg was a descendant of German Jews who came to the United States in the 1850s. As the daughter of a lawyer and a schoolteacher, she grow up In comfortable circumstances, entered Wellesley College when she was 15 and gradu-ated from Barnard College in 1934.

1934.
She had wanted to become a botanist but switched to philosophy after a professor told her that the opportunities for a female botanist were extremely limited.

Her first job after college was writing reviews for Art News, a weekly magazine. When a new owner replaced all the women on staff with men, she joined the Federal Writers Project, a Depressionmen, she joined the Federal Writers Project, a Depression-era work relief program. It was a life-changing experi-ence for Sterling, who for the first time "met people who did not share my sheltered, middle-class background." including aging Yiddish play-wrights, Greenwich Village poets, black novelists and inventions.

sterling, a newspaper while! who had lost his job early !!! the Depression. They we'll married from 1937 until his

death in 1989.
In 1941, Sterling begangte work at Life magazine, first a secretary and later as researcher. She became an researcher. She became us expert sleuth on a wide range, of subjects, from heliconies to ballet, but was not allowed to write the stories. In those days, she recalled in an essay, where the stories with the stories are all the stories. days, she recalled in an e for Contemporary Auti "All writers were he.



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Illinois legislators focus on ousting governor

SPRINGFIELD, III. SPRINGFIELD, Ill.
Officially, Illinots lawmakers will gather soon to consider a special election to replace Barack Obama In the U.S. Señale — but it twas already clear Sunday that ousting disgraced Gow. Rod Blagglevich was at the top of many to-do lists.
On a scale of one to 10, impeachment is 25 and everything else is a two, said Rep. Jack Franks, a fellow Democrat from Woodstock.

löw Democrat from Woodstock.
Alegislative session beginning Monday will be the first since Blagolevich was arrested last week on charges that he tried to profit from his power to choose Obama's replacement and shook



In this image from video Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich waves at his home Friday in Chicago. Calls to impeach the governor intensified in the wakes

state deals.

Republicans said Sunday

down businesses seeking that they plan to put intense public pressure on Democrats to move against

with Republican leaders on Monday. Meanwhile, Blagolevich was expected to firm up his legal representation after meeting over the weekend with Chicago attorney Ed Genson, who has defended media mogul Conned Black and R&B singer R. Kelly On Sunday, Blagolevich's wife, Patti, went into Genson's building, Genson, a buildog who generally takes his cases to

Genson, a buildog who generally takes his cases to trial, has said he and the governor would make a "mutual decision" on Monday. Blagojevich spokesman Lucio Guerrero said the governor "has no plans on resigning Monday."

Guerrero didn't, respond directly to whether the governor could or would do anything to slow down the Legislature's move toward impeachment.

The governor has indicating to tell at an appropriate time. The said.
David Dring, spokesman for House Minority Lender Tom Cross, R-Oswego, said Republicans will step up the pressure on Democrats to remove Blagojevich.

"If they won't work with us, you'll probably see some good theater," Dring said.
The GOP also plans to run television ads pressuring Democrats to approve a special cleetion to replace Obama. Blagojevich still holds the power to appoint a

new senator, and if he resigned, that power would go to Democratic Li. Gov. Patrick Quinn. Illinois Republican Porty chairman Andy McKenna told reporters the ads will make the point that this is the people's seat, and the people deserve a special election."

peopie deserve a special election."

A spokesman sald Madigan, who has often clashed with Blagolevich, will discuss impeachment with Cross on Monday. Franks sald Madigan — a methodical man who never rushes decisions — listens to House members and will probably respond to public cries for impeachment. But Franks also said members will not be satisfied with a wait-and-see response.

Eye for an eye

Woman blinded by spurned man invokes Islamic retribution

By Thomas Erdbrink The Washington Post

"TEHRAN, Iran — Ameneh Bahrami once enjoyed pho-tography and mountain vis-tas, Her work for a medical tography and mountain vistass, Her work for a medical
equipment company gave
her, financial independence.
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her her he de, leaving her blind and disfigured.
Last month, an Iranian
count ordered that five drops
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plixed in each of her attacker's eyes, acceding to a
phanis's demand that he be
prinsted according to a phricipile in Islamic jurisprudence
thist allows a victim to seek
retribution for a crime. The
sentence has not yet been
carried out.
The Implementation of
comporal punishments
allowed under Islamic law or

carried out.

The implementation of corporal punishments allowed under islamic law, including lashing, amputation and stoning, has often provoked controversy in Iran, where many people have decried such sentences as barbaric. This case is different

ent. Tehran journalist Asich Auslai, who writes about human rights and opposes tig sentence, said protest has been muted because people have been moved by Bahrami's story. "It's hard not o get emotional over what has happened to her." Amini said."



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Bahrami, 31, said she has fought long and hard to obtain what she views as jus-

obtain what she views as justice.

"At an age at which I should be putting on a wedding dress, I am asking for some acid," she said in a recent interview at her parents' small apartment in a lower-middle-class Tehran neighborhood. 'I am doing that because I don't want this to happen to any other women."

vomen." Some officials also said the unishment would be a

punisament deterrent.
"If propaganda is carried out on how acid attackers are punished, it will prevent such crimes in the future." Mahmoud Salarida, deputy attorney general of Tehran, told reporters after the rulling. There are no statistics on the number of acid attacks against women in Iran. This is no extreme case of social is no extreme case of social.

violence, but crimes like spouse and 'honor' killings are clearly on the rise in Iran," Arnini said. "These crimes are

are clearly on the rise in Iran, Amini said. These crimes are violent reactions to sexual limitations in this country. In public life, men and women are often segregated in Iran, and sex before marriage is lilegal. Amini said she doubted that the sentence against Bahrami's attacker would reverse the trend. Social violence will not be cured with more violence. In 2002, Bahrami was a 24-year-old electronies student at a Tehran university. Ste and her friends felt sorry for a sometimes bedraggled younger student named Majid Movahed, so they collected sweaters and pants and asked a university staff member to pass them on to

him.
"Ameneh was always nice to everybody," said her moth-er, Shahin, carefully lifting a

cup of tea to her daughter's lips.

Bahrami left a deep impression on Movahedi, even though the two had never spoken.

"He was absolutely crazy about her," said Aziz Movahedi, Majidis father. "At periods he would lock himself in his room, saying he only wanted to marry her."

Bahrami didn't share his as a strange boy with an obsessive stare," she said. In 2003, Movahedi's mother called Bahrami's parents to propose a marriage. "I politely declined," Bahrami said.

Movahedi began waiting outside her, workplace and stopping her in the street, crying that he would lill himself if she didn't marry him.

Folice said they could not act before a crime had been committed, so Bahrami decided to act. Things were out of control. I

was facing an unbalanced person, Bahrami said.
On Oct. 31, 2004, she approached Movahedi as he walted near her offlice. I made up a story that I had gotten engaged and was about to marry. Continue with your life. I rold him. There is absolutely no hope for us."
As she returned to her offlice, he vowed to kill her.
Three days later, on a cold, clear autumn afternoon, Bahramil was walking home through one of Tehran's busy city parks when Movahedi tapped her on the shoulder. As she turned around, a burning falud splashed onto

tapped her on the shoulder.
As she turned around, a
burning fluid splashed onto
her face.

'It felt like my head was
stuck in a bowl of boiling
water, Bahrami said. 'I bent
forward to allow the stuff to
drip off my face, but the pain
was intolerable. I fell on the

Fed ready to slash key interest rate

WASHINGTON (AP) WASHINGTON (AP) —
With the country spiraling
deeper into recession, the
Federal Reserve is ready to
slash its key interest rate —
perhaps to an all-time low—
in hopes of cushioning some
of the economic fallout felt many struggling

of the economic fallout felt by many struggling Americans.

To battle the worst financial crisis since the 1930s, Fed Chairman Ben Bernarke and his colleagues already have ratcheted down their main lever for influencing the economy— the federal funds rate — to 1 percent, a level seen only once before in the last half-century. The Fed opens a two-day meeting Monday to assess to economy and decide its next move on rates. Another reduction to the funds rate, the Interest banks charge each other on overnight loans, is all but certain to be announced Tuesday.

each other on overnight loans, is all but certain to be announced Tuesday. Many economists predict the Fed will cut its rate in half—to just 0.50 percent. A few think the Fed could opt for an even more forcetia action—lowering rates by a whopping three-quarters percentage point or more. If that larger cut occurs, it would be the lowest on records that track the monthly average of the targeted funds rate going back to 1954. Even an aggressive rate reduction won't turn the economy around, analysts said.

"It is not so much going to give the economy a big push forward. It's more a case of trying to help the economy from being pushed further backward by all these negative events," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNF. Financial Services.

backward by all these nega-tive events," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group

Group.

However deeply the Fed decides to cut rates, the prime rate — now at 4 perdecides to cut rates, the prime rate — now at 4 per-cent — for many consumer and small-business loans would drop by a correspon-ding amount. The prime lending rate is used to peg rates on home equity loans, certain credit cards and other consumer loans. Cheaper rates could give pinched borrowers a dose of relief.

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The goal of lower borrowing costs is to entice people and businesses to spend more, which would revive flat-lined economy. So far, though, the Feel's aggressive rate reductions have failed to lift the country out of a recession that started last December. Clobbered by the financial crisis, worried banks have hoarded their cash and been extremely reductant to lend money to customers. Fearful consumers, watching jobs vanish and their investments tank, have shapply cut back their spending, including big-ticket purchases like homes and cars that typically involve financing.

President Bush's Iraq trip highlights war unwon

"BAGHDAD — President Gearge W. Bush's whiriwind visit to Iraq was his ostensi-ble victory lap for what often looked like a personal

often looked like a personal crusade.

The president leaves beaind a war that even he and his own generals ackdowledge is not yet over—and a dewstated country whose divisions are far from heated.

Gertainly, Baghdad is safer than it was a year ago, Bush visited the Green Zone on Sunday without being hustled for cover from the rockets and mortars that

Analysis

rained down on the area only six months ago. But the country is far from safe by any normal standard. Nearly six years after the U.S. invasion, Iraq is a country of daily bombings, kidnappings and ambushes. "There is still more work to be done," bush said after his meeting with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. The war is not over." Prospects for stability are as uncertain as the fleeting stare of the heavily

are as uncertain as the fleeting stare of the heavily armed security guards armed security guards who scour the streets for threats when they escort U.S. officials who foray out-side their Green Zone

state their Green Zone enclave.
Suspicion among Shiltes, Sunnis and Kurds — which fueled the war that erupted after Saddam Husseln's ouster — still run deep.
Nearly 150,000 U.S. troops remain in Iraq — more than when Bush ordered the "troop surge" largely credited with curbing violence and arresting the country's slide toward full scale civil war.

The architect of the surge Gen. David Petraeus, didn't even like to use the word "victory" in connection with the Iraq war.

Petraeus left in September to take a new post as the U.S. military's regional commander for the Middle East. Before his departure, Petraeus said 'this is not the sort of struggle where you take a hill; Plant the flag and go home to a victory parade."

"It's not a war with a simple alogan," he told the British Broadcasting Corp. It has taken more than 4,200 U.S. deaths to learn that simple truth.

The U.S. presence in Iraq was riven by mistakes for years, starting with what Bush called the "intelligence failure" that led him to believe Saddam

riussein neia weapons or mass destruction.

Bush then dispatched enough troops to defeat Saddam's army — but not enough the maintain law and order. The 2003 decision to disband the Iraqi army and purge members of Saddam's party drove thousands of Sunni Arabs to the insurence.

sands of Sunni Arabs to the insurgency.

U.S. officials were slow to respond to the insur-gents. Dismissing them as "dead enders" from the Saddam regime, the Bush Pentagon failed to anticipate the Sunni-Shille flight-ing that plunged the coun-try to the brink of civil war In 2006.

Palin tops list of memorable quotes

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)
— Sarah Palin lost the election, but she's a winner to a
connoisseur of quotations.

connoisseur of quotations.
The Republican vice presidential candidate and her comedic doppelganger, Tina Fey, took the top two spots in this year's list of most memorable quotes compiled by Fired R. Shapiro.
First place was 'I can see Russia from my house' spoken in sature of Palin's foreign policy credentials by Fey on Saturday Night Live."
Palin actual quote was: They're our next-door neighbors and you can getter

Palin actual quote was.
"They're our next-door
neighbors and you can actually see Russia from land
here in Alaska, from an
island in Alaska."

island in Alaska."
Palin also made the third annual list for her inability to name newspagers she reads. When questioned by GBS anchor Katle Courte, Palin sald she reads "all of them, any of them that have been in front of me over all these years."

in front of me over as the con-years." Palin's quotes were pivotal, said Shapiro, associate librarian and lecturer in legal research at the Yale Law School who compiles the list. "This quote helped shape the election results," he said of the Russia quote. "As it sank in the public realized this was someone really, real-winexperienced and perly inexperienced and per-haps lacking in curiosity about the world."

haps lacking in curiosity about the world. Shapiro Issued his Yale Book of Quotations, with about 13,000 entries, two years ago after six years of research. He expects to release the next edition in about five years, but in the meantime plans to issue annual top 10 lists. Picking the best quotes this year was especially challenging because the presidential race and financial crisis provided so much material, Shapiro said. Last year's list ranged from Don't tase me, bor — shouted by a Florida college student — to a quote from a Miss Teen USA contestant who gave a confused and mangled response to a question about why one fifth of Americans



Gov. Sarah Palin, R-Al on stage during an election night rally in Phoenix on Nov. 4. The Republican vice presidential candiganger, Tina Fey, took the top two spots in this year's list of most

can't locate the U.S. on a

map. Shapiro said that when he began the list he thought he would select the most prowould select the most pro-found, eloquent or witty quotes. But the celebrity cul-ture and political discourse led him down a different

path.

"What I have come to do is pick some quotes that really say something about our culture and they tend almost exclusively to be quotes that are notable for negative reasons rather than, being admirable or eloquent. Shapito said.

Palin's running mate, Sen. John McCain, also made the list twice, once for his "the fundamentals of America's economy are strong comment in April and again for asying "maybe 100" when asked last January how many years U.S. troops could remain in Imag.

Shapito said the quotes unfairly construed. Nonetheless, these quotes commended his Image as someone who was out of touch with economic realities and being someone who was out of touch with economic realities and being someone who was out of some the condition of t



tions from quote-watchers around the world, plus his own choices from songs, the news and moviles, and then searches databases and the Internet to determine the popularity of the quotes. Phil Gramm, a McCain advisor, made the list for saying "We have sort of become a nation of whiners" in July in reference to Americana con-cerimed about the economy.

In Jesus' town, Christmas looking cheerful again

By Dalia Nammari Associated Press writer

BETHLEHEM, West Bank After eight bleak years, lesus' birthplace finally has a Christmas season to cheer

out. Hotels are booked solid through January, Manger Square is bustling with tourists, and Israeli and Palestinian forces are work-ing to make things go

Palestinian forces are work-ing to make things go smoothly.

Ellas Al-Araf's 200-room hotel is fully booked for the season, and he plans to open a 100-room annex. He says he already has book-ings through July.

This year, busings was great," he said.

Bethlehem's decommic fortunes are closely tied to the Israell-Palestinian con-flict. Tourism blossomed in

the Israell-Palestinian con-flict. Tourism blossomed in the 1990s, when peace hopes were alive, but was crushed by the outbreak of fighting in 2000. Christmas after Christmas, tourists were scared off by Palestinian violence and were scared off by Palestinian violence and Israeli travel restrictions.

raestinan violence and Israel travel restrictions. With calm gradually returning to the West Bank, Bethlehem has again become a magnet for Christmas pilgrims. "It's a difference between heaven and earth," said entrepreneur Mike Kanawati, who is so optimistic hes opening a new restaurant near the Church of the Nativity.

hes open-mant near the Churen ... Nativity. Palestinian officials say 1.3 million tourists have vis-tied the West Bank this year, nearly double last years level. The total for 2008 could rise to 1.6 million. The tourism boom has created 12,000 new jobs, said Palestinian Information

Minister Riad Malki.
Bethlehem's 19 hotels are
fully booked through
January, sald Mayor Victor
Batarseh. He said he expects
stylebordsitors on Christmas



in this photo, a Palestinian security force officer stands guard as Christians gather osticide the Church of the Nativity, traditionally believed by many to be the birthplace of Jesus Christ, in Mangur Square during Christmas Sethibites in the Mark Park Laurack, and August Square imas festivities in the West Bank town of Bethle

Even alone, compared with 22,000 last year, with about 5,000 more expected during Orthodox fites in January. Batarseh said he hopes the signs of recovery with persuade Bethlehemites to stay in their town. In recent year, and their town. In recent particularly Christians, have emigrated.

grated. "Calm and an increase in tourism will create more job opportunities and encourage families to stay in the city," said Batarseh, who is Christian. Officials say 40 percent of the town's 92,000 residents are Christian, down from 90 percent in the 1950s. The rest are Muslim. Christian decorations ad ecorations and control of the course of the co

1950s. The rest are Muslim. Christmas decorations should be up by Monday. Palestinian President Maimoud Abbas will light the Christmas tree. a large cypress, in Manager Square. Bands of yellow lights are already strung across the main road at the entunace to Bethlehem. Bethlehem is a twoleal

Bethlehem.

Bethlehem is a typical
West Bank town, with congested streets and noisy
markets, very different from
the biblical idyll visitors
might imagine.

It's fascinating to see the

place I heard about all my life," said Michael Creasy, 30, a software engineer from San Francisco, after emerg-ing from the Church of the Nativity that stands over Jesus' traditional birth got-to. He said hed love to sta-for Christmas, but has to get

back to work.

The upbeat mood contrasts sharply with the dismal Muslim hollday season in the Gaza Strip. Because of an Israell economic blockade imposed in response to repeated rocket attacks, the coastal strip is acutely short of sheep and cattle needed for the Muslim feast of the sacrifice.

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Meanwhile, Bethlehem is being turned into a showcase for Palestinian security forces, who have been gradually expanding areas under heir control in the once unruly West Bank.

Some 1.500 Palestinian police officers will be deployed in Bethlehem during the holiday.

They are trying to look reassuring, though the dozens of armed officers who recently stomped in unison across Mariger Square might have seared some tourists.



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with Camille Darrington hile weighing In on Dec. 5 at the Jerome First deral branch on Lincoln reet. This final weigh-in nded First Federal's fall

882 pounds

First Federal will: - continue Biggest Loser' contest

By Ariel Hansen Times-News writer

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Think about what you weigh. Say
you're 175 pounds. Now imagine
iosing 19 percent of that weight—
33 pounds. That's a lot.
Someone at First Federal in Magic
Valley lost about 19 percent of his or
her weight in the past 10 weeks, as
part of the bank's Biggest Loser'
contest, modeled after the popular
television show. Each of the 132 participants set a goal — to lose or
maintain weight and create healthier habits — and on average, each
person lost 6.7 pounds.
Kail Mathews, who works in collections, almost doubled that average, lossing 12 pounds off his formerly 215-pound frame.

That hoped to ulke six times,
was really counting the calories.

It's a good thing he did. The bank
employees were divided into teams
based on their branch or building,
and Mathews' team won the contest
by a tiny margin. His team — from
the bank's Internal Support Center
building in Twin Falls — lost an average of 6.9 percent of their body
weight, just a few hundredths of a
percent more than the team who
came in second.

"So it felt good to lose those few last
pounds," Mathews said. No kidding.

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pounds," Mathews said. No kidding.

Daria Crider, service relationship manager, said she has strengthened relationships with many of the par-ticipants, whether they were on her team or not. Those relationships helped her when she was struggling to make progress during the con-test.

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"I was ready to quit, because I'd plateaued, I wasn't going anywhere, she said. She mentioned her struggles to a teammate. The next thing it new, I was getting phone calls from other people on my team saying. Took how far you've come."

Some of the support was pretty tongue-in-cheek. "I heard things about branches ordering doughnuts for other branches, "Crider said. "It was really done in fun."

The weight loss, however, was serious, and helped participants make real changes in their lives. Crider said she was especially impressed by a group of female employees who were committed to the contest.

"I was really proud of these women. They really took it to heart and, made lifestyle changes," she said. "It was amazing to see the changes in their personalities, more confidence in themselves."

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conlidence in themselves."

The contest was so popular that a continuation of it has been chosen for the bank's first-quarter health initiative: The participants will get a little break for the holidays, and restart after Jan. 1.



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First Federal secretly director Sara Rosa— photographed in early October and early December — says she look 36.4 pounds during the company health challenge that spanned several months. Rosa says she cut out poda (even diet poda), eats less fried out sods (even diet sods), ests less men food and walks when she has to visit Other downtown branches. I didn't work out very mach, 'anys Soss, adding that she is just beig honest.' I want to set what i want to beit is moderation.' Aside from the weight loss, Rose says other physical changes have added to better sleep and energy.

Before & After

For contestants like Mathews, nough, that holiday break isn't a me to gorge on Christmas cookles. It wants to achieve the ideal body hass index for his height and build uring the first-quarter "Biggest

Loser" contest, by dropping another

Loser contest, my dropping undurer lit to 15 pounds. "It might be a New Year's resolu-tion type of deal," he said. With the support of the other First Federal employees, that sounds like

a resolution he — and they — can keep.

Ariel Hansen may be reached at ariel.hansen@lee.net or 208-788-3475.

sier to man



Diabetics, you've got to have a team

By Corees Hart Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Although he was careful about his eat-ling habits, Kent Evanson, 50, of Burley knew that someday he would be diabetic. His father was. "I saw how he died," said the five-year veteran of the diabetes wars. 'A piece at a time. I don't want to come that them."

the dilabetes wars. A presenta-go that way." Evanson started attending Tennille Houston and Lori Johnson's monthly dilabetes education group and says it has helped him stay on track.
"Kent is a good example of what exercise can do for him," Houston said. Evanson agreed.
"I've lost 20 pounds since the first of October," he

said. "Her group is my team. There are about 15 of us in there. Last month she taught us the value of monitoring everything we put in our mouths. If we make the right choices we stay on track."
Diabetes educators around sout-central tdato help diabeties live healthier lives. In Mini-Cassia's diabetes education group, there is more than teaching.

diabetes cuttainer group.

"We get to vent about our depression in eating,
and emotional depression," Evanson said. "We've got
to have a team. We feed off each other. We learn to
monitor our progress."

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'Baby and Me'

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center's Baby and Me' classes, 11 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, at Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E. This week's topic: Financing Baby. The ses-sion is for parents of children from infancy through toddler vears. years. Free; 324-6133.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes, 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, this week to Jan. 13, in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Topics; wellness of the mother; labor and delivery

process with reluxation and hreathing techniques; care of the postpartum mother and newborn breast-feeding and bottle feeding and a video tour of the Women's and infant Center. Wear comfortable clothing-bring two pillows and, if pos-sible, a support person. Cost is \$60. Preegistration required; 732-3148.

Breast-feeding

"Breast-feeding 101" class, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdey, at Jerome Ambulance Building, 240 E. Main St. The class is for expectant mothers, fathers and support people: first-time parents; and mothers who feel their last breast-feeding experi-ence wasn't successful. The

class can be taken as a refresher course. refresher course.
Cost is \$5. Register: 324-6133.

About C-sections

Cesarean childbirth class, 630-9 pm. Wednesday, in the lobby at St. Lite's down-town campus, 660 Shoshoot St. E. in Twin Falls.

Topies: Cesarean deliver-les, non-conforming labors, palm management and hospital procedurés. Wear combine to the line of the support person.

Free. Peregistration required: 732-3148.

Asthma education

Asthma education class for people with asthma, their families and caregivers, 6-7 p.m. Thursday in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Education Building, 588 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

In Twin Falls.
The class follows guidelines set by the National
Asthma Education and
Prevention Program and the
American Lung Association.
Free. Preregistration

Alzheimer's support

Alzhelmer's Support Group meeting 19:30 n.m. Wednasday, at RiverRidge Care and Rehabilitation Center (formetry SunBridge). Gel Filer New, W. in Twin Falls. Open to Twin Falls-area residents who have family members with Alzhelmer's. Free. Information: Steve Jones or Dawn Meyer, 734-8645.

Childbirth refresher

Childbirth course, 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, in the lobby at St. Luke's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Childbirth preparation and breathing techniques will be reviewed, along with a video tour of the Women's and

nfant Center.
Cost is \$20. Pre-registration equired; 732-3148.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Submit information by Thursday for publication in the following Mondays Healthy & Fit servion. E-mail notices to ramona@magicvalley.com.

Study

The topic: smoking

Cigarette use may speed up cognitive decline

THE QUESTION

Does smoking affect a person's reasoning, memory and other cognitive abilities?

It involved 1,964 generally healthy people (average age, 56); about 21 percent smoked, 44 percent were former smokers and 35 percent never had smoked. At the start of the study, smokers scored lower on average than people who never had smoked on all tested aspects of cognition, except memory; those scores were about the same. During a five-year span, smokers' scores in lareas, including memory, declined about twice as fast as nonsmokers' did. The more cigarettees smoked, the greater the decline.

WHO MAY BE AFFECTED?

People who smoke, Smoking causes lung cancer and everal other types of cancer and is associated with neart disease, stroke, chronic obstructive lung disease, attaracts and an array of reproductive and early child-tood problems. One of every five deaths in the U.S. each ear has been linked to smoking.

CAVEATS Smoking status was determined by participants sponses on a questionnaire.

FIND THIS STUDY It's in the Oct. 15 online issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

LEARN MORE

Learn about the effects of smoking at www.cdc.gov/tobacco and www.cancer.org (search for 'questions about smoking').

The research described in Quick Study comes from credible, peer-reviewed journals Nonetheless, conclusive evidence about a treatment's effectiveness is rarely found in a single study Anyone considering changing or beginning treatment of any kind should consult with a physi-

Who says you can't shop and then drop for a few push-ups?

washington Post

WASHINGTON — Your
social calendar is packed
with holiday soirces. There
are the cockail parties, office
must-shows, family gettogethers. Every other waking hour is devoted to gifthunting. So when do you
squeeze in a gym visit? You
probably don't.

But there's no need to
resign yourself to a Santa
physique. I present ways to
make your December world a
workout wonderland.

Mali makeover

Take, for instance, all those hours you'll be logging at massive shopping centers. You could circle around the parking lot until you find a primo space, target stores in the most direct possible fashion and then pig out at the food court. Or you could insufide mail visits our way, with the help of Nathan Stormer, Washington-area fitness manager for flally froat Pitness, the's brimming with fat-burning ideas. For starters, park at the far end of the lot, You'll still hee plant Christmas Muzzk, but

plenty of time inside to hear that Christmas Muzak, but that Christmas Muzak, but his way you get in a few min-utes of fresh air and the chance to use open space. Stormer suggests that you make the trek with walking lunges or side squats. It looks a tad silly, but as he explains, "Any time you more in a lat-"Any time you move in a lat-eral motion, you burn more

calories."

Once you've made some purchases, any movement is going to be more effective because you're holding

weights. "The primary thing to remember is that shop-ping bags are a kind of resist-ance." Stormer says. Use them for biceps curls. over-head presses or lateral raises while debating whether your mother-in-law would, really enjoy that birding book. Waiting in line? Stand on one

monner-in-in-inw woud; reany enjoy that birding book. Waiting in line? Stand on one leg and pump the other leg back, knee bent or straight, to engage your glutes. Points deducted for kicking shopper behind you.

Between each store, try taking a lap around the mail. Think of it as window shopping with benefits: You're or your way to racking up serious mileage.

When it's time to take a break, shield your eyes from the cinnamon or list and find a benefit instead pour built down. Set with the control was the control with the control was the control with the control was the control with the seat, and then press up. Or flip your body around, place your hands down and go into elevated push-ups and plank losses. elevated push-ups and plank

elevated push-ups and plank pose.

You're worried about stares, right's No need, apparently. When we tried this routine out, other shoppers Just passed by on their merry way. (Although management did swoop in to advise us that the benches were not built to be used as exercise equipment. So be careful and don't get them too sweaty, OKT)

Good-for-you gatherings

Maybe you can't control what your pals have planned for their yuletide events, but at least your holiday bash can involve literally rocking around the Christmas tree.

NEW YEARS

PAY DOWN YOUR DEBT

Make a list of all debt and interest rates and prioritize as to which should be paid first, such as the credit cards charging the most interest

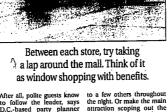
RESOLUTIONS FOR 2009

Don't be in a hurry to pay off a home mortgage unless you have a lot of extra cash or if you are retiring soon and you can get by on less money. Instead pay off your credit card debt.



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After all, polite guests know to follow the leader, says D.C.-based party planner Jodi Moranu. "So if the host and hostess start dancing, other people will, too," bets says, noting that a DI or a peppy IPod playlist can be key in motivating folks to cut a rug. Also: Olfer prizes! More Prancer than Dancer? If you have a few plas who live in the same area, consider throwing a progressive party: Start off in one house, then hoof it over

to a few others throughout the night. Or make the main attraction scoping out the holiday decorations in your neighborhood. As long as theyre fortified with mugs of glogg suests will be game. Just playing works, too. Morarus family get-togethers usually involve Twister, usually involve Twister, which gers both kids and

usually involve Twister, which gets both kids and grown-ups up and moving. And you don't have to merely watch football. You can actu-ally get a match going in your





Physical fitness trainer Sara Wills, right, trains Candace Coffee with a kettlebell at loe's Gym in Los Augelea. Vettlebells are the bot thing right now," Willis asys.

What gets the pros moving

Personal trainers discuss their favorite books, DVDS

Personal trainers don't always pluck their ideas out of thin air. Sometimes they're inspired by books and video-We asked a group of trainers to recommend books and DVDs they found motivating.

George Padilla, group exer-cise coordinator, Los Angeles Athletic Club Book: "The Purposeful Primordial Laus of Fitness to Primordial Laus of Fitness to Trigger Inevitable, Lasting and Dramatic Physical Change by Marry Gallagher (Dragon Door Publications, 2008)

This book encompas This book encompasses strength training, nutrition and cardio, and has some pretty interesting leas about working out that go more toward intensity and away from those long cardio sessions. Instead of getting on the treadmill and having to slog away for an hour, you get a lot more out of the workout. You're doing shorter workout, and that lessens impact on the joints, which helps the properties of the strength of the strength

Diabetes

Megional and Minidoka Memorial Hospital, where Johnson is a dietitan, collab-orate to offer community dia-betes education classes once a month. "This month we

a month. "This month we talked about food; cooking for the holidays. Low sugar, low fat, that kind of stuff."

Her group has about 30 members, although only about half attend most meet-

about half attend most meet-ings. She has counseled dis-betics for five years as a cert-field diabetes instructor.

"Most people would bene-fit from following a diabetic diet," Houston sald. "So all, these holiday eating ideas are applicable to everyone. One of the mistakes people make is 10 think that they can't eat sugar, so they go for the high-fat foods like devided eggs. Some people cut out all the carbs and they're eating huge amounts of protein and high-fat foods and not even blink-ing an eye."

fat foods and not even blink-ing an eye."
She said sugar is not a major culprit in moderation.
"If you eat a whole lot it can be a problem, but eating it slowly in small amounts helps, "she said." A lot of dia-betics have high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and ligh-fat foods would make that worse."

at worse."
Lifestyle changes have probed inactivity, and dlets are changed. As a result, she ald, disbetes has increased ponentially every year for the past decade.
Houston recommends the late method of eating.

the past decade.
Houston recommends the plate method of eating.
"Fill half of it with vegetables — really half of it — and a quarter of it is your meat, and a quarter is your bread or starch," she said. That's the ideal meal. Have some full

Continued from page B1 Medical Center, sald Cassia Regional and Minidoka Memorial Hospital, where

prevent overuse injuries. Shorter workouts are also good for busy people. The nutrition portion of the book doesn't necessarily

good for busy people. The nutrilion portion of the book doesn't necessarily focus on counting calories, but more on the composition of the meal, and the importance of pre- and post-training eating, which will help keep your metabolism up and maximize the body's ability to use calories to recover from a workout, versus being stored as fat. People perhaps intuitively think that they're going to get a better workout on an empty stomach, but that's not necessarily the case. If you fuel your workout beforehand, ou'll likely end up having a higher intensity workout.

Sara Willis, personal train-er, joe's Gym, Los Angeles DVD: Mahler's Aggressive Strength Beginner Kettlebell Talining Workshop This video really breaks down how to do the kettlebell movements, and explains why you're doing it. (Mahler) also gives a lot of modifica-tions. Kettlebells are so intense, and not everybody

can even start out with one— some people might have to use their body weight. Once you get that down, you can progress to using the kettle-bells.

ells. Kettlebells are the hot thing right now, but using them does take a lot of conditioning. What's great about the DVD is that it explains step by step how to get proper alignment.

ent. When I do kettlebells with When I do kettlebells with clients, they gain not only power, but core conditioning as well, because when you throw the kettlebells up, you create an instability, and your center of gravity is slightly different than using a dumbbell. The cardio benefit is incredible — just doing two reps you'll feel it. You really shock the system, and by doings of the ps you burn more fat — and it's fun and different.

Kim Schneeberger, per-sonal trainer, the Easton Gym, Santa Monica, Calif. Book: "Get With the

Book: "Get With the Program! Getting Real About Your Weight, Health, and Emotional Well-Being" by Bob Greene (Simon &

the count to adjust his dosage of insulin.

Butler recommends Houston and the education group to every diabetic he meets.

minute sessions per day on her treadmill, but she can see

the benefits so she keeps at it. Adfield attends South Central

Public Health District health educator Susie Beem's monthly meetings and listens

closely.

"I feel better now my
sugar's low," said Adfield. I
take care of myself. I have
been counting carbohydrates
for five years or so. I check my
feet, get my eye exams. I've
learned that we ourselves are
the only ones who can do that
for ourselves."

Schuster, 2002)

Thave a hard time agreeing with trainers who are out there — there are so many things written that are just not true and aren't encouraging for people to read.

Bob Greene really has a good understanding of what hes doing, and anybody can follow his advice, if they wan to lose 10 or 100 pounds, if they're a beginner or an athlete. Anybody can understand it, and he's very compassionate. He's a likable trainer.

stand it, and he's very compassionate. He's a likable railner.

The exercise programs are very straightforward, and he gives you options. You can start off with the basics, or if you're already exercising, you can jump into the program (at a later stage).

It's pathette to think about bosing weight as having to follow so many rules and having to calculate things. In terms or nutrition, Bob will polintout things that are maybe not as well known, like hidden calories in foods moss people don't know, or foods that aren't that filling or are high in sugar Very simple things that make sense.

Finding your team

Need a support teem to manage your diabetes?
There are meetings everywhere.

These are 7:30 to 8 p.m. on the second Thursday of sect month, free of charge: Caste Regional Medical Center, 1501, Hillar Ave. Burley in the Evergroen Room, 677-92 Idn. 8 — 2 Describe — The greatest risks as

ives I Burley in the Derigners Rooms of 74238.

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on the side and a glass of milk

on the side."
She doesn't land all this on a new patient, however.
It yt ot start with them where they're at and lead them slowly in the right direction. I say let's pick one or two things to work on this week... If they're successful, they say. I can do this."
Allen Butler, 75, Burley harden.

meets.
Mary Lou Adfield of Jerome is 67 and has known about her diabetes for six years. She works as a scrub tech and surgery tech, and is improving slowly.
"I manage real good," she said. "I never miss my pills. But I'm not good at exercise. She admitted she has to make herself do two 10-minute sessions per day on II they're successful, they say,"
I can do this,"
Allen Butler, 75, Burley, has
been diabetic at least 12
years. He calls Houston "an
angel from heaven."
"Before I started with the
education group I was going
to the VA." Butler says. "It was
hard to control, hard to do.
Too many high blood sugars.
My AIC was 79. The last test
had I'm down to 60. after taking Tennille's treatments and
her showing us what to do.
Houston has worked with
Butler and his wife, Polly,
teaching them have to count

reaching them now to coulm carbs. "Polly counts my carbs every day," Butler sald. "It's a great thing to have her and my wife working with me. I use a sheet that Tennille worked out for me." He uses

St. Luke's Magic Vatley Medical Center, Diabetes and Nutrition Center, 748 North, College Road, Wirn Falls; 738-6218. Every Wednesdey from 9:30 until noon, dia-betes addocation.

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• Reny Thursday, weight menagement for diabet. I iss; call for time.

• Prover to Prevent," a diabetes prevention class for ages 14-and up, almed at those who are at risk for diabetes; will begin 68:30.0.m.

Wednisedays as soon as enough people sign up, South Central Public Health District, 10:20.

Weshington St. N., "Win Falls; 73-45:900, ext. 5946.

5946. "Third Tuescay of the month, at 7 p.m., from January through Mey, and September through November. Suite Beens is the health educator. St. Beneatics: Family Medical Center. 709 N.** Lincoln; Jerome; 2244301.

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Recreation district launches fitness studio in Hailey

The Bilaine County
Recreation District on
Friday announced the
opening of the BCRD
Fitness Studio in its facilities at the Community Campus
in Halley.
Previously home to the
Wood River Gymnastics
Academy the studio is now
a multipurpose Itness
space for providers like Sun
Valley Tae Kwon Do, College
of Southern Idaha Itness
classes and a variety of community health and wellness
programs.

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Adjacent to the BCRD gymnaslum, the 2,200-square-foot fitness space will enable the recreation district to expand program offerings in its Community Campus location, which is owned by the Blaine County School District.
"In addition to Sun Valley Tae Kwon Do, the BCRD has

already been working with arready been working with other great partners includ-ing CSI and St. Luke's Center for Community Health to for Community Health to offer a wide array of youth and adult wellness classes," said Dave Keir, the district's recreation director.
BCRD Fitness

recreation director.
BCRD Fitness Studio
offers two fitness areas
including 1,000 square feet
of fitness flooring and 1,200'
square feet of matted multipurpose flooring. The location can be used for inhouse programs or rented to
outside providers for classes, clinics and workshops.
In addition, the recreation
district offers adult volleyball, indoor soccer, adult
basketball, indoor playground for pre-schoolers,
Kid Zone After School program, seasonal youth sports
leagues and special events.
Information on using the
BCRD Fitness Studio or any
other services: Keli at 78B2117 or www.bcrd.org. Fitness Studio

A cure for diabetes?

By Kathleen Hom The Washington Post

Analyzing what Chris Wright calls 'the nitry-grity of how cells form' provides clues to many mysteries. Among them, how to cure diabetes, says Wright, direc-tor of Vanderbill University's Program in Developmental Biology. Wright and his lab study cells — developing pancreatic tissue, stained in various colors to distinguish endocrine tissue from entibelial dures and pancre-neithelial dures and pancre-orithelial dures and anoterendocrine tissue from epithelial ducts and pancreatic cells with a specific gene called PTF1A.

Wright and his lab have discovered that PTF1A is crucial to the formation of: eas, including the the pancreas, including the beta cells that produce the insulin that diabetics lack. Take away ITFIA, and cells can no longer form the pancreas. ... They change their job," Wright says.

Using this knowledge, Wright plans to make beta cells that can be the pancreas and the the pancreas are the pancreas and the pancreas are the pancreas are the pancreas are the pancreas and the pancreas are the pancreas are

wright plans to make better cells that can replace a dia-betic's dysfunctional or destroyed ones. Wright's work is in mice for now, but he believes that it could be applied to humans within the next five years.



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santa@magicvalley.com no later than 5pm on Wednesday, December 17, 2008. Questions? Please call Lucinda at 735-3294.



Digestion:

More for you to chew over

By Brenna Maloney The Washington Post

Think of the stomach as a Jshaped elastic bag that fits
under your diaphragm
on the left side of your
abdomen, protected by your flive
lowest ribs. The
top end connects
to the esophagus: the bottom
end attaches to
the small intestine. Deep folds
(rugae) in the
stomach's lining
contain millions of
glands that contain millions of glands that produce hydrochloric acid and an enzyme called pepsin. When you're expecting food, the brain sends signals to your still-empty stomach to start secreting these gastric juices.

A fist becomes a cantaloupe

a cantaloupe
Your stormach is usually about the size of your fist, but in the course of a big meal it can expand four to five times, to about the size of a couple of softballs, or a cantaloupe. If you are accustomed to evereating (who, your), frequent expansion and contaction will have exercised this muscle, and it will expand with case. If not, overfilling your stormach will make you feel bloated and uncomfortable.

And the mixer gets to work

As the food, already molstened with saliva, enters the stomach, it soaks in the high yacidic gastric juices. The stomach wall has three layers of muscle that run lengthwise, horizontally and diagonally. Working in different directions, they pulverize the

food into a soupy liquid called chyme, then slowly funnel it into the small intes-tine. The Greeks had a word for the sound sometimes pro-duced by these muscles — "borborygmi," or "growlings."

Some accidental insights

Our knowledge of how the

accident: In 1822, a fur an accident: In 1822, a fur trapper named Alexis St. Martin shot himself in the side, and the resulting woundleft a permanent opening to his stomach. U.S. Army surgeon William Beaumont took the opportunity to study the physiology of gastric digestion. Over the next eight years, Beaumont carried out a series of eventeriors on St.

Martin, including dangling food into the opening to dis-cover why, and how quickly, different substances are digested. His published find-ings in 1833 were, if not exactly appetizing, revo-lutionary.

Can't live without it?

without it?

Well, technically, you can. In severe cases of stomach cancer or bleeding gastric ulcers, surgeons may perform a gastrectomy, the surgical removal of all or part of the stomach. When part is removed, the remialning portion continues its digestive function. If the entire stomach goes, the esophagus is goes, the esophagus is attached to the small intestine, attached to the small Intestine, the digestive process begins in the small intestine, and, in successful cases, the body eventually adapts. Because of the lack of stomach acids, certain things, such as high-protein foods, become difficult to digest, so some adjustments to diet are necessary.

A corrosive environment

A Coffusive environments an acidic stomach, since that's what breaks down food. The gastric juices have a pit of around 2, which basically means they're corrosive enough to strip paint or burnight through the stomach. To protect itself, the stomach ling continuously secretes mucus. If the levels of acid and mucus fail out of balance, the stomach can trat to hurt and we take antacids such as the stomach can start to mand the stomach can start to mand we take antacids such as Rolaids. These usually contain a magnesium or magnesium or mand with acids aluminum, magnesium or both, which react with acids to form more-neutral com-

'Biggest Loser' lesson: Don't try this at home

On "The Biggest Loser," contestants arrive fat and

On "The Biggest Loser," contestants arrive fat and leave thin. And in between, they go through an intense fliness regimen that is, to put a good face on it, grueling. The hours-long, athlete-level noutine stake place from the get-go. Some contestants have completed a quasi-mini-talkhon consisting of a 250-meter swim, a two-mille bike ride and a climb up 42 flights of stats. Others have pulled airplanes down a runway or climbed up and down a hill as many times as they could from sunup to sundown — not just sweeding coplously but sometimes feeling dizzy, vomitting and crying.

copiousty but sometimes feeling dizzy, vomitting and crying. With the show taping its seventh season and continuing to spawn and even-larger assortment of books, videos, online clubs and forums, "The Biggest Loser" has made tuber-boot-camp-style training sessions seem a sure-fliet (tekt to weight loss for sedentary, morbidly obese people. And the suscess of its contestants suggests there's little risk—contrary to common advice that such programs should be undertaken only with a physician's seal of approval. Mainstream physical health experts are appalled

uncertaken only with a physician's soil of approval. Mainstream hypisical health experts are appalled by such extreme workouts. This is another example of taking a serious health condition and almost mocking it," says Jeffrey Potteiger, kinesiology professor and director of the Center for Health Enhancement at Mami University in Otio. "I find it deplorable." For starters, he points out that overweight people might have undiagnosed medical conditions such as high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes. "If you go out and to his

and diabetes.

"If you go out and do this
type of workout," Potteiger
says, "you are going to dramatically increase your risk
for some abnormal event and
possibly exacerbate the condition. People could certainthe hours about a track." by have a heart attack, a stroke, or become hypoglycemic. People need to be aware of these kinds of things."

gs. cond, the truly obes section, the truly obese need moderate workouts that help' them build upter strength and stamina gradually, he says, not ones that send them sprinting out of the blocks, risking linjury. This is not the way we deal with this kind of weight issue." Potteiger says. "At the end of the day you're talking about behavior change — nutritional psychological — and that's hard to change. If it were casy, we'd be able to change all sorts of behaviors. The question in putting on a program like this is that in having people watch, it isn't a scenario that will help people change their behavior and become healthy." Nickl Anderson, named trainer of the year by IDEA Health & Fliness Association, criticizes he show's portugal of exercise as an almost Herculean effort. All the show does is reinforce to those who are overweight and inactive 'See how hard (exercise) is? For most people, exercise is going to be hard, but it doesn't have to be that hard."

Although some of healthy in the show motivating, Anderson, owner of Reality Fliness, a Naperville, Ill.-based personal training

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event and possibly exacerbate the condition."

 Jeffrey Potteiger, kinesiology professor and director of the Center for Health hancement at Miami University in Ohio

studio, thinks they're being duped, 'It looks like in six weeks they lose 130 pounds. I have to struggle against what's reality and what's perceived reality... Our Job is to help you develop steps that will develop a normal, healthy lifestyle. And nothing they're watching is about being normal and balanced. Even If her clients do have the drive to hit the

being normal and balanced. Even if her clients do
have the drive to hit the
ground running — literally
— the vast majority, she says,
don't have the means, the
time or the resources to
accomplish it salely.

JD Roth, the co-creator
and executive producer, says
the show is simply redefining
what is realistically possible.

Most people — including
doctors and fitness professionais — still cling to the
idea that standard recommendations of moderate
exercise and moderate
weight loss are right for
almost everyone, including
the morbidly obese, he says.
And some heavy folis have
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"Bob and Jillian had so much conviction about how much here begins the says of the show's trainers. Bob Harper and Jillian Michaels. And as for the contestants: "In a way, these guys are trained like special forces. They're tired, they're overworked, but they're changing their food and exercise habits."

The severe workouts and stunts people do are the extreme" part of the show, Roth says, adding that viewers will use common sense in building their own weight-loss programs.

"People are watching the show to be inspired and not to feel hopeless anymore. Viewers are saying," If that guy who weighs 300 pounds can do it, so can 1.1 can go on that run tomornow morning. But they're not expecting to lose 30 pounds can do it, so can 1.1 can go on that run tomornow morning. But they're not expecting to lose 30 pounds can a week." Diet explored during commercial breaks reinforce more prudent ideas, he says.

of Callfornia has Issued a "call to action" recommending that the dally intake of vitamin D for adults be revised by the government to 2,000 international units a day. (The current recommendation is 200 IU for people up to age 50, 400 IU for people is to 70 and 600 IU daily intake of vitamin D Harder for some

to kick the habit

By Shari Roan Los Angeles Times

Who still smokes — and why? Addiction experts acknowledge that it has become more difficult to make a dent in the country's smoking rates. Although millions of people have quit in the decades since the dangers of tobacco became known, about 43.4 million U.S. adults still smoke, according to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention. U.S. according to according to

the challenges:

• One, released at a recent meeting of the American College of Chest Physicians, found that nicotine dependence had reached a 15-year high. Nearly 75 percent of people currently secking smoking-cessation treatment are categorized at highly nicotine-dependent.

• Another, published in Nursing Research, examined data from the 237-816 nurses registered in the Nurses (Health Study at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. The study found that the



death rate among former smokers in their late 70s was 1.5 times that of nonsmok-ers. Current smokers were 2.3 times more likely to have died by that age compared with nurses who never smoked.

(forms of the vitamin) once a week for eight to 12 weeks followed by maintenance therapy.

• In October, the American Academy of Pediatries pub-lished a recommendation

Smoking among nurses declined from 33.2 percent

in 1976 to 8.4 percent in 2003. But lead author Linda Sarna, of the nursing school at the University of California, Los Angeles, points out that nurses are intimately acquainted with the effects of smoking yet still struggle with nicotine addiction.

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The new star of the nutritional world is clearly vitamin D. Most people don't get enough of this wonder nutrine and increase their risk of several. diseases. by. being deficient. In the past month, several major medical groups have called for a range of policy changes regarding vitamin D, including an increase in the current recommended daily allowance and new testing guidelines to look for deficiencies. Here's an update: for most people," a member of the consortium. Dr. Anthony Norman, said in a news release. An editorial on vitamin D by Norman, a University of California, Riverside biochemist, was published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition. A review article published in the Journal of Hamerican College of Cardiology includes recommendations for screening for vitamin D defliciency and treatment in people with cardiovascular disease. The recommendations are needed, according to the authors of the paper, because of the growing body of evidence that links vitamin D deficiency to cardiovascular problems. They say that cardiovascular problems who deficiency should receive 50,000 IU of vitamin D2 or D3 (forms of the vitamin) once a week for eight to 12 weeks update: • A group of 18 vitamin D researchers at the University of California has issued a "call researchers" recommending

What you need to know about vitamin D

that the amount of vitamin D for infants, children and adolescence should be doubled to 400 IU a day.
Studies have linked vitamin D deficiency with an increased risk of hypertension, obesity, diabetes, heart attack stroke and some types of cancer.

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of cancer.

"Vitamin D deficiency is an unrecognized, emerging cardiovascular risk factor, which should be screened for and treated." Kansas City cardiologist James H. O'Keefe, a co-author of the JACC article, said in a news release. "Vitamin D is easy to assess, supplementation is simple, safe and inexpensive."

Optimal levels of vitamin D can be achieved by a combination of sunlight, supplements and foods such as fish, eggs and cod liver oil. Foods such as milk and some cereals are fortified with vitamin D but at levels that aim for 400 IU a day — which is now vitamin D to todicity (taking too much) is rare but is possible from links is greater than 30000III beards. the intake is greater than 20,000 IU per day.





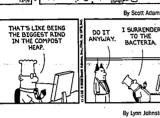
























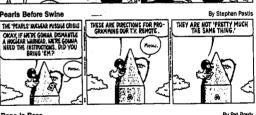




























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Couple's boorish houseguest ruins chance of another stay

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have built and began using a second home. We have entertained some wonderful houseguests here. Last weekend, a couple of long-time friends, "Shirley" and Arnold, "came to stay for three days. They were the most miserable three days I can remember, mostly because of Arnold.

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expected an his food to be served to him — even though the dessert course was explicitly buffet-style — made noises while eating, and never once offered to prepare any

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The final straw came during the last night of their stay, Arnold came into the living room in his pajamas, lay down on the rouch and, when he saw what we were already watching on TV, said, "I prefer the Illstory Channel." I was so dunthounded I could only laugh. Needless to say, we are not planing to invite Arnold and Shilrey back (which creates some other problems). What, if anything, should I say to this couplef And are them any books or other resources on 'how to be a good houseguest' that I can send him anonymously!

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DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

friends," It is surprising that you hadn't noticed the husband's boarish behavior before. But sometimes you don't get to maily know a person until after you have lived with him.

I do not recommend trying to educate this man on good manners at this late date. It is annazing how thin-skinned people with Arnold's lack of sensitivity for others can be. Nor should you send him any anonymous literature. It earn from, so please don't sink to that level.

Sometimes silence speaks the

Sometimes silence speaks the loudest. Do not invite them again, and that will convey your message.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I disagree about when to take down the Christmas decorations. I know there are some consential and the consential areas of the consential and the consential areas of the consential and the consential areas of the consent some superstitions ass ciated with leaving them up too long or taking them down too soon. Also, should the tree be taken down before or after the

New Year?

—WEARY ELVES:
IN TENNESSEE.

DEAR WEARY ELVES: I am unaware of any superstitions concerning Christmas decorations Many people leave their decorations (and trees) up If they are entertaining for New Year's Eve.
However, common sense dictates that when the needles start falling and the tree shows signs of drying out, It should be disposed of so ft, doesn't become a lire hazard.

DEAR ABBY: My adult daughter.

Marsha. Itees at home and will
walk in and start a conversation or
tell me something while I'm
watching the news or some other
show I'm interested in. Marsha
never seems to arrive during commercials, which I'd gladly stip.

If I don't stop what I'm doing,
and pay full attention to her, she
becomes offended. I feel she is
interrupting, Who's right?

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DEAR JAMES: You are. However, a compromise might be to invest in a digital video recorder. That way you can 'pause' whatever you're watching and return to it when interrupted, (it is also a god, send if you need to grab a snack or go to the bathroom.)

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

weigh you down or trip you up. Someone near and dear could be ablt touchy about past experiences or more critical than usual. CANCER [June 21-July 22]: Outsourcing a task might not be the right solution. You may be better off if you rely on your own resources, You and a certain special someone might be on different wavelengths for a few hours.

LEO [July 23-Aug. 22]: Those who expect perfection might not find contentment. Daydreaming is wholly acceptable until reality comes knocking at your door. Then you may regret overextending your reach. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't got audit atking the bull by the horns, but might step on a few toes along the way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't play dumb. You are aware that someone has high expectations and will not accept silp-shod work. Showing off and strutting your stuff without pro-

shod work. Showing off and strutting your stuff without pro-ducing something concrete

might cause a blowup.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
Turn over a new leaf. You can't get
by just on your charm and good
looks alone. Buckle down and get
something a cromplished — even
if it is just deaning up your file cabnet or balancing the checkbook.
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Exercise patience:
Competitive spirits like yourselfcan't abide caution, so you might chafe at restraints. Avoid taking on extra responsibilities or obligations that could possibly chain.

you down. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Ian. 19):
Caro in on your finances. Make a list and check it twice. Partners, may have spen1 money you hought was adely hidden awaffor a credit card purchase-may have nexts surcharge or penalty.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
With loving and kindhearted Venus in your sign, it is easy to get your way even if others are slightly grumpy or Grinch-like early thismorning.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):
Understanding only gets you so.

Understanding only gets you so, far. This isn't the time to make childish excuses if you forget to meet a deadline or bring the milk home. Do your best to correct mistakes and errors if others point—them out.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Dec. 15, the 350th day of 2008. There are 16 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 15, 1791, the Bill of Rights went into effect following ntilification by Virginia. On this date: In 1890, Sloux Indian Chief Striting Bull and 11 other tribe members were killed in Grand River, S.D., during a confrontation with Indian police. In 1893, groundbreaking ceremonies for the Jefferson Memortal took place in Mashington, D.C., with President Franklin D. Roosevelt taking part. In 1939, the motion picture Gone With the Wind" had its world premiere in Allania. In 1944, a single-engine plane carrying bandleader Glenn Millers who was a major in the U.S. Muller Wind's Aller Street, Stagenery over the Norlas of Managara. Air Forces, disappeared over the English Channel while en route to

Paris. In 1944, during World War II, American forces invaded Mindoro Island in the Philippines.

In 1948, former State Department official Alger Hiss was indicted by a federal grand jury in New York on charges of perjury. (He was convicted in 1950)

1950.]
In 1961, former Nazi official
Adolf Eichmann was sentenced to
death by an Israell court.
In 1964, Canada's House of
Commons approved dropping the
"Red Ensign" flag in favor of a new
design.

design.
In 1965, two U.S. manned spacecraft, Gernlan 6A and Gernlan 7, maneuvered to within ten feet of each other while in orbit.
In 1978, Cleveland became the first major U.S. city since the Great Depression to default on its leans.

loans.

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton concluded his three-day Middle East journey on a disappointing note as Israel refused to resume the West Bank troop with-

drawals called for under the Wye River peace accord; nevertheless, or Clinton declared his trip a suc-

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Five years ago: Former nurse clears.

Five years ago: Former nurse charles Callen was changed with murder after telling prosecutors in the half willing prosecutors in the property of the half willing property in the mixth drugs. (Cullen later pleaded guilty to High 28 people and attempting to Kill six others; he was sentenced to 18 life prison terms). The late Sen. Strom.

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Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: East

4 ♥ All pass Dbl.

Opening lead: Heart five

The bidding:

South holds:

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West North East

LEAD WITH THE ACES

♠ Q J 9 ♥ Q 3 ♦ 9 8 7 4

A 10 7 3

West North East

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ANSWER: This opening lead is a toss-up, as is so often the case in real life. In favor of a low-club lead is your length there. Against it is that you are quite likely to cost yourself a trick in the suit by leading it. The alternative is a top spade, based on the fact that the

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Support Your Local Community This Holiday Season

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is committed to growing business and building community. The chamber provides numerous opportunities for businesses to build new contacts and customers throughout the area.

Just as the Chamber's success depends upon the strength of our membership, our community's success depends upon the strength of our local businesses.

Inside: • Welcome to New Chamber

 Business Workshop Coming in January

Our community values and principles have built a solid foundation for our local economy and quality of life. In Southern Idaho, we're not experiencing many of the economic problems seen in the rest of the country. Unemployment is lower. Our cost of living is lower. Banks are sound – and offering affordable lending rates. We all have a responsibility to keep our local economy strong. Don't buy what you can't afford. But remember – we can't afford NOT to support our local businesses. It's what keeps our economy going.

Shopping with your friends and neighbors at businesses here in Southern Idaho keeps dollars in our local economy – paying wages, taxes, and helping those businesses reinvest in our community. It's time for us to get back to normal by acting normal. Be responsible in your spending. But don't be afraid to live your life. Support your community – and keep our economy strong.

Also – remember those in need during the holidays. We understand that budgets are tighter this year. But don't forget local charities this season to help them help your friends and neighbors in need.

From all of us at the Chamber office and the Board of Directors...Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit business organization providing members a strong voice, vision and focused leadership to enhance the economic vitality and quality of life in our community.

Making Your Business Work For You -The E-Myth Solution

Join the Twin Falls Chamber. College of Southern Idaho, and Idaho Small Business Development Center for a special event Monday, January 19. You'll learn how to grow your business, develop your key managers, and create a strong branded experience that sets you apart from your competitors. Use E-Myth's Seven Centers of Management Attention to manage your business. Craft a vision, identity, and plan long-term goals and break mental blocks. The workshop is developed around the best-selling books and E-Myth Worldwide Program founded by Michael E. Gerber. It'll discuss the "entrepreneurial myth" that most people who start small businesses are entrepreneurs and the fatal assumption that an individual who

understands the technical work of a business can successfully run a business that does that technical work.

The E-Myth Seminar will include a morning session on Making Your Business Work for You, a luncheon session on Business Mentoring, and an afternoon session on Delivering Your Brand Promise On Time, Every Time. Attend one session for \$75 or both sessions for \$100. Sessions will be held at the Rick Allen Room at the Herrett Center on the CSI campus. The event is sponsored in part by Intermountain Gas and the WIRED grant. For registration information, contact the Small Business Development Center at 732-6455 or email isbdc@csi.edu.

Call for Nominations for **Chamber Board Election**

Terms for Chamber Board members coincide with the Annual Meeting and Banquet, planned for early February at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center. Three seats will be up for election in 2009. Any employee of a Chamber-member business (in good standing) is eligible to run for election to the Board, provided, however, that no nominee shall be employed by the same Chamber member as any other nominee or any existing Director. Directors serve for a 3-year term. Directors are responsible for the supervision of the Chamber, the direction of its work and

policy-making. The Board of Directors controls the Chamber's property and Is responsible for the organizations finances. The Board meets monthly - and Directors also attend Chamber functions and committee meetings as needed. If you're interested in running for one of the seats on the Board, please email shawn@twinfallschamber. com with your name, business name, and contact information. Self-nomination is allowed. Ballots will be sent to Chamber members in lanuary with the final vote being tallied at the Annual Meeting in February.

Economic Issues Forum 3rd Tuesday of Each Month

Each month, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce hosts an Economic Issues Forum to discuss the varying factors that impact our local economy and quality of life. The forum is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9 Beans and a Burrito (764 Cheney Dr.) from 12noon

to 1pm. The forum is a roundtable discussion of the labor market, real estate, economic development, and other issues that impact the economy. We also have guest speakers who present on specific topics. Coming up at the forum: Tuesday, December 16 - The

Chamber's Public Policy Committee will host our local legislators to discuss the Chamber's Legislative Priorities for the 2009 session. We'll also have a presentation from the Idaho Chamber Alliance, made up of Chambers around the State, to discuss the upcoming

legislative session. Again, the forum is open to chamber members and the general public. Lunch is on your own. We do our best to keep the forum to one hour wrapping up by 1:00pm. For more information, contact the Chamber office at 733-3974.



<u> January Business After Hours</u>

Thursday, January 22, 2008 - 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. -

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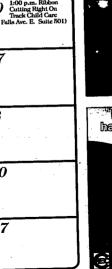
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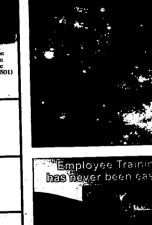


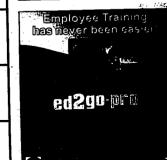
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Key Benefits of Chamber membership:

Credibility - people know you are part of a group of professionals working together to positively impact the economy and quality of life in the Twin Falls area. Visibility - your business will be featured in Chamber publications, you will have members-only acand when your new business joins we'll welcome you with special ribbon-cutting and open house events.

Exposure - the Chamber refers ONLY Chamber members in response to the thousands of vacation, relocation, and general information requests we receive annually. Your business will also be listed in the Chamber's business directory and online on the Chamber's website.

Networking - take advantage of the opportunities to meet other Chamber members and learn how

you can work with them to enhance everyone's business. Events include monthly Twin Falls Today luncheons, monthly Business After Hours get-togethers, the Annual Meeting and Banquet, and other special events.

Representation and Advocacy the Chamber is hard at work every day representing the interests of the Twin Falls area business community to ensure achievement of the organization's mission. The Chamber also works closely with local, state, and federal government to promote issues of benefit to the business community.

Involvement - the Chamber offers many volunteer committees, access to educational seminars and workshops, and networking events to help you and your business grow. For more information about how to become a member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, nlease contact Bobbi Pyle at 733-3974 or email bobbi@twinfallschamber.com. You can also access an online

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