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Ohio dairy to reopen Rupert cheese plant

For the Times-News

RUPERT — Just days after Kraft Foods' plant in Rupert closed, an Ohio cheesemaker announced the facility will be producing cheese again within a year.
Brewster Dairy, Inc., headquartered in Brewster, Ohio, has reached an agreement to buy

the former Kraft Foods cheese production facility, according to a press release issued by Brewster Wednesday.
Kraft ended production at the plant over the holidays and had a small crew remaining to perform final shutdown procedures.
As soon as Kraft vacates the facility, Brewster plans to begin

Brewster

On the web:
<http://www.brewstercheese.com>

installing new cheese manufacturing equipment and expects

to begin production by Nov. 1, the release said.
The release included no details about the number of workers the plant will employ or when hiring will start.
Celebrating its 40th year of production, Brewster is the nation's largest manufacturer of Swiss cheese, according to the company Web site.

The a privately held corporation has production facilities in Brewster, Ohio, and Stockton, Ill.
More than 400 dairy farms provide milk to the plants in Ohio and Illinois, which operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week and produce about 85 million pounds of Swiss cheese a year, according to the company.

University of Idaho report: Idaho agriculture still strong, but too dairy-centric.
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Fundraising for trooper tops \$65,000

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — About \$65,000 has been raised for Idaho State Trooper Chris Glenn, who was wounded Dec. 20 in the line of duty.
The amount of money raised is less than a month, which includes two accounts at Wells Fargo as well as other efforts, has been more than expected, State Trooper Matt Lucas said.



The problem we're having — and it's not a problem, but just shows you how much this community cares — is that we are getting so much support," Lucas said.

The influx of money was so strong, Lucas said, that 26 people from the law enforcement, business and agriculture communities met Jan. 5 in Jerome to form a committee to develop a plan for using the money.

"It's just overwhelming and just a couple people can't do this," he said.

Glenn, 34, was shot in the neck Dec. 20 as he tried to pull over a car driven by a robbery suspect. Doctors have said that Glenn, who suffered damage to his trachea, esophagus and spine, is likely to be paralyzed from the chest down.

Last week, Glenn was moved out of intensive care in Boise and is sitting up in a chair. He is expected to undergo physical therapy before leaving the hospital.

The \$65,000 might not include the numerous fundraisers held separate to the ISP efforts, including the Riley Creek restaurants in Hagerman and Filer, a bowling alley in Jerome and Papa Kelsey's in Twin Falls.

More than \$2,000 was raised Wednesday at the two Riley Creek restaurants. One customer donated \$500, according to restaurant managers.
The ISP has said some of the money from these separate fundraisers is given directly to Glenn's family and not deposited into the Wells Fargo accounts.

On Jan. 24, the ISP will host a dinner and dance with an

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Born to watch the land

"It's a beautiful country, a unique, vast forest."
— Jane Kollmeyer, new Sawtooth National Forest supervisor



Jane Kollmeyer, left, Sawtooth National Forest supervisor, talks with Sharon LaBrecque during a meeting Wednesday at the agency's Twin Falls office on Kimberly Road East.

Sawtooth is latest stop for Forest Service veteran

By Nate Poppo
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — One day, Jane Kollmeyer wants to go snowshoeing in the South Hills. Or maybe hiking up near Stanley.

She'll probably visit those areas soon, but not for recreation. Kollmeyer began her new job as supervisor for the Sawtooth National Forest on Monday. She is responsible for the management and protection of 2.1 million acres stretching from northern Utah to

Stanley and the Salmon River — including the 756,000-acre Sawtooth National Recreation Area. It's quite a task, but she's excited.

"It's a beautiful country, a unique, vast forest," she said. "It has a reputation as a well-functioning forest with very qualified people who work well together. It's kind of a dream job."

Formerly the deputy forest supervisor of the Heleena National Forest

in Montana, Kollmeyer has forestry in her blood. Her father was a forester in Michigan, where she was born and raised.

As a child, she would help her parents care for some practice forestry land they owned in the northern part of the state. She studied it through college and graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in forestry in 1976.

That degree launched her on a 27-year career that has taken her to forests and conservation groups in Washington, Oregon, California and Georgia, among other states. She's even served in Idaho before — as a deputy district ranger for the Idaho Panhandle National Forest. Each time, she's found challenges and places that keep her job interesting.

"I've never regretted it," she said. Nor is she regretting moving to Twin Falls, her first impression of which has been "very positive." She and her husband, Terry, who also works for the Forest Service, have

found the city to be very friendly, she said.

Many things await her attention on the job, but her first priority is getting to know her employees — about 125 permanent and 150 seasonal — and the land she is responsible for conserving. Part of that will be adjusting to how the land is used as compared with her last job.

"We didn't get near the recreation use that the Sawtooth forest has," she said, comparing it to Glacier or Yellowstone national parks.

Two or three pressing issues await Kollmeyer, said Ed Waldapfel, public affairs officer for the forest. Due to a change last year banning cross-country motorized vehicle use, she'll have to determine and approve trails for such vehicles. An epidemic of mountain pine beetles is killing trees and creating fire hazards. And a dispute about rangelands and grazing is on the horizon.

After all that, maybe Kollmeyer will have some time to take a trip.

CSI picks athletic director

Former Golden Eagles coach takes AD job

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Joel Bate is headed out of the classroom and back to the basketball court.

The College of Southern Idaho announced Wednesday the hiring of Bate, a former Golden Eagles women's basketball coach, as the colleges' new athletic director. Bate has taught in the CSI English Department since 1993 and coached the Golden Eagles women to a 144-78 record from 1993-2000. His position as the department's new athletic director is effective immediately.

Bate, 46, was out of town Wednesday but voiced his excitement about the job in an afternoon phone interview.

"I've coached here and I've been a teacher here," Bate said. "I've been a lover of sports and this was an opportunity to bring all of my talents together and an opportunity that was challenging and exciting at a college I care deeply for and a community I feel very comfortable in. It just seems a natural evolution of all that I've done."

The department has been without a leader since longtime athletic director Jeff Duggan was placed on administrative leave in late August around the time reports surfaced of a culture of departmental over-spending.

Bate said that he and CSI officials were still hashing out the terms of his contract and compensation on Wednesday.

"We are very pleased that Joel has accepted the position," CSI President Jerry Beck said in Wednesday's press release. "Joel exemplifies the characteristics that we want in an athletic director. He will balance the winning tradition of CSI with fundraising, academic success of all student-athletes, managing the budget, eligibility and compliance and game management."

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'Now is the time to act' Bush sending 21,500 more troops to Iraq

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush acknowledged for the first time Wednesday that he erred by not ordering a military buildup in Iraq last year and said he was increasing U.S. troops by 21,500 to quell the country's near-anarchy. "Where mistakes have been made, the responsibility rests with me," Bush said.

The buildup puts Bush on a collision course with the new Democratic Congress and pushes the American troop presence in Iraq toward its

highest level. It also runs counter to widespread anti-war passions among Americans and the advice of some top generals.

In a prime-time address to the nation, Bush pushed back against the Democrats' calls to end the unpopular war. He said that "to step back now would force a collapse of the Iraqi government, tear that country apart and result in mass killings on an unimaginable scale."

"If I increase our support at this crucial moment and help the Iraqis break the current cycle of violence, we can

hasten the day our troops begin coming home," Bush said. But he braced Americans to expect more U.S. casualties for now and did not specify how long the additional troops would stay.

In addition to extra U.S. forces, the plan envisions Iraq's committing 10,000 to 12,000 more troops to secure Baghdad's neighborhoods — and taking the lead in military operations.

Even before Bush's address, the new Democratic leaders of Congress emphasized their opposition to a buildup. This is the third time we are going

down this path. Two times this has not worked." House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said after meeting with the president. "Why are they doing this now? That question remains."

There was criticism from Republicans, as well. "This is a dangerously wrongheaded strategy that will drive America deeper into an unwinnable swamp at a great cost," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., a Vietnam veteran and potential GOP presidential candidate.

Senate and House Democrats are arranging votes urging the president not



President Bush addresses the nation from the White House library on Wednesday, announcing plans to increase troop levels in Iraq.



Watch President Bush's speech in the multimedia gallery at www.magicvalley.com

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TODAY'S FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Much colder with a chance for snow showers. Highs in the mid 20s.
Tonight: Perhaps a snow shower and cold. Lows near 10.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with a small chance for a snow shower.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Book sale, conducted by the Friends of DeMay Memorial Library, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the back room of DeMay Memorial Library, 417 7th St., Rupert, 436-3874.

Ribbon cutting for Best America Suites, noon, 1377 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, 736-8000.

The Jerome Historical Society meeting, with "show and tell" about an antique or cherished memory, 7 p.m., City Library, 100 1st Ave. E., Jerome, 324-4185.

Jerome Class of 1987 planning meeting, 6 p.m., Jaker's, 1598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, cost of the meal, 734-9577.

Low-cost spay/neuter clinic for cats, sponsored by The Sheena Foundation, Larue Veterinary Clinic, 3893 N. 2250 E., Filer, (208) 326-8646 for appointment and information.

Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program for senior citizens, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, free for all senior citizens, 737-5946.

Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake, 837-9131.

Jackpot Advisory Board, 5 p.m., Jackpot Library, 2301 Progressive Drive, (775) 755-2356.

Fairfield City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 407 Soldier Road, 764-2333.

Murtaugh Highway District, 7 p.m., district office, 108 W. Archer, 432-5469.

Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main, 862-3313.

Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. E., 734-9490.

Mindoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 402 Cherry St., 431-4101.

Hobbies and Crafts: Glass fusing class, learn about cutting and creating functional glass pieces and make a candy dish 4 to 8 in. x 6 in. x 2 in. \$15. Registration with Twin Falls Parks and Recreation or 736-2265.

Thimble Barries, 6 p.m., Hem Stitching Etc., 1238 Overland Ave., Burley, 878-0236.

Handicap-accessible vehicle, for example, could be used between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

The Glens were building a home in Kimberly when the shooting happened. Now, volunteers have promised to help with the construction and the house is expected to be finished in March.

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Cowboy up for winter weekend in Elko

This month's Cowboy Poetry Gathering at the Western Folklore Center in Elko, Nev., will concentrate on ranching — including ranching on the high plains of France. TNT, WITH TODAY'S TIMES-NEWS

Forest supervisor welcomes challenge

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Fundraising efforts for injured trooper flourish

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Toddler found dead in Twin Falls apartment

TWIN FALLS — A 2-year-old boy was found dead Wednesday morning at 424 Main Avenue North in Twin Falls, police said.

Otter, CSI share vision for community college

TWIN FALLS — If it seems like Gov. C.L. Otter and the College of Southern Idaho are on the same page, that's because they are.

Buhl city councilman resigns after one year

BUHL — After serving on the Buhl City Council for one year, Councilman Steve Highbarger abruptly resigned during Monday's City Council meeting.

OBITUARIES

- Ruby Jane Austin, 70
Cleota Fickel, 58
Deanna Wright Jensen, 53
Warren Riley Guyer, 84
John Patrick Hamilton Sr., 83
Gregg R. Stowe, 47
Dorothy Kathleen Allred Sugg, 91
Charles Edwin Admire, 71

CORRECTION

Mom's name incorrect
A mother's name in the Stork Report on Sunday was misspelled due to incorrect information from the hospital.

IDAHO LOTTERY

Table showing lottery results for Wildcard, Mega Millions, and Powerball, including dates and winning numbers.

YOUR MORNING BRIFING

Forget about a stroll on snowy streets
And there's nothing like a good snowfall in Twin Falls to illustrate just how pedestrian unfriendly we are.

Want to submit a Mini Editorial for publication on this page? Send it by email to mini@magvalley.com. Submissions must include the writer's name, address and daytime telephone number.

IDAHO/WEST

Idaho farmers bring in record receipts

BOISE — Idaho's farmers brought in record cash receipts in 2006, but net income fell almost 25 percent because they were hurt by higher fuel and fertilizer prices.

Micron settles lawsuit alleging price fixing

BOISE — Computer chip-maker Micron Technology Inc. has settled a class-action lawsuit alleging it engaged in price fixing and violated antitrust laws.

Lawmakers undecided on courthouse murals

BOISE — Idaho lawmakers will have to decide what to do with 26 Depression-era murals — including ones depicting the lynching of an American Indian — in the old Ada County Courthouse.

FIVE-DAY PLANNER

- Jan. 15 Bridal Fair, sponsored by Hart's Tax and Gowns and the Buzz 99.9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Flier Ave. E., Twin Falls, free admission, 734-8993.
Jan. 16 The Welcome Mat monthly "meet & greet" gathering for newcomers to the Magic Valley with in the last six months; includes refreshments, door prizes and goodie bags filled with coupons and promotional items from area businesses.
Jan. 17 7:30 p.m., Chubb's, 105 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 423-4478.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

- Jan. 13 The Jerome Optimist Club 2nd Annual "Teas Hold'em Tournament" to benefit the area youth, 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.); training session at 6:30 p.m., Sawtooth Inn on South Lincoln, Jerome, 737-0967, 539-6526 or 324-2354 to pre-register.
Jan. 13 Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International meeting, a society of women educators featuring Shauna Robinson of the Twin Falls County Historical Preservation Commission, 10:00 a.m., Taylor Building Room 278, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, chrisman@xnetuarch.com.
Jan. 13 The Pioneer Button Club meeting, with "brown bag" lunch at noon, noon to 3 p.m., Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison W., Kimberly, 423-4556.

CLUBS

- Jan. 13 The Rupert Elks annual lamb feed, includes a menu of lamb in gravy, potatoes, beans, soup, salad, bread and dessert and live music by Triple Shot (9 p.m. to 1 a.m.), 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the lodge, Rupert, \$20 per person, 436-6852.
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Jan. 13 "Let's Talk About It," Adult Book Discussion Group, Willa Cather's "The Professor's House," 7 p.m., Flier Public Library, 219 Main St., Flier, no cost (book available for check-out), 326-4143.
Jan. 18 Magic Valley Single Square Dance Club, with potluck at 7 p.m., and dance at 8:30 p.m., El Sombrero Restaurant, Jerome, 733-8023 or 535-2243.

FAMILY

- Jan. 12 "Youth Options," activities for young people ages 13-19, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, \$2, 733-8720.
Jan. 13 Annual Christmas Tree burn and hot dog roast sponsored by the West End Fire and Rescue Department, 1 p.m., Paul City Park, Paul (being

SPORTS



Jerome Tigers pin down Burley Bobcats

BURLEY — The Jerome Tigers spoiled Burley's senior night with a 50-25 net score in a Great Basin Conference West wrestling dual Wednesday. Jerome and Burley wrestled evenly throughout the match, each earning four pins and one decision. Jerome tallied five more points on a technical fall by Kris Cook at 160 pounds.

Bruins girls basketball team gets No. 1 seed

IDAHO FALLS — That's a wrap. The Twin Falls Bruins girls basketball squad took a 6-0 Region Four-Five-Six lead with a 58-35 shellacking of Idaho Falls on the road on Wednesday. With three-quarters of their conference play in the books, the Bruins secure the No. 1 seed for the upcoming conference tournament.

CSI women rise to No. 19 ranking

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team will take a No. 19 ranking into Friday's Scenic West Athletic Conference showdown with No. 17 Salt Lake Community College. The 12-2 Golden Eagles (3-1 SWAC) moved up one spot from their previous ranking in the NJCAA Division I Poll released Wednesday.

OBITUARIES

- old Christmas trees; food and burning equipment supplied by firemen, 438-4101.

HEALTH

- Jan. 12 TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weight loss support group, 4 p.m., the Jerome Public Library, 100 1st Ave. E., Jerome, 429-3823.
Jan. 13 20 Past Life Regression Workshop, with instructor Curtis Johnson; includes June Kaminiski's "Reincarnation: Past Life Workbook" 10 a.m. to noon, Magic Valley Hypnosis Center, 114 Locust St. N., Suite 115, Twin Falls, \$65, (208) 731-3895 or 736-1882.
Jan. 15 Free vision screening, including screening for glaucoma and cataracts by Dr. Rustin M. Hatch, O.D., Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, no cost (open to the public), 733-2400.
Jan. 16 College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs resume, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Flier Elementary, 9-15-10:15 a.m. at Hagerman High School Gym and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School, no cost, 732-6475.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

- Jan. 13 January Star Party and the annual Telescope Workshop, introducing a new wide-field telescope and focusing on use, purchase and funding of telescopes sponsored by the Magic Valley Astronomical Society, 6:30 p.m. (star party) and 7 p.m. (workshop), Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, no cost (public welcome), 308-3906.

MUSICIANS

- Jan. 12 Faulkner Planetarium, "Far Out Space Places," 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.
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Iraq

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to send more troops. While lacking the force of law, the measures would compel Republicans to go on record as either backing the president or supporting an escalation.

Bush said it also was a mistake to have allowed American forces to be restricted by the Iraqi government, which tried to prevent U.S. military operations against fighters controlled by the radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, a powerful political ally of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. The president said al-Maliki had assured him that from now on, "political or sectarian interference will not be tolerated."

After nearly four years of bloody combat, the speech was perhaps Bush's last credible chance to try to present a winning strategy in Iraq and persuade Americans to change their minds about the unpopular war, which has cost the lives of more than 3,000 members of the U.S. military as well as more than \$400 billion.

Bush's approach amounts to a huge gamble on al-Maliki's willingness — and ability — to deliver on promises he has consistently failed to keep: to disband Shiite militias, pursue national reconciliation and make good on commitments for Iraqi forces to handle secu-

urity operations in Baghdad. "Our past efforts to secure Baghdad failed for two principal reasons: There were not enough Iraqi and American troops to secure neighborhoods that had been cleared of terrorists and insurgents," the president said. "And there were too many restrictions on the troops we did have."

He said American commanders have reviewed the Iraqi plan "to ensure that it addressed these mistakes."

Bush said it was a legitimate question to ask why this strategy to secure Baghdad will succeed where other operations failed. "This time we will have the force levels we need to hold the areas that have been cleared," the president said.

While Bush put the onus on

the Iraqi to meet responsibilities and commit more troops, he did not threaten specific consequences if they do not. Iraq has missed previous self-imposed timetables for taking over security responsibilities.

Still, Bush said that "America's commitment is not

open-ended. If the Iraqi government does not follow through on its promises, it will lose the support of the American people and it will lose the support of the Iraqi people. Now is the time to act."

Resisting calls for troop reductions, Bush said that "all-

ure in Iraq would be a disaster for the United States. ... A democratic Iraq will not be perfect. But it will be a country that fights terrorists instead of harboring them."

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CSI

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Bate inherits a CSI department that features perennially ranked programs as well as a first-year softball program. The college recently built an addition to its gymnasium and recreation center, and has laid the groundwork for a new softball field.

"I think the program has grown and evolved and I'm impressed with the quality we've been able to keep with that evolution," Bate said. "To have two nationally ranked teams going now in basketball and softball coming up, it's a fun job to step into."

Bate will not teach English this spring at CSI, leaving a void he has filled for 13 years. "I feel will be missed," Vice President of Instruction Claudene Buetner said in Wednesday's release. "He is an excellent teacher and the students will miss him."

Bate earned a master's degree in English from the University of Idaho after finishing his undergraduate degree in marketing at Boise State University.

While serving as the head women's coach at CSI, Bate led the program to the NJCAA National Tournament in 1999. He coached four NJCAA All-Americans as well as four NJCAA Academic All-Americans. Two of his players, including former CSI assistant Jessica Gibbs-Mesina, went on to play professional basketball. He was named the 1999 Region 18 Coach of the Year. Bate coached the Filer Wildcats girls basketball team to a 20-3 record and third-place finish at the 2005 Class 3A state tournament, garnering the program's first state trophy in 37 years and earning Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Co-Coach of the Year honors.

Prior to arriving at CSI, Bate taught and coached at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise. He coached the Knight's girls to a 114-32 record and four third-place state tournament finishes. He also taught senior English and headed the English department in addition to coaching girls' volleyball and track.

Bate lives in Twin Falls with his wife, Donna, and two children.



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AROUND THE WORLD

IRAQ

Al-Maliki to insurgents: disarm or face onslaught

BAHADAD — Iraq's prime minister has told Shiite militia men to surrender their arms or face an all-out assault by U.S.-backed Iraq forces, senior Iraqi officials said Wednesday, as President Bush said he will commit an additional 21,500 American combat troops to the war.

Under pressure from the U.S., Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has agreed to crack down on fighters controlled by his most powerful political ally, Muqtada al-Sadr, a radical Shiite cleric, according to officials. Previously, al-Maliki had resisted the move.

"Prime Minister al-Maliki has told everyone that there will be no escape from attack," said a senior Shiite legislator and close al-Maliki adviser, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak for the prime minister. "The government has told the Sadrist: 'If we want to build a state we have no other choice but to attack armed groups.'"

In his address to the nation Wednesday evening — excerpts of which were released in advance by the White House — the president said al-Maliki had promised that U.S. troops would have a free hand and that "political or sectarian interference will not be tolerated."

SOMALIA

Leader says U.S. airstrike targeted 20 militants

MOGADISHU — Ethiopia's prime minister said Wednesday the U.S. military targeted 20 high-level members of an Islamic movement linked to al-Qaida in an airstrike this week in southern Somalia, attacking quickly before the Islamists could escape.

The chief of staff for the Somali president claimed that a senior al-Qaida figure was killed in Monday's airstrike, although U.S. officials did not confirm it.

"The air assault was been criticized internationally, with the African Union, European Union and United Nations among those expressing concern. But British Prime Minister Tony Blair told lawmakers it was right to stand up to extremists who were using violence to 'get their way' in Somalia."

Somali lawmaker Abdullahi Hidir said the U.S. launched a major airstrike Wednesday around his Kamboni, a rugged coastal area a few miles from the Kenyan border where Monday's attack took place. He cited the Somali military as the source of the information.

Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi told reporters in his country's capital, Addis Ababa, that eight suspected terrorists were killed in Monday's airstrike, five were wounded and taken into custody by Ethiopian forces, and seven escaped.

Meles said most of the victims were Somali, but the identities would not be confirmed until DNA testing is completed.

He said Ethiopia and the U.S. have been cooperating on intelligence, and that most of the information has come from the Americans. He also said the Ethiopians did not provide any

intelligence that led to Monday's airstrike.

WASHINGTON
Kennedy pushes for universal health coverage

The federal government should join the state of Massachusetts in enacting universal health coverage, said Sen. Edward Kennedy, the new chairman of the Senate committee with jurisdiction over numerous health issues.

Kennedy's home state is the first to require everyone to have health insurance. Just as drivers must have automobile coverage, Kennedy has his own version of what universal health coverage would look like. He wants to extend that to all in his first hearing Wednesday as chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, the Massachusetts Democrat called on 10 witnesses from all over the country to talk about how to make health care more affordable.

"Insurance coverage is down. Costs are up. And America is heading to the bottom of the league of major nations in important measures of the quality of care," Kennedy said.

Kennedy emphasized how Democratic legislators in his home state worked last year with Sen. Max Baucus and Sen. Mitch Romney in crafting universal coverage there. He wants the same spirit of compromise to take hold in Congress.

Risk of death is high for new ex-cons

Prison life may be dangerous, but getting out can be deadly, too. Newly released inmates were almost 13 times more likely to die than the general public in the first two weeks of freedom, a study in Washington state found.

Drug overdoses were the top killer, with ex-convicts 129 times more likely to die than they would within two weeks of their release than the general population. That cause of death was followed by heart disease, homicide and suicide, according to the study, the first major look at the issue.

Over an average of two years, the study found the ex-inmates were 3 1/2 times more likely than other state residents and nearly four times more likely than current inmates to die.

The differences are more striking for women than they are for men, said lead researcher Dr. Ingrid Binnschwager, a public health researcher and assistant professor at University of Colorado at Denver.

While 87 percent of ex-prisoners in the study were men, the risk of death for the women was 5 1/2 times higher than for other women in the state.

Experts said the rest of the country likely has a similar, or even worse, situation than Washington state, although the specific drugs causing overdoses might vary by region.

Binnschwager, who did her research with colleagues while at the University of Washington, noted studies in Europe and Australia found similarly high death rates, particularly right after release from prison.

The new findings show the need for more programs to help ex-inmates with a history of addiction and poor health cope with the stress of finding hous-

ing, a job, health care and other necessities and stay clean, said Christy Visser of the Justice Policy Center at the Urban Institute.

Study: 744,000 homeless in the United States

There were 744,000 homeless people in the United States in 2005, according to the first national estimate in a decade. A little more than half were living in shelters, and nearly a quarter were chronically homeless, according to the report Wednesday by the National Alliance to End Homelessness, an advocacy group.

A majority of the homeless were single adults, but about 41 percent were in families, the report said.

The group's compiled data collected by the Department of Housing and Urban Development from service providers throughout the country.

It is the first national study on the number of homeless people since 1996. That study came up with a wide range for America's homeless population: between 444,000 and 842,000.

NICARAGUA

Latin leftists attend swearing in of Ortega

MANAGUA — Former revolutionary Daniel Ortega was sworn in as Nicaragua's president Wednesday, completing his two-decade fight to return to power with promises to maintain relations with the United States while building a leftist coalition with some of Washington's major foes.

Ortega took the oath of office at a plaza he constructed as president in the 1980s & the same place where he conceded electoral defeat to Violeta Chamorro in 1990 after a turbulent decade in power marked by food rationing and civil war.

Ortega led Nicaragua throughout the 1980s & the Sandinista rebel movement pushed out dictator Anastasio Somoza. Following his 1990 loss, he ran for president three successive times, losing twice before finally triumphing in November.

Wearing his signature white button-down shirt — his military fatigues abandoned — the balding, 61-year-old Ortega said the same fiery revolutionary who allied with the Soviet Union and fought off the U.S.-backed Contra rebel insurgency. He has promised moderate economic and social policies and continued ties with the U.S.

HOLLYWOOD

Film producer Carlo Ponti, 94, dies

Carlo Ponti, the prolific Italian producer of such internationally acclaimed films as "Doctor Zhivago" and "Blowup" and the longtime husband of

Oscar-winning actress Sophia Loren, whom he discovered as a teenager in the 1950s and helped build into a star, has died. He was 94.

Ponti, who had been hospitalized for about 10 days with pulmonary complications, died Tuesday at a hospital in Geneva, Switzerland, his family said in a statement Wednesday.

"His death marks the end of an era for filmmaking, because Ponti embodied a great and courageous push to innovate, promoted unforgettable talents, and enjoyed huge success," Italian Culture Minister Francesco Rutelli said Wednesday.

During a decades-long career that reflected the rise of Italian neo-realism in the 1940s and the French New Wave in the 1960s, Ponti was a producer on some 150 movies, including Federico Fellini's Oscar-winning foreign-language film "La Strada" (with then-partner Dino De Laurentiis), Jean-Luc Godard's "Breathless," Claude Chabrol's "Bluebeard," Jacques Demy's "Lola" and Michelangelo Antonioni's "Blowup," "Zabriskie Point" and "The Passenger."

The Ponti and David Lean-produced "Doctor Zhivago," director Lean's epic 1965 romantic-drama set against the Russian Revolution, received an Oscar nomination for best picture.

Ponti also produced Vittorio De Sica's "Two Women," a 1960 Italian World War II drama that earned Loren an Oscar for best actress.

Yvonne De Carlo, star of 'Munsters,' dies at 84

LOS ANGELES — Yvonne De Carlo, the beautiful star who played Moses' wife in "The Ten Commandments," but achieved her greatest popularity on TV's "The Munsters," has died. She was 84.

De Carlo died of natural causes Monday at the Motion Picture & Television facility in suburban Los Angeles, longtime friend and television producer Kevin Burns said Wednesday.

De Carlo, whose shapely figure helped launch her career in B-movie desert adventures and Westerns, rose to more important roles in the 1950s. Later, she had a key role in a landmark Broadway musical, Stephen Sondheim's "Follies."

But for TV viewers she will always be known as Lily Munster in the 1964-1966 slapstick horror-movie spoof "The Munsters." The series offered a gallery of Universal Pictures grotesques, including Dracula and Frankenstein's monster, in a cobwebbed gothic setting.

— compiled from wire services

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Jerome man celebrates 90th birthday

JEROME — Paul Holloway of Jerome will celebrate his 90th birthday during an open house set for 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome Senior Center, 212 First Ave. E. Holloway was born Jan. 12, 1917, in Kuna. He married Clarabelle Jones on March 8, 1937, and they have lived in Jerome for 70 years. He has been active in the Appleton Grange. The event will be hosted by his children, Clint Holloway and Judy (Jim) Chapin. He has two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Holloway

Ward celebrates 80th birthday

ELIDA — George O. Ward Jr. will celebrate his 80th birthday during an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Elida Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



Ward Jr.

Burley woman honored for her 80th birthday

BURLEY — Lorna Beth Brower of Burley will be honored at an open house for her 80th birthday from 4 to 7 p.m. Jan. 20 at Whelsh's. Birthday greetings and well-wishes can be sent to her at 1414 Parke Ave., No. 4, Burley, ID 83318.



Brower

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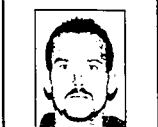


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CSI

ART CLASS HIJINKS



Bodee Johnson, an eighth-grader at Lighthouse Christian School in Twin Falls, jokes with friends through the window of Cafe Agape during their art class Wednesday.

Family adopts spirit of giving to troops overseas with 'Operation Angel' project

By Laurie Welch
For the Times-News

OAKLEY — The soldier comfort effort initiated by an Oakley boy's Eagle Scout project has been so successful one family has decided to carry on its spirit with another project dubbed "Operation Angel."

Oakley's Ian Archibald traveled to Germany to pass out gift bags to soldiers passing through during the holiday season. His sister, Tawny Campbell, and her husband, Sgt. Joe Campbell, are stationed at Ramstein Airforce Base in Germany and will make the project a permanent fixture.

"The family plans to continue passing out bags and meet people who are willing to write handwritten letters to soldiers as well as gather contents of the 'Guardian Angel Bags,'" Tawny Campbell said.

The bags will be handed out to injured soldiers at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. Operation Rudolph was Archibald's Eagle Scout project, and it delivered hundreds of gift bags to soldiers passing through a German airport over Christmas.

Project Rudolph was accomplished via numerous donations from Minn. Cassia residents as well through donations nationwide.

There was also plenty of help from Archibald's family.

Cecilia, the Campbells' 3-year-old daughter, inspired the continuation of the project now dubbed Operation Angel after her visit to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

There, she won the hearts of the wounded soldiers by singing and dancing in a fairy costume.

"There is so much that can be done to help the troops, and even though what we are doing isn't earth-shattering, it definitely makes a big difference to the recipients," Tawny Campbell said.

She said the family really needs handwritten letters to service members and people who will gather the bag contents and help put them together.

Information about the contents of the bags



Three-year-old Cecilia Campbell, daughter of Tawny and Sgt. Joe Campbell stationed at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, poses a soldier injured in Iraq through the halls of the hospital. The Campbells, originally from Cassia County, have started Operation Angel to carry on the spirit of Project Rudolph — the Eagle Scout project of Oakley's Ian Archibald that delivered hundreds of goodie bags to soldiers during Christmas.

as well as other general information about the project can be found on the Operation Angel Web site: <http://www.operationangel.homestead.com>.

CSI'S STATE OF THE COLLEGE ADDRESS

A bigger, brighter future

Otter's proposals in line with CSI's future plans

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If it seems like Gov. C.L. Otter and the College of Southern Idaho are on the same page, that's because they are.

CSI made a calculated risk to invest time, money and other resources into expanding its nursing programs. Now, with Otter pledging his support for nursing programs in Idaho, including \$21.1 million for a new health and human science building at CSI, it appears that the risk just might pay off.

"It wasn't easy to get where we are at," said Jerry Beck, president of CSI. "We had to work really hard to be where we are today."

Beck spoke to faculty and staff at CSI on Monday during his annual State of the College address, which highlights current and future issues facing the college.

Among the issues are recommendations by the Interim Committee on Community Colleges to address a shortage of affordable and accessible community college courses in Idaho.

The recommendations include reducing the required voter approval to create a community college district from 66.7 percent to 60 percent and standardizing tuition and fees in colleges and universities throughout

Main points of State of the College address

President Jerry Beck and the CSI board of trustees support the recommendations made by the Interim Committee on Community Colleges except two proposals: reducing trustee terms from six years to four and dissolving local community college districts. Beck also talked about increasing the college's employee compensation plan about 3 to 3.5 percent. Gov. Otter has proposed increasing employee compensation about 5 percent.

Idaho State University charges about \$100 more per credit hour than CSI.

"We support the addition of more community colleges and recommendations that will allow that," Beck said. "There is a need for them, and we believe that additional community colleges will increase the number of students. It would benefit all of us."

But he does not support two of the recommendations. "I don't agree with reducing the terms of office of our board members to four years," he said. "I think that much change is too much change for a college board of trustees, and I don't think it's in our best interest because it takes time to learn a lot as a trustee."

Beck said CSI also does not support a recommendation to dissolve local community college districts, which both CSI and North Idaho College have fought aggressively to retain.

The Legislature will consider the interim committee's recommendations during this session. Lawmakers, as well as college and university presidents, say it will be one of the major legislative discussions this year — with state dollars

Statehouse requests

The College of Southern Idaho is requesting more than \$830,000 from the state to enhance existing programs

- \$247,300 to expand the capacity of the current nursing program. The money would be used to add faculty, and redesign the program to increase the number of registered nursing students from 100 to 240 by fall 2007.
- \$250,000 to enhance workforce development.
- \$135,300 to expand the college's testing center.
- \$218,500 to start a two-year program to increase CSI faculty salaries, which rank 30th out of the 39 colleges in the Mountain States Association.

Source: College of Southern Idaho

and the future of education all in the mix.

"With all the change happening in the state, we see it as an opportunity," Beck said. "We will continue to be business-aggressive and to do more to work with the communities we serve."

Seeking state support, Foundation launches media campaign

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When CSI President Jerry Beck gave his State of the College address on Monday, he played a commercial that it is being televised in many regions throughout Idaho.

The commercial included a few familiar faces and few that were not — somewhat like the discussion about the shortage of community colleges in Idaho.

Many people in Magic Valley regard the community college debate as an unfamiliar problem affecting other areas of Idaho, but others such as Skyler and Jennifer

Check it out

To learn more about the Community College Now! campaign, go to <http://www.communitycollegenow.org>

Johnson have been directly affected.

They sold their home in Emmett and moved to Twin Falls last year to live in an area where accessible college courses were being offered.

The I.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation has launched a media campaign known as Community College Now! to educate the public about the shortage of affordable and accessible

education in the Treasure Valley, where more than 900 applicants were denied enrollment last year at Boise State University.

"We are not taking any political sides, even with all the proposals being submitted," said Stephanie Wardell, media spokeswoman for the program. "Basically we are seeking a comprehensive community college system in Idaho, so we want the public to be aware of what's going on."

The Albertson Foundation is one of several groups throughout Idaho that are fighting to raise awareness about the shortage of community college courses.

Two year old dies early Wednesday in Twin Falls

Police say cause of death unknown, still investigating

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A 2-year-old boy was found dead Wednesday morning at 424 Main Avenue, North in Twin Falls, police said.

Elizabeth Miller, 22, called the Twin Falls Police Department at 8:17 a.m. after she discovered that Ashley Lynn, the child of her friend, Roy Lynn, 21, had died.

The cause of death is unknown and is under investigation, said Twin Falls Police Staff Sgt. Dennis Pullin.

On Tuesday, Elizabeth Miller was celebrating her 22nd birthday with her husband, Richard, their two children and friends Lynn and Danny Hubbard, who lived next-door.

"The Millers have been renting the apartment from neighbor Jim Medham for about a month.

According to the Millers, the group disbanded at 3 a.m. Wednesday. The Millers went to sleep and Lynn and

Hubbard went to Hubbard's apartment, the Millers said.

Lynn did not bring her boy into Hubbard's apartment because he was asleep on the Millers couch, the Millers said.

When asked why Lynn left Ashley to sleep next-door, the Millers said Lynn did not want to wake up Ashley.

When Elizabeth Miller awoke Wednesday at about 8 a.m., she discovered the baby was not breathing.

"I could tell right away," she said. "I'm just beside myself with grief."

She said that when she went to bed Ashley did not sound or look sick and there had been nothing to indicate he was in danger. The Millers said there were no drugs or drinking or foul play the night before.

"Nobody was mad, everybody was happy," she said. "He was breathing just fine, he wasn't making any noises."

She said she tried to resuscitate him but blood came out of his nose and mouth.

However, the Millers said Ashley had been getting a lot of colds lately.



Twin Falls Police Department officers work at an apartment where a 2-year-old boy was found dead Wednesday morning.

child's biological father, Will Roger Lynn, who is in prison, the Millers said.

"We were just talking, having cake, the babies were eating the frosting," said Richard Miller, who works as a gatekeeper at the Twin Falls Livestock Commission Company.

"It's a difficult situation," Pullin said. "Anytime we have anything with a child, everybody just drops everything that they're doing and goes to help. There's no set rule; we just go to help."

The Millers said the police

took their two children, who are 2 years old and 7 months, because of "protocol."

Pullin declined to comment on the investigation.

The last time Twin Falls police investigated the death of a 2-year-old was May 7, 2004, when a boy reportedly wandered from his home and fell into a canal, according to Twin Falls Police Staff Sgt. Craig Stotts.

Reporter Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at (208) 735-3204 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com.

Highbarger resigns from Buhl council

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — After serving on the Buhl City Council for one year, Councilman Steve Highbarger abruptly resigned during Monday's City Council meeting.

"It was a shock," said Buhl City Clerk Sharon Hayes. "Steve's resignation is an unexpected surprise."

Highbarger declined to give any reasons for leaving, but in his resignation letter he wrote, "It has been frustrating at times, always a challenge but every day was a pleasure. With that being said, it is with a heavy heart and great sadness that I must resign my position as city councilman."

The resignation took effect immediately, but Highbarger

will keep his job with the city's public works department.

In other council news, the city was presented a \$77,544 check from Twin Falls County Commissioner Terry Kramer. The money was due to the city as reimbursement for maintenance court costs that could not be legally charged, as the Idaho Supreme Court recently ruled.

More than a quarter-million dollars has been awarded, with the county paying \$630,042 to Twin Falls, \$37,000 to Kimberly and \$31,694 to Filer.

"I anticipate we'll sit down in the future and discuss this. We do have to find a solution that works for all of us," Kramer said. "You need the services and we need the money to provide them."

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Samson	92%	Upper Snake Basin	86%	41%
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Little Wood	84%	Salmon Falls	94%	43%
Big Lost	81%			As of Jan. 10

OBITUARIES

Warren Riley Guyer

FORT MOHAVE, Ariz. — Warren Riley Guyer, age 84, passed away peacefully Dec. 28, 2006, at his home in Fort Mohave, Ariz.



He was born April 20, 1922, in Forrest City, Mo., to Willie and Beatrice Erickson Guyer. He moved to Kimberly, Idaho, during the depression in 1936 and married the love of his life, Margie Renner, in 1941. He worked in custom farming, hauling hay and horse trading in the Kimberly area for most of his life. He spent three summers commercial fishing off the coast of Washington with his son-in-law, Brad Nieder, and worked with his daughter, in the Country Grocery Store in Murtaugh for several years after his retirement. Warren loved fishing and hunting and spent many hours with friends and family enjoying both sports.

He was active in trap shooting for many years and passed his love of shooting down to his grandsons. Warren and his wife were winter visitors in Bullhead City, Ariz., from 1984 until 2004, when they became full-time residents of Fort

Mohave, Ariz. He is survived by his loving wife, Margie; daughter, Roberta Nieder of Anchorage, Alaska, and Betty Messner of Fort Mohave; grandsons, Brett, Brandon (Clardy) and Brady (Stacy) Nieder; and granddaughters, Barry Messner of Fort Mohave; great-grandsons, Chase and Shelby Messner of Fort Mohave; Brad Nieder of Memphis, Tenn.; Baulle and Bragan Nieder; and great-granddaughter, Braille Ann Nieder of Anchorage; two sisters, Dorothy (Ray) Hamby of Kimberly, and Maxine (New) Doulson of Las Vegas, Nev.; three brothers, Forrest Perkins of Gooding, Idaho; Leroy (Tuth) Perkins of Burley, Idaho; and Don (Diane) Perkins of Kimberly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Bill Guyer and Dwight Perkins; and son-in-law, Brad Nieder. Warren will be missed by his family and many friends and will always be remembered as a loving caring person who went out of his way to help people. A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 6, at Hope United Methodist church in Burley, Idaho. The service was officiated by Pastor Bill Guyer and Dwight Perkins; and son-in-law, Brad Nieder. Warren will be missed by his family and many friends and will always be remembered as a loving caring person who went out of his way to help people.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 6, at Hope United Methodist church in Burley, Idaho. The service was officiated by Pastor Bill Guyer and Dwight Perkins; and son-in-law, Brad Nieder. Warren will be missed by his family and many friends and will always be remembered as a loving caring person who went out of his way to help people.

John Patrick 'J.P.' Hamilton Sr.

BUIH — John Patrick "J.P." Hamilton Sr. died peacefully in his home at 125-post, Buih, on the age of 83.



J.P. was born in Buih on Dec. 18, 1923, and, as the child in the family, he exemplified his entrepreneurial spirit beginning at the age of 15 by becoming the town's youngest mailman and delivering certified mail to private homes. This was followed by several years of delivering newspapers, working as a junior and stocking shelves. After the age of 15, he graduated from Buih High School in 1942 as an outstanding student, where he excelled as an athlete and was the student body president.

Following his graduation from high school, J.P. attended and played basketball at Idaho State University for a semester before enlisting in the Marines during World War II. He remained stateside throughout his tour of duty but was always ready and willing to go when called. As a Marine, J.P. served as an aerial gunner instructor and then as a navigator. Upon his discharge from the Marines in 1946, he enrolled in the University of Idaho and earned his business and agriculture economics degree in 1951. As a college student at the University of Idaho, J.P. started a freelance photography business out of the basement of the Sigma Nu fraternity and took pictures at campus dances at the University of Idaho and Washington State University. As a college student, he was successful enough as a photographer to send money home to buy stock in the family business.

After graduation from the University of Idaho, J.P. began his long career as a community banker at Farmers National Bank, which was started by his father, J.C. Hamilton, in 1917. The bank would become the main focus of his energy for the next 50 years and would become synonymous with the Hamilton name. He was a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School, was the president of the bank for 33 years and remained as the chairman of the board up until his death.

On a fishing trip to the Wood River Valley in the fall of 1953, he knocked on the door at the Walker family farm to ask permission to spend their property and met the love of his life when Margaret Walker

answered the door. As he said at the time, "I went fishing, and I met a 125-post blond." The two of them were married in June of 1954 and spent the rest of their lives together raising seven children and 17 grandchildren.

Over the years, he has served in a vast number of community and professional organizations. He was an avid coach, fan and financial supporter of any and all local sporting events and a recognized member of the University of Idaho Vandal Boosters. At the local level, he was a lifelong member of the Immaculate Conception Church and past president of the Buih Economic Council, Buih Chamber of Commerce and Buih Recreation Association and served as a director of the Clear Lakes Country Club and American Red Cross. Professionally, J.P. was an officer of the Idaho Bankers Association, a member of the executive council of the Independent Bankers Association and an inductee to the Magic Valley Livestock Hall of Fame.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret Hamilton; sister, Margaret Giese of Twin Falls; son, Mike Hamilton of Buih; daughter, Ann Lively of Buih; Kevin Hamilton of Park City, Utah; Kathy Arnold and husband Gary of Buih; Vince Hamilton and wife, Patrice of Buih; Tim Hamilton and wife, Sue of Buih; Jack and Emily Hamilton, Kathy kids Joe and Ava Hamilton, Kathy's kids Whitney and Madison Amoth, Vince's kids Perry and Kendyl Hamilton, Tim's kids Courtney and Jessica Hamilton, and Ann Lively's kids, Michael and McKenna Lively.

A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buih. There will be a viewing from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buih. The memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Burley, Idaho. Burial will be at the Buih West End Cemetery.

A reception at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buih will follow the burial service. Arrangements are by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buih.

Ruby Jane Austin

JEROME — Ruby Jane Austin, 70, of Jerome, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007, at her home.



She was born Dec. 22, 1936, in Oklahoma. She was the daughter of Harry Allen Bishop and Georgia Fern Sussner Bishop. She moved to Arizona as a young girl and met and married Ellis Edgar Taylor in the early 1960s. They had one son, Edgar E. Taylor, in 1963. Ellis passed away, and she later married James Lawrence Austin.

They moved to Idaho in the

70s, settling in Jerome in 1973. Jane and her husband owned and operated many bars in the area over the years.

They made many lifelong friends. James passed away in 2002, and Jane became a homebody, living the last 25 years with her son, Edgar, and her future daughter-in-law, Sherry.

Jane is survived by one son, Edgar E. Austin of Jerome; stepsons, one stepdaughter and five grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at 101 N. Alder in Jerome. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 235 S. Lincoln, Jerome, 83338.

Charles Edwin Admire

HEYBURN — Charles Edwin Admire, 71, of Heyburn, Idaho, passed away Dec. 30, 2006, in Burley, Idaho.



He was born Dec. 8, 1935, in St. Francis, Kan., to Henry and Mable Admire. He was a member of the Magic Valley Livestock Hall of Fame.

Surviving are his wife, Juanita; four sons, Steve, Ricky, Robert and John; and one daughter, Tammy. Also surviving is his sister, Barbara Bunn and two brothers, Larry and Neil, all of his 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father and both sets of grandparents.

A private family service was held. Cremation and private inurnment were under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

his home in Gooding. They had five children and 19 grandchildren.

He loved fishing, gardening, his family and his friends.

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For the rest of today's obituaries, see page A9

Deanna Wright Jensen

RENO, Nev. — Deanna Wright Jensen, devoted wife, loving mother and daughter,



loving mother and daughter, caring family member and a mazing friend, left us Sunday morning, Jan. 7, 2007, after a heroic fight against breast cancer. Deanna's husband, Don, and family were by her side.

Deanna was born Oct. 21, 1953, in Elko, Nev., to Bob and Betty Wright. Her childhood years were spent on the family cattle ranch in Clover Valley, Nev. Deanna graduated from Wells High School in 1971. She earned a bachelor of science degree in 1987 with high distinction.

She went on to complete a master of science degree in 1989 in speech pathology-audiology at the University of Nevada-Reno. She had a rewarding career as a speech pathologist as well as working by her husband's side at Jensen Precast.

Deanna is survived by her parents, Bob and Betty Wright; husband, Don Jensen; sons and daughter-in-law, Johnathan Hansen and Layne and Stephanie Hansen; granddaughters, Eddie Murphy, brother, Rob, and Diane Wright; nephews, Shawn and Brian McEvers; niece, Christy Kurrison; Don's children, Eric, Kurt, Jill and Megan; and grandchildren, Noah, Taylor, Brooke and Gabriella. Deanna was preceded in death by her

sister, Donna Wright. Don and Deanna will be forever thankful for the compassionate and devoted care Deanna received from Dr. Philip Goodman of the University of Nevada School of Medicine. She was committed to finding a cure for breast cancer and lobbied extensively for breast cancer on the Coalition in Washington, D.C., even while ill with cancer.

In lieu of flowers, Deanna and family would greatly appreciate donations be made to your favorite charity or the Breast Cancer Coalition Fund. Donations can be made directly to the "Deanna Wright Jensen Memorial Fund" through its Web site at stopbreastcancer.org by calling Tony Lee at (800) 622-2838 or by mail to the National Breast Cancer Coalition Fund, 1101 17th Street NW, Suite 1300, Washington, DC 20036.

Deanna will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at Mountain View Mortuary, 425 Stoker Ave. in Reno. The funeral and Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at St. Rose of Lima, 100 Bishop Madison Rd. in Reno. A celebration of Deanna's life will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a special tribute at her home, Saturday, Jan. 13, at The Resort at Red Hawk, 6600 N. Winfield Parkway in Reno.

Deanna blessed every life she touched with her sunshine and joy. And just by knowing her, we are all better people. We have all suffered a very great loss and few so loved her by her passing but will forever hold her close in our hearts.

Cleota Fickel

FAIRFIELD — Cleota Fickel, a devoted wife, loving mother, caring sister and friend.



Cleota M. (McCormack) Fickel of Fairfield, Idaho, passed away after a courageous battle against cancer on Jan. 9, 2007, at St. Luke's Regional Hospital in Twin Falls, Idaho.

She was born in Portland, Ore., on Sept. 29, 1948. She was the first of two daughters born to Clyde and June (Woodland) McCormack. Although born in Oregon, she was raised in Idaho and enjoyed the splendor of Idaho's outdoors. The times she valued were the annual "girls' vacations spent with the three most special people in her life — her daughter (Sherry), sister (Vivian) and niece (Lora). In addition to her time spent with family, she was a passionate and spirited follower of her two favorite

sports stars — Tiger Woods and Jeff Gordon.

She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Larry Fickel, who resides in Fairfield, Idaho; her daughter, Sherry, and her husband, Danny Hicks, who reside in Houston, Texas; her brother, Leonard Glenn and his wife Ellen who reside in Ephrata, Wash.; and her sister, Vivian and her husband John Larsen of Fair Meadows, Idaho, who preceded in death by her mother, father, and her only son, Eric Buxton.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at the Demaray Chapel located in Gooding, Idaho. Memorial contributions in Cleota's name, may be sent to St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute, 656 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301. The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff and doctors who all cared for Cleota.

Cleota was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed. I love you, Mom. I love you, Sis. I love you, Auntie.

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DEATH NOTICES

Zaelynn J. Pruett

JEROME — Zaelynn Jewell Pruett, 3-week-old daughter of Christina Pruett of Jerome, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, in Jerome. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at the Jerome LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 50 E. 100 S., in Jerome. A visitation will be held one hour before the funeral at the church. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

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Simeon Van de Voord

JEROME — Father Simeon (Wilber Paul) Van de Voord, OSB, of the Monastery of the Ascension in Jerome, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, in Boise. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at St. John's Cathedral in Boise. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Jerome's Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church. Burial will follow in

Francis R. Hulet

WENDELL — Francis R. Hulet, 84, of Wendell, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, at Willwood Assisted Living in Wendell.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Arlene Lammers

FILER — Arlene Lammers, 85, of The Dalles, Ore., and formerly of Filer, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, in The Dalles.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Wild Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Gerald L. Thompson

GOODING — Gerald L. Thompson, 69, of Kennington, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at Gooding. Arrangements pending and will be announced by Rost Funeral Home in Mountain Home.

SERVICES

Kathleen Jeannine Nelson Seamons of Layton, Utah, interment at 1 p.m. today at the Hagerman Valley Cemetery in Hagerman (Myers Mortuary in Layton, Utah).

Dorothy Ellen Machacek of Buih, celebration of life from 2 to 4 p.m. today in the fellowship hall at the Buih First

Christian Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buih).

Lucy Pauline "Polly" Eastman of Twin Falls, celebration of life from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; friends and family may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at the mortuary.

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EDITORIAL

Time has ripened for lower tax majority vote

To hear Gov. Dirk Kempthorne prod legislators into lowering the state's two-thirds supermajority vote is one thing. To hear from Gov. Butch Otter is quite another.

Most Idaho lawmakers would agree that Otter sports a far more conservative flavor than Kempthorne, who became more of a fiscal moderate down the stretch. So when Otter starts beating the drum for a lower voting requirement on taxing districts, it should grab legislators' attention.

In his two terms as governor, Kempthorne repeatedly pushed for changing the state constitution's 67 percent voting requirement on school construction bonds — all to no avail. Even when the Supreme Court suggested that legislators lower the standard so new schools could be more easily built, the Legislature balked.

Now in his first year at the helm, Otter is taking aim at the supermajority requirement as well, albeit on a limited basis. He has recommended that legislators lower the voting requirement from 67 percent to 60 percent on the issue of community college districts.

Lowering that supermajority vote was the lone recommendation from the Legislature's Interim Committee on Community Colleges.

In his State of the State address, Otter said that local control and local tax support mechanisms are already in place to expand Idaho's community college network, especially for the Treasure Valley. Community colleges are growing in popularity around Idaho, due in part to the success of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls and North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene.

Otter sounded the right note by endorsing a lowered majority vote, with one sensible caveat — that the vote is held in conjunction with general elections. "If they choose some other date for the election, the two-thirds requirement should remain in place," he said.

Lowering the two-thirds requirement is a delicate topic for legislators, as Kempthorne's efforts proved. Conservative lawmakers raise a valid point when they question how the supermajority can be lowered for one tax issue, but not all the others.

To that end, a 60 percent voting requirement should universally apply to all bonding or tax district creation issues. If that sounds like a bow to the pro-tax increase masses, think again.

By consolidating all 60-percent majority voting issues to the May primary or November general elections, local governments or school districts would have more voter turnout. More senior citizens show up at the polls as opposed to random elections, and the actual election is overseen by more experienced election workers.

Under the current system, those seeking a supermajority can now put on a bond-issue election any week of the year, including after holidays or during harvest time. That's not the fair way to gauge public input on an issue. By setting a supermajority requirement into state law, Idaho's framers showed their disposition for easy taxes. But the wide array of voting dates seems more egregious than a 60 percent requirement.

With a rightward leaning governor supporting a change in the law, this session presents a golden opportunity to make these elections consistent for voters.

Our view:
New support for a lower majority vote requirement should apply to all tax issues.
What do you think?
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



Pelosi plays up the Grandma shtick

I have to admit: The grandkids got to me. I'm sentimental by temperament, cynical by training and experience, and the longer I work in Washington, the more the latter trait prevails.

So when the newly minted speaker of the House invited her own grandchildren and the other children in the chamber to join her on the podium and touch the speaker's gavel, my first thought was: This is so choreographed. My second thought was: *awwwww*.

The images as California Democrat Nancy Pelosi took office last week were striking — and stirring — in their unfamiliarity. Pelosi, holding her infant grandson swaddled in the white receiving blanket, as she sat in the well of the House, awaiting her election. Pelosi, with the assurance of a mother experienced at dispensing cookies to impatient toddlers, giving each child his — and her — turn with the gavel. Pelosi raising her hand to take the oath as her grandson, at her side, fiddled with grandma's papers.

As a journalist, I understand the calculations at work here: This plays to Pelosi's advantages, humanizes her image as shrill San Francisco Democrat. As a woman and a mother, especially as a mother of daughters, I was quietly thrilled about the marital riling crackling, yes, but also about the way Pelosi cracked it — revealing in, not minimizing, her mother- and grand-mother-hood.

Powerful and "mommy" are not concepts we're used to holding simultaneously. We've become accustomed to women who appear comfortable wielding influence without denying their femininity.

Pelosi's mommy shtick can get a little clunky (the lioness bit never worked for me) and a little treacly ("Let's hear it for the children, we're here for the children.") But it serves as an important confirmation of women's increasing comfort with their dual roles, and the need for society and the workplace to adjust accordingly.

RUTH MARCUS

think Condoleezza Rice in those high-heeled boots or posing for Vogue in a strapless black gown.

But powerful women who also happen to be mommies have tended to play down the mommy thing, almost as if they think it would diminish their ability to be taken seriously. In a world where women are suspected of failing to comprehend throw-weights, having a baby on board isn't a traditional road map for success.

Pelosi is playing it differently: motherhood as preparation for public office. "Having five children in six years is the best training in the world for speaker of the House," she told the AARP Bulletin. "It made me the ultimate multitasker and the master of focus, routine and scheduling."

Asked about national security during the campaign, she would preemptively bring up her mother-of-five-ness: "Think lioness when you think of women in politics. You threaten our cubs, you're dead." As the election drew close, Pelosi made clear that shed skip town — even on election night — if her daughter went into labor with her

sixth grandchild. How different is this? Imagine Margaret Thatcher threatening to deploy her "mother-of-five voice." When her first grandchild was born in 1989, the prime minister declared with regal glaze, "We have become a grandmother," and that was it for the cuddliness.

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I started my career in the "dress for success" era, in which women were solemnly instructed to dress as much as possible like male wannabes in somber suits complete with floppy faux-ties. (Compare Pelosi's swearing-in outfit: scoop-necked aubergine suit and pearls.) Even more important than looking like men was acting like them — to suppress any suggestion that motherhood might compete with career. If you had to cut out of the office for the third-grade play, better to plead an emergency root canal than look like a mom.

That is changing — now men, even men in politics, wove

around their family obligations as badges of decency.

But the Pelosi paradigm could use an update: Pelosi 2.0. The new speaker did stay home and bake cookies; she wasn't elected to Congress until she was 47 and her kids were grown. For better or worse, and with or without a wealthy husband, this isn't especially feasible for most women now. For one thing, we tend to have children later; for another, employers aren't eager to hire women with stale degrees and antiquated skills. The key to ensuring future Pelosi is a workplace that accommodates women — and men — looking for ways to shuttle in and out of work or to craft flexible schedules that let them be good employees and good parents.

Who better to help accomplish this than a female speaker? As 8-year-old Madeleine said of her grandmother at the women's tea honoring Pelosi last week: "Because my Mimi got this job, I think more women will get jobs like her." When Madeleine finished, Pelosi gave her a hug, and then, like grandmothers everywhere, brushed the child's hair out of her eyes.

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Outgoing county clerk lauds those who served

To the citizens of Jerome County and my staff:

After 34 years working for Jerome County, 24 of those as county clerk, I wish to express my appreciation and gratitude to the citizens for their support and allowing me to work for them. It has truly been a rewarding experience and a job I loved. It is very hard to say good-bye. These people who helped me begin this long journey are my sister, Garlene Glick, instrumental in my first part-time job working in the assessor's office; Virginia Ricketts, former county clerk, and Peggy Perron, who were key figures in my being county clerk. They had faith where I had doubt. I pay tribute to my employ-

ees: Colleen Bench, Tracee McKim, Angie Bridge, Traci Brandebour, Judy Owens, Michelle Emerson, Michelle Creek, Rachel Evans, Pamela Lindsay — dedicated, hard working and handled every demand I made of them. Justin Stender, deputy clerk-courier, interpreter, so beneficial to the courts and the auditor's office. To the court deputies recently hired — Noella Pineda, Rita Rodriguez, Kimberlee Ward, Karen Wood and Pam Bogue — I regret I will not get to work with you. My gratitude and appreciation to all judges, court personnel, elected officials, all county employees, attorneys, businesses and Jerome citizens I have worked with through the years. It has been enjoyable and rewarding. Current commissioners, it's

been a pleasure. Dean Condit, certified public accountant-auditor, stated the county is in excellent financial condition and has increased net assets by \$2.5 million without incurring debt for future generations. This makes it much easier to begin. Again, Jerome County citizens, I thank you for the many rewarding years and the wonderful experience. I would do it all again!
CHERYL WATTS
Jerome
(Editor's note: Cheryl Watts is retiring as Jerome County clerk.)

Warning from long ago can help prolong lives

Consider your actions, please! I am writing this contem-

LETTERS

plating what to say at a loved one's upcoming funeral — a funeral that will be held 15 years earlier was given.

On Feb. 27, 1833, there was a "health warning" issued through a 28-year-old uneducated man named Joseph Smith known as "the word of wisdom." The warning stated that "in consequence of evils and designs which do and will exist in the hearts of conspiring men in the last days ... that we needed to avoid certain things.

Let's look at the time period this warning was given. Ohio, 1833. Andrew Jackson was our seventh president. Davy Crockett was the senator in Tennessee, the U.S. population was 4 million, the western-most states were Louisiana, Arkansas and Missouri. Average age, 26; average life expectancy, in the

50s at best. Science, in its infancy.

What were those warnings given to all of us 174 years ago? Wine or strong drink are not good for man. Tobacco is not good for man. Do you think these "conspiring" men would produce products that would become so addicting that a person could lose their ability to quit and so deadly that they could kill us?

Here are some facts 172 years later. In 2005, there were 520,000 deaths (1,424 a day) attributed to tobacco and alcohol use. Now this is not just statistics, this is the 520,000 individuals with faces who are grieved by mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and grandchildren. It's millions suffering prior to and after their premature death.

Maybe it's time to consider a lifestyle change before it's

too late? Millions of us who will be left behind wish you would!

DENIS PERRON
Gooding

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy 'Kathleen' Allred Sugg

BOISE — Dorothy "Kathleen" Allred Sugg, 91, of Boise and formerly of Glens Ferry, Idaho, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at home surrounded by her loving family.



Visitation will be held at Summers Funeral Home, Ustick Chapel in Meridian, from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12. A service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Glens Ferry United Methodist Church in Glens Ferry, Idaho. Following the service, interment will be held at Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glens Ferry, Idaho. Services are under the direction of Summers Funeral Home, Ustick Chapel in Meridian.

Kathleen was born Sept. 13, 1915, in Osgae, Ark., to Alfred and Ora Allred. She attended school in Arkansas. She married Hugh Sugg on Nov. 23, 1938, in Berryville, Ark. They immediately moved to Greeley, Colo., and began their farming career. This took them to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1939 and then on to Glens Ferry, where they purchased their own farm in Paradise Valley in 1946. They lived and operated their farm there for 47 years before moving to Boise to be near their immediate family. Together they had three children. Kathleen and Hugh celebrated 62 years together before Hugh's passing in 2000.

Kathleen was very active in the community, where she registered voters, was a member of the Glens Ferry Rehoboth Lodge. She also established the first senior citizens center in Glens Ferry, served as a room mother at

the local grade school and helped to raise funds for needy families.

She was an avid gardener and always gave friends and family fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers from her many gardens.

She spent years working on handmade quilts and afghans and loved to crochet. Her other favorites were trips to Jackson, Nev., and playing cards when people came to visit.

During those visits, no one ever left her home hungry. She had a strong religious belief, and all of her family and friends were remembered often in her prayers. She was a very faithful and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

She leaves behind a daughter, Janet Sugg Hahn and her husband Bill; a son, Wayne Sugg and his wife Velma; five grandchildren, Paul Hahn and wife Norma, Keith Hahn and wife Heidi, Bryan Hahn and Kerin, Teri Sugg Mohr and husband Brian, and Scott Sugg and wife Heather. There are nine great-grandchildren, Heather, Hillary, Sydney, Ryan and David Hahn, Brent, Megan and Eric Mohr, and Alexis Sugg. Her 10th great-grandchild will be born in the next two weeks. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Hugh; son, Joseph; brothers, Wirt, Herb, Fate and Noel Allred; and her one sister, Clydia Allred Chaffin.

We appreciate the loving care provided by Legacy Hospice during her last days. We thank Kathleen for the loving and thoughtful care she provided to all of us throughout the years. We will always remember her with a smile and tears in our eyes. We wish you well on your next journey and know you will be deeply missed by all of us that remain behind.

JEROME — Gregg R. Stowe, 47, of Jerome, passed away Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, in Bellevue, Idaho.

He was born July 21, 1959, in Sacramento, the son of LeRoy "Pete" Stowe and Jacqueline Poston Stowe. Gregg graduated from Buhl High School in 1978, where he was involved in many activities and sports, including three state champion football teams. He married the love of his life, Anna Taylor "Poppa," on Oct. 29, 1989, in Elko, Nev. He built their home north of Jerome. Gregg spent his working life as an electrician and contractor. He owned Gregg's Electric and worked with his brother, Kent Stowe, and his good friend, Rod Jerke, at Precision Electric. He loved his work, respected his employees and considered them his friends. Gregg was an intelligent and gifted man who could fix anything.

Gregg loved the outdoors and all of the things that nature offered. He enjoyed steelhead fishing and pheasant hunting with his father, brother and friends. He loved water skiing, wake boarding, surfing and driving the boat. He loved to climb mountains in his 800 BMK snowmachine and loved the peace the outdoors gave his spirit. Gregg also had a passion

for scuba diving and enjoyed the peace of diving into the warmth of the ocean. He was creative and loved working on metal sculptures and creating art pieces and dragon flies. He had a wonderful sense of humor, an infectious smile and a laugh that could be heard anywhere.



He will be remembered as a genuine and caring person who was always generous and always looking out for others, especially anyone in need. Gregg contributed many hours, money and time to helping many charities and nonprofit organizations. He thought it was important to help others in need and just make others feel good about themselves. He was honored by the Wood River Building Association for four years as the Associate of the Year for his contributions to others. Mostly, Gregg loved his family, friends, including his many pets, and enjoyed spending his time with them and making them happy. Gregg was an active father in the life of his daughter, Lindsay, and niece, Amber. He told everyone they

were good kids and he was proud of Lindsay graduating from college.

There are also many others who claimed Gregg as their father role. Gregg was the kind of man who supported his family and always put their needs in front of his own. Gregg was a kind, loving, spiritual man who believed in the strength of God. His family finds comfort knowing that he is now in the arms of the Lord; and, Gregg, we know you are still with us!

Gregg is survived by his wife, Anna Stowe of Jerome; his daughter, Lindsay (Tyler Thomas) VanHousen of Boise; his father, Pete (Linda) Stowe of

Buhl; his brother, Kent (Shannon) Stowe of Jerome; his niece, Amber Taylor of Jerome; father-in-law, Robert (Peggy) Taylor of New Mexico; his great-grandmother, Fern Taylor of Jerome; and many many friends and extended family members. He was preceded in death by his mother, Jacqueline Stowe; and his mother-in-law, Eldita Lopez Ileyra.

A memorial service for Gregg will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

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COMMUNITY

Woman celebrates 90th birthday at open house

WENDLE — Pearl Potter will celebrate her 90th birthday during an open house at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Wendle Senior Center, 105 W. Ave. A. The open house is hosted by her family.



Gooding Duplicate Bridge announces results

GOODING — Gooding Duplicate Bridge released Jan. 5 results. Section A: First, Reuben Tschackofsky and Riley Burton; second, Max Thompson and John Anglin; third, Don and Lorna Bard; and fourth, Beverly Reed and Jeanne McCombs. Section B: First, Don and Lorna Bard; second, Beverly Reed and Jeanne McCombs; and third Shirley Tschannan and Kathy Rooney.

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Reg 21.99 sq. yd., Sale price **\$16⁹⁹** sq. yd.
- Cherry Blossom** — Tone on tone sculpture
Reg 18.99 sq. yd., Sale price **\$14⁴⁹** sq. yd.
- Tobruk** — 43 oz. olefin/nylon blend patterned berber.
Reg 22.99 sq. yd., Sale price **\$14⁹⁹** sq. yd.
- Kitchen Prints**— Nylon
Reg 18.99 sq. yd., Sale price **\$8⁹⁹** sq. yd.

Vinyl Sale

- Congoleum Pacesetter** — 10-yr. warranty
Reg 16.99 sq. yd., Sale price **\$9⁹⁹** sq. yd.
- Earthscapes** — Realistic patterns of wood & natural stone tile
20 yr warranty and 90 day free replacement guarantee
Reg 37.99 sq. yd., Sale price **\$22⁹⁹** sq. yd.
- Architectures Choice** — Extra heavy-duty commercial
inlaid with upscale patterns
Reg 36.99 sq. yd., Sale price **\$13⁵⁹** sq. yd.



Laminate Sale

- Shaw Click Woodgrain** — 2 colors cherry maple
12-yr. warranty, Sale price **\$1¹⁹** sq. ft.
- Mannington Click Tile** — 3 colors
12-yr. warranty, Sale price **\$2⁴⁹** sq. ft.
- Kingston Click Woodgrain** — 2 colors oak, walnut
15-yr. warranty, Sale price **\$1⁹⁹** sq. ft.
- Mohawk Click Woodgrain** — 5 colors
15-yr. warranty
Sale price **\$2³³** sq. ft.



Hardwood Sale

- Bruce** — Natural Reflections. Engineered 3 color oak
Sale price **\$3²⁵** sq. ft.
- Boen** — Handscraped & smooth. 4 color choices
Sale price starting at **\$4⁹⁹** sq. ft.
- Teragren Bamboo** — 4 beautiful choices
Sale price between **\$4⁹⁹-\$7⁵⁹** sq. ft.

Ceramic & Porcelain Tile Sale

- Shaw Porcelain**—12x12, 16x16
Reg 2.49 ft, Sale price starting at **99¢** sq. ft.
- Mannington**—12x12, 13x13, 16x16, 18x18.
Sale price starting at **\$1⁶⁹** sq. ft.



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Hall of Fame: Questions for the man not there

By **Ronald Blum**
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK—An empty chair on the dais would have been appropriate. Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn soaked in their new status as Hall of Famers on Wednesday, flanked by baseball officials in an ornate hotel ballroom. During the formal 45-minute portion of the news conference, Mark McGwire's name was not mentioned, as if those 583 home runs had been erased from history. There was a large poster of Ripken on the left, a matching one of Gwynn on the right, each portraying the player batting and fielding. Posters of Goose Gosage and Jim Rice had been prepared, too, just in case they gained election. But no poster of McGwire was necessary. Hall officials knew it wouldn't be needed.

Big Mac wasn't going to be a first-ballot Hall of Famer. If he keeps up his disappearing act, evading questions about his role in baseball's Steroids Era, McGwire's poster won't ever be ordered. Like Pete Rose, McGwire might end up visiting Cooperstown only as a guest, not a member. Barry Bonds and Sammy Sosa also could find themselves on the outside looking in. Their cases no doubt will be re-examined decades from now by historians who will try to determine why baseball's career hits leader and some of its most prodigious home run hitters were locked out of the sport's pantheon. When given the chance two years ago to tell Congress what he did or didn't do, McGwire stonewalled. After the formal news conference Wednesday, when writers gathered around Ripken and Gwynn, questions were asked about McGwire and steroids. While not

passing judgment on McGwire, Ripken did say he'd like some answers. "When you examine it, you would like to hear what the story is," he said. "And I'm a firm believer that the truth is the truth, and the truth will come out. Sometimes it takes a little while." With crystal chandeliers overhead and huge gold-and-blue curtains behind, Ripken and Gwynn put cream-colored baseball jerseys on, with "Hall of Fame" in red-white-and-blue script across their chests. Then they told the stories of their careers. "There's like a gigantic halo over my head right now. I'm just like in heaven right now," Gwynn said before another of his familiar horse laughs. He hopes McGwire is among those who get to experience the feeling. Veterans of pennant races and World Series, Ripken and Gwynn admitted being nervous before they were voted in Tuesday.



Former St. Louis Cardinals star Mark McGwire salutes the crowd after hitting a home run against the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field in Chicago on July 26, 2001.

Bate just what CSI needs

Hey, I know that guy? That was my immediate reaction when I learned that Joel Bate was named the College of Southern Idaho's new athletic director late Wednesday afternoon. That sentiment seemed to gain momentum, snowballing across the *Times-News* newsroom, reactions bubbling up like too much boiling water in too small a container: — I think I know who that is. — As an Oregon transplant of three years, I may not be the best representative of this community, but I'll be the first to publicly applaud CSI President Jerry Beck and the powers that be at the school for finding a good fit locally. Bate is not some mercenary trying to scale his way up to the NCAA ranks in a couple seasons with a stint at CSI as a coach, or, for better or worse, knows the high expectations that come with being associated with the black and gold. "I think it helps a lot, just knowing CSI's background," Bate said. "Also knowing the people in the community we'll be working with. I think it's a great advantage for me." Bate put together five 20-win seasons at **LARSEN**, Page B2



The thing is, maybe they didn't know his name, but folks around the office knew the dark hair, knew the glasses. And they were comforted. As an Oregon transplant of three years, I may not be the best representative of this community, but I'll be the first to publicly applaud CSI President Jerry Beck and the powers that be at the school for finding a good fit locally. Bate is not some mercenary trying to scale his way up to the NCAA ranks in a couple seasons with a stint at CSI as a coach, or, for better or worse, knows the high expectations that come with being associated with the black and gold. "I think it helps a lot, just knowing CSI's background," Bate said. "Also knowing the people in the community we'll be working with. I think it's a great advantage for me." Bate put together five 20-win seasons at **LARSEN**, Page B2

Tigers pin down Bobcats in dual

Forfeits doom Burley in senior night defeat

By **Ryan Howe**
For the Times-News

BURLEY — The Jerome Tigers spoiled Burley's senior night with a 50-25 team score in a Great Basin Conference West wrestling dual Wednesday. Jerome and Burley wrestled evenly throughout the match, each earning four pins and one decision. Jerome tallied five more points on a technical fall by Kris Cook at 160 pounds. The large gap in the final score was due to Burley's three forfeits in the lower weights, an issue it has battled all year. Cory Cummins (103 pounds), Devon Molitor (125), Cody McCoy (145) and James Swensen (215) all registered pins for the Tigers.



Burley's Ryan Lett (bottom) tries to avoid a pin by Jerome's Kris Cook during their 160-pound match Wednesday at Burley High School. Cook earned a technical fall, 16-0.

The 171-pound match turned out to be the most intriguing. During the match, Burley's Craig Helms was called for an illegal hold. Burley coach Clint Milliron approached the mat to ask the referee for clarification on the call, for which Milliron was ejected. Allegedly, the referee had given Milliron a warning previously, but had informed the scorekeeper, and not Milliron. The Bobcat coach left the gym without incident. When action resumed, Jerome sophomore Wade Bennett and Burley senior Craig Helms grappled to a 3-3 tie into the third round. With under a minute remaining, Bennett earned seven quick points for the win. "Helms was going — he was pretty strong," Bennett said. "I just wanted to pull ahead and I was fighting at the end. I don't like losing, so at the last second, I put on as many moves as I could. I turned him a few times and gave my point." For Burley, Nathan Broadhead (130), Jerod Hammond (140), Miles Bishop (152) and Corbin Bowers (189) earned pins. For Hammond, familiarity with his

opponent, Jerome's Austin Peterson, was the key. "I've wrestled Peterson since the seventh grade," Hammond said. "I feel better knowing that I have beat him before. But I don't underestimate him still. I just go out there and get it done. I go out with three moves in mind and just try to get those. I wanted to get a pin for our team because we needed points." Bowers, who finished first at the Bull Invitational last weekend, continued his positive momentum with a pin against Jerome's Pat Lough in 1 minutes, 27 seconds. "I think I underestimated him a bit, even though I was trying not to," Bowers said. "I took a shot and he took me down. I just changed my

Jerome 50, Burley 25
Results
103 — Cory Cummins, Jerome, pinned Michael Durfee 5:00
112 — Keenan Allen, Jerome, forfeit 1:19 — Devon Molitor, Jerome, forfeit Justin Graham 3:26
130 — Nathan Broadhead, Burley, pinned Justin Hickman 1:58
135 — Mike Cummins, Jerome, by forfeit 1:40 — Jerod Hammond, Burley, pinned Austin Peterson 3:50
145 — Cody McCoy, Jerome, pinned Mike

Jackson 1:13
152 — Miles Bishop, Burley, pinned Riley Aggie 2:43
160 — Kris Cook, Jerome, tech, fall Ryan Lett, 16-0
171 — Wade Bennett, Jerome, dec, Craig Helms, 10-3
189 — Corbin Bowers, Burley, pinned Pat Lough 1:27
215 — James Swenson, Jerome, pinned Kory Orthman 1:13
285 — Casey Simmons, Burley, dec, Tyler Ramsey 4:22
Madison Tournament this weekend, while Jerome travels to American Falls.

USC star Jarrett going pro

The Associated Press

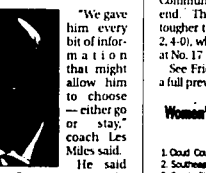
LOS ANGELES — Dwayne Jarrett, the leading receiver in Southern California's history, announced Wednesday he will skip his senior season with the Trojans to enter the NFL draft. "The biggest thing was the challenge. I'm ready to compete on the next level," Jarrett said at a campus news conference, chugging up as he talked about leaving. When he began to sob quietly, his mother, Camille, stepped to the podium and hugged him. "My teammates, without them I couldn't have done any of this," he said. While Jarrett is leaving USC, coach Pete Carroll again insisted that he's staying. "Asked if he had closed the door on the possibility of becoming the Miami Dolphins' coach, Carroll said, 'Yeah, I thought I said that yesterday.'" Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga, in the market for a coach since Nick Saban left to take the Alabama job, had met with Carroll for four hours on Sunday in Costa Rica, where the coach was vacationing. Jarrett, a 6-foot-5, 215-pounder from New Brunswick, N.J., ends his college career with 216 catches for 3,138 yards and a 10-record 41 touchdowns. "He knows he has to leave, but he doesn't

want to leave," Carroll said. The lanky, sure-handed wide receiver capped his impressive three years at USC by making 11 receptions for 205 yards and two TDs in a 32-18 victory over Michigan in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1. Carroll said Jarrett finished the season with good momentum, and that he is confident he will be picked in the first round of the draft in April. The only question, the coach added, was how high he will go. Camille Jarrett said her son intends to finish his degree in sociology at some point. "Even when he was really young and talked about playing in college and the NFL, we always said that he was going to get his degree," she said. The 21-year-old Jarrett, a two-time first-team All-American, caught 70 passes for 1,015 yards and 12 touchdowns this season despite missing one game and being limited in several others because of an early-season shoulder injury.

Russell to enter draft

The Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — LSU quarterback JaMarcus Russell said Wednesday he'll skip his senior season and enter the NFL draft. "It kind of hit me toward the end of the season that I was going to make that jump," Russell said at a news conference. After a standout performance in the Sugar Bowl last week, the 6-foot-6, 257-pound Russell had been expected to declare early for the draft. Russell, a native of Mobile, Ala., threw for 6,525 yards and 52 touchdowns in three seasons with LSU, two as a full-time starter. He threw for 332 yards and two TDs in the Sugar Bowl to help the Tigers (11-2) beat Notre Dame 41-14. "Had he stayed, Russell would have been considered a strong Heisman Trophy contender. He also would have been under the oversight of a new offensive coordinator after Jimbo Fisher accepted Florida State's coordinator job.



his family made a good decision and predicted Russell could go as high as No. 1 in the draft. Russell, who brought his family to the news conference, said he hadn't yet signed with an agent. When asked what his draft preference was, Russell replied, "Whoever picks first and whoever pays the most." His departure starts a two-man competition to replace him between Matt Flynn, who will be a senior next season, and Ryan Perrilloux, who will be a sophomore. Miles said Flynn had the edge for the job, but he wouldn't decide until after spring practice.

CSI women up to No. 19

TWIN FALLS — The College Southern Idaho women's basketball team will take No. 19 ranking into Friday's Scenic West Athletic Conference showdown with No. 17 Salt Lake Community College. The 12-2 Golden Eagles (3-1 SWAC) moved up one spot from their previous ranking in the NJCAA Division I Poll released Wednesday. The CSI women are coming off a pair of blowout road wins over Colorado. Northwestern Community College last weekend they'll get a much tougher test against SLCC (22-2-4-0), which remained steady at No. 17 in the poll. See Friday's *Times-News* for a full preview.

Women's NCAA Div. I

Team	W	L	Pct
1. O'Connell State (7)	130	197	1
2. Southeastern St.	131	186	2
3. South Plains	180	195	3
4. Gulf Coast Coll. (1)	131	174	4
5. Southern College	160	182	4
6. Columbia	121	151	9
7. Murray Coll. (N.C.)	91	149	6
8. Central Arizona	152	142	5
9. Western Mo. Coll.	140	140	10
10. O'Connell State	132	122	8
11. Yler Jr. Coll.	142	110	14
12. Coppahl-Griffin Coll.	101	109	18
13. John A. Logan	144	102	11
14. St. Catherine	101	90	15
15. Tennessee	132	74	12
16. St. Paul Coll.	142	70	19
17. Eastern Okla. Coll.	112	68	17
18. Jones Valley Coll.	92	52	22
19. Southern Illinois	128	60	28
20. O'Connell State	114	44	26
21. Eastern Okla. Coll.	112	43	27
22. California Coll.	132	29	29
23. Lincoln St. Coll.	101	28	28
24. Southern Okla. Coll.	112	28	29
25. O'Connell State	132	25	29

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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 A deep trough of low pressure passing over Idaho will slow very cold arctic air to the region.
 Temperatures will get even colder tomorrow. Snow showers will be scattered about today and tonight.

BOISE
 Very cold arctic air has found its way into the region and will cool temperatures down to some of the lowest readings seen this season.
 Snow showers will be scattered around today, ending tonight.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Snow will be a good possibility today and tonight. Sharply colder temperatures will be felt by tonight and tomorrow.

WESTERN MOUNTAINS
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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 25 Low 11	High 11 Low 7	High 16 Low 4	High 17 Low 8	High 21 Low 16	High 17 Low 16

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Tuesday	44	34	0.02"
Boise	41	27	0.00"
Idaho Falls	41	27	0.00"
Jerome	42	30	0.00"
Lewiston	43	31	0.00"
Malta	50	37	0.00"
Meridian	42	19	0.00"
Shoshone	42	19	0.00"
Starkey	33	22	0.00"

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
High 25 Low 11	0.00"	75%	30.02"	6:58 AM 5:29 PM

Moon Phases

Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 2
Waxing Crescent	First Quarter	Full Moon	Waning Gibbous

Moonsrise and Moonsset

Today	Tomorrow	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Moonsrise: 12:00 AM Moonsset: 11:58 AM	Moonsrise: 1:00 AM Moonsset: 12:13 PM	Moonsrise: 2:00 AM Moonsset: 12:28 PM	Moonsrise: 3:00 AM Moonsset: 12:43 PM	Moonsrise: 4:00 AM Moonsset: 12:58 PM	Moonsrise: 5:00 AM Moonsset: 1:13 PM

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Saturday
Boise	20-30	19-27	22-13
Idaho Falls	25-35	11-18	18-8
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Making a difference

Woman helps people find their way

By Jani Whited
Time-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — If there's one thing Mary Lou Olivias loves, it's helping others find their own way.

Olivias was born and raised in Wyoming. At 8 years old she was learning the value of hard work alongside her parents and nine siblings. Olivias worked in fields and potato warehouses and bucked hay.

It wasn't until she was about 16 years old, after the family moved to Twin Falls, that Olivias realized a great benefit to her Hispanic heritage.

Being bilingual, she started translating for parents at the hospital. From there, her community involvements and work took flight.

"It's all about helping families," she said, "which I love."

As a family liaison for Title I Migrant for the Twin Falls School District, Olivias works with migrant parents and children, the district and schools to recruit children to the Title I Migrant program. The migrant program helps children get help in school through the English as Second Language and Limited English Proficiency programs and free lunch programs, as well as with school work and tutoring. The program is for migrant families who work in agriculture.

Olivias also provides translation services to schools, a booklet on local businesses. Information on services like health, low-income clothing



Mary Lou Olivias, family liaison for Title I Migrant, shows a flower used as an activity during meetings held for Hispanic families where they learn how to be active during the schools, and about their rights and the No Child Left Behind Act. Olivias said they are hoping to have another meeting organized soon.

¿Necesita ayuda? (Need help?)

To set up a meeting with Mary Lou Olivias at the Little Family House, call her at 212-0814, or at the Little House Family Center at 734-9572.

stores and other necessities. She helps translate at typical ones. "I go when the families need me," Olivias said. "I have to be flexible."

Flexibility is something Olivias enjoys about her job. From day to day she examines records, prepares paperwork and visits families, many times

"She's our lifeline in Spanish."

— Doris Sommer, Twin Falls School District ESL coordinator, about Mary Lou Olivias

at her homes. "Not to tell them something the kids are doing wrong, but to let them know something good," she said. She also shares information on how to help their kids in school and how to prepare for kindergarten.

Doris Sommer, ESL coordinator for the Twin Falls School District, says Olivias is very well thought of in the community and has a lot of credibility. "The thing that's been a lifesaver for us is that she knows everybody," Sommer said. "Her networking is incredible."

Olivias also has the responsibility of monitoring students in the migrant program, keeping track of their grades and helping to make sure they're getting the services they need.

In 1985, teachers, students and other members of the community voted Olivias the Hispanic Woman of the Year. She's also received other awards from schools and churches for helping the Hispanic people.

At 62, Olivias has given some thought to retirement, which scares Sommer a little. "If she retires we're going to be up a creek ...," she said. "She's our lifeline in Spanish. She's our lifeline in Spanish."

While retirement is still at least a few months away, thoughts of being there for others and helping them through their first few years in the community keep changing her mind.

"I think I love my job so much I hate to leave it," Olivias said, laughing. "... All I hope is that someday they spread the favor back. I tell them, 'One day you give that same help back to someone else.'"

To reach Jani Whited, e-mail her at jwhited@cablone.net

IN PURSUIT OF PEACE



New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, left, is greeted at the airport in El Fasher, the capital of North Darfur, Sudan, Tuesday, as part of a diplomatic mission to bring being peace to the war-torn region.

Parents can learn how to get involved with kids' education

TWIN FALLS — The Center for Community and Justice, in collaboration with the Twin Falls School District, will hold an introductory meeting for parents interested in learning how to become more involved with their children's education.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the O'Leary Junior High Auditorium. Parents are invited to learn about the Parent as Partners curriculum developed by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund is a national program designed to train parents, school personnel and community-based organizations to lead in the education of children.

According to organizers, the Parent as Partners curriculum provides a culturally relevant and effective model to increase parent involvement by engaging participants in a multi-week training program that includes:

- Parent's Right and Responsibility
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Structure and Function of the School Site and School District
- Idaho Achievement Standards
- ISAT and other Assessment Instruments
- NCLB 101 — A Review of the No Child Left Behind Act
- Identification of Local Issues and Improvement Efforts
- Field Trips to School Board Meetings
- College Bound: The Road to the University
- Field Trips to Local Colleges and Universities

The following are the goals



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of this program:

1. To help participants develop their leadership abilities in order to promote improvements in the local school system.
2. To help parents learn how to effectively collaborate with teachers, other school personnel, and school administrators.
3. To help parents improve their capacity to support and to become more involved in their children's education.

For more information, call Doris Sommer at 733-2155.

CSI offers free English classes for adults

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho is offering free English classes for adults ages 16 years and older from 9 a.m. to noon every morning and from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Evening English as second language classes are also available in Bluff, Burley, Gooding, Hailley, Jerome, Kerchum, Kimberly, Oakley, Rupert, Shoshone, Hazelton and Wendell.

Call 732-6340 or 800-680-0274, ext. 6540 for time and location or more information.

NCLR hails reintroduction of AgJOBS legislation

WASHINGTON — The National Council of La Raza, a national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization, praised the recent reintroduction of the Agricultural Job Opportunity, Benefits, and Security Act (AgJOBS) by Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Larry Craig (R-Idaho), Edward Kennedy (D-Ma.), and Mel Martinez (R-Fla.) and Representatives Howard Berman (D-Calif.) and Chris Cannon (R-Utah).

"NCLR's ability to advance

the status of farm workers is at the heart of what we do. For many years farm worker advocates and growers were at an impasse, each arguing for policies to benefit their side of the debate. We congratulate the sponsors of AgJOBS who had the courage to move beyond the stalemate and advance legislation that can benefit everyone," said Janet Murguía, council president and CEO.

"AgJOBS" enjoys broad bipartisan support in both Houses, and it passed the Senate last

May as part of a comprehensive immigration reform bill. "AgJOBS" would give many agricultural workers in this country who lack authorized immigration status the chance to become legal immigrants, ensuring a stable labor supply for agricultural employers.

"NCLR firmly believes that this is the year that AgJOBS will become law, benefiting thousands of farm workers," Murguía said. "The 2006 elections demonstrated that

Latinos are mobilized and focused on fair immigration policies, and will hold their representatives accountable for their actions."

Fishing for an answer

Catch of the day might not belong on menu

By Pete Thomas
Los Angeles Times

CABO SAN LUCAS, Mexico — The colorful game fish, with its iridescent green and yellow hues, is called dorado, which roughly translates to "golden one."

It's wildly acrobatic at the end of a line and wonderfully delicious off the grill.

Tourists in southern Baja California can find it at many restaurants, usually listed under its other name, mahi mahi.

But the difference between the fish served here and that in Hawaiian restaurants is that the Mexican variety, in some cases, is tainted gray — as in gray seas.

Dorado and striped marlin, another species commonly sold as table fare, are among six types of fish in Mexico

that are off-limits to commercial fishermen inside 50 miles.

Clearly, then, something is fishy in paradise.

This is nothing new, but with mounting concerns about exploitation, the local sportfishing association is asking tourists to consult their consciences before ordering dinner.

It is also requesting, thus far with little success, that restaurant owners stop selling these fish.

"We want to promote the non-commercialization of any species reserved for sportfishing," said Marco Ehrenberg, owner of Pisco Sportfishing and a member of the sportfishing and restaurant owners' associations.

support of a multimillion-dollar sportfishing industry. Marlin is king, and most caught are released. Dorado is a close second.

Many restaurants legally import dorado. But dorado and marlin also come from commercial fishermen and even sportfishing captains who persuade clients to donate their catch so they can feed their families, then sell it to restaurants.

"Instead of looking for excuses and trying to find who's at fault, we have to start in our own homes," said Ehrenberg, who is also director of international affairs for the state of Baja California Sur. "We know that the sportfishing nets are one of the sources of illegal marketing of dorado and marlin, so let's start locally. We don't need the government."

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that the emergency response plan for chemical accidents developed for the Twin Falls County Area, and extremely hazardous substance notifications, material safety data sheets, chemical inventory forms and accidental release notifications submitted by facilities are available for public review in the Twin Falls County Courthouse on the 4th floor in the County Commission Office from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through March 31, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 regular workdays. For more information please contact the Twin Falls County Emergency Services Coordinator, Jackie Frey at 736-4234.
 The Twin Falls County Local Emergency Planning Committee is required to publish this notice pursuant to section 3 24 (b), EPC section 11044 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act.

PUBLISH: January 11, 19, 25 and February 1, 2007

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
 Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2343, notice is hereby given of an open public meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission.
DATE OF NOTICE: January 9, 2007
DATE OF MEETING: Commencing January 31, 2007, and continuing each Wednesday until the end of the 2007 legislative session.
 A Commission Conference Call is scheduled at 8:00 AM MST.
PLACE OF MEETING: Idaho Department of Fish and Game, 600 S. Walnut Street, Boise, Idaho.
PERSONS ATTENDING: Commissioners, Staff.
PURPOSE OF MEETING/AGENDA: Discuss legislation of interest to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.
 Individuals with disabilities may request meeting accommodations by contacting the Director's office at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game directly at 208-544-5159 or through the Idaho Relay Service at 1-800-377-2529 (TDD).
 PUBLISH: January 11, 18 and 25, 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-06-5568
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 In the Matter of the Estate of, **ANDREW FLORENCE, JR.**
 Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent 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 Coleman, Ritchie & Robertson, 156 2nd Avenue West, P.O. Box 525, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303-0525, and filed with the court by the date of this notice, 26th day of December, 2006.
 Linda Florence
 Personal Representative

PUBLISH: January 4, 11 and 18, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE
 The Idaho Office of Highway Safety announces the availability of grant funds for two separate traffic safety programs. The first program provides grant funds for railroad crossing safety programs beginning July 1, 2007. The second program provides Federal highway safety funds for state and local agencies beginning October 1, 2007. Priority highway safety program areas include safety restraint use, impaired drivers, aggressive driving, youthful drivers, roadway safety records, and emergency medical services, bicycle and pedestrian safety, and other problem areas.
 Applicants must be state or local governmental and/or non-profit organizations. The deadline for the railroad crossing and highway safety applications is February 16, 2007. If you are interested in applying for these grant funds, contact the Idaho Office of Highway Safety at (208) 334-8100 or go to <http://idaho.gov/highway> to download the application forms.
 PUBLISH: 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-94-02611
SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING MOTION TO MODIFY DECREE OF DIVORCE
ELIZABETH ANN WOOD, I/O
ELIZABETH ANN OSTERHOUT,
 Plaintiff,

vs.
FRANKLIN WARD OSTERHOUT,
 Defendant.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 30 days of the date of this summons/notice or if you fail to do so respond the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the defendant in the Motion to Modify Decree of Divorce.
 A copy of the Motion to Modify Decree of Divorce served with this summons/notice is being filed to seek the advise 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 records.
 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 this case.
 2. If your response is an Answer to the Motion to Modify Decree of Divorce, it must contain admissions and denials of the separate allegations of that Motion and other defenses you may have.
 3. Your signature, making address and telephone number, or the signature, making address and telephone number of your attorney.
 4. Proof of mailing a copy of a copy of your response to Defendant'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 26th day of December, 2006.
 s/Kristina Glascock
 Clerk of the District Court
 By Kasey Wagman, Deputy Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Idaho Code 45-802 that Oregon Trail Storage, 471 South Park Avenue West, Twin Falls, will repost the contents of the following units:
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 Nicole Garcia, Unit B-37, last known address 171 North Creek Road, Jerome, Idaho 83338.
 Holly Graf, Unit C-6; last known address 257 Ridgeway Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.
 Patricia Peters, Unit C-52, last known address 230 Lulu, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.
 Chris Patecki, Unit E-23, last known address North Idaho Correction Institution, 236 Radar Drive, Cottonwood, Idaho 83322.
 Andrew Robbins, Unit F-23, last known address 1835 S. Osterloh, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.
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CITY OF HANSEN ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET REPORT
 Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2006

Beginning Balance	\$70,069.00
Local Funding Sources	5,802.00
State Funding Sources	38,536.00
Total Receipts	\$44,338.00
Rolling Maintenance	\$25,085.00
Equipment	2,782.00
Other	7,175.00
Total Disbursements	\$35,042.00

Dated this 13th day of December, 2006
 George Uire, Mayor of Hansen
 Linda Merrill, City Clerk

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
 You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of Depositors of First Federal Savings Bank of Twin Falls will be held at the Main Office of First Federal Savings Bank, 383 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho on Wednesday the seventeenth day of January 2007, at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing three Directors - each to serve a term of three years; the presentation of the Management's Annual Report, and the transacting of any business that may properly come before such meeting.
 Elizabeth A. Meyer, Secretary
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FOUND black Lab South of Rupert. It claimed true to good home 208-436-4929.

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LOST cat, gray & white long haired cat in Wingo parking lot 1273. My best friend! Reward 208-638-2752

LOST child's purse, animal print, in the Burley-Rupert area on Dec. 27th. Wallet and ID in it. Reward. Call 208-436-6470.

LOST dog on Dec. 26th near 450 E. Baseline. Female, black, slightly larger than hooter with white speckled patch on chest, docked tail, answers to "Babin". Call 208-431-6261.

LOST German Shepherd male 4 1/2 years old, tan legs, black mask than black. Lost 12/11/06. Clear Lakes Grade. 539-4826

LOST Fr. Bull/Dan-pei chocolate & white in Burley area. Wearing diamond studded collar. 208-423-4892.

LOST Retriever! Last seen Flynn J Truck Stop in Twin Falls on Dec. 31st. Neutered male, 130 lbs., approx. 36" tall. "Bingo" around collar wags. REWARD Call 360-501-7591 (Pulman) or nelnet@up.edu

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When you lead a singleton 10 in a side suit against a suit contract, your main hope is that partner is going to be able to give you a ruff. It is a rare experience to find yourself still on lead at trick two — and one that requires a reappraisal of the best plan for the declarer. See if you can match the plan devised by Terry Weigkright of the Austrian team on this deal from the quarterfinals of the 1999 Venice Cup against Germany.

Weigkright found himself on lead with four hearts. The diamond 10 held the first trick as Doris Fisher followed with the diamond five, and now West played that the auction and play thus far strongly indicated that she should play a club, her partner probably having a void. It may look natural to play the club ace and give your partner a ruff, but that does not defeat the hand. Declarer can ruff the next diamond high, draw trumps, then throw all three diamonds losers on the black-suit winners. Weigkright found the accurate defense of leading a low club to trick two. Fisher ruffed and led to top diamond, forcing declarer to ruff high. Now declarer could establish the clubs for only one discard, and whether she drew trumps or not, she would finish one trick short.

At several tables, including the one where Weigkright's teammates were North-South, West shifted to ace and another club at trick two, letting the contract through.

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NORTH 0-11-A
 ♠ K Q J
 ♥ A Q J
 ♦ 8 6 4 3 2
 ♣ 8 6

EAST 8 7 3 2
 ♠ 10 9 2
 ♥ 10
 ♦ A J 10 5 3 2
 ♣ A J 10 5 3 2

SOUTH A J 5 4
 ♠ K 6 4
 ♥ 7
 ♦ K Q 7 4

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: West

The bidding:
 South West North East
 2NT Pass 3♠
 Dbl. Pass 4♣ Dbl.
 Pass Pass Rdbl. Pass
 All pass
 *A pre-empt in one minor

Opening lead: Diamond 10

BID WITH THE ACES 0-11-B

South holds:
 ♠ K Q 9
 ♥ A Q 4 3 2
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ 8 6

South West North East
 1NT Pass 1♥ Pass
 2♥ Pass 3♠ Pass

ANSWER: You should pass, since your partner is describing a hand best suited for playing three clubs facing a balanced invitation. If he wanted to play three no-trump, he would have bid it. So imagine a hand with six clubs to the king, four hearts to the king, plus an outside ace to see why playing a partscore might be best here.

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INSIDE: In Family Circus, Billy and Jeff come up with a new kind of sandwich, D3



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Micron settles lawsuit alleging price fixing

By Shannon Dainry
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Computer chip-maker Micron Technology Inc. has settled a class-action lawsuit alleging it engaged in price fixing and violated antitrust laws, a move that is expected to reduce its 2007 first-quarter earnings by up to \$80 million.

Micron posted first-quarter net income of \$192 million, or 25 cents per share, last month.

Shares rose 27 cents, or 0.8 percent, to \$13.94 Wednesday trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco on behalf of customers, generally computer producers, who bought dynamic random-access memory chips, or DRAM, directly from suppliers between April 1, 1999, and June 30, 2002.

Micron announced the settlement Tuesday. It remains subject to the court's approval.

The lawsuit is one of several filed following a U.S. Justice Department investigation into whether computer chip companies conspired to manipulate the number of DRAM chips released to market in a scheme to inflate prices.

The Justice Department granted Micron immunity from criminal charges in exchange for its cooperation. However, the amnesty did not shield the company from lawsuits.

The company continues to fight other lawsuits filed by indirect purchasers of DRAM, such as consumers, as well as an antitrust lawsuit filed by at least 35 states, including Idaho.

"This doesn't settle all of the litigation, but it certainly covers the direct purchasers," company spokesman Daniel Francisco said Wednesday. "We just think it's in the best interests of the company."

Micron is Idaho's largest private employer, with about 11,000 workers in the Boise area. The company employs about 23,000 people worldwide.

Minimum wage increase passes

U.S. House approves raising pay to \$7.25 an hour in next 26 months

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-controlled House voted Wednesday to increase the federal minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour, bringing America's lowest-paid workers a crucial step closer to their first raise in a decade.

The vote was 315-116, with more than 80 Republicans joining Democrats to pass it.

"You should not be relegated to poverty if you work hard and play by the rules," said House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md.

The bill was the second measure passed since Democrats took control of the House, ending more than a decade of Republican rule.

The measure, which now goes to the Senate, would raise the federal wage floor by \$2.10 from its current \$5.15 an hour in three steps over 26 months.

The last increase was in 1997, when President Clinton successfully prodded the GOP-controlled Congress to enact the increase. Republicans declined to approve another raise for the six years in the House and Senate and President Bush was in the White House.

Organized labor and other supporters pitched the bill as badly needed assistance for the working poor.

Business groups and other critics said it could lead to higher prices

for goods and services, force small companies to pink-slip existing workers or hire fewer new ones, and crimp profits.

The White House issued a statement saying it opposed the bill because it "fails to provide relief to small businesses."

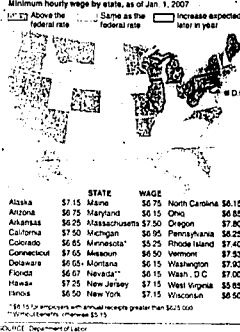
Senate Democratic leaders have already signaled they will accept changes designed to shield small businesses from adverse consequences of higher labor costs.

Many businesses want the pot sweetened, perhaps by faster depreciation or other tax breaks or letting small businesses band together to buy health insurance for their workers.

The bill would raise the wage floor in three steps. It would go to \$5.85 an hour 60 days after signed into law by the president, to \$6.55 a year later and to \$7.25 a year after that.

Increasing an honest day's wage

Twenty-five states and the District of Columbia have lawmakers that mention the wage topic in their bills. The current federal rate is \$5.15 per hour. Minimum hourly wage by state, as of Jan. 1, 2007.



Desperate need



'You see a lot of people who have basically been neglected,' says Dr. Sandy Saunders, Sutter Coast Hospital's emergency room director, shown leading to a patient.

Rx for rural N. California: More doctors

By Lee Romney
Los Angeles Times

CRESCENT CITY, Calif. — The young man told the emergency room doctor at Sutter Coast Hospital that he had come to await the end of the world under the big trees. He realized he needed help.

But there are no psychiatric beds here, and not a single psychiatrist practices in Del Norte County.

A nurse got on the phone — to seven facilities as far south as San Francisco. None had room. Stabilized on medication, the young man walked out of the ER alone the next afternoon.

He was just one patient whose care was affected by physician shortages during a recent — and typical — 24-hour stretch here.

There was the elderly man with the shattered shoulder, told he would have to see a specialist in Oregon. There was the intensive-care patient flown by turboprop plane to Medford, Ore., because Del Norte County has no cardiologists.

And there were patients like Carolyn Dyer, 64, disabled, on Medi-Cal, arriving at this emergency room sicker than they should have been because preventive care is so hard to come by in the area.

"A lot of times you can't get in to see anyone," Dyer, who felt pain in her chest, jaw and arms, said of the clinic that takes most government-insured patients.

Residents of this Northern California county (population 26,000) enjoy cutting-edge technology at their hospital. But the community suffers a rural plague: an inadequate and constantly churning supply of doctors.

In 2005 alone Crescent City lost a general surgeon, an orthopedic surgeon and 10 primary-care doctors — six from community and American-Indian clinics that



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treat the poor. The exodus out of the county is tough in towns with no key fields and exacerbated other shortages. (The number of obstetrician/gynecologists counts: one.)

Recruiting and keeping doctors is tough in towns with no cultural attractions, no high-end shopping, limited job opportunities for spouses and limited spousal opportunities for the single. Del Norte County also has suffered from the decline of logging and fishing, and Crescent City's key economic stimulus is nearby Peñon Bay State Prison.

Physicians who set up practice in rural areas are confronted by a higher proportion of old and poor patients on Medicare and Medi-Cal compared with urban areas, and they must treat complex cases without the help of specialists, and they often face brutal schedules with no backup.

Although the rural-urban doctor gap isn't new, analysts say it is worsening even as the number of doctors and medical students surges.

As policymakers grapple with the big picture, rural communities struggle day by day. Take the case of Dr. John Tynes. Recruited from Dallas seven years ago, the lady OB/GYN arrived to share duties with a colleague. But that doctor left. Tynes took over a business loan to set a new partner up in practice. A year and a half ago, his recruit, the bailed-out, leaving Tynes about \$70,000 in the hole.

An amateur photographer, Tynes delights in the beauty of the coastal community. But recreation is elusive for the only doctor in a 1,000-square-mile county capable of doing

A long way to go

A shortage of physicians in Crescent City often requires sending patients to Medford, Ore., or San Francisco.



Driving distances from Crescent City:
• To Medford: 117 miles
• To San Francisco: 361 miles
SOURCE: Automobile Club of Southern California
MAP: HARVEY L. ANDERSON/PIRELLA

emergency C-sections. Hikes with his wife and daughter are timed: 10 minutes out from the car, 10 minutes back.

In a recent survey, 50 percent of participating rural California hospitals said they had reduced services, cutting key specialties such as obstetrics, said Peggy Broussard Wheeler, vice president of the California Health Association's Rural Healthcare Center.

Other rural hospitals, in Fresno, Kern and Tulare counties, have closed over the past five years, undone partly by a heavy load of indigent patients.

In some ways, Crescent City is fortunate: Its 59-bed hospital is guaranteed paying patients from the prison. And the larger Sutter Health chain that the facility belongs to offers economies of scale. The facility also benefits from technology rare for rural hospitals, such as an electronic intensive-care unit that allows

"intensivists" in Sutter's Sacramento control station to monitor patients and direct treatment via video.

Kodak selling health imaging division to Canadian firm

By Ben Dobbin
Associated Press writer

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Eastman Kodak Co. is selling its health-imaging business, created after the discovery of X-rays in 1895, to Canadian investment firm Onex Corp. for up to \$2.5 billion as the picture-taking pioneer bets its future on digital photography and commercial printing.

Kodak said Wednesday it plans to pay down about \$1.15 billion in debt and fund the rest of the proceeds into unspecified digital ventures as profits from its stock are \$1 billion in sales in 2005. But the unit's operating profit plunged 21 percent that year as margins tightened.

With manufacturing operations in Rochester, Windsor, Colo., Oakdale, Minn., and White City, Ore., as well as Xiamen, China, Guadalajara, Mexico, and Berlin, it competes against such companies as General Electric Co., Germany's Siemens AG, Royal Philips Electronics NV of the Netherlands and Belgium's Agfa-Gevaert.

Kodak hired Goldman Sachs & Co. last May to help explore alternatives for the division. Analysts had expected it to be either sold outright for anywhere from \$2 billion to \$4 billion, dismantled and sold in pieces, or turned into a joint venture.

Report: AMT, tax gap most serious problems facing taxpayers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A tax law meant to crack down on wealthy tax dodgers has instead become the most serious problem facing millions of other taxpayers.

For the government, the biggest problem is billions of dollars in unpaid taxes, National Taxpayer Advocate Nina E. Olson said Tuesday in a report to Congress on the hurdles Americans face in meeting their tax obligations.

Olson, who works independently within the Internal Revenue Service, also urges Congress to repeal IRS authority to contract out to private collection agencies, saying the IRS is better trained and more efficient in collecting delinquent taxes.

The advance Congress to repeal an annual report to Congress listing at least 20 of the most serious problems encountered by taxpayers. This year the list was topped by the alternative minimum tax, which was enacted in 1969 to close

Canadian dollars (\$17 billion), teamed up on recent takeovers of Australia's Qantas Airways Ltd. and Raytheon's aircraft business.

Kodak founder George Eastman expanded photography's parameters to X-ray film in 1896 within months of German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen's discovery that X-rays would expose photographic plates.

The health group, which makes X-ray film, medical printers, and information management software and storage systems and employs 8,100 people, accounted for nearly one-fifth of Kodak's \$1.3 billion in sales in 2005. But the unit's operating profit plunged 21 percent that year as margins tightened.

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loopholes that enable the wealthy to avoid paying taxes. But because the law was not indexed for inflation, a provision that originally affected about 20,000 taxpayers now hits tens of millions.

The second most serious problem was the gap between what taxpayers should be paying and what the IRS is collecting, estimated at \$290 billion a year. The advocate said that noncompliance by some taxpayers requires good-faith taxpayers to pay an additional \$2.200 a year.

It said the gap could be narrowed by tax simplification, tax withholding on non-wage income in certain situations and improved IRS compliance initiatives.

The report said the government loses billions of dollars because it does not intervene at an early stage on delinquent tax accounts, and does not fully utilize collection payment alternatives such as installment agreements.

Market Watch

Jan. 10, 2007

Dow Jones Industrials	+28.86
	12,442.16
Nasdaq Composite	+15.60
	2,459.33
Standard & Poor's 500	+0.74
	1,414.85
Russell 2000	+0.64
	778.87

Stocks of local interest

Stock	Change
Dell Inc.	27.26 ▲ 0.42
Lithia Motors	26.46 ▼ 0.02
Superyulu	34.66 ▼ .50

Commodities

Feb. oil	54.02 ▼ 1.62
(Light sweet crude by barrel)	
Feb. gold	613.4 ▼ 1.6

For more, see page D4

COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

I THINK GRAMPA NEEDS GLASSES. WHY IS THAT?

I JUST SAW HIM HIT A NERVE ON A SUNKY.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

DOE HAD A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER TODAY. OH.

HE'S A CUTE YOUNG GUY. SO?

SO BE PREPARED TO PALE BY COMPARISON FOR A WHILE. HUH?

I NEVER NOTICED HOW SMALL YOUR NOSE IS. ARE YOU IN A FET FOR LAWYERS?

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. THIS GUY JUST MOVED HERE.

AND ALL THE GALS WERE A-WHEEDY.

THE SLEEPS FINE. HE'S COOL, TOO.

WHAT? WHY?

HE HAS HIS OWN LAWYER.

Brevity By Guy & Rudd

I'LL TAKE THE NUMBER 7.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

SALES ENGINEER.

I DID THE HARD PART OF MAKING THE SALE. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS INSTALL IT.

I MIGHT HAVE PROMISED THEM A FEW EXTRA FEATURES.

DID YOU BRING YOUR OWN MASSAGE TABLE OR SHOULD I JUST GET NAKED AND SPRAWL ON A DESK?

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

WHAT A SHOCK. YOUR CHASE AND HEAD THE NEXT. HAS BASEBALL ON THE SHOW? WELL, GOOD POSSIBILITIES!

I DID THIS SHOW SOLO FOR YEARS. BECAUSE I DOO SPOOKERS ARE SO DUMB. WHO NEEDS QUEST?

NOT ME! BRAD. I'D RATHER BEAT THAT!

HEY MAN, YOU'RE BEING GENEROUS. SELFLESS. YOU MIGHT GAIN MORE FRIENDS.

AND I USE IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Can you believe those two getting married at their age?

Nope!! I been married too many times!!

Cron Dusty! It's never too late!

Nonsense! You know what they say in Hollywood.

What do they say in Hollywood?

Seven's a charm!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

CONGRATULATIONS! KNOCK KNOCK.

HELLO, GUSAN. TRULY, CONGRATULATIONS. IS IN YOUR DREAMS, WAY CAN I BEGAIN TO THIS LICENSE?

YES! SURE!

ELIZABETH! DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE HERE UNTIL 10:30.

I GOT HERE A DAY EARLY.

AND I USE IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

WE AREN'T TALKING ABOUT YOU... I SAID "RIBBIT!"

Luann By Greg Evans

CAN I DO MY OWN PUBLICITY, AND MY OWN BOOKINGS. I DON'T NEED YOU TO KNUCKLE OR YOU?

GOOD. I DON'T HAVE THE ANSWER. I VOLUNTEER AT THE LIBRARY WITH LUANN.

MAINE YOU SHOULD DO SOME VOLUNTEER WORK. TIPPAN, SHOW YOUR GENEROUS, SELFLESS SIDE. YOU MIGHT GAIN MORE FRIENDS.

DO I HAVE A GENEROUS, SELFLESS SIDE?

SURE. I'M EATING.

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

ME: I RESOLVE TO KEEP BOYCOTTING CHINA... AS LONG AS ITS GOVERNMENT STANDS.

WOOL NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

I'D RATHER SPEND MONEY ON STUFF I CAN USE... WITHOUT GETTING BLOOD ON MY HANDS...

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

HEY PAL, SHOOT A BASKET. WIN A PRIZE. JUST THREE BUCKS.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RAT?

IT'S TURNED OUR BACKS INTO A TENTATIVE CARNIVAL. I THOUGHT IT'D BE FUN.

YOU'RE NOT JUST GOING TO TAKE PEOPLE'S MONEY?

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

Pickles By Brian Crane

GRAMMA, WHAT OTHER THINGS DID YOUR GRANDPA USE TO SAY?

WELL, LET'S SEE. HE USED TO SAY THAT IF SQUIRRELS HAVE UNUSUALLY GLIMELY TAILS, IT MEANS A BAD WINTER.

HA! MY GRANDPA USED TO SAY IF SQUIRRELS HAVE UNUSUALLY BLACK TAILS WITH WHITE STRIPE, DON'T FEED 'EM.

HIS GRANDPA WASN'T THE SHARPEST TOOL IN THE SHED.

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

LOOK, JIMBO! IT'S GOT A HEADLIGHT FOR OWN BLOWING AT NIGHT!

YEAH, THE GEAR! YOU GOT SOME TANG SULLY!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

YOU CAN IMPROVE A CHILDREN BY TRYING IT. THESE DON'T DO STRONG TO STRAIN.

SO WHAT? ARE YOU SAYING YOU'RE NOT A CHILDREN?

YES, YOU'RE IN. BUT I WANT ADVERTISING.

WHAT? YOU'RE SAYING YOU'RE NOT A CHILDREN?

NO, I'M SAYING YOU'RE NOT A CHILDREN.

WHAT? YOU'RE SAYING YOU'RE NOT A CHILDREN?

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Non Sequitur By Wiley

GETTING UP EARLY FOR THE MICHIGAN STATE?

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Libra needs to keep feet on ground

IF JAN. 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Ambition is a spur to accomplishment. February and June could be frustrating, as you have opportunities for success and the enthusiasm to pursue your dreams but may be held back by past obligations, errors or a lack of an essential requirement. Rather than giving up or throwing in the towel, plod along with determination and take the necessary exam again, pay off the debt or work hard to please a boss. In August you are very likely to be rewarded for your efforts, or be the recipient of a favor or opportunity that you will be in a position to accept.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put a positive spin on things. Make presentations and phone contacts now while people are in a generous and forgiving mood. Push through short-term deals or make a quick sale or two.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Spell optimism with a capital "O." Get sound advice from authority figures. Start important projects of a short-term nature that require the good will of the public or cooperation from others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Facts can be manipulated. Hold off on making crucial financial decisions or making changes in banking habits for the moment. Be proud of children or creative efforts — but don't expect miracles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep your feet on the ground. For a few hours you may fall prey to self-deception or allow your emotional state to override common sense. Relatives may provide a good sounding board.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't inadvertently run tall in old wounds. Hold off on making important phone calls or offers. This is a good time to let your reputation for honesty and integrity act as a safeguard.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Give an inch and gain a mile. A willingness to cooperate or compromise can spell success. Be aware of a tendency to hear only what you want to hear — where money is concerned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Think things through. Be rational with the details, facts and figures, but be warm and generous with people. Numbers don't care how you handle them, but people don't always add up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Give yourself permission to expect the very best from others. If you must ask for favors they will very likely be granted.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Use good judgment. Reality leaves a lot to the imagination. Discussions may zigzag from the point or otherwise go astray, so steer clear of conversations that require clear thinking.

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

join forces today to share information or improve the overall situation. Professionals know that the united we stand, divided we fall.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't play outside your league. Conversations may be misleading — or you could get carried away by unrealistic desires. Obtain sensible advice from professionals before signing contracts.

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Boetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



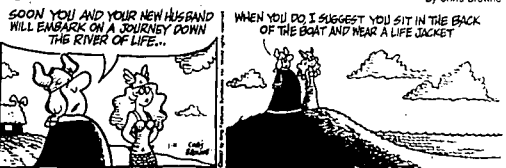
Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois

By Chafetz Browne



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



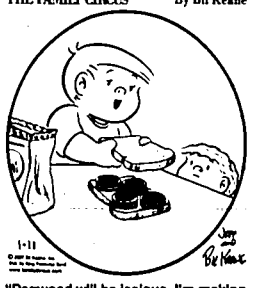
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Facts of life for parents are laid out in questions



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

I'd change it if I could, but I have to deal with reality.

DEAR ABBY: Here's my addition to your list: Are you emotionally, physically and financially ready if you have a premature or handicapped baby? I am the parent of a severely handicapped son. His twin sister has ADHD, and by God's grace and just dumb luck, I am handling it well — so far.
— FLYING SOLO IN SOUTH DAKOTA

could say I more plainly than you have. I received a bushel of mail from readers who, like you, wanted to weigh in on the subject. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Nancy in Hagsville" concerning "Are You Ready for Parenthood?" (12/6), Your advice was fine. If your child throws up all over your bed, are you or the father going to clean it up, stay up all night with a crying child and then go to work the next day? When the baby is sick, will you cancel your plans with your friends and stay home?

"Will you skip buying clothes or the latest cell phone for yourself because you can barely afford food for your little one? Are you willing to give up your dreams of school or travel because the child you gave birth to will grow up and need shoes, an education or medical care? Are you prepared for when this cute, cuddly infant becomes a screaming 2-year-old?

"If you continue your education, will you have the energy to work and care for a child who totally depends on you for all physical and emotional needs? And, most important of all, can you handle all this alone suddenly the father decides he's not ready for the responsibility?"

— WAITED TIL WAS OLD ENOUGH AND GLAD OF IT
DEAR WAITED: No one

DEAR ABBY: Parents need a sense of humor, an infinite amount of patience and thick skin. Children take the longest time eating, using the bathroom, telling a story, asking a question, etc., and there will be many occasions when they will tell you that you are the meanest mommy or daddy or that they hate you. Can you handle it with grace, firmness and patience?
— WISE MOM IN ALABAMA

DEAR ABBY: I don't have a question to add to your list. But I would like to share some great advice my aunt gave me when I adopted my daughter. She said, "Just give her your wallet now; it won't be yours ever again!" It's true — and I wouldn't change it for the world!
— KEVIN IN AKRON

Bela Lugosi was buried in familiar cape

Bela Lugosi was buried in that cape he wore as Dracula. Hopefully, not to rise again. This day in history: Bowing to the obvious on Jan. 11, 1964, the U.S. surgeon general officially concluded that smoking is a health hazard.

Yes, you can train a zebra to pull a horse wagon. "Idiot," "moron," and "imbecile" are now just insults, but early last century they were legitimate medical classifications. Morons were said to have the emotional and mental capacities of 9-year-olds; imbeciles, 5-year-olds; and idiots, 2-year-olds.

Before educator Friedrich Froebel coined the word kindergarten ("children's garden"), he

RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

called his new classroom kleinkinderbeschäftigungsanstalt ("institution where children are

occupied"). The name didn't catch on for some reason.

Thirteen tons of gold. That's the typical amount used by American dentists each year for fillings, crowns and inlays.

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Dave Boore tickles the ivories at a recent Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nev.



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1. "Night at the Museum," Fox.
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5. "How to Save a Life," The Fray. Epic. (Platinum)
 — From Billboard magazine

ALBUMS

1. "21," Omarion. T.U.G.
2. "Konvicted," Akon. Konvict.
3. Soundtrack: "Dreamgirls." Music World.
4. "Hip Hop Is Dead," Nas. Def Jam/Columbia/IDJMG.
5. "The Inspiration," Young Jeezy. Corporate Thugz/Def Jam.
 — From Billboard magazine

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1. Barbra Streisand.
2. The Rolling Stones.
3. The Who.
4. Aerosmith / Motley Crue.
5. Bob Seger & Silver Bullet Band.
 — From Pollstar

VHS RENTALS

1. "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
2. "The Devil Wears Prada," 20th Century Fox.
3. "Lady in the Water," Warner Home Video.
4. "Invincible," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
5. "Little Miss Sunshine," 20th Century Fox.
 — 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. "Shark Tale," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
4. "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," New Line Home Entertainment.
5. "Yoga Conditioning for Athletes," Galam Video.
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3. "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
4. "Step Up," Touchstone Home Video.
5. "The Devil Wears Prada," 20th Century Fox.
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VIDEO GAME REVIEW



Little bundles of energy run amok in "Elite: Dangerous" for the Wii, in this image provided by publisher Konami.

Fresh games keep Nintendo going

BY LOU KESTEN
 The Associated Press

The most delightful video-game emergence of 2006 was the re-emergence of Nintendo, thanks to the popularity of the Wii and the DS portable. The big question for this year is: Can Nintendo maintain the momentum? Sure, the Wii had one of the best launch lineups ever, with the instant classic "The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess" and gems like "Wii Sports" and "Rayman Raving Rabbids." But will the hits keep on coming?

The signs are promising, with software publishers looking for innovative ways to take advantage of the Wii's unique motion-sensing controller. Some of the experiments we've seen over the last month have worked really well; the failures seem like the

power up all the electric appliances in your house. As each level begins, the boys are hiding behind various objects. You can only move around smaller items at first, but as you collect more energy you can open doors, lift furniture and even have cars and entire houses.

Essentially, it's a game of hide-and-seek that gives you a good excuse to make an unholly mess of the pristine rooms where the Eblites are hiding. It's a simple concept that will appeal to fans of quirky games like "Katamari Damacy," and it's easy enough for just about anyone to play. The multiplayer game doesn't quite work — one player controls where you can move, giving that person an unfair advantage — but the single-player action is surprisingly addictive.

• "Super Swing Golf" (Tecmo, for the Wii, \$49.99) — The golf game included in "Wii Sports" is fun, but probably left a lot of duifers wanting more. Fortunately, there's "Super Swing Golf," a determinedly wacky production that offers a ton of fresh challenges. The courses range from your standard tropical paradise to a wind-blasted ice field, and the more demanding levels

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Former Magic Valley resident Baxter Black has long been a crowd favorite at the Cowboy Poetry Gathering.



Courtesy of Baxter Black

Cowboy up

It's National Cowboy Poetry Gathering time

Times News

ELKO, Nev. — The National Cowboy Poetry Gathering — a week-long celebration of life and art in the rural West — will return for the 23rd year beginning Jan. 27, including performances by former Magic Valley resident Baxter Black, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Wylie and the Wild West, Michael Martin Murphy and The Gitano Family, a gypsy-soul act from the high plains of Arles, France.

The Elko gathering is the first and largest of hundreds of cowboy poetry get-togethers across America. Produced by the Western Folklife Center, its purpose is to preserve the traditional arts created by people living close to the land in the American West. Poetry, music, stories, handicrafts, gear, film, food and photography all contribute to the texture of an event that has become an annual ritual for thousands of spectators who make the trip to mile-high Elko in the dead of winter.

The gathering will run through Feb. 3 at the Western Folklife Center and other sites around Elko.

This year's theme is "The Ranch." The 2007 gathering will include tours of northeastern Nevada ranches, cooking workshops by ranching families, and a panel discussion among writers in the West about critical issues, including sustainable land stewardship and husbandry practices.

In recent years the Western Folklife Center has invited cowboys from other parts of the world to the gathering. This year, it's Patrick and Estelle Laurent, fourth-generation ranchers from the Camargue region of southern France. Accompanying them will be Gitano Family musicians from the Camargue, whose music is an integral part of gadian life and culture.

The National Cowboy Poetry Gathering was conceived in 1985 by a small group of folklorists, poets and musicians and quickly became the go-to event celebrating the contemporary West. Over the past 22 winters, the Elko gathering has reinvigorated a tradition that never ceased to be a part of the lives of cowboys, ranchers and rural westerners.



Courtesy of BERTIE BROWN LIPMAN

Great Falls, Mont., cowboy poet Paul Zarzycki holds forth at a recent Cowboy Poetry Gathering.

This year's keynote speaker is journalist Richard Louv, whose book "Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder," discusses the effects of exposure to nature on the human psyche.

The gathering brings together more than 60 poets, musicians and musical groups from 15 Western states, two Canadian provinces, and from as far away as France and Australia. Performers include Black, a syndicated newspaper columnist and National Public Radio commentator; Canadian songwriting legend Ian Tyson; Texas troubadour Don Edwards; Montana poet and rancher Wallace McEae; and cowboy musician Glenn Ohrlin.

Jack Elliott, one of folk music's most enduring characters, is scheduled to perform with cowboy poets Henry Real Bird and Paul Zarzycki at a "Cowboy Coffeehouse" on Feb. 2. Since he first came on the scene in the late 1950s, Elliott influenced artists ranging from Bob Dylan and Pete Seeger to the Rolling Stones and the Grateful Dead. The son of a New York doctor and a sometime traveling companion of Woody Guthrie, Elliott used his self-made cowboy image to bring his love of folk music to one generation after another.

Tickets and directions

In addition to the ticketed National Cowboy Poetry Gathering shows listed here, many performances simply require the purchase of a single Day Pass (\$18) or a three-day Guest Pass (\$51). Children under 12 are admitted free to non-ticketed daytime events. For tickets, phone (888) 880-5885.

Gathering performances take place at the Western Folklife Center, 501 Railroad St. in Elko, Nev., and the Elko Convention Center, 700 Morn Way, with some activities scheduled in surrounding facilities: Elko Junior High School, Northeastern Nevada Museum and Great Basin College.

Ticketed events

Jan. 27

• "When it's Night-Time in Nevada," an evening of music, poetry and stories from the heart of Nevada with Jack Walther, Richard Eloyan and Dave "Red Boy" Schildt. 7 p.m. PST, G Three Bar Theater, Western Folklife Center. Tickets: \$16.

Jan. 28

• "A Night at the Movies." Watch a classic western with popcorn and a pal. 7 p.m. PST, G Three Bar Theater, Western Folklife Center. Tickets: \$11.

Jan. 29

• "The Music and Verse of Camargue." The Camargue region of southern France is known for its white horses, black bulls and the gadians, who have worked as cowboys for centuries. Join gypsy musicians The Gitano Family, together with Lorraine Rawls and Patrick, and Estelle Laurent, for a cultural journey to France's cowboy country. 7 p.m. PST, G Three Bar Theater, Western Folklife Center. Tickets: \$16.

Jan. 30

• "Cowboy Routes." Enjoy recitations of the cowboy classics by Jerry Brooks, who will be joined by Virginia Bennett performing contemporary work and by buckaroo songwriter and musician Mike Beck. 7 p.m. PST, G Three Bar Theater, Western Folklife Center. Tickets: \$16.

Jan. 31

• "Cowboy Swing Time," featuring Johnny Gimble, "The King of the Swing Fiddle," and his family band, with steel guitarist Bobby Koeler, troubadour Don Edwards and California cowboy singer Dave Stamey. 7 p.m. PST, Elko Convention Center auditorium. Tickets: \$26.

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- "Charlotte's Web"
- "Primer"
- "Night at the Museum"
- "Eragon"
- "Happy Feet"
- "Arthur and the Invisibles"
- "We Are Marshall"
- "Apocalypse"
- "Dera Wu"
- "The Queens"
- "Freedom Writers"
- "Stomp the Yard"

Odyssey Theater

- "The Pursuit of Happiness"
- "Rocky Balboa"
- "Blood Diamond"
- "Code Name: The Cleaner"
- "The Good Shepherd"
- "The Holiday"

The Orpheum

- "Dreamgirls"

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Magic Lantern

- "Dreamgirls"
- "The Holiday"
- "Blood Diamond"
- "Night at the Museum"
- "Rocky Balboa"

Big Wood Cinema

- "Rocky Balboa"
- "We Are Marshall"
- "Night at the Museum"
- "The Queens"

S&I Time Cinemas

- "The Good Shepherd"
- "The Pursuit of Happiness"

BURLEY

Century Cinema

- "Arthur and the Invisibles"
- "Stomp the Yard"
- "Freedom Writers"
- "Night at the Museum"
- "The Pursuit of Happiness"

Burley Theater

- "Fueled Army"

JEROME

Jerome Cinema

- "Apocalypse"
- "Rocky Balboa"
- "Eragon"
- "Night at the Museum"

SHOSHONA

Shoshona Showhouse

- "Charlotte's Web"

'STOMP THE YARD'

Strong dancing but a melodramatic script

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE

Associated Press

The rhythmic step dancing is infectious in the otherwise formulaic underdog flick "Stomp the Yard" — so much so, you'll want to see more of it and less of a plot.

It's good enough to make you wish that director Sylvain White had taken a documentary approach to the material, something along the lines of David LaChapelle's 2005 film "Blue," about the ringtones, gravity-defying street dance styles of krumping and clowning.

Instead, White's movie focuses on young, surly DJ (Columbus Short), who moves to Atlanta from Los Angeles after his younger brother (R&B singer Chris Brown) is fatally shot in a fight.

There he attends the fictional, historically black Truth University, where the fraternities and their step competitions dominate the social scene. DJ's raw moves cause the school's top two houses to compete over him, and although he initially balks ("I don't step, man, I battle"), he eventually gives in. It's broken down and built back up as a better man.

Short's performance is surprisingly free of melodrama, and that's really him doing all his own dancing: He began his professional career with the Broadway tour of Savion Glover's show "Stomp," and he makes it look easy. But the script itself (credited to Robert Adeyemi) but based on a screenplay by Gregory Ramon Anderson) unfortunately isn't nearly so straightforward; the overlong ending grows increasingly ridiculous with its twists and coincidences involving years of generational grudges and jealousy.

Meagan Good co-stars as April, the most preternaturally



Columbus Short (far right) as DJ and Chris Brown (right center) as Darius in 'Stomp the Yard.'

'Stomp the Yard'

Rated PG-13 for a scene of violence, some sexual material and language.

Starring Columbus Short and Meagan Good.

Opens Friday at Twin Cinema and at Century Cinema in Burley.

gorgeous woman on campus. (White's camera shamelessly ogles her in slow motion bending over for a sip at the water fountain and jogging in pink short-shorts.) April also happens to be the daughter of the snobbish provost and the girlfriend of a cocky, high-ranking member (Darrin Henson) of Mu Gamma Xi, which has won the national step competition the past seven years straight.

This clash and combination of old and new also happened to be the central aesthetic conceit in "Step Up," "Take the Lead" and, long before that, "Dirty Dancing," by the way. So if you feel like you've seen this movie before, it's because you probably have.

None of this deters DJ from pursuing her — and he doesn't give up even after some totally implausible plot twists intended to keep him away. Instead he joins the rival Theta Nu Theta (all these fraternity names are made up, by the way) and helps jazz up their routines by adding his freestyle moves to their structured lines.

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White leans heavily on his background of directing commercials and music videos during a dance battle at the beginning, in which he's incapable of staying with one shot for more than three seconds. But he calms down as the film progresses and lets the dancing (choreographed by Dave Scott) speak for itself, even as "Stomp the Yard" drags toward its eventual predictable conclusion. Running time: 113 minutes.

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Movies

Movie nuggets

• **"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 may be nominated for 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 terrorists, romances luscious Vesper Green and slowly acquires the expected acquerments. The best Bond since Sean Connery, Craig brings considerable acting chops to the role as well as a snewy sexiness reminiscent of Connery's sex-symbol contemporary Steve McQueen. Rated PG-13 (intense sequences of violent action, a scene of torture, sexual content and nudity), 2 hours, 24 minutes.

• **"Charlotte's Web" / B-**
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 starry (Robert Redford, Kathy Bates, Oprah). And kids will love the jokes. But the Life Lessons are laid on a little 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 bitter-sweet ending may provoke questions about death from young kids. Rated G, 1 hour, 36 minutes.

• **"Code Name: The Cleaner" / No rating**
Cedric the Entertainer stars as an accidental undercover agent. PG-13.

• **"Dreamgirls" / No rating**
Adaptation of the Broadway musical about a female singing group in the 1960s stars Beyoncé, Jennifer Hudson, Eddie Murphy and Jamie Foxx. PG-13.

• **"Eragon" / C+**
More family-friendly (rated: 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 King Malkovich. Rachel Weisz voices our hero's blue-eyed dragon, and

About the rating system

The letter grades in these capsules are by reviewers for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and the Associated Press.

Jeremy Irons is the Aragorn/Han Solo surrogate in the derivative flick. Pro that he is, Irons plunges into this stuff as if he 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.

• **"The Good Shepherd" / A-**
Director Robert De Niro has made one of the best films of the year — lengthy and demanding, but worth it. Matt Damon as super-geek as a CIA agent whose career begins at Yale in 1939 and ends in 1961 with the Bay of Pigs. The movie cleverly suggests the Mafia and the CIA operate in remarkably similar ways, while also showing us how power works in this country — how the corridors to a certain inner circle of presidents, CEOs, etc., open easily and easily for a chosen few (rated, mostly WASPI). Billy Crudup, John Turturro and William Hurt are fine as the men who maintain this shadowy world of intrigue and deceit; and Angelina Jolie is effective as a submissive '50s wife. Rated R (some violence, sexuality and language), 2 hours, 37 minutes.

• **"Happy Feet" / B-**
Happy kids will be wowed by the stunning visuals — animated glaciers crumble and CGI killer whales barrel into the sky. Happier parents will love the classics-filled soundtrack. But some may be put off by the starchy plot and unnecessary ethnic and sexual stereotypes. Our hero, Mumble (a dancing penguin in a tribe full of singing emperor penguins). The outcast sets out to find his own music 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.

• **"Happily N'Ever After" / No rating**
Storybook characters find their existence in peril in this animated tale. With the voices of Sarah Michelle Geller, Freddie Prinze Jr. and Andy Dick. PG.

• **"The Holiday" / C**
In this soggy, self-indulgent romantic comedy, a married L.A. type (Cameron Diaz) and a wine-besotted English rose (Kate Winslet) swap houses for two weeks over the holidays, hoping the change will do them good. Jude Law and an unlikely Jack Black play the men in their lives. Rated PG-13 (sexual content and some strong language), 2 hours, 15 minutes.

• **"Night at the Museum" / C-**
Lumpy Ben Stiller plays museum-bumping Larry Dava — a ne'er-do-well divorced dad, who, grasping at his last career straw, takes a job as a night watchman at New York's Museum of Natural History. Calculated, perhaps, to cover for a thin story and less than inspired performances, the computer-generated imagery kicks in quickly, when Dava learns on the first night on the job that the exhibits suddenly come to life after the sun goes down, including Robin Williams as a wax figure of Rough Rider era Teddy Roosevelt. But Williams, who looks his part, is pretty much wasted, while Stiller spends much of his screen time resorting to the same jittery moves he's used in a dozen other movies. Rated PG (mild action, language and brief crude humor), 1 hour, 49 minutes.

• **"The Pursuit of Happyness" / B-**
Inspirational movie like this have been misjudged so many times, even the ads can be nausea-inducing. 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 Francis-

co, trying to make 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 boy). "Happyness" might bring an Oscar nomination for Smith. Rated PG-13 (some language), 1 hour, 57 minutes.

• **"The Queen" / B**
Helen Mirren's Oscar-worthy performance is the crown jewel in this cleverly written, beautifully acted movie about queen and country. It's 1997. Princess Diana has just died. Queen Elizabeth II (Mirren) and the rest of the apparently clueless royals are reluctant to make her funeral a public event. It's up to her new prime minister, Tony Blair (Michael Sheen), to convince her that Diana's death, if mishandled, could mean the death of the British monarchy. Uneasy lies the head, indeed, that wears the crown in the online era. Rated PG-13 (brief strong language), 1 hour, 37 minutes.

• **"Rocky Balboa" / B**
The sixth round of the franchise that wouldn't go down without another fight rings up neatly every time the cliché writer-director star Sylvester Stallone can conjure in the space of an hour and 42 minutes. But the big surprise is that it also has just enough referential wit and nostalgic charm to keep the smelting coming through the schmaltz, the aging, arthritic fighter believes he still has "some stuff left in the basement." And he gets to prove it against the reigning champ, Mason "The Line" Dixon, in a improbable "Skill vs. Will" exhibition match in Vegas. Cue the old Bill Conti "Gonna Fly Now" fanfare and get ready to retire Rocky with a shy touch of grace. Rated PG (boozing violence and some language), 1 hour, 42 minutes.

• **"We Are Marshall" / B**
An inspirational rah-rah movie that actually works. Based on the true story of the 1970 plane crash that killed most of Marshall University's football team.

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"Crank"
R

"Crank" does the plot of the old thriller "D.O.A." — in which a poisoned man has 24 hours to find his killer and an antidote — one better. Here the hit man hero (Jason Statham) has been injected with a Chinese drug cocktail that is gradually slowing his heart down, and the only way to ward off death is to keep the adrenaline constantly pumping.

That's right: It's "Speed" in a human being.

"Crank" is an efficient, witty, junkyard dog of an action movie for its first hour. Unfortunately, the script runs out of gas before the hero dies.

While it's cooking, though, it's violently preposterous fun. Statham, who rose out of the British gangster-movie scene to star in the slam-him ("Transporter" series, suggests Woody Harrelson's feral brother with less hair and a dash more brains. His character here is saddled with a profoundly stupid name — Chev Chelios — and a big problem: He wakes one smoggy L.A. morning to discover he's been dosed by gangster Hicky Verona (Jose Pablo Cantillo) in retaliation for a job done too well.

A quick call to his personal Dr. Feelgood (Dwight Yoakam) leads to Chev's mission; somehow keep pumped up while chasing down the bad guys. The accelerants are many and varied, and they include over-the-counter nasal spray, under-the-counter epinephrine, cocaine snorted off a bathroom floor, and many, many cans of Red Bull. When in doubt, the hero puts his hand in a waffle iron.

This is deeply silly stuff, and the writing-directing team of Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor knows to play it mean, fast, and funny. With his British growl and bulldog stance, Statham seems like a man having a particularly trying day at the office — one that involves hijacking an EMT gurney or stealing an LAPD motorcycle while dressed in a hospital gown.



Dwight Yoakam explains the need for speed to Jason Statham in "Crank."

The fringes of the movie, however, consist of standard bullets-and-babes clichés, and eventually they move in for the kill. The few women in "Crank" are merely hood ornaments and, sadly, that includes Amy Smart as Chev's girlfriend, Eve, who until recently thought he was a videogame programmer.

Smart does what she can to make the character a charming ditz, but by the time Eve's having public sex with Chev on a crowded Chinatown sidewalk, believability has been tossed out the window. The final 20 minutes of "Crank" are bloody and routine, and the trashy high spirits turn smug. Lost in the fray is a fun little turn by Chev's transvestite friend as Chev's transvestite friend as Chev's Ramirez, better known as Pedro in "Napoleonic Dynamite."

— Boston Globe

"The Night Listener"
R

In "The Night Listener," radio show host Gabriel Moore (Robin Williams), who regales his listeners with musings, opinions and true stories, has a humdrum for his latest broadcast — or thinks he does. In an extended flashback, we get to judge for ourselves.

One of Gabriel's most avid listeners is dying teenager Pete (Bory Cuklin), who sends him a



Jesse Garcia and Emily Rios face trouble in the neighborhood in "Quinceañera."

startling manuscript about the disease he contracted as a result of unspeakable sexual abuse as a younger child. The perpetrators, according to Pete, were his parents, who forced him to participate in hard-core pornographic films. Gabriel becomes obsessed with finding the boy, who seems particularly elusive — on the eve of his story being published as a nonfiction book. Gabriel is stymied at every turn by Donna (Toni Collette). Pete's self-appointed guardian who's bound and determined to deny all access to her adopted son.

Williams is persuasive as a broken man with a washed-up love life who needs a mission (Bobby Cannavale plays Jess, his estranged, younger lover). But the movie around him — which Armistead ("Tales of the City") Maupin co-adapted from his novel — doesn't seem to have been worth his effort. Aiming to blur the distinctions between truth and illusion, it simply blurs its own effectiveness by retying



Toni Collette is all about keeping radio host Robin Williams away from her adopted son in "The Night Listener."

on predictable and not particularly convincing mystery-thriller formula. Perhaps "Night Listener" would have fared better as a documentary: Maupin's novel mirrored a true story in which Maupin and others were duped into believing the manuscript of a young man.

— Washington Post

"Quinceañera"
Not rated

At its core, "Quinceañera," a modest but remarkably poignant comedy, is the story of a neighborhood. But it's also a boy-meets-girl story. The boy, Carlos (Jesse Garcia), and the girl, Magdalena (Emily Holt), are first cousins. She's pregnant and he's gay and both find themselves cast out of their respective Catholic Mexican homes and into the small backyard house of their 83-year-old bachelor uncle. This is a boy-meets-girl story because after much antagonism between them, the two become loving, allied outcasts.

The title "Quinceañera" comes from the traditional celebration Hispanic girls have when they turn 15 — Magdalena is on the verge of hers. This is Richard Glazer and Wash Westmore-

land's second feature together — their first was 2001's porn-industry melodrama "The Puffer" — and what the new movie lacks in visionary skill it makes up for in charm and unmistakable wit-fabness about the depleting effects of gentrification.

Old Tomas (Chalo Gonzalez) has been living blissfully in that garden house in Los Angeles' Echo Park area for 28 years. The property was recently bought by Gary and James (David W. Ross and Jason L. Wood), the white gay couple who live in the condominium above Tomas' place. These two find it hard to resist Carlos, who dresses like a cholo (oversize flannel shirt, baggy khakis, gang tattoos), inviting him to a housewarming party and eventually into their bed.

While Magdalena is trying to figure out whether her scholarly boyfriend (J.ffc. Cruz) is serious about sticking around, Carlos is zipping upstairs to James and Gary's. And eventually, unfortunate circumstances force him and his two roomies to do a bit of scrambling.

Glazer and Westmoreland are themselves a couple (they're Echo Park denizens, too), and they're allowed into their movie as unflattering but not inaccurate glimpses of some gay men as a selfish, excruciatingly impatient, keeping what they find attractive and junking what they find intolerable. In so many ways, James and Gary come to represent the cultural climate change in a lot of urban American neighborhoods. Poor ethnic enclaves turn gradually less poor, less ethnic.

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Events calendar

THURSDAY, JAN. 11

Rock/Ketchum

The English Beat will perform at Whiskey Jacques at 10 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. Whiskey Jacques is located at 251 N. Main St.

Poker/Twin Falls

The Twin Falls Poker League will hold Texas Hold'em tournaments at 7 p.m. at Kruezer's Night Life, 121 Fourth Ave. S. Players sign up for the tournament and then draw cards for seats before the tournament starts. No entry fee. For information, call C.R. Larsen at 420-6973 or e-mail info@twinfalls pokerleague.com

Rock/Boise

The Reverend Horton Heat and The Legendary Shackbros will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15 and \$50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Haley. The Big Easy Concert House is at 416 S. Ninth St.

Classical/Utah

Utah Symphony will perform Peter Maxwell Davies' "Eight Songs for a Mad King" at 8 p.m. in Jeanne Snodgrass Performing Arts Center in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. The Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center is at 139W 300 S.

Variety/Utah

Tech Nine and Blaze will perform at Sattar Resort in the Salt Lake City suburb of Magna at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Trx at (800) 888-110X or online at <http://www.smithstrx.com>. Sattar is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City off Interstate 80 W. Take Exit 174.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

Planetarium/Twin Falls

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrert Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will present "Far Out Space Places" at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for students and children. Children under 4 not admitted.

Country/Declo

The Fugitives will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is at 826 Highway 81.

Variety/Twin Falls

Jamaican Me Crazy Party will be held at 9 p.m. at Kruezer's Night Life. Doors open at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$5. Kruezer's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Country/Twin Falls

Kanyon River Band will play country and '50s and '60s music from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Johnny's at the Senior Centers. Cover charge is \$3. Johnny's is at 645 Fiver Ave.

Rock/Twin Falls

Rockin' Horse will play from 9 p.m. until closing at Woody's. Cover charge is \$5. Woody's is at 213 Fifth Ave. S.

Variety/Twin Falls

DJ Night will be featured from 10 p.m. until closing at Phat Edgy's. No cover charge. Must be 21 or older. Phat Edgy's is at 233 First Ave. S.

Country/Jermore

Country Classics will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Snake River Ecks Lodge. Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$3 per couple. Everyone is welcome. Dinner is also available. Snake River Ecks Lodge is at 412 E. 200 S. on Highway 93.

Rock/Boise

Milestone will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at T.J.'s Lounge. No cover charge. T.J.'s Lounge is at 112 Broadway Ave. S.

Poker/Filer

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Rock/Ketchum

Daniella Cotton will perform at the Rosevelt Theater in 19 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Haley. The Rosevelt Theater is at 280 N. Main St.

Reggae/Ketchum

The Wallers and DJ Logic will perform at BaseCamp Music Pavilion at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$5, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Haley. BaseCamp Music Pavilion is on East Avenue between Fourth Avenue and Sun Valley Road.

Rock/Ketchum

DJ Logic will play Whiskey Jacques at midnight. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>. Whiskey Jacques is at 251 N. Main St.

Variety/Utah

The Reverend Horton Heat and Junior Brown will perform at Sattar Resort in the Salt Lake City suburb of Magna at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Trx at (800) 888-110X or online at <http://www.smithstrx.com>. Sattar is 30 miles west of Salt Lake City off Interstate 80 West. Take Exit 104.

Acoustic/Twin Falls

Rock Kahn will play from 7 to 9 p.m. at Wendera Wines. No cover charge. Wendera Wines is at 138 Main Ave. S.

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Rock/Twin Falls

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Dance/Filer

The Roseland Band will play for a dance from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Roseland Crystal Ballroom. Cover charges are \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. The Roseland Crystal Ballroom is at 523 Main St.

Country/Declo

The Fugitives will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is at 826 Highway 81.

Planetarium/Twin Falls

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrert Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will present "How to Build a Planet" at 2 p.m. "Star Signs" at 4 p.m., "Far Out Space Places" at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for students and children. Children under 4 not admitted.

Rock/Boise

The English Beat will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15 and \$75, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Haley. The Big Easy Concert House is at 416 S. Ninth St.

Reggae/Ketchum

Don Carlos will perform at Whiskey Jacques at 11 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Haley. Whiskey Jacques is at 251 N. Main St.

Hip-hop/Utah

Tech Nine will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Haley. The Big Easy Concert House is at 416 S. Ninth St.

Opera/Utah

Utah Opera will perform Richard Strauss' "Ariadne auf Naxos" at 7:30 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which are \$12, \$26, \$37, \$46, \$54 and \$62, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is at 500 W. 200 S.

Pop/Utah

The Chetani Girls will perform at EnergySolutions Arena in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29.50 and \$39.50, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is at 500 W. 200 S.

Comedy/Boise

Bill Engvall will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, \$26, \$37, \$46, \$54 and \$62, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is at 500 W. 200 S.

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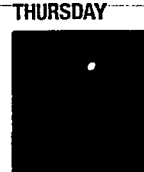
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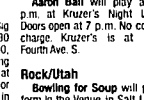
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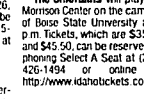
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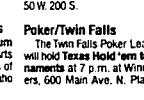
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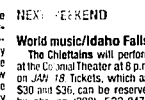
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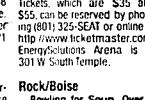
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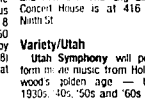
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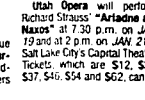
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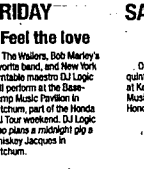
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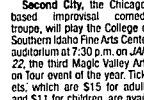
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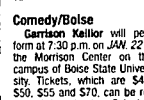
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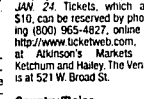
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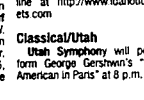
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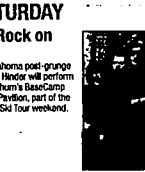
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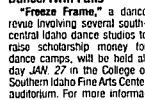
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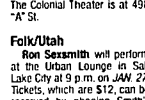
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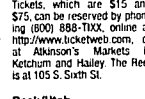
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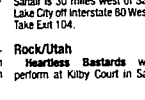
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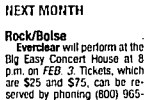
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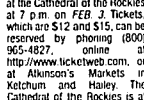
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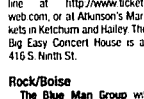
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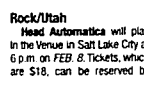
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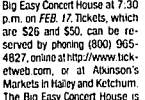
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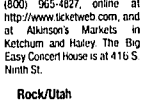
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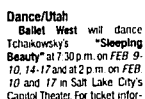
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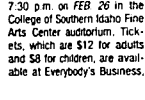
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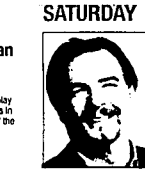
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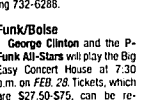
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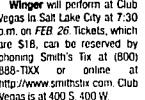
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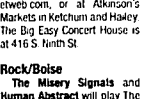
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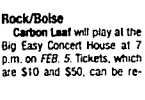
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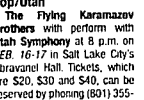
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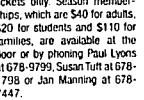
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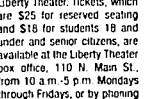
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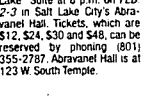
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DAILY

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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 SUNDAY)

Burley
Karaoke will be featured at 9 p.m. at The Steakhouse and Steak Center. No cover charge. The Convention Club is at 1340 Oakley Ave.

THURSDAY, JAN. 11

Twin Falls
Karaoke will be featured at 9 p.m. at Kruezer's Night Life. No cover charge. Kruezer'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.

Krakers 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.

Opelo
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, JAN. 12

Twin Falls
Variety/Twin Falls
P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

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.

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.

Burley
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.

Rupert
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.

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Happily not retired

Damn the rumors, declares Tom Petty

Los Angeles Times

Tom Petty got plenty of mileage out of the Mad Hatter persona in the 1970s, but on a recent afternoon he staggered to answer his mansion door looking like a surlier version of the Scarecrow from Oz's cornfields. In denim and tattered flannel, and with a gimpy knee buckling beneath him, the 55-year-old rock star sized up the visitors on his porch, struggled and handed off a lit cigarette to his wife. "OK, so where are we doing this photo?"

The photographer positioned the singer beside a tree that partially obscured him, and Petty, pleased by the notion of camouflage, held up his guitar for further cover. The reporter asked Petty if he loathes interviews. "It's part of the job," he answered, the way a miner might shrug and explain that yes, of course black lung is to be expected when you dig coal for a living. "And sometimes," Petty added, "people get things wrong or misunderstand."

This year, Petty did an interview with Rolling Stone magazine that made it sound as though he was retiring. He is not. But the article led to a flood of media requests because, well, there's nothing quite so tidy for a music journalist as a career-closing retrospective. Petty was by turns amused, frustrated and dazed by the false-retirement attention, but it all fed into a one-of-a-kind year for a singer who may be one of the most routinely undervalued songwriters in the rock pantheon. "I really couldn't have imagined a year like this happening," he said. "I didn't see this coming, especially with the way things were just a few years ago."



Tom Petty, celebrating his 30th year in music, performs at the Hollywood Bowl in Hollywood, Calif.

Petty and his band, the Heartbreakers, celebrated their 30th anniversary this year with a triumphant tour that, in September, included a homecoming to Gainesville, Fla., where the band formed in the 1970s. The return was greeted with a local fervor that made it seem like the Fab Four returning to Liverpool, except this Liverpool was situated between humid swamps and these Beatles sounded more like the Byrds. The mayor came on stage with a key to the city, the local press gushed and Petty watched the whole scene wide-eyed.

"It spooked me, really. It was nice but it was also overwhelming," he said. "You can't really walk down the street or talk to anybody because everybody was talking at once. At the concert I

just hid in the bus until it was time to play."

The homecoming was only one in a crush of valentines for Petty. His new solo album, "Highway Companion," was met with strong reviews and, this month, two Grammy nominations as well, including best rock album. It was his first new music in four years — a fact that had escaped him until a European journalist asked him to explain the drought. "I was surprised. Was it really that long? Yes, I guess it was." See, sometimes these interviews can be enlightening.

The album, released at midyear, has a gothic feel in spots and Petty's nasal drawl fits in especially well on "Down South," a song draped in the Spanish moss of central Florida, where Petty grew up. The lyrics

sound like a vagabond spinning on his heel and retracing his steps.

*"Headed back down south
Gonna see my daddy's mistress
Gonna buy back her forgiveness
Pay off every witness
One more time down south"*

Clearly, he's a fellow who inventories the skeletons in his closet.

Petty and his band are also the focus of a documentary, due in 2007, by Oscar-nominated filmmaker Peter Bogdanovich. It's not simply a filmed concert or extended music video, either; Bogdanovich followed the band on the road, recorded rehearsals with hidden cameras, sat them

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Music

KARAOKE CORNER

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from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar. No cover charge. Melody Bar is at 202 Sixth St.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

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.

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Burley

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

Miler 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.

SUNDAY, JAN. 14

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.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17

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 South E. Idaho St.

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down for lengthy interviews and, rummaged through their vaults for footage.

"It's looking at Tom, an American troubadour in the truest sense of the word, and the history and legacy of this band, which is a considerable history indeed," Bogdanovich said backstage at Petty's Hollywood Bowl show a few months ago. Also backstage were Steve Nicks, with her hair up in curlers, and Traveling Wilburys alumna Jeff Lynne. Both of them would join Petty and the Heartbreakers on stage as surprise guests. Petty seemed a bit overwhelmed by the ovations, patting his heart, waving to the crowd. He may not be retiring, but it's clear he's soaking up every single minute these days.

"That night," Petty said, "that was one of our best shows. And that's why we're upset it wasn't reviewed in *The Times*." Back on Petty's porch, the photos were done. It was time to amble over to the guesthouse that had been converted to a recording studio, guys' clubhouse and jam retreat.

Despite all of the accolades this year, and the 2002 induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Petty is a bit prickly when it comes to getting his due. It may be partly because radio programmers deny him

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— Benmont Tench, keyboardist for the Heartbreakers

airplay for new music (after his sniping at corporate radio with the 2002 album "The Last DJ," some of that may be personal) and because after collaborations with Bob Dylan, Roy Orbison, George Harrison and so many other icons, Petty is sometimes consigned to a junior partner role in the minds of fans. The singer does not have leading-man good looks, and it's fair to say the best reviews of his career were only on him.

But what a career it has been. Just look at the hits, all shy but accessible: "Breakdown," "American Girl," "Listen to Her Heart," "Free Fallin'," "The Waiting," "I Won't Back Down," "Don't Do Me Like That," "Don't Come Around Here No More."

Still, there's something to the blue-collar ethos of the band that makes people describe it with language veering toward the drab. There are plenty of

compliments, but lots of them sound like "My, what a handsome woman." Check out the official entry on them at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Web site: "Durable, resourceful, hard-working, likeable and unpretentious, they rank among the most capable and classic rock bands of the last quarter century." It sounds like they're selling a used Packard.

Bogdanovich calls Petty and his crew "a great American rock band of a sort you don't find anymore," and that's true. Calling someone a rare link to the classic rock era doesn't sound complimentary, but in this case it is. This band gathered up threads from the music traditions of the Byrds, Buffalo Springfield, Dylan and Fleetwood Mac as well as the crowd-pleasing sensibility of 1950s rockers who were intuitively suspicious of "art" and put a premium on writing hit songs and playing their instruments better than anyone else. Benmont Tench, the keyboardist for the Heartbreakers, said he's also blanketed by art aspirations for a rock band. "We wanted to make music that follows a certain tradition and appeals to a lot of people," he said, "and there's nothing wrong with that. Far from it."

Sound bite:
RECENT CD RELEASEThe Clash
"The Singles"
(Sony)

Holding the Clash's singles-oriented retrospective in your hand — a weighty box — it's easy to feel the gravity of the contents.

The Clash are not only one of the greatest punk bands to ever play guitar, spit fury and sew patches on its jackets. The seminal U.K. group is one of the greatest bands in rock history. And tumbling through this collection, which re-creates the original album art on 17 new-presser records, is a proper primer on how it all happened.

The singles, including 8-sides, are all there. This is far from comprehensive, but it's a more honest portrayal of the band's evolution than a greatest hits collection. The CD version of this collection was released in November nearly three times as much and is more about nostalgia and vinyl-craze than portability and convenience.

The separation of everything — different patterns for different songs — is hardly tailored for casual fans.

But from "White Riot" to "I Fought the Law," it was how the music was meant to be heard. The individual singles aren't exact recreations, though. Bonus tracks, live versions, demos and remixes are sprinkled through this set, making it a must for any true fan of the band many considered "the only band that matters."

— Dave Karger

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require you to pull off some fairly tricky shots to make par. The controls are intuitive: You move the remote back over your head to determine the strength of your shot, then hold down the "A" button and swing forward to determine accuracy.

It's quite a workout over 18 holes, and while the putting isn't as precise as we'd like, once you get used to the controls, you're shooting birds in no time. There are also some fun multi-player modes, like a game where you have to pop balloons on the way to the green. "NSC" isn't per-

fect — it moves neatly as slowly as a real round of golf, and it's a little too cute for serious "Tiger Woods" aficionados — but once you start playing it's hard to put down your clubs.

• "Far Cry Vengeance" (*Ubisoft, for the Wii, \$49.99*) — The "Far Cry" series is known for its spectacular graphics, and it doesn't make a smooth transition to the low-resolution Wii. Once again, you play as Jack Carver, a bruiser who has to fight his way across an island filled with mercenaries. Besides the usual assortment of weaponry,

Jack has uncanny animal powers, so he can shoot his enemies or claw them to death.

"Vengeance" doesn't make good use of the Wii controller: Shooting is obvious enough, but other simple tasks like jumping and using a sniper scope are awkward and unnecessarily complicated. And the action here is mind-numbingly repetitive: Crawl through the jungle, find some mercenaries, kill them, repeat. It feels like a lot of compromises were made to adapt "Far Cry" to the Wii, and the result is an uninspired bore.

More cowboy poetry events

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Feb. 1

- "Ranch Favorites," featuring the songs of Dawn and Michael Moon, the original cowboy poetry of Jesse Smith and the music and poetry of Gary Hasklsten. 6:30 p.m. PST, G Three Bar Theater, Western Foliote Center. Tickets: \$26.
- "Back at the Ranch," with old-time musicians and singers Skip Gordon and Connie Dover and cowboy poets Lon Flick and Doris Daley. 8:30 p.m. PST, G Three Bar Theater, Western Foliote Center. Tickets: \$26.
- "Halls End Basco Radio Show," It's never a dull moment at Stephen Davis' Trail's End Ranch, especially when she's joined by Pat Richardson, Glenn Ohrlin, Wallace McRae, Doris Daley, Rod Nelson and musical guests the Bar J Wranglers. 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. PST, Elko Convention Center auditorium. Tickets: \$26 and \$31.

• Dinner Theater: "A Way in the West: Women of the Western Frontier," a 90-minute, one-act play in which six of those women tell their stories. Using letters, diaries and autobiographies, playwright Amy Wilkinson has drawn the words and music from the voices of the women themselves. With actress Trudy Fair. 4:30 p.m. PST cocktails, 5 p.m. dinner, 6:30 theater, Great Basin College Theater. Tickets: \$56 (includes dinner).

Feb. 2

- Cowboy Coffeehouses," Enjoy an evening of free-spirited songs, poetry and stories from poets Henry Basl Bird and Paul Zarzopy, and musician/singer Ramin' Jack Elliott. 8:30 p.m. PST, G Three Bar Theater, Western Foliote Center. Tickets: \$26.
- "Whoopi'd It Up," with cowboy poet Dennis Gaines, the gypsy music of the Grano Family and the Texas swing sound of The Gimbles, featuring fiddler Johnny Gimble. 6:30 p.m. PST, Elko Convention Center auditorium. Tickets: \$26 and \$31.
- Dinner Theater: "A Way in the West: Women of the Western Frontier," a 90-minute, one-act play in which six of those women tell their stories. 4:30 p.m. PST cocktails, 5 p.m. dinner, 6:30 theater, Great Basin College Theater. Tickets: \$56 (includes dinner).
- Friday-night dance with Wylio and the Wild West. 10 p.m. PST, Elko Convention Center. Tickets: \$21.

Feb. 3

- "West Coast Wranglers," with musicians Lorraine Rawls, Virginia Bennett and Dave Starney. 6:30 p.m. PST, G Three Bar Theater, Western Foliote Center. Tickets: \$26.
- "Ranch Family Show," with Sandy Seaton and Bob Peterman, with Skip Gordon and Connie Dover. 3:30 p.m. PST, Elko Convention Center auditorium. Tickets: \$26.
- "Hooves of the Horses," D.W. Groethe, Joel Nelson and Wylio and the Wild West paint a picture of horseback life through poetry and song. 6:30 p.m. PST, Elko Convention Center auditorium. Tickets: \$26 and \$31.
- "Basco Cowboy Show," Join the best of the best with Henry Basl Bird. 8:30 p.m. PST, Elko Convention Center auditorium. Tickets: \$26.
- Dinner Theater: "A Way in the West: Women of the Western Frontier," a 90-minute, one-act play in which six of those women tell their stories. 4:30 p.m. PST cocktails, 5 p.m. dinner, 6:30 theater, Great Basin College Theater. Tickets: \$56 (includes dinner).
- Saturday-night dance with The Gimbles. Swing and dance the night away with the Texas swing band The Gimbles, featuring the "King of the Swing Fiddle" Johnny Gimble and steel guitar player extraordinaire Bobby Kofer. 10 p.m. PST, Elko Convention Center. Tickets: \$21.

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and more homogenized, a fact that's not lost on Magellan — or Carlos, for that matter.

The movie is overwritten and good news titfully follows bad, yet somehow it feels authentic in all its small details: the signs on telephone poles for accent-elimination classes or the way Gonzalez (who, decades ago,

had a smallish part in "The Wild Bunch") pushes his shopping cart around the neighborhood, selling hot champurrado. At this year's Sundance Film Festival, the movie won the hearts of the people (the audience award) and the artists (the jury award).

— Boston Globe

Join the 100-man chorus

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Magdichords, the Magic Valley chapter of the International Barbershop Singing Society, is organizing a 100-man chorus to sing the national anthem at a College of Southern Idaho basketball game on Feb. 10.

All male singers are welcome to participate. Because "The Star-Spangled Banner" will be sung in four-part harmony, it will be necessary to hold two short rehearsals for the event. The rehearsals are planned for the basement of the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 30

and Feb. 6. A copy of the music will be provided at the first rehearsal.

There will be no auditions, and no singers will be turned away.

For information, call Chuck Lehrman at 543-5480, Fred Burkhalter at 324-5365 or Burt Tlulich at 733-8874.

What's funny about life in Twin Falls?

What's funny about life in Twin Falls? Here's your chance to tell Second City.

The Chicago-based improvisational comedy troupe, which

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WASHINGTON — Ella Fitzgerald — the First Lady of Song — is being honored on a new postage stamp.

The 39-cent stamp, released this week, is on sale across the country. It's the 30th stamp in the agency's Black Heritage series.

"She would be very honored, very pleased and a little surprised," said Ray Brown Jr., Fitzgerald's son. "She didn't go through life expecting all the accolades that she got. She was just happy to do her thing and be the best that she could be."

People who don't know about her will see the stamp and think: "What makes this person special? And perhaps find out about the person and about the music," he added.

Phoebe Jacobs, executive vice president of The Louis Armstrong Educational Foundation and a longtime friend of Fitzgerald, described the singer as "a very private lady, very humble."

Recalling meeting Fitzgerald for coffee at an Automat in 1954, Jacobs said: "She was a star right then, but she was not comfortable thinking of herself as a celebrity."

After Fitzgerald confided in 1961 that she had never had a birthday party, Jacobs was able to gather a star-studded collection of people for the special event.

The party was a secret, so Fitzgerald was told to dress up because there was a television interview.



Courtesy of the U.S. Postal Service

"When the lights came on she took her pocket book and hit me on the shoulder," Jacobs recalled. "She was like a little kid, she was so happy."

Fitzgerald was a baseball fan and the guests included her favorite player, Yankees slugger Mickey Mantle.

They embraced and traded autographs.

Fitzgerald's appearance on a stamp comes less than a year after Mantle was featured among baseball sluggers.

Fitzgerald was never one to stand on formality, Jacobs said. Once the two pulled on raincoats over their pajamas, piled into Fitzgerald's Rolls Royce and went to breakfast at a McDonald's.

In addition to a passion for baseball, Fitzgerald loved watching soap operas and collected cookbooks, Jacobs said.

While she didn't actually cook much, she felt you could learn a lot about people through what they ate.

Takamoto: The artist who gave us Scooby-Doo

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You had to be 8 years old, on your third bowl of Cap'n Crunch's Crunch Berries, when the sugar rush was reaching your toenails, when the theme song came on in its complete and utter brilliance:

Scooby Doo Doo, where are you!

We got some work to do now.

"There he was! The Dog! The Scoobster! The sugar high morphed him into 3-D!

Scooby Doo Doo, where are you?

We need some help from you now.

You were thwinking the spoon while you watched. Bopping your head! Scoob! Shaggy! Ruh-roh! Zoinks!

The sublime joy of the house to yourself, of half an hour of pure and meaningless kid entertainment. "Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!" a show in which nobody is as smart as anybody else, no zing, no deductives who never go to school, have no parents, no zies and no sex drive! And a want...

All together now, with the villain:

And I would have gotten away with it, too. If it wasn't for you meddling kids!

Iwao Takamoto could not have foreseen the 37-year (and counting) phenomenon that was emerging from his pencil at a Hanna-Barbera Studios when he first sketched Scooby-Doo in the late 1960s. There is no apparent meaning in a Great Dane with limited English skills. But Takamoto, who died at age 81 this week in Los Angeles, imbued his big-pawed, goofiness and inner ham that he created a pop and counter-culture icon that just about every American child since 1969 has known.

Animator dies at age of 81



Iwao Takamoto, the animator who created the beloved Scooby-Doo and directed the cartoon classic "Charlotte's Web," has died. He was 81.

Takamoto died Monday of heart failure at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Warner Bros. spokesman Gary Mireanu said.

"You see these animated movies today, they spend so much money on them, and it's just amazing that guys like Takamoto touched you and moved you; they captured the imagination of kids and retained all that magic of youth without all that elaboration," Ramon Zahed, editor of Animation Magazine, said Tuesday. Cut to them:

Come on, Scooby-Doo, I see you

pretending you got a sliver, that you're not foolin' me, 'cause I can see

the way you shake and shiver.

Takamoto has other credits, too. We don't mean to slight them. He learned illustration from his fellow interns at the Manzanar camp for Japanese-Americans during World War II. He worked as an illustrator and layout artist at Disney before moving to Hanna-Barbera in 1961. He created Astro, the Jetsons' dog, and did design work on "Cinderella," "The Flintstones" and "Peter Pan." He co-directed the 1973 animated version of "Charlotte's Web." He married and had children.

But his masterwork was for a cartoon show originally called "Mystery Five," about a quintet of kids who tool around the country, solving silly mysteries.

Takamoto drew the group's mascot as a mishapppy Great Dane, named for a Frank Sinatra seat at the end of "Strangers in the Night." "Scooby dooby do!" He didn't have spots at first. His jaw was too big. His hack was bent. When running, his legs spun around in circles. He bumped into things a lot. He and Shaggy (Scooby's human alter ego, voiced by Casey Kasem) would start running from the villain, about 16 minutes into each episode, and you could cue the theme music for a chance montage. At the end, Velma, the smart girl, would find a clue. Daphne, the babe, would be rescued. Fred? Fred seemed to be a 16-year-old with an ascot.

As it turned out, Scooby had star power, had edge. The rest of the cast became supporting characters. He was the one with the patfalls, the funny lines. Every block had some kid with a dog named Scooby. By the time 1969 kids turned into 1970s teens, they were seeing Scoob and Shaggy as stoners who made ganja jokes. They had the munchies, man, all the time, don't you get it? It's a doobie riff tucked into a kid's cartoon. How hip is that?

And Scoob had that I'm-so-high giggle, that thing where his head went up and down. (Takamoto reportedly called it all urban myth.)

Like good art, Scooby has outlived his creator. There are new live-action movies, cartoons, direct-to-video animated movies. They come out all the time. They don't have any original ideas, but then they never really did.

They had Scooby, a creature not fully understood without the benefit of a Saturday morning sugar rush, and his careful creator, who knew a man's best friend was sometimes his pen.