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WEATHER
Cloudy, little rain, cooler
High 58 Low 43
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NOTEWORTHY

Suspect stuck in clothes hamper

MESA, Ariz. — A man is in custody after police say he broke into an Arizona townhome and got stuck in a clothes hamper underneath the window he climbed through.

Mesa police say 20-year-old Michael Trias was arrested on suspicion of burglary and criminal damage.

The East Valley Tribune reports a resident inside the home heard the commotion of Trias becoming entangled in the hamper at about 9 a.m. Thursday.

The owner of the home restrained Trias and was able to take him outside and call police.

— The Associated Press

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BLUE RIDGE VIEW

Results from: Do you have an emergency kit together in case of a disaster?
Number of votes: 457

22% YES 78% NO

Go to www.blueridgenow.com to vote on this question: Do you know anyone who has served in Afghanistan?



Weather art by Dayanna Hernandez, Upward Elementary School.

We invite children to send in their weather art. Limit size to 8x10. Send to: City Editor, Times-News, P.O. Box 490, Hendersonville, NC 28793.

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Deaths surpass 10K

Japan struggles to avoid meltdown, feed survivors

By TODD PITMAN
The Associated Press

SENDAI, Japan — The estimated death toll from Japan's disasters climbed past 10,000 Sunday as authorities raced to combat the threat of multiple nuclear reactor

meltdowns and hundreds of thousands of people struggled to find food and water. The prime minister said it was the nation's worst crisis since World War II.

Nuclear plant operators worked frantically to try to keep temperatures down in several reactors crippled by the earthquake and tsunami, wrecking at least two

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A royal invitation



Members of the Rosman High School Wind Ensemble practice on Thursday afternoon. The band will travel to play in London in June 2012.

STORY BY LEIGH KELLEY / PHOTO BY MIKE DIRKS

Rosman tuning up for queen

ROSMAN

London is calling, and the Rosman High School band is answering.

The school's concert band has been invited to perform in June 2012 for Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee.

The once-in-a-lifetime opportunity came in November when band director Carolyn Smith received a letter from Gary Gilroy, director of bands at California State University at Fresno, who said Rosman was chosen based on the recognition of the band by its peers.

She couldn't believe it when she opened the envelope and read the letter, Smith said Thursday afternoon as she took a break between band groups. She teaches music at the high school and at Rosman Middle School.

"We're so excited," she said, laughing. "At first, when I told the kids, they didn't quite believe their ears. They didn't know that this was something that was open to them. We're honored to be invited."

The band will be in London June 17-24 and will perform at several venues, Smith said.

They will perform at Southwark Cathedral and will take part in a master class at the Royal Academy of Music. The concert band also will participate in an exchange concert with a London high school band, she added.

Annaliese Brown, who plays the clarinet, said she was thrilled when she learned about the unique oppor-

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Couple building dream home sues over nightmare

By LEIGH KELLEY
Times-News Staff Writer

A Georgia couple is suing a contractor, two construction companies and First Citizens Bank regarding a residential construction loan and claims that the contractor and one of the construction companies were not licensed.

The lawsuit also says First Citizens knowingly gave money from the couple's home construction loan account to the unlicensed contractor.

Tom and Linda Rider filed a civil suit Feb. 1 in Henderson County against Ron Aderhold, RAD Construction Management Inc., Boston/South Investments Inc. and First Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

The Riders applied to the bank in April 2009 for a construction loan to build a home in Oleta Falls Subdivision in Hendersonville. The couple entered into a construction agreement with Greenstone Builders Inc. in September after First Citizens approved the Riders for a construction loan. Greenstone Builders was a licensed building contractor with the N.C. Licensing Board for General Contractors, according to court records.

First Citizens Bank conducted a "thorough investigation of the credit worthiness of the plaintiffs (Riders) and a thorough investigation of the

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DEVILS DO IT AGAIN



BOB LEVERONE/AP

Duke's Nolan Smith goes to the basket against North Carolina in the first half of Duke's 75-58 win in a game for the championship of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament in Greensboro, Sunday. More coverage and the brackets for the NCAA Tournament in Sports, B1.

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