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COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP) resent him. Someone threw a rock of his abandoned chapel. Butler could not even rent a motel room to The founder of the neo-Nazi hold services of his white suprema-

The evangelist of hate now finds himself in the position of complaining about discrimination.

through the stained-glass swastikas for a Jew rabbi rented the room, they would have allowed accommodations," he said on his Website after being denied space at the Silver Lake Motel.

Supporters of Aryan Nations once regarded northern Idaho as a minority-free homeland supposedly filled

"If Muslims or Black Panthers with kindred spirits. Now they dismiss the state as "Idawhore," its residents as "cracker spuds," and its human rights activists as "hue man rights task forces.'

Instead of moving away, as many Idaho civic leaders had hoped, the 82-year-old Butler is digging in.

He has announced an unprece-

dented series of public events this 30 years," said Shaun Winkler, staff year, including marches in Coeur d'Alene, Sandpoint and Rathdrum. His annual Aryan World Congress, which used to draw more than 100 skinheads and the like to Butler's compound, will be held instead at a park nearby.

"Pastor Butler has been here for

director for Butler. "The Aryan Nations is not going to leave now.

The prospect of blue-shirted neo-Nazis marching through the streets of these tourist-dependent towns is not what human rights groups expected after Butler was bankrupted last year.

Detentions of illegals entering J.S. decline

LAREDO (AP) — Arrests of ilgal immigrants have dropped all ong the Mexico-U.S. border in what experts say could be a sign that percent Mexicans are staying home to enjoy growing economy and rising hopes nder the first opposition president in ven decades

From October through January, etentions were down 22 percent ver the same period a year ago. The decrease marked the largest percentage drop since the U.S. Boror the top 1 er Patrol started beefing up its shows for resence in 1993 to stop a growing de of illegal immigration across he 2,100-mile border.

> Even in January, when the numers traditionally go up as undocuented workers return to their U.S. obs after visiting their homeland or the holidays, agents caught 33 ercent fewer people than during he same period last year.

U.S. officials gave several possi-Raymond ble reasons for the decrease, in-13 cluding increased patrols in some areas, better technology such as 3 ground sensors and infrared camras, an advertising campaign about 12, the perils of crossing illegally and in unusually cold winter.

They also say some of the credit which is stronger than it has been in seven years — and to President Viente Fox, who on July 2 ended the Institutional Revolutionary Party's 1-year grip on power.

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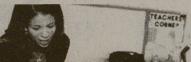
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endler said.

"(Target 2000) set a tone and a genl goal for the University," he said. International and study abroad ograms were also a central part of rget 2000.

"One reason Moeser was interestf [in Vision 2020] was because of e two previous 20-year plans," endler said. "We were able to do it ccessfully twice.'

At this point, A&M, like UNL, gan looking at the plans of other niversities before drafting Vision arvey Rd. 2020. Cornell, the University of DAVE North Carolina and North Carolina tate were among the schools

29th St A&M studied in its planning DAVE process, Wendler said. However, even though Vision

020 was influenced by other hools, A&M had to make its own an, Wendler said.

"We didn't want to lose our niqueness, like the emphasis on stu-ent leadership," he said. "We didn't ant to give that away. I think we ere reasonably successful.'

A&M has changed a lot since he rst arrived, Wendler said, but the erall spirit remains the same. "I'm enamored by the Universi-

'Wendler said.

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