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## Storm twists city in knots

By Jared S. Hopkins  
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In many parts of Idaho — Coeur d'Alene and Sun Valley, for example — snow is an everyday occurrence. But Twin Falls is in the desert, which makes a snowstorm — even a single snowflake — perhaps something out of the ordinary. And so, just days before Christmas, Twin Falls and the Magic Valley endured what some consider the area's worst snowstorm in years. The National Weather Service said Twin Falls received five inches on Friday, but city officials gave estimates of almost double that amount. "It was a pretty big event," Twin Falls Public Works Director Lance Bates said Wednesday. "I mean, the city of Twin Falls doesn't get a whole lot of snowstorms of that magnitude." The storm's effects were noticeable. There were a combined 14 snow-related accidents Friday and Saturday in Twin Falls County, according to the sheriff's office. Twin Falls Police reported 10 accidents on Saturday, although the number of snow-related accidents was unavailable. Please see **SHOW**, Page A3

No sign of El Nino or drought in Idaho

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Low clouds cover the base of Square Butte near Emmett Friday afternoon in this aerial photograph.

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## Why is Shoshone Falls ROARING?



ANSWER: Because water is being released from the American Falls Reservoir to control winter flooding.

Pictured above, about 2,600 cubic feet per second of water flows over Shoshone Falls Wednesday afternoon. Last year at this time, the flows were at 800 to 1,000 cfs.

But in April, after seven years of being choked off by drought, more than 16,000 cfs was flowing over the falls each day and thousands of visitors were enjoying the view and the mists, according to *Times-News* archives.

As seen to the right, visitors are still making their way to the falls. These footsteps made Wednesday afternoon plod their way up a trail leading from one of the visitor platforms.

Photos by Ashley Smith



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 — Jon Hanlan, a spokesman for Gov.-elect C.L. "Butch" Otter

## Otter's Jan. 1 oath will be private, period

By Jesse Harlan Alderman  
 Associated Press writer

BOISE — Gov.-elect C.L. "Butch" Otter's refusal to allow a public or media representative to attend his swearing-in ceremony may violate the First Amendment, a Boise attorney who specializes in open meetings law said Wednesday. "I don't see any grounds for them to do it," said Allen Derr, a lawyer for the Idaho Press Club. "It may not fit exactly in the open meetings law, but the theory and practice makes it a public event and it should be open to the public — it's the official assumption of the office." Please see **QATH**, Page A3

### Re-enactment

Otter has scheduled a reenactment of the swearing-in ceremony on Jan. 5, as part of his public inauguration celebration on the Capitol steps in Boise.

### Closed



Gov.-elect Otter Swearing-in in Boise open only to family, friends and some state officials.

### Open



Lt. Gov.-elect Rach Media will be allowed at swearing-in in Sun Valley.

## Dog walker finds young man's body in the South Hills

By Cassidy Friedman  
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — An autopsy today will likely reveal the identity and cause of death of a young man whose body was found in the South Hills.

"At this point it's being investigated as a homicide," Nancy Howell, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls Sheriff's Office, said Wednesday. "We investigate something as a homicide until it can be ruled out."

A man walking his dogs found the body around 4:00 p.m. Tuesday off North Cottonwood Creek Road — a dirt road that leads into the South Hills southwest of Kimberly — and not far south of Foothills Road, also known as 2800 North. He said he immediately called 911.

Snow and cold temperatures hindered investigators' examination of the body that lasted from late Tuesday until 8:50 a.m. Wednesday. "We are pretty sure that we know who it is," Howell said. "But at this point we are having a hard (time) telling much because of the frozen condition of the body."

The body was moved into the custody of the Twin Falls County coroner, who will transfer the body to a forensic pathologist's office in Ada County for an autopsy.

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## Fond of Ford

Local man remembers future president's visit to Twin Falls

By Jared S. Hopkins  
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TWIN FALLS — David R. Mead was 35 in February 1965 when he was called away from work and asked to pick up a visiting government official at the airport.

The guest — a congressman from Michigan who admitted to knowing little of irrigation — had arrived nearly four hours early and asked for a tour of the Magic Valley.

The gentleman, however, considered himself rather ordinary and insisted Mead drop his government titles and use only his name: Gerald Ford.

The nation's 38th president, who died Tuesday at his California home at age 93, is perhaps best known as the successor to President Richard M. Nixon, who resigned amid the Watergate scandal.

But on Feb. 15, 1965, Ford — as U.S. House Minority Leader — toured southern Idaho and gave an evening speech to local Republicans at the former downtown American Legion Hall, allowing Idahoans a brief brush with history.

"He was the most friendly man — the most down-to-earth, unpretentious, open man," said Mead, now 76, and a retired banker. "He says, 'Now, David, don't introduce me as a congressman. Don't say I'm a minority leader. Just introduce me as Jerry or Jerry Ford. Don't call me Mr. Representative. Call me Jerry.'"

Before the days of cell phones and Blackberries, national political figures like Ford, who was elected 13 times to Congress, often traveled alone. Mead, a former head of the Twin Falls County Republican Party, was entrusted as a tour guide.

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Gerald Ford, who would become the 38th president of the United States, visits with business leader George Bever while in Twin Falls in 1965. Ford, a congressman from Michigan, was U.S. House minority leader at the time.



Pictured from right at the Magic Valley/Twin Falls Republican Lincoln Day Banquet on Feb. 15, 1965: County Party Vice Chairman David R. Mead, County Party Chairman Charles Lantz of Buhl, U.S. Sen. Len B. Jordan, U.S. House Minority Leader Gerald Ford and Idaho Gov. Robert E. Smylie.

TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday. Includes weather icons and conditions like 'Turning partly cloudy', 'Fair skies', 'Gold and partly cloudy'.

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Clearing skies later in the day. Highs, lower 30s. Tonight: Clear and quiet. Lows, 10-20. Tomorrow: Even colder with partly cloudy skies. Highs, 20s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

William Inglo's "Bus Stop," presented by the Company of Fools, 7 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Halley, \$25 reserved seats and \$18 for senior citizens and students, (208) 578-9122.

EXHIBITS

"The Circle" by Amber Scoon, former College of Southern Idaho art instructor, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, C.S.I. campus, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.

"Discontinuity," contemporary abstract paintings of local artist Ben Browne in the Galleria Pequena and new works by member-artists in the Full Moon Gallery, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S., downtown Twin Falls, no cost, 734-ARTS.

FAMILY

Que Rico Day, with Hispanic culture projects to make, snacks and lunch, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 3rd Ave. E., Twin Falls, \$20 (parents and children may attend), 734-9590 for reservations.

Anderson Camp's drive-through Christmas Nativity Pageant, featuring full-sized figures painted by local artist Gary Stone amid trees lighted with over 20,000 Christmas lights, 6 to 9 p.m., Anderson Camp, located at exit 182 off Interstate 84 in Eden, free admission (donation box), 825-9800.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4066. Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, noon, City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 726-7801.

HEALTH

Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Yakima and Main, Filer, 734-0557, 324-7237 or 326-7222.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium, "The Christmas Star" at 1 p.m. and "Steamrolling" at 3 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

FIVE-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Dec. 29, 30, 31. William Inglo's "Bus Stop," presented by the Company of Fools, 8 p.m. (29, 30) and 3 p.m. (31), Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Halley, \$25 reserved seats and \$18 for seniors, (208) 578-9122. Dec. 31 "Renew" New Year's Celebration, hosted by four Magic Valley youth groups with Ever Stays Red (Phoenix, AZ), Lystra's Silence (Idaho Falls) and local band Not Our Own; includes skits, videos, food vendors, games, a mechanical bull and ball-dropping countdown in a drug- and alcohol-free environment, 6 p.m. to midnight (doors open at 7:30 p.m.), former Anderson Lumber building on Eastland Drive, Twin Falls, \$7, 420-5834.

Jan. 2, 3. Audition scheduling for JuMP Company's "THE 1942 LINE: A CHILD and Other Lessons in Not Being a Grown Up," 7 to 9 p.m., 423-6109. (Auditions to be held Jan. 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Jan. 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Twin Falls, www.jumpcompany.org or 423-6109.)

CLUBS

Jan. 2. Mary Time Club meeting, with roll call "Jokes," 2 p.m., home of Betty Siffer, 3779 N. 2250 E., Filer, 735-5213. Jan. 2. The Magic Valley New Neighbors Club Luncheon, with speaker Mary Martinet, C.S.I. over 60 and Getting Fit instructor, 11:30 a.m., Jerome County Club, 649 Golf Course Road, Jerome, 731-2082.

EDUCATION

Jan. 3. Application deadline for "Steps to a New You" class, Cassia County Extension Office, 1013 W. 16th St., Burley, \$30 (class size limited), 878-9461. (Classes: Jan. 17, 22, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21; and March 14, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.)

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FAMILY

Dec. 29. Youth Options Pre-New Year's Eve party, for ages 13-19 with basketball, pop, video games, tournaments and free pizza and soda, 7 to 10 p.m., the Salvation Army, 348 4th Ave. N.,

IDAHO/WEST

Kemphorne warns polar bears 'threatened'

WASHINGTON — Polar bears are in jeopardy and need stronger government protection because of melting Arctic sea ice related to global warming, the Bush administration said Wednesday. Interior Secretary Dirk Kemphorne on Wednesday proposed listing polar bears as a "threatened" species on the government list of imperiled species. SEE PAGE C3

Lawyer says Otter's oath plan may violate law

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As storms roll in, resorts heave sigh of relief

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Researchers say fungus could fight knapweed

MOSCOW — A University of Idaho researcher is hoping to harness the power of tiny fungi to get the upper hand on an invasive alien weed that ranchers blame for crowding out nutritious forage for their livestock. SEE PAGE C3

Snowstorm resulted in 14 accidents

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Suspect indicted in trooper shooting

TWIN FALLS — A grand jury indicted Adam Mower Wednesday on three felony charges. Because at least 12 of its 16 members vote guilty, the case is now headed to trial in district court. SEE PAGE C1

Town shows support for cancer victim

HAGERMAN — At the Thunderbird café on Wednesday — the fifth anniversary of Hannah Bates' diagnoses of bone cancer — friends and family gathered to show her their support. SEE PAGE C1

OBITUARIES

Ida Bollinger Buerkle, 90. Juan Guerrero Gaxiola, 47. Clifford Byron Hancock, 78. Rosemary Manly, 77. SEE PAGE C2

SPORTS

Jan. 1. The 20th Annual Freeze on Skis, sponsored by the Snake River Freeze on Skis, Inc., to raise monies for John Pohlman C.S.I. Scholarship Fund and Camp Rainbow Gold, noon, Shoshone Falls, Twin Falls, 404-6608 or 420-2192. Jan. 1. The 10th Annual New Year's Day Workout, with aerobics and spinning, 9 to 10:30 a.m. class and 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. "open to the public," Twin Falls Fitness Center, 1881 Poleline Rd. E., Twin Falls, no cost, 734-7447.

OPINION

MINI EDITORIAL

It's ironic and sad that President Ford died the day after James Brown. Despite their accomplishments and fame, both will also be remembered as characters parodied on "Saturday Night Live" by Chevy Chase and Eddie Murphy, respectively. It's not fair to remember either of them as a caricature. — Chris Steinbach, editor

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MAGIC VALLEY



Toast the new year, Idaho style

Idaho has become a hotbed of the niche-spirit potato vodka. Sample some New Year's cocktails inside. TNT, INSIDE

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NATION/WORLD

Plans begin to fall in place for Ford funeral

WASHINGTON — The hallmarks of a presidential funeral, a rare and solemn spectacle, began to fall into place Wednesday as the nation mourned the death of Gerald R. Ford, the 38th president, and prepared to record his memory the capital's highest honors. SEE PAGE A4

Murders up in N.Y. and other U.S. cities

NEW YORK — After many years of decline, the number of murders climbed this year in New York and many other major U.S. cities, reaching their highest levels in a decade in some places. Among the reasons given: gangs, drugs, the availability of illegal guns, a disturbing tendency among young people to pull guns when they do not get the respect they demand, and, in Houston, an influx of hurricane evacuees. SEE PAGE A8

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SPORTS



Jim Litke reviews the year in sports

For those who thought sports was almost dealing with adversity, 2006 was for you. Almost no one came through it unscathed. Not Tiger Woods, who put together one of the greatest second-half runs golf has ever seen, but only after burying his father. Not Ben Hogelbier, who won a Stoper Bowl in February, crashed his motorcycle in June and was laid up again by an emergency appendectomy just before the Steelers' opener in September. Small wonder he struggled to regain his grip on a shaky team that likely won't make the playoffs this season after winning it all. SEE PAGE B1

Court: Feds entitled to steroid testing data

SAN FRANCISCO — With Barry Bonds still in their sights, federal investigators can now use the names and urine samples of about 100 Major League Baseball players in their steroids probe, following a ruling Wednesday from a federal appeals court. The 2-1 decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overruled three lower court decisions and could help authorities pinpoint the source of steroids in baseball. It could also bolster the perjury case against the star outfielder, who is under investigation for telling a grand jury he never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs. SEE PAGE B1

Ford among most athletic presidents

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — His deliberate manner of speaking, some highly publicized mistakes and a recurring Chevy Chase caricature early days of "Saturday Night Live" helped advance the notion that Gerald R. Ford was a bit of a klutz. In fact, Ford was one of the nation's fittest and most athletic presidents. SEE PAGE B4

IDAHO LOTTERY

Table with lottery results for Wednesday, Dec. 27. Columns include game names like WILD CARD, PICK 3, PICK 4, and their respective winning numbers.

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# No sign of El Nino or drought in Idaho this winter

## Storms blanket Idaho peaks, resorts in snow

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Storms rolling into Idaho and the rest of the northern Rocky Mountains this week filled valleys with rain but left snow above 5,000 feet, averting a repeat of the 2005 ski season when a soggy deluge over Christmas closed or limited operations at resorts that rely on the holiday for a big chunk of their revenue.

Resort operators in Idaho say the season has started with promise, despite predictions that the 2006 reappearance of the El Nino weather pattern. That's the weak, warm ocean current off the coast of South America that often results in warmer-than-usual temperatures in Idaho, even as it dumps snow on states farther to the south such as Colorado that have been hit by recent blizzards.

"When they're calling for El Nino, we can't bring our hands," Gretchen Anderson,

spokeswoman for Bogus Basin Mountain Resort near Boise, said Wednesday. Bogus Basin had received 7 inches of new snow since Tuesday.

A storm moving east through the state Wednesday brought more than good news for skiers and snowboarders who pump about \$225 million annually into Idaho's economy.

Jay Breidenbach, a federal hydrologist in Boise, said this winter is shaping up as the second straight with normal or above-normal moisture. That's helping erase memories of the seven-year drought that plagued Idaho starting in the late 1990s, emptying reservoirs, parching fields and exacerbating conflicts between farmers and ranchers over water, the West's most valuable resource.

"There's no sign of the drought returning," Breidenbach said.

Schweitzer Mountain Resort in northern Idaho reported 9 inches of new snow since

Tuesday. Sun Valley, the state's best-known resort, has gotten a foot in two days, while Tamarack Resort and Brundage Mountain near McCall reported more than two feet this week. Pebble Creek Ski Area near Pocatello finally opened Tuesday, while Pomerelle near Albion was reporting 7 inches of new snow in the last 24 hours.

Scattered snow showers were expected through Wednesday night across the state, with temperatures falling as the storm blows across the border into neighboring Wyoming.

Anderson Ranch Reservoir on Idaho's Boise River just east of the capital was 68 percent full, well above 2005 levels, according to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. And man-made lakes including American Falls on the Snake River were filling on par with historical levels, after a warm and rainy fall.

In the Idaho Panhandle, total precipitation so far this year is at 137 percent of aver-



A snowboarder takes a jump in some freshly-tracked powder during the first day of skiing at Bogus Basin Mountain Resort on Nov. 2 in Boise, Idaho.

age. In the mountains north of Boise, precipitation was 114 percent of average. In fact, just one of Idaho's 19 river basins where snowfall is measured had less than the annual average precipitation, a figure based on measurements from the last four decades.

"There's still time for it to

turn drier, but so far, it's looking really good for the water supply," Breidenbach said. "Right now, there's plenty of water in Idaho."

Plenty of water — and for the time being, plenty of skiers, resorts say.

"This is probably one of the best starts we've had in fore-

er," said Patrick Sande, a spokesman at Schweitzer Mountain near Sandpoint.

The resort has received 170 inches of snow so far, half its yearly average. "Our holiday week is our busy season," Sande said. "We're seeing large volumes of business on a daily basis."

## Snow

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The city's response has resulted in some criticism. City workers operated plows beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 21. Thinking they had sufficiently cleared intersections and four-way stop-sign areas, city workers went home around 10 p.m.

Five hours later seven workers were called in — and cleared roads for nearly 15 consecutive hours.

With most of the storm having subsided by Saturday or Sunday, the city did not plow and instead sanded streets for about six hours each day. In all, street department officials gave the following estimates:

- About 240 yards of sand deposited.
- Nearly 200 overtime hours logged.
- Cities said every department employee worked at least some overtime.
- More than 300 of the city's approximately 500 miles of

road were plowed.

"It's kind of a tough deal," said Street Supervisor Ben Litter Jr., who logged the most overtime with 33 hours. "There's a lot more to it than what folks think."

Department officials listed several obstacles:

- Unlike the state roads that are straight and well-paved, city streets often have manholes, potholes and wide turns.
- Homeowners often push snow into the street rather than their yards; snow on state roads can be pushed off onto a farmer's field.

• There were also at least two instances on Dec. 21 when plows broke down.

"That certainly sets you back," Litter said.

Twin Falls has two traditional plows — those attached to trucks — are filled with sand to empty after plowing — as well as two construction-style plows. The city recently ordered two tradi-

tional plows, which cost about \$5,000.

The city of Jerome, which has a population of about 10,000, has five plows, a city of Jerome representative said Wednesday.

Litter, however said Twin Falls is "not really" under-prepared for snowstorms but will indeed benefit from the new plows.

"You need to justify why you have all this expensive equipment for such a short time," he said.

Twin Falls Street Superintendent Bruce Stephens, who joined the city staff in 1974, could only recall two winters — 1985 and 1992 — as being worse.

Officials said the city focuses on the main arterials and collector streets, including Blue Lakes Boulevard, Addison Avenue, Washington Street North and Locust Street.

"Although some smaller roads were plowed —

Heyburn, Monroe, Shoup, Harrison and parts of Fillmore — most residential areas were left behind. They are cleared Mondays through Thursdays only, said department senior operator Ben Allen.

"(Residents) have to fend for themselves until the weekdays," Allen said. Officials said many residential neighborhoods in Twin Falls are too narrow for the plow trucks and cars are often parked along curbs.

"We concentrate on the roads where most of the traffic is," Bates said. "We figure we'll get to (neighborhoods) as we get time. The main responsibility is where the traffic is."

Officials said no private companies are under contract with the city to clear snow and that, contrary to rumors, the city has never sold its plows.

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## Ford

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"He said, 'Show me the valley,'" Mead said. "He was interested in you and in you and this farmer and this farmer. He never talked about himself. He wanted to know everything about these guys."

"They began in a Kimberly coffee shop, but as promised, stopped throughout the Magic Valley, including Murtaugh, Burley and Buhl. Mead said Ford knew nothing about the Homestead Act or how Idaho developed.

"These guys just opened up to him," he said. "They didn't know he was a congressman."

Between the tour and speech was an afternoon news conference — in Ford's motel room. Mead said Ford fielded questions like a local — barefoot with pants and a T-shirt while he lay on the bed with his head propped on a pillow.

"I said, 'These guys are going to be showing up soon, do you want to get dressed?' and he said, 'heck no, this is a real informal affair,'" Mead said. "It was so open — so friendly you would've thought he was the long lost hero of Twin Falls."

"The dinner had many big names in Idaho, including Gov. Robert E. Smylie, Sen. Len B. Jordan, and Republican Party Chairman Charles Lutes of Buhl.

During his speech, Ford



President Bush, left, visits with former President Gerald Ford at the Ford home in Rancho Mirage, Calif., on April 23.

addressed Vietnam and predicted the G.O.P. would pick up 40 seats in the House in the 1986 elections.

Mead said he and others recognized the political skill and statesmanship of Ford, but never imagined he would, ever be president.

"We didn't know but we just knew he was an up-and-comer," Mead said. "Those of us who followed politics knew he was going to be big."

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## Oath

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On Jan. 1, Otter will take his official oath behind closed doors, brooking a tradition of public oaths popular for the first time in state history.

On Wednesday, Otter, a former Republican congressman and lieutenant governor, snubbed a request from "The Astorian Press" to allow one representative from the Idaho media to attend the swearing-in as a public witness.

"It's not trying to be exclusive. It's not trying to rope anyone out," he said. "It's Hanlan, a spokesman for Otter. That's just the way he wants it and that's the way it's going to be."

Idaho's constitution requires new governors to take their oath, "beginning on the first Monday in January" after the election. This year, the first Monday falls on New Year's Day, a government holiday.

On New Year's Day, the chief justice of state Supreme Court will swear in Otter at the private event for family, friends and some state officials in the governor's office at the Statehouse, Hanlan said.

Following the ceremony, a clerk in Secretary of State Ben Yursara's office will certify the oath, officially elevating Otter as Idaho's 32nd governor.

Yursara said past governors Phil Batt and Dick Kempthorne also held small swearing-in ceremonies before larger inauguration celebrations.

"This is not the first time it's been a holiday," he said. "It's not the first time it's been a small, simple ceremony. Whether it's closed or not is another story."

After the late-morning or early afternoon oath ceremony, the governor will fly to Glendale, Ariz., to watch Boise State University play in the

Hiesta Bowl.

Otter has scheduled a reenactment of the swearing-in ceremony on Jan. 5, as part of his public inauguration celebration on the Capitol steps in Boise.

"The Governor-elect has said his public display has always been on the front steps," Hanlan said. "Some governors have done it differently, but he doesn't want to make a big deal out of the procedural swearing-in so all the attention can be focused on the public event."

Derr said the state-certified oath of office on Jan. 1 holds a different legal definition than the inauguration festivities on Jan. 5.

"The public ceremony is fluff. That's pomp and circumstance," Derr said. "All public business must be conducted in public and (the oath) is public business."

Outgoing Gov. Jim Risch, who won re-election to his former job as lieutenant governor after a seven-month term in the state's top slot, will allow media representatives to witness his swearing-

in, spokesman Brad Hoaglin said.

Risch will be vacationing at Sun Valley ski resort on Jan. 1. He likely will take his oath with some family members at a mountain condominium.

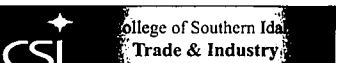
"Out of 39 years of marriage, 35 have been spent in Sun Valley," Hoaglin said of Risch and his wife, Vickie. "They'll have an oath, but hey, if someone from The Kerchum Mountain Express or a local paper wanted to witness it, we'd have no problem with that."

Otter's announcement of a private oath ceremony unnerved some historians and political observers. Arthur

Hart, former director of the Idaho State Historical Society, told The Lewiston Tribune that Otter may take the first private oath since harkens back to Washington, D.C., swore in Idaho's territorial governors.

Jim Weatherly, an emeritus professor of public policy at Boise State University, said there is an "assumption" that a public representative witnesses the oath.

"As one of the first official acts of the new governor, I would expect him to be more open than he is showing," Weatherly said. "It does send a message as to how open his administration will be, whether intended or not."



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# GERALD FORD 1913-2006

## Nation mourns Gerald Ford

By Peter Baker  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A nation deeply polarized by war and partisanship came together Wednesday to mourn Gerald R. Ford as a healer during a previous era of division while Washington began preparing an elaborate, pageantry-filled farewell for the most modest of presidents.

Ford, who died at his California home Tuesday night at age 93, will be state at the U.S. Capitol for two days starting Saturday and be memorialized at a service at Washington National Cathedral on Tuesday, following the same pattern set by Ronald Reagan's death two years ago.

With presidents and lawmakers of both parties assembling in the nation's capital for the occasion, the ceremonies marking Ford's passage promise to set a bipartisan tone to begin a week in which power will change hands in Washington. Two days after the funeral, Democrats will assume control of Congress, for the first time in a period of divided government for the remainder of President Bush's time in office.

Ford's legacy as a bridge-builder before, during and after

his short presidency dominated the discussion in Washington and across the country Wednesday, standing in contrast to a time when leaders in both parties often seem unable to join hands on the big issues of the day. During his final years, mostly privately but sometimes publicly Ford often expressed regret at what he saw as a constricting political environment that personalizes policy differences and undermines national unity.

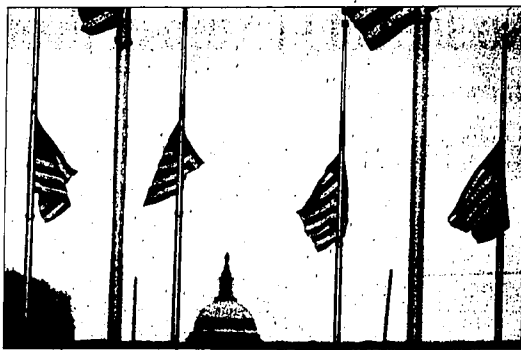
Bush, who stocked his administration with veterans of the Ford White House, paid tribute Wednesday to the 30th president's ability to work across the aisle. "He assumed power in a period of great division and turmoil," Bush told reporters at his ranch in Crawford, Texas, where he is spending the week. "For a nation that needed healing and for an office that needed a calm and steady hand, Gerald Ford came along when we needed him most."

Jimmy Carter, who ousted him in 1976 only to become friends after office, called Ford "one of the most admirable public servants and human beings I have ever known." In a statement, he said Ford "wisely chose the path of healing during a deeply divisive time in our nation's history. He frequently

rose above politics by emphasizing the need for bipartisanship and seeking common ground on issues critical to our nation."

Ford had been in declining health for months and underwent heart procedures in August. Still, in November, he surprised Reagan to become the longest-living president. He passed away at 9:45 p.m. EST Tuesday at his Rancho Mirage home, according to a statement issued on behalf of the family that did not give a cause of death. White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolton notified Bush, who then called Betty Ford about 11 p.m. to offer condolences.

Under plans announced Wednesday night, Ford's funeral will mirror Reagan's in June 2004. A service will be held in California Friday and then his body will be flown on Saturday to Washington, where it will be brought to the Capitol for a formal state funeral that evening. His casket will lie in state in the Rotunda and open to the public through Monday. After the service at the Washington National Cathedral, Ford will be taken home to Grand Rapids, Mich., where he will be interred Wednesday in a hillside tomb on the grounds of his presidential library.



Flags at the Washington Monument fly at half staff in honor of former President Gerald Ford in Washington, Wednesday. Ford died yesterday. The dome of the U.S. Capitol is seen in the background.

## Ford revealed in low-key retirement

By Mike Anton and Jonathan Abrams  
Los Angeles Times

"He was a guy that never really thought he'd be president. He wasn't overly absorbed by it and he was quite ready to have an athletic retirement."

— William Gudelunas, professor at College of Desert in Palm Springs.

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Richard Nixon wrote books to burnish his image. Jimmy Carter built a charitable foundation, broken peace initiatives and monitored elections. Bill Clinton hit the speaking circuit, champions global AIDS awareness and joined his former adversary, George H.W. Bush, to raise money for tsunami and Hurricane Katrina victims.

Gerald Ford's presidency was remarkable for its low profile. He played golf in retirement. He skied. And he served on a number of corporate boards.

But Ford, who died Tuesday at 93, also had a quiet influence in his adoptive hometown near Palm Springs and Vail, Colo., two vacation spots where he and his wife, Betty, sank roots and became active philanthropists.

Ford was content to use his stature to bolster local causes — a domestic violence shelter, a teenage outreach program, a children's museum. He also helped his wife found the internationally known substance-abuse rehabilitation center in Rancho Mirage that bears her name.

More than anything, when Ford traded the White House for the Thunderbird Country Club in Rancho Mirage, he embraced being a retiree — something he considered doing before Nixon tapped him to become vice president in the wake of Spiro Agnew's resignation.

"It was a normal guy," presidential scholar Douglas Brinkley said. "He never wanted to be president. He was never trying to get a legacy. He didn't try to spin history to make himself look better. The remarkable achievement of his post-presidency is that his ego was under control."

Ford and his wife Betty often attended services at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Palm Desert, where a private funeral service will be held Friday, blending in with other parishioners as well as an ex-president could.

Father Dan Roudeneau, associate rector at St. Margaret's, said the Fords were private but gracious with their time.

"If people stopped them, they talked or posed for pictures," he said. "Enough people talked to them, so it always took them awhile to get from the back to the front of the church."

Ford fell in love with the desert during vacations when he was in Congress. After Ford lost the presidency to Carter in 1976, longtime friend Leonard Vining, then president of Firestone Tire & Rubber, persuaded Ford to move next door



Former President Gerald Ford arrives onstage in a cloud of smoke and confetti for a speech at the Peter Lowe Success Seminar at Cindie Arena in Cleveland in Nov. 5, 1998.

to him at the country club, where he could pursue his passion for golf.

Steve Morton, past president of the Bob Hope Desert Classic golf tournament in Rancho Mirage, which Ford played in for 23 years, said it was joy to play a round of golf with the former president.

"He didn't have agile feet and a fluid swing," Morton said, but he added that Ford was a "competitive and a good putter."

After settling in, the Fords got involved in local nonprofits, including helping to raise \$5 million to build a Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert.

"I don't know when he would say no to anyone," said Lee Vanderbeek, the museum's executive director. "He was truly a humanitarian, and he was interested in bettering peoples' lives."

Locals loved him. Rancho Mirage Mayor Richard Kite said, "For more than his financial generosity, his average-guy countenance went over well in a desert playground that was home to such outsized figures such as Frank Sinatra and Bob Hope."

"It was very approachable,

and he was kind," Kite said. "It was the type of person, even though he was a past president, that didn't talk down to you. We were proud to call Gerald Ford one of our own."

On Wednesday, many in the desert valley mourned Ford's death. Flags stood at half staff outside St. Margaret's church, where Cindy Beck, 67, came to pray for Ford.

"He was a great man, and everybody is hurting," she said. "But we will all come together and heal."

When he was in the desert, Ford could be found in Colorado. An avid skier, he borrowed against his children's life insurance for a down payment on a vacation home in Vail in the 1960s.

He later moved to nearby Beaver Creek and remained active in community affairs until a few years ago, raising money for charities, leading the Fourth of July parade, lending his name to a golf tournament and lighting the town Christmas tree.

"I think he kind of let Betty take the spotlight after his presidency," said William Gudelunas, a professor of political science and American history at College of Desert in Palm Springs. "It was a guy that never really thought he'd be president."

He wasn't overly absorbed by it and he was quite ready to have an athletic retirement.

A man who thought globally as president will be remembered for a retirement in which he was inclined to act locally.

In 1987, the Fords put on sneakers for the first Desert AIDS Walk. Gerald Ford continued to give time, money — and most important to organizers, his name — to support the local Desert AIDS Project.

"He'd get a much better name for doing something global," said Warner Engdahl, former head of the project. "But he was very much a community person."

**A lifetime of service**

Born Leslie Lynch King Jr., in Omaha, Neb. on July 14, 1913. Gerald R. Ford became the 38th President after Richard Nixon resigned and helped restore faith in the presidency after the Watergate scandal.

| Year          | Event  |
|---------------|--|
| 1935          | Graduates University of Michigan   |
| 1942-46       | Serves in U.S. Naval Reserve   |
| Oct. 15, 1948 | Marries wife Betty   |
| Nov. 2, 1949  | Elected to U.S. House of Representatives                                     |
| Sept. 8, 1950 | Serves on Warren Commission investigating assassination of President Kennedy |
| Nov. 2, 1976  | Leaves presidency as President Jimmy Carter                                  |
| Oct. 27, 1979 | Becomes president after Richard Nixon resigns                                |
| Aug. 2, 2000  | Suffers small strokes at Republican National Convention                      |
| Jan. 2006     | Hospitalized with pneumonia  |
| Dec. 28, 2006 | Dies at his home   |

## Ford achieved by chance what others strive for mightily

By Darlene Supernie  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Gerald R. Ford was a man of limited ambition who, through bizarre circumstances never before experienced by the country, achieved an office that others win through the greatest determination and calculation.

The nation's 38th president, Ford wanted only to become speaker of the House. History had another place for him.

Ford was comfortable in the House, representing a Michigan congressional district for 22 years, rising to Republican leader and working toward his dream of one day running the chamber, when President Nixon called.

He needed a new vice president candidate but chose Spiro Agnew from the office.

Ford wasn't Nixon's first choice, but the president agreed that the amiable Republican would be the easiest to win confirmation by both houses of Congress. So it went, and Ford became vice president in December 1973.

Yet eight months later, the scenario got even stranger.

The scandal of Watergate drove Nixon to become the only president to resign.

Ford, who died Tuesday at 93 at his home in the California desert, again was left to fill a void.

And so the man who did not covet the presidency, who never had sought national office and who wanted only to become the "head honcho" of the House, became president by chance — unlike many since who have devoted huge amounts of time and money in pursuit of the Oval Office.

"I have not campaigned either for the presidency or the vice presidency," Ford told the nation in his inaugural address on Aug. 9, 1974. "I have not sought this enormous respon-

sibility but I will not shirk it." Charles O. Jones, a political scholar at the Brookings Institution, said Ford "truly was an accidental president and he greatly benefitted the country."

Ford, he said, had the least political capital of almost any president because he wasn't elected.

"He had to come in entirely depending on the difference of himself and Nixon," Jones said Wednesday.

What little capital Ford did have was quickly spent when, just a month after taking office, he graciously handed a full pardon for all crimes committed as president — further angering the country.

"It wasn't handled well," Erwin Hargrove, who taught political science at Vanderbilt University, said Wednesday. "He could have prepared the path for a pardon. He did it too abruptly."

Many believe the pardon contributed to Ford's loss to Democrat Jimmy Carter in 1976.

By then, Ford had come to enjoy being president. He once told Congress he would not run for a full term in 1976 even if he succeeded Nixon, but changed his mind within weeks of taking the oath of office.

"The Oval Office is large, comfortable and inspiring," Ford wrote in "A Time To Heal," his autobiography. "I have there were many far-reaching things that I as president could do, but I never sat in the chair behind my desk and said, 'I'm a powerful man. I can press a button or pull a switch and such and such will happen.'"

He occupied the White

House for 895 days. During that time, the Vietnam War ended and Ford inked a pivotal arms control treaty with the Soviet Union, regarded as a major foreign policy achievement on his watch.

Ford promised to compromise and cooperate with his former colleagues in Congress, but relations between them were not always smooth. He vetoed 68 bills, and Congress overrode him on 12 of those.

There also were two attempts to assassinate him in September 1975.

This lack of stature as president was evident a year later during the presidential campaign, when he survived an intraparty challenge from Ronald Reagan, who was more conservative than Ford, only to lose to Carter.

On his first day in office, Ford made his own breakfast. He spent his first night as president at his ranch-style home in Alexandria, Va., taking the unusual step of directing the motorcade to obey red lights along the way.

But the perks of White House living grew on Ford once he finally moved in.

"Why I haven't expected were the little touches that so often brightened my day," he wrote in the autobiography. "The crew of Air Force One quickly discovered that I flew somewhere. So when I flew somewhere, they usually had a bowl for me."

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# The President's team: Ford's most enduring legacy

By Peter Spiegel  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — After Gerald R. Ford became president in 1974, he assembled a staff of strong, brilliant and highly opinionated personalities. Ford's most enduring legacy, some have argued, are the people he brought into power, from Donald H. Rumsfeld and Dick Cheney to Brent Scowcroft and James A. Baker III.

Under three Republican presidents, it is a group that has shaped U.S. foreign policy through the end of the Cold War and its aftermath, nowhere more than during the presidency of George W. Bush, where Rumsfeld and Cheney helped set the course of a war on terrorism and the invasion of Iraq.

"I've talked to people over and over again, and if there is such a thing as a Republican national security apparatus in personnel, they're all Gerald Ford's people," said Scowcroft, who replaced Henry Kissinger as national security adviser in the Ford years. "That's pretty remarkable."

Despite the continuity of the personnel, the way they made policy under Ford and the current president could not be

more different, say officials familiar with both administrations. And that contrast has drawn attention as critics have probed the judgments that led to an Iraq war that is increasingly troubled.

In seeking answers to problems, Ford — a veteran of more than two decades of debate in the House of Representatives — relished the give-and-take of open and sometimes heated debate. He would force the strong egos that surrounded him to make their case in person during lengthy White House sessions, where he would constantly question the most minute details.

James T. Lynn, Ford's budget director, recalled one particularly heated discussion among Cabinet members in front of Ford, which ended with the president thanking both sides and retreating to the Oval Office. "I had to go back into the president's office with him, and he turned to me and said, 'Wasn't that fun?'"

Said I. William Seidman, a top Ford economic adviser, "I worked for three or four presidents, and I think more than any other president, (Ford) was determined that all views be presented to him before he



President Ford chats with Chief of Staff Donald Rumsfeld and Rumsfeld's assistant Richard Cheney in the Oval Office on April 28, 1975.

made a decision. I think it's very clear in the early days of the Bush administration, they did not have a process like that, and you had people like (Secretary of State Colin L.) Powell saying the State Department never had a chance to present to the president what would happen

after the war started." Critics have cited the Bush team's strong ideological position on Iraq from its earliest days, and questioned why faulty assumptions about that nation's unconventional weapons program and its reaction to a U.S. military occupa-

tion were not more vigorously challenged before an invasion was launched.

Presidential historians and former Ford aides warn that too much can be made of the comparison in White House management styles. Bush, they note, now appears to be listen-

ing to more outside voices, particularly in his recent rethinking of Iraq policy. And Ford's White House in his early months as president were contentious ones between holdovers from the Nixon administration and former House aides who moved down Pennsylvania Avenue.

In building his administration, Ford aides said, the former president brought in skilled advisers of varied ideological backgrounds. In addition to young up-and-comers such as Cheney and Rumsfeld — who worked closely with Ford when they were fellow congressmen — Ford tapped for his Cabinet leading intellectuals such as University of Chicago president Edward H. Levi, who became Ford's attorney general, and William T. Coleman Jr., a distinguished civil rights lawyer who became transportation secretary.

Ford, they said, was comfortable with being less knowledgeable than his advisers and was unthreatened by strongly voiced disagreements. Unlike almost any subsequent president, Ford was able to create a White House that was open to dissent. To this day, Ford alumni meet annually.

## Ford's tenure as president rocked by two assassination attempts

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — This account is based largely on the written reminiscences of Howard Benedict, who covered the Ford presidency and was in the White House pool when the attempts on President Ford's life were made. Benedict died in April 2005.

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the fall of 1975, Gerald Ford's presidency was rocked by two assassination attempts within less than three weeks.

The first took place on Sept. 5, 1975, in Sacramento, Calif., where Ford had spent the night at the Senator Hotel. The president arose early that day to address a group of about 1,000 California businessmen gathered at the hotel.

across a broad expanse of lawn to the California statehouse to address the Legislature in a speech on crime.

"It was a nice, sunny morning and around of about 500, many of them state employees, had gathered along the way to greet him," recalled The Associated Press' Howard Benedict, who was in the White House press pool that day.

About five minutes after Ford left the hotel, all hell broke loose as several news people burst into the press room (on the first floor of the hotel) shouting things like, "Someone pulled a gun on the president!"

Walter Rodgers of AP Radio was among the first through the door, and he started dictating a story to his desk. Benedict said, "I immediately relayed what

he said to the San Francisco bureau, something like: 'A woman in a red dress pulled a gun on President Ford today, but she was wrestled to the ground by a Secret Service agent,'" Benedict said.

Benedict then ran out to the scene. The Secret Service had already hustled Ford into the statehouse, but agents had the young woman pinned up against a tree, her hands behind her in handcuffs. It was struck by the fact that she was completely in red: long red dress, red bandanna and red shoes," Benedict said.

The Secret Service said she had pulled a .35 caliber pistol while standing in the crowd about 4 feet from Ford and that her name was Lynette Fromme. She muttered something like:



Fromme

"The gun didn't go off, it didn't go off. Can you believe it?"

While relaying this information to AP's San Francisco bureau, Benedict mentioned the name Lynette Fromme. "It brought an immediate response: 'Yeah, Squelchy. We've had run-ins with her before. She's a follower of Charles Manson, the one serving a life term for murder in San Quentin.'"

Fromme was convicted of attempted assassination of the president and is serving a life sentence.

The second assassination

attempt occurred just 17 days later on Sept. 22, 1975 in San Francisco.

Ford had made a luncheon speech to a foreign affairs group at the St. Francis Hotel. The president then left the hotel to take the motorcade to the airport for the flight back to Washington.

Benedict was in the press room inside the hotel, while AP's Frank Cormier was in the pool that was to accompany the president. Cormier was standing outside his motorcade car when Ford emerged from the hotel with the hotel manager.

"Suddenly, Bob Pierpoint of CBS rushed into the press room, shouting something like, 'You won't believe this, but somebody just took a shot at the president and they have rushed him

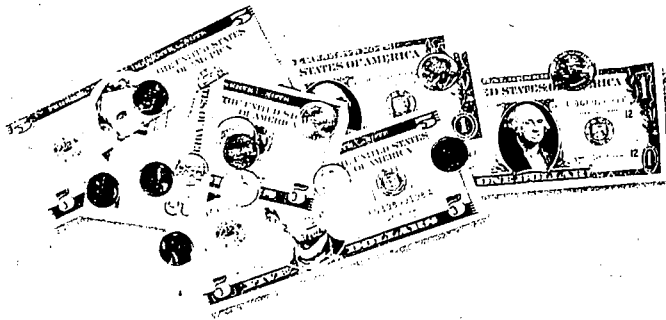
off to Air Force One,'" Benedict said.

"I quickly dictated what Pierpoint had said, and the initial bulletin on the shooting quoted him.

Later, Benedict learned from press briefings and interviews that the shooter was Sara Jane Moore, a middle-aged radical turned FBI informant who had been standing in a crowd about 40 feet from Ford as he emerged from the hotel.

As she raised her .38 caliber revolver to fire, Oliver Sipple, a disabled former U.S. Marine who was standing next to her, He quickly pushed up her arm as the gun discharged. The bullet flew over Ford's head by several feet, ricocheted off the side of the hotel and wounded a cab driver in the crowd.

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EDITORIAL

One elk farm's demise shouldn't end all others

Each year, a certain issue boils up that kindles swells of outrage, and throws the state into a tizzy. Before long, even the libertarians are shouting, "There oughta be a law!" Last year it was pedophilia legislation after the tragic Groene abduction-murders in Coeur d'Alene. Two years ago, it was water legislation sparked by a lawsuit and a marathon interim committee. (Lois de closure on that one, huh?)

This year, expect a wave of bills going after a new culprit—those wily, incorrigible domestic elk.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, at a recent gathering of the Idaho Sportsmen's Caucus Advisory Council in Jerome, told sportsmen and elk breeders to expect as many as nine legislative bills this winter on elk farm regulations.

Nine bills? For a state that boasts of limited government, that's as excessive as a salt lick at a petting zoo. Nonetheless, winter is a slow time for entertainment. So let's hear them out.

But here's a small prediction for those targeting domestic elk operations. Newly proposed regulations may be overdue, or a tad heavy-handed. But they won't knock out all elk farms.

Even the most ardent opponent to domestic elk farms — and there are many — would have to admit most or all of the blame for the elk ranching imbroglio goes to Rex Rammell. The Rexburg breeder's operation lost 160 elk in August that led to an emergency hunt declaration by Gov. Jim Risch weeks later. Rammell was eventually arrested twice for blocking the hunt and a lack of cooperation with Fish and Game officers.

But critics will be hard-pressed to find other ranch operators who even come close to that kind of brazen attitude. Idaho has about 80 domestic elk farms, and most of their owners will say they're willing to comply with tougher laws in order to stay in business.

Most of those operations are elk meat processors. But 12 of them are shooter bull ranches, where a customer unloads thousands of bucks to go "hunt" a prized elk. To many Idahonans, that's not hunting. It's target practice. More than likely, one or more of those bulls, Cameron is talking about will propose getting rid of canned hunts.

We think that's a fair debate. But when state Department of Agriculture officials have routinely tested domestic elk for diseases such as chronic wasting disease and brucellosis for years and found nothing, it's unwarranted to shut down farms around the state.

Tighter controls, more inspections and greater compliance all represent a suitable start for a solution to this elk controversy. Until something bigger happens, critics are gunning too early against all ranches.

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LETTER

Albion critic didn't bother to do business right

We want to respond to Tony Barnes' letter (Dec. 16) slamming the town of Albion for turning away his business — a brightly colored Ford car parked in the middle of town on the City of Rocks Scenic Byway.

First, Mr. Barnes was not at the city council meeting he refers to in the letter, so we find it curious he feels qualified to comment on what took place.

Second, despite his claim of "several encounters with city office personnel," it was reported at the meeting that he made no contact with the city office, except to pre-pay the electric bill, much less checked city ordinances prior to opening for business.

Third, the property owner, whom Mr. Barnes neglected to name, is city councilman Ringer Jenkins. During the meeting, we questioned why an elected official didn't bother to consult city ordinances before renting out his property. We also expressed our opinion that the trailer business did not fit the character of our town. Mr. Jenkins then put words in our mouths by claiming we are anti-business. We can only guess this is why Mr. Barnes

chose to characterize us as he did without meeting us or attending the meeting.

Finally, Mr. Barnes seems shocked that the city would have the nerve to enforce its "unrealistic" ordinances. No, Mr. Barnes, they are in place specifically to prevent the kind of intransigent business you tried to sneak into town.

If you or anyone else would like to start a legitimate and legal business in our lovely town, we welcome you with open arms.

But if you want to completely ignore city ordinances and publicly insult residents when they ask you to follow the same rules as everyone else, then sorry, Mr. Barnes, we do not want your business.

SHELEA THOMPSON  
TOM DIGRAZIA  
Albion

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Donald Trump gives me an interview, though he has his doubts. "I would like the interview to be in the Sunday paper," he says.



MAUREEN DOWD

I can't be worried about his exposure, so it must be his boundless appetite for bigger/taller/glitzier that makes him yearn for the larger readership of Sunday.

"Me, too," I reply. "But the only way that's going to happen is if I give Frank Rich my notes and let him write the column."

"I like Frank Rich," he says, his voice brimming with appreciation for a man whose circulation is bigger than mine. "Me, too," I say.

Kurt Andersen, who jostled with the Donald as an editor at *Spy*, celebrates the "Duffy Duck" of deal-making in New York magazine this week as one of the "Reasons to Love New York," calling him "our 21st century reincarnation of F.F. Burnham and Diamond Jim Brady, John Gotti minus the criminal organization, the only white New Yorker who lives as large as the blingiest, dissiest rapper — de trop personified."

When I call De Trop Trump at Mara-Lago, he's still ranting about "that big, fat slob Rosie O'Donnell." When he granted Tara Conner, the naughty heavy music, a second chance this week, Rosie made a crack on "The View" about an off-married snake-oil salesman not being the best person to pass moral judgments. He similes, cracks, and the Great American Food fight is on.

This past year was rife with mistakes — global mistakes, bigoted tirades, underwear mishaps. Winding up 2006, I



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asked the celebrity arbiter of who-can-stay and who-must-go about redemption.

In the case of Hollywood's overexposed and underdeserved young ladies of the night, Trump judiciously notes that in some cases, carousing is good for your career. His rule is, the more talented you are, the less you should mindlessly party. But if mindlessly partying is your talent, go for it.

"Britney," he says, "doesn't carry it off as well as Paris."

How about those other international party girls, the Bush twins?

"When you're a president who has destroyed the lives of probably a million people, our soldiers and Iraqis who are maimed and killed — you see children going into school in Baghdad with no arms and legs — I don't think Bush's kids should be having lots of fun in Argentina," he says.

How about the wife Katie Couric another look?

If you can't get the ratings, he says, you're cooked: "I like Katie, but she's hit bottom, and she'll stay there. She made

a terrible, tragic mistake for her career. She looks extremely unhappy on the show. I watched her the other night, and she's not the same Katie."

Can Gwyneth rebound from her comments comparing Americans unfavorably with Brits? Gwyneth Paltrow is a good actress with average looks," he says. "She likes to ride the high English horse. But when she puts down this country that gave her more than she should have had, it's disgusting."

Michael Richards and Judith began made irredeemable mistakes, in his view, as did Al Gore and John Kerry, when they couldn't win winnable elections, and W. Cheney and flummery, when they invaded Iraq.

"No matter how long we stay in Iraq, no matter how many soldiers we send, the day we leave, the meanest, most vicious, most brilliant man in the country, a man who makes Saddam Hussein look like a baby, will take over and spit on the American flag," he says. "Bush will go down as

the worst and by far the dumbest president in history."

Colin Powell he considers irredeemable as well: "It's speaking up now, but he's no longer relevant. I call him a pathetic and sad figure."

He thinks John McCain has lost the 2008 election by pushing to send more troops to Iraq but that Hillary should be forgiven for her "horrendous" vote to authorize the war.

"Don't forget, that decision was based on lies given to her," he says. "She's very smart and has a major chance to be our next president."

He deems it "not a good sign" that Barack Obama got into a sketchy real estate deal with a sleazy Chicago political figure. "But he's got some wonderful qualities. Trump says, and deserves another chance."

And how about Monica Lewinsky, who just graduated from the London School of Economics? "It's good she graduated," he says. "She's been through a lot."

When it comes to having an opinion on everything, Trump towers.

Alleged rape case at Duke makes mockery of justice

Given recent events in Durham, N.C., concerning the alleged Duke University lacrosse "rape" case, it is now possible to declare parody dead.

How does one parody a parody?

All is not lost, however. We can celebrate the addition of a new verb to our American lexicon — "to Nifong." When the moment calls for activities that need no elaboration, we already "Bobbit," "Bork," and "Lewinsky."

Now we can "Nifong" someone when we want to trumpet up criminal charges based on flimsy evidence allegedly for political purposes. In short, when we want to screw up someone's life.

Nifong would be as in Durham County District Attorney Michael B. Nifong, who earlier this year brought charges against three lacrosse players — Roddie Seligmann, Collin Finerty and David Evans — for the alleged rape of an African-American stripper who had been hired to perform at a team party.

Last week, Nifong dropped the charges, telling police that the alleged victim decided she wasn't sure she had been raped after all. That is, she wasn't sure she had been vaginally penetrated, a distinction required by state law for a



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charge of rape.

Last March, after the party, the stripper had a different recollection, telling police that she had been raped every which way. But, well, these things are difficult sometimes to check straight. Rape being so nuanced and all.

Meanwhile, hundreds of lives have been turned inside out, none so much as the three accused players. All because, well, let's see, because the stripper said so. The absence of corroborating evidence seemed to pose no obstacle for Nifong, who ran a successful re-election campaign on the strength of his convictions.

And, of course, the story had good legs and plenty of sex appeal. If you like that sort of thing: race and class conflict, town and gown tensions, rich-white-boys vs. poor-black-women, mother-daughter, drinking and the sum of privilege.

The whole hungered for such a fable, and Nifong fed the beast.

As it turns out, Nifong's case

was something less than a slam dunk, and he must have known it. As was recently revealed, Nifong not only knew that lab tests showed no traces of DNA from any of the lacrosse team players, he knew that they did show DNA traces from several unknown other men.

Yet, Nifong and the head of the private DNA lab, Brian Michael, agreed to exclude those test results from other results turned over to defense attorneys, according to Mehan's testimony during a recent court session.

In response to this revelation, Rep. Walter Jones, R-N.C., has called for the U.S. Department of Justice to conduct an inquiry into possible misconduct, while Duke University President Richard Brodhead has asked for Nifong to pass the case to a third party.

While official outrage is welcome, it seems belated. Where were the passionate protestations when these three young men were being convicted in the court of public opinion? The presumption of their guilt was nearly instant and obvious among Duke administrators and many faculty, from whom others in the community took their cues.

As one student at Durham's historically black North

Carolina Central University put it to Newsweek, he wanted the lacrosse players punished "whether it happened or not. It would be justice for things that happened in the past." Nifong also cut corners early in the case during the process of identifying suspects. When two lineups failed to produce an accuser, Nifong requested a third lineup, but this time Nifong agreed to exclude the lacrosse team instead of a random sampling. This move not only was at variance with normal police procedure, it may ultimately lead to charges that Nifong abused the defendants' civil rights.

In yet another example of iffy evidence, one of the defendants — Seligmann — has lost a restaurant and ATM receipts indicating that he was elsewhere at the time of the alleged rape. Nifong still saw fit to charge him.

Nifong still plans to prosecute Finerty, Evans and Seligmann on charges of kidnapping and first-degree sexual offense, which can result in sentences comparable to rape. Without DNA evidence, Nifong's case rests largely on the stripper's testimony.

To win, she will need more credibility than her lawyer has demonstrated, and disremembering rape seems not a good start.

U.S. military guards free speech, even its critics'

On Dec. 17, the *Times-News* printed an offensive and ignorant letter castigating the military to a cult.

I have spent more than 25 years in the military. To now be advised that I was an unwitting participant in a cult slanders my nation and me.

The writer's analogy is twofold: The military and religious cults exploit youth as a place for them "to feel worthy,

to belong, to find friendship and camaraderie, even love."

Both attract uneducated and unemployed youth.

First, youth who enlist are not looking for a good ol' boys club. They are looking for a way to repay the nation for the benefits it bestows upon us.

It is love of the nation and a desire to protect it from enemies foreign (remember Dec. 7 and Sept. 11) and domestic, i.e., that author.

Second, it sounds as though the author thinks that those

who can't get a job, or are too ignorant to do better, enlist.

Two-thirds of our military have high school degrees and more than half have college credits.

This doesn't sound like home for the unemployed or the uneducated.

The author's letter is guaranteed by freedom of speech and freedom of the press. Military personnel pledge to uphold the Constitution, which guarantees those rights.

Not only have I spent more

than 25 years in the military, I have also spent more than 20 years as an attorney, both of which support and protect the First Amendment.

Two famous quotes apply to that writer: "I disapprove of what you say, but I defend to the death your right to say it." (Voltaire) "It is better to keep your mouth shut and rest than to be thought a fool than to open your mouth and prove it." (Lincoln) M. LYNN DUNLAP  
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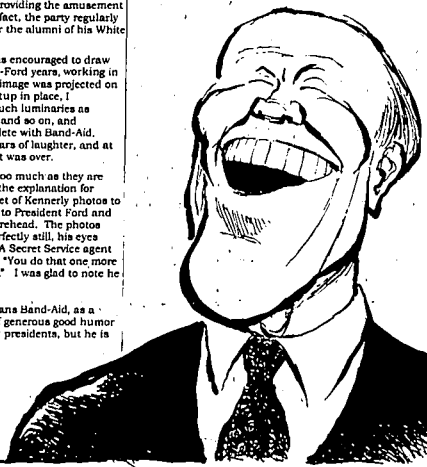
Because of his perceived penchant, quite undeserved, for banging his head on helicopters and falling down stairs, I habitually depicted President Gerald Ford wearing a large Band-Aid across his forehead. In June of 1996, I was surprised to find myself providing the amusement at a heavily Republican gathering which was, in fact, the party regularly given in Washington, D.C., by the ex-president for the alumni of his White House.

They were a reassuringly relaxed group, and I was encouraged to draw and remark on people and incidents of the Nixon-Ford years, working in charcoal on paper under a TV camera while the image was projected on a huge screen behind me as I drew. With this setup in place, I encountered, with varying degrees of politeness, such luminaries as Nixon, Kissinger, Schlesinger, Rumsfeld, Cheney and so on, and eventually (wait for it) Gerald Ford himself, complete with Band-Aid. The president joined in the reaction with great roars of laughter, and at that I quickly finished my presentation, relieved it was over.

Some say you should not encourage cartoonists too much as they are given to correcting to applause, which may be the explanation for what I did next, but whatever the case, I have a set of Kennedy photos to prove it. Leaving the podium, I crossed the room to President Ford and with the charcoal drew a large Band-Aid on his forehead. The photos show me in the act while the president stands perfectly still, his eyes rolled upward, wearing a huge, expectant smile. A Secret Service agent appeared at my shoulder just then and muttered, "You do that one more time and you'll never cartoon in this town again." I was glad to note he was grinning when he said that.

So I offer this drawing of President Gerald Ford, sans Band-Aid, as a farewell gesture of respect. He was a gentleman of generous good humor and a heck of a good sport. I have drawn many presidents, but he is the only one I ever drew. GN

*Pat Callahan*



# Civility and skill marked Ford's era

The standard tribute to Gerald R. Ford is that he served the nation best simply by stepping into the presidency for the disgraced and banished Richard M. Nixon.

But to those who served with the man from Michigan, his achievements did not begin or end with his being available to help "heal our land" from the wounds of the Nixon presidency, as his successor, Jimmy Carter, said on the day he took over from Ford.

The alumni of the Ford administration — a notable group — insist that though he had never particularly aimed for the presidency, the "accidental president" developed a considerable mastery of the job and was on the way to building a legacy when the voters sent him into early retirement.

Instead of great deeds, they say, he left behind a great model of decency and integrity in office — and a generous gift of friendship which has endured for many of them for the three decades since they served under him. The annual gatherings of Ford administration alumni, which flowed from Washington to California as he aged, are unique in the modern presidency and offer evidence of the loyalty he commanded.

It took a while for Ford to replace some of the key players he had inherited from Nixon, but when he was finished, he had a remarkably cohesive as well as competent group. The overall tone of the Ford Cabinet and White House reflected the moderate conservatism of Ford's own Grand Rapids background — with more than a tinge of progressivism.

In terms of the subsequent development of the Republican Party — and the character of later Republican



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administrations — it is difficult to say that Ford left a lasting imprint. He was challenged for the 1976 nomination by Reagan, whose ambitions neatly derailed the incumbent at the Kansas City convention. When Ford lost to Carter, Reagan was perfectly positioned to inherit the party leadership and, ultimately, the presidency.

So Ford's legacy lies more in his personal character than in his political inheritance. That character was epitomized by the strength of his personal friendships, which were far deeper than any partisan or ideological lines. Days before Nixon resigned under threat of impeachment, Ford traveled to the home state of his political rival but friend, Democratic Rep. Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill of Massachusetts, to play with him in a golf tournament.

In the final days of the Nixon presidency, Ford made a memorable visit to The Washington Post. As the vice president, he had defended Nixon against the Watergate charges but recognized in our meeting he had a responsibility larger than any further claims of personal loyalty from Nixon. "I want you to know I am someone who enjoys having adversaries who are not enemies," he told reporters and editors.

It was a signal, understood by everyone in the room, that a new — and welcome — era was about to begin. It turned out to be a shorter period in office than Ford expected, but the standard of civility and good will he set for himself is an example that endures.

# Ford's first words to the nation

The following is President Gerald Ford's inaugural statement, made Aug. 9, 1974

My dear friends, my fellow Americans — The oath that I have taken is the same oath that was taken by George Washington and by every president under the Constitution. But I assume the presidency under extraordinary circumstances never before experienced by Americans. This is an hour of history that troubles our minds and hurts our hearts.

Therefore, I feel it is my first duty to make an unprecedented compact with my countrymen. Not an inaugural address, not a fraternal chat, not a campaign speech just a little straight talk among friends. And I intend it to be the first of many.

I am acutely aware that you have not elected me as your president by your ballots, and so I ask you to confirm me as your president with your prayers. And I hope that such prayers will also be the first of many.

If you have not chosen me by secret ballot, neither have I gained office by any secret promises. I have not campaigned either for the presidency or the vice presidency. I have not subscribed to any partisan platform. I am indebted to no man and only to one woman, my dear wife, as I begin this very difficult job.

I have not sought this enormous responsibility, but I will not shirk it. Those who nominated and confirmed me as vice president were my friends and are my friends. They were of both parties, elected by all the people and acting under the Constitution in their name. It is only fitting then that I should pledge to them and to you that I will be the president of all the people.

Thomas Jefferson said the people are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty. And down the years, Abraham Lincoln renewed this American article of faith, asking, "Is there any better way or equal hope in the world?"

I intend on Monday next to request of the speaker of the



House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate the privilege of appearing before the Congress to share with my former colleagues and with you, the American people, my views on the priority business of the nation and to solicit your views and their views. And may I say to the speaker and the others, if I could meet with you right after these remarks, I would appreciate it. Even though this is late in an election year, there is no way we can go forward except together and no way anybody can win except by serving the people's urgent needs. We cannot stand still or slip backwards. We must go forward now together. To the peoples and the governments of all friendly nations, and I hope that could encompass the whole world, I pledge an uninterrupted and sincere search for peace. America will remain

strong and united, but its strengths will remain dedicated to the safety and sanity of the entire family of man, as well as to our own precious freedom.

I believe that truth is the glue that holds government together, not only our government but civilization itself. That bond, though strained, is unbroken at home and abroad.

In all my public and private acts as your president, I expect to follow my instincts of openness and candor with full confidence that honesty is always the best policy in the end.

My fellow Americans, our long national nightmare is over. Our Constitution works. Our great Republic is a government of laws and not of men. Here, the people rule.

But there is a higher power, by whatever name we honor him, who ordains not only righteousness but love, not only justice but mercy.

As we bind up the internal wounds of Watergate, more painful and more poisonous than those of foreign wars, let us restore the Golden Rule to our political process and let brotherly love purge our hearts of suspicion and of hate.

In the beginning, I asked you to pray for me. Before closing, I ask again your prayers for Richard Nixon and for his family. May our former president, who brought peace to millions, find it for himself.

May God bless and comfort his wonderful wife and daughters, whose love and loyalty will forever be a shining legacy to all who bear the white lonely burdens of the White House.

I can only guess at those burdens, although I witnessed as close hand the tragedies that befell three presidents and the lesser trials of others.

With all the strength and all the good sense I have gained from life, with all the confidence of my family, my friends and dedicated staff impart to me, and with the good will of countless Americans I have encountered in recent visits to 40 states, I now solemnly reaffirm my promise I made to you last December to uphold the Constitution, to do what is right as God gives me to see the right, and to do the very best I can for America.

God helping me, I will not let you down.

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# Murders up in New York, other cities in 2006

**By Karen Matthews Associated Press writer**

NEW YORK — After many years of decline, the number of murders climbed this year in New York and many other major U.S. cities, reaching their highest levels in a decade in some places.

Among the reasons given: gangs, drugs, the easy availability of illegal guns, a disturbing tendency among young people to pull guns when they do not get the respect they demand, and, in Houston at least, an influx of Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

In New York, where the city reported 579 homicides through Dec. 24 — a nearly 10 percent increase from the year before — the spike is mostly the result of an unusually large number of "reclassified" homicides, or those involving victims who were shot or stabbed years ago but did not die until this year. Thirty-five such deaths have been added to this year's toll, compared with an annual average of about a dozen.

At the same time, Police Department spokesman Paul Browne noted that this year's toll is only slightly higher than last year's 539 homicides — the city's lowest death toll in more

than 40 years. Browne blamed the rise in part on the availability of guns, particularly weapons from out of state. The city this year sued dozens of out-of-state gun shops that it says are responsible for many of the illegal weapons on the streets of New York.

In Chicago, homicides through the first 11 months of the year were up 3.3 percent compared with the same period in 2005, reversing a four-year decline. A police spokeswoman said gang violence has been a contributing factor.

In New Haven, Conn., there were 23 homicides as of Tuesday, compared with 15 in 2004 and in 2005. Police Chief Francisco Ortiz said that about half of this year's killings involve young people settling disputes with guns instead of fists.

"They're all struggling with this thing about respect and pride," Ortiz said. "It's about respect. It's about revenge. It's about having a reputation. It's about turf and it's about girls."

Houston police attribute the 15 percent increase in the homicide count to the influx of

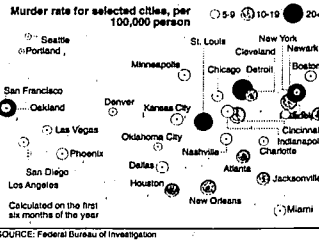
Katrina evacuees from the Gulf Coast.

"So we expect that to settle," Lt. Murray Smith said. "We're hoping it will go down."

New Orleans, with its post-Katrina exodus, is the only major U.S. city that saw a sharp decline in the number of homicides. There were 154 in New Orleans this year as of Monday, said police spokesman Sgt. Jeffrey Johnson, down from 210 in 2005. But the city was largely empty during the fall and winter of 2005-06, and even now has only about half of its pre-Katrina population.

# Gangs, guns reason for murder increase

After years of decline, the number of murders rose this year in many U.S. cities, climbing in some places to the highest levels in a decade.



Calculated on the first six months of the year. SOURCE: Federal Bureau of Investigation AP

# Edwards joins Democratic presidential race

**By Nedra Pickler Associated Press writer**

WASHINGTON — Former Democratic vice president nominee John Edwards is running for president for a second time, his campaign said Wednesday.

The former North Carolina senator plans to announce his candidacy Thursday from New Orleans' 9th Ward, which was hard hit by Hurricane Katrina. But his campaign got a little ahead of itself Wednesday and announced his intentions online.

"Better a day earlier than a day late," said Jennifer Palmieri, Edwards' adviser. On the eve of the formal launch of his candidacy, Edwards visited the site of his planned announcement Wednesday for a photo opportunity. He did not say when the launch will occur. Edwards, 54, whose house was completely gutted by Hurricane Katrina and is close to being rebuilt.

Edwards' impromptu announcement was made in the wake of President Gerald Ford's death and after his campaign Web site a day early, then shut it back down.

The campaign Web site's logo is "John Edwards 08" and its slogan is "Tomorrow begins today."

"This campaign is about changing America," the Web site read, listing five priorities that fit neatly with Edwards' message of economic equality: "Providing universal health care for all Americans," "Rebuilding America's middle class and eliminating poverty," and "Creating tax fairness by rewarding work, not just wealth."

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## Tiger's wins ... and loss

By Nancy Armour  
Associated Press writer

It was, even by Tiger Woods' standards, an exceptional year: eight PGA Tour victories, including a stretch of six in a row that took him from the British Open to the beginning of October.

What made that finish most remarkable, though, was the losses that preceded it. For anyone who's watched Woods dismantle opponents and golf courses alike and come away wondering if he was indeed

human, the May death of his beloved father Earl was a heartbreaking reminder he is. Woods' ability to channel his grief into an extraordinary run of six straight PGA Tour wins, including the British Open and the PGA Championship, was chosen as the sports story of the year in voting by members of The Associated Press.

"The hardest thing for me to do was play golf," Woods said recently. "Usually people go to work to get away from a loss like that."

This was the third time Woods has earned such honors. He was the story of the year in 2000, when he won three of the four majors, and in 1997, after he won his first Masters title.

Woods received 422 points in the voting. Vince Young leading Texas to the national title with a thrilling fourth-quarter rally over defending champion Southern California was second with 380 points, followed by the doping stories involving Barry Bonds (342 points) and Tour

de France winner Floyd Landis (303 points).

The rest of the top 10 were: Barbara winning the Kentucky Derby, then shattering his leg during the Preakness; the Steelers winning their first Super Bowl title since 1990; the Duke lacrosse scandal; Italy's World Cup victory and the head but seen 'round the world; the Detroit Tigers' remarkable turnaround; and Andre Agassi retiring after the U.S. Open. It was a rewarding year all around for golfers. Woods also

was voted AP male athlete of the year, while Lorena Ochoa picked up female athlete of the year honors. It's the first time since 1945 that golfers have swept the athlete awards, and the first one-over sweep since Sheryl Swoopes and Michael Jordan in 1993.

Earl Woods was grooming his son to be a golfer before the boy could even walk and, had he handled things differently, their story could have

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ASSOCIATED PRESS SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW

## 'Somebody has to be the best. Why not him?'

For those who thought sports was about dealing with adversity, 2006 was for you. Almost no one came through it unscathed.

Not Tiger Woods, who put together one of the greatest second-half runs golf has ever seen, but by burying his father and dearest friend, Earl Woods.



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Not Ben Roethlisberger, who won a Super Bowl in February, crashed his motorcycle in June and was laid up again by an emergency appendectomy just before the Steelers' opener in September. Small wonder he struggled to regain his grip on a shaky team that likely won't make the playoffs after winning it all.

Not Floyd Landis, whose too-good-to-be-true comeback win at the Tour de France apparently was. Nor Justin Gatlin, who went from Olympic and world 100-meter sprint champ to chump when his drug test, too, came back positive.

And certainly not San Francisco slugger Barry Bonds. He passed Babe Ruth on the career home run list, but couldn't shake suspicions raised by grand jury investigations and a best-selling book that he also was juiced when it mattered most.

Not Bode Miller, who parted like an Olympian but had a hard time skiing like one. Nor Italy's World Cup-winning squad, which shrugged off a sordid match-fixing scandal back home and a startling head butt by French star Zinedine Zidane in the final — only to return and see several of its stars scatter to other leagues in Europe and a few top-tier clubs demoted to lower divisions.

Not even Barbara was immune. The strapping big colt steamrolled 19 other 3-year-olds at the Kentucky Derby, raising hopes the first Triple Crown since 1976 might be in the offing. Then he put a foot down wrong at the Preakness, fracturing his right hind leg, and the story was no longer about winning, but survival.

That much seemed assured by year's end as Barbara prepared to leave the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center and return to the farm. After a happy ending, though, couldn't erase the haunting image of another breakdown in a racket that demands a steady supply of thoroughbreds testing their limits at an



age when they're as high-strung as teenagers and just as reckless. "Put it this way," recalled trainer Bob Baffert, a three-time Derby winner. "It's the only race I've ever seen where they show the winner crossing the wire and almost nobody is acknowledging it. Everybody was in shock."

So while nobody got off easy — isn't that supposed to be the point of sports? — some had a smoother ride than others. The Rose Bowl was the perfect backdrop for a coronation when Southern California dropped by in January to face Texas with a third straight college football championship on the line.

The game featured unbeaten teams on dizzying winning streaks, a collision that seemed ordained from the

opening game of the regular season. It ended with two Heisman Trophy-winning stars on the Trojans' sideline — quarterback Matt Leinart and tailback Reggie Bush — watching helplessly as Vince Young, the Longhorns' one-man band, called the tune when it counted.

On fourth down, out of options, Young tucked the ball under his bicep and took off for the corner of the end zone, Texas 41, USC 38. "So often in games so heavily hyped like this, it doesn't live up to the hype," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "I thought it was better than the hype."

The same could be said about Leinart, Bush and Young, who soon scattered to Arizona, New Orleans and Tennessee as members of one of the best NFL drafts in memory.

Before they made their league debuts, the game gave a proper send-off to Jerome Bettis. A sketchy regular-season record put the Pittsburgh Steelers on the road for three straight playoff games, but by the time they reached Detroit, it felt like home. For Bettis, it was.

"The Bus" had logged 13 seasons by then and carried who-knows-how-many defenders on his back. But he'd never played in a Super Bowl, let alone one in his hometown. A year earlier, in the waning moments of New England's win over the Steelers in the AFC championship game, Roethlisberger sought out Bettis on the sideline and promised to get him to Motown. Together, they rolled over Seattle 21-10.

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## Bowden saves winning season for 'Noles

By Greg Beacham  
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Bobby Bowden has his 30th straight winning team at Florida State after the coach's most frustrating squad put a fierce finish on a wild Emerald Bowl.

Lorenzo Booker ran for 91 yards, caught five passes for 117 more and scored two touchdowns, leading the Seminoles to a 41-27 victory over UCLA on Wednesday night.

The Seminoles (7-6) still finished with their least impressive record since going 7-1 in 1986, but the 77-year-old Bowden still hasn't coached a club with a losing record since going 5-6 in his first season in Tallahassee.

In a 21-point fourth quarter, Greg Carr caught a go-ahead, 30-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-9

early, and California native Booker capped his final collegiate game with a key third-down catch and a 3-yard TD run with 6:17 left. Drew Weatherford overcame a shaky start to pass for 225 yards, including 126 in the fourth.

Tony Carter's 86-yard interception return for another score 37 seconds later capped an impressive finish for Florida State, which clinched its third of four consecutive bowl victories at the close of what he called his most trying season.

Patrick Cowan passed for 240 yards and Chris Markey ran for 144 for the inconsistent Bruins (7-6), who stayed with Florida State until the fourth-quarter collapse. UCLA couldn't build on its three-game winning streak, capped by a 13-9 victory over archival USC 3 1/2 weeks ago.



Florida State running back Lorenzo Booker, right, runs for a 25-yard touchdown while UCLA line-backer Steven Miller, center, and corner-back Rodney Van by try to bring him down during the Emerald Bowl in San Francisco on Wednesday.

## Court: Feds entitled to baseball steroid data

By David Kravets and Paul Elias  
Associated Press writers

SAN FRANCISCO — With Barry Bonds still in their sights, federal investigators can now use the names and urine samples of about 100 Major League Baseball players in their steroids probe, following a ruling Wednesday from a federal appeals court.

The 2-1 decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned three lower court decisions and could help authorities pinpoint the source of steroids in baseball. It could also bolster the perjury case against the star outfielder, who is under investigation for telling a grand jury he never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs.

Investigators seized computer files containing the test results in 2004 during raids of labs involved in MLB's testing program. The samples were collected at baseball's direction the previous year as part of a survey to gauge the prevalence of steroid use. Players and owners agreed in their labor contract that the results would be confidential, and each player was assigned a code number to be matched with his name.

Quest Diagnostics of Teaneck, N.J., one of the largest drug-testing firms in the nation, analyzed more than 1,400 urine samples from players that season. Comprehensive Drug Testing of Long Beach, Calif., coordinated the collection of specimens and compiled the data.

Armed with data from both labs, government officials now can match the positive test samples with the players' names. Those players then could be called before a grand jury and asked how they obtained their steroids. If enough testify that the results were the drugs from Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, it could undermine Bonds' claim that he didn't know Anderson was supplying him with illegal substances.

Anderson is currently in prison for refusing to testify in the perjury probe. He was previously convicted of steroids distribution.

Bonds has always maintained he never tested positive for illegal drug use. However, federal investigators demanded to see the 2003 test results for Bonds, Gary Sheffield, who was recently traded by the New York Yankees, the Yankees' Jason Giambi, and seven other players.

When they raided the testing labs for those 10 results, investigators also seized computer files containing the test results of nearly 100 other players not named in the government's subpoena and warrants.

Bonds' attorney, Michael Rains, didn't return phone calls for comment.

The testing was part of baseball's effort to determine whether a stricter drug-testing policy was needed. Because 85 percent or more of the tests for steroids came back positive, it automatically triggered the start of testing with penalties in 2004.

Subpoenas were issued to Quest and CDT in late 2003, a day before the test results were to be destroyed, and in April 2004 Internal Revenue Service agents seized the results and samples. It's unclear whether the seized data includes test results or specimens from Bonds.

"The players' union sued to keep the government from accessing the records, saying the seizures violated the players' constitutional rights."

The 120-page decision from the appellate panel rejects that claim, and overturns a decision by U.S. District Judges Florence-Marie Cooper

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SPORTS

# Pirates top Pilots in OT

Times-Herald

**GARDEN VALLEY** — The Hagerman Pirates girls basketball team held on in overtime for a 47-44 win over the Glens Ferry Pilots at the Garden Valley Tournament on Wednesday.

The Pirates advance in the championship bracket while the Pilots will face Shoshone in the consolation bracket. Hagerman's opponent for

today was not reported. Shambrey Pendley's 28 points was a game-high and led the Pirates, followed closely by Chaunce Axelson with 20 points. For the Pilots, Ashlea Crane recorded a double-double with 18 points and 13 rebounds. Ashlea Gramkow had six steals on defense for Glens Ferry.

The Pilots move to 8-5 with the loss. The Shoshone

Indians also lost at the tournament, but no other information was available.

**Hagerman 47, Glens Ferry 44, OT**  
 Hagerman: 15 13 22 8-17  
 Glens Ferry: 14 12 22 8-17

**Shoshone Pirates** (47)  
 Shoshone: 18 12 22 8-17  
 Glens Ferry: 15 13 22 8-17

**Glens Ferry Pilots** (44)  
 Glens Ferry: 15 13 22 8-17  
 Shoshone: 18 12 22 8-17

**3-point goals:** Hagerman (Ashlea 3, Chaunce 2, Glens Ferry 2). **Free throws:** Hagerman 2-4, Glens Ferry 2-3. **Fouls:** Hagerman 14, Glens Ferry 14.

# Texas, Holiday Bowls share day with lackluster Independence

**SHREVEPORT, La.** — Alabama wants to prove it can live up to its glorious bowl history.

Oklahoma State wants to keep building on.

Friday's Independence Bowl provides the next step for one of them.

The Crimson Tide will be making its third straight bowl appearance, and 54th overall. It's won six national championships and more bowl victories than any other school in NCAA history with a 30-20-3 record.

Beating a team with that history would be a thrill, Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said.

But things are not what they should be with Bama.

Alabama (6-6) barely made it to postseason play and arrived with an interim coach. Mike Shula was fired Nov. 26, and the search for a permanent replacement is underway for the fourth time since 2000.

Running back Kenneth Darby, who is wrapping up his college career at the Independence Bowl, doesn't

see what's happened this year as a distraction.

Oklahoma State (6-6) is the Big 12 Conference's last bowl-eligible team to earn a berth.

**Rutgers misses BCS, aims to make history**

**HOUSTON** — It took some time for Rutgers to get over squandering its chance to squander its chance to win the Bowl Championship Series.

Recovered and refocused, the Scarlet Knights (10-2) say they have plenty of incentive to beat Kentucky (7-5) in Thursday's Texas Bowl.

Specifically, earning the first postseason victory in the program's 137 forgettable years.

Their season has already been cut in half.

The Scarlet Knights, who went 1-11 in 2002, won their first nine games, including a 28-25 win over then-No. 3 Louisville. The nationally televised upset was Rutgers' first over a top-five opponent and earned the school its first top-10 ranking.

The Knights lost to

Cincinnati on Nov. 18, then beat Syracuse to reach 10 wins for the second time in the school history.

**A&M hopes to take fast lane to Holiday Bowl**

**SAN DIEGO** — Jorvorskie Lane has the chance to dance his way into Holiday Bowl lore.

"He is a unique athlete. He would be a great ballerina because his feet are as good as any man I've ever seen," Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione said Wednesday, a day before his No. 21 Aggies face the No. 20 California Golden Bears at Qualcomm Stadium.

The mental image of a 6-foot, 274-pound tailback in tight coverage is a bit much to handle, but Aggies (9-3) fans have gotten used to the sight of him plowing into the end zone.

Lane tied a 79-year-old school record with 19 rushing touchdowns this year and will be one of the players to watch in the Holiday Bowl.

— **The Associated Press**

## Tiger

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beat that of any other prodigy driven too far, too fast. But Earl Woods' tough lessons were accompanied by even more love, and he never pushed further than his son wanted to go. Instead of bitterness and resentment, Tiger Woods had only love, respect and admiration for his "Pops."

"Dad introduced me to the game of golf," Woods said. "He was my father, mentor, coach, sounding board and buddy made his death all the more wrenching."

"My dad was my best friend and greatest role model," Woods said with his father died, "and I will miss him deeply."

Though Woods won his first two stars of the year, he wasn't at his best with his father always by his side. In his father's grave sicker, it showed in the son's game. He died for 20th at Bay Hill, where he'd won four times, then tied for 29th at The Players Championship.

He went on to the Masters, but it was the first time Earl Woods didn't accompany him to Augusta National. Woods also believed it would be the last time his father would see him play in a major.

"That's something I still continue to think about, even to this day," Woods said. "It was my last round that my dad ever watched me play."

Knowing that going into it, if I could have given him one last shot, some positive memories before he goes, it would have been huge."

But it wasn't meant to be. Without his trademark steely focus, he made one bad putt after another Sunday afternoon. He three-putted twice in the final eight holes, and missed two other eagle putts.

He finished three shots behind Phil Mickelson.

"It was the only time I saw him try too hard," caddie Steve Williams later said.

Woods took the next nine weeks off, first to be with them to bury his father. He ended the longest break of his career at the U.S. Open, but it was quickly evident he still wasn't himself.

For the first time in 10 years as a professional, he missed a cut at a major, shooting 76-76. It was only the fourth time he'd missed the cut at any tournament.

"It took me longer than I thought to cope with it," Woods said. "That's what you're always looking for. Then I just built upon that for the rest of the year."

He trudged down to the practice range as he always does. Anywhere there, during those three hours of hitting balls, the grief lifted and Woods reclaimed the gift his father had given him so long ago.

"I had about an hour where I really hit it that was fun. I said, 'I had every shape shot, helmet, spin, whatever you wanted, I had it for about an hour. That's what you're always looking for. Then I just built upon that for the rest of the year.'"

He shot a 67 the next day, the first of 17 straight rounds under par. He wound up second at the Western, then won his next six starts.

There are hundreds of players — good ones, too — who don't win six tournaments in an entire career. Let alone one

season. To go 6-for-6, well, only Byron Nelson and Ben Hogan know what that's like. And if it wasn't simply victories that piled up, it was how Woods got them. He used his driver once at the British, and rode his putter to 20th title at the PGA Championship. He entered into a playoff victory at Firestone, and shot a 30 on the front nine of the final round at the Deutsche.

Bank Championship. When the year ended, he led the tour in scoring average (68.11) and birdie average (4.65), and his greens in regulation average (74.15) was a full two percentage points ahead of second-place Jeff Grove. He was sixth in driving distance.

Since that first round at the Western, he's shot above par on four times in ten events. He's been no worse than second in stroke play since missing the cut at the U.S. Open.

It's the most dominant stretch golf has seen since 2003, when Woods won nine times — including three straight majors to round out his career Grand Slam at the ripe old age 24.

"It's mind boggling, it really is," Billy Andrade said. "Is he at that point he was in 2000? Yes. Is everybody playing for second? Well, we're not going to concede it, but he sure finishes the deal better than we do."

After Woods won at Haylake, the emotions of the year finally spilled out. He threw both arms in the air on his 18th green and screamed, "Yes!" then buried his head in his caddy's shoulder and sobbed.

When he hugged his wife, it was with the desperation of a man searching for something other — or someone — he knows he'll never find.

"If you take into account what happened off the golf course, it's my worst year," Woods said this fall. "People asked me ... How do you consider the year? I consider it as a loss."

"In the grand scheme of things, golf doesn't even compare to losing a parent."

# Knicks beat Pistons in 3OT

**NEW YORK** — Channing Frye forced the third overtime with a buzzer-beating jumper.

Jamal Crawford took over from there for the Knicks as New York defeated Detroit 151-145.

The Knicks withdrew their third overtime game in 10 days and Richard Hamilton's career-high 51 points, the first 50-point game against them since Michael Jordan accomplished the feat in 1997. They improved to 9-6 in OT this season, including a pair of triple overtime games: New York won at Memphis.



New York Knicks' Channing Frye, right, celebrates after hitting a shot that ended the game late in double overtime against the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday.

## Bulls 109, Heat 103

**CHICAGO** — Ben Gordon scored a career-high 40 points off the bench to lead the Bulls over the short-handed Heat, who lost Dwyane Wade to a sprained wrist in the first.

Gordon became the first Bulls player to score 40 points in a game since Michael Jordan also had 40 on April 5, 1998, at Houston. Andres Nocioni added 16 for Chicago.

## Bucks 112, Grizzlies 96

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — Andrew Bogut and Michael Redd each scored 20 points to help the Bucks win their sixth straight game.

Milwaukee is on its longest winning streak in four years. The Grizzlies have lost five in a row and 14 of 16.

## Lakers 106, Magic 93

**ORLANDO, Fla.** — Kobe Bryant scored 27 points and Smush Parker added a season-high 20, sending the Los Angeles Lakers to a 106-93 win over the Orlando Magic on Wednesday night.

## Wizards 114, Bobcats 107

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** — Gilbert Arenas scored 39 points and putouts to Gerald Wallace down the stretch to

## Cavaliers 89, Hawks 76

**ATLANTA** — LeBron James scored 27 points and the Cavaliers handed the Hawks their fifth consecutive loss.

Cleveland, which had won only three of 11 road games this season, won for the sixth straight time in Atlanta. The Cavaliers snapped a four-game road skid, winning away from Cleveland for the first time since a Dec. 1 victory at Atlanta.

## Rockets 96, Nets 71

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** — Shane Battier hit a career-high

seven 3-pointers and scored 23 points to help Houston get to Toronto to win.

Tracy McGrady added 17 points and six assists for the Rockets, who snapped a two-game losing streak and won for only the third time in nine games.

## Raptors 100, Timberwolves 97

**TORONTO** — T.J. Ford scored 20 points to lead Toronto to the win.

Antony Parker added 19 points for the Atlantic Division-leading Raptors, who are 6-4 without leading scorer Chris Bosh (left knee injury). — **The Associated Press**

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"It's been an incredible ride," Bettis said, then retired on the spot. "The bus' last stop is here in Detroit."

The U.S. Olympic team had no trouble reaching Turin for the Winter Olympics. Finding the medals stand was a different story.

Miller arrived as the first American to hold the overall World Cup title in more than two decades, then got waylaid in the saloons and discos and won 0-for-5.

Spokane's Chad Hedrick and Shani Davis both had medals but might have won more if they hadn't gotten in each other's way. Figure skater Johnny Weir got five after missing the bus the night of the final.

March was a good month for underdogs, as a mid-major revolution spread to every corner of the NCAA basketball bracket. So many played so well that sorting them out wasn't easy. But George Mason carried the flag the furthest, and after knocking off Michigan State, North Carolina and Connecticut in short order, guard Tony Skinn offered fans a helpful primer.

The Patriots advanced even further, to the Final Four, but got gobbled by eventual champion Florida in the semifinals. The Gators weren't basketball royalty, either, at least not compared to the storied UCLA program awaiting them in the final.

Just reflecting the fact that burned within coach Billy Donovan, they came out quicker, fiercer and better prepared — scorching the Bruins, 73-57.

Michigan's Pat Riley hadn't won an NBA championship since his "Showtime" days in Los Angeles, coaching the Lakers. Shaquille O'Neal's wait for another was much shorter, but only needed a kid named Dwyane Wade to lead them back to the title.

For a while, Phil Mickelson looked ready to make it a third for three. He was the Masters driver who came through NASCAR's grueling season unscathed was "horsing around" on top of a golf cart at a celebrity tournament in December when the foul-

And not for the first time, either. The gleaming silver trophy instead went to Australian Geoff Ogilvy, who lifted it and saw his face reflected back in the last bit of the afternoon's light.

Ogilvy's moment in the sun, however, was soon blocked out by Earl Woods' redoubtable son. Tiger returned to golf at the U.S. Open barely six weeks after the funeral, but played poorly and missed the cut at a major for the first time since turning pro. That Sunday was Father's Day. Tiger promptly claimed the British Open and rest of golf's calendar year, running out with six wins in a row.

"He's just better than us," Ogilvy said after Woods waxed the field at the PGA Championship. "Someone has to be the best. Why not him?"

Few baseball people would have said the same about the Detroit Tigers, or even the St. Louis Cardinals, but both surprised late-season swoons to make an unlikely World Series pair.

The Tigers hadn't sniffed the playoffs for nearly two decades when former Pittsburgh, Florida and Colorado manager Jim Leyland became a remarkable turnaround. A team that nearly broke the Florida curse for losses a few seasons ago sneaked into the playoffs, then ambushed the Yankees and flattened the Oakland A's.

The Cardinals' playoff run wasn't nearly as convincing, but at least manager Tony La Russa was at the top of his game. He broke into the majors nearly 30 years earlier with the White Sox, and Leyland was one of the best coaches he helped hire. But the chess match between two of the sharpest skippers in the game turned hopelessly one-sided when Detroit pitchers made costly errors in all five games.

Jimmie Johnson, meanwhile, celebrated his first Nextel Cup championship by breaking his wrist. The same driver who came through NASCAR's grueling season unscathed was "horsing around" on top of a golf cart at a celebrity tournament in December when the foul-

It was his worst ride of the year, which began with a win at the Daytona 500 to start the year and ended with a victory lap through Manhattan during "Champion's Week."

But at least he'll get the chance to defend his title. Plenty of familiar faces won't be back next year.

Andre Agassi bid farewell on a similarly sad note. Flat-footed and in pain after losing to Benjamin Becker, the 112th-ranked player in the world, at the U.S. Open. He broke into tennis as a precocious 16-year-old, oozing attitude, leaguer talent and marked. It seemed, with a short shelf life. Instead, Agassi departed at age 36 with eight majors and a career Grand Slam in tow, an endurance grudge who wrong every last bit of joy from his career.

A handful of greaves from across the sports spectrum now leave behind only memories.

Death claimed Byron Nelson, golf's enduring champion, at age 94; Red Auerbach, architect of the Boston Celtics' dynasty at 89; LPGA pioneer Patty Berg at 88; boxer Floyd Patterson at 71; four-time luted winner Susan Bitchard at 51, and Hall of Fume center fielder Kirby Puckett at 45.

Former Wolverines football coach Bo Schembacher died at age 77 on the eve of maybe the best Michigan-Ohio State game ever. Both Schembacher and his mentor, Buckeye coach Woody Hayes, had gone to great lengths to make sure there was never a bad one, a tradition even kids born after the coaches had left the sideline could appreciate.

Just before kickoff, in a tribute to fitting it made you smile, one of those kids hold- ing a sign that read, "Bo and Woody in Heaven: Play Nice."

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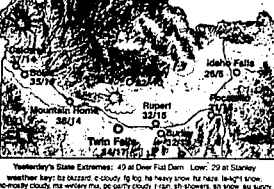
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BOISE The latest storm system has moved east, leaving us with a much more settled weather pattern...

NORTHERN UTAH Expect more snow, especially in the mountains, with then snow switching to hares and tals and overnight Friday will be mainly dry but cold.



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REGIONAL FORECAST

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MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Friday. Lists moonrise and moonset times.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various national cities.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various international cities.

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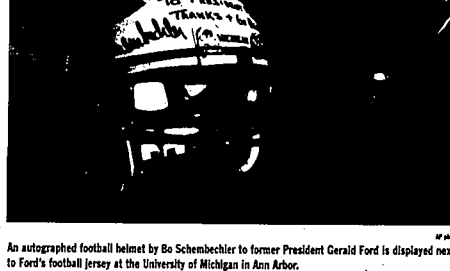
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Ford among most athletic presidents

By James Prichard Associated Press writer

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — His deliberate manner of speaking, some highly publicized mishaps and a recurring Chevy Chase bit in the early days of "Saturday Night Live" helped advance the notion that Gerald R. Ford was a bit of a klutz.



An autographed football helmet by Bo Schembelcher to former President Gerald Ford is displayed next to Ford's football jersey at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Ford's presidential museum in Grand Rapids. Instead, Ford went to Yale to become an assistant football and boxing coach...

In April 1942, Ford joined the U.S. Navy. Deserve as an ensign and he soon became a physical-fitness instructor at a preflight school in Chapel Hill, N.C.

But on a number of occasions, Ford, while golfing, hit into the galleries that lined the fairways to watch him. News cameras captured at least one spectator being hit in the groin by an errant Ford shot.

Bob Hope, a golfing friend of Ford, once quipped: "It's not hard to find Jerry Ford on a golf course — you just follow the wounded."

Journalists also reported when Ford tumbled while skiing when he slipped and fell on some metal steps while getting off Air Force One in the rain in Austria and when he bumped his head on an airplane doorway.

Separately, the court also ruled that "the government's seizures were reasonable under the Fourth Amendment and sent the case back to the district court to review what evidence can be used and what must be returned."

The players' union can now ask for a new hearing before the full 9th Circuit or appeal the panel's ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The union's general counsel, Michael Weiner, declined to immediately comment, saying he wanted to first review the decision.

The eyes of Texas (and nation) on Bob Knight

The Associated Press

LUBOCK, Texas — Texas Tech chancellor Kurt Hance walked into convenience store in Lake Placid, N.Y., last summer. 1,658 miles from his campus. The clerk looked up, noticed the Tech logo on his T-shirt and said: "Bobby Knight, Bobby Knight."

"I don't know that you can put a price on a lot of national exposure he's brought to Texas Tech and Lubbock," said Hance, a former U.S. congressman and the only politician to defeat George W. Bush in an election.

Knight gets his first shot at his 80th birthday "Thursday night, and a win at home against UNLV will make him the winningest Division I men's coach in history."

For his part, the 66-year-old Knight has played down the march to overtaking former North Carolina coach Dean Smith's mark of 879 victories.

"Anything that can happen good through athletics does have some reflection on the university, certainly," Knight said.

"We don't look at it as another chance to get more publicity for the university and the program, just like 'Knight School' was."

Bob Knight required ESPN producers to showcase the school and the city in each of the six episodes of the reality show, which aired this year.

Should Tech lose against UNLV, two more home games follow, giving Knight a good chance of hitting 880 in front of the community that he embraced him.

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In Los Angeles, Susan Illston in San Francisco and James Mahan in Las Vegas.

The key opinion, which says federal prosecutors are entitled to the urine samples and names of those who tested positive, overrules a ruling by Illston, who sided with the players' union and quashed the subpoenas, saying they constituted harassment and were unreasonable.

Illston granted the motion to quash," Judge Diarmuid E. O'Scanlan wrote for the appeals court.

In dissent, Judge Sidney R. Thomas voted to uphold the subpoenas, writing that the government's action "suggests an abuse of grand jury process."

The players' union can now ask for a new hearing before the full 9th Circuit or appeal the panel's ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

search warrant, therefore it violates the Fourth Amendment.

"The scope of the majority's new holding could not be greater; it removes confidential electronic records from the protections of the Fourth Amendment."

"Perhaps baseball has become consumed by a 'Game of Shadows,'" Thomas added, referring to the book by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters, but that is no reason for the government to engage in a "Prosecution of Shadows."

FREE SKI BUS advertisement for Soldier Mountain, including dates (December 26 - January 1st), times (7:05 AM to 9:00 AM), and contact information (208-764-2526).

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## Mower indicted in trooper shooting

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — A grand jury indicted Adam Mower Wednesday on three felony charges.

At least 12 of 16 Twin Falls County jurors selected for the panel found that Mower probably:

- Shot Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn in the neck;

- held up a Stinker Station on Shoshone Street West with a handgun;

- eluded officers in a high-speed police chase that ended with him crashing into a tractor-trailer rig in Jackpot, Nev., at 100 mph.

At 7:10 a.m., Dec. 20, Glenn stopped the driver of a white car south of Twin Falls who was suspected in an armed robbery 10 minutes earlier.



The driver, Adam Mower of Twin Falls, allegedly opened the driver's door, shot Glenn in the neck and sped south along U.S. 93 with police chasing him.

Glenn was taken to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical

Center in Boise with a bullet in his spine. He remains in excellent condition and may spend his life in a wheelchair.

An indictment does not mean a defendant has been found guilty. The grand jury provides an alternate way of determining whether there is probable cause that Mower committed the crimes. Because at least 12 of its 16 members vote yes, the case is now headed to trial in district court.

"They obviously heard enough that they indicted him," Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loebes said. Several funds have been set up for the trooper and his family, including one at First Federal and Wells Fargo banks. From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Papa Kelsey's will donate money from all of its sales to Glenn and his family. The restaurant is at 637 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Luke Kelsey, the son of Papa Kelsey's owner, attended Kimberly High school one year ahead of Glenn.

"He felt awful that this happened, and he wanted to find something to do to help Chris and his family," said Luke's wife, Angie. The Glenns just have been good friends of the family."

## Flowers for five years



Hannah Bates, 19, is surrounded by flowers Wednesday afternoon at Thunderbird Trading Post cafe in Hagerman where she waits tables. Hannah is considered a cancer survivor after living for five years after her diagnosis of bone cancer and the town was helping to fill the cafe with flowers in celebration.

## Hagerman celebrates young lady's battle against cancer by filling a cafe with flowers

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

**HAGERMAN** — It was cold and rainy outside the Thunderbird cafe on Wednesday — the day that marked the fifth anniversary of Hannah Bates' diagnosis of bone cancer.

But inside the cafe it was warm and joyful celebration of Bates' triumph over the disease.

Friends and family gathered at the small cafe to show their support for Bates. They came at the request of her mom, Sandee Bates, who asked the community to fill the tiny cafe with flowers.

And by 2 p.m. the community had succeeded. "This was actually a surprise for Hannah because she had forgotten that today



marked the fifth year after her diagnosis of bone cancer," Sandee Bates said. "Anyone who survives cancer for more than five years is considered a survivor."

Doctors told Bates that she would most likely only live about seven months after her diagnosis.

But apparently they didn't know Bates.

Although the cancer will never go away, the 19-year-old from Hagerman will never let it get her down. "I feel great," said Bates, while serving customers at

the Thunderbird cafe. "I mean, sometimes it's been a challenge because of my schedule, but really, we all have busy schedules that we have to work with."

On Wednesday afternoon as she served the lunch crowd in the cafe, it was obvious that the disease was not keeping her down. Less than a year out of high school, she is already working full time while coaching basketball — something she hopes to continue doing in the future.

And her perseverance is something the community has admired.

"Everybody knows Hannah. They know that she doesn't let it (the cancer) get to her," said Brad Glesler, Bates' stepdad. "I think the biggest reason I don't get to her is because she never

slows down."

"However, like most people who battle cancer, the future is indefinite."

"When they (doctors) told me that she had cancer, I was uneducated about it, so it was very scary," said Sandee Bates. "As time went by I learned more about it and I got more confident, but we still don't know what the outcome will be."

But on Wednesday afternoon, nobody was talking about the battles she might face in the future because they were too busy celebrating that battles she has already won.

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## Driver busted for drugs after U.S. 93 crash

For the Times-News

**ELKO** — A Las Vegas man has been arrested on drug charges after crashing his car into a pickup on U.S. 93 about 16 miles south of Jackpot.

Stephen W. Ambrose, 37, was arrested Sunday by an Elko County sheriff's deputy on charges of trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of less than an ounce of a controlled substance and three charges of possession of drug paraphernalia. His bail was set at \$52,628.

Ambrose was driving north on U.S. 93 when he drove into the southbound lane and hit

an oncoming pickup, according to the sheriff's report.

The pickup driver told deputies he pulled over to the side of the road as far as he could but the car rolled over with his vehicle.

No one was injured in the crash. When deputies arrived a little after midnight, Ambrose appeared to be under the influence but wasn't legally drunk when given a portable breath test, according to the report.

Ambrose gave deputies permission to search his car and they found six grams of methamphetamine and less than an ounce of marijuana.

## Magic Valley cities await reimbursement of court costs

T.E. County owes over \$776,000 to Twin Falls, Filer, Kimberly and Buhl

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** — Checks have been issued, but not yet given to reimburse the cities of Twin Falls, Filer, Kimberly and Buhl for their use of Twin Falls County's magistrate court.

In light of a state Supreme Court ruling, the county owes \$630,042 to Twin Falls, \$77,544 to Buhl, \$37,000 to Kimberly and \$31,694 to Filer. The ruling reversed a district court's decision that allowed the county to seek reimbursement from the cities for a portion of the magistrate division's operating costs at the courthouse.

The city of Hansen was also listed as an appellant in the case but had not paid the county, pending the case's outcome.

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According to the supreme court's opinion, filed on Oct. 5, the county requested an increased contribution in 1995 from cities to help pay for the magistrate's division.

Only after a district judge ordered the parties to come to an agreement or appear before the assembled panel

of district judges was a solution gained.

But in 2003 the county concluded that the decision was outdated and requested an order reflecting current costs.

At that time the district judges issued a new order adjusting the cities' contributions, based on the county's calculation.

Again the cities objected and were ordered to either

negotiate costs for fiscal 2003-2004, and determine a self-executing formula for future years, or appear before an assembled panel of district judges.

In April 2004, the panel of judges ordered the cities to pay a pro rata share for the costs of operating the magistrate's division.

"The cities didn't think that the court had the right to make the decision for them to pay so they took it all the way to the Supreme Court but in the meantime were still paying the fees," Nungester said. "The Supreme Court held

that the cities pay."

Twin Falls County Commissioner Tom Mikesell said the checks have been issued.

"I am asking to be placed on their agendas so that we can figure out how the cities and county will work together in the future," Mikesell said. "We will give their money back at that time."

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## Snowpack Levels

| Watershed          | % of Avg. peak** | % season |
|--------------------|------------------|----------|
| Salmon             | 37%              | 37%      |
| Big Wood           | 68%              | 30%      |
| Little Wood        | 83%              | 30%      |
| Big Lost           | 84%              | 30%      |
| Little Lost        | 84%              | 32%      |
| Henry's Fork/Teton | 84%              | 32%      |
| Upper Snake Basin  | 83%              | 34%      |
| Gardiner           | 220%             | 41%      |
| Salmon Falls       | 94%              | 34%      |

As of Dec. 27

\* A comparison of basin snowpack, on this date, with a 30-year average.  
\*\* An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.



## Byway committee searches for ways to improve tourist services

By Sven Berg  
For the Times-News

The City of Rocks Back Country Byway Advisory Committee is ramping up efforts to improve tourist services along the 49-mile stretch of road that runs through the Albion Mountains and the City of Rocks National Reserve.

The major concern for the committee has been the posting of signs on the byway to mark points of interest. Its members say they believe this will lead to increased awareness of the byway and greater revenue for communities on it.

Committee Chairman Don Danner says improvements to the byway itself, especially the stretch between Almo and Connor Creek, are perhaps more important.

"The problem is the services are not there to meet (tourists) need."

— Wallace Keck, superintendent at City of Rocks National Reserve

But Larry Henson, owner of Durfee Warm Springs in Almo, said he is skeptical improving the byway will increase the area's tourism revenue.

"We have rock climbers coming from all over the world. They're going to come whether you have a dirt road or a byway or a cattle trail," he said.

Eventually, the committee would like to see service facilities installed along the length of the byway, including public restrooms, wayside exhibits, hotels and restaurants.

Wallace Keck, superintendent at City of Rocks National Reserve, said City of Rocks and Castle Rock State

Park had 90,000 visitors last year, and that number only figures to increase in coming years. He says it makes sense to provide services for them.

"The tourists are here. They're coming. They're going to be coming in greater numbers. The problem is the services are not there to meet their need," he said.

The byway offers access to dozens of areas of interest, including Howell Canyon, a section of the California wagon trail in Almo and the historic Albion State Normal School, a school founded to train teachers.

"The byway program can help make

the traveler know those opportunities exist," Keck said. "We're going to provide good maps, brochures, information to the traveling public."

Danner says that since the road was designated as a back country byway by the state in 1966, awareness of tourism opportunities along it had dramatically increased.

"That designation has greatly expanded the opportunity for protection of areas of interest," he said. Keck says that proper infrastructure will provide an economic boon to communities along the byway and ease the strain that current tourists place on existing facilities.

"It's a beautiful place and we want to keep it that way," he said. "I think the point needs to be very clear that the byway committee is not trying to change these communities."

**OBITUARIES**

**Clifford Byron Hancock**

**JEROME** — Clifford Byron Hancock, 78-year-old long-time resident of Jerome, passed away Dec. 27, 2006, at his home in Jerome surrounded by his family.



He was born Oct. 3, 1928, in Payette, Idaho, the son of Burl and Madge Gwartney Hancock and married of Byron Tibby. He married his sweetheart, Ellen Jane Ott on Nov. 2, 1946, in Jerome. In November, they celebrated their 60th anniversary.

They made their home in Jerome, where Clifford initially started his livelihood as a beekeeper, then later as a carpenter contractor, as well as homesteading a section of the Bruneau desert into a successful farm.

Later, Cliff and Ellen owned and operated the Wrangler Drive-In in Jerome.

His first love was Ellen; then followed fishing, hunting and the outdoors. Clifford was an avid gardener and enjoyed

many hours perfecting his beautiful rock gardens and flower beds.

Clifford's life revolved around his family. He loved family get-togethers, his wife, his kids and grandkids.

Clifford is survived by his wife, Ellen of Jerome; two sons, Emile (Sherral) Hancock and Lewis (Jan) Hancock, both of Jerome; two daughters, Kathy (Darrill) Taylor of Castleford and Janie (Rob) Sherwood of Las Vegas, Nev.; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one great-grandson; one brother, Bob (June) Hancock of Congress, Ariz.; one sister, Bonnie (Elvin) Boyce of Salt Lake City, Utah; and two sisters-in-law, Ida (Bud) Christopherson and Helen (Ivan) Hepworth, both of Jerome. He was preceded in death by his parents and stepfather.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, at the First Christian Church, 229 E. Ave. B in Jerome. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

**Juan Guerrero Gaxiola**

**BURLEY** — Juan Guerrero Gaxiola, a 47-year-old resident of Burley, passed away Monday, Dec. 25, 2006, due to a heart condition.



Juan was born Oct. 6, 1959, in Sinaloa, Mexico, the son of Juana Gaxiola and Aristeo Guerrero. He moved to Idaho when he was 17 years old to begin a better life with his brothers. He married Sarah Banijas and they were married for 20 years. From this marriage, three children were born, Jennifer, Aristeo and Alex. He worked in management for Ida Cold farms and was employed there for 19 years. He was a member of the Little Flower Catholic Church, a member of the church choir and a member of Caballeros De Colon. He enjoyed auto mechanics, playing solitaire, going to the movies and spending time with siblings at family gatherings and, most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his children. He embraced being a part of the Little Flower Church

choir, where he was learning to play the guitar.

He is survived by his children, Jennifer Guerrero, Daniel Guerrero and Alex Guerrero; his father, Aristeo Guerrero; his brothers and sisters, Jorge Guerrero, Jose Luis Guerrero, Arnoldo Guerrero, Armida Guerrero, Margarita Guerrero, Oscar Guerrero, Jesus A. Guerrero, Isidoro Guerrero, Irowal and Ulises Guerrero. He was preceded in death by his mother, Juana Gaxiola; and a brother, Oscar Guerrero.

A funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley, with Father Boniface Lautz as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Gem Memorial Gardens.

The family would like to thank Alan Gerritt, the owner of Ida Gold Farms and special friend of Juan and his family. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

**Rosemary Manley**

**TWIN FALLS** — Rosemary Manley, 77, of Twin Falls, passed away Dec. 21, 2006, at her home in Twin Falls with her loving husband by her side.



She was born Oct. 18, 1929, in Chicago, Ill., to William Scott MacKenzie and Beatrice Basin MacKenzie. She worked as a medical technician throughout her life. She married Ray Manley in Bristol, Va. They had met on a blind date in Tempe, Ariz. Rosemary traveled with her husband during and after his career in the Navy. Together they lived in 15 of the United States and traveled

to Alaska and a vacation in Italy. She was instrumental in helping the young youth become involved in positive activities while her husband was stationed in Hawaii.

Surviving are her husband, Ray Manley of Twin Falls; sons, Leon Denney of Layton, Utah; daughters, Allison Manley of Twin Falls, Tonya Adolfsen of Boise and Debbie Mayer of Morrocco, Wyo.; sister, Lou Ann Hoelzlocher of Canada; along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

At her request, no service will be held.

Cremation was under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

**Ida Bollinger Buerkle**

**RUPERT** — Ida Bollinger Buerkle went to be with the Lord Dec. 24, 2006.

She was born Feb. 2, 1916, to Jacob and Carolina Ketterling at Kimama, Idaho. She moved back to North Dakota, where her parents farmed. She met Gottlieb Bollinger and was married June 7, 1936. They then all moved to Rupert, Idaho.

Ida and Gottlieb had three beautiful daughters. Gottlieb passed away in September of 1973. She then married Emil Buerkle in 1978, and he passed away in September of 1996. Ida then moved to Boise to live with her youngest daughter, Pat and family. She went into assisted living in 2005. Ida worked in the local spud cells for several years and then became a cook at the Rupert grade school. Ida dearly loved all of the time she could spend with her daughters and their children and then grandchildren. She enjoyed crocheting, canning, baking and her garden. Ida rarely missed a Sunday church service and thoroughly enjoyed all of the people she met and was shipped with. Ida often said, "Having God beside me is the

only way I have made it through the good times and bad."

Surviving are her daughters, Betty and husband Russ Davis of Clarkston, Wash.; Bernice Marsch of Madison Wis., and Pat Bollinger of Boise Idaho. Ida is also survived by 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Ted Ketterling of Oklahoma, Ruben Ketterling, Elmer Ketterling, Leo Ketterling and one sister, Ruth Williams, all from Rupert, Idaho. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ketterling; husbands, Gottlieb and Emil; sister, Viola Schenk; brother, Alvin Ketterling; great-granddaughter, Elliot Marsch; one brother; two sisters in infancy; and four sisters-in-law.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29, at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery.

Viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, and one hour prior to the service Friday. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

**SERVICES**

**Howard A. Ransom** of Burley, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Star LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 100 S. 200 W. of Burley, burial at 3 p.m. today at the Grace Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 to 9:45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

**Wayne Glen Anderson** of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Emerson LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 127 S. 950 W. in Paul; friends may call from 10 to 10:40 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

**Mildred "Millie" Emberton** of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the How-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; friends may call from 9 to 10:30 a.m. today at the mortuary.

**Mary (Glady) McAttee** of Halley, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Halley;

interment May 19, 2007, at the Halley Cemetery (Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding).

**Wonda Dee Harmon** of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Amber Lorene (Clark)** Gardens of Twin Falls, memorial service at 4 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

**Doris Luella Hayward Cox** of Jerome, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; rosary service begins one hour before the funeral Mass (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

**Lorraine Severe Hatch** of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave. in Burley; call from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Friday at the church (Rasmussen

Funeral Home in Burley).

**Freddie Anne Fuehrer** of Filer, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Filer First Baptist Church; burial at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Lower Heyburn Cemetery near Star (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

**LaWana Crandall** Whitehead of Sandy, Utah, and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at noon Friday at the Willow Canyon LDS 4th Ward Chapel, 1600 E. Buttepark, 10200 S., in Sandy, Utah; friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. today and from 11 a.m. to noon Friday at the church (SereniCare Funeral Directors in Draper, Utah).

**Haroldine Love Blaser** of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Pauline Decker McCoy** of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m.

Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

**Ray Alton Penderbury** of Blackfoot, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the Groveland LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel in Blackfoot; friends may call from 1 to 4:45 p.m. Friday at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

**Dale Howard Petersen** of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS Stake Center, 324 E. 18th St.; burial at 2:30 p.m. at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Saturday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

**Dale "Doc" Stukenholz** of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Jan. 4, 2007, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

**Arthur James Welmas, 77, force in Indian gaming, dies**

Los Angeles Times

Arthur James Welmas, who served as chairman of the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians when the small tribe won a case before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1997 that laid the foundation for the Indian gaming movement, has died.

He was 77.

Welmas, who led the Riverside County, Calif., tribe for 19 years, suffered a stroke, failure and complications from diabetes on Dec. 17 at a hospital in Escondido, Calif., his wife, Elma.

After the Cabazon Indians began offering high-stakes

bingo on their reservation in 1983, local and state officials repeatedly went to court to stop them. The high court ruling said that states were not allowed to regulate gambling on reservations.

The decision led to the 1989 passage of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, which opened

the door to modern Indian gaming.

When Welmas took over as tribal chairman in 1978, the Cabazon Band had 23 members and 1,700 acres of barren land near Indio, Calif. — and little else.

"We didn't have spit," Welmas told the Times in 1982.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Twin Falls man celebrates 80th birthday**

**Russ Catterson** will celebrate his 80th birthday during an open house set for 1:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the fellowship hall at the Kimberly Church of the Nazarene, 3550 E. 3750 N.

Catterson was born Jan. 1, 1927, in Stapleton, Neb. He married Norma Walden in 1951 in Utah.

They have lived in the Magic Valley area for 44 years, and have three children, Teresa (Jim) Primm, Debbie (Dallas) Plisher and Sandy (Randy) Bayson; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**M.V. Duplicate Bridge announces winners**

**TWIN FALLS** — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its weekly winners:

Dec. 11, first, Darlene Wagner and Nancy Strand; and second, YTCrook and Leon Watson.

Dec. 12, first, Joy Astorquia and Pauline Mulliner; second, Max Thompson and Wilma Dilscoff; third, Sue Skinner and Patricia Cooper; fourth, Kathy Rooney and Shirley

Tschannen; and tied for fifth, Kay and Nathan Higer and Ralph O'Harrow and Sharon Peterson.

Dec. 13, first, Kay and Nathan Higer; second, Bonnie Aspiarte and Pauline Mulliner; third, Ilse Hyton and Marilyn Bokkin; fourth, Linda Fix and Edna Pierson; fifth, Doris Watts and Betty Sabo; and sixth, Joyce Blackford and Bobette Jeanie.

Dec. 18, first, Susan Morris and Leona Watson; and second, Beverly Reed and Vi Crowsaw.

Dec. 19, first, Betty Sabo and Mary Lee Pfefferle; second, Doris Finney and Joyce Johnston; third, Riley Burton and Al Poynter; and fourth, Betty Grant and Joy Astorquia.

Dec. 20, the monthly Unit-400 game was held on Dec. 10. First north/south, Kathy Rooney and Shirley Tschannen; second, Kay and Nathan Higer; third, Bobette Planky and Riley Burton; fourth, Renee Bulcher and Doris Watts; fifth, Betty Sabo and Dorothy Miller; sixth, Veeta Roberts and Ruth Skeem; and seventh, Mary Steele and Bonnie Aspiarte.

First east/west, Leona Watson; and Betty Jeppesen; second, Marlene Temple and Sheila Hubsmith; third, Beverly and Lonnie Burns; fourth, Donald and Ruth Higer; fifth, Madeline Sawaya and Mary Lee Pfefferle; sixth, Max Thompson and Oscar Noss; and seventh, Eunice Anderson and Beverly Reed.

Games are held at 7 p.m.

**RUPERT DONATION**



Rupert United Methodist Women's president Barbara Rodgers presents Pamela Harris, director of the Mind-Cassia Women and Children's Shelter, with a check for \$500.

Mondays and 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave.

All bridge players are invited. For partners and more information, call Max Thompson at 735-8308.

**Rupert Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners**

**RUPERT** — The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club — announced Dec. 26 results.

North/south: first, Gary and Barbara Carter; second, Stephenson and Jackie Brown; third, Warren and Faun McEntire; and fourth, Shirley Harris and Vera Mal.

East/west: first, Donna Moore and Jane Keicher; second, Dona Kunau and Peggy Payne; third, Elise Heins and Lind Halouska; and fourth, Leo Moore and Dee Keicher.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3286 Monday through Thursday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is [obits@magvalley.com](mailto:obits@magvalley.com). Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.

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# Otter appoints four to leadership posts

BOISE (AP) — Gov-elect C.L. "Butch" Otter on Wednesday named outgoing state Controller Keith Johnson to lead the state Department of Administration. The agency oversees state-owned buildings and designs the technology infrastructure for state government. Johnson lost his Republican primary bid for an open U.S. House seat last spring. Otter also appointed Darrell Manning as chairman of the state Transportation Board, replacing former state senator and tire-outlet founder Frank Brunel. Manning, a former Democratic state lawmaker, appears to have been able to isolate an endophyte that renders knapweed sterile. The fungus typically exists in low concentrations, but when it's cultured in a lab and sprayed in higher concentrations, it has a deadly effect. "They may be the key," Newcombe told the *Spokesman-Review* newspaper during an interview in the greenhouse of the university's Center for Research on Invasive Species and Small Populations. He's planning field trials soon. Historical records show the spotted knapweed came from Eastern Europe and Asia into North America about a century ago when it arrived in contaminated crop seed, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. With natural enemies, the perennial with pink to light purple flowers spread across the continent. It releases a toxin into the soil that can stunt plants that cattle eat. As a result, heavily infested areas often must be reseeded once the spotted knapweed has been eradicated. "As more and more of the West's isolated areas are filled up by the region's burgeoning population, knapweed continues to spread, often along highways, train tracks, power lines and other areas newly being touched by human disturbance." Endophytes that live on

Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who was named U.S. Interior secretary earlier this year. Otter also appointed Mack Redford to head the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. He reappointed Robin Sandy as chairman of the state Board of Correction. Redford, a lawyer in Boise, succeeds Commissioner Dennis Hansen, whose term was set to expire next year. Before Gov. Jim Risch appointed Sandy to oversee the state's prison system in July, he served eight years on the board of the Commission of Pardons and Parole. "They already have served the people of Idaho with distinction and I greatly appreciate their willingness to be part of my administration," Otter said in a written statement.

# Researchers say fungus could fight knapweed

MOSCOW (AP) — A University of Idaho researcher is hoping to harness the power of tiny fungi to combat an invasive weed that ranchers blame for crowding out nutritious forage for their livestock. George Newcombe is busy inside a greenhouse on the school's Moscow campus working with so-called endophytes that live in spotted knapweed, considered one of the West's most-destructive noxious weeds. Endophytes are found in many plant species and have recently won additional scientific scrutiny. Newcombe says endophytes survive off the host and are believed to boost the plant's survival in exchange for nutrients like protein.

"When the source of the next invader could be anywhere, you have to be looking outward." — University of Idaho researcher George Newcombe

other plants have long been studied. For instance, Taxol, a cancer-fighting drug discovered in yew trees, is a compound produced by endophytes. Some endophytes produce grasses poisonous to grazing animals. Other allows plants to survive in the heated soils around geysers in Yellowstone National Park. With the recent work on spotted knapweed's endophytes, scientists are beginning to unlock their secrets, said Curt Anderson, manager of UI's Laboratory for Ecological and Conservation Genetics. "It's helping us understand what gives them the advantage," Anderson said. "It's a very new area of investigation."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture studies invasive species such as spotted knapweed cost the nation \$138 billion annually. Invasive species, including pests like Eurasian water millifoli and New Zealand mudsnails, also choke waterways and rob fish and wildlife of habitat. In Idaho, the cost of invasives is estimated at \$300 million a year, Newcombe said. While most research to control spotted knapweed has focused on enlisting insects or other pests from its native habitat on the steppe grasslands of western Asia, he says work with endophytic fungi could reap a big payoff. It also could aid insight to helping control many different types of foreign invaders, he said.

"We need to understand the basic mechanism of invasions or we're never going to get off this treadmill," Newcombe said. "When the source of the next invader could be anywhere, you have to be looking outward."

# Bartender, clone me another one

U of I, Washington State using new teaching method that combines suds and science

MOSCOW (AP) — The University of Idaho and Washington State University are teaming with a brew pub to try a new teaching method: mixing suds and science. "Science on Tap," once-a-month meetings at the Coeur d'Alene Brewing Co., will have university professors leading discussions on scientific issues in an informal setting. It's an attempt to let people know about impor-

tant research the two schools are conducting. The *Spokesman-Review* reported: The first discussion, set for Jan. 9, will have a faint protest connection when UI professor Dirk Vandervall gives a presentation about how UI produced the world's first cloned mule in 2003. Idaho Gem, born in May of that year, went on to compete in mule races against naturally produced mules, and won the San Joaquin

County Fair race in June. "I always look forward to opportunities to discuss animal cloning with the general public," Vandervall, a member of the mule cloning team, said in a news release. "I plan to give a short overview of what animal cloning is and isn't and address questions about animal cloning from the audience." In February, Sylvia Oliver, assistant director of WSU's Health, Research and Education Center, will lead a discussion on "beast cancer research." In the March program, participants can hear about

stealth technologies research being conducted by the U.S. Navy's Acoustic Research Detachment in Bayview. The northern Idaho town is near 1,150-foot-deep Lake Pend Oreille, where the Navy can test hull designs and propulsion systems. In April, the brew pub will host UI microbiology professor Carolyn Blouch and a discussion titled "Spinach to Hamburger: What is E. coli and why is it in my food?" A background in science is not needed to take part in the discussions, school officials say.

# Kempthorne proposes listing polar bears as threatened species

Myriad of problems cited for reason to list Arctic animal

By John Heilbrunn  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Polar bears are in jeopardy and need stronger government protection because of melting Arctic sea ice related to global warming, the Bush administration said Wednesday.

The Interior Department cites thinning sea ice as the big problem; outside the government, other scientists studying the issue say pollution, overfishing, development and even tourism also may be factors. Greenland and Norway have the most polar bears, while a quarter of them live mainly in Alaska and travel to Canada and Russia. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne on Wednesday proposed listing polar bears as a "threatened" species on the government list of imperiled species. The "endangered" category is reserved for species more likely to become extinct.

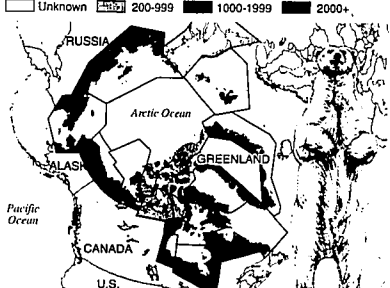
"Polar bears are one of nature's ultimate survivors, able to live and thrive in one of the world's harshest environments," Kempthorne said. "But we are concerned the polar bear's habitat may literally be melting." A final decision on whether to add the polar bears to the list is a year away, after the government finishes more studies. Such a decision would require all federal agencies to ensure that anything they authorize that might affect polar bears will not jeopardize their survival or the sea ice where they live. That could include oil and gas exploration, commercial shipping or even releases of toxic contaminants or climate-affecting pollution.

Kempthorne, however, said his department's studies indicate that coastal and offshore oil and gas exploration — heavily promoted by the Bush administration, particularly in Alaska — shouldn't be curtailed. "It's very clear that the oil and gas activity in that area does not pose a threat to the polar bears," he said. Similarly, Alaskan natives and other people do not depend on hunting the bears as part of their subsistence diet probably will not be affected, Kempthorne said. Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., the incoming head of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, said the polar bear's plight reflects the health of the planet. "Global warming is melting polar ice at an alarming rate and we are now beginning to realize the consequences of this," she said. "This news serves as a

Federal protection sought for polar bears

Global warming, poaching and pollution are factors that endanger polar bears. It is estimated their population could decrease by 30 percent in the next 45 years.

Polar bear populations, 2001



SOURCES: IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, World Wildlife Foundation

## On the Net:

- Fish and Wildlife Service: <http://www.fws.gov/endangered>
- World Conservation Union: <http://www.iucnredlist.org>
- Center for Biological Diversity: <http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/saved>

wake-up call to the U.S. Congress and the administration that we must quickly begin to address global warming through legislative action." Environmentalists hope that invoking the Endangered Species Act protections eventually might provide impetus for the government to cut back on its emissions of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping "greenhouse" gases blamed for warming the atmosphere. The proposed listing also marks a potentially significant departure for the administration from its cautious rhetoric about the effects of global warming. Kempthorne cited the thinning sea ice brought about by global warming as the main culprit, although he said his department wasn't required by the endangered species law to study climate change.

President Bush's steadfast refusal to go along with United Nations-brokered mandatory controls on carbon dioxide, the chief global warming gas, has contributed to tensions between the United States and other nations. Polar bears, an iconic and cold weather-dependent animal, are dropping in numbers and weight in the Arctic. In July, the House approved a U.S.-Russia treaty to help protect polar bears from overhunting and other

threats to their survival. "That vote put into effect a 2000 treaty that sets quotas on polar bear hunting by native populations in the two countries and establishes a bilateral commission to analyze how best to sustain sea ice. It also approved spending \$2 million over the next 45 years, through 2010 for the polar bear program."

The Polar Bear Specialist Group of the World Conservation Union, based in Gland, Switzerland, has estimated the polar bear population in the Arctic is about 20,000 to 25,000, but at risk by melting sea ice, pollution, hunting, development and even tourism. The group lists the polar bear among more than 16,000 species threatened for survival worldwide, and projects a 30 percent decline in their numbers over the next 45 years. It says sea ice is expected to decrease 50 percent to 100 percent over the next 50 years to 100 years.

"The decision from Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service, which oversees endangered species, coincides with a court-ordered deadline. In February 2005, the Center for Biological Diversity, Natural Resources Defense Council and Greenpeace petitioned Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service to protect the polar bears. After Fish and Wildlife officials missed a deadline for deciding earlier this year, the groups sued and agreed on Wednesday's deadline. "This is a victory for the polar bear, and all wildlife threatened by global warming," said Kassie Siegel, a lawyer for the Center for Biological Diversity. "There is still time to save polar bears but we must reduce greenhouse gas pollution immediately."

## COEUR D'ALENE

### Pickup crashes into gas station on Christmas Day

A slow-moving pickup crashed through the window of a Coeur d'Alene Chevron station Christmas Day. The pickup was on two tables and four chairs and coming to rest against store shelves. Only a handful of people were inside at the time, and none were sitting at the tables by the window, said clerk Tammy Christofson. There were no injuries. "Any other day but today, there would have been people at those tables," Christofson said. Police estimate the truck was going about 5 mph when it jumped a curb and crashed into the store. Police said the driver, 20-year-old Nathaniel

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Ruth, told them he pushed the truck's brake all the way down to the floor, but it wouldn't stop. Ruth has not been cited, said Coeur d'Alene police Sgt. Christie Wood, adding that the investigation is complete.

## NAMPA

### Richardson will run for U.S. Senate in 2008

Failed gubernatorial candidate and anti-abortion activist Marvin Richardson says he'll return to politics with a run for U.S. Senate in

2008. Richardson, who has legally changed his name to "Pro-Life," will run for the seat now held by Republican Sen. Larry Craig. Canyon County Commissioner Robert Vasquez, a Republican, has announced he also will run for Craig's seat. "Craig had not said whether he will seek re-election. Richardson, an independent, says he plans to run in a statewide race every two years for the rest of his life to draw attention to his issues. Richardson received 1.62 percent of the votes in the November general election, when he ran as a Constitution Party candidate. He says he's running now as an independent because he feels the Constitution Party has taken unpromising positions on abortion and public education.

## Canyon County issuing more traffic tickets

The Canyon County Sheriff's office has issued about 1,000 more traffic tickets this year than it did in 2005, resulting in about a 15 percent increase in citations. Sheriff's officials say they're not sure what led to the increase, but factors include the county's growing population and an increase in the

number of sheriff's deputies patrolling the roads. "There's not one particular thing that's increasing the number," said Deputy Dana Maxfield. "I couldn't say it's due to more traffic. I couldn't say the police are more focused, but it's a blend of all those things." Speeding violations dominated with nearly 2,300 tickets. About 1,800 citations were for driving without insurance, and another 960

tickets were for driving with a suspended license or without a license.

— The Associated Press

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# Nevada governor-elect won't be prosecuted on assault claim

By Kathleen Hennessey  
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — Nevada Gov.-elect Jim Gibbons will not be prosecuted on an assault claim that he assaulted a court-waitress in a parking garage three weeks before the election, authorities said Wednesday.

There was insufficient evidence to prosecute Gibbons on charges against Gibbons beyond a reasonable doubt.

Clark County District Attorney David Roger said, "You may consider the ease against a Gov.-elect Jim Gibbons closed," he said.

Christy Mazzeo, 32, had accused Gibbons of pushing her against a wall and propositioning her near a restaurant where the two had been drinking with friends Oct. 13, less than a month before Gibbons was elected.

An apparently distraught



Jim Gibbons  
Mazzen when he tripped in the parking garage.

and disoriented Mazzeo made three 911 calls that night, saying she had been assaulted by the congressman.

Gibbons, 61, has merely caught Mazzen when he tripped in the parking garage.

Gibbons, a married five-term Republican congressman, beat Democrat Dina Titus in the Nov. 7 election. He is to be sworn in Monday.

Roger said prosecutors will investigate separate allegations made by Mazzeo and her lawyers that people associated with Gibbons tried to interfere with the investigation by influencing Mazzeo's testimony.

Roger would not identify

the associates.

Investigators conducted interviews and reviewed video surveillance tapes from the garage before determining there was "no evidence to support the charge of battery," according to a police statement released this month.

Gibbons' spokesman, Brent Boynton, said the district attorney's decision was no surprise because Gibbons had done nothing inappropriate.

"He is pleased this matter is finally resolved and justice has been served," Boynton said.

Mazzeo told The Associated Press Wednesday she did not believe justice was served.

"I actually even said that if he apologized to me, I would drop everything. And he wasn't man enough to actually apologize. But he knows the truth and I know the truth," she said.

# Homeless Las Vegas hero returns to Navajo reservation

By Paul Harman  
Las Vegas Review-Journal

SHIPROCK, N.M. — Inside the First Wash Christian Church, where thin wooden walls only soften the howl and slow the chill of a fierce wind, the preacher's booming, hard-tone raises biblical chapter and verse in English and Navajo.

The strength found by Stanford Washburn and other homeless men to lift a 5,000-pound Cadillac off a young girl in North Las Vegas is "evidence of the supernatural, of the hand of God," Pastor William Douglas Lee says.

It is days before Christmas. Washburn, warned a bit by a potbellied stove in the room, listens as one parishioner after another acknowledges his heroism of Nov. 25.

"We've been praying for Stanford," says church secretary Cecelia Bldah, who invited him to the service. "He's been gone for years, but we always prayed for him. He's had a rough life because of the alcohol. Maybe now what he has done has changed that behavior."

What Washburn did was help save the life of a 9-year-old child he didn't know.

Robyn Rubio is alive today, heading at University Medical Center in Las Vegas from a broken pelvis and other injuries, because Washburn and several other transients did the seemingly impossible. The girl's condition has been upgraded in recent weeks from critical to good.

She was struck by a Cadillac when the broken driver from an adult relative and dazed into Las Vegas Boulevard in a working-class North Las Vegas neighborhood about four miles north of the glittery Las Vegas Strip.

The one-eyed Washburn was with at least three other homeless men drinking nearby. He saw the vehicle strike the girl and drag her underneath for nearly 50 yards. The men ran toward the girl. Washburn yelled to lift the car. The men dropped cans of malt liquor and hoisted the vehicle off the child's body.

Washburn believes the other transients, who ran away as

police approached, may have had warrants out for their arrest. Police said the 65-year-old woman driving the car was not at fault in the crash.

Clasping his hands in prayer in the Shiprock church, Washburn wears a sweatshirt, three coats, two pairs of pants, two pairs of socks and black shoes. He wore most of the same clothes while living in a vacant desert lot strewn with old clothes, beer cans, plastic bags, cigarette butts, beer cans and wine bottles.

The 48-year-old Navajo, a self-described drunk with three grown children and a 2-year-old grandson named Sha-Shawn, returned to the Navajo Nation after an anonymous benefactor read about his role saving the little girl's life.

The man, in Florida, contacted North Las Vegas police and offered to pay Washburn's way home to his family in New Mexico for the holidays.

The trip took almost 20 hours by bus, Washburn says. It was not easy.

"I had the worst hangover of my life, and Greyhound lost my luggage," he says. "That man sent me \$250 for a bus ticket, clothes, food and a motel room, and I ended up with fewer clothes than I originally had."

Meeting relatives at the bus station, Washburn learned that three family members had died including a 26-year-old nephew who he says either jumped or fell from an 80-foot cliff.

Still, Washburn seemed reasonably content in church. He says, and his two grown daughters agreed, that he has not touched alcohol since he arrived in New Mexico on Dec. 8. Washburn also has a grown son, who, like him, is a transient.

While his daughters work, he cares for his grandson, who often tries to peek beneath the patch over Washburn's right eye.

Sometimes he says he lost the eye from a firecracker. Other times he says he was hit in the eye with a stick.

"I don't want to embarrass my daughters or mother or frighten my grandson by drinking," Washburn says. He sits in



Stanford Washburn sits in a pew at the First Wash Christian Church in Shiprock, N.M.

daughter Shouli's apartment in Farmington, N.M., a city of 40,000 people about 40 miles east of Shiprock. Colorado's rugged San Juan Mountains and the desert highlands of Arizona and Utah are nearby.

Washburn's other daughter, Cherylene, says her dad had sweats and chills since he stopped drinking.

"It hasn't been easy," she says. "But he knows that if he drinks in front of us, he can no longer stay with the family. We have to worry about little Sha-Shawn. My father obviously cares about his grandson."

Washburn's return has been largely positive, but it has strained the budgets of his daughters, who live together. Shouli, Washburn's 16-year-old daughter, works as a money counter in a casino. Cherylene works as a laborer.

They bought Washburn clothes to replace the ones lost on the bus trip, then found it hard to pay the phone bill.

Whether Stanford Washburn will remain sober when he

leaves New Mexico is unknown.

"I'm going to go back to Las Vegas to check on the little Rubio girl in about a month," he says. "And I can't say whether I won't drink or not. I can't make any promises. I often get depressed, and the alcohol helps me get through it."

Carefully listening to her son, Elise Washburn, who speaks Navajo, begins to talk. Washburn's sister Daisy translates.

"I am very proud of my son for helping that little girl," the mother says. "We have prayed for that little girl every day since we found out about what happened. I want her to have a long life."

Washburn's mother says she worried considerably since Washburn hit the road more than 20 years ago, but she says she believes his wandering spirit must be satisfied.

It is known as "chie," on the streets around Las Vegas and "Fred" on the res. s.a.n. He generally supports himself through day labor jobs, which

sleeps outside.

Every couple of years he might call relatives. After stretches sometimes as long as seven years he returns to the reservation.

Some family members, including adult Ruth Nez, don't understand why a man with Job Corps training as a mechanic and who worked as a truck driver and handyman on the reservation hideshikes all over the West and ends up homeless.

An uncle, Roger Shaggy, worries that one day his nephew will be attacked.

"There are evil people out there," he says. "Stanford is a good man who would never hurt anyone."

Washburn's arrests largely have been for public intoxication. He says he also was caught driving while intoxicated.

North Las Vegas police Sgt. Brad Welch became involved in Washburn's welfare after the girl was injured.

Welch helped Washburn buy clothes, and tried to keep Washburn sober before his bus

trip to New Mexico.

"He's always trying to help people," Welch says. "He really is a good man."

Washburn admits he is a man of contradictions. He says religion means nothing to him, then goes to a prayer meeting. He becomes depressed because he lives outside and doesn't have a good job, then he says he doesn't want to be tied to one place or work a long time at one job.

"I know it can sound strange," he says.

As the service nears an end at First Wash Christian Church, parishioner Margaret Whalawitsa shares her thoughts about Washburn and the Navajo culture.

"No matter where our young men go when they leave here, the Navajos know that in our culture we all care for them," Whalawitsa says.

"We care and they can feel it. Stanford felt that we wanted him to do what was right in his heart. And he did it for that little girl."

# Backwoods celebrity faces long prison term for incest

By Elaine Harlan  
The Washington Post



Robert Hale, also known as Papa Pig, in Alaska in 2003 during his battle over land rights with the federal government. Hale pleaded no contest this week to multiple charges that he raped one of his daughters.

Robert Hale, a Bible-toting father of 15 who calls himself Papa Pig, became an anti-government celebrity in Alaska by driving a bulldozer across a national park that encircles his land.

The Lord told him that using the bulldozer to clear 14 miles of denuded road through the park was a loving thing to do, Hale said in an interview three days ago.

"In order for me to love my children, I have to be a provider," Hale said then, explaining that he needed the bulldozer to fetch supplies for his children, whom he and his wife were home-schooling in an ultra-strict Christian way.

He said his children read only the Bible, always bathed with their clothes on and were not allowed to see any other naked.

This week in a Palmer, Alaska, courtroom, Hale, 65, answered very different questions about his behavior and his family. He pleaded no contest to multiple charges that he raped one of his daughters.

The plea, which came three weeks before Hale was to face trial on 27 felony charges of rape, incest and coercion, punctuates an implausible saga that

stretches from Texas to the out-back of eastern Alaska. A story by turns picaresque, outrageous and sad.

Hale and his now-estranged wife, Kurina, who calls herself Country Rose, and their children, who all have names from the Bible, bought a 410-acre ranch inside Wrangell-St. Elias

National Park, the largest national park in the United States.

Much of the money for the \$450,000 purchase in 2002 came from the Alaska permanent fund dividend. It is an oil-funded annual payment that this year was worth \$1,107 to each state resident. After Hale and his family moved to Alaska in 1998, the dividend provided the onetime subsistence farmers — who also earned money performing gospel music — with more cash than they had ever had. The ranch, which they named Hillybilly Heaven, is an in-holding, which means it is surrounded by federal land controlled by the National Park Service. Under the 1890 law that established much of the vast national park system in Alaska, in-holders are guaranteed "reasonable and feasible" access to their property.

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Hale's bulldozer romp stretched that guarantee beyond the breaking point. The Park Service cited Hale for violating federal law.

But land-rights activists, who in Alaska and across the West have complained for decades about picaresque law enforcement in and around federal parks, adopted Hale and his family as camera-ready symbols of America's frontier spirit.

They could sing, they made their own clothes, and Papa was handy with a sound bite. He accused the federal government of trying to starve his family. "It is like the Alamo," he said.

"We are going to make the pilgrims poster children for abuse of federal power," Chuck Cushman, executive director of the American Land Rights Association, said in 2003.

With land-rights activists footing the legal bills, Hale's

challenge to federal authority went all the way to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit in San Francisco. This February, a three-judge panel ruled against the family, although the court said in the fall that it might take another look at the case.

To drum up publicity for the court challenge, Hale and his handlers from the land-rights movement invited me and other reporters to spend the night at Hillybilly Heaven in the late summer of 2003.

In the course of a long evening spent with his children and his wife, who listened to Hale in worshipful silence, it

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# A grove concern

## Elderly conservationist fights for Giant Sequoia National Monument

By Bethina Bozal  
Los Angeles Times

GIANT SEQUOIA NATIONAL MONUMENT, Calif. — Martin Litton eased out of the back seat of a sedan and walked across the road.

"Let's get a look at the mess they've made here," he said, his blue eyes darting to fresh tree stumps and logging trails gouged into the pale, dusty earth of the southern Sierra.

He climbed up an embankment and started snapping photographs.

Litton is almost 90 years old, hard of hearing and equipped with two artificial knees.

But none of that has stopped this stubborn, legendary figure of California conservation from waging yet another campaign.

"Logging in the monument is a slap in the face of the American people," he growled. "They're thumbing their nose at the monument."

"They" is the U.S. Forest Service, which manages the Giant Sequoia National Monument, where more than half the world's giant sequoia trees grow in copper-hued splendor, scattered in clusters amid fir and tall pine on mountain slopes east of Bakersfield.

Created in 2000 by President Clinton to protect about three dozen sequoia groves in the Sequoia National Forest, the monument was supposed to quiet the chain saws.

But it didn't.

The logging operation Litton photographed is one of a number of pre-2000 timber sales of non-sequoias the Forest Service allowed to continue several years after they were supposed to end. And a monument management plan recently thrown out by a federal judge who found it "incomprehensible" — called for more logging, including the removal of young sequoias, on the grounds that the cutting was needed to thin out overgrown groves.

So with visits to Congress, tours of the groves and photographic evidence of perceived transgressions, Litton and conservationists have pressed their case. The only solution, they insist, is to wrest control of the 328,000-acre monument from the Forest Service and transfer it to adjacent federal and state Kings Canyon national parks.

"If we don't save them, they'll disappear from the Earth," Litton said, adamant that logging near the sequoias endangers the shallow-rooted plants by exposing them to wind and by drying out the forest floor.

Over the decades, Litton has repeatedly gone to battle. A pioneering Colorado River dory man who eschewed motorized rafts to run the rapids in the tradition of 19th-century explorers, Litton fought to keep the Grand Canyon free of dams.

He tried, unsuccessfully, to stop the construction of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant in central California.

He also lobbied for creation of Redwood National Park to protect what was left of the state's great coastal redwood forests.

"They're always lots of things to be concerned about," he said. "But now, this is it."

### Constant passion

Litton still pilots a small plane around California from his Bay Area home in the Portola Valley. He still rows his own dory through the Grand Canyon.

"The passion is always there," said his son John, the oldest of four children. "He wants to see that beauty that he always saw as a kid. Every time he goes back to it, that just rejuvenates him — to go out and stand in the shadow of the sequoias, the ponderosa pines."

The son of an Inglenook veterinarian, Litton worked a circulation agent at the Los Angeles Times and as travel editor at Sunset magazine before founding the river guide service Grand Canyon Dories in 1964.



Martin Litton flies his plane over the Giant Sequoia National Monument. The conservationist is upset about logging among the monument's sequoia groves.

He has been drawn to the granite peaks of the southern Sierra since he was a teenager, when he and a friend climbed Mount Whitney.

A state proposal to push Highway 190 through the mountains from Lone Pine to Camp Nelson in the 1930s launched Litton on one of his first conservation crusades. He and his hiking buddies formed an opposition group, collecting a dollar in dues from each member. Years after the route was blocked, he was still getting money in the mail.

"I was always running away from growth," he said.

Litton can remember when he saw his first sequoia. It was probably when he was a youngster, on a family stop at the Mariposa Grove in Yosemite National Park.

Coast redwoods are taller than giant sequoias. Bristlecone pines are older than sequoias, which nonetheless can reach an age of 3,000 years. But nowhere are there grander trees. Sequoias can measure 100 feet around at their base and tower 20 stories or more above the western slopes of the Sierra, the only place in the world they grow.

Winged in thick layers of paper-soft bark, they are so out-sized they can look like cartoon trees, muscle-bound and broccoli-topped. Giant sequoias strike awe with their almost incomprehensible bulk.

On a drive through the monument, he rattled off sequoia trivia — "their roots can spread out over an acre" — and admired the late-afternoon light on a lone tree: "Isn't that neat?"

Inevitably, he returned to the sins of the Forest Service.

Last summer, the Forest Service widened and graded an old hiking and bridle path that runs through the never-logged Freeman Creek Grove, the most pristine of the monument's sequoia stands. The agency said it was bringing a hard-to-follow trail back to life.

"This is a crime. This is wider than a car," he fumed, as he held out his arms to measure the raw expanse of the newly reconstructed Freeman Creek Trail. "It was a mossy little trail before."

Now the path is big, smooth and wide, cutting into hillsides above the fern-shaded stream that gives the grove its name. It looks like a little highway for all-terrain vehicles — even though they're illegal on monument trails.

### Long battle

For two decades, Litton has been fighting sequoia forest managers.

In 1987, he and another agitator, the late David Brower, got a call from Chastene Little, a Kernville artist. She came around a logging project that appealed her.

"It was total devastation," she recalled. "There were, out of 20 logged acres, maybe two giant sequoias left standing." The Forest Service had embarked on "grove enhancement." The agency wasn't cutting down big sequoias — but in fives to 25-acre patches, they were logging just about everything else.

"Martin was the one who got the word out," said Carla Cloer, a Porterville schoolteacher who

had joined forces with Little. "He's very flamboyant and had lots of friends from the Colorado."

Environmental lawsuits, a legal settlement and, finally, Clinton's monument proclamation followed.

But that declaration, bitterly fought by local timber and off-road-vehicle interests, didn't satisfy Litton. It was, he complained, "vague and mealy-mouthed," filled with loopholes. Though it banned commercial logging, it allowed pre-existing timber sales to proceed. And it permitted tree cutting for "ecological restoration and maintenance" — a contradiction in terms, as Litton sees it.

Worst of all, by leaving the Forest Service in charge of the monument, Clinton had left the fox guarding the henhouse. "They wanted to please everybody, so he didn't take it away from the Forest Service," Litton grumbled.

Forest Service personnel call Litton bombastic and ego-driven.

"I just think he wants to make sure that maybe the Sequoia National Forest would turn into Litton National Park," said an old adversary, Del Pengilly, who recently retired. Pengilly was a district ranger for nearly 30 years and oversaw much of the logging that Litton abhors.

"He wanted us to do nothing," Pengilly said. "He's just very very difficult. Very very rigid in his beliefs."

### Greatest grove

Flying over the mountains in his silver Cessna 185, Litton looked down at Converse Basin, the site of an orgy of wasteful logging in the late 1960s.

Millennium-old sequoias were toppled, splintering into useless pieces as they crashed to the ground.

"This was the greatest of all groves," Litton said. "The biggest trees in the world were



Sequoias can tower 20 stories above the western slopes of the Sierra, the only place in the world they grow.

cut down." The Cessna skirted Mineral King Valley, where the Walt Disney Co. wanted to build a major ski resort in the 1960s. When surveyor stakes for a road cropped up, opponents waged guerrilla warfare.

"We'd go up every weekend with college students and pull them out."

The Cessna circled a cluster of sequoias, their bark glowing like burnished red sandstone in the soft autumn light.

"A lot of these trees have never been measured. I expect a lot of 'em are real champions." He banked the plane for a

better view of old clear-cuts in the national forest — wounds he will never forgive. "They really butchered these mountains."

The logging that fired up Litton two decades ago is still very much in evidence. In one grove, the monster trunk of a sequoia lay prone. It was blown over by winds, Litton said, after timber cutting removed its buffer.

After all these years, isn't he tired of the sequoia battle?

"But what else can you do? Somebody has to do something."

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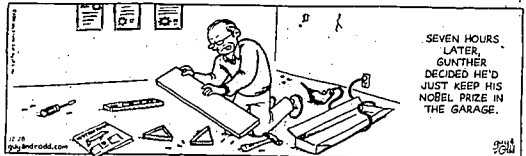
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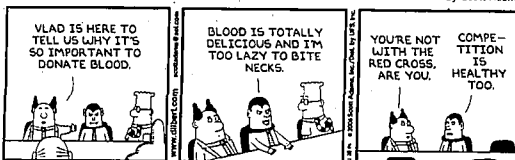
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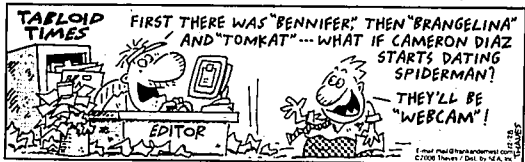
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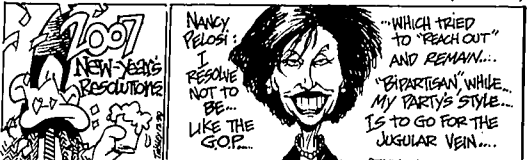
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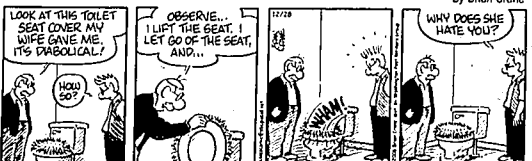
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## Don't let distractions bother you, Aries

**IF DEC. 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** During the next month you are ready to make dynamic new starts, but the dream you hold most dear might prove illusive. The last half of February might be the best time to receive the answer to a prayer or the chance to prove why you can really accomplish. That is the optimum time to ask for assistance or advice. Make important business decisions in late June or early July when you will have both the ways and means to put plans into action. New friends and old problems may vie equally for your attention in October and November.

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Maintain your end of conversations by knowing the precise measurements of the Sphinx or the exact amount of cash available in the bank account.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Cope with inhibitions. You may be your own worst critic. Step away from negative self-conditioning by adopting a positive mantra. Being responsible and disciplined are good qualities.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Play head games. Settle down with a crossword puzzle; challenge your intellect with intense calculations or a scientific experiment. Don't spend cash on something of doubtful value.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You can't beat a mousetrap without cheese. Your instincts might be off base about what pleases others or what will attract the best results. Hold off on buying clothing or getting haircuts.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Row, row, row your boat. Keep your financial ship afloat between the channel markers. This isn't a good time to experiment with new investments or to rely on the assurances of a stranger.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Liquid assets can flow downhill. Keep a look on your piggy bank as the things that attract your notice now might not be worth pursuing. Pass up an inviting passing fancy.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Look for the facts, not the fancies. Others will think you are a lightweight contender unless you stick to absolutely essential subjects. Receive respect for perfect execution.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Be somewhat skeptical. Look for the truth in black and white. A friend or acquaintance might inadvertently mislead you about the facts. Love and romance might take a short detour.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Don't beat your head against the wall. Serious and deep subjects might be on the mind of a special someone. Romantic entreaties or encumbrances may possibly receive a cold reception.

**Beetle Bailey**

By Mort Walker



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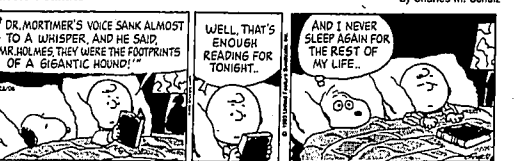
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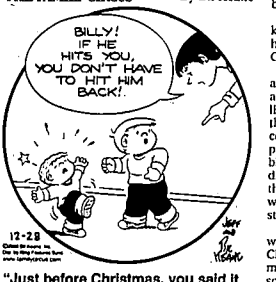
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**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

By Bill Keane



# Unusual names can trip up kids at school and in life



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

**Demafcut!**  
If you can't spell it, please pick another name!  
— JENNIFER IN TEXAS

**DEAR READERS:** Yesterday I printed some of the letters I received from readers who felt I was wrong to advise a stepmother to caution her stepdaughter about giving her baby a name that will be pronounced differently than it is spelled. Today, I'll share the thoughts of those who felt my advice was on target. Read on:

way to make the spelling impossible!  
**Suggestion:** Give a basic middle name the child can fall back on if needed. Please remember that in the flash of an eye, that baby will be in school where other children will be cruel.

**DEAR ABBY:** Thank you for pointing out the social implications of odd name spellings. I encountered a little boy who, I am sure, has felt the impact of this every day of his life. His name is Jude. His mother pronounced it something like Loh-z-day. When she told me, I looked at that beautiful little boy, shook my head and said, "I'm sorry."  
— CHARLES IN HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

**DEAR ABBY:** Thank you, thank you for your response concerning the odd spelling of a baby's name. I have worked in the public school system and in customer service, and I speak for many when I say that nothing is more annoying than trying to figure out how to pronounce or spell an invented name. It's also frustrating for the owners of the names, who must spend their lives explaining to people how to spell and pronounce the names their parents stuck them with.

**DEAR R.N.:** You're right. A woman once wrote me that her daughter intended to name her baby girl Diana Rhea, which I empathetically disapproved.

**DEAR ABBY:** I can tell you, first-hand that an unusual name can be a handicap socially and in business. My mother shortened a family name and added an ending that comes from a language not in my bloodstream. It was humiliating when I was growing up.

Some parents (usually young ones) seem to think a weird name is "cute." Nothing is further from the truth. Thank you for having the courage to speak out for babies who have no choice in the matter.

**DEAR ABBY:** That letter reminded me of a story my mother, a retired school teacher, told me about one of her students. His name was spelled on all school documents as "Demacus," so that's how all the school officials and all the boy's friends pronounced it.

People do not remember names because they are "unique." No one ever forgets the name "Mary."

— LINDA IN PHOENIX

One day, the boy's mother came to pick him up from school, heard the teacher call the boy "Demacus," and became indignant that she was "mispronouncing his name — it's Demafcut!" The teacher pointed out that his name was spelled without the "f" on all his paperwork, and the mother grew even more irate, stating, "Well, I don't know how to spell it, but it's

I have missed many business contacts because people felt awkward because they couldn't remember my name, and it has caused trouble because documents and contracts often had to be redone due to a misspelling.

## Inventors gave up on the movies



**RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS**  
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

**This day in history:** Let's go to the movies! On Dec. 28, 1895, French inventors Auguste and Louis Lumière sold admission to a show of projected movies for the first time in history. Their ten 45-second films wowed the Parisian audience. Despite the fact that they showed such mundane occurrences as workers leaving a factory, a baby eating, blacksmiths at work, and sunbathers frolicking on a beach, their success, the brothers gave up on movies saying "the cinema is an invention without any future."

**embarrassment:** A group of toads is called a "knot." A group of frogs is called a "chorus."

If selected, an applicant's sponsor must pony up \$15,000. Without the money, you don't get a star regardless of your artistic achievements. Elephant's trunks can hold 1.5 gallons of water.

Wedding cake was originally provided as something to throw at the new bride and groom. Unfrosted, luckily. Cotton and linen are the fibers that give dollar bills their unique feel. Keep this straight to avoid

Only one-third of American parents have not been lawyers. Say you've got something that's shaped like a funnel. A precise word for this shape would be "infundibular." To get a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, a sponsor has to apply to a Hollywood committee that annually selects about 20 winners, including one dead one to be honored posthumously.

Big court award? Not start spending the money yet. If average legal costs will eat up 54 percent of it.

The Hershey's Kiss got its name because the machine that extruded the odd-shaped chocolates made loud "kissing" sounds. Researchers at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore found that "a positive attitude" reduced the risk of heart problems by 50 percent compared to more pessimistic people of similar habits, age, and gender.

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## Lights brighten marriage proposal



The sign Brian Steinsseifer used as a prop during his Christmas Eve proposal to his girlfriend, Melissa Gemig, is seen Monday in Kenosha, Wis.

**KENOSHA, Wis.** — Melissa Gemig said she always knew her boyfriend's marriage proposal would be unique.

### Odds and ends

But she never expected Brian Steinsseifer to design a large, lighted Christmas display that read "MELISSA WILL YOU MARRY ME."  
The pair took a stroll Sunday night on so-called Christmas Lane, a stretch of streets known for its colorful holiday displays.  
Gemig, 21, asked her mother just before the couple set out for the walk what the chances would be that she'd be engaged by next Christmas. Steinsseifer came over the night before to ask permission.  
"I thought, 'Little did you know you'd be engaged in an hour,'" said her mother, Kathy Gemig.  
Steinsseifer, 23, a designer for a Milwaukee advertising agency, said he got the idea a little more than week ago, though he wasn't sure he could pull it off. He took a large piece of poster board and black construction paper and drilled dozens of holes through it, then arranged white Christmas lights to construct the proposal.  
The last piece of the puzzle was securing a spot on Christmas Lane. Steinsseifer's mother asked her old high school friend, Sara Gemig, if her son could use their front yard for the proposal.

She obliged.  
Gemig also said yes.

### Snow doesn't obligate for 'snow angel' record attempt

**BISMARCK, N.D.** — The organizer of an attempt to reclaim this city's "snow angel" record says the people were ready but the white stuff wasn't.  
"One thing snow angels need is snow," said Marilyn Snyder, curator of education for the State Historical Society of North Dakota.  
The event was scheduled for Tuesday on the North Dakota Capitol grounds as part of a large festival, called "Showcase

North Dakota." There was no snow at the Capitol mall on Monday, prompting Snyder to scrub the event.

"I didn't have any problems with people," Snyder said. "I was figuring between 4,000 and 5,000 people would show up."

"It is not canceled," Snyder said. "It's postponed." Bismarck created the Guinness Book of World Records category when 1,791 people waived their arms and legs in the snow at the state Capitol more than four years ago.

Students at Michigan Technological University in Houghton broke the record last February, with 3,784 snow angels.

— The Associated Press

WORLD

# Earthquake off Taiwan's coast disrupts communications across Asia

By Stephen Graewels  
Associated Press writer

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Telephone lines and Internet service went dead across much of Asia on Wednesday after two powerful earthquakes damaged undersea cables used by several countries to route calls and online traffic.

Repairing the cables could take weeks because crews have to pull them up and transfer them to a ship for repair, said Lin Jen-hung, vice general manager of Chunghua Telecom Co., Taiwan's largest phone company.

The quakes jolted Taiwan late Tuesday, setting off a tsunami alert on the second anniversary of the Dec. 26, 2004, waves and quake that killed 230,000 in nine countries from the Indonesian islands to east Africa.

No large waves materialized

this time but two people were killed when their home collapsed.

Two cables were damaged, both off Taiwan's coast, Chunghua said.

The company reported a 50 percent loss of overall telephone capacity, with connections to China, Japan and Southeast Asia most affected.

Chunghua also said almost all of Taiwan's communications capacity with Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Hong Kong was disrupted. Also hard hit was telephone service to the U.S., where 60 percent of capacity was lost, the company said.

Internet access in Beijing was cut or extremely slow, while Japanese customers were having trouble calling India and the Middle East. In South Korea, dozens of companies and institutions were affected, including the country's Foreign Ministry.

Hong Kong telephone com-

pany PCWC Ltd., which also provides Internet service, said the quake cut its data capacity in half. Many Internet users were unable to access Web sites in parts of America, Taiwan and South Korea. Calls to Taiwan weren't connecting.

Internet access was cut or extremely slow in Beijing, said an official from China Netcom, China's No. 2 phone company. The official, who would not give his name, said the cause was thought to be the earthquake, but he had no further details.

CCIV, the state-run television network, said China Telecom Corp., China's biggest phone company, was contacting counterparts in the U.S. and Europe about using satellites to make up for the shortfall.

KDDI Corp., Japan's major carrier for international calls, said its fixed-line telephone service was affected by the quake. Company spokesman

Haruhiko Maeda said customers were having trouble calling India and the Middle East, which are usually use the cables near Taiwan.

Maeda said the company was rerouting calls to go through the U.S. and Europe and the company did not know how long it will take to repair the cables.

Japan's Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications said that international routing service provided by Japan's major three telecommunications — NTT DoCoMo, KDDI, and SoftBank, was affected.

South Korea's largest telecom company, KT, said that lines it uses were damaged, affecting dozens of companies and institutions, including South Korea's Foreign Ministry.

However, the quake didn't cause problems for ordinary people using Internet and telephone service, according to Ku Ja-hong, a KT spokesman.

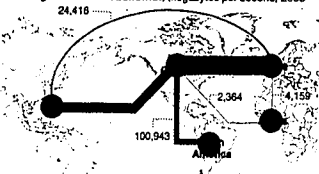
## Busy cable systems in Asia, Pacific

Data capacity that flows between undersea cable systems in Asia and the Pacific is surpassed only by systems in the Atlantic, which connect Europe to the U.S. and Canada.

Underseas cable capacity, gigabytes per second, 2006

| Trans-Atlantic | Trans-Pacific | Intra-Asia | U.S.-Latin America | Europe-Africa-Asia |
|----------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2,982.7        | 1,456.5       | 802.0      | 749.2              | 87.5               |

Inter-regional Internet bandwidth, megabytes per second, 2005



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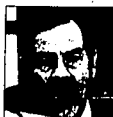
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## Market Watch

Dec. 27, 2006

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|-----------------------|---------|
| Dow Jones Industrials | +102.94 |
| Nasdaq composite      | +17.71  |
| Standard & Poor's 500 | +4.94   |
| Russell 2000          | +8.86   |

## Stocks of local interest

|               |       |   |     |
|---------------|-------|---|-----|
| Con Aggr.     | 27.40 | ▼ | .21 |
| Dell Inc.     | 25.46 | ▼ | .03 |
| Idacorp.      | 39.51 | ▲ | .33 |
| Lithia Motors | 28.10 | ▲ | .21 |
| Micron        | 14.09 | ▲ | .12 |
| Supervalu     | 36.39 | ▲ | .38 |

## Commodities

|             |       |   |      |
|-------------|-------|---|------|
| Feb. Oil    | 60.34 | ▼ | .76  |
| Live cattle | 88.87 | ▲ | 1.65 |
| Dec. gold   | 672.2 | ▲ | 3.5  |

For more, see page D2

## Year-end rally sends Dow past 12,500

Toyota, Ford shares rise after talk of alliance

By Joe Bel Bruno  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Wall Street surged Wednesday, hurtling the Dow Jones Industrials past 12,500 for the first time as yearend bargain hunters picked up stocks across a variety of sectors.

The auto industry was in focus after a meeting between executives at Toyota Motor Corp. and Ford Motor Co. sparked hope about a potential alliance between the two rivals. Shares of both companies moved sharply higher.

Further takeover activity lent support to the overall market after McClatchy Co. announced late Tuesday it agreed to sell the Star Tribune newspaper in Minneapolis to a private equity fund. Also, graphics communication company Cenveo Inc. agreed to buy rival Cadmus Communications Corp.

But investors looking to buff up their portfolios by year's end were behind most of the gains.

"What you're seeing is window dressing, people want to finish up the year looking like they own the best names," said Philip S. Dow, managing director of equity strategy at RBC Daini Hauscher. "And for those that missed the market, they're trying to put their cash to work and play catch-up. You've got momentum on your side this year."

The session was again marked by thin volume typical of the week between Christmas and New Year's. The New York Stock Exchange began the session with two minutes of silence as a tribute to President Gerald Ford, while the Nasdaq Stock Market had a similar observance later in the morning. According to preliminary calculations, the Dow rose 102.94, or 0.83 percent, to 12,510.77. The index hit a record trading level of 12,519.22 earlier in the session.

Broader stock indicators also advanced. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 4.94, or 0.70 percent, at 1,426.84, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 17.71, or 0.73 percent, to 2,431.22.

# Give and you shall receive

It's not too late to make the most of last-minute tax savings

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

BUILH — Most of us haven't cleaned up Christmas, let alone gotten our financial house ready for the upcoming tax season.

That's right, in a mere couple of days, the calendar will read 2007.

Even though there are just a few days left to do it, you can still make some smart moves that will lower your bill to Uncle Sam.

Dan Deagle, a certified public accountant with Deagle, Ames and Co. of Buhl, says right now the name of the game is to accelerate deductions and defer income.

"It may be a little late for not sending out invoices, but if you can do it, wait until next year to get paid for work done this year," he said. "And it may be a good idea to bunch deductions to make the most of itemizing."

Itemized deductions include costs like mortgage

## Helpful reminders

To help taxpayers plan their year-end donations, the IRS offers the following reminders:

- **Contributions are deductible in the year made.** Thus, donations charged to a credit card before the end of the year count for 2006. This is true even if the credit card bill isn't paid until next year.
- **Checks count for 2006 as long as they are mailed this year.**
- **Make sure the organization is qualified** — look in IRS Publication 78, available online and at many public libraries, as well as online at IRS.gov, under "Search for Charities."
- **For all donations of property, including clothing and household items, get a receipt from the charity that includes a description of the donated property.**

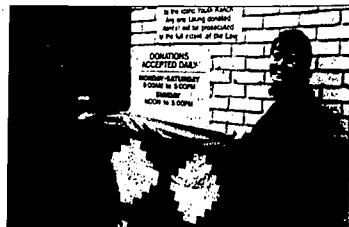
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supplies, paying next year's charitable contributions and getting rid of loser stocks.

"You want to beat the clock with stocks," Deagle said. "Even though the 31st is Sunday, the last day to dump loser stocks would be Friday (Dec. 29). Getting rid of stocks you've lost money on would offset some gains elsewhere and the new year is always a good time to refocus your investments."

Of course, there are limitations to deductions based on income and other factors so check with a professional or visit the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for more information.

Special to Idaho's tax return is a tax credit available to all filers for charitable donations made to special youth organizations, such as the Idaho



From left, Lenora Turner, an Idaho Youth Ranch employee, and Store Manager Janet Leavelle check out a newly donated quilt. The store is one of many charities that qualify for a special Idaho State Tax credit. You have until Sunday to make such contributions that could take a chunk out of your tax bill.

Youth Ranch, Kinderhaven, Idaho Drug Free Youth, Gem Youth Service or the Hope House. For more information on applicable charities, go to [www.tax.idaho.gov](http://www.tax.idaho.gov).

"This is the busiest week in our year for charitable giving," said Jeff Beauguard, vice president of retail operations at the Idaho Youth Ranch. "For the tax-conscious and our organization, the credit allowance is a big deal for us — a win-win situation for everyone."

Based on the fair market value of the contribution, the credit is calculated by taking up to 50 percent of the first \$200 for single filers and up to the first \$400 for married filers. The credit is not to exceed 20 percent of the tax liability,

so if you don't owe any Idaho tax, you won't get the credit. Besides household items, clothing and such, we also take cash donations for our programs that take care of families and children around the state," Beauguard said.

When it comes to federal tax returns, there are some new laws to consider. Clothing and household items donated after Aug. 17, 2006, must be in good condition. If an item is more than \$500, the taxpayer can claim a deduction regardless of its condition, but must have a qualified appraisal of the item.

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# Salvaged season



Nancy Fletcher, center, of St. Louis, returns an unwanted Christmas gift at the Target store in Kirkswood, Mo., as employee Nadine Biers, right, helps her through the process Tuesday. The item Fletcher was returning was a toy for her 2-year-old son, Alex, which was recommended for a child of 8 and older.

## Stores count on post-Christmas shopping to make up lost profits from lackluster holiday

By Anne D'Annunzio  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Retailers regrouped Tuesday, hoping that after-Christmas shopping would help them make up for a holiday season that fell short of expectations, while their customers were back in the stores looking for deeper and deeper discounts.

With mounds of unsold winter clothes to move out, retailers were further slashing already heavily marked-down goods — a typical response to a less-than-satisfactory season.

At a Bath & Body Works store in Buckland Hills mall in Manchester, Conn., Maria Ness was loading up on hand lotions and other items for herself.

"I've been waiting for the sale," Ness said. "The shoppers were armed with the gift cards they just received. Josh Hefer was pushing a cart

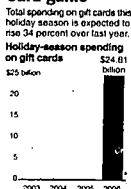
loaded with a wreath, decorative lights, tree ornaments and wrapping paper through a Target store in Apex, N.C.

"We need pretty much everything," Hefer said. "We got gift cards and we're using those for these supplies."

Despite crowded stores Tuesday, the holiday season looked to be a disappointment for many retailers. After a stronger-than-expected showing on Black Friday, merchants struggled through most of December, and the shopping surge in the final days before Dec. 25 wasn't big enough to make up for lost sales earlier in the season.

But retailers, who expect to bring in a sizeable part of their holiday sales after Christmas, were hoping that bargain-hunters would save the season for them, as they have in past years, and that consumers redeeming gift cards would also give them a sales pop. What

## Card game



remained to be seen was how heavy a toll deep even deeper discounting — particularly on slow-moving winter clothes — would take on merchants' fourth-quarter profits, especially if consumers continued to shy away from those goods.

Several analysts were already ratcheting down their forecasts Tuesday, resigned to the fact that the season won't be as good as they had

hoped. Bill Martin, co-founder of ShopperTrak ICT Corp., a Chicago-based research company, which tracks total sales for more than 45,000 retailers, said he now expects holiday sales growth could be as low as 4.5 percent; he had originally forecast a 5 percent gain.

Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at International Council of Shopping Centers, pared his same-store sales growth forecast for the November-December period to 2.5 percent from his original 3.0 percent. Same-store sales, or sales at stores opened at least a year, are the industry standard for retailers' health.

"Visa USA shaved its holiday growth forecast to 6.5 percent, from 7.5 percent. Sales continued to be soft across most merchants' segments," said Wayne Best, senior vice president of business and economic analysis for Visa USA. The forecast excludes auto sales.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Help with Medicare drug costs

TWIN FALLS — Medicare's open enrollment period for prescription drug coverage in 2007 continues through Sunday.

During this period, all eligible beneficiaries may choose to enroll for the first time, choose a new plan or stay in the plan they already have, according to the Social Security Administration. If you or someone you know is on Medicare and has limited income and resources, it is important to remember that extra help is still available with premiums, copayments and deductibles.

You may qualify for this extra help if your income is below \$14,700 a year as a single person or below \$19,800 a year if you're married and living with your spouse. You can complete an online application at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and a representative will assist you in filing an application over the phone. For more information about the prescription drug program itself, go to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or call 1-800-633-4227 (TTY 1-877-486-2048).

### Income tax for immigrants and tax preparers

TWIN FALLS — The Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho, in cooperation with the Fossad Tax Clinic, is offering two income tax workshops to help immigrants and their tax preparers understand some often misunderstood topics. The classes are designed for tax preparers and accountants as well as immigrants and migrants tax filers.

The workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Dec. 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 8 in Rooms A5 and A6 of the CSI Evergreen Building. The cost for paid tax preparers is \$25 per session. Sessions are free to individual taxpayers.

To register for the workshops or for more information, please contact Sherry Hus, at 316-6455 or [srus@csi.edu](mailto:srus@csi.edu).

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# Somali government forces advance on capital

By **Salad Dehal**  
Associated Press writer

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Clan leaders considered abandoning Islamic militias who control the Somali capital and throwing their support to government forces, which advanced to within striking distance of this beleaguered city Wednesday.

Islamic courts fighters in Mogadishu, meanwhile, were seen changing out of their uniforms into civilian clothes. Women selling oat — the popular leafy stimulant banned by the militias — crowded the streets.

The Council of Islamic Courts seized the capital in June and went on to take much of southern Somalia, often without fighting. They were later joined by foreign militants, including Pakistanis and Arabs.

The Islamic movement seemed invincible after capturing the capital, but they are no match for Ethiopia, which has the strongest military in the Horn of Africa. Ethiopian forces crossed the border Sunday to reinforce the internationally recognized Somali government, which was bottled up in the town of Baidoa, 140 miles northwest of Mogadishu.

On Wednesday, Ethiopian and Somali government troops drove Islamic fighters out of Jowhar, the last major town on the northern road to Mogadishu. As troops entered Jowhar, an independent radio station began blasting Western music, which the militias had banned.

In Baidoa, government officials introduced journalists to

a dozen soldiers who said they were forced to fight on behalf of the militias. "I was in school before the war, but the Islamic courts forced me into their army," said Mohamed Hussein Mohamed, 15.

The U.N. refugee agency said Wednesday it was "particularly concerned about reports of killings, including children, being forcibly recruited to join the fighting."

In the past, refugees from Somalia had complained of forced enlistment by the Islamic Courts Union, UNHCR spokesman Ron Redmond said in Geneva.

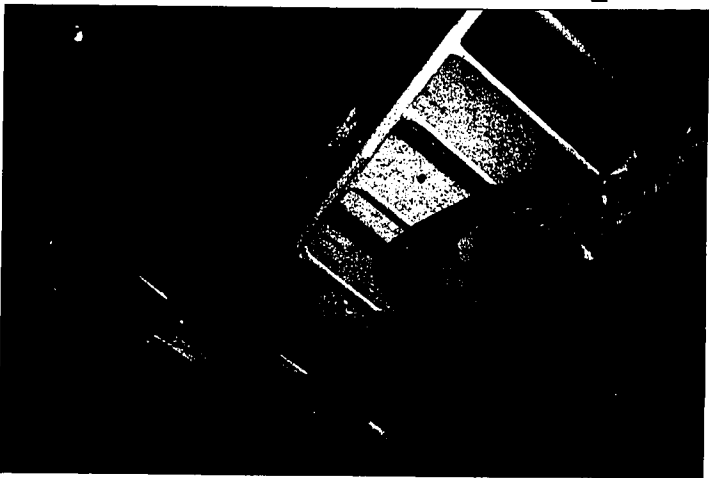
Mogadishu residents close to Abgal clan leaders said those leaders were considering whether to drop their support for the Islamic movement and side with the government, in an effort to avoid a struggle for the capital that could cause extensive casualties.

The residents discussed the issue on condition of anonymity for fear of retribution from Islamic militias, who want to rule Somalia by the Quran.

Government spokesman Abdirahman Dinari confirmed that talks for the peaceful surrender of Mogadishu were under way.

"Elders, scholars and civil society members have contacted us and they told us that they don't need bombardment or attack," Dinari said. "We will not attack Mogadishu. ... Islamic courts militias are already on the run and we hope that Mogadishu will fall to our hands without firing a shot."

Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi has said he aims to severely damage the courts'



An injured Islamic Courts soldier rests on his bed in a hospital in Baidoa, Wednesday. Clan leaders in the Somali capital were considering throwing their support to government forces who advanced against an Islamic movement to within striking distance of this beleaguered city Wednesday.

military capabilities and allow both sides to return to peace talks on as equals.

But one Islamic courts official said his forces were preparing for a new phase in their battle.

"Our snakes of defense were let loose, now they are ready to bite the enemy everywhere in Somalia," said Sheik Muhammad Ibrahim Suley. He did not elaborate, but some Islamic leaders have threat-

ened guerrilla warfare including suicide bombings in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital.

Kenneth Menkhous, professor of political science at Davidson College in North Carolina, said the war will likely be "prolonged, inconclusive, low-intensity and asymmetrical."

"This is a war that will not end any time soon," he said. "Neither side has the capacity to defeat the other."

Somalia's complex clan system has been the basis of politics and identity here for centuries. But fighting between clans has prevented Somalia from having an effective government since 1991. That's when clan-based warlords overthrew a dictator and turned on one another.

Competition for control of Mogadishu since 1991 has involved the Abgal and Habr Gadir clans, who joined to sup-

port the Islamic council earlier this year.

If Abgal elders switch sides, probably in return for key government posts, urban warfare between the Abgal and Habr Gadir clans seems certain to resume.

The Islamic courts tried to supplant the influence of the clans by appealing to Somalis as Muslims. Many Somalis were grateful for the order the courts' militias imposed.



Children of Afghan writer Abdul Rahim Muslim Dost who wrote the book 'The Broken Shackles of Guantanamo,' look at a photograph of their father, Wednesday in Peshawar, Pakistan.

## Former Guantanamo Bay detainee held again, perhaps over prison memoir

By **Selcuk Jan**  
Associated Press writer

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — In his chronicle of life as an inmate at Guantanamo Bay, Afghan writer Abdul Rahim Muslim Dost describes his three years of humiliating detention for alleged ties to al-Qaida.

Now, he has lost his liberty again — this time believed jailed by the Pakistani intelligence service for the book's fierce criticism of the agency's role in the U.S.-led war on terrorist groups.

Just weeks after the Sept. 3 release of "The Broken Shackles of Guantanamo," co-written with his brother and fellow Guantanamo detainee Badruz Zaman Badar, Dost was taken away as he left a mosque after prayers in the northwest Pakistani city of Peshawar, where the family has lived for nearly 30 years.

Badar, 36, hasn't seen Dost since and thinks he was detained by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence. In the book, the brothers condemn the agency as a "black institution" and accuse it of selling them into American custody.

There is no official word on Dost's whereabouts, although the rights group Amnesty International also thinks he is held by the government. Pakistan's military and ISI officials did not respond to requests for comment.

The brothers are both journalists and run a gemstone business. Dost has written more than 30 books, including poetry, and has edited magazines sympathetic to militant Islam,

dating back to support for the Muslim guerrillas who fought Soviet troops occupying Afghanistan in the 1980s.

The brothers were both arrested in Peshawar in November 2001 and transferred to the U.S. military in Afghanistan before being taken to Guantanamo.

According to the book and details from "enemy combatant" review hearings at Guantanamo, the brothers were suspected of having links with Islamic extremists. Dost was accused of running a liaison office for al-Qaida in Herat, Afghanistan. He denied that, and the brothers were eventually freed a few months apart in 2005.

During detention, they were repeatedly questioned about Osama bin Laden and Taliban chief Mullah Omar.

"We are not fighters. We are men of letters," Badar told The Associated Press in an interview. "We have criticized the American government for their overseas policies but we do not hate the American public, for they are innocent like us."

The 450-page book alleges guards at Guantanamo committed sexual improprieties, physical abuse and mistreatment of the Quran — reiterating charges made by other freed detainees and denied by the U.S. military.

But with a poetic flourish, the book also offers a look at daily life inside the prison at the U.S. Navy base, where hundreds of suspected Taliban and al-Qaida members have been held since the Sept. 11 terror attacks on America.

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WORLD

# Body of missing U.S. climber believed found

BEIJING (AP) — Searchers found a body that is thought to be one of two American climbers lost for more than a month on a remote mountain in southwestern China, while the second was still missing and presumed also to be dead, a search coordinator said Wednesday.

The team had not identified the body, which was partly buried by snow, said Arlene Burns, a friend of the missing climbers, Christine Boskoff and Charlie Fowler of Norwood, Colo.

"The rescuers were told to take pictures without disturbing anything. They will go back up in the morning with shovels," Burns said from Telluride, Colo., where she was helping coordinate the search.

Boskoff, a top female climber, and Fowler, a well-known climbing guide and photographer, were reported missing after they failed to return to the United States on Dec. 4. The search was hampered initially because the two did not leave details of where they planned to climb.

"We are tremendously sad they are not coming home, but they were doing what they loved," Burns said. "For these guys, they were there by choice, climbing beautiful, pristine peaks with someone they respected at the top of their skills."

Burns said it was too early to say what happened. "Whether they fell off the face or were swept off the face, we don't know," she said.

She said the body was found at the 17,350-foot level on Genie Mountain, also known as Genyen Peak, not far from the Sichuan border with Tibet. The mountain is 20,351 feet tall.

Boskoff's family was waiting to hear which body was found, said Paul Feld, her brother.

"I guess it's good in a way that it does bring closure if it is indeed them," he said from his parents' home in Appleton, Wis.

Feld said his sister never talked about dying, but the family knew she was doing something she loved however risky. "She didn't need to say it," he said. "We knew that."

Search efforts were complicated because the climbers did not leave detailed plans and searchers initially did not know which province in southwestern China to check.

But a clue to their whereabouts emerged several days ago when searchers found a driver who dropped the pair off near the mountain Nov. 11. They told him they would climb the mountain and then meet him Nov. 24 to pick up their luggage, but didn't show up, the driver reported.

## Changed situation

### Once-friendly environment now hostile in Ramadi

By Andrea Bruce  
The Washington Post

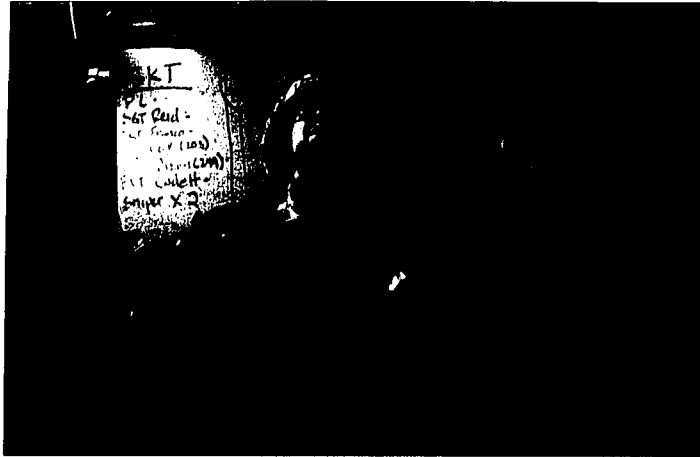
RAMADI, Iraq — The soldiers of Combat Outpost Iron set out to help one Ramadi neighborhood get back to normal. The troops tried to learn local tribal politics. Passed out Beanie Babies. Drank tea. Attempted Arabic.

Lt. Brian Braithwaite said he truly felt they were making a difference.

Then in early November, Braithwaite's Bradley Fighting Vehicle hit a roadside bomb filled with gasoline, setting his gunner on fire. In the muffled intensity of pulling his friend to safety, Braithwaite said he heard sounds coming from the homes of the people they were trying to help. Laughing. Chewing. Celebrating his friend's near-death.

Braithwaite's unit, the 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, has been in the capital of western Iraq's Anbar province since June. Most of the guys here can remember the moment when their frustration killed their empathy. When they no longer felt guilty about knocking down doors. No longer cared to hand out candy.

"Hearts and minds," the soldiers shrug. They joke like this often. The few Iraqis still living in Ramadi have had their homes riddled and streets patrolled for three years now.



Pfc. Chris Eckert, 18, of the 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, holding his rifle in front of him as punishment for falling asleep while on guard duty at Camp Corregidor in Ramadi, Iraq.

Every time a window is broken, a bedroom is trashed or husbands are questioned, the glares become harsher. Compliance with U.S. troops turns to hatred.

"They are only trying to get the people who lay roadside bombs and find the material used to produce them. No other goal is ever mentioned. Roadside bombs have

become too powerful for the troops to feel safe in Bradleys or tanks. Patrols are almost all on foot. This day, they walk through the garbage dump, once a farmer's field. A plank takes them across sewage, and they head toward the first house.

Bracing the weight of their gear, they run with bent knees. They hop the walls that

separate the houses to avoid the streets. Roadside bombs — a soldier lost both legs to one while crossing the intersection here a few days earlier. The longer they carry is worthless. So they tear many of the walls down. Home to home. It takes time. They are slow.

In their first few months in Iraq, mind-numbing boredom

created an itch for action. They went out to dare fire. But now they feel done, as one medic puts it. They left on full combat gear just to step outside to relieve themselves.

Many seem to have lost their taste for TV. It shows them the news of Iraq — which is all about the fighting in Baghdad these days. Not much is mentioned of Ramadi.

## In letter, Saddam urges Iraqis to pursue coexistence

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Saddam Hussein urged Iraqis to embrace "brotherly coexistence" and not to hate U.S.-led foreign troops in a goodbye letter posted on a Web site Wednesday, a day after Iraq's highest court upheld his death sentence and ordered him hanged within 30 days.

A top government official, meanwhile, said Saddam's execution could proceed without the approval of Iraq's president, meaning there were no more legal obstacles to sending the deposed dictator to the gallows.

One of Saddam's attorneys, Issam Ghazzawi, confirmed to The Associated Press in Jordan that the Internet letter was authentic, saying it was written by Saddam on Nov. 5 — the day he was convicted by an Iraqi tribunal for ordering the 1982 killings of 148 Shiite Muslims in Dulajja.

"I call on you not to hate



A U.S. soldier stands guard on a rooftop as an Apache helicopter passes overhead in New Baghdad, where soldiers searched for weapons and suspected insurgents on Wednesday.

because hate does not leave space for a person to be fair and it makes you blind and closes all doors of thinking," said the letter, which was written in Arabic and translated by

the AP.

"I also call on you not to hate the people of the other countries that attacked us," it added, referring to the invasion that toppled his regime nearly four

years ago.

Against the backdrop of sectarian killings that have dragged Sunni Arabs and Shiite Muslims into civil warfare over the past year, Saddam urged his countrymen to "remember that God has enabled you to become an example of love, forgiveness and brotherly coexistence."

But he also voiced support for the Sunni Arab-dominated insurgency, saying, "Long live jihad and the mujahideen." He urged Iraqis to be patient and rely on God's help in fighting "against the unjust nations."

Saddam said he was giving his life for his country as part of that struggle. "Here, I offer my soul to God as a sacrifice, and if he wants, he will send it to heaven with the martyrs," he said.

Despite his calls for reconciliation among Iraqis, Saddam's legacy is brutal. He put suspected foes to death without

trial, oppressed Kurds and Shiites, waged war on Iran and twice fought U.S.-led armies. He left an impoverished nation now gripped by sectarian bloodshed and an insurgency against the U.S. presence.

Violence struck Baghdad again Wednesday, with a car bomb killing eight civilians and wounding 10 near an Iraq army checkpoint. Four more civilians died in a mortar attack in a Shiite neighborhood, and police found the bodies of 51 apparent victims of sectarian killings.

Questions had arisen about whether the appeals court's ruling needed to be approved by the Iraqi presidency, which customarily signs off on death sentences.

Bashir Ibrahim, deputy justice minister, said it wasn't necessary. "According to the legal provisions of the court, there is no need for the approval of the presidency," he said.

## Israel will renew attacks on rocket launchers

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel decided to resume pinpoint attacks against Palestinian rocket-launching cells Wednesday, hours after two Israeli teens were seriously wounded in an attack in a border town, jeopardizing an already shaky, month-old truce.

The boys were wounded in the rocket attack on Sderot, a southern Israeli town near the Gaza border. Shortly after the new policy was announced, a rocket was fired from Gaza but no injuries were reported.

Although Israel said it remains committed to the truce, the decision to strike against rocket launchers clearly raises tensions.

It also could undermine Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's recent efforts to bolster the moderate Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas, who is in a standoff with Hamas. The Islamic militant group controls the Palestinian parliament and Cabinet.

"The defense establishment has been instructed to take pinpoint action against the rocket-launching cells," Olmert's office said after a meeting of senior officials. "At the same time, Israel will continue to abide-by the cease-fire."

Hamas government spokeswoman Ghazi Hamad denounced the Israeli decision to "conflict their aggression."

"But he added, "We still believe that this agreement is alive, and both sides should respect this agreement because it is in the interest (of) our people."

Palestinian militants violated the truce within an hour after it took effect on Nov. 26, and by the military's count, have launched more than 60 rockets at southern Israel since then.

Israel has refrained from responding, but Olmert had warned in recent days that his patience was wearing thin.

Olmert has come under intense pressure from residents of Sderot, political opponents and members of his own Cabinet to take action.

The army said the rocket fired Wednesday landed in Palestinian territory, but Israel Radio said it landed in an open field in Sderot, causing no injuries or damage. Islamic jihad militants claimed responsibility.

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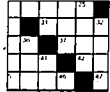
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# ESL

## The challenges of learning a new language

By Jami Whitel  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Doris Sommer knows first hand how hard it is to learn another language. She lived in Africa where she learned Krio and has taken Spanish lessons.

"I understand what it's like to be the outsider, to be the foreigner," said Sommer, the Twin Falls School District English as Second Language coordinator. "To think they're all laughing at you... Unless you use it every day you're not going to be proficient."

With Twin Falls the site of one of two locations with refugee centers in Idaho, it might not be a shock to learn that there are at least 22 languages spoken in Twin Falls.

The least common are Russian and Farsi (out of Iran). The second most common is Turkish. The first is Spanish, and the number of Spanish speakers has grown.

"A lot of the migrant families that had come here before have now settled here," Sommer said.

Aside from teaching at O'Leary Junior High School, Sommer works with other ESL teachers throughout the area to make sure LEP (Limited English Proficiency) students, as they are referred, are getting the skills they need.

The difference between ESL and LEP students is that ESL students are those with limited or no English skills. They meet regularly with teachers in the program until they are proficient, then they become LEP-X students, which means they have exited the program and go into regular classrooms, but are monitored for two years, Sommer explained. LEP-1 students are those in the country for less than one year, so they don't take Idaho Standards Achievement Test for one year.

ESL students already know English as their second language. They are in regular classrooms, but their progress is monitored.

There are 268 LEP students in the Twin Falls district and about 946 ESL students. They work on reading, writing, listening, speaking, comprehension and writing.

High school ESL teacher Sonnie Stroberg says that English is one of the hardest languages because there are so many exceptions to the rules.

"A student can speak English and sound fine, but learning basic communication English and academic English is two different things," she said. "They can communicate with friends and everything, but they have to understand (things like) the electoral college or photosynthesis. Research shows that your brain can only process 10 new words a day. So it's given that it's going to take them longer and



Bickel Elementary ESL teacher Kristina Buschhorn teaches during an ESL class in Twin Falls.

### Why is English so hard to learn?

Complex grammar rules and exceptions to those rules make English a hard language to learn. Here are a few sentences that show how it can be confusing to someone trying to learn the language.

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The soldier decided to desert in his desert in the desert.
4. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
5. A boss was pointed on the head of the boss drum.
6. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
7. I did not object to the object.
8. They were too close to the door to close it.
9. A seamstress and a sewer fell into a sewer line.
10. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.

they're going to have to work harder."

Throughout her 11 years of teaching, Stroberg has found that a lot of the Hispanic students have to work while going to school. That responsibility may cut down on their school work, but at the same time she's found they are extremely motivated to work hard and do well in school.

"ESL students have the same requirements as others," she said. "So we warn them they may not do as well as they would have in their native land because they're under a lot of pressure. Some of the students are so driven but it's very difficult. A lot of these students are willing to take night school and

summer school. (They even) come back a fourth year because they are behind."

Sommer said that every school in Twin Falls has an ESL certified teacher, which she calls a strong benefit to the community.

"I don't feel like in the Twin Falls School District we were leaving children behind," Sommer said when asked about the programs' developments with the No Child Left Behind Act. "Especially for ESL, because they've always had an advocate in every building."

While much of a child's education comes from the classroom, Bickel Elementary ESL teacher Kristina Buschhorn says she asks the parents to read to their children — even if it's in their native language.

"One of the biggest challenges they face is homework and having their parents help them is a huge advantage," she said.

Another challenge is the pressure placed even on young children.

"Most of the time, besides having to communicate with their peers, the kids have to translate for other kids and we have several that translate for their parents at things like doctor appointments," she said. "They have lots of responsibility."

In high school things like peer pressure and self-image are important to the student, no matter what nationality, as they struggle with a second language. Stroberg said that's a big difference between elementary and high school students.

"Little kids are not as self-conscious about making a fool of themselves. They take the risk of looking foolish, where teenagers are more hesitant,"

she said. "If you're an American you're not quite sure what to say and you don't want to make them feel bad and the ESL kids don't want to look foolish."

One thing Buschhorn hopes to see is the ESL/LEP program become more understandable to other teachers so regular classrooms can use them. Having others be part of the learning process "really makes a difference across the board," she said.

Over the years the ESL/LEP program has become more standardized and more fulfilling to the student and the teacher.

"The state has a new test called Idaho English Language Assessment," Sommer said. "That's how we test the kids — it's much more comprehensive than the old test and everybody in the state is using it so no matter where they come from, we know exactly what they have scored and where they need help."

Sommer added that there is an approved curriculum for ESL/LEP teachers but there is quite a variety of ways to teach.

"Everybody doesn't attack it the same way," she said. "But we're working toward the same goal."

To contact Jami Whitel, e-mail her at [jwhitel@cablenet.net](mailto:jwhitel@cablenet.net)

## Don't take the kids

Guillermo del Toro crafts a harrowing but meaningful fairy tale

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Guillermo del Toro was asked to direct "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," but he turned it down because, as a lapsed Catholic, he couldn't see himself bringing Aslan the lion back to life.

Instead, he put his dark, vivid imagination to work on an original story. "Pan's Labyrinth," a bloody and harrowing fairy tale that incorporates elements from C.S. Lewis' beloved Christian allegory and various other classics of children's literature.

Set during the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War, "Pan's Labyrinth" shows why del Toro's sensibility is somewhat bleak and utterly alien to the gentle "Narnia." He subjects his hero, an 11-year-old girl whose mother has married a captain in Gen. Francisco Franco's army, to shocking violence and vexing moral quandaries.

"I'm not proselytizing anything about a lion resurrecting. I'm not trying to sell you into a point. I'm just doing a little parable about disobedience and choice," del Toro said. "This is my version of that universe, not only children's literature."

Del Toro, 42, a native of Guadalajara, is frequently mentioned in the same breath as Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu and Alfonso Cuarón, two other Mexican filmmakers who've enjoyed international success this decade. All three released acclaimed movies in 2006 — "Babel" from Inarritu and "Children of Men" from Cuarón.

The comparisons are inevitable because the three men are friends (Cuarón was a producer of "Pan's Labyrinth"), but del Toro stands out for his artistic vision — by uses color as evocatively as any contemporary filmmaker — and his commitment to exploring mature themes throughout fantasy.

Comics fans know del Toro from "Blade II" — easily the best in the series — or "Hellboy," the preproduction on the sequel. Arthouse habits may have discovered him in 2004 with the release of "The Devil's Backbone" — his first Spanish Civil War movie, a ghost story set in an orphanage. Horror cultists may adore his 1993 feature debut, "Cronos,"



Film director Guillermo del Toro gestures during an interview Dec. 11 in Washington. His new film, "Pan's Labyrinth," opens in limited release on Friday.

bizarre, allegorical vampire tale. In "Pan's Labyrinth," young Ofelia (Ivana Baquero) moves with her ailing, pregnant mother to an encampment in northern Spain where her stepfather, Capt. Vidal (Sergi Lopez) is robbing out what remains of the Republican resistance. She retreats into a magical realm guarded by a capricious, menacing incarnation of the Greek god Pan (Doug Jones), who tells her she might be a long-lost princess.

Del Toro "is not just a filmmaker; he's a film watcher," said Jones, a creature specialist who also appeared in del Toro's "Mimic" and "Hellboy" and plays two roles in "Pan's Labyrinth."

"It's a fantasy first, and he only makes movies that he really wants to watch, and he's got excellent taste," Jones said.

Dressed in a black from head to toe, with wire-rimmed glasses and a bushy but-kept beard, del Toro is droll, articulate and profane. Consider his comparison of "Pan's Labyrinth," a defiantly lit-rat fairy tale, with more innocuous children's fare.

"I do think there is far more an immoral position in creating a movie like 'Tree House' where I'm telling a kid, you know, 'If you swim next to a killer whale, she'll become your friend.' No! She will eat you... guts and spit you out!" Del Toro continues in a more reflective vein: "If my child watches my movies by accident, they will not try to think the world is a safe place, which it's not. Children should know the dangers of the world and not be neurotically isolated from them."

## Civil rights groups sue Dallas suburb over law banning rentals to illegal immigrants

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Two civil rights groups filed a lawsuit Tuesday challenging a new law in a Dallas suburb that outlaws renting apartments to illegal immigrants, alleging the ordinance violates federal law and forces landlords to act as immigration officers.

The American Civil Liberties Union and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund filed the suit on behalf of residents and landlords in Farmers Branch, just north of Dallas. It is the third lawsuit brought against the city since the ordinance passed in November.

The lawsuit claims the measure, scheduled to take

effect Jan. 12, is so poorly drafted that it excludes even legal immigrants from renting.

"Immigration enforcement must be left to the federal government, not each local municipality," said Lisa Graybill, legal director of the ACLU of Texas. "Otherwise Texas will end up with a patchwork system that is impractical and unenforceable."

Farmers Branch spokesman Tom Bryson said the city will not comment on pending litigation.

On Friday, the owners of three apartment complexes filed a lawsuit asking a federal court to declare the rent law unconstitutional. In another lawsuit filed earlier this month, a Farmers Branch resi-

dent alleged that the mayor repeatedly violated the state open meetings laws to deliberate the ordinances.

The new law calls for property managers or owners to verify the immigration or citizenship status of apartment renters. The City Council also approved resolutions making English the city's official language and allowing authorities to become part of a federal program so they can enforce immigration laws.

Since 1970, Farmers Branch has changed from a small, predominantly white bedroom community with a declining population to a city of almost 28,000 people, about 37 percent of them Hispanic, according to the census.

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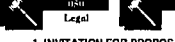
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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. SP 05-00024  
**ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING**  
In the Interest of:  
**MATTHEW SMITH**  
d.o.b. 4-26-90  
A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age

A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing on February 22, 2007 at 2:00 PM in the Magistrate's Court, Lincoln County Courthouse, Shoshone, Idaho. The following individuals shall personally appear at the hearing:

**KELLY LINDBERGER**, Mother  
**ROBERT SMITH**, Father  
The above-named individuals are further notified that they are entitled to be represented by legal counsel. If they are financially unable to retain an attorney, they may apply to the Court, prior to the hearing, for appointment of counsel.  
Date: 12/18/06  
/s/Mark A. Ingram, Magistrate

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BLAINE MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-06-5398  
**ANOTHER SUMMONS**  
**OLIVE PETTYGROVE**,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**JULIO (LEONARDO) AGUILAR**,  
**JULIE AGUILAR** and **JOHN DOES**,  
Defendant.

**NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.**

TO: **JULIO (LEONARDO) AGUILAR**, **JULIE AGUILAR** and **JOHN DOES**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons on you, if you fail to so respond the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint. A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

The nature of the claim against you is complaint for unlawful detainer.  
An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:  
1. The title and number of the case.  
2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the specific allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.  
3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.  
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.  
To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.  
DATED this 27th day of December, 2006.  
**CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT**  
/s/Kassey Wageman, Deputy Clerk

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### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code §§ 5007-2009, dated November 30, 2006 File No.: 7023.12425 Sale date and time (local time): April 02, 2007 at 10:00 AM Sale location: the office of First Property Legal Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301 Property address: 2828 JOSHUA WAY TWIN FALLS, ID 83301. Successor Trustee: Northwest Trust Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 598-1200. Deed of Trust information: Original grantor: Michael E. Rinaud, a married man as his sole and separate property Original Instant Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Wells Fargo Bank, A Recording date: June 23, 2004 Recorder's Instrument number: 2004-01553, ID 83301. Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 30, 2006: \$140,069.38 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: Failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lot 11 in Block 2 of Cedarpark Subdivision No. 6, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 10 of Plat Records 10. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at [www.northwesttitle.com](http://www.northwesttitle.com) or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7023.12425) 1002.66411-FEI

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### ORDINANCE NO.2892

**An ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, REZONING REAL PROPERTY BELOW DESCRIBED: Informal Public Hearing and Zoning Association THEREFORE, AND ORDERING THE NECESSARY AREA OF IMPACT AND ZONING DISTRICTS TO BE ADJUSTED:**  
WHEREAS, Kim and Todd Ostrom have made application for a rezoning of property located at 565 Washington Street North; and  
WHEREAS, the City Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, being as required by law on the 14th day of November, 2006, the City Planning and Zoning Commission and necessary Area of Impact and Zoning Districts Map amendment upon a REZONE of the real property below described; and  
WHEREAS, the City Planning and Zoning Commission has made recommendations to the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho; and  
WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, held a Public Hearing to consider the same matter on the 18th day of December, 2006.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO:  
**SECTION 1.** That the following described real property located at 565 Washington Street North is the subject of a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-1 to C-1:

**ATTACHMENT A\***  
A parcel of land located in part of the SE4, NE4, Section 8, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, and being more specifically described as follows: The East 1/2 of the North 1/2 of lot 2 of Picketts Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, Recorded in Book 2 of Plat Records 10.  
**SECTION 2.** That the Area of Impact and Zoning Districts Map Amendment for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, and the same is hereby amended to reflect the rezoning of the real property above described.  
**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** December 18, 2006  
/s/Mayor Lance W. Clow December 19, 2006  
/s/Deputy City Clerk Lela Sanchez  
**PUBLISH:** Thursday, December 28, 2006

### 1. INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

Proposals for non-preference towing service will be received by the City of Twin Falls, Idaho at the office of the City Clerk until 2:00 P.M., prevailing local time, on January 4, 2007. Instructions for proposals are available at the Personnel Lobby, 358 Third Ave E, Twin Falls, Idaho.

/s/Sharon Bryan  
Deputy City Clerk  
City of Twin Falls  
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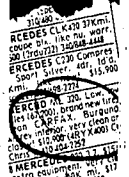
### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by Hanson School District #415, 550 Main Street, Hansen, ID 83334, until 2:00 p.m., February 8, 2007 for the addition of the Hansen Elementary School.

A pre-bid conference will be held on January 18, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the above address. Bids will be opened at the above stated place and read aloud, following the closing time for receipt of bids. Bidders and other properly interested parties are invited to be present at bid opening. Drawings will be available on January 3, 2007, from the Construction Manager, Brennan Construction Company. Drawings and specifications, including bidding documents and conditions of agreement, may be examined at the following offices:  
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Informal bids and major sub-bidders may obtain one (1) complete set of construction documents at Brennan Construction Company's office upon deposit of \$100.00 for each set. Plan holders may retain the construction documents for seven (7) days, and must return them within that time. If the deposit is refunded, if a plan holder retains the construction documents for more than seven (7) days, the deposit will be forfeited. If retained, bidders may purchase a set of the construction documents for \$100.00. Direct all inquiries to Joe Reams of Brennan Construction Company at (208) 232-0613. All bids must be made on the forms furnished and must be signed by the bidder with his name and post office address. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for receipt of bids unless the award of contract is delayed for a period exceeding thirty (30) days.

Any successful bidder for work involving a contract amount greater than \$10,000.00 will be required to furnish performance and payment bonds according to the full contract amount. Bidders must be licensed in the State of Idaho, in accordance with provisions of Idaho Code 55 54-1801 et seq. ("Public Works Contractors"). The term "Public Works Contractors" includes, but is not limited to, general contractors, subcontractors and specialty contractors. Any successful bidder shall sign all its employment practices and payment of wages according to the provisions of Idaho Code 55 44-1001 through 44-1005 ("Public Works"), and shall comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity provisions set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations.  
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION**

**Case No. CV-06-5413 CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT SUMMONS**  
 In the Matter of: **CHANCE JORDAN NUZIO**, d.o.b. 07-13-04  
 A Child under the age of eighteen.  
 THE STATE OF IDAHO SEeks GREENINGS TO: **JAMIE LANDON**

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:**  
 A Petition, a copy of which is attached, has been filed in the above-entitled matter in the Magistrate's Division of the District Court of Twin Falls County, Idaho, by the Prosecuting Attorney, alleging the above-named child comes within the Court's jurisdiction under the Child Protective Act. You are hereby directed to appear personally for a Review Hearing at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, on March 22, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

You are notified that service of the attached Petition upon you, as the parent(s), guardian, or custodian of this child, confers personal jurisdiction of the Court upon you and subjects you to the provisions of the Child Protective Act.

You are notified that if you fail to appear without reasonable cause, the Court may proceed in your absence or you may be proceeded against for contempt of Court.

You are notified that the parent(s), guardian, or a custodian may be financially liable for the payment of the costs of this proceeding. You are further notified that the child and parent(s), guardian, or custodian have the right to be represented by an attorney of your choosing, or if financially unable to do so, have the right to have an attorney appointed by the Court to represent the child or the parent(s), guardian, or custodian at county expense. If you request to have an attorney appointed at county expense, you must appear before the date of the hearing given above, at which time the Court shall consider appointment of an attorney for the child and inquire whether the parent(s), guardian, or custodian require the separate appointment of an attorney.

You are further notified that there shall be a rebuttable presumption that if a child is placed in the custody of the IDHW and was also placed in care out of the home for a total of not less than 150 days of the last twenty-two (22) months from the date of Adjudication, the IDHW shall initiate a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights. This presumption may be rebutted by a finding by the Court that filing of a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights would not be in the best interest of the children and their family, or that the children are placed permanently with a relative.

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF said Magistrate Court this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.**  
**CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT**  
 By Deputy Clerk

**PUBLISH:** December 21 and 28, 2006

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

On Friday, March 23, 2007 at 11:00 a.m., TitleFax, Inc., 163 Fourth Avenue North in Twin Falls, Idaho, as Trustee, will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States, all the property of the first Trustee named herein, as more fully set forth in the deed in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

**LOTS 27 AND 28, BLOCK 80, BUIH, TOWNSITE, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK "I" OF PLATS, PAGE 33, RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO.**

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described real property, but for the purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 45-1506, it has been determined that a street address of 408 Broadway North, Buih, Idaho may sometimes be associated with said real property. Further information may be obtained by calling TitleFax, Inc. at (208) 334-4242.

This sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the Beneficiary's deed of trust executed by Lyman D. Jones and Carol R. Jones, husband and wife, as Grantors to TitleFax, Inc., as Trustee, and American General Financial Services (DE), Inc., as Beneficiary, dated August 22, 2003, as Instrument No. 2004-017409, in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, given to secure the principal sum of FIFTY SIX THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$56,000.00) and interest thereon.

The above grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506 (4)(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, responsible for this obligation.

The defaults for which this sale is to be made are presently:  
 a) the breach and failure to make the variable monthly payments for seven (7) months (May through October, 2006) prior to this date, plus all accrued interest and late charges, in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE AND 30/100 DOLLARS (\$4,275.30), plus all future accruing payments, interest and other charges after November 9, 2006;  
 b) the failure to pay the real property taxes which are in default for two (2) months (July and August, 2006) in the amount of \$529.00;  
 c) the failure to insure the property for damages by fire or other losses to protect the interests of the Beneficiary; American General Financial Services as required by the Deed of Trust;  
 d) the allowance and a finding by a Court of Trust from Lyman D. Jones and Carol R. Jones, husband and wife, to Stewart Title Company of Boise, Inc., Trustee, and Household Finance Corporation III, Beneficiary, dated June 23, 2003, as Instrument No. 2003-015475, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

Further, the Note secured by said Deed of Trust so providing, the Beneficiary of said Deed of Trust, does not claim secured by said Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, and that the balance due and owing upon said Deed of Trust is SIXTY THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR AND 00/100 (\$63,354.00) as of October 28, 2006, plus interest at the variable contract rate of 8.57% percent for each and every day after October 28, 2006 accumulating on said principal amount at the rate of 1.5% per month on the unpaid principal paid in full; plus accruing late fees, costs, and attorney's fees until paid.

**DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2006.**  
 By: Steve Blass, Vice President of TitleFax, Inc.

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**

**Case No. CV-06-4722 SUMMONS**  
**ROY, NIELSON, BARIN-GARCIA & PLATTS,**  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff,  
**AARON KEYES,**  
 Defendant.

**NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR INPUT. YOU MUST APPEAR WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.**

**AARON KEYES:**  
 You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint.

A copy of the complaint is served with this summons. If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly. If you are financially unable to do so, you may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(e)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:  
 1. A copy of the Complaint is served with this summons. If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly. If you are financially unable to do so, you may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.  
 2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of each of the allegations of the Complaint and any other defenses you may claim.  
 3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number on the pleading and the original and telephone number of your attorney.  
 4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as directed above.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee, you should contact the Clerk of the above-named Court.  
**DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2006.**  
**CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT**  
 By Deputy Clerk

**PUBLISH:** December 14, 21, 28, 2006 and January 4, 2007

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 The Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Public Transportation, is accepting applications for FY 2006 Federal Public Transportation grant funding in the following program categories:

**SECTION 5311 - RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM** - Administration, operating and capital assistance for transit providers serving areas with populations less than 50,000.

**SECTION 5311(b) - INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM** - Development and support of bus service for the general public between communities.

**SECTION 5310 - ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM** - Capital purchases to assist private non-profit organizations, local governments, or tribes in meeting the transportation needs of elderly and/or persons with disabilities.

**SECTION 5310 RURAL PURCHASE OF SERVICE** - Assistance to private non-profit organizations serving the elderly and persons with disabilities to fund SCRIP or voucher programs when capital purchases are not cost effective.

Minority Organizations are encouraged to apply. The Grant Applications and the Program Information Guide will be available online January 2, 2007 at <http://www.idaho.gov/PublicTransportation> link and by contacting ITO through the address or phone numbers below.

**IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT DIVISION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**  
 P.O. BOX 7125  
 BOISE, IDAHO 83707-1129  
 Fax: (208) 334-4424  
 Phone: 1-(800) 527-7985  
 TDD: (208) 334-9298

**PUBLISH:** December 28, 2006

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**

**Case No. CV-06-5286 NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of **HOWARD RODNEY THORNE, P.M.**, Deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned, KATHLEEN H. TATTERSALL, representative of the above named decedent, All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, or filed with the Clerk of the Court.

**DATED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2006.**  
 KATHLEEN H. TATTERSALL  
 Attorney for Personal Representative  
 PO Box 1597  
 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1597

**PUBLISH:** December 14, 21, 28, 2006

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 Notice is hereby given by the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2007, at the hour of 8:00 a.m., P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by:

**R.G. & DEAN MESSERSMITH AND THE EARL & BARBARA WILLIAMS FAMILY TRUST, DTD 12/09/92**

Request the location of an access easement located on Lot 16, Block 1, Villa Vista Subdivision, for a total area of 4400 sq. ft. Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time.

A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator at City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East, 735-7289. Persons needing special accommodations at a public meeting are asked to contact the City of Twin Falls at 735-7287 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting.

**/s/ Lona W. Clow, Mayor**

**PUBLISH:** Thursday, December 28, 2006  
 Thursday, January 4, 2007

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION**

**Case No. CV-08-5606 NOTICE TO CREDITORS FOR PUBLICATION**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of **MELVIN A. FULLMER**, Deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that SHIRLEY J. FULLMER has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or his estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

**STEPHEN D. KWANVIG, STONE & TRAINER /s/ Russell G. Kvanvig**  
 Attorneys for Personal Representative  
 PO Box 93  
 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0093  
 Telephone: 208-733-2721

**PUBLISH:** December 21, 28, 2006 and January 4, 2007

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION**

**Case No. CV-06-5688 NOTICE TO CREDITORS FOR PUBLICATION**  
 I.C.R. § 15-3-301  
 In the Matter of the Estates of **ARTHUR N. TATTERSALL AND MARTHA TATTERSALL**, Deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that KATHLEEN H. TATTERSALL, representative of the above named decedent, All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION**

**Case No. CV-06-5302 NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of **FRANCES HARVIS**, Deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the law office of Paula Brown Sinclair, 321 Fourth Avenue North, PO Box 2322, Twin Falls, ID 83303-2322, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

**DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.**  
 SUE BANK, by Peter Toll, VP  
 Personal Representative

**PUBLISH:** December 28, 2006, January 4 and 11, 2007

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION**

**Case No. CV-06-5258 NOTICE AND SUMMONS TO APPEAR**  
 In the Matter of the Petition of **JOHN WILLIAM BROOKS** to adopt,  
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 SUE BANK, by Peter Toll, VP  
 Adopted Under 16 Years of Age.

**THIS IS NOTICE AND SUMMONS TO APPEAR** in the Matter of the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by **JOHN WILLIAM BROOKS**, spouse of **MISTY MAY BROOKS**, the natural mother of the minor child sought to be adopted. The matter of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing in the Magistrate's Court, Twin Falls County Courthouse, Twin Falls, Idaho.

The following person shall personally appear at the hearing:  
**SCOTT O. HAMILTON**  
 The above-named individual is further notified that he is entitled to be represented by legal counsel. If he is financially unable to retain an attorney, he may apply to the court, prior to the hearing or appointment of counsel, for the hearing or appointment of counsel.  
**/s/Clerk of the Court**

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The following person shall personally appear at the hearing:  
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 The above-named individual is further notified that he is entitled to be represented by legal counsel. If he is financially unable to retain an attorney, he may apply to the court, prior to the hearing or appointment of counsel, for the hearing or appointment of counsel.  
**/s/Clerk of the Court**

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**/s/Clerk of the Court**

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**/s/Clerk of the Court**

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The following person shall personally appear at the hearing:  
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**/s/Clerk of the Court**

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**/s/Clerk of the Court**

**PUBLISH:** December 14, 21, 28, 2006 and January 4, 2007

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**

**Case Number CV-06-5301 ANOTHER SUMMONS**  
**KEVIN T. BRONER,**  
 Plaintiff,  
 v.  
**KASENDA C. BRONER,**  
 Defendant.

**NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.**

**TO: KASENDA BRONER**  
 You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond, the Court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff in the Complaint. The nature of the Complaint against you is an action for divorce. A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice of or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly. If you are financially unable to do so, you may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(e)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:  
 1. A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice of or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly. If you are financially unable to do so, you may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.  
 2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of each of the allegations of the Complaint and any other defenses you may claim.  
 3. Your signature, mailing address, and telephone number on the pleading and the original and telephone number of your attorney.  
 4. Proof of mailing or delivery of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee, you should contact the Clerk of the above-named court.  
**DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2006.**  
**KRISTEN M. GLASSCOCK, Clerk**  
 By Deputy Clerk

**PUBLISH:** December 21, 28, 2006 and January 4, 2007

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION**

**Case No. CV-06-4918 NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of **JUNE LOUISE SKINNER**, Deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented both to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

**DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.**  
**KAREL BENITZ, Mother of above named decedent**  
**RAYBORN and RAYBORN**  
 By R.E. Rayborn  
 Attorney for the Estate  
 PO Box 321  
 Twin Falls, ID 83303-0321

**PUBLISH:** December 21, 28, 2006 and January 4, 2007

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
**Case No. 562661b**

On May 3, 2007, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock PM of said day at the lobby of Trustee, 1634 Fourth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301, INC., an Idaho corporation, as Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, all the property of the above named decedent, as payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and disposed as follows to-wit:

**PARCEL NO. 1**  
 Lot 4, Block 4, CRAWFORD ADDITION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, as more fully described in a record recorded in Book 6 of Plats, page 50, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

**PARCEL NO. 2**  
 The East 10 feet of Lot 27, Block 2, WILMORE TRACT, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof recorded in Book of Plats, Page 45, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

Sometimes known as: 1330 Wilmore Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust from Thomas Allen and Ella Mae Allen, husband and wife, to TitleFAX, Inc., an Idaho corporation, Trustee, and Alex N. Georgiulis, an unmarried man, Beneficiary, dated May 22, 2004, as Instrument No. 2004-013280, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

The above grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, responsible for this obligation.

Default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay:  
 a) this time, accumulated delinquency in payments of \$797.00 per month, for the months of November and December, 2006, and all subsequent months to July 15, 2007, and  
 b) the balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$1,594.00, plus 6.0% interest, late fees and foreclosure costs.

c) Taxes which are due and payable in the amount of \$1,594.00, plus \$28.50, and  
 d) Receipts No. 13260 and 23832.  
**DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.**  
**TRUSTEE TITLEFAX, INC.**  
 By: R. Todd Blass, Vice President

**PUBLISH:** December 28, 2006, January 4, 11, and 18, 2007

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME MAGISTRATE DIVISION**

**Case No. CV 2005-617 AMENDED ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING**  
 In the Matter of the Petition of **NICHOLAS J. THORNE** d.o.b. 11-3-92  
**JULIA J. THORNE** d.o.b. 8-28-94  
 Children Under Eighteen Years of Age

A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing on January 24, 2007 at 11:00 AM in the Magistrate's Court, Jerome County Judicial Annex, 233 West Main Street, Jerome, Idaho.

The following individual shall personally appear at the hearing:  
**WALTER THORNE**, legal father of Nicholas J. Thorne, if the above-named individual is further notified that he is entitled to be represented by legal counsel. If he is financially unable to retain an attorney, he may apply to the court, prior to the hearing, for appointment of counsel.

**DATED 11-25-06**  
 /s/Magistrate

**PUBLISH:** November 14, 21, 28, 2006

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION**

**Case No. CV-06-5302 NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of **FRANCES HARVIS**, Deceased.

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**DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.**  
 SUE BANK, by Peter Toll, VP  
 Personal Representative

**PUBLISH:** December 28, 2006, January 4 and 11, 2007

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**DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.**  
 SUE BANK, by Peter Toll, VP  
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The following person shall personally appear at the hearing:  
**SCOTT O. HAMILTON**  
 The above-named individual is further notified that he is entitled to be represented by legal counsel. If he is financially unable to retain an attorney, he may apply to the court, prior to the hearing or appointment of counsel, for the hearing or appointment of counsel.  
**/s/Clerk of the Court**

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**/s/Clerk of the Court**

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ORDINANCE NO.2091
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO...

WHEREAS, Kim and Todd Ostrom have made application for a rezoning of property located at 585 and 591 Washington Street North; and...

WHEREAS, the City Planning and Zoning Commission has made recommendations to the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO...

ATTACHMENT "A"
A parcel of land located in part of the SE14, NE4, Section 8, Township 10 South, Range 17 East...

SECTION 2. That the Area of Impact and Zoning Districts Map for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho...

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL December 18, 2006

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO...

CASE NO. CV 06-4881
SUMMONS
ROY, NELSON, BARIN-GARCIA & PLATTS, a partnership...

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF AND YOU MUST ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS...

TO: BRIAN HAGERTY:
You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of summons on you...

ART WORKSHOP
Beginners-Advanced Starting January 27th
Oil Painting, Watercolor, Light, Form & Color

200 Employment
All advertising is subject to the newspaper's standard of acceptance...

201 Lost and Found
FOUND dog, German Cross, female, wags tail, black collar...

201 Lost and Found
FOUND - Whiskey cat. Call to identify cat. and locate lost. Call 208-539-0406

201 Lost and Found
LOST Black Lab, 2 years old, male, no collar, not neutered...

201 Lost and Found
LOST cat, all white with blue eyes, white & gray collar. Call 208-421-0748 or 404-2600

201 Lost and Found
LOST Chihuahua on 2515 Normal in Burley, Black, male, ring collar, named Simba...

201 Lost and Found
LOST female black Lab 6 years old, Pink collar with tag "Ami" South of Twin Falls by Franklin Building Supply...

201 Lost and Found
LOST West Pyrenees dog. Call 208-421-0748 or 404-2600

201 Lost and Found
LOST purple cat. Twin City Sun 1217 S. Small black purse w/ \$3 inside, by Old borrowed from Grandma and really wants it back...

201 Lost and Found
LOST Wheelchair. Pointer, male, white & liver, 12/22, 5'8" tall. Area info 734-9475 n.m.g.

201 Lost and Found
LOST yellow Lab at 370 W. 200 S. in Rupert on Dec. 22nd. Ten year old female, old needs meds. Reward offered. 208-438-4444

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BIRTHDAY PHOTOS
Have you forgotten to pickup your birthday photos? We have your photos we are sure you owe them to us...

DISPATCH Operation/Dispatcher
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EASY # 10

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page E-8.

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Position opening for a Welder. Rebuilding of tanks, machinery and trucks, experience helpful. Bonafide. Must pass drug test. **Merley Truck Repairers, Kenny or Mary 208-438-5586**

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**BURLEY**  
Overseed yard with huge sandboxes for the kids. Interior was repainted in the last year. All new windows with oak trim. Call Alex 539-5758 or Juana 737-3914. **#98278166 PC#7881**

## GEM

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Equal Housing Opportunities. All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act...

503 Furnished Homes cutting edge REALTY. 3 homes in the much heralded Sawtooth School district...

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ACROSS 1 Morgue letters 4 Docs 7 Swagger 14 Sam. landmass 15 "Kanu" band 16 Tranquilized 17 DJ'ie girl 18 Nida 19 Bordered on 20 Element 99 honoree 23 TV alien 24 Beatles classic 26 Big brass 30 Soil turner 31 "The Purple People Eater" singer Wooley. 33 Veg out 34 "Dallas" 37 One of the Baldwins 39 Fr. holy woman 40 Brightest star in Auriga 42 Church book 44 Hip mode 45 Eld 47 Seemingly indifferent people 48 Manor's proprietor 50 Poi base 52 NL Braves 53 Type of ink 55 Involving two eyes 59 Pacino and Kalline 61 Lamp oil 62 Cheyul?/ 66 Lackluster 67 Ike's initials 68 Host Hall 69 Goopy mass 70 ISP oggie 72 USNA grad 73 Decade divs.

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved. A 10x10 grid with words filled in. Words include: ASKED, REAP, ALPS, STOVE, AWLS, SEAM, POLES, DELT, HATE, SPARE, TIRE, NAVAL, TRIOR, RAIMENT, DELETE, AGILE, ERODE, STIR, DENT, LIL, DULLES, TNAE, LEAR, SEAS, EMOTE, EPEES, ORISON, ARTWORK, JAMS, MARIE, NOURISHES, EDENREID, TIARA, BIND, ISLE, ELLIS, AID, OSSA, SEEKS.

4 With elegance 5 One who works at a trade 6 Some pool balls 7 Youth grp 8 Ms. McEntire 9 Of age 10 Brewery quantity 11 Crowd fig. 12 Aberdeen's river 13 Bizarre 21 Swiped 22 Okinawa city 25 Puppy cry 27 French holiday 28 Nautical speaker 29 Prophets 32 HST's lady 34 Chiklis on 'The Commish' 35 Claw 36 Scads 38 Underground burial chambers 41 Saudi 43 Yoga position 44 'CHIPS' star Estrada 49 Rotary caller 51 Nervous 54 Involunt 56 Hunter constellation 57 Choice of conjunctions 58 Stagers 60 Put to sea 62 Top off 63 Exist 64 Q-U connection 65 Letters after MS

JUMBLE. Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. Words: IBBER, TOARR, HETTER, SEATTE.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Angilieri. A cartoon of a man thinking about a word game.

573 Acreage and Lots. BUHL 9 or 5 acres. \$120,000 or \$65,000. JEROME 400 x 200 E. 1.5 acres, natural gas, water shares. Asking \$92,000. 338-5477

574 Gem. STATE REALTY, INC. 208-734-0400. TWIN FALLS Falls Ave. NW 400 E. 1.5 acres, natural gas, water shares. Asking \$92,000. 338-5477

575 Gem. WHO can help YOU sell your property? Call 733-0931 ext. 2. Mobile Homes. CASH NOW For 3 & 2 bedroom mobile. Call 212-6554.

cutting edge REALTY. Office & warehouse space for lease. 535-4000. Office & warehouse space for lease. 535-4000.

616 Roommates Wanted

DUIHL furnished private room in low house. \$85 a week. \$250.00 for deposit. Call 208-734-2046. No pets. 25/anything.

703 Horse and Tack

TRAILER 75 Phillips 4 horse pull tri. Good corn, good tires, load capacity. \$2,500.00. Call 208-734-2046.

704 Pets And Pet Supplies

AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD pups 3 blues, 2 black, mother is Australian & McWh. wks. 500. 731-7143. Guaranteed to work.

705 Pets And Pet Supplies

AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD purebred choco. Lab. 8 weeks old, 2 males & 2 females. 208-4077. 308-4076 or email vserp@netnet.com

701 Livestock/Poultry

ANGUS beef, finished, mature, no implants. Ready to butcher, whole or half. Call 208-734-787.

702 Dairy Cattle And Supplies

HEIFERS (27) head. Iron, no implants. First calf, black. All bred. low birth weight. \$12. New Design 349M for 020/507 caving. \$200.00 head or mixed broken mouth. March 1st. 1st bred. 1st calving. 1st black butty 4 yr. old. Bred back for March 1st. Call 208-823-4433

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703 Horse and Tack

EQUINE

Paul Struchen Trimming We can handle all your trimming. Call 208-734-3978 or 208-358-3978.

704 Pets And Pet Supplies

HOLSTEIN dairy herd for sale. Several generations of A.I. Breeding. 400 head. Call 208-539-2522

705 Pets And Pet Supplies

COCKER SPANIEL Great Christmas pups. \$100.00. Call 208-734-2046

706 Pets And Pet Supplies

COCKER SPANIEL puppies. 2 black females \$275 each. 2 buff males \$200 each. Ready to go 456-9640

707 Pets And Pet Supplies

COCKER SPANIELS 2 DARLING black pups, 12 weeks old. All test. Christmas presents. AKC reg. have test shots. all ready to drop. Exceptional dispositions & blood. \$500. Call 208-543-5811

708 Pets And Pet Supplies

DACHSHUND PUPPIES AKC reg. choco. tri. 11 weeks old. In choco. Can email. \$250. Call 208-734-2046

709 Pets And Pet Supplies

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710 Pets And Pet Supplies

DACHSHUND Teasny puppy (1) male black and tan, left 2 1/2 months old. \$250. Call 208-326-2220

711 Pets And Pet Supplies

FRETT 9 weeks old. Descended & spotted. Most apt \$100.00. Call 208-734-2046

712 Pets And Pet Supplies

FREE BlackHound Retriever X puppies to a good home. Call 208-455-5252

713 Pets And Pet Supplies

FREE cat to good home. Large, white, mossy gray and livable mix with white socks and green eyes. Call 208-390-1058

714 Pets And Pet Supplies

FREE cat, male, neutered, dewclawed, black and white. Call 208-326-4843

715 Pets And Pet Supplies

FREE Cocker Spaniel, purebred, black to good home. Call 208-431-8172

716 Pets And Pet Supplies

FREE DOGS Save From Being Destroyed! Wonderful Dog. \$250. Call 208-734-2046

717 Pets And Pet Supplies

FREE Lab yellow, male, 1 1/2 years old. Call 208-426-0505 or 208-788-1090

718 Pets And Pet Supplies

FREE Weimaraner 7/ Chesapeake Weimaraner male \$500 each. Christmas. 213-2428

704 Pets And Pet Supplies

FRENCH BULLDOGS AKC reg. female pup, 6 weeks old. \$110. 735-2046

705 Pets And Pet Supplies

GERMAN SHEPHERDS Puppies & Rescues All colors available. \$200. Call 208-368-7272 or visit us at www.shepherd.com

706 Pets And Pet Supplies

GOLDEN LAB purebred male, neutered, 1 year old, current on shots. \$100. Call 208-219-2504

707 Pets And Pet Supplies

GOLDEN RETRIEVER puppies. AKC reg. 4 weeks old. \$275. Call 208-734-2046

708 Pets And Pet Supplies

LAB puppies, registered, 6 weeks old. \$300. Call 208-734-2046

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SHIH TZU pups, AKC registered. \$350. Call 208-734-2046

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704 Pets And Pet Supplies

PUGS 3 black males, 1 town male, 11 shots & wormed. \$600. Call 208-546-468

705 Pets And Pet Supplies

SUGAR GLIERS (2) young, Great Christmas presents. \$100 for pair. Call 208-732-8282

706 Pets And Pet Supplies

TOY POODLE TRAINED, 23 commands. purebred, reg. AKC. \$600. Call 208-734-2046

707 Pets And Pet Supplies

WEIMARANER-LAB cross, 8 months old, 2 males. Sweet, eager to please, sleek black coats. \$75 each. \$100 pair. Call 208-734-2046

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YORKIE puppies, AKC reg. Boy. \$800. Call 208-734-2046

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710 Crops/Produce

SUGAR BEET SHARES for sale or lease. 400 acres of Min. Cassia regular Sugar Beet. \$100. Call 431-8520 or 426-3566 in the evening.

711 Farms/Pasture Rentals

GOODING DAIRY Rent the barn/tractor for your needs. \$300. Call 208-734-2046

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701 Antiques And Collectibles

HOSIER, oak. (See ad on page 650) Call 208-734-9466 or 208-404-3558

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## THE ACES ON BRIDGE

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What a man believes may be ascertained, not from his creed, but from the assumptions on which he habitually acts.

— George Bernard Shaw

Michael Seamon, the declarer on today's deal, found a fine play based on a second-degree assumption about where he needed the cards to lie.

Against three no-trump, West led the spade 10 to the jack and king, and East returned a low spade. Seamon overcame his first trouble when he rose with the queen and it held the trick.

But he was still a long way from home. He needed to find the diamond queen and also to negotiate the heart suit for three tricks — a fairly unlikely combination of events. He knew that giving up a trick to knock out the club ace would leave the defenders with at least five tricks to cash, so he had to play on the red suits without losing the lead.

Seamon could now work out what he needed on a defender to have the doubleton queen of hearts. By cashing the heart king before committing himself in diamonds (good technique) and seeing the eight fall from West, he inferred it would be West who would have the doubleton heart queen and thus the long diamonds.

So he backed his judgment by shifting the diamond king and finessing West for the queen on the next round. When the heart ace brought down the queen, he had three tricks without touching clubs, and a hand for us all to admire — together with a game going. Yes, the cards lay very well for him, but how many of us would have exploited them as he did?

**NORTH** 12-20-A  
 ♠ J  
 ♥ A J 9 7 6  
 ♦ A 8 5  
 ♣ J 7 6

**WEST**  
 ♠ 10 9 8 5 3  
 ♥ Q 8  
 ♦ Q 7 4  
 ♣ 9 8 5

**EAST**  
 ♠ A K 7 6  
 ♥ 10 5 4 3 2  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ A 4 2

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ Q 4 2  
 ♥ K  
 ♦ K J 10 6 3  
 ♣ K Q 10 3

Vulnerable: East-West  
 Dealer: West

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♦ Pass  
 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Spade 10

**BID WITH THE ACES** 12-20-B

South holds:  
 ♠ 10 9 8 5 3  
 ♥ Q 7 4  
 ♦ 9 8 5

South West North East  
 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♦ Pass  
 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♦ Pass

ANSWER: Bridge is a game of partnership trust. When, as here, you show a bad hand and partner still invites game strongly, you have to reassess your assets and ask, "Do I really have such a bad hand — in context?" Here your fifth trump and two working queens let you bid four spades, expecting partner to have the equivalent of a 20-count.

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### FILM

1. "The Pursuit of Happiness," Sony.
2. "Eragon," Fox.
3. "Charlotte's Web," Paramount.
4. "Happy Feet," Warner Bros.
5. "The Holiday," Sony.  
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### HOT FIVE

1. "Irreplaceable," Beyonce. Columbia.
2. "I Wanna Love You," Akon (feat. Snoop Dogg), SRC.
3. "Fergalicious," Fergie. Will.i.am.
4. "Smack That," Akon (feat. Eminem), SRC.
5. "My Love," Justin Timberlake. Jive.  
 — From Billboard magazine

### ALBUMS

1. "Clara: The Evolution," Clara LaFace.
2. "Eminem Presents: The Re-Up," Various Artists. Shade.
3. "The Sweet Escape," Gwen Stefani. Interscope.
4. Soundtrack "Hannah Montana," Various Artists.
5. "NOW 23," Various Artists. Sony BMG Strategic Marketing Group.  
 — From Billboard magazine

### CONCERT TOURS

1. Elton John.
2. Cirque Du Soleil — "Delirium."
3. Eric Clapton.
4. Red Hot Chili Peppers.
5. Aerosmith/ Mötley Crue.  
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### VHS RENTALS

1. "Superman Returns," Warner Home Video.
2. "You, Me and Dupree," Universal Studios Home Video.
3. "The Da Vinci Code," Sony Pic-

tures Home Entertainment.  
 4. "Ice Age: The Meltdown," 20th Century Fox.  
 5. "Clerks II," The Weinstein Company.  
 — From Billboard magazine

### VHS SALES

1. "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (Special Edition)," Walt Disney Home Video.
2. "Frosty the Snowman," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
3. "The Red Skeleton Show," Madacy Video.
4. "The 12 Days of Christmas," GoodTimes Home Video.
5. "Dora the Explorer: World Adventure," Nick Jr.  
 — From Billboard magazine

### DVD SALES

1. "Superman Returns," Warner Home Video.
2. "Ice Age: The Meltdown," 20th Century Fox.
3. "Cars," Walt Disney/Pixar.
4. "Clerks II," The Weinstein Company.
5. "The Da Vinci Code," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.  
 — From Billboard magazine

### TOP ITUNES DOWNLOADS

1. "Irreplaceable," Beyonce
2. "Say It Right," Nelly Furtado
3. "Fergalicious," Fergie
4. "How to Save a Life," The Fray
5. "I Wanna Love You," Akon, featuring Snoop Dogg  
 — Apple Computers Inc.

### BEST-SELLING BOOKS

1. "For One More Day" by Mitch Albom (Hyperion) (fiction/hardcover)
2. "Eragon" by Christopher Paolini (Knopf Books for Young Readers) (fiction/paperback)
3. "The Audacity of Hope" by Barack Obama (Crown) (nonfiction/hardcover)
4. "The Innocent Man: Murder and Injustice in a Small Town" by John Grisham (Doubleday) (nonfiction/hardcover)
5. "Cross" by James Patterson (Little, Brown) (fiction/hardcover)  
 — USA Today

## VIDEO GAME REVIEW



Sonic and his sidekick, Tails, in the new video game 'Sonic the Hedgehog.'

## 'Sonic the Hedgehog' a big dud on next-gen consoles

BY MATT SLAGLE  
 The Associated Press

"Sonic the Hedgehog" gets a next-gen overhaul with new versions of the classic platformer for the PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360.

A lot has changed in the 15 years since the blue critter with an insatiable need for speed first arrived on the Sega Genesis

console. Sadly, most of it has been for the worse.

That downward trend continues with this new version's poor controls, so-so graphics and wonky camera angles. Unless you're a hardcore fan of all things Sonic, the overall experience is too frustrating to bother with.

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# This spud's for you

BY STEVE CRUMP  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — The steppes of Idaho aren't that different, it turns out, than the steppes of Russia.

Two distilleries that produce potato-based vodka — Snake River Distillery in Rigby and Koenig Winery and Distillery in Caldwell — are two of the hottest new spirits makers in America.

So this New Year's season, we wondered whether there were any distinctly Idahoan drink recipes using Koenig Potato Vodka and Rigby-produced Teton Glacier Potato Vodka and Blue Ice American Vodka.

We found quite a few:

#### THE VODKA ROCKEFELLER

3 ounces Koenig Potato Vodka  
3 ounces dry vermouth  
Dash of orange bitters  
Shake with ice, strain and serve with olive and lemon or orange.

#### THE NEGRONI

3 parts Koenig Potato Vodka  
1 part Campari  
1 part sweet vermouth  
Shake with ice, strain and serve with lemon twist.

#### RASPBERRY MARTINI

3 parts Koenig Potato Vodka  
1 part raspberry liqueur  
1/2 part blue curacao

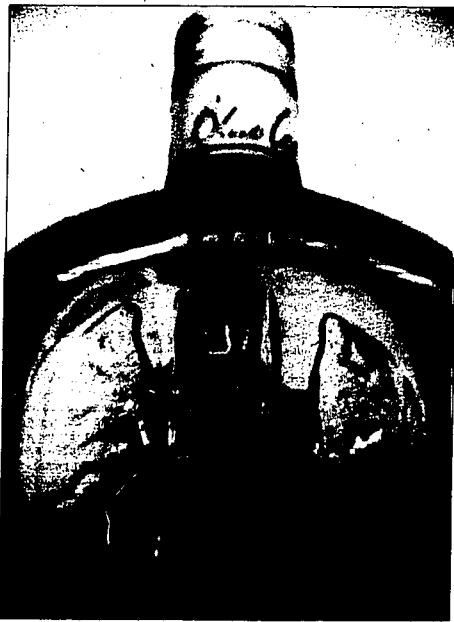
#### CHOCOLATE BANANA MARTINI

3 parts Koenig Potato Vodka  
1 part creme de cacao  
1 part banana liqueur  
Shake with ice, strain and garnish with a stick of milk chocolate.

#### CITRUS CRUSH MARTINI

2 ounces Koenig Potato Vodka  
2 ounces fresh squeezed lemon juice

## Sample holiday cocktails made from Idaho vodka



1 ounce simple syrup  
Shake with ice and strain. Serve in sugar-rimmed martini glass and garnish with lemon.

#### WHISPER MARTINI

1 1/2 ounces Teton Glacier Potato Vodka  
1 or 2 drops dry vermouth  
Shake ingredients vigorously over ice. Strain into a classic martini glass. Garnish to taste, quietly.

#### SPRING MARTINI

3 ounces Teton Glacier Potato Vodka  
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice  
1 tablespoon Creme de Cassis

#### GLACIER CLASSIC MARTINI

3 ounces Teton Glacier Potato Vodka  
Dash of vermouth

#### CITRUS MARTINI

3 ounces Teton Glacier Potato Vodka  
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice  
1 tablespoon triple sec

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## Now playing

### TWIN FALLS

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- "Deck the Halls"
- "Deja Vu"
- "Eragon"
- "Flicka"
- "Happy Feet"
- "The Nativity Story"
- "Night at the Museum"
- "Open Season"
- "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause"
- "We Are Marshall"

### Odyssey Theater

- "Blood Diamond"
- "Flushed Away"
- "The Good Shepherd"
- "The Pursuit of Happiness"
- "Rocky Balboa"
- "Stranger Than Fiction"
- "Unaccompanied Minors"

### The Orpheum

- "The Holiday"

### HAILEY/KETCHUM

#### Big Wood Cinemas

- "Blood Diamond"
- "Charlotte's Web"
- "Eragon"
- "Night at the Museum"

#### Ski Time Cinemas

- "The Good Shepherd"
- "The Pursuit of Happiness"

### Magie Lantern

- "Blood Diamond"
- "Casino Royale"
- "Dreamgirls"
- "Happy Feet"
- "The Holiday"
- "Night at the Museum"
- "Stranger Than Fiction"

### BURLEY

#### Century Cinema

- "Apocalypse"
- "Casino Royale"
- "Charlotte's Web"
- "Eragon"
- "The Nativity Story"
- "Rocky Balboa"

### Burley Theater

- "Open Season"

### JEROME

#### Jerome Cinema

- "Charlotte's Web"
- "Happy Feet"
- "Night at the Museum"
- "Rocky Balboa"

# 'DREAMGIRLS'

## A familiar but compelling Motown story

BY KENNETH TURAN

Los Angeles Times

"Dreamgirls" is alive with the sound of music. It's a love song two times over: a tribute to a vibrant period of American popular music as well as to a style of filmmaking we don't see enough of, the big-budget Hollywood musical.

As directed by Bill Condon, who also wrote the adaptation of the multiple Tony Award-winning play, "Dreamgirls" tells a familiar story with conviction and pizzazz. It's a smartly entertaining example of updated traditionalism, of using modern energy and techniques to galvanize a story that was old-fashioned when director Michael Bennett dazzled Broadway with it in 1981.

Based loosely on the career of Diana Ross and the Supremes, "Dreamgirls" is a classic backstage story, a look at the new-begging news of how a humble girl group called the Dreamettes made its way to the pinnacles of musical success and cultural influence. And — get out those handkerchiefs — of the emotional price that had to be paid along the way.

This scenario wasn't exactly profound the first time around, but writer-director Condon so understands the emotional and technical demands of musicals that he was Oscar-nominated for the "Chicago" script) that he makes it feel fresh and alive. Plus he's added more of a context of the social upheaval of the 1960s and has gotten terrific help, not only from his confident producer team but also from the bottom half of his starring quartet.

Although "Dreamgirls" is well-served by charismatic stars Jamie Foxx, as pop music Svengali Curtis Taylor Jr., and Beyoncé Knowles as Deena Jones, his beautiful Trilby, much of the film's appeal comes from the sur-



Actors Sharon Lee, Beyoncé Knowles and Anika Noni Rose in a scene from 'Dreamgirls.'

prisingly compelling work of costars Eddie Murphy and Jennifer Hudson, neither of whom were inevitable for their roles.

Murphy, who reportedly had to be talked into the part, gives the most fully rounded performance of his career as James "Thunder" Early, the Thunder Man himself, a soul singer of the manager Mary (Danny Glover) hire them as his backup group.

Using his matchless comic gifts and fox-in-the-henhouse charm, Murphy eats this part alive, making more than anyone else could of this creature of complete self-confidence and seduction. And when things become more serious and dramatic for his character in the second half, Murphy — helped by strong work by Anika Noni Rose as

Dreamette Lorrell Robinson — is ready for that challenge as well.

It wouldn't mean much to say that Dreamette Effie White is the role of Hudson's career because this is her film debut following time spent on "American Idol." You never would know it though, because under Condon's direction she gives a fearless performance as the Dreamette who pays a price for having a mind of her own. And when she rips into the musical's Tom Eyen/Henry Krieger signature song, "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going," her singing tears the screen apart.

Though not all the songs in the production, including four written for the film, are as strong and memorable as this one, "Dreamgirls" is unapologetic about front-and-centering its music. Because it is a story about singers who have to rehearse,

## 'Dreamgirls'

Starring Jennifer Hudson, Eddie Murphy, Beyoncé Knowles  
 Rated PG-13  
 Now playing at the Magic Lantern in Ketchum

perform and record, no opportunity is neglected for the kind of syncretized soul music and showmanship that characterized the Motown sound.

"Dreamgirls" in fact begins in Detroit, with the Dreamettes showing up at a local theater to take part in a talent show. Besides getting a gig touring with the Thunder Man, they also acquire a manager in the form of Mr. Taylor, a Cadillac dealer who has designs on not only entering, but also changing the music business, on getting "our music to a wider audience with our money."

This is a strong vision, but as it plays out over the course of "Dreamgirls," it is complicated by Taylor turning out to be the scoundrel of the piece, someone who is willing to play romantic and career games with both Hudson's Effie and Knowles' Deena if it helps to get that dream realized.

Just as "Dreamgirls" needs someone as Knowles' allure and skill to make Deena credible, it also needs Foxx's ability to project magnetism even when he is being pulled back and withholding. The film also couldn't exist without the zesty contributions of those responsible for its look: cinematographer Tobias Schlessler, production designer John Myhre, editor Virginia Katz, costume designer Sharen Kazis, choreographer Fatima Robinson, and so on down the line. "Dreamgirls" is the entire musical package, a triumph of old school on-screen glamour, and we wouldn't want it any other way.

It ain't over --- til it's over

# ROCKY BALBOA

Sylvester Stallone  
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PG

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Twin & Jerome Cinema

G

Birth of the CIA - From a Man Who Never Existed  
Matt Damon Angelina Jolie Robert DeNiro Joe Pesci

# the good shepherd

Now at Odyssey

R

Cameron Diaz Kate Winslet Jude Law Jack Black  
Sometimes times you need to Get away to Find Happiness

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Happy Feet (PG)  
In Stereo Surround Sound  
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Night at the Museum (PG)  
In Digital Surround Sound  
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Twin 12

Apocalypse (R) Daily 6:45 - 9:30

Santa Clause: Escape Clause (G)  
Fri - Tues 2:45 - 7:15

James Bond 007 Casino Royale (13)  
Fri - Tues 12:00 - 1:15 - 7:45

Charlotte's Web (G)  
Fri - Tues 12:45 - 3:00 - 5:15 - 7:30 - 9:45

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Night at the Museum (PG)  
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9:00 - 9:30 - 9:45

Deck the Halls (PG)  
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Eragon (PG) Digital Surround  
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Happy Feet (PG) Digital Surround  
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Fri - Tues 12:15 - 2:30 - 4:45 - 7:00 - 9:15

Blood Diamond (PG-13)  
Fri - Tues 12:15 - 2:30 - 4:45 - 7:00 - 9:15

Unaccompanied Minors (PG)  
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# ERAGON

Now at the Twin Cinema

PG

# Movies

## Movie nuggets

• **"Apocalypse" / B-** A boy's own adventure, with very adult lashings of brutality and gore, "Apocalypse" is Mel Gibson's latest passion play, and it's even bloodier than "The Passion of the Christ." It has all the gosh-glee elements you could find in the old Tintin series: a total icicle, perilous, leaps from a mighty waterfall, a man-eating panther, man-sucking quicksand and ritualistic human sacrifices. What it doesn't have is much of a story or deeper resonance than watching an "Indiana Jones" sequence. Ruddy Youngblood plays a young Mayan captured for sacrifice by warriors from the city, but he escapes and runs (and runs and runs) home. There's no denying Gibson's talent behind the camera. But the highly accomplished filmmaking makes you wish all the more that he would focus his talent on a film that didn't combine such simplistic storytelling with such elaborate orchestrations of bodily mutilation. Rated R (sequences of graphic violence and disturbing images). In Yutecatec Maya with English subtitles. 2 hours, 18 minutes.

• **"Blood Diamond" / B-** The movie's a diamond in the rough at best, but Leonardo DiCaprio's performance is a gem. He plays a cynical smuggler in Africa in 1999 who wants to get his hands on a rare pink diamond. So does Djimon Hounsou, the poor farmer who found the jewel and needs it to get back his son. Journalist Jennifer Connelly doesn't want the stone itself, but its story so she can write an expose of the dirty dealings of the diamond industry. The movie often does itself in with its own bleeding-heart liberalism. Plus, it's much too long. But it's an ambitious effort to tell an important story, and DiCaprio is up to the task in an Oscar. Rated R (strong violence and language). 2 hours, 18 minutes.

• **"Casino Royale" / A-** In a kind of Bond Begins, Daniel Craig plays high-stakes poker with a bad guy who finances terrorist, romances luscious Eva Green and slowly acquires the expected accuracy of the best Bond since Sean Connery. Craig brings considerable acting chops to the role. Rated PG-13 (intense sequences of violent action, a scene of torture, sexual content and nudity). 2 hours, 24 minutes.

## About the rating system

The letter grades in these capsules are by reviewers for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and the Associated Press.

• **"Charlotte's Web" / B-** Maybe it's unfair to compare the new live-action "Charlotte's Web" to the charming, Oscar-nominated "Babe" (1995). Well, it may be unfair, but it's impossible not to. And, though it's lovingly made, "Web" comes up short. Dakota Fanning plays the farm girl who saves the life of the runt pig Wilbur. But then it's up to the talking spider, Charlotte (voice of Julia Roberts), to save the porker again and again, making the movie a little repetitive. The barnyard's vocal cast is stary (Robert Redford, Kathy Bates, Oprah). And kids will love the jokes. But the Life Lessons are a little on the thick (if you made a drinking game of taking a swig every time someone mentioned the importance of keeping promises, you'd be tanked). Fair warning: The bittersweet ending may provoke questions about death from young kids. Rated G. 1 hour, 36 minutes.

• **"Deck the Halls" / D** This empty stocking of a film, a mindless comedy with Danny DeVito and Matt Damon Brodick as warring neighbors, can be described as whatever is the opposite of a Christmas classic. 1 hour, 35 minutes PG (some crude and suggestive humor, language)

• **"Deju Vu" / C-** Gives you the feeling that you've seen parts of this movie before. Only, the parts were all from better films. This hybrid time-travel, mystery/romance stars Denzel Washington as an ATF agent who travels back in time to save a young woman (Paula Patton) and 500 people killed by a terrorist bombing of a New Orleans ferry. The movie tries to fuse time-travel romances such as "Somewhere in Time" and "Time After Time" with some of the futuristic video technology of

"Strange Days." But none of it really sticks. And the ending is a head-scratcher that bends the rules of time-travel fiction. Rated PG-13 (intense sequences of violence and terror, disturbing images, and some sensuality). 2 hours, 6 minutes.

• **"Dreamgirls" / B** The title of the film is "Dreamgirls" but it could have been called "A Star Is Born." Former "American Idol" contestant Jennifer Hudson absolutely walks away with this big, splashy dazzler of a picture, based on the 1981 Broadway musical, even before performing her plaintive, show-stopping number "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going." And that's quite a feat. Writer-director Bill Condon ("Gods and Monsters," "Kinsey"), who was nominated for a screenplay Oscar for best-picture winner "Chicago," has crafted an endlessly entertaining, technically triumphant film. In following the rise of a Supremes-style Detroit trio — played by Hudson, Beyoncé Knowles and Anika Noni Rose — the music, choreography, costumes, lighting and makeup are all superb. The editing is consistently fluid, the energy high. Jamie Foxx is sufficiently sleazy as the group's two-timing manager, with Eddie Murphy revisiting his "Saturday Night Fever" John Brown impersonation as an R&B sex machine. PG-13 for language, some sexuality and drug content. 131 minutes.

• **"Eragon" / C+** More family-friendly (read: 12-15-year-olds) than soaring fantasy, this adaptation of Christopher Paolini's popular young-adult novel stars newcomer Edward Speleers as the farm boy/dragon rider who leads a revolt against nasty Joltz Malkovich. Rachel Weisz voices our hero's blue-eyed dragon, and Jeremy Irons is the Argonath/Han Solo surrogate in the derivative fluff. Pro that he is, Irons plunges into this stuff as if it were Shakespeare, but Speleers is model-pretty and model-wooden. And Malkovich, at least

on the evidence exhibited here, may be the laziest actor alive. Rated PG (fantasy violence, intense battle scenes and some frightening images). 1 hour, 39 minutes.

• **"Flushed Away" / B-** The folks behind Wallace & Gromit take their trademark stop-motion animation for a computerized version, but their nimble Brit wit remains intact. A pet mouse's (voiced by Hugh Jackman) post-life literally goes in the toilet when he's flushed down under to a miniature London. Lags a bit after the first hour, but the voice talent (Kate Winslet, Ian McKellen) is so strong, the visuals so inventive and the jokes so clever, you won't mind. Rated PG (crude humor and some language). 1 hour, 22 minutes.

• **"The Good Shepherd" / No Rating** Matt Damon stars in this Robert De Niro-directed film about the early days of the CIA. R.

• **"Happy Feet" / B-** Happy kids will be wowed by the stunning visuals — animated glaciers crumble and CGI killer whales barrel into the sky. Happy parents will love the classically filled soundtrack. But some may be put off by the slushy plot and unnecessary ethnic and sexual stereotypes. Our hero, Mumble (voiced by Elijah Wood), is a dancing penguin in a tribe full of singing emperor penguins (among them, Hugh Jackman and Nicole Kidman). The outcast sets out to find his own way and discover what's causing a deadly famine. The film is inventive, colorful, fast-moving and slightly soulless. Rated PG (some mild peril and rude humor). 1 hour, 38 minutes.

• **"The Holiday" / C** In this soggy, self-indulgent romantic comedy, a married L.A. type (Cameron Diaz) and a woe-begone English rose (Kate Winslet) swap houses for two weeks over the holidays, hoping

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## "Jackass: Number Two"

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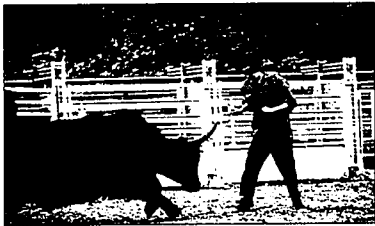
Johnny Knoxville is rejoined by his usual band of thick-skulled morons, including Bam Margera, whose poor parents seem to have been sucked into this nightmare. Steve-O and Dave England. These eight or so merry-makers join in stunts designed not only to break teeth, bones and the human spirit but also to activate gag reflexes—camera-men are seen vomiting, as are sound guys and, with surprising frequency, the stars themselves. From its opening sequence (Knoxville and boys running through a suburban set neighborhood being chased by angry bulls) to the closing, bizarre homage to 1930s musicals, the movie never deviates from its formula of increasingly stomach-churning stunts.

There's no plot here: like the MTV show that spawned it, this movie is just a progression of increasingly disgusting and/or dangerous stunts. Blood is drawn, vomit spewed and effluvia drips into view. Some of the tamer segments involve cast members strapping themselves onto various propulsion devices in hopes of crossing large bodies of water. Needless to say, the device almost always blows up, and the cast member is thrown from said device and incurs various head traumas.

All of this is met with unbridled hilarity by the rest of the guys, who are usually seen standing around giving one another high fives and screaming with laughter.

Knoxville and his crew operate with knowing smirks on their faces, which makes them both more annoying and less susceptible to critics who might question their intelligence, human decency or both.

"Yeah," they seem to be saying, shaking their heads in mock dismay, "so we're acting like idiots. Look at the title of the movie, people. What did you think you were going to see? Shakespeare?" And, of course, the majority of people (and,



Johnny Knoxville turns a blood eye to the increasingly stomach-churning stunts in 'Jackass: Number Two.'



Natalie Mendoza, Alex Reid and Shauna Macdonald go underground in 'The Descent.'

based on the commercial success of the previous "Jackass" movie, there will be many) who see this movie will be fans of the television series. They will, therefore, likely be far less horrified and, one assumes, less judgmental than a movie reviewer who is still wondering when she might be able to once again stomach solid food.

During the closing credits, one cast member/hapless stuntman turns to the camera and pleads, "Please, God, don't let there be a 'Jackass Three.'" Amen.

—Los Angeles Times

## "The Descent"

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In "The Descent," Sarah (Shauna Macdonald) is one of a

group of handsome, virile mid-twenties guys who are addicted to adrenaline, if not testosterone (their own, not some guy's). We meet her and her two closest friends enjoying dangerous white-water rafting; a few minutes later, Sarah, driving home with hubby and daughter, takes her eye off the road and crashes, losing her family.

A year later, her friend Juno (Natalie Mendoza) persuades her to go on another adventurous trip as part of her grief therapy, a spelunking expedition with four other women. Sooner than you can say "I ain't got" down in that hole," the six have repelled their way into the maw of hell, proceeding farther downward to a maze of vaults and chambers.



Detective Josh Hartnett is on the trail of the killer in 'The Black Dahlia.'

The inevitable cave-in seals them off, so they have to go forward or die. What they discover quickly enough is that they are not alone and that those they share the nooks and crannies with are hungry.

Not for the fainthearted, the movie quickly devolves into a series of hand-to-hand combat encounters, with Juno leading the way, driving her climbers' plights into limestone and flesh, whichever is necessary at the time.

Aside from an early irritating tendency for false scares—crudely computer-animated ravens and bats pouring out of crevices—writer-director Neil Marshall keeps the film lean and focused. He does have a nice taste for horror imagery: The first glimpse of one of the creatures, as debased and revolting and craven as a living thing could be, will stay with you a long time. Mendoza and Macdonald really crack to life, even if some of the others, under hard hats and grimy faces, become mere expendable members of the platoon in any war movie.

—Washington Post

## "The Black Dahlia"

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On Jan. 15, 1947, in a vacant lot in Los Angeles, a 22-year-old woman named Elizabeth "Betty" Short was found bru-

tally murdered. So gruesome was the crime scene that it became legendary: Among other desecrations, the body had been cut in two. The slaughter, uncharacteristic in its violence and driven by the victim's haunting beauty and generally feckless life, was investigated by a huge team, some of the results comical but all of them unfortunately futile.

Brian De Palma's film "The Black Dahlia" follows two police officers assigned to the case, Patrolman Bucky Bleichert (Josh Hartnett) and Sgt. Lee Blanchard (Aaron Eckhart), who let it grow in their minds until it haunts them, ultimately causing one a nervous breakdown with disastrous consequences. The result is a work busy in the least satisfying of ways, not teeming but caked, not dense but crowded. When she's not channeling Faye Dunaway, Hilary Swank veers toward Lauren Bacall in "The Big Sleep," while Rachel Miner does a neat spin on Martha Vickers, who played Bacall's little sister in that here, Miner plays Swank's sis. Lee's girlfriend, Kay, meanwhile, is played in kewpie doll insouciance and sweeter-gal pulchritude by Scarlett Johansson.

Too much of "The Black Dahlia" consists of narrated information; about half the movie is synopsis of what the filmmakers don't have time to dramatize.

And despite genius-level contributions from cinematographer Vilmos Zsigmond and art director Dante Ferretti, the handsome film is almost abusively murky, trafficking in difficult-to-follow plot manipulations, arbitrary twists and mumbled dialogue. It ultimately comes to rest on one of those by-now de rigueur 10-minute final synopses that shuffle through the story a second time, revealing the secret connections behind seemingly unrelated events.

—Washington Post



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#### About the dining guide

Every week, TNT publishes a rotating list of restaurants in south-central Idaho, along with their hours, food specialties and price ranges. For reasons of space, not every restaurant will be listed every week, but they will be listed on a regular basis.

If your restaurant is not listed and you would like to have it in the weekly dining guide, call Steve Crump at 735-3223 or e-mail him at [scrump@magicalvalley.com](mailto:scrump@magicalvalley.com). It's a free service.

2 p.m.; Tuesdays through Saturday, 7 a.m.-9:30 p.m. *Kirk and Carol Martin*, owners. 837-6227.

#### HAILEY

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• **Kid's South**, 121 N. Main — New England burrito, tacos, burrito. \$3.25-\$9.75. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Brian Krieger, owner. 788-7177.

• **Red Equipment Saloon**, 107 S. Main — Pork ribs, prime rib, lamb chops, pasta. Full bar. Hours: Daily, 8 p.m.-11 p.m. Sam Caroleto, owner. 788-6047.

• **Shorty's Diner**, 126 S. Main St. — Burgers, sandwiches, salads. \$2.25-\$8.95. Beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. *John and Jeanne Greenberg*, owners. 578-1203.

• **Viva Tapatia**, 411 N. Main St. — Pork carnitas, burrito, fish tacos. \$5-\$15. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed Sundays. Rob Corral and Brandon Bonney, owners. 788-3897.

• **The Whisked Soup**, 305 N. Main St. — Tasty old chicken, hamburgers, pasta with cheese. \$4.45-\$7.85. Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Mike Brown, owner. 788-0009.

• **South Hills Saloon**, 300 Highway 30 — Breaded chicken, hamburgers, parties with cheese. \$4.45-\$7.85. Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Mike Brown, owner. 788-0009.

Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; closed Sundays. *Karen Lay*, owner. 829-3308.

#### HANSEN

• **Footfall Cafe**, 458 Highway 30 W. — South Hills steak sandwich, Footfall Burger, grilled chicken sandwiches. \$1.75-\$6.95. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 6 a.m.-2 p.m.; closed Sundays. Brian and Kim Hanson, owners. 825-1171.

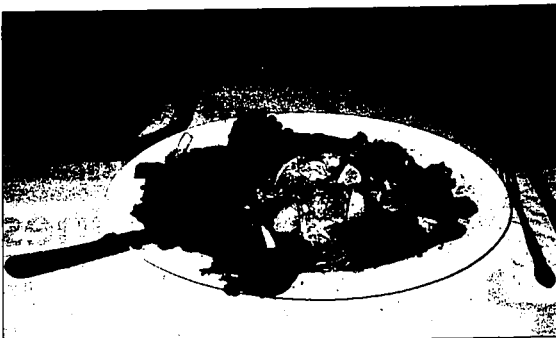
#### HAZELTON

• **Regenerals Lambchop Cafe**, 925 Main St. — Crabapple ribs, prime rib, fish and chips. \$13.95-\$18.95. Full bar.

#### HEYBURN

• **Cosmo's Cafe**, East 208 of Interstate 84 and Idaho Highway — Turkey with homemade dressing, liver and onions, grilled trout, chicken-fried steak. \$3.75-

\$14.95. Hours: Open daily, 5:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. *Kelly Worthington, Corrie Paslay and Karen Fetzner*, owners. 679-9367.



A combination plate — chili verde burrito with a chili relleno — at Aztlan Mexican Restaurant.

## The real deal at Aztlan Mexican Restaurant

BY DAVID COOPER  
Times-News writer

### About Aztlan Mexican Restaurant

**TWIN FALLS** — There comes a time in life when the traditional tastes of Mexican food can become, well, a tad too traditional. The Americanization of south-of-the-border tastes can sometimes lack a boldness like a habanero that lacks its seeds. Or maybe I've just been going to the same location once to many times. A recent trip to Aztlan Mexican Restaurant seemed to offer some much-needed variety for Mexican cuisine. Helping in the endeavor was a preconceived plan to give my appetite a break, and let my palate enjoy the night for a change.

Aztlan has been in Twin Falls since 2004 in what was the former Elmer's Restaurant of the Maple Valley Mall. After another Mexican eatery opened and closed at the same location, Aztlan opened with only some quiet success. New owners brought the restaurant recently.

• **1824 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls** — Appetizers (\$3.25 to \$7.50); entrees (\$6.75 to \$12.95); Beer, wine and pre-mixed margaritas and pina colodas. Hours: Mondays through Thursday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. *Maria Mejia*, owner. 733-6655.

A common perception of many Mexican restaurants is that we go for the filling experience as much as we do for the food. Your server provides the obligatory bowl of chips and salsa, a fewrells of the soda pop, and more of the beans and rice on the side.

Ugh! Just reading about it should make you think twice. Having never tried Aztlan, I tried to hold back on much of the side offerings as possible, and to savor just a few items on the plate.

Notice I said the word "fried." Aztlan's salsa seemed fresher than some other local eateries, with heartier tomato, onion and cilantro. Sampling just a few bites seemed more than satisfying, so I didn't press on much from there.

Combination plates can be another step toward a binging experience. I ordered two unusual items for a combo plate — a chili verde burrito with a chili relleno. The beans and rice served as two stepstair offerings on a plate that didn't need any filler.

The "less is more" experience I paid off nicely. Chili verde, made with spiced pork and a mild green sauce in a flour tortilla, sounds no-frills, but it has a unique taste I always enjoy with Mexican food.

Many restaurants make the mistake of cutting the meat into cubes, or worse, some overcooked burrito hodgepodge. This dish, however, has tenderized pork that resembled and tasted like, well — pork. The meat was neither too flaky, nor too greasy.

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# Road warrior

## Bentley is country's hottest up-and-comer

Minneapolis Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — Dierks Bentley called neatly two hours late, so he apologized and left his cell-phone number on the message machine.

A country star giving his cell number to a newspaper reporter? That seems as likely as the Dixie Chicks getting a White House dinner invitation. But Bentley is the kind of guy who'll sometimes help his crew set up before a show or pack up at the end of the night. The kind of guy who'll play a club gig after an arena show.

His take-care-of-business dedication and hardworking, fan-pleasing approach are among the reasons why music-business insiders say Bentley is country music's next big headline attraction.

Carrie Underwood has sold more albums. So has Sugarland. But they can't match Bentley's record as a road warrior. In the past two years, he's traveled 250,000 miles and played more than 350 shows — including stadium concerts as opening act for Kenny Chesney.

This fall Bentley began his first trek as headliner — the Locked and Loaded Tour. "Kenny (Chesney) says I should call it 'The Pipe and Drape Tour' because we have to close off half the building," Bentley joked. His crew hangs curtains across the middle of the arena to make a more intimate space for 3,000 to 7,000 people.

*"To me, everything's riding on (the) show. Kenny Chesney's not going to ride out on a white horse and save the show if it goes south."*

— Dierks Bentley



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An uncalculating self-promoter, Bentley is alternately earnest and spirited, a Harley rider with a tender heart whom women want to take home and guys want to have a beer with. In fact, he keeps a keg or a few cases on-stage. He's serious about both the music making and the merrymaking.

"Every night feels like the first time," he said from his tour bus in Dallas. "It's flattering. It's humbling. It's an honor, it's exciting and new — all at the same time."

After two tours with Chesney, he released his third album last month — high time, he figured, to take the financial risk and responsibility of headlining.

He gets to choose the staging, the lighting, the sound system, the cities and venues and the opening acts. Each day he checks in with his lighting director, his guitar techs and his business manager. He calls newspapers and radio stations in the morning, goes to the gym in the afternoon, does a soundcheck at the arena, meets with fans before and after the show.

The bottom line: It's his name that sells the tickets.

"It's definitely a risk and it's scary, but it's fun to be in charge," he said. "I always want to be a step ahead of what we can afford to have. To me, everything's riding on that show. Kenny Chesney's not going to ride

out on a white horse and save the show if it goes south."

It's a chance to apply lessons he learned on the road with Chesney and George Strait.

"The thing I learned most from Kenny is to have fun," he said. "There are a lot of people in the business who aren't having fun; they're getting caught up in the crap and bogged down by all the B.S. We try to keep it loose and fun backstage so when we go onstage we have a good time, too."

From Strait, he learned to "always put the music first." The Country Hall of Famer does his own soundcheck before every show (some stars just have their

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## KARAOKE CORNER

### DAILY

#### Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. Klover Klub is at 402 Main N.

### DAILY (EXCEPT JAN. 1)

#### Burley

Karaoke will be featured at 9 p.m. at The Steakhouse and Convention Center. No cover charge. The Steakhouse is at 1340 Oakley Ave.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 28

#### Twin Falls

Katwalk Karaoke will be featured at 9 p.m. at Kruger's Night Life. No cover charge. Kruger's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

#### Burley

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. Cover charge is \$2. The Riverside is at 197 W. Highway 30.

#### Declo

Karaoke by Lou Brown will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is at 826 Highway 81.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 29

#### Twin Falls

Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

#### Burley

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover

charge. Please see KARAOKE, Page 14

## Music/Feature

KARAOKE  
CORNER

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charge. The 610 Club is at 1054 Overland Ave.

## Rupert

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar. No cover charge. Melody Bar is at 502 Sixth St.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 30

## Twin Falls

Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

## Barley

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is at 1054 Overland Ave.

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. Cover charge is \$2. The Riverside is at 197 W. Highway 30.

## Rupert

High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is at 613 Fremont Ave.

## Declo

Miller Time Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna. No cover charge. Big Kahuna is at 9 E. Main.

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3

## Twin Falls

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

## Paul

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Red's Bar. No cover charge. Red's Bar is on Sixth E. Idaho St.

Snoop Dogg  
"Tha Blue  
Carpet Treatment"  
(Doggystyle/Geffen)

In case you missed the talking points, Snoop Dogg's eighth outing is allegedly his "Doggystyle... Part II" — a return to the sound and focus of his g-funk-filled debut. Thing is, Snoop has already fashioned that follow-up. Back in 2004, he teamed with Warren G and Nate Dogg on 213's old-fashioned "The Hard Way," and he's unlikely to get closer to his low-riding Long Beach, Calif., roots than that excellent disc.

However, considering he's sometimes missing on his own recent solo albums, "Tha Blue Carpet Treatment" and its no-frills West Coast productions are refreshingly focused on Snoop, not his guests. When Tha Doggfather threatens to go into his

trunk to settle a beef on "Vato," his nasal whine sounds as ominous as it did in 1993.

Of course, one cameo does merit the spotlight. Snoop's reunion with "Doggystyle" mastermind Dr. Dre is an event in itself; that the long-estranged duo manage to live up to expectations is one of the year's most remarkable moments. With both men spitting potent rhymes, the wistful "Imagine" challenges us to think of a world without hip-hop.

On this one, at least, Snoop and Dre once again give the music the blue-carpet treatment it deserves.

— The Hartford Courant



Doggystyle/Geffen

## What makes a cartoon New Yorker-worthy?

Draw your  
own conclusion

BY PETER CARLSON  
The Washington Post

Two plumbers working on a sink with an alligator coming out of the faucet?

Yes.

Two drunks brainstorming about starting the Drinking Network?

No.

A gay with his hand chopped off painting the way to the Islamic court?

Ahhhhhhh... maybe.

It's Wednesday afternoon and David Remnick, the editor of the New Yorker, is picking cartoons. A few minutes ago, Bob Mankoff, the magazine's cartoon editor, entered Remnick's office carrying three wire baskets and 81 cartoons. The baskets are labeled Yes, No and Maybe. The cartoons are the ones Mankoff



In about 20 minutes, New Yorker editor David Remnick, center, recently rejected 48 cartoons and bought 33 — that's 33 out of nearly a thousand that came in that week. With him are Jacob Lewis, managing editor, left, and Bob Mankoff, cartoon editor, who also drew this cartoon of the three.

Illustration by BOB MANKOFF/  
Washington Post

chose from the nearly 1,000 he received since the previous Wednesday's meeting. Now, with the help of Managing Editor Jacob Lewis, Remnick will decide which ones the magazine will buy.

He picks a cartoon out of the pile. It's by Rox Chast, the New

Yorker's queen of modern neurosis. This cartoon is a gallery of fictitious "Excuse Darts." Smiling in anticipation, Remnick starts reading.

"You know, some of these are not great," he says, sadly.

"I like the concept of it," says Lewis.

"I'm not sure this is working," Remnick says and the cartoon goes into the No basket.

He picks up the next cartoon. It's another Chast: a muck front page of a tabloid newspaper, the "Arctic Enquirer," with headlines

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## Bentley *Continued from page 13*

bands do it). So does Bentley. Bentley, who turned 31 last month. Is a curly-haired, three-day-bearded, blue jeans, T-shirt, backward-cap kind of dude. More than any other male country star, he looks like he could have stepped out of the audience onto the stage.

Growing up in a nonmusical family in Phoenix, Dierks (it's a family surname) got hooked on Van Halen and electric guitar at age 13, but four years later caught the country bug from Hank Williams Jr.

Three years ago, Capitol Records released his self-titled debut, which sold 1

million copies and resulted in a No. 1 single ("What Was I Thinkin'"). So did the 2005 follow-up, "Modern Day Drifter," with the hit "Come a Little Closer."

He boosted his profile last year with two prestigious honors: the Country Mu-

sic Association's Horizon Award for best newcomer and membership in the Grand Ole Opry — inducted at age 29, making him the youngest in that exclusive club. His new CD, "Long Trip Alone," went to No. 1 and produced another No. 1 single: "Every Mile a Memory."

## Movies *Continued from page 6*

the changes will do them good. Jude Law and an unlikely Jack Black play the men in their lives. Writer-director Nancy Meyers has made a career out of showing what women want in movies, but this one's a lifeless, maladroit concoction. The film does have one thing going for it: It's the only romantic comedy out there. Rated PG-13 (sexual content and some strong language). 2 hours, 15 minutes.

• **"The Nativity Story" / C+** Who knew those Three Wise Men were such punctilious-tossing cutups? In the wako of Mel Gibson's worldwide blockbuster "The Passion of the Christ" comes this new biblical film about the birth of Jesus. There's not much violence, thankfully, but plenty of greeting-card sincerity and moral fortitude. The acting is mostly just passable (real-life pregnant teen Keisha Castle-Hughes plays Mary). Oddly, director Catherine Hardwicke has chosen to drain most of the color from the film's cinematography. Her scenes are often dark and stark or just plain gray. What we end up with is something quite a bit less than the greatest story ever told. Rated PG (some violent content). 1 hour, 41 minutes.

• **"Night at the Museum" / No rating** Ben Stiller accidentally brings the inhabitants of a natural history museum to life. PG

• **"The Pursuit of Happiness" / B-** Inspirational movies like this have been mishandled so many times, even the ads can be nauseating. But leave the Pepto

at home. This one's much better than you might think, thanks to Will Smith. Based on a true story, it's about a single father (Smith) in 1981 San Francisco, trying to earn a job at a brokerage firm via an unpaid internship and, at the same time, take care of his son (Jaden Smith, the star's real-life son). "Happyness" might bring an Oscar nomination for Smith (who got a Golden Globe award Thursday). Rated PG-13 (some language). 1 hour, 57 minutes.

• **"Rocky Balboa" / No rating** Rocky returns to the ring for a shot at the heavyweight championship of the world. PG

• **"The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause" / C** Tim Allen returns as Father Christmas in this slick and silly family sequel. The Mrs. is pregnant; the in-laws are barking and Jack Frost (Martin Short) is nipping at his ... ahem. 1 hour, 38 minutes G.

• **"Stranger Than Fiction" / B** This ingenious celluloid mischief from director Marc Forster and first-time screenwriter Zach Helm summons up several other films ("Adaptation," "L.A. Story" among others) with its clever, literate script and fanciful premise. A boring IRS auditor (Will Ferrell) starts hearing a female voice narrating his life and learns he's a fictional character in a novel by a reclusive writer (Emma Thompson). The movie lacks a fully satisfying wrap-up, but the dialogue is head-spinning and the cast wonderful — especially Dustin Hoffman as a nutty professor trying to help Ferrell. Rated PG-13.

## Sonic *Continued from page 2*

One of the hallmarks of the original was the incredible sense of speed as Sonic ran, jumped and spun around loops, tunnels and robotic enemies.

It was a simple yet alluring experience, one that in its day was among the first to regularly tear me away from Nintendo's "Super Mario Bros."

So Sega, what happened? This rated E10+, \$59.99 remake falls at that simple pleasure.

When you finally do get that sensation of traveling faster than the speed of sound, it's ruined by some inexplicable obstacle, like shallow water (which is apparently all it takes to send Sonic to his doom).

There's an expanded cast of characters in the "Sonic" universe, from old blue streak himself to pals like Tails and persistent nemesis Dr. Eggman. There are also several "Sonic" variants you gain access to as you progress, including Shadow and the new futuristic Silver Sonic, each with unique abilities.

I couldn't just start the game dashing around and collecting golden rings. Instead, I was plopped in the middle of some lame city, performing boring missions for human residents instead of doing what Sonic used to do best.

The most serious issues were the level designs and camera controls. Unlike the old two-dimensional game, it's really hard in this 3D version to tell where you're supposed to go.

## Aztlan *Continued from page 12*

I would have liked more chill verde sauce made from tart green tomatillos.

When balanced with other flavors, tomatillos give chill verde pork a sweetness that's unlike any other dish. You can taste some of that in Aztlan's dish, but not too much. No harm done, though: The main portion of pork didn't let me down as the center of the meal.

The chili relleno was just as good, especially since rellenos aren't my favorite. I was expect-

ing something similar to the overcooked, crispy stuffed omelet that's usually served ambitiously in Anglo-sized Mexican eateries.

Just to my luck, Aztlan's relleno wasn't too heavy on the egg and butter.

The soup and cheese was thick, but the egg was just the right size in proportion for a thin poblano green chile. It balanced nicely with the bigger serving of chill verde.

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The problem is compounded by a camera angle that doesn't do a very good job of showing your surroundings. Get ready for lots of wasted time just figuring out which way is forward.

Graphically, "Sonic" looked great in high-definition. But I did experience some odd visual glitches where I got stuck in a location and the entire screen would maddeningly shake around for a few seconds.

The only thing that buoyed the deep-seated "Sonic" depression brought on by this new game was to dust off my old Genesis console and play the original. After all these years, it remains a surprisingly tactile, fast-paced experience.

Just don't be deceived by this new game. "Sonic" is not back for the next-gen platforms — at least not in the way I and many other fans will want to remember.

Aztlan offers diners a clean, open dining area with fireplace, high vaulted roofs and Mexican murals. The service was also exceptionally fast — five minutes for a party of two.

Take note — and take your time with less beans, rice and chips — and you'll take away a nice dining experience.

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about salacious doings in Santa's workshop.

Remnick laughs. "OK, let's take that," he says. It goes into the Yes basket.

He keeps going. No. No. Yes. No. Now he picks up a cartoon that's labeled "Good Shrink, Bad Shrink." A guy's lying on a psychiatrist's couch with a shrink on each side of him. One shrink is saying, "Face your demons." The other says, "Take a pill."

Remnick cracks up. "That'll be on every refrigerator in America," he says, laughing. It goes into the Yes basket.

No. Yes. No. No. Remnick picks up a cartoon of a corporate boardroom with a bunch of guys in suits sitting around a conference table with one chair occupied by a brain in a jar. The caption reads, "But first let's all congratulate Ted on his return to work."

"Ewwwww!" Remnick says, half groaning, half laughing. "Bob!"

"It's great!" Mankoff says. "It's horrible!" Remnick responds, laughing.

"What? A little brain in a jar?" Mankoff replies. "No animals were hurt in the making of this cartoon."

Remnick laughs. But he doesn't change his mind. "Not here," he says. It's a No.

Hey, wait a minute! Did you catch that? The guy laughs at the cartoon, but he still rejects it! It's good the cartoonists aren't watching. This would drive them crazy. Well, crazier. Constant rejection has rendered these geniuses half nuts already.

In about 20 minutes, Remnick rejects 48 cartoons and buys 33 — that's 33 out of nearly a thousand that came in this week! It's hard out here for a cartoonist.

Just ask Matthew Diffee. At 36, he's one of the New Yorker's star cartoonists, creator of the classic drawing of Che Guevara wearing a Bart Simpson T-shirt, which has become a hot-selling T-shirt itself. But the man is

practically punch-drunk from repeated rejection.

Every Tuesday, like most of the New Yorker's four dozen regular cartoonists, Diffee submits a batch of about 10 cartoons.

"And if you're really, really funny that week," he says, "you'll sell ... one cartoon! That's a 90 percent rejection rate."

On a bad week, the rejection rate is 100 percent.

This makes for a lot of ego-battered cartoonists. It also makes for a lot of rejected cartoons, many of them very funny. Which is why Diffee recently published a book called "The Rejection on Collection Cartoons: You Never Saw, and Never Will See, in the New Yorker."

It's a group of cartoons drawn by 31 New Yorker cartoonists and rejected by Mankoff or Remnick because they were a little too ... well, one cartoon, by Drew Dernavich, shows a doctor handing his patient a rubber glove and saying, "Give a man an exam and he'll be healthy for a day; teach a man to examine himself and he'll be healthy for a lifetime."

"It's funny to see something drawn by somebody who's in the New Yorker, but it's way too crude to ever be in the New Yorker," Diffee says. "To me, the funniest element is that this guy actually submitted this. What was he thinking?"

"The 'Rejection Collection' is hilarious, Remnick says. "But," he adds, "I did not find myself saying, 'I wish I took these cartoons.' I maybe a few, but very few. I think a lot of these cartoons were purposely submitted knowing they wouldn't get through, and they did it for the hell of it. They know there are certain limits. There's a language limit, a grossness limit, a juvenile limit."

Remnick hates rejecting cartoons. He really does. "This is a heaviness about it," he says, sighing heavily. "Because ... you're conscious that certain

number of people are waiting on pins and needles to see if they've got a cartoon in that week. It's hard. We're pretty much the only place that runs cartoons consistently, and we run maybe 15 or 20 a week. It's a really tough way to make a living."

Remember the "Selfield" episode about the New Yorker cartoonist?

Elsine doesn't get the cartoon, so she shows it to Jerry and George, and they don't get it either. Somehow she buttonholes the editor of the New Yorker and demands that he explain it. But he can't.

"Cartoons are like gossamer, and one doesn't dissect gossamer," he says, lamely. "The episode was funny because sometimes New Yorker cartoons are baffling. It was even funnier if you knew that the script was written by Bruce Eric Kaplan, a TV writer who also draws cartoons for the New Yorker — cartoons that he signs BEK. Brilliant cartoons that are sometimes, if truth be told, a bit baffling.

Mankoff, who has been cartoon editor at the magazine since 1997, knows that sometimes people are befuddled by New Yorker cartoons. "We don't do focus groups. We don't find out 'Does everybody get it?'" he says. "And sometimes people don't get it. Sometimes it's because we made a mistake. Sometimes it's because the reference is very elusive."

Picking cartoons isn't as easy as it looks. "The funniest cartoon is not necessarily the best cartoon," says Mankoff. "Funniest means that you laugh harder, and everybody's gonna laugh harder at more aggressive cartoons, more obscene cartoons. It's a Freudian thing. It gives more relief. But is it a better joke? To me, better means having more truth in it, having both the humor and the pain and therefore having more meaning and more, uh, uh ... It's soches for ward, there finds it." poetry

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## IRISH MARTINI

2 ounces Teton Glacier Potato Vodka  
Baileys Irish Cream to taste

## TITANIC MARTINI

3 ounces Teton Glacier Potato Vodka  
Vermouth to taste

## BLOODY MARY ON A STICK

1 1/2 ounces Teton Glacier Potato Vodka  
1 cherry tomato  
Vermouth to taste

## BLUE COSMO

1 3/4 ounces Blue Ice American Vodka  
1/2 ounce blue curacao  
3/4 ounce white cranberry juice  
1/4 ounce fresh lime juice  
Shake ingredients together in a cocktail mixer. Strain into an 8-ounce cocktail glass and garnish with an orange slice.

## HEART THROB

1 1/2 ounces Blue Ice American Vodka  
1/2 ounce Cointreau or triple sec  
1 ounce pomegranate juice  
1/4 ounce fresh lime juice  
Add ingredients to a cocktail mixer, shake well and strain. Garnish with a lime wheel and red cherry.

## BLONDIE IN BLUE

2 1/4 ounces Blue Ice American Vodka  
1/3 ounce Marie Brizard Parfait Amour  
1/4 ounce Lillet Blonde

Stir ingredients in a mixing jar until well chilled. Strain into a pre-chilled cocktail glass and garnish with a slice of lemon.

## HOT-BUTTERED MARTINI

1 ounce Blue Ice Vodka  
Dash of dry vermouth  
6 ounces hot water  
1 well-rounded teaspoon brown sugar  
1 cinnamon stick  
1 lemon twist  
Pat of butter

## 3 cloves

Preheat glass with hot water and discard water.  
Add brown sugar. Add enough hot water to fully dissolve the sugar by stirring.  
Add Blue Ice Vodka. Add the dash of dry vermouth.  
Fill with the remaining hot water and stir. Float the pat of butter on top.  
Garnish with a cinnamon stick and lemon twist with cloves embedded.  
Serve in an 8-ounce traditional Irish coffee glass, glass mug or ceramic mug — or a heat-treated martini glass.

## HOT APPLETONI

1 ounce Blue Ice Vodka  
1/2 ounce sour apple schnapps  
6 ounces hot water  
1 marshmallow cherry  
1 slice green apple  
Preheat glass with hot water and discard water. Add Blue Ice Vodka. Add sour apple schnapps. Fill with hot water.  
Garnish with a marshmallow cherry and green apple slice or the rim of glass or mug.  
Serve in an 8-ounce traditional Irish coffee glass or glass mug — or a heat-treated martini glass.

## HOT CHOCOLATE MARTINI

1 ounce Blue Ice Vodka  
1/4 ounce vanilla syrup  
1/4 ounce chocolate liqueur  
6 ounces hot water  
1/2 teaspoon hot chocolate powder (optional)

Preheat glass with hot water and discard water.  
If chocolate powder is not used pour Blue Ice Vodka, vanilla syrup and chocolate liqueur into the glass and fill with hot water.  
If chocolate powder is used: Dilute it in small amount of hot water. Then pour Blue Ice Vodka, vanilla syrup and chocolate liqueur into the glass and fill with hot water.  
Serve in an 8-ounce traditional Irish coffee glass, glass mug or ceramic mug — or a heat-treated martini glass.