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Air show committee members and airport officials welcome a crew from the Navy Blue Angels to the Twin Falls airport Wednesday. The air crew was in town inspecting the area for their visit to the air show on July 26 and 27.

Blue Angels stop by Twin Falls on scouting trip

By Nita Poppino
Times-News writer

U.S. Navy Lt. Dan McShane may have been hopper to be back in the plane. The North Carolina native was a bit shocked by the freezing winds on the icy tarmac of Jostin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport, Wednesday morning. But once he got a moment to adjust, the Blue Angels pilot was happy with what he saw — few obstacles limiting what stunts he and his flight demonstration team will be able to do in July.

"It's looking nice and flat," he said. The Blue Angels team won't be in town until July 26 and 27, when they're scheduled to perform at the 2008 Air Magic Valley show. But McShane, the team's events coordinator, and his fellow pilot, Lt. Frank Weisser, stopped by a few months early to scout out the city and meet with air show officials.

The stop was part of a regular series of pre-visits the team makes every winter once it announces its schedule for the year. Twin Falls airport manager Bill Carberry said. The Angels fly 35 events a year, and the Twin

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Hear an interview with a Blue Angel pilot and see a photo slide show.

Falls stop will be part of a longer tour including Seattle and Spokane, Wash. "They talk about specific air-field requirements, show lines, crowd lines," Carberry said. "They require 70 hotel rooms and need 35 cars." It's all part of the logistics for the carefully planned show. Navy public affairs officer Elizabeth Allen said. When the Angels descend on Idaho in the summer, they'll come with a 70-man team, eight F/A-18 Hornet aircraft — one as a backup — and a brightly painted C-130J cargo plane nicknamed "Fat Albert."

"It's all very coordinated. So they can come in, do their thing and go, so it's successful," Allen said. And it's the reason the show carries such a price tag for Air Magic Valley. The Angels, Carberry said, only charge \$6,000 a day, reasonable by his count.

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As vapors form over the wings, the No. 7 Navy Blue Angel F/A-18 circles the Twin Falls airport Wednesday morning before landing.

Into the wild blue yonder

The Blue Angels are a Navy and Marine Corps flight demonstration team formed in 1946 to bolster recruitment and act as goodwill ambassadors. The team is known for high-speed precision maneuvers, sometimes flying just inches apart in F/A-18 Hornets. Blue Angel pilots don't wear traditional flight suits, which are designed with air bladders to prevent blood from rushing from pilots' heads. Instead, the pilots clench muscles to endure G-forces.

The pilots are regarded as the best of the best. Each one completes 120 training flights before making the demonstration team. Pilots serve two-year tours. The team typically flies about 60 air shows a year. The Blue Angels have performed for nearly 500 million people since their formation. The 56-foot-long F/A-18 has a wingspan of about 40 feet and travels as fast as 1,200 mph, or Mach 1.7. For air shows, the Blue Angels' artillery is removed and replaced with smoke oil canisters.

Otter plugs for new reading plan

Legislators say other programs are higher priority

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — After Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter offered in his State of the State address on Monday to expand the state's "Read to Me" program to 5,000 more kids, he appeared to break for applause. When none came, he continued his speech.

The muted response from the Idaho Legislature was perhaps one of unfamiliarity. Rep. Stuart Block, R-Twin Falls, a former teacher who sits on the House Education Committee, had to call Otter's office for information before she was willing to comment Wednesday. "The 'Read to Me' program, created in 1997 by the state Commission for Libraries to encourage reading by young children, relies



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Family: Taser victim stopped taking meds

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

A Nevada Highway Patrol trooper may have "overreacted" by Tasing and arresting a hupert man on a Las Vegas interstate, said a Twin Falls attorney representing the man's family. Ryan Rich, who died less than an hour later on Friday afternoon at a Las Vegas hospital, had experienced at least two seizures in the past few weeks, his attorney said. Rich had stopped taking medication to control his seizures, preparing for a medical evaluation, he said. The erratic driving and violent behavior that Las Vegas police described in their report fits with the symptoms of a man

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Reports differ on number of Iraqis killed since U.S. invasion

No official count kept, military skeptical of some death toll reports

By Marlynn Marchione
Associated Press writer

About 151,000 Iraqis died from violence in the three years after the United States invaded, concludes the best effort yet to count deaths — one that still may not settle the fierce debate over the war's true toll on civilians and others. The estimate comes from projections by the World Health Organization and the Iraqi govern-

ment, based on door-to-door surveys of nearly 10,000 households. Experts called it the largest and most scientific study of the Iraqi death toll since the war began.

Its bottom line is far lower than the 600,000 deaths reported in an earlier study but higher than numbers from other groups tracking the count.

The new estimate covers a period from the start of the war in March 2003 through June 2006. It closely mirrors the tally Iraq's health minister gave in late 2006, based on 100 bodies a day arriving at morgues and hospitals. His number shocked

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NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY

When picking a winner, media blows it again

By Howard Kurtz
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — At the outset Tuesday, the pundits seemed ticked that their expected story line — an Obama blowout in the New Hampshire primary — was falling to materialize.

What about those pre-election polls we all bussed our blather on? When the cable networks couldn't predict at 8 p.m. Tuesday that Hillary Clinton would lose, the commentators began wondering if she would declare herself the

Comeback Kid — as her husband did 16 years ago — if she lost by "only" a few points.

As the evening dragged on, the commentators had to consider the possibility that Hillary's "showing of vulnerability," as Tom Brokaw put it, might have helped her, and that Bill Clinton might have boosted her chances after all. In other words, that the coverage had missed the point.

This was delicious. The coverage had been so out of control there was speculation about when Hillary might have to drop out.

Polls giving Barack Obama an 8- or 10-point lead were accepted as fact. The news surrounding the former first lady had been uniformly negative for days. She's done everything wrong, Obama has done everything right. She got too emotional in the diner. People just didn't like her. She campaigned in boring prose and Obama in soaring poetry (to use her analogy), Bill was hurting her. A campaign shake-up was on the way. An era was ending. Some pundits were predicting a

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TODAY'S FORECAST

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

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TODAY: Mixed showers or light snow possible, also breezy at times. Highs, 30s. Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies. Lows, 20s. Tomorrow: Continued mostly cloudy, but flakily dry. Highs, 30s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

American Legion Bingo, 7:20 p.m. Bonanza bingo and 7:30 p.m. Regular bingo, 610 W. Main, Wendell, \$500 and \$1,195 Block outs. 536-6358.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Preceptor Alpha Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meeting, 7 p.m., at the home of Elsie Traugbier, 2622 Longbow Drive, Twin Falls, 734-3745.

EXHIBITS

"Ceramics from the Bay: The Idaho Connection," with featured artists Donna Raney, Margaret Gregg, Jeanette Rakovsky, David Peters, Kim Jackson and Peter Ruda, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jean D. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 732-6655.

GOVERNMENT

- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-0668. Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438. Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake, 837-9131. Sun Valley City Council, 3 p.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438. Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Library, 2301 Progressive Drive, 775-152356. Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128. Fairfield City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 407 Soldier Road, 764-2333. Murtaugh Highway District, 7 p.m., district office, 108 W. Archer, 432-1229. 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., 734-9490. Minidoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 402 Cherry St., 431-4101.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weight-loss support group, 10 a.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., 420-3823. Fit and Fall Pool Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, 737-5988. Fit and Fall Pool Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Springdale Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988. SilverSneakers Fitness Program, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per person for non-insured, 733-4384. Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, (the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977. Arthritis Walking, 9:29 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-5988. Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Yavikina and Main, Filer, 734-0557. A.C.T.S. Program, a 12-week, ongoing course based on self-help, recovery and education, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hawkins Road (behind D & B Supply), Twin Falls, no cost, 731-3210.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

- Pinocchio, 1 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., fifty cents, open to the public, 734-5084. To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by email at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5533; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

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- Meet a Blue Angel pilot and see a slide show of the famous aircraft that came to town. And see a hearing for a man charged with firing at guarding officers. The man just returned from a mental hospital.

Snowpack levels

Table with 3 columns: Watershed, % of avg., % above peak. Lists watersheds like Salmon, Big Wood, Little Wood, etc.

As of Jan. 9, a comparison of basin snowpack, on this date, with a 30-year average. ** An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

CORRECTION

Filing deadline incorrect The deadline for income tax filings was incorrect in a Business story published Wednesday. W-2's and 1099's are due Jan. 31, however, as filed from filing an extension, income tax filings are due March 15 for corporations and April 15 for partnerships and individuals. The Times-News regrets the errors.

MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE WORLD

IRAQ

9 American soldiers killed in offensive against al-Qaida

BAGHDAD — Nine American soldiers were killed in the first two days of a new offensive to rout out al-Qaida in Iraq fighters holed up in districts north of the capital, the U.S. military reported Wednesday.

The losses came as many militants fled U.S. and Iraqi forces massing in Diyala, a province of palm and citrus groves that has defied the trend toward lower violence. The campaign's scope is nationwide but is mainly focused on gaining control of Diyala and its most important city, Baquba, which al-Qaida has declared the capital of its self-styled Islamic caliphate.

Six soldiers were killed and four were wounded Wednesday in a hooby-trapped house in Diyala, the U.S. command said. It also announced that three U.S. soldiers were killed and two wounded in an attack Tuesday in Salahuddin province, north of Diyala.

The toll marked some of the deadliest days for U.S. forces in Iraq since last fall. For all December, 23 U.S. soldiers died in Iraq. The blows against U.S. troops came as extremists tried to stay ahead of the military advance. Al-Qaida fighters retreated north from Diyala, presumably to Salahuddin, before the offensive began Tuesday. The U.S. commander in northern Iraq, Maj. Gen. Mark P. Hertling, told reporters in Baghdad.



A group of homes are surrounded by floodwaters from the Tippecanoe River south of Monticello, Ind., Wednesday. Floodwaters began a slow withdrawal across a swath of northern Indiana where surging rivers and streams killed three people and damaged hundreds of homes. (See story below)

rest that drew little attention... and is counting on a win Tuesday in the Michigan primary. Romney was born in the state and his father served as its governor.

INDIANA

Floodwaters begin receding, as windy storms move eastward

MONTICELLO — Troy Nice looked out over the swollen Tippecanoe River and the houses surrounded by its spilled water. He wondered how his own home had fared as the water began its slow retreat on Wednesday.

"I didn't think it would come up like this," said Nice, 38. "I managed to get my car, dog, and I got my cell phone charger, and some little things. This is the worst it's ever been."

Nice returned to this stretch of river a day after fleeing the rising water with hundreds of other residents. The Tippecanoe reached record levels along the 20-mile stretch from a storm that dumped as much as 7 inches of rain in parts of northern Indiana.

The National Weather Service estimated that it could be three days before the Tippecanoe retreats within its banks.

Seven deaths in all were blamed on flooding and tornadoes averaged to be the most uncomfortable temperatures fueled severe weather on Monday and Tuesday.

Roads were still blocked by water in the Monticello area, said White County emergency management director Gordon Cochran. He had no immediate estimate for how many homes were damaged.

About 200 homes were damaged in nearby Carroll County, according to the estimates of Dave McDowell, the county's emergency management director.

WASHINGTON

Judge won't investigate the destruction of CIA interrogation videos

A federal judge refused on Wednesday to delve into the destruction of CIA interrogation videos, saying there was no evidence the Bush administration violated a court order and the Justice Department deserved time to conduct its own investigation.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Henry H. Kennedy was a victory for the Bush administration, which

had urged the courts not to wade into a politically charged issue already being investigated by the Justice Department, CIA and Congress.

The CIA has acknowledged last month that in 2005 it destroyed videos of officers using tough interrogation methods while questioning two al-Qaida suspects. Lawyers for other terrorism suspects quickly asked Kennedy to hold hearings, saying the executive branch had proved itself unreliable and could not be trusted to investigate its own potential wrongdoing.

Kennedy disagreed, ruling that attorneys hadn't presented anything to cause this court to question whether the Department of Justice will follow the facts wherever they may lead and live up to the assurances it made to this court.

Attorney General Michael Mukasey recently appointed a prosecutor to conduct a criminal investigation into the destruction of the tapes, John Durham, a career public crime prosecutor and an organizer for being independent.

Marshals delivering eviction notice find bodies of 4 people

The decomposing bodies of four young people were found Wednesday by U.S. marshals delivering an eviction notice, and a woman who answered the door was taken into custody for questioning.

Investigators were trying to determine whether the woman was related to the four children, who had been dead at least two weeks, authorities said. Her name was not released.

"She was apparently caught throughout," U.S. Marshals Service spokesman Cole Barnhart said.

Police Chief Cathy Lanier said the bodies appeared to be of females ranging in age from 5 to 18. Authorities were investigating how and when they died.

NEW YORK

Two accused in bizarre check-cashing scheme

NEW YORK — Detective Travis Rapp has seen his share of corpses, but this was new: two men wheeling a

rigid, pale body down a Manhattan street in a red office chair, drawing a crowd of suspicious onlookers. Looking out the window of the restaurant where he was having lunch, Rapp initially assumed "it was a mannequin or a dummy," he said. "I thought it was a joke, honestly."

A closer inspection showed that it wasn't. The man was dead, and two of his friends had hauled his corpse to a store to cash his \$355 Social Security check, police said. They were arrested before they could get the money.

The hedged-up suspects, David J. Dalala and James O'Hare, were scheduled to appear in court Wednesday night. Police said the men, both 65, were petty criminals with long histories of heroin addiction and arrests dating to the 1960s.

The trouble began Tuesday when Dalala and O'Hare tried to cash Virginia Clinton's check at a store in Hell's Kitchen on their own, police said. The man at the counter told them that Clinton had to be present to cash the check, so they went back to his apartment, which one of the suspects shared with the dead man.

Clinton was apparently undressed when he died, sometime within the previous 24 hours. Police said Dalala and O'Hare proceeded to dress him in a faded T-shirt, pants they could only get up part way, and a pair of Velcro sneakers. They threw a coat over his waist to conceal what the pants couldn't cover, police said.

They then put him on the office chair and wheeled the corpse over to the check-cashing store.

NEW JERSEY

Second inmate in daring New Jersey jailbreak is caught in Mexico

ELIZABETH — Authorities in Mexico City on Wednesday captured the second of two inmates who made a daring escape last month from a New Jersey jail, a U.S. marshal said.

The apprehension of Otis Blunt came less than a day after federal and local

authorities captured his accused cohort, James Bostrom, in a basement apartment a mile from the jail in Elizabeth. Also Wednesday, authorities revealed that it took guards 20 hours to notice that the inmates had escaped from the most fortified section of Union County jail.

Blunt was found by marshals and Mexican authorities at a "510-a-night hotel," Union County Prosecutor Theodore J. Romanowicz said.

U.S. Marshal James J. Platts said he did not have details on when Blunt would be returned to New Jersey, but he added, "That's not a problem, with extradition."

Romanowicz's office said Blunt escaped the second of two photos of bikini-clad women to hide holes they dug through the cinder-block walls of their adjoining cells in a high-security unit before escaping.

— Wire reports

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on federal grants. Otter wants \$335,000 to expand the program, which First Lady Lori Otter, a former school administrator, has championed.

But the reaction from legislators might have indicated disappointment that Otter, now in his second term, passed on offering similar funding for Head Start or Parents as Teachers, two voluntary programs aimed at improving education for children before they enter kindergarten.

Last summer, Otter cut \$2.3 million in federal funding to the state programs, saying they were being misused. His office had said legislators must find ways to fund the programs. Some from both parties have pledged to do so.

The "Read to Me" program provides books and a summer reading program to 7,430 young children, according to Otter's office. Last year, about 70 libraries participated, according to the state Commission for Libraries. He wants to add 5,000 more kids with \$70,000. A new component would ask

libraries to develop proposals to access \$150,000, with up to 30 libraries being chosen by the state Commission of Libraries.

Some Democrats have said they were unfamiliar with "Read to Me." They applauded Otter but wondered why Head Start and PAF are treated differently.

"It's a good program and she's (Lori Otter) become excited about it," said House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum. "Maybe I should talk to her about Parents as Teacher and reserve funding for Parents as Teachers. That's what went through my mind as I listened."

Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls, who sits on the House Education Committee, was unfamiliar with "Read to Me," but said it sounded very similar to Head Start and PAF. The distinction, he said, would be through the amount of funding and the location of the program.

"It's a limited amount of money," said Patrick, noting that he's not opposed to early education before kindergarten as long as it's done privately and voluntarily.

Rep. Donna Pence, D-Goodyear, also said she was unfamiliar with the program but had spoken highly of it because it appeared to encourage reading. She said its passage will likely be determined by funding.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, co-chairman of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, said that Head Start in Idaho has never relied specifically on state funding. And state law prohibits the state from funding programs that educate children under age 5.

Asked whether the Legislature would fund Head Start given Otter's proposal to "Read to Me," Black, who is chairman of the House Health and Welfare Committee, said, "I think the federal government is a good source of funding for it, as it has been."

The "Read to Me" program received about \$124,000 in 2002, hasn't been successful in getting legislators' attention, despite several presentations in committees by the commission. It got funding from the Albertson Foundation from 1999 to 2001.

Primary

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20-point Obama margin.

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Let's review yesterday's papers: *New York Times*: "Key campaign officials may be replaced. She may start calling herself the underdog. Donors would receive pleas that it is do-or-die time. And her political strategy could begin mirroring that of Rudolph W. Giuliani, a Republican rival, by focusing on populous states like California and New York whose primaries are Feb. 5.

Everything is on the table instead Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign if she loses the New

Hampshire primary on Tuesday, her advisers say."

The *Washington Post*: "Obama has opened up a clear lead, and a second victory over Clinton would leave the New York senator's candidacy gasping for breath."

Chicago Tribune: "With a cluster of new polls in New Hampshire showing Obama building a substantial lead over the New York senator on the eve of the primary, the state appeared poised to play its storied role in humbling perceived front-runners in the contest for the presidency."

Boston Herald: "She's So Yesterday," with a cover shot of the old Beatles record.

That was then. This is now.

Iraqis

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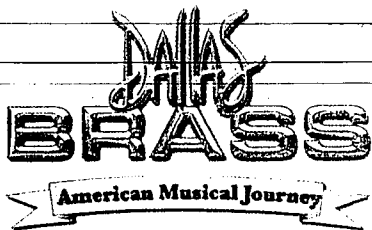
people in and outside Iraq, because it was so much higher than previously accepted estimates.

No official count has ever been available. While the U.S. military says it does not track Iraqi deaths, it has challenged some news reports of tolls from shootings and bombings as exaggerated — indicating it does in fact monitor fatalities.

In November, a U.S. military official said the Pentagon was working with Iraqi authorities to better track civilian casualties. One goal is to avoid duplicate reports, said Col. Bill Rapp, a senior aide to the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus.

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Rich

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whose mind is clouded by a seizure, according to an attorney for Rich's family.

"He had a medical problem and people are looking at him like he was a crazed nutcase," said Twin Falls attorney Chris Meyerhoffer. "I got this really bad feeling that he was driving erratically and they thought they had some guy who was stoned out of his gourd on something. In his type of seizures he was having, he would still have motor skills but he would not be able to comprehend what was going on around him."

While it remains unclear what killed Rich, and what caused his violent outburst, Meyerhoffer said the family is asking questions.

At close to 1 p.m. on Friday, Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper Loren Lazoff, a five-year veteran with the department, says Rich was picked up racing down the southbound lanes of Interstate 15, striking numerous vehicles along the way. When the trooper pulled him over, the pickup Rich was driving crashed into a wall along the median. It remains unclear if Rich was pulled out of his vehicle or if he stepped out

on his own. He fought with the officer and a passerby, then tried to run away through traffic, according to a Las Vegas Metropolitan Police media release. The trooper "fascinated Rich at least once."

"They won't tell us how many times or where at," Meyerhoffer said. "Did they fish hook him from 30 feet, then do it again, at close range? There are indications that he was 'fascinated more than once.'"

After subduing Rich, police originally took Rich into custody and were going to hook him at the police station, when they "changed their minds and took him to the hospital," Meyerhoffer said.

Rich, 33, had been told by a doctor his condition was potentially fatal, but he was not advised to stop driving, Meyerhoffer said. Rich had been taking medication for his seizures. But in preparation for a medical exam he had stopped taking the medication so "the examination would have more validity," Meyerhoffer said.

By using a Taser and by arresting Rich, police may have delayed his receiving medical treatment, Meyerhoffer said.

Not much damage was caused to Rich's pickup, which might indicate he was not seriously injured while driving, the attorney said. "It's also possible that Rich suffered an injury during his arrest that led to his death, the attorney said.

Toxicology reports, necessary to verify a cause of death, are expected to take at least one month. A manner of death — such as homicide, suicide, accident or undetermined — has been obtained in past cases that may have involved officers in a victim's death through a coroner's inquest. In that process, a verdict is reached by a citizen jury.

The family said Rich's sister Melanie was the first family member contacted about the incident. But that call, which came from Las Vegas law enforcement Saturday morning, left most of the details Meyerhoffer said.

"He said he was killed in a car wreck," he said.



Rich

Angels

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reckoning. But the airport also has to provide smoke oil, fuel, the hotel rooms and cars, and other services. A previous estimate put the total cost at close to \$50,000.

Carberry, who heads the airport show committee, is still searching for enough sponsorships to pay for the show — estimated at \$150,000 in all. But he remained confident that the committee would find the funds in time. A 2006 show was cancelled just weeks beforehand when several sponsors pulled out.

"I think we'll have an air show," Carberry said.

And McShane, who flies jet No. 11, would be disappointed if it had to cancel. The stunt pilot said he

enjoys it when the Angels stop at smaller communities on their way around the country.

"We get a chance to meet a lot of fine folks," he said. "Many of those folks may never have seen a Blue Angels show. The Angels were in Bozeman, Mont., last year and Arco in 2003, but

Allen, who grew up in Twin Falls, couldn't think of a time they had ever come to town before.

"They'll be here at least one more time, even after experiencing a wing landing," he said. "It's a little sick, but not bad," McShane said. "Landing is a nightmare sometimes."

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Bush lays out challenges for Israel and the Palestinians

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press correspondent

JERUSALEM — President Bush said he came to the Middle East to nudge the stalled peace process—not to “bait it and actually dictate the end result of the agreement.” But that sure didn’t stop him from telling people what to do.

He told Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert to stop unauthorized settlement activity.

He told Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to halt rocket attacks on Israel from Islamic militants in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip, even though Abbas doesn’t control the tiny coastal territory.

He told Iran that “serious consequences” will follow if it meddles again with U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf.

Bush, on his first visit as president to Israel, acknowledged widespread doubts about whether he can break

through decades of distrust to achieve his goal of a major peace agreement by the end of his presidency in January, 2009.

“I’m under no illusions,” Bush said Wednesday at a trip-opening news conference with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. “It’s going to be hard work.”

Unpopular at home, Bush got an extremely warm welcome in staunch ally Israel.

With his presidency slipping away and skepticism about the seriousness of his commitment to Mideast peacemaking, Bush hopes an accord would improve a legacy tarnished by an unpopular Iraq war, economic anxieties and other problems.

Already a troubling issue for Bush, Iran jumped back into the spotlight Sunday when Iranian boats harassed and provoked three American

Navy ships in the strategic Strait of Hormuz, U.S. officials said. Iran threatened to explode the vessels, but the incident ended peacefully.

Bush said “all options are on the table” to protect U.S. ships. He said the Iranian boats “were very provocative and it was a dangerous gesture on their part. ... And they know our position, and that is: There will be serious consequences if they attack our

ships, pure and simple. And my advice to them is don’t do it.”

Bush already was on the defensive about Iran because a new U.S. intelligence report contradicted White House assertions that Tehran was building a nuclear weapon. The National Intelligence Estimate found Iran halted its program in 2003 under international pressure.

Iran is a particularly sensitive subject here because Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has repeatedly called for Israel’s destruction, and Israelis wonder whether Bush has the resolve to deal with Tehran, especially in light of the new intelligence.

Saying he still regarded Iran as a dangerous threat, Bush said, “We’ll continue to keep the pressure on the Iranians. And I believe we can solve this problem diplomatically.”

Attention Chinese shoppers: No more free plastic bags

By Christopher Bodden
Associated Press writer

BEIJING — Declaring war on the “white pollution” choking its cities, farms and waterways, China is banning free plastic shopping bags and calling for a return to the cloth bags of old — steps largely welcomed by merchants and shoppers on Wednesday.

The measure eliminates the flimsiest bags and forces stores to charge for others, making China the latest nation to target plastic bags in a bid to cut waste and conserve resources.

Beijing residents appeared to take the ban in stride, reflecting rising environmental consciousness and concern over skyrocketing oil prices.

“If we can reduce waste and save resources, then it’s good both for us and the whole world,” said college student Xu Lixian, who was buying tangerines out of cardboard boxes at a sidewalk stall.

The ban takes effect June 1, barely two months before Beijing hosts the Summer Olympics Games, ahead of which it has been demolishing run-down neighborhoods and working to clear smog. The games have added impetus to a number of policies and projects, likely boosting odds for the bag ban’s implementation.

Under the new rules, businesses will be prohibited from manufacturing, “selling” or using bags less than 0.025 millimeters (0.00098 inches) thick, according to the order issued by the State Council, China’s Cabinet. The council’s orders constitute the highest level of administrative regulation and follow-through is carefully monitored.

More durable plastic bags still will be permitted for sale by markets and shops.

The regulation, dated Dec. 31 and posted on a government Web site Tuesday, called for “a return to cloth bags and shopping baskets to reduce the use of plastic bags.”

It also urged waste collectors to step up recycling efforts to reduce the amount of bags burned or buried. Finance authorities were told to consider tax measures to discourage plastic bag production and sale.

Internationally, legislation to discourage plastic bag use has been passed in parts of South Africa, Ireland and Taiwan, where authorities either tax shoppers who use them or impose fees on companies that distribute them.

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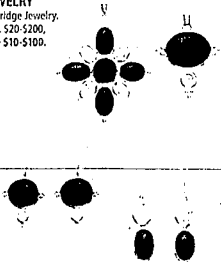
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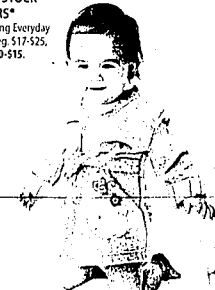
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EDITORIAL

Big Milk's clout isn't coming; it's already here

For all its diversification over the past 20 years, the Magic Valley's livelihood is still driven by agriculture — \$1.6 billion worth.

But it's not your father's row crop-based economy anymore. Dairy now dominates, and we found out just how much last week.

The University of Idaho's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences released its annual report on the state's ag economy.

It found that dairy receipts jumped 59 percent in a single year, to more than \$2 billion.

Those are statewide numbers of course, but Idaho's dairies are concentrated in the Magic Valley. Most of that money is local.

Which means two things:

• Although farm prices across the board were strong in 2007, dairy is now driving the Magic Valley's economy.

• The shift in the Idaho agricultural economy from crops to livestock has been remarkably swift and dramatic. "The U of I report said, "... potatoes have struggled to bring in approximately 15 percent of cash receipts."

Conversely, milk, at 25 percent of the total farm receipts in 1998, is now at 36 percent."

As the center of Idaho agriculture has shifted to the dairies of the Magic Valley, the report continues, "... suppliers to farms and processors — have shifted in response."

So Idaho's license plates may read "Famous Potatoes," but "Famous Milk" is more accurate.

That has broad implications, most importantly to water policy.

If the state allocates water resources on the basis of the highest return, dairies and alfalfa growers will have a stronger claim on the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer.

• The Idaho dairy industry's political clout is soaring.

Operators of dairies and confined-animal feeding operations, whose expansion has been curbed in Gooding, Jerome, Twin Falls and Cassia counties, can now argue that dairy is paying the bills — and indirectly subsidizing growth.

Don't think for a second that county commissioners won't be mindful of that fact as they make future decisions about CAFOs.

The dairy industry has always been an important player at the Statehouse. But soon it will be in a position to exercise pivotal influence, as Idaho Power and Micron do today.

It remains to be seen how the rise of Big Milk will play out, but its pre-eminence is already a fact of life here.

There's nothing — from property tax rates to schools to highways — in which it won't have a commanding voice.

That said, the dairy industry is just one partner in our community. County commissioners have a legal duty to ensure that dairies remain good neighbors.

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"The next 12 months will be a moment of truth. It must not yield just words."

— Israel President Shimon Peres, In reaction to President Bush's trip to Israel and the West Bank that began Wednesday (Story on page A4)

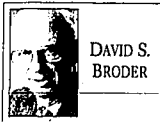
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Don't crown those primary presidential nominees just yet

MANCHESTER, N.H. — The lesson of New Hampshire can be summarized in two simple words: Character counts.

John McCain and Hillary Clinton left the Granite State Wednesday with hard-earned primary victories because they showed us voters more courage in overcoming daunting odds than anyone else in the race.



DAVID S. BRODER

Our view: The Idaho dairy industry's soaring profitability will have effects little and large on every aspect of life in the Magic Valley. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

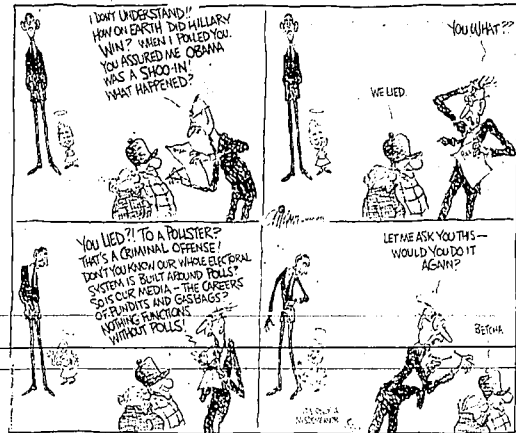
Where Mike Huckabee and Barack Obama had prevailed in Iowa as candidates of faith and hope, respectively, McCain and Clinton won in New Hampshire by dint of grit, backbone and sheer determination.

McCain came back from a disastrous early summer campaign treasury bare and caused an exodus of highly paid consultants.

He patiently reconstructed the local networks of support that had given him a New Hampshire victory over George Bush in 2000, and nurtured them in more than 100 town meeting, question-and-answer sessions.

Mike Dennehy, a veteran of that 2000 campaign and his local manager, recalled last week that it was not until Thanksgiving time last year that they could sense any significant revival of voter interest in McCain. But the senator never lost faith in his message.

Dennehy said, or slackened in his efforts. By contrast, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, blessed with a personal fortune and a high-powered local organization, kept varying his TV and stump themes, continually searching for the formula that he thought would be



persuasive. The net effect was to cost him a substantial degree of his personal reputation for integrity — and that was reflected in the negative press coverage by New Hampshire newspapers. It was not until the last few days that Romney settled on an effective message of being the non-Washington reformer who could bring change to the gridlocked capital.

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani wavered in an even more basic way. When McCain hit the skids last summer, Giuliani launched a TV campaign to challenge Romney here, and followed up with personal appearances. But he backed off as soon as he encountered resistance, hoarding his money for a later stand in Florida.

His fourth-place finish Tuesday, trailing even Huckabee, who had written off New Hampshire until he claimed his Iowa victory, leaves Giuliani a vulnerable challenger as the campaign moves to Michigan and South Carolina.

McCain, for one, believes on the basis of New

Hampshire exit polls that he has a stronger claim than Giuliani to the anti-terrorism credential that many Republican voters are seeking in their nominee.

Huckabee has the inside track on the religious right, while Romney perhaps has only one more chance to find a niche in the party's business center when Michigan, his native state, votes on Tuesday.

Absentee, while McCain had six months to recover from disaster, Clinton was forced to do it in five days. Her third-place finish in Iowa, well behind Obama and losing narrowly to John Edwards, left her campaign reeling. Her husband's bitter complaints about the crowding of early events on the calendar, leaving her insufficient time to recover, seemed to presage a meltdown in the normally disciplined Clinton camp.

That at the very point when those around her seemed stressed to the breaking point, the senator herself rallied. She put on one of the best of her many strong debate performances on Saturday night and fol-

lowed up with marathon question-and-answer sessions with voters on Sunday and Monday.

The exit polls confirmed that her courage under fire had the effect partly of rallying support among women. The gender gap that had been notably missing in Iowa reappeared here, and fueled her victory.

The Obama-Clinton contest now offers Democrats a battle between two worthy opponents. She has deeper roots among core Democrats, especially women and blue-collar workers, but he has stronger appeal to independents and younger, better-educated people.

Neither is likely to crumble or run short of money until after the big states have voted on Feb. 5.

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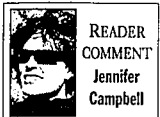
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Proposed Galena 'monopine' would blend in

The following information is presented to understand the details of Idaho Tower Company's cell tower application for Galena Summit. ITC proposes to construct a 90-foot "monopine," a stealth cell tower designed to look like a pine tree. Branches will extend from the pole proportionately similar-to-real-pine trees of the same height. The 2003 Sawtooth National Recreation Area application is a result of coordinating aesthetic and environmental concerns for the land, as well as accommodating technical requirements of wireless carriers. The stealth design is modeled off other successful introductions of wireless services, including the high tower at protected Teton National Forest Service lands.

Locating on Galena Summit provides optimal coverage capability for the region, while the location also provides extensive natural camouflage as well. Though the proposed facility will be located along the Galena ridgeline, the facility will not be seen from most parts of Highway 75 north and south of Galena Summit. The unique topography of the site and sur-



READER COMMENT
Jennifer Campbell

rounding land and vegetation serve to effectively camouflage the facility. The monopine will be among other pine trees on the summit, approximately 40 feet higher than the surrounding trees. To the casual observer, the site will likely go unnoticed, and at most be observed as an aberrant tree protruding above the other trees.

The monopine's height is needed both for coverage purposes and sufficient antenna space. Antennas need to be above surrounding foliage for proper signal transmission. While some might still prefer shorter, multiple trees projecting above the tree line, there are additional reasons to avoid this design. Increased land disturbance is one factor. Increased visual impact is another. Visitors to Galena Summit would see more monopines with accompanying equipment shelters spaced down along the ridgeline, rather than just

one, in close viewing. There is only one short stretch of highway 75 driving south toward the summit from the Stanley Basin, that the monopine will be visible. Driving at 45 mph, a keen observer would see the tree for less than a minute. As the road is quite curvy, drivers' focus will likely be on the road rather than trying to find the monopine on the distant ridge.

Photo simulations are with the application and can be viewed by the public at SNIHA Headquarters. Residents of the Magic Valley have written in support of the Galena application. These residents describe tragic events that occurred in the Galena region and see cell service as a vital public safety tool.

People have died in car accidents along the stretch of highway that would enjoy cell service from ITC's proposed monopine. As local business owners and recreational enthusiasts, we are extremely sensitive to causing any negative impact on SNIHA lands. The SNIHA has analyzed our application and its visual and environmental impact with a high degree of analysis and care. ITC is hoping concerned citizens can take some comfort and confidence that the application has proceeded only after it has met important environmental and visual criteria. It may also be helpful to know that communication infrastructure has already been constructed and in place along Galena Summit for many years, without unduly scarring the landscape.

In closing, ITC appreciates that concerned citizens want to ensure that every reasonable action is taken to protect our beautiful landscape. ITC also greatly appreciates that citizens recognize providing critical communication services for health and safety can positively enhance people's experience in the outdoors, as well as be a vital tool for protecting the environment.

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OTHER VIEWS

Here's what Idaho newspapers are saying about ...

... saving water

Post Register, Idaho Falls

With a total conservation blitz, eastern Idaho could save as much as 300,000 acre-feet of water.

That would go a long way toward pacifying Idaho's ongoing water battle between farmers who pump their water from the aquifer and those who draw it from a canal or from a spring. Hence Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's Committee on Water Use is pursuing the idea.

Meanwhile, the water wars rage on in the form of an administrative hearing before former Idaho Supreme Court Chief Justice Gerald E. Schroeder.

... at some point, the state likely will focus on a comprehensive aquifer re-charge system.

Significant conservation efforts already are under way. Of particular note are the efforts of some canal companies ... as sealing the canals themselves to prevent leakage has reduced the amount of water that once spilled back into the aquifer ... Unfortunately, too few pumpers, communities and industries utilize them ...

• Crop selection — Barley takes only one-third the water that alfalfa and one-half the amount potatoes require.

• Seasonal irrigation schedules — For example, if pumpers wait to draw water until the canals are filled, it could save 7 percent of the water now used during the year.

• Water meters — Farmers who use sprinklers, as well as communities, industries and homeowners can use meters to record — and adjust — water consumption.

• Moisture sensors — Using these in the soil can determine how much water crops actually need.

• Standards — Unfortunately, a complete series of conservation codes and goals that all water users would follow is yet to be realized.

• Refraining land — So far, farmers have signed up to place 45,000 acres in the federal conservation easement land retirement program. Another 55,000 acres could

be allotted. • Water recycling — Communities and industries could use this resource ...

Finding ways to efficiently use this precious resource is an investment Idahoans can and must make.

... union dues

Lowiston Tribune

Idaho's state government might be cheap when it comes to providing public services, but when it comes to defending defective laws in court, no price is too high to pay.

Attorney General Lawrence Wasden's pursuit of a U.S. Supreme Court rescue of vindictive 2003 legislation aimed at emptying the political funds of public employee unions is only the latest example.

The law in question was an ugly attempt not only to smite labor organizations that tend to support Democrats, but also to usurp the authority of local governments.

And that usurpation is precisely what Wasden's office is asking the court to approve.

Introduced in the Legislature as a product of Republican leaders, the bill prohibited union members from financing their unions' political activities with automatic payroll deductions. The law applied to employees of cities, counties, highway districts and other units of local governments as well as the state.

Under court challenge from some of the unions affected, the law was thrown out by U.S. District Judge Lynn Winmill in 2005. Winmill ruled the state could impose such a prohibition on its own employees, but had overreached in extending it to local governments.

The state appealed, and last year, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Winmill's ruling, saying the law amounted to a restriction on the political free speech rights of public employees.

In the state's appeal to the Supreme Court, Deputy Attorney General Clay Smith makes it clear the state wants to control not only those employees, but also the local governments they work for.

"The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has made a striking and unprecedented incursion into the

authority of state legislatures to control the employment practices of political subdivisions," Smith writes.

So much for Republican closeness to the people. When it comes to getting their way, Republicans are no more deferential to local control than Democrats are painted as being.

And no more thrifty. Legal battles like this don't come cheap, as Idahoans have learned from seeing their state government blow hundreds of thousands of dollars trying to breathe life into doomed restrictions on abortion ...

... guns in national parks

Idaho Statesman, Boise

Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne should listen to his colleagues from Idaho and almost half of the U.S. Senate and give gun-carrying Americans consistent rules to follow.

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo asked Kempthorne to repeal a federal gun restriction in national parks and wildlife refuges because the guidelines are "confusing, burdensome and unnecessary."

We agree with Crapo and 47 senators, including Sen. Larry Craig, who support the change. Crapo spent two weeks getting signatures on a letter to Kempthorne; 39 Republicans and eight Democrats signed on it.

The letter asks federal agencies to change rules that prohibit visitors to most national parks and wildlife refuges from carrying active, loaded guns. Gun restrictions vary from Bureau of Land Management acreage to other federal lands to state land. But in all instances — except in most national parks — gun owners can transport a gun that is unavailable for use. That means the gun remains assembled but does not sit on someone's lap or in a hip holster.

Generally, guns are allowed in national parks but must be broken down, instead of simply packed in a case out of reach ...

Active, loaded guns are allowed at Idaho state parks. Those who carry a gun must abide by state laws, including Idaho's law on concealed weapons.

The federal change would respect the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding gun owners ...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Galena Pass could suffer from recent Forest Service decisions

If you have savored backcountry slopes and inspiring 360-degree views along ridges above Galena Pass, please know that while U.S. Forest Service "decisions" scheduled in late January 2008 could destroy the solitude, serenity and scenery of this area. A cellular tower 20 feet-by-20 feet-by 90 feet tall touted to improve safety and emergency medical service response for Galena Pass may do nothing while causing inoperative driving accidents. Cellular "coverage" would only reach Galena Lodge and Smiley Creek, both have dependable landlines. Obviously more towers are planned for Sawtooth Valley. Think I'lla Della cellular tower — Campbell and company understand damage to be done to Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Campbell predicts no damage to narrow access roads but road near up to Halley is obvious from Bellevue to Halley. Campbell claims 90-foot tower not visible along national scenic highway, yet same tower simulation used for Idaho — weather balloon on a line — was used atop Galena. Della tower is visible anywhere in Halley. A line-below-halloon hardly simulates 20-foot by 20-foot base sections needed to support towers of this magnitude.

Being questioned safety and unexciting tower simulations. Proposed location is atop primary access into most accessible, safe, popular collection of backcountry snow routes in central Idaho. Campbell's massive tower would stand twice the height of tallest 45-foot pine, dwarfing all ridge features. While 90-plus percent mortality expected for bug-infested pines, tower may become loan mechanical rat-nest. But wait! Second "decision" formalizes tower as federal communication site setting precedent for towers littered along ridge.

Campbell installs towers for profit, not safety and EMS. That's why company refuses offering alternatives that AIRCRAFT I did in 1996-98; refuses reducing tower height or size of additional 20-foot by 44-foot building (intended rental space).

Campbell makes private money off your public resources and customer service why is she calling the shots? Write Forest Supervisor, 2647 Kimberly Road E., Twin Falls, ID 83301; ask for forest protections with cellular access. It's your land. DENISE JACKSON FORD Halley

(Editor's note: Denise Ford is a landscape architect in Halley.)

Use common sense when it comes to slick winter roads

A few storms ago while walking along Highway 75 in front of the Halley movie theater, the driver of a big rig slid across the ice and into my intended path. Fortunately, I was heads up and quickly jumped out the way from where the truck slid. This was an honest mistake, albeit a near injurious one.

My first instinct was to call the city or state — whatever it is that maintains that stretch of road. Then I flashed back to my own, snowplowing days in Virginia. Inside the slippery beltway, we had snowplows around one-third the size of Idaho's. There the temperatures fluctuated around freezing, often resulting in treacherous roads.

After walking away unscathed from the Highway 75 near-bit, I reminisced upon an incident when the Falls Church mayor poked outside for a second. Walking down icy Maple Street to Anthony's Pizza, he raved our street superintendent about how the town core roads were so slick.

We laborers promptly stepped to fetch our tools and migrated over to Maple Street with a generous showing of sand, salt and blading equipment. Little did the mayor know that we had dropped our diligent snow removal efforts from various avenues of town to heed this new call of top precedence. In reality, his call impeded the city's overall progress.

Continuously sliding, a few more blocks to Halley's Hitchhiker, I could see it was slippery on virtually every street this wintry day. Other signs made it clear that the dedicated workers had been burning the midnight oil to churn out gallant snow removal efforts throughout our great town. Therefore, I hesitated to make that same call the mayor made 15 winters ago which resulted in more delays than it did help.

Citizens have to understand that city workers (and contractors) are doing their utmost to keep up. Key makes it difficult and not nice everywhere you go. Use common sense and establish your own priorities before crossing roads. Don't let your brain freeze and remain aware of your surroundings while ambulating around monster rigs that spin along Highway 75. JIM BANHOEZER Halley

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SWAG attack



Scenic West Athletic Conference play tips off tonight for the College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball teams, pictured during practice on Wednesday.

CSI basketball sprints into conference play

By Eric Larsen • Times-News writer

So far, it's been fun. Nonconference play has been kind to the College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball programs. Heck, it's been kind to the Scenic West Athletic Conference as a whole. For the CSI men, it's been all fun and games as the No. 2 Golden Eagles have rattled off 15 straight wins by an average margin of 44 points. For the CSI women, it's been a 14-1 record that has legitimized Randy Rogers' team as a national tournament contender.

For the SWAC as a whole, nonconference play has mainly been a cakewalk. To date, SWAC teams have won nearly 70 percent

of their games, going a combined 114-51. While the early stage of the season has painted a rosy picture for CSI and its conference opponents, the heartbreak starts tonight. At least for some teams.

Each squad has 15 games to establish the conference's pecking order heading into postseason play. For two CSI squads with aspirations to top that order, this new challenge couldn't come fast enough.

"I think the guys are really hungry to have a new challenge," CSI head men's coach Barret Peery said. "It's time. I think they've worked long and hard for it and I think it's time."

Even Rogers, who's always looking for

one more week to shore up his defense, sees that tonight's conference home opener against Colorado Northwestern Community College offers a needed progression to his team's season.

"It seems like it's been a long time coming," Rogers said. "... We're real happy with where we are, record-wise. I didn't expect us to be 14-1 or ranked at this point of the season. We've had some tough games and we've had some games that we're pretty easy but I think the kids are ready and I'm ready."

With conference play set to tip off, here are some trends and players to watch as the 2007-08 SWAC season hits its stride.

Eagle Eyes

Tonight: Colorado Northwestern Community College women (9:10) at No. 6 CSI (14-1), CSI gymnasium, 5:30 p.m.; CNCC men (2:30) at No. 2 CSI (15-0), 7:30 p.m.

On the horizon: The CSI women and men host the College of Eastern Utah at 1 and 3 p.m., Saturday.

On the radio: Tonight's games will be broadcast live on 1270 AM KTR by Ken Simmons (women) and Jonathan Drew (men).

CSI season leaders (Minimums apply per game averages/made-missed in parentheses)
Women — Points: Haady Plunkett 224 (14.0); Anita Burdick 183 (12.2).
Rebounds: Plunkett 107 (7.1); Soana Lucet 105 (7.0).
Assists: Maylene Ornelas 79 (5.3); Tori Tremayne 65 (4.3).
Steals: LaCela Pringle-Buchanan 71 (4.7); Ornelas

34 (2.3). **Blocks:** Burdick 17 (1.1); Eva Ivanova 11 (0.7).
Field goal percentage: Burdick .545 (67-123); Pringle-Buchanan .521 (50-96). **3-point percentage:** Pringle-Buchanan .425 (17-40); Ornelas .349 (22-63).
Free throw shooting: Burdick .831 (49-59); Plunkett .739 (34-46).

Men — Points: Joey Shaw 258 (17.2); Juan Pattiello 232 (17.8). **Rebounds:** Art Parakhouski 120 (8.0); Boocar Ba 108 (7.2). **Assists:** Kevin Gultow 146 (9.7); Reggie Gultow 54 (3.6). **Steals:** Harvey Peery 45 (3.0).
Blocks: Gultow 43 (2.9). **Blocks:** Parakhouski 21 (1.4); Gultow 24 (0.9). **Field goal percentage:** Parakhouski .654 (87-133); Daquon Montreal .586 (68-116). **3-point percentage:** Gultow .417 (15-36); Shaw, Nick Hansen .385 (45-117, 42-109). **Free throw percentage:** Gultow .944 (17-18); Hansen .875 (14-16).

Early surprises

Nonconference play has been kind to the SWAC teams but it hasn't been without its surprises. Here are the big shockers of the season to date.

1. **North Idaho men start 14-1:** Despite returning only two players from last year's squad, the Cardinals are rolling thanks to their competitive guard play. "North Idaho is maybe the biggest surprise, simply because they went and got a lot of new guys and haven't really missed a beat like I thought," Peery said.
 2. **Snow College women stumble:** A roster loaded with long, athletic players hasn't equated to early success as the Badgers are 7-7 heading into conference play. "I still think Snow is one of the top teams in our league," Rogers said.
 "Record-wise, it doesn't look like it but I think they're a team that when they play well, they're going to be very competitive."

3. **Three men's teams invade NJCAA Top 20:** A CSI team that finished fourth in the nation last season, and a Salt Lake Community College squad that boasts 11 sophomores were shoe-ins for poll spots. However, the Cardinals' surprising climb to No. 14 gave the SWAC a strong national presence.

How'd we do?

Before the season, the Times-News predicted how the SWAC teams would fare this season. Here's a look at each team's record to date, along with the predictions for each team's complete nonconference schedule.

Team	Prediction	Actual
1. CSI	14-1	15-0
2. Salt Lake CC	13-2	15-0
3. North Idaho	11-3	14-1
4. Snow College	11-4	8-6
5. Eastern Utah	9-8	8-5
6. Colorado NW	6-10	2-8

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4. Snow College	10-4	7-7
5. Eastern Utah	9-6	9-6
6. Colorado NW	11-9	0-10

4. **Salt Lake men trounce Northwestern (C):** On Dec. 8, the Bruins top No. 4 Northwestern Junior College (Colo.) 82-61, holding the undefeated Plainsmen to only 16 first-half points

two nights after the Cardinals nipped previously undefeated NJC 87-81.

5. **CNCC women continue to struggle:** Despite the hiring of new coach Tim Wilson and the return of point guard Kory Lewis and SWAC leading scorer Brittany Whiteman, the Spartans can't win a nonconference game and extend their current losing streak to 30 games.

Experience matters

The world of junior college basketball is full of freshmen and transfers playing in their first year with a new program. However, here are six holdovers from last season making big impacts on their teams' success.

Men
 Felix Casper, CBU: The 6-foot-8 Brazilian forward led CBU in rebounding during five of the Golden Eagles' first six games and leads his team in scoring after playing a supporting role to guards Tyler Knapway and Jeremy Lathan as a freshman.
 Brian Green, Salt Lake CC: The smooth-shooting Green has led the

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Petersen's clutch free throws lift Bruins to win over Tigers

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

Make no mistake: Amber Petersen is a bona fide star athlete for Twin Falls High School. But that doesn't mean she's impervious to making an error or struggling with confidence.

As so many big-time players do, however, she bounced back from a setback with a clutch performance Wednesday night in the Bruins' High Country Conference showdown with Idaho Falls.

Five days after committing two late turnovers in a 75-73 loss to Skyline, Petersen stepped to the free-throw line with 10.9 seconds left in the game for a one-and-one, and a shot at redemption.

Despite missing her first three attempts of the night to continue a prolonged charity-stripe slump, the senior forward knocked both down to give Twin Falls a 57-55 win

when Tiger guard Laurel Bradley's jumper clanged off the iron at the final horn. Petersen finished with 13 points and 16 rebounds, the last occurring just before drawing the foul that gave her the winning free throws.

"I've been having a big slump from the free-throw line. But our core value today was leadership and I just decided I was going to take leadership and knock them down," said Petersen. "These kinds of games are good for us because we know we'll get a lot of more of them at regionals and state. But obviously we'd like a more comfortable win."

After a slow start for the Bruins (12-3, 4-2 HCC), Devin Matkin took it upon herself to get things going. She scored 12 points in the first quarter before getting her teammates more involved in the play. She finished with

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Twin Falls guard Devin Matkin drives to the hoop during the first half of the Bruins' match up against Idaho Falls Wednesday night in Twin Falls.

Clemens hearing pushed back by House committee

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Congress wants to be prepared when Roger Clemens and his former trainer, Brian McNamee, head to Capitol Hill.

The House hearing involving Clemens, McNamee and Andy Pettitte was postponed Wednesday from Jan. 16 until Feb. 13, giving lawmakers more time to gather evidence, to take depositions from the witnesses and to coordinate their investigation with the Justice Department. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform was to begin meeting with lawyers for the witnesses Thursday, Clemens' attorney,

Rusty Hardin, said he hopes to meet with committee staffers next week. In addition, McNamee is to meet with federal prosecutors Thursday in New York.

"Roger hasn't done anything," Hardin said. "The federal government looking at Roger is fine with me."
 Plans are still in place for the Jan. 15 hearing before the same committee about the Mitchell Report on baseball's Steroids Era. The witnesses that day will be commissioner Bud Selig, union leader Donald Fehr and former Senate majority leader George Mitchell, the report's author.

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GAME PLAN

Men's College Basketball: Colorado Northwestern CC at CSI, 7:30 p.m. Women's College Basketball: Colorado Northwestern CC at CSI, 5:30 p.m.

High School: Boys Basketball: Burley at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m. Girls Basketball: Burley at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.

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TV SCHEDULE

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New Mexico proposes penalties in NCAA investigation

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - New Mexico plans to self-impose penalties, including the suspension of two scholarships for most seasons, in response to an NCAA investigation into academic fraud involving the school's football team.

According to a report released Wednesday, New Mexico also proposes cutting the number of coaches who can recruit off-campus recruits to six for the next two seasons and reducing the number of official visits to recruits by four during the 2007-08 recruiting period.

By the NFL and his coach Tommy Bowden thought it was his player's best interest to remain one more season.

Willingham elected president of AFCA SEATTLE - Washington coach Tyrone Willingham has been elected president of the American Football Coaches Association.

Gooding HS holds benefit dinner GOODING - A benefit chili dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 21, in the Gooding High School multi-use room.

Gooding hosts adult co-ed tourney GOODING - The Gooding High School volleyball team will host an adult co-ed volleyball tournament on Saturday, Feb. 2.

T.F. holds Cal Ripken sign-ups TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County Youth Baseball will hold Cal Ripken baseball registration for boys ages 9-12 (as of April 30) through Monday, Jan. 21 from 6-8 p.m.

Knights of Columbus hold FT contests TWIN FALLS - The Knights of Columbus will hold two free-throw championship contests on Saturday.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Overcast and breezy, but only a fairly small chance for precipitation. Highs, upper 50s to lower 60s. Tonight: Slightly mostly cloudy. Lows, mid 20s to near 30. Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs near 40.

BURLEIGH/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mixed showers or light snow possible, also breezy at times. Highs, 30s. Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies. Lows, 20s. Tomorrow: Continued mostly cloudy, but likely dry. Highs, 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Snow showers will continue today through Saturday. Snow showers will continue today through Saturday as waves of Pacific moisture continue to move through the region. On these three days, the snow will be the heaviest today and then gradually taper off.

Map of Idaho with weather forecasts for Boise, Burleigh/Rupert, and Twin Falls. Includes a small weather icon and a 'Weather Watch' box.

Boise: Light, scattered mixed showers or sleet showers will be in the forecast for the next two to three days. Today holds the greatest chance for a significant moisture. Thereafter, the precipitation will be lighter.

Northern Utah: Light snow cannot be ruled out, especially in the mountains, over the next couple of days. Accumulations, though, will be light.

Twin Falls: Light snow showers or sleet showers will be in the forecast for the next two to three days. Today holds the greatest chance for a significant moisture. Thereafter, the precipitation will be lighter.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Yesterday's Weather. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes monthly and yearly statistics.

Moon Phases

Table showing moon phases for Jan 15, 22, 29, and Feb 6.

Moonrise and Moonset

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. index for today, tomorrow, and Friday.

REGIONAL FORECAST

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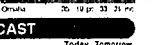
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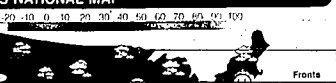
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Patriots lead AP All-Pro team

NEW YORK (AP) — LaDainian Tomlinson and Randy Moss were unanimous selections to The Associated Press 2007 NFL All-Pro team on Wednesday. So was Tom Brady — sort of.



The league's Most Valuable Player and Offensive Player of the Year was chosen on each of the ballots from 50 media members who regularly cover the NFL.

San Diego Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson was a unanimous selection to The Associated Press 2007 NFL All-Pro team.

New England Patriots receiver Randy Moss was a unanimous selection to The Associated Press 2007 NFL All-Pro team.

Brady was a runaway choice at the position, and was joined by four other unbracketed Patriots on the squad: Moss, tackle Matt Light, cornerback Asante Samuel and outside linebacker Mike Vrabel.

Tomlinson's breakthrough season saw him lead the NFL with 10 interceptions.

The Seahawks had tackle Walter Jones, defensive end Patrick Kerney and linebacker Lofa Tuipulotu.

Clemens

Continued from page B1. Questioned by federal prosecutors last year, McNamee said he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone in 1998, 2000 and 2001.

Bruins

Continued from page B1. a game-high 20 points to go with seven assists and six steals.

They want to talk to him while they're in town," said Earl Ward, McNamee's primary lawyer.

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NFL PICKS

New England still perfect and still a heavy favorite

By DAVE GOLDBERG • Associated Press writer

JACKSONVILLE (PLUS 13) AT NEW ENGLAND. The New England Patriots had a week away from the spotlight, so they might have slid to the back of some folks' minds.

Both QBs, Eli Manning and Tony Romo, had success in the two meetings this season, won by Dallas 35-35 at home and 31-20 in a "Scatcrbreds." Romo's mobility has been a major factor, causing problems for New York's league-leading pass rush in both games.

But the oddsmakers didn't forget. They made the Patriots' 13-point favorites for their first playoff game, at home Saturday night against Jacksonville. The Jaguars earned a trip to Foxborough by beating Pittsburgh 31-29 last week after losing an 18-point fourth-quarter lead.

That will probably be closer than the spread, which is always a bit of an overload toward America's team. (As was the Pro Bowl voting.)

But otherwise, running was a problem for the Jaguars.

Throw out the wacky game in the San Diego rain in which Peyton Manning threw six interceptions and Adam Vinatieri missed an easy field goal that would have won the game for the Colts.

Garrard was their leading rusher. Fred Taylor averaged only 3 yards a carry and Maurice Jones-Drew did most of his damage with a 96-yard kickoff return and a 43-yard run with a short pass to a touchdown. Overall, Jacksonville had just 239 yards from scrimmage against a Pittsburgh defense at less than full strength.

Instead, look back to the game these two played in the IFAA Home in 2005, when the Chargers ended the Colts' 13-0 run. They won 26-17 because they succeeded in getting pressure on Manning from Shawne Merriman, Shaun Phillips, Igor Olshansky and others.

That won't work against the Patriots, who set an NFL record this season with 509 punts — almost 37 a game. In other words, to beat New England, you have to outscore it, something Jacksonville isn't equipped to do.

Like the Cowboys, the Colts didn't play very hard in their final regular-season game, meaning their regulars have had a two-week break. The Chargers came alive in the second half last week against Tennessee.

"I think it's probably the greatest collection of talent in coaching that's ever been assembled. I think they've got a really all-star cast. I think you've got some certain Hall of Fame players," the Jacksonville coach said this week. "You've got a whole slew of all-stars and Pro Bowl-type guys and the coaching staff is very strong. We've got a lot of respect for what they've been able to accomplish, not only this year, but over the last five or six years."

Will Indy be rusty? Not enough to lose. COLTS, 26-17.

Sounds like he doesn't expect to win. It's probably right. PATRIOTS, 33-17.

One of the overlooked aspects of winter, weather is that it neutralizes defensive speed as well as offensive speed.

NEW YORK GIANTS (PLUS 7) AT DALLAS

The Giants may have the best shot of all the underdogs. They have an eight-game road winning streak that started after an opening night loss at Texas Stadium. And they have momentum from a three-point loss to New England and an impressive playoff win in Tampa.

Yes, Mike Holmgren is used to coaching at Lambeau Field. But Green Bay has been a helluva place to call the NFL's challengers except Dallas. PATCKERS, 21-16.

Wolf pleads guilty for shooting at SWAT team

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

GOODING — On Prozac and some other drugs he couldn't name, Troy Wayne Wolf pleaded guilty to three of five counts of aggravated assault for shooting at police officers who stormed his mother's home in late 2006. After spending about six months at a mental hospital in Blackfoot, 31-year-old Wolf was brought back to the Gooding County jail in

November after being called mentally competent to proceed by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. He's now in police custody facing charges for longer than a year.

Fifth District Judge Barry Wood spoke slowly, at crucial points often replacing the same question, and held up three fingers to symbolize the number of counts Wolf was pleading to; and five fingers, for the original number of counts charged by



Watch excerpts from the court hearing for Troy Wayne Wolf online at Magicvalley.com

the prosecutor. "Why do you say you're

guilty? What did you do?" Wood asked the defendant, enunciating each word with great precision.

Wolf, who seemed less bewildered in the courtroom than he seemed in past hearings, gave the following answer before his attorney, Greg Fuller, whispered some words of coaching: "Um... um... the gun went off," Wolf said, "And... I don't know." Wolf was arrested and charged with shooting at a tri-county SWAT team that

stormed his mother's 630 Montana St. home. He warned the officers it would be "death by cop" if they entered the home. Then, on May 2, two experts found Wolf's illness was sufficiently menacing to his health that a judge transferred him into a psychiatric hospital. A mental health expert said at an earlier hearing that Wolf's thought processes were "infected by paranoia

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Family task force comes up empty

Legislation won't appear in 2008

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — Attempts by a House interim committee to "strengthen the family" are off the table after its chairman didn't include recommendations in his report to a joint-leadership legislative committee.

House Family Task Force Chairman Rep. Steven Thain, R-Emmett, included none of the 14 recommendations that were drafted by the six-member Family Task Force, including making it more difficult for divorces and attaching a "family impact statement" on each bill.

After the meeting, Thain said no legislation to improve family structure will be brought in the 2008 session — including that of repealing existing laws — and called media reports that the 14 recommendations even existed a "fabrication."

Still, he said the three meetings held were productive to begin dialogue. "The purpose was to start the discussion on the family," he said. "We felt like the discussion was just beginning."

Among the recommendations was for Idaho to join three other states with a "covenant marriage" law that permits divorce only on a limited basis. It also proposed a "family structure" bill that would allow legislative bills and tightening welfare rules.

The official charge of the task force was, "to study the magnitude of the decline of the family since before it could freeze. The decline has had on state social policies; the reasons for the decline, and ways to strengthen the family."

But during an update Tuesday to the Legislative Council, Thain said the proposals, and spoke generally on what they studied. He emphasized the parent-child relationship and its relation to the state's economy and use government to strengthen the family, not undermine it.

"It is critical to recognize the importance of good parenting skills," he said.

The Senate, considered more moderate than the House can expect several pieces of legislation on early education, according to a report from the Senate Early Childhood Task Force, which was led by Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Butte. Thain said after the meeting, he is talking with leadership teams, there wasn't enough consensus on his task force to issue formal recommendations.

The chairman got ahead of his committee. Sometimes that happens. It's new at this game," House Majority Leader Mike Moyle, R-Star, said Wednesday, adding that having a freshman lawmaker on the task force might not have been the best choice.

The only Democrat on the task force, Rep. Brandon Durst, of Boise, issued a response to Thain's report, that party members expressed relief no legislation is expected. "My thought was they were all over the place with their ideas," said House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquez, D-Ketchum.

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Snow on the roads



Traffic idles on Interstate 84 just east of Exit 168 in Jerome Wednesday night. Westbound lanes of I-84 were at a standstill because of slideoffs between Exit 173 north of Twin Falls and Exit 168. While school buses around Magic Valley braved hazardous roads Wednesday morning, commuters hit slick spots later in the evening as melting snow turned to ice.

Winter storm slows traffic, brings school closures in the region

By Nate Poppino
and Andrea Gates
Times-News writers

School superintendents make some difficult decisions everyday that affect the well-being of children.

Locking the doors and calling a snowday is one of those tough choices.

School leaders in Twin Falls, Kimberly and Filer said the decision, which had to be made early Wednesday after storms hit the area, revolves around transportation safety.

"It's usually a challenging decision... We take that decision very seriously, safety is our number one concern," said Twin Falls School District

Superintendent Wiley Dobbs. "By 6 a.m. (Wednesday) we were confident the situation was safe."

The choice for Dobbs involves information from city road crews, police, weather sources, the school's bus service and first-hand observations.

Even though the city's kids went to school Wednesday, some were tardy. Out of 30 bus routes, about five or six arrived 10 to 15 minutes late to school, Dobbs said.

"The roads were challenging. One bus got stuck in the snow, Dobbs said, but a parent and residents helped push it back on track.

Crews began sanding city roadways at 8 a.m. Tuesday as snow was falling — and then by 10 a.m. two crews

were piloting the city's four plows up until 1:30 Wednesday morning, said Twin Falls Streets Superintendent Bruce Stephens.

The plows ran along heavily traveled roads such as Addison Avenue and Falls Avenue because there's fewer places to dump snow on smaller, residential streets, packed with parked cars, said Stephens.

Making the roads more driver-friendly is time consuming. "With five sand trucks, it takes quite a while," Stephens said. "There's a lot of corners (to stop at)."

But even with sanding and plowing, there was still slush. Many city streets, including major arterials were a challenging drive on Wednesday morning. Plows were slated to work

later Wednesday and clear slush before it could freeze.

There was one complaint Stephens received Wednesday afternoon, he said. A caller wanted to know why the area around a school hadn't been plowed.

Meanwhile, seven miles away in Kimberly, students enjoyed a day off Wednesday.

Kimberly's superintendent John Garner ventures out around 4 a.m. to assess winter weather situations, he said Tuesday night. "If we only get snow, that's a relief," Garner said. "We go out around 4 a.m., make a decision by 6 a.m., and we have buses

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Elko City Council reconsiders ban on brothel advertising

By All Helgath
For the Times-News

ELKO, Nev. — In advertising, sex sells — but can advertising sell sex?

Mona's Ranch owner Lida Gammel seems to think so. In light of a recent ruling by U.S. District Judge James Mahan that declared state statutes banning legal brothels from advertising are too broad to be constitutional, Gammel requested the Elko City Council reconsider its ban on brothel advertisements.

During a council meeting Tuesday night, city attorney Bob Golcochea told council members the judge would likely find the city's restriction similarly unconstitutional, and the green light was given for red light advertisements.

Gammel has the right to advertise, Golcochea said, but asked that she wait to begin advertising until the City Council could revisit the ordinance.

Gammel, who did not attend the council meeting, declined comment. "We have to allow advertising, but I think the method of advertising, the

manner of advertising, can be restricted," Golcochea said. "... I think the way these people have asked for their advertising is going to be OK, but if somebody came in and asked for something very explicit... I'm hoping that we could restrict that."

As described to council members in a letter, Gammel said she plans to put advertisements on top of taxi cabs. The ads would include only identifying information about the business, she said in the letter.

Without an enforceable law regarding brothel advertising, council members plan to revisit the issue to place restrictions on the type of allowable advertising. Whether other brothels will begin to advertise is yet unknown.

"I've thought about it, but I'm not 100 percent sure," said a woman at a manager D&D who identified herself as an innkeeper, but declined to give her name.

Calls to No. 1 Geisha and Sue's Fantasy Club were unanswered Wednesday morning.

All Helgath is a staff writer for the Elko Daily Free Press.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Blaine County avalanche warning cancelled

An avalanche warning for high-risk areas of the Wood River Valley was cancelled early Wednesday morning. But more winter weather is expected today, and people in the areas covered by Tuesday's warning should still be cautious around steep slopes and similar areas, Blaine County Commissioner Larry Schoen said.

People living in the Warm Springs, Lower Board Ranch, East Fork, Blitterroot Subdivision and Elkhorn areas were allowed back into their homes Wednesday evening after being warned not to stay there the night before. The entire length of Warm Springs Road was open as of 5 p.m. Wednesday, Schoen said, and there did not seem to be any major slides overnight. Reports of a few minor slides could not be confirmed.

On Wednesday, the Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center estimated "considerable" avalanche danger in the South and Central Valley area and "moder-

ate" in the North Valley and Sawtooth Mountains.

Marine to accompany Bush during visit to Jerusalem

Sgt. Christopher Newberry, a member of the U.S. Marine Corps from Kimberly, will accompany President Bush on Friday in a ceremony at Yad Vashem's Museum of Holocaust Art.

Newberry, 22, has been serving in a security assignment at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv, Israel, since October 2007. His Marine Corps service began in 2004.

Along with another Marine guard, Newberry will accompany Bush in laying a ceremonial wreath after the president tours the museum. Bush will be concluding his three-day visit to the Middle East for Israel-Palestine peace talks.

The ceremony is expected to be carried by national news networks, including CNN, Fox News and C-SPAN networks, sometime early Friday morning Mountain Standard Time.

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Leo Vincent Pyne

JRHOME — Leo Vincent Pyne passed away peacefully at the age of 85 on Jan. 5, 2008, at Provo, Utah.

Leo was born the first son of Lester Ethel Miller and Charles Fitch Pyne on Sept. 2, 1922, at Wendell. He spent most of his growing years in Jerome. He married Abbie Barker of Jerome on Oct. 12, 1941. After their marriage, they lived in Sun Valley; by Corner, Wash.; and Portland, Ore., before he entered the Army on June 27, 1944. He served in the 32nd Engineer Combat Battalion, Headquarters and Service Co., 96th Division unit, Jan. 23, 1946. His service included the beachhead of Okinawa and service in the Philippines. After leaving the service, they lived for a short time in Jerome and then in Oakley until moving to Twin Falls in the fall of 1953.

In 1955, they built the family home on North Washington Street. Leo worked at the Idaho State Christ of Latter-day Saints on Aug. 2, 1947, and was an active member of the Oakley Ward and later the Twin Falls 4th Ward. The family was sealed together for eternity in 1961. He worked as a scale tender, while in Oakley, he worked as an electrician and was one of the first to be licensed by the state of Idaho, receiving Journeyman Electrician License No. 2. He continued working as an electrician, which took him to many locations in the western United States until

his retirement. He also served on the Oakley Volunteer Fire Department. In their later years, Leo and Abbie spent the winters in Quartzsite, Ariz., where they enjoyed rock hunting, lapidary and silver smithing.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 64 years; two sisters, Anna Faye Pyne and Theola Marie Pyne; one son, Kelvin Barker Pyne; one grandson, David Hendricks Pyne; and one great-grandson, Evan Spencer Pyne. He is survived by two brothers, Charles Francis Pyne of Portland, Ore., and James Eldon Pyne of Milwaukee, Ore.; two sisters, Agnes Reed of Fort Duchesne, Utah, and Justice Spencer Pyne of Vancouver, Wash.; five children, Mary-Lou Pyne Whitaker of Nampa, Leo Barker Pyne of Montpellier, Robert Barker Pyne of Falcon, Colo., Melvin Barker Pyne of Hartshorn and Richard Barker Pyne of Stuyvesant, 30 grandchildren; 79 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Twin Falls LDS 4th Ward chapel, 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls. There will be a viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Interment will be at the Grandview Cemetery in Elba following the funeral.

DeLora L. Miller

NEW PLYMOUTH — DeLora L. Miller, 75, of New Plymouth and formerly of Hagerman, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, at her home.

She was born April 8, 1932, in Twin Falls, to John and Violet Holiday Miller. She spent her childhood in Hagerman, where she graduated from Hagerman High School in 1949 as valedictorian. DeLora was the first rodeo queen of the Hagerman Flower Days celebration. She attended Southern Idaho College of Idaho at Albion, then transferred to Idaho State University in Pocatello for another year. She worked at the Mountain Home Air Force Base, where she met Bob Pearson, and they were married in 1952 in Hagerman. Bob worked at the Miller ranch and DeLora at the tuberculosis hospital in Gooding. A daughter, Mona, was born in 1956. They moved to Boise, where Bob was employed by First Security Bank. A daughter, Tammy, was born in 1960.

Due to Bob's employment, they lived in Pocatello, Idaho Falls and American Falls. DeLora was president of the New Plymouthers Club and Beta Sigma Phi and chairman of County Heart Fund. Over these years, she also worked at doctors' offices and hospitals. DeLora and Bob were divorced in 1973, and she moved to Hagerman from Idaho Falls. She was employed by Idaho State Bank in Hagerman until her retirement in 1994. DeLora was a founding member of the Hagerman Alumni Association, which she has donated thousands to the

school and community in Canyon, she had to move to Canyon County to be near her daughter, Mona.

Dee succumbed after a long battle with lupus but remained mentally alert until her final days, even answering names. She was very direct until her last hours. Even during her worst times, her daughter, Mona, felt it was a blessing to be able to care for her. She was a compassionate, loving mother and was always there for her family with wisdom, common sense and sound advice. She loved needlepoint, sewing and crossword puzzles, and her cross-stitch creations will be treasured by her family forever. DeLora wrote, "one of the greatest sorrows in life was seeing land developers and illegal immigrants destroy the quality of life that made Idaho a great state in which to live."

She is survived by two daughters, Mona and Gary Cushman of New Plymouth and Tammy and Steve Milligan of Pawshuska, Okla.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Hagerman Cemetery in Hagerman. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America Inc., 2000 N. S. NW, 20010, Washington, DC 20036; the American Heart Association, 270 S. Orchard, Suite B, Boise, ID 83705; or your favorite charity.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home, 105 E. Center, Boise, Meridian, ID 83642 (888-4454).

Wayne A. Metcalf

BOISE — Wayne A. Metcalf, 65, of Boise, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, at home of natural causes.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at the Alden Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise. Cremation will precede the service.

Wayne was born Feb. 7, 1942, in Twin Falls, the son of Clyde and Stella Howells Metcalf. He was raised in Twin Falls, graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1960. On Jan. 1, 1962, Wayne and Suzanne Van Patten were married, and they had twin daughters. He and Suzanne were later divorced. Wayne had a wide variety of jobs, including working for Gem State Paper Supply, Cases, Stein, Distributing and Metcalf Landscape. Following his retirement, he worked for the 44 Club. Wayne married Carol Ferguson on Oct. 20, 2006. In Boise, Wayne was a family man. He especially enjoyed his grandchildren. He enjoyed skiing and snow-

mobling. He also enjoyed dancing and reading Louis L'Amour books. He was a Boise State Bronco fan.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; his daughter, Peter Riffe; his two daughters, Heidi Metcalf and Sondra Metcalf, both of Boise; a stepson, Robert Riffe; one stepdaughter, Allyson Riffe; grandchildren, Mia Rose Lipsett, Sarah Riffe, Jan Riffe, Whitney Riffe, Destiny Riffe and Jacklyn Mangett; great-granddaughter, Arianna Mangett; three brothers and their spouses, Garland and Deanna Metcalf, Bill and Diane Metcalf, and Jerry Metcalf and Sandi Armstrong, all of Twin Falls; sisters, Joyce Thompson of Twin Falls, Sherry Ribbhart and her husband, Glenn of Boise, and Diane Hansen of Nampa; and his dearest friend, Randy Cooke. He was preceded in death by his parents and an 8-month-old baby sister, Joanne Metcalf.

His family would like to thank St. Luke's Hospice for their wonderful care for Wayne and his family.

Doris Jean Vaughan

GOODING — Doris Jean Vaughan, loving mother, grandmother, aunt and friend, passed away peacefully Dec. 6, 2007, at age 83 surrounded by her family.

Doris was born Jan. 11, 1924, in Dearborn, Mich., to Warner Dean and Mary Louise Roberts Crooker. She married Harry Richard Vaughan on May 18, 1942, at Fort Ord, Calif. Doris moved with her family from Michigan to Gooding when she was 7 years old. She graduated from Gooding High School, serving as Girls League president her senior year.

Doris was active in community service in several capacities. She worked in retail off and on most of her life, including the IGA grocery store and Wilson Bates in Gooding. Doris loved crafts of many kinds, but her specialties were crocheting and painting. She made many afghans for her children and grandchildren. She loved sports and watched her favorite teams all the time, especially when her children and grandchildren participated. While Doris spent

most of her life in Gooding, she lived her last years as a resident of Heritage Assisted Living Center in Twin Falls. She was loved by her fellow residents and the many caregivers who worked so hard to make her feel comfortable and happy. We appreciate your love and kindness for our mother.

Doris is survived by her children, Robert H. Vaughan (Carolyn) of Island City, Ore., Jan Condie of West Jordan, Utah, and Barry K. Vaughan of Twin Falls; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Harry and father, son, James Warren Vaughan; and brothers, Frank and Robert Crooker.

The family requests no flowers but suggests memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

A graveside service will be held Friday, Jan. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Herman Pope of the Church of Christ will officiate. Cremation was under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

George Gill

BUHL — George Gill, 82, of Buhl, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, at his residence. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Thomas W. Matthews

BUHLEY — Thomas William Matthews, 88, of Burley, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Robert L. Wise

Robert Leroy Wise, 84, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Donald Vawter

Donald Vawter, 87, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, at SunBridge Care Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic

Joseph Williams

BUHL — Joseph "Joe" Williams, 76, of Buhl, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Mary Ann Cochran

Mary Ann Cochran, 60, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Funeral Home of Jerome.

Juana Juarez

WINTERHAVEN, Calif. — Juana Juarez, 60, of Winterhaven, Calif., died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Lyle Morton

BUHLEY — Lyle Morton, 82, of Burley, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

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Joy Solosabal

BUHLEY — Joy Solosabal, 86-year-old Burley resident, died Jan. 7, 2008, at Parke View Care and Rehab-ilitation.



She was born Aug. 21, 1921, in New Orleans, La. She attended school in a convent in New Orleans. She married Paul Solo.

After Paul's discharge from the service, they moved out west. Living in the Mini-Cassia area. She worked for Dr. Davis for many years and also co-owned The Fifth Amendment with Fergus and Debra Kinnison. Joy loved flowers, gardening, she loved flowers, roses being her favorite. She had a love for all animals especially dogs.

SERVICES

Clifford L. Miller, formerly of Wendell, interment today at the Idaho State Veterans' Cemetery in Boise (Demary Funeral Service in Gooding).

Leonard Lee Mealer of Filer, funeral at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; interment at 1 p.m. Friday at the Grove City Cemetery in Blackfoot.

Norman H. Naillon of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 6 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Charles L. "Charlie" Watt of Twin Falls, rosary/prayer service at 7 p.m. today at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Friday at the church; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Dr. Ryan Eugene Rich of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Rupert LDS Mesa Stake, 25 S. 100 W. visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the funeral Friday at the church.

Robert L. Kline of Kimberly, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Robert Greenlees Pearson of Bellevue, memorial celebrating 12th-Step Program

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, and her parents.

A special thanks goes out to the staff at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation, especially Ralph and Cara, for the kindness and care shown to Joy.

In honor Joy's wishes, there will not be a formal funeral service. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley, with Father Mike St. Marie officiating. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Animal Humane Society, 4775 W. Dorman St., Boise, ID 83705.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

service Friday in Sun Valley; public memorial at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

Ross S. Shoofery of Wooster, Ohio, and formerly of Twin Falls, visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the McIntire, Davis and Greenc Funeral Home, 216 E. Larwell St. in Wooster, Ohio.

David John Ovard of Halley, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Halley; prayer vigil at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the church (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

Jeremy L. Thomas of Jerome, open house at 2 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A. in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome).

FESTIVAL OF GIVING



O'Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls participated in a week-long "Festival of Giving." They raised 7,721 canned goods for the Salvation Army and \$2,132 for Valley House. The principal and vice principal made a deal with the students to dye their hair red and white if they made their goal of collecting donations. The students exceeded their goal, so the principal and vice principal dyed their hair.

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Wolf

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thinking, but that the parole board could be controlled so he could proceed. His mother had testified that Wolf's mental condition is such that she still cares for her adult son like a little boy.

Since 1982, when a mentally ill John Timkeney was executed for trying to assassinate President Ronald Reagan, being insane or developmentally disabled in Idaho cannot shield a defendant from charges. They may only soften a judge's sentence.

Wolf was facing only misdemeanor charges for previous crimes on Nov. 30, 2006.

That day, an officer tried to serve him a warrant at his mother's home. On Wednesday, Wolf described his reasons for opening fire on police, saying, "They came in my house. I shot the gun so they'd shoot me. I guess I'm guilty for that."

The court accepted Wolf's plea and set his sentencing hearing for March 10.

Gooding County Prosecutor Calvin Campbell can argue for any sentence — up to the maximum 30 years incarceration for three counts of aggravated assault and one count of a weapon enhancement for using a lethal weapon.

Winter

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on the road by 6:30 a.m."

But school doors were closed on Wednesday about eight miles away from Twin Falls in Filer. Filer and Twin Falls school districts use services from the same bus company.

Declaring a snow day isn't just about buses — it also involves safety issues for parent and student drivers, said Filer School District Superintendent John Graham.

to determine whether we'll close," Graham said. "We didn't get the winds during the evening that we needed. I was really looking forward to a snow day."

Calling off school because of snow is uncommon, the superintendents said. Graham and Graham said having more than one snow day a year is rare, and Dobbs said it's been a couple years since Twin Falls had a snow day.

"Often we have years without closing," Graham said. School districts must make up days at the end of the year if they miss too many for snow. Dobbs said he believed there was a building of about two days, before schools are required to do that.

On Wednesday snow days were also declared in Hansen and Murtaugh — no one answered calls to their district offices.

"I definitely want to be on the conservative side," he said about calling off school. "I'd rather be nailed for doing it when I don't have to, rather than not doing it when I should have."

Part of Graham's decision comes down to the surrounding weather situations, like what's happening 20 minutes away in Hollister.

"Ninety percent of the time we look out on Hollister

T.F. parks, trail improvements being planned

By Carol Stephens Times-News correspondent

Twin Falls parks and trail improvements are on the way.

A Waterways Improvement Fund grant, along with other money sources, will provide for the purchase of land at Murtaugh Lake. Improvements at Centennial Park and the construction of a marine shop, according to Twin Falls County Research and Development Director Mark Brunelle.

Estimated costs for the projects is \$332,208, excluding the land purchase.

Twin Falls County Commissioners have already agreed to help, said Brunelle. A public meeting by the Parks and Waterways Board was held Monday to discuss the issue.

The purchase of 30.17 acres of land at Murtaugh Lake, which aims to maintain public access and protect the construction of a marine infrastructure improvements, has been approved by the Millner Irrigation District. The purchase price, however, is still being negotiated by county commissioners.

A number of improvements

are also planned for Centennial Park, including improved parking areas and trails and the construction of a marine shop, Brunelle said.

Trails to the river, docks and a gangplank will be constructed for motorized boats and other water craft. Cost of the projects is \$55,323, according to Brunelle.

A marine shop, estimated at \$276,965, will be built at the cul-de-sac on Wright Ave. and will be used to store Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office patrol boats, marine search and rescue boats and other related equipment. It will also house space for boater

education classes and marine law enforcement meetings, he said, noting that it will meet response time to emergencies on water.

Construction of the projects will begin in July and will be completed sometime in 2009, Brunelle said.

County commissioners will tackle the issues at their regularly scheduled meeting at 10 a.m. today at the Twin Falls County Courthouse. So far, Brunelle said, comments from the public have been in favor of the projects.

Carol Stephens may be reached at 358-1943.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS

Garrett Hall

Garrett Lee Hall, 15-year-old son of Austin Allen and Bobbi Hall of Twin Falls, will be presented with his Eagle Scout award at 2 p.m. Saturday at the 10th Ward chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 824 Casswell Ave. W., Twin Falls.



Hall

hunting, music and playing video games.

Alex Crystal

Alex Crystal, 18-year-old son of David and Jennifer Crystal of Kimberly, will be presented with his Eagle Scout award at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Crystal earned 21 merit badges. For his Eagle project, he built and designed 12 crosswalk flag holders and 266 flags for various crosswalks in Kimberly. The project took 123 hours.

He is a member of Troop No. 68, sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church. His troop leader is Bob Werner.

Crystal is a senior at Kimberly High School. He has maintained a 4.0 grade-point average and is senior class president, a four-year state competitor in cross-country and a three-year state competitor in track. He is involved in Bible Club, Ski and Snowboard Club, Business Professionals of America, pep band, district honors band, IMJ, Scholastic Bowl Team, National Honors Society, Student Council and Natural Helpers.

For his Eagle project, he collected materials and built two vinyl and cement benches to be used at J.B. Perrine Elementary School's front entrance for students and parents. He completed 29 merit badges and is eligible to receive a bronze palm. He participated in his troops' 50-mile hike and various camping trips and scouting adventures.

Hall is a member of Pack 180 sponsored by the 10th Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His troop leader is Joseph Penter.

He is currently president of the teacher's quorum. He is a freshman and honor student at Robert Stuart Jr. High School. His hobbies include football, basketball, baseball, snowboarding, camping,

AROUND THE VALLEY

Memorial fund setup for Maus family

A memorial fund has been set up for Thomas Maus and his baby daughter, Arynth Maus, who were killed in an automobile accident Jan. 1. Funds will be used to assist his widow, Kara Maus, with medical and other expenses.

Donations can be made at any Wells Fargo Bank to the Thomas and Arynth Maus Memorial Fund.

weekly profile can be viewed at www.cde.gov/flu.

P&Z approves Walgreens request

The City of Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission approved a request Tuesday night for a special request by the Hawkins Company to operate a business outside normal operating hours and to operate a 32-square foot message center sign.

The Hawkins Company plans to build a Walgreens drug store on Washington Street North and Pole Line Road West, which will be open 24 hours with a drive-thru service center.

—Compiled from staff reports

Health district: Not too late for vaccinations

This winter's flu season has been a quiet one so far. But South Central Public Health District officials are asking the public to remember that the usual peak flu season is still to come.

That's why the district director of communicable disease and prevention, said in a press release Wednesday that it's not too late to get a flu vaccination for the peak of the season, usually late January and February. Only a few cases of flu were reported the first week of January in Gooding and Blaine counties, but health care providers are not required to report the disease. The vaccine takes about two weeks to give a person a good level of protection, and can help decrease flu symptoms for those already exposed.

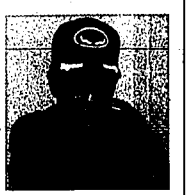
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Clinton, Obama dig in for a long struggle; McCain goes for two in a row

By David Espo
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama dug in Wednesday for a campaign unlike any other, a woman and a black man dueling record voter turnout in an unpredictable race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

John McCain claimed the role of general underdog in the Republican race, despite his high win in the New Hampshire primary.

Adding to the most wide open presidential campaign in a half-century, associates of New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg disclosed he had authorized polling and voter analysis in all 50 states in a possible precursor to an independent candidacy.

Clinton, the former first lady, reflected on her memorable moment of emotion the day before she gained her New Hampshire victory. "Maybe I have liberated us to equalize women by human beings in public," she said.

Obama said it differently. "We have to make sure that we take it to them just like they take it to us," he said.

Despite his defeat, he pocketed the support of two key Nevada unions in advance of that state's Jan. 19 caucuses, and predicted a win in the South Carolina primary a week later.

After a grueling, month-long slog through Iowa and New Hampshire, Clinton and Obama face a brief lull in the calendar, but collide in four weeks time in primaries and caucuses in 22 states in the equivalent of a nationwide primary. Former Sen. John Edwards vowed to remain in the race despite a weak third-place finish in New Hampshire, but New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson dropped out.

McCain made simultaneous appeals to independents and Republicans as he campaigned in Michigan for a victory that could drive former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney from the race. "The Republican establishment has never embraced me in my entire life. But I think we just proved that we can get the support of enough to win an election," he told reporters on his way to Grand Rapids. He added he would try to remind evangelical voters

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"that my social conservative record has been consistent and unchanging."

New Hampshire win or no, he said in Grand Rapids, "I'm always an underdog. I always want to be called an underdog."

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee's plan to campaign in Michigan complicated the McCain-Romney rematch and injected a new note of uncertainty.

Huckabee, who won the Iowa caucuses, and McCain have been the equivalent of a tag-team against Romney. But in Michigan and South Carolina, they will be in direct competition. Even so, said Huckabee, "I don't see us going out there and taking the gloves off."

The question of nominees aside, the first contests of the election year produced far

higher turnout among Democrats than Republicans, a possible sign of trouble for the GOP in the general election campaign this fall. In New Hampshire, nearly complete returns showed more than 284,000 votes cast in the Democratic race, to 233,000 in the Republican side.

In Iowa, an estimated 220,000 voters attended Democratic caucuses, well in excess of the previous record of 124,000. Republican caucus-goers totaled about 114,000.

Interviews with voters leaving polling places in New Hampshire showed that women voters, who sided with Obama in Iowa, pivoted Clinton to her upset win in New Hampshire. They accounted for an unexpectedly large 57 percent of the turnout, and she gained 46 percent of their votes, to 34 percent for Obama. She also won among Democrats, while he outpolled her among independents.

The same survey also suggested that economic concerns, apparently growing nationally as an issue, worked to Clinton's advantage.

New York presses to deploy more bioweapons sensors

By Spencer S. Hsu
The Washington Post

NEW YORK — City officials last month quietly activated some of the nation's newest generation of early warning sensors to detect a biological attack, turning on a limited number of filing-cabinet-size air filters in sensitive, high-volume areas of Manhattan.

But city officials say their effort to expand the program has run into surprising resistance from the White House, which is not widely deploying the machines.

Five years ago, officials here note, the Bush administration was prodding local authorities to move faster to detect the use of biological weapons and pouring billions into biosecurity-related initiatives. New York's leaders now say the administration's enthusiasm and sense of urgency has flagged in its final year in office.

The dispute is partly over whether the new sensors — each with a \$100,000 price tag — are reliable and affordable enough for widespread deployment. But it is also about whether Washington's early support for such security enhancements has been undermined by distraction and competing budgetary demands.

They'd like to see a little bit more focus in that area... I think the federal government could do a better job," New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said in an interview this week. He was referring to New York City officials' desire for more detection and enhanced capabilities under a federal government program known as BioWatch, under which air

samplers were installed in 2003 in more than 30 major U.S. cities to detect the airborne release of biological warfare agents such as anthrax, plague and smallpox.

BioWatch was meant to speed up the response of health authorities in the critical hours before disease could spread and symptoms appeared in people. More than \$400 million has been spent so far, but officials in New York and elsewhere say the older air samplers installed do not work as well as intended.

The older samplers catch airborne particles in filters

that are manually collected once a day and taken to a laboratory, requiring up to 30 hours to detect a pathogen. They may not preserve live organisms that scientists use to select treatment options. And the process is cost- and labor-intensive, leading to false alarms, quality-control problems and limits on the systems' size, despite an \$85 million-a-year national budget.

New York officials say they prefer the newer model activated last month, known as Autonomous Pathogen Detection Systems and developed by Lawrence Livermore

National Laboratory with federal support. They can automatically sniff the air hourly for weeks unattended, identify up to 100 harmful species by using two types of genetic and biochemical reaction tests, preserve live specimens and transmit results immediately to headquarters.

The whole name of the game with BioWatch is to buy yourself time," said Richard Falkenrath, Kelly's deputy commissioner for counterterrorism and a former Bush White House homeland security aide.

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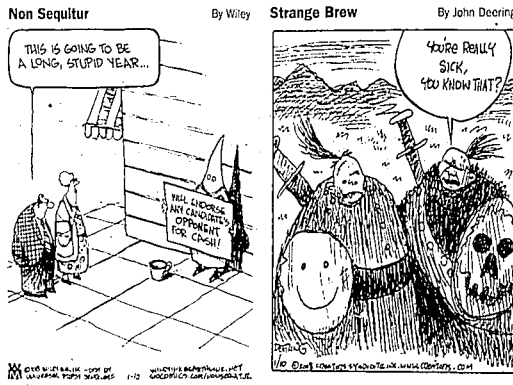
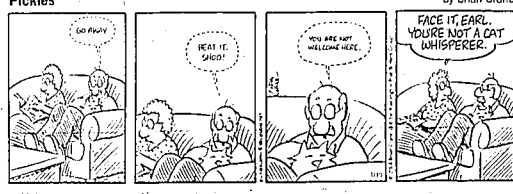
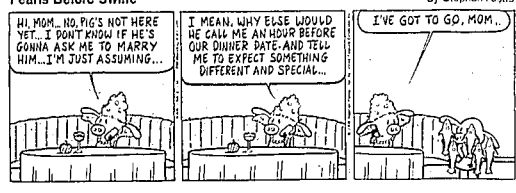
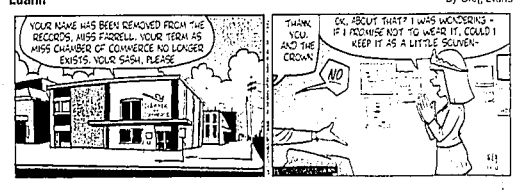
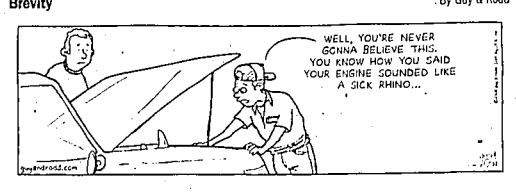
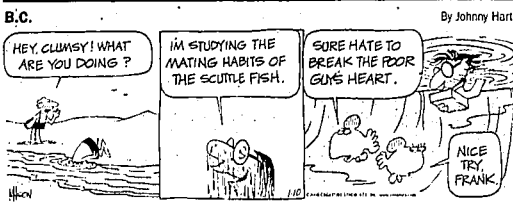
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Capricorn, cultivate a positive attitude

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Remember that your reputation precedes you wherever you go. The income you derive from your work is in direct proportion to your status in the marketplace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): There is always room for you to grow. Read, listen to music, take an interest in current events or find other ways to widen your horizons.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Although you are concerned that some folks are fruitlessly spinning their wheels, there could be good results that benefit you jointly. Use someone older and wiser as a sounding board.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Set the stage for harmony.

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

learning everything necessary, join forces with others who share your visions for the future and hold similar values.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Time is money. Spend more time truly communicating and less time considering the effect you have on others. You can fool some of the people some of the time, but that won't create results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Maintain a positive attitude. Keep the emotional side of things intact and the financial matters will fall into place. A significant other may understand your motivations better than you do yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your intuitions are right on the mark so this is a good time to reflect on recent events. You might be overly sensitive to your surroundings and so avoid unpleasant places.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Seek out a secret garden where you can smell the flowers and hide from the world. Find quiet places far from the hustle and bustle or turn off the TV for a few hours. Produce your best work behind the scenes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It is time to listen instead of speaking. Platonic relationships are highlighted. An age difference doesn't matter, as it is possible to appreciate someone's inner being despite the differences of space or time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A pat on the back can turn the tide. Your creative genius for having fun gets the most attention, but the ups and downs of working side by side with others affect your mood.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Hold a very quiet revolution. Stand on your own two feet. Advocate for yourself by

Beetle Bailey

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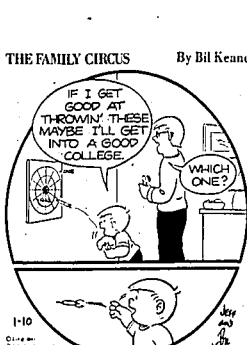
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Woman's dirty secret is cause for concern about her health



DEAR ABBY
Jeane Phillips

you saw, and I'm sure she won't either.

DEAR ABBY: My wife of 30 years is suffering from a brain tumor and the effects of treatment. Her illness has been ongoing for about eight years, but has become debilitating during the last three.

We have spent most important holidays with — and traveled with — some close friends who were also neighbors. Recently, the other two couples made a trip and didn't invite us or discuss the trip with us. I resent the fact that you are at least a consultant. While I understand that we might be a "problem" to travel with, I'm hurt that the trip was planned without any discussion with us and was kept a secret until departure time. Am I being petty?

— HUIT IN LILBURN, GA.

DEAR HUIT: I don't think so. Your feelings are understandable, particularly because your coping with the situation is not easy. Your friends may have acted the way they did because they felt guilty about being able to travel while your wife is not. They may also have been afraid that discussing a trip that they were sure could not manage would be more hurtful than just going. Obviously, they were wrong, but please try to forgive them.

DEAR ABBY: I was recently called to come in to work at the grocery store where I am employed because — my apartment manager, Meg, didn't show up. After I finished the shift, I stopped by Meg's house to check on her. She didn't answer the door. Eventually a neighbor and I were able to enter her home and found her very ill. We called 911, and Meg was taken to the hospital. She's now in the ICU.

Meg is pretty much a loner, and her son lives in another state. In addition to my concern for her health, I was appalled by what I saw when we got inside her home. Abby, the place was filled with trash piled so deep we couldn't tell if there was any furniture. There was only a narrow pathway to her bedroom, and a couple of space heaters were on, so I assume the furnace wasn't working. I also learned the police had to shut the water off because of a leak inside the house. It appears Meg was not having things rest of her life.

It depresses me to know she lives in such deplorable conditions. I haven't been able to talk to anyone else at work about this, even though they, too, are concerned about Meg's illness. I can't imagine her returning to her home in the condition it's in. I'm sure she realizes that I've

been in there, and I would imagine she's terribly embarrassed.

What should I say to her when she comes back to work, and what can I do to help her?

— TROUBLED IN COLORADO

DEAR TROUBLED: The living conditions you described are not only a danger to Meg's health, but also a serious fire hazard. All it would take is for any of the items piled on her floor to come in contact with one of the space heaters, and her place could become an inferno.

One way to help the woman would be to notify the health department and the fire department about the conditions. Also, many hospitals have a social worker on staff, and another way to help Meg would be to quietly inform that person about the circumstances under which Meg was admitted to the hospital. When she finally returns to work, all you should say is that you're glad she's back. Make no reference to what

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Jan. 10, the 10th day of 2008. There are 355 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Jan. 10, 1776, Thomas Paine published his influential pamphlet, "Common Sense."

On this date:

- In 1861, Florida seceded from the Union.
- In 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil.
- In 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles went into effect.
- In 1946, the first manmade contact with the moon was made as radio signals transmitted by the U.S. Army Signal Corps were bounced off the lunar surface.
- In 1946, the first General Assembly of the United Nations convened in London.
- In 1947, the musical fantasy "Finian's Rainbow" with music by Burton Lane and lyrics by E.Y. Harburg, opened on Broadway.
- In 1957, Harold Macmillan became prime minister of Britain, following the resignation of Winston Churchill.
- In 1967, Massachusetts Republican Edward W. Brooke, the first black elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote, took his seat.
- In 1978, the Soviet Union launched two cosmonauts aboard the Soyuz 27 capsule for a rendezvous with the Salyut 6 space laboratory.
- In 1984, the United States and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations for the first time in more than a century.
- Ten years ago: In his weekly radio address, President Clinton denounced Chicago physicist Richard Seed's

expressed desire to clone humans, calling it "morally unacceptable."

Michelle Kwan won the ladies' U.S. Figure Skating Championship in Philadelphia; Tara Lipinski came in second and Nicole Bobek, third.

Five years ago: North Korea withdrew from a global treaty barring it from making nuclear weapons. With just three days left in office, Illinois Gov. George Ryan pardoned four death row inmates he said had been wrongly convicted by Chicago police into falsely confessing to murders in the 1980's.

One year ago: President George W. Bush said he took responsibility for any mistakes in Iraq and announced an increase in U.S. troops there to 100,000. The Democratic-controlled House voted 315-116 to increase the federal minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Opera singer Sherrill Milnes is 73. Blues artist Eddy Clearwater is 73. Rock singer-musician Ronnie Hawkins is 73. The debut full-length album by the rock band The Roots is 73. Singer Scott McKenzie is 69. Movie director Walter Hill is 66. Singer Frank Sinatra Jr. is 64. Singer Rod Stewart is 63. Rock singer-musician Donald Fagen (Sleezy Dan) is 60. Actor William Sanderson is 60. Boxer George Foreman is 59. Singer Pat Benatar is 55. Rock musician Michael Schenker is 53. Singer Shavawn Colvin is 52. Rock singer-

musician Curt Kirkwood (Meat Puppets) is 49. Actor E. Van Helder is 47. Rock singer Brad Roberts (Grash Tests) is 44. Actress Trini Alvarado is 41. Rock musician Matt Roberts (3 Doors Down) is 30. Rapper Chris Smith (Kris Kross) is 29. Actress Sarah Shuli is 20.



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THOUGHT

"People generally quarrel because they cannot argue."

— G.K. Chesterton, British writer (1874-1936)

'Grey's Anatomy,' 'Pirates' win People's Choice honors

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The stars of "Grey's Anatomy" and "Pirates of the Caribbean" were the most honored at the 34th annual People's Choice Awards on Tuesday, as CBS scrapped its usual live broadcast of the show in favor of a strike-friendly, pre-taped program.

The two-month-old Writers' Guild of America strike has taken a toll on Hollywood's awards season, leading to the cancellation of the Golden Globes and the scaling-down of People's Choice. The fate of other shows including the Oscars remains in question.

The People's Choice Awards announced last month that it would replace its traditional live show with a new format — "and that its crews deliver trophies to music, film and television stars on location."

Robin Williams accepted his award for favorite funny male while on tour with the United Service Organizations in Kabul, Afghanistan. Members of Rascal Flatts picked up their prize for favorite group at the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, and Patrick Dempsey found out he was the favorite male TV star while at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The show couldn't be canceled entirely, host Queen Latifah said Monday.

"The thing about the People's Choice Awards that's different from everybody else is it's the people's choice," she

said. "So as much as we actors and writers and everyone are dealing with the writers' strike and supporting the Writers Guild, you can't disrespect the people who keep us working, and that's the people. Ten million people logged on and voted for everyone, so out of respect for them, we have to present the awards."

Other winners in categories that spanned from movies to television to music included Johnny Depp of "Pirates" as favorite male movie star, Katherine Heigl of "Grey's" as favorite female TV star.

"Dancing With the Stars" as favorite reality show, Ellen DeGeneres as favorite talk show host and Justin Timberlake as favorite male singer.

All eyes are on the new Iraqi army

By Tina Susman
Los Angeles Times

MAHMOUDIYA, Iraq — The 10 rows of men stood ramrod straight, their right hands saluting in unison, their left arms stiffly at their sides, save for one in a plaster cast and sling.

In a burst of collective energy, they raced out the door, crossed a field and hurled themselves onto an obstacle course of swinging ropes, mildly difficult, catwalks and towering walls.

Welcome to the new Iraqi army, or a tiny portion of it that U.S. and Iraqi officials hope will serve as a model

for the rest. The mid-December event was a graduation at the new Iraqi Army Commando Course. It provided a look at the progress being made and the challenges still facing the 160,000-strong army.

On the plus side, 50 soldiers made the cut. On the minus side, 106 didn't. Still, the pass rate was better than for four previous commando classes, which graduated about 35 each.

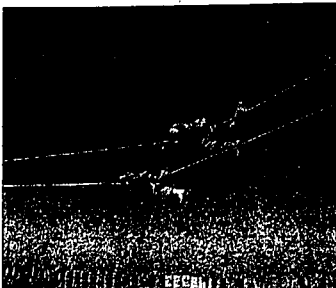
"We're ready for anything. We'll demolish the enemy with a big fist!" declared newly minted commando Ziad Khalaf Hamza, 20, a judo expert.

Perhaps no Iraqi institution faces greater scrutiny than the security forces, which the U.S. and British militaries are counting on to maintain recent gains officials have cited.

In December, Britain signed over responsibility for security in Basra, the last of the four provinces under British control to be handed over to Iraqis. The U.S. military has begun pulling out the five extra combat brigades it deployed in Iraq in 2007, which will bring the American troop level to about 134,000 by the middle of 2008, down from more than 160,000.

Yet, relying on Iraqi security forces has proved risky. In February, when Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. handed off command of U.S. troops in Iraq to Gen. David H. Petraeus, he predicted that Iraqi forces would be in charge of security nationwide by fall 2007.

Casey's time in Iraq was marked by a push to bring down the U.S. troop level and speed the transfer of responsibilities to the Iraqi government. But insurgents took advantage of the less-experienced Iraqi forces to ramp up violence, which led President Bush to deploy additional brigades.



Soldiers who passed the grueling Iraqi Army Commando Course participate in a graduation ceremony. A recent Pentagon report assessing the Iraqi army says a shortage of officers to take on leadership roles is a gap that will take years to fill.

African Union chairman meets with rival Kenyan factions

By Robyn Dixon
Los Angeles Times

NAIROBI, Kenya — As the head of the African Union met with Kenya's political rivals here Wednesday to try to get them talking, opposition supporters walked tensely on the streets for news and warned of more violence if President Mwai Kibaki stays in power.

John Kufuor, the AU chairman and Ghana's president, met with Kibaki and opposition leader Rail Odinga, trying to inch them toward a political resolution to end tribal violence that followed their disputed presidential contest. There was no official comment on the substance of the talks, nor any sign that the two rivals would meet face to face.

Later Wednesday, Kibaki accused some politicians of fanning recent violence and vowed to bring them to justice. He also ruled out new balloting saying the election was "finished."

The Dec. 27 vote, which Kibaki claims to have won and Odinga says was rigged, triggered widespread ethnic killings, shattering Kenya's reputation as a stable country and damaging its tourist industry. As efforts to broker a peace deal have eluded international diplomats, the tribal anger and divisions have hardened.

Across Kenya, more than 200,000 have fled their homes in violence that has largely involved members of the Kikuyu, Luo and Kalenjin tribes. Kikuyus have fled areas dominated by Luos, while Kalenjins and Luos have fled Kikuyu-dominated areas, which could become permanent divisions.

Kibaki, who was sworn in for a new term Dec. 30, on Tuesday named his vice president and 17 members of his Cabinet. The move angered the opposition, which says he seized power illegally and had no right to form a government.

Kibaki named Kalonzo Musyoka, a member of the Kamba-tribe who finished third in the presidential race as his vice president. His decision sparked new ethnic violence against Kambas, who had been spared from earlier attacks.

Kibaki, a member of the dominant Kikuyu tribe, says the final Cabinet will be broad-based, and will represent the will of the people. After meeting with Kufuor, he released a statement promising to reach out to other political leaders.

"Now that peace was returning to these parts, his partially formed government would continue to reach out to Kenyan leaders who would also be encouraged to play their role in peacemaking peace among the followers," the statement said.

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Renova Energy stock is being traded again

Share price falls 62 percent by close of trading

By Sven Berg
For the Times-News

THEYBURN — Three weeks after it was suspended, trading of Renova Energy stock was reinstated Monday on the London Stock Exchange.

By the close of trading, Renova's share price had fallen more than 62 percent.

Work has yet to resume at Renova's ethanol plant in Heyburn, as the company continues to work with its bankers to secure additional financing to finish it, according to a statement released on Renova's Web site Monday morning.

Suspension of Renova's stock took place Dec. 17 after the company identified cost overruns at the Heyburn site. That day, ADI Systems, Inc. stopped work on a pair of digesters it was building, citing concerns over Renova's ability to pay its contractors and subcontractors. Within a week, all crews had stopped work on the plant.

Overruns on the project total about \$11 - 13 million, raising the total cost of the Heyburn plant to \$57 - 59 million "if the project were to proceed on the current

schedule to start-up in March 2008," according to Renova's statement Monday.

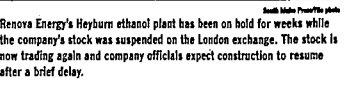
"However, Renova does not have sufficient funds available under existing bank facilities and from operating cash flow to maintain this schedule," the statement says.

Renova Senior Vice President Jim Glancey said representatives of the consortium of banks that financed the plant's construction will travel to Heyburn some time next week to survey progress on the plant. He said that visit is likely to influence the banks' decision as to whether they will increase the amount of money they lend Renova so the plant can be finished. But he said no firm time frame has been established for a decision.

"I wouldn't expect anything for another 10 days at this point," he said. "Banks move fairly slowly."

Glancey said despite the suspension of Renova stock, the future of the ethanol industry looks bright and he is optimistic Renova will ultimately secure enough needed additional financing to finish the Heyburn plant.

"There's too much of an investment already made not to figure out some way to get it resolved," he said. "The sooner they get that project up in Heyburn, the better I'll feel."



Renova Energy's Heyburn ethanol plant has been on hold for weeks while the company's stock was suspended on the London exchange. The stock is now trading again and company officials expect construction to resume after a brief delay.

Owner of Lytle Signs on the secret of the company's growth

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Since 1948, Lytle Signs in Twin Falls has become something of a success story.

In the highly competitive advertising industry, the local business has become a widely recognized company with several national contracts.

The business now has 60 employees with offices in Meridian and Twin Falls. Its business operations have grown almost 60 percent within the last three years after it added new sign manufacturing technologies, and since then it has landed contracts with international companies throughout the United States.

The Times-News asked Rex Lytle about the secret to building successful relationships with Fortune 500 companies such as Tesoro Corporation and Sinclair Oil.

Q: When was Lytle Signs founded and what changes has the company experienced since that time?

A: "(Lytle Signs) was started by my father who worked for an old sign company here in Twin Falls. But a few days before Christmas my father was laid off, so he started a pretty frugal business of his own, making neon signs.

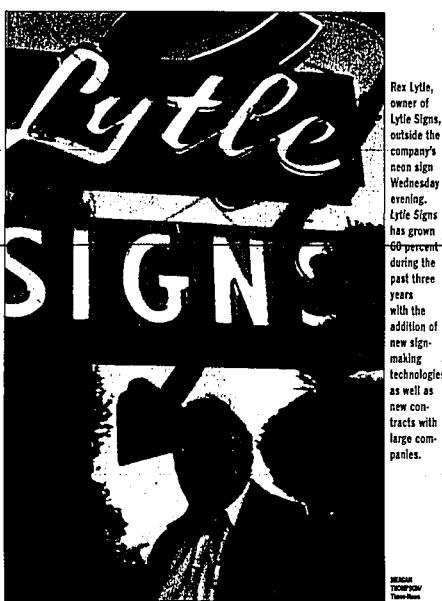
"Since I started (with) the company we've had slow growth, but looking back on it I realized how good it was that we weren't this big when we started because we wouldn't have been able to do it.

"Since 1990 we've had phenomenal growth in our commercial markets, but local businesses still remain the most important to us."

Q: How did your company land a national contract with Tesoro Corporation and other international businesses?

A: "The contracts that we have are all about relationships.

"With all of the companies that we work with, we start small by doing things like maintenance work for



Rex Lytle, owner of Lytle Signs, outside the company's neon sign Wednesday evening. Lytle Signs has grown 60 percent during the past three years with the addition of new sign-making technologies as well as new contracts with large companies.

them. We do the best work that we can until they trust us to do all of their work.

"We also have sales people who go and ask that we do the work for them when they come to do business in our area."

Q: How has Lytle Signs ensured stable growth through economic peaks and valleys?

A: "We work really hard to ensure that we don't have one contract that accounts for more than 25 percent of our business, because we don't want to put all our eggs in one basket."

"Retaining (qualified employees) is probably the biggest challenge that we have. For example, in 2006, which was the toughest year that we had, we worked with a lot of temporary folks so we could keep up.

"Above all, we focus on building custom signs locally. That's just the core of what we do."

Q: Did you experience any growing pains?

A: "The first thing that we had to do was expand our manufacturing facilities and buy the necessary equipment in order to keep up with our business growth. That's not an easy thing to do when you're trying to do it without a whole lot of debt.

"There also was the difficult time in 2006 when we worked with temporary employees, but now we have permanent employees because the work has become more consistent."

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Buhl chamber to unveil monthly Super Saturday

City officials hope to get people excited about coming to Buhl

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Cosmic felt may have decade-old ties to the community of Buhl but the espresso house's new owner, Becky Hagerott doesn't.

Originally from Denver, Colorado, Hagerott moved to Buhl after a one-year stay in Green River, Utah. In mid-November she bought Cosmic felt and has spent the last couple of months settling into the West End.

In December, with hopes of meeting more people, Hagerott participated in the Buhl Chamber of Commerce's first Super Saturday.

After last month's success

she hopes that plans for upcoming Super Saturdays will be just as super.

"Well, people need to eat and with the introduction of our breakfasts hopefully this Super Saturday will bring more exposure to the shop," Hagerott said. "Hopefully, a few more new faces will pop in."

Cosmic felt, like many Buhl businesses will be offering discounts on merchandise to entice folks to make the town a destination this Saturday.

Bringing exposure to Buhl's merchants is what Super Saturday is all about, said Chamber Director Christine Garrison.

"We want Buhl to be at the

forefront of everyone's mind," Garrison said. "This is just one of many ways the chamber is being proactive in bringing customers to Buhl and getting merchants excited about it."

The chamber plans on unveiling a Super Saturday monthly.

"Super Saturday will take place on the second Saturday of every month. They will have raffles and events to get people excited about coming to Buhl. In December we had a crafters' fair and dancers downtown and there we a lot more people around than their usuals is on a Saturday," Garrison said. "Not only do we want to draw people from around the Magic Valley to Buhl but we also want to keep those in the community shopping locally."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Idaho Real Estate Commission to hold monthly meeting

The Idaho Real Estate Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 17 at the Idaho Real Estate Commission office.

Hearings set for Idaho Power rate case

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will conduct three hearings around southern Idaho regarding Idaho Power Company's proposed electric rate increase.

Hearings are scheduled for Jan. 23 in Boise, Jan. 29 in

Chubbuck and Jan. 31 in Twin Falls.

The proposed increase varies for customer class. The average increase for all customers classes is 10.35 percent.

Innovations Idaho license plates available for sale

Specialty license plates that support Idaho's science and technology industry are for sale through the Idaho Transportation Department.

A portion of the proceeds from each plate sold goes to a fund that is used to develop programs and market the state's technology sector.

For a picture of the license plate and information on how to purchase one, go to technology.idaho.gov/ILP/issue.

— from staff reports

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Con Agra	23.94	▲ .78	Dell Inc.	20.93	▲ .19	Idacorp	34.47	▲ .41
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Mexican foreign minister critical of U.S. candidates on immigration

By Manuel Ruiz-Franca
The Washington Post

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's foreign minister accused U.S. presidential candidates Monday of worsening an already "adverse climate" for Mexican migrants and vowed to redouble efforts to protect the rights of their country's citizens now living and working in the United States.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of a conference for Mexican diplomats here, Foreign Minister Patricia Espinosa Cantellano said "being effective in the defense and support of the migrants implies treating them the same way whether they are in Mexico or outside of the country." She did not specify what steps would be taken.

"Given the adverse climate that prevails for the Mexican community in the United States, aggravated by the electoral debate in that country, we also have to give particular attention to the problems confronted by our migrants," Espinosa Cantellano told an audience of hundreds of Mexican diplomats.

Espinosa Cantellano's remarks are the latest in a series of high-profile jobs taken at U.S. presidential candidates and lawmakers by top Mexican officials.

In November, Mexican President Felipe Calderon cilled migrants "hustlers" of the presidential campaign and urged candidates not to use them as talking points. Calderon also criticized the U.S. Senate in June, calling its rejection of an immigration reform measure "a grave error."

Calderon has said that his administration will finance a media campaign to highlight immigrant success stories as a way of improving the public image of Mexican migrants in the United States.

Espinosa Cantellano seemed to reinforce that point Monday, saying that "part of our function is to emphasize and underline the great economic and social contributions of our fellow citizens to the communities in which they live and work."

In the past, it has been unusual for Mexican presidents and cabinet members to criticize U.S. political candidates.

But Calderon and his top lieutenants have been increasingly willing to complain about U.S. politics, even as they push the U.S. Congress to approve President Bush's proposed aid package to help Mexico fight drug cartels, one of the largest bilateral proposals in history.

Calderon and Espinosa Cantellano were personally involved in negotiations for the \$500-million aid package, known as the Merida Initiative. But the measure has stalled in the U.S. Congress, and Mexican officials privately have begun expressing concerns that it will fail.

"Being effective in the defense and support of the migrants implies treating them the same way whether they are in Mexico or outside of the country."

—Mexican Foreign Minister Patricia Espinosa Cantellano

Homebuyer education class offered online in Spanish

The Finally Home! Homebuyer Education course is now available online in Spanish at www.finallyhomeidaho.com.

The Homebuyer Education program is provided by the Idaho Partners for Homebuyer Education Inc., a nonprofit organization that has joined with local partners in Idaho to offer Finally Home! classes every month statewide.

Class content covers all the steps that accompany the purchase of a home, including: credit and budgeting issues, qualify-

ing for a mortgage, choosing a real estate professional, and making an offer and closing on a home.

"This course is especially useful to potential homebuyers given the current housing situation in Idaho and across the country, because it provides important information on credit and finding a mortgage that best suits a homeowner's budget," said Sue Pleasant, Finally Home! Homebuyer Education administrator. "The addition of the online Spanish course allows us to reach even more

people statewide."

The Spanish online course is the latest effort of Idaho Partners for Homebuyer Education to reach out to the minority community, and was made possible by a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant, according to a news release. The textbook that accompanies the class is also available in Spanish, and a series of DVDs featuring the Spanish course is available statewide, allowing Spanish-speakers who live in an area where an instructor-taught

course isn't available to still have the opportunity to view the classes.

Instructor-taught Spanish courses are offered monthly by Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa. There is a cost of \$10 per person for the classroom course or to view the DVDs; and a \$50 charge per person for the online course at www.finallyhomeidaho.com.

More than 17,700 Idahoans have graduated from the Finally Home! program since its inception in 1999, according to organizers.

Noticias

Welcoming Idaho initiative plans unveiling

BOURLEY — The Welcoming Idaho initiative will unveil a billboard and two benches with its campaign to promote tolerance among immigrants.

The billboard, located on Highway 30 at mile marker 260, and the benches on Overland Avenue in Bourley will carry the message,



"Immigration is an American Experience. Acceptance is an American Value," said Gladys Esquivel of Bourley, the chairman of the Welcoming Idaho committee. "The unveiling will take place at 1 p.m. Jan. 21 (Martin Luther King Day) and include speakers and representatives from the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs and Latino organizations. However, it depends on the weather on exactly where the ceremony will take place, Esquivel said.

The Idaho Community Action Network launched the Welcoming Idaho effort last fall to counter some of the negative messages about immigrants with positive messages, organizers said. Although not the main impetus, one of the reasons was the federal round-up of illegal immigrants in the Magic Valley in early November.

The campaign raised money to pay for the billboards and benches, which already have appeared in the Treasure Valley.

Spanish abortion clinics stage strike

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Private clinics that conduct more than 90 percent of the abortions in Spain began a five-day strike Tuesday to protest a crackdown on centers accused of carrying out illegal operations.

The strike, backed by some 50 clinics across Spain, is a response to raids last year of clinics in Barcelona and Madrid in which more than a dozen people were arrested. Spain allows abortion in the first 12 weeks in cases of rape and within the first 22 weeks if there is a risk of fetal deformation. It is also allowed at any time when a pregnant woman's physical or mental health is deemed as being in danger, with a doctor's certification.

Some clinics were accused of carrying out abortions using fake medical certificates.

The Association of Clinics, Accredited for the Interruption of Pregnancies said in a statement it was launching the strike to protest the raids.

"It is incomprehensible that while the option of abortion is provided for and recognized by the national health system and facilitated by accredited clinics, authorities allow the persecution of women and professionals involved."

The association said it had sought talks with regional and national authorities to resolve the matter in recent weeks but to no avail. It did not rule out further strike action in the future.

The organization said women who had appointments for abortions during the strike had either been tended to before the stoppage or were given new appointments.

The strike was estimated to affect some 2,000 women. Just over 100,000 abortions were carried out in Spain in 2007.

The clinic association called for the government to reform the law so that women may end pregnancies up to 12 or 16 weeks on demand.

The governing Socialists had such a clause in their 2004 electoral program but quietly dropped the issue upon taking office.

A warm reception for ice in Mexico City

The Washington Post

MEXICO CITY — It was a big idea. Huge, in fact.

The mayor of Mexico City wanted to build the world's biggest ice rink in one of the world's biggest squares in the middle of one of the world's biggest cities. The super-size idea became reality in early December when the city inaugurated a 24,000-square-foot ice rink, which officials here claim is the world's largest.

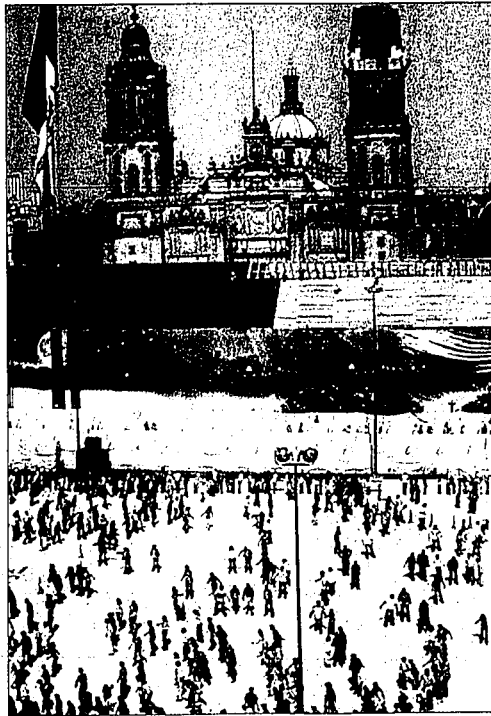
Even as it has become a national obsession, drawing 300,000 mostly novice skaters, the free, open-air rink has also shtined a light on Mexico City's great class divide. Poor Mexicans line up for hours at the frozen, slippery magnet, hoping to glide for a few sparkling moments across the ice.

For most, ice rinks were once utterly unattainable, the glamorous domains of the people whose houses they cleaned. The few private rinks here are beyond the means of most residents, many of whom make less in a day than it would cost just to rent skates. So, they are willing to wait six hours or more for their chance on the ice — while few from the city's sizable upper classes could be bothered.

"There are places outside the city that don't even have running water, and down here in the center they've got this fancy block of frozen ice," said Felipe Godinez, a Mexico City taxi driver. "There's something wrong with this."

Vicente Jimenez has heard the griping. He read the newspaper columns complaining about the high cost of the rink, and he's listened to the commentators poke fun at the long lines.

But as he caught his breath after smashing into the rink's wall one recent afternoon, Jimenez could



People ice skate on a rink installed at Mexico City's main Zocalo Plaza.

do nothing but smile. "Isn't this the greatest?" said Jimenez, a 75-year-old carpenter. "This is something for the people. They complain about how much this costs, but Mexico spends way more than this to take care of the corrupt ones, the oligarchs, the so-

called influential ones." The rink is the brainchild of Marcelo Ebrard, the populist mayor — and a likely presidential candidate who has also built artificial public beaches and undertaken a massive renovation of the dilapidated city center. Some residents call

downtown Mexico City "Ebrard's Disneyland." The rink, which is maintained by Ice Rink Events, a U.S.-based company, was built with \$1.5 million in private donations and opened Dec. 2 with fireworks and a performance by European figure skaters.

SHOOTOUT IN MEXICO



Members of the Mexican army stand guard while federal police leave the crime scene on Praxedis Balboa street in Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico, after a shootout between unidentified gunmen and the federal police Tuesday. Two federal agents were killed and three more injured according to a Public Safety Department statement.

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—Mexican Foreign Minister Patricia Espinosa Cantellano

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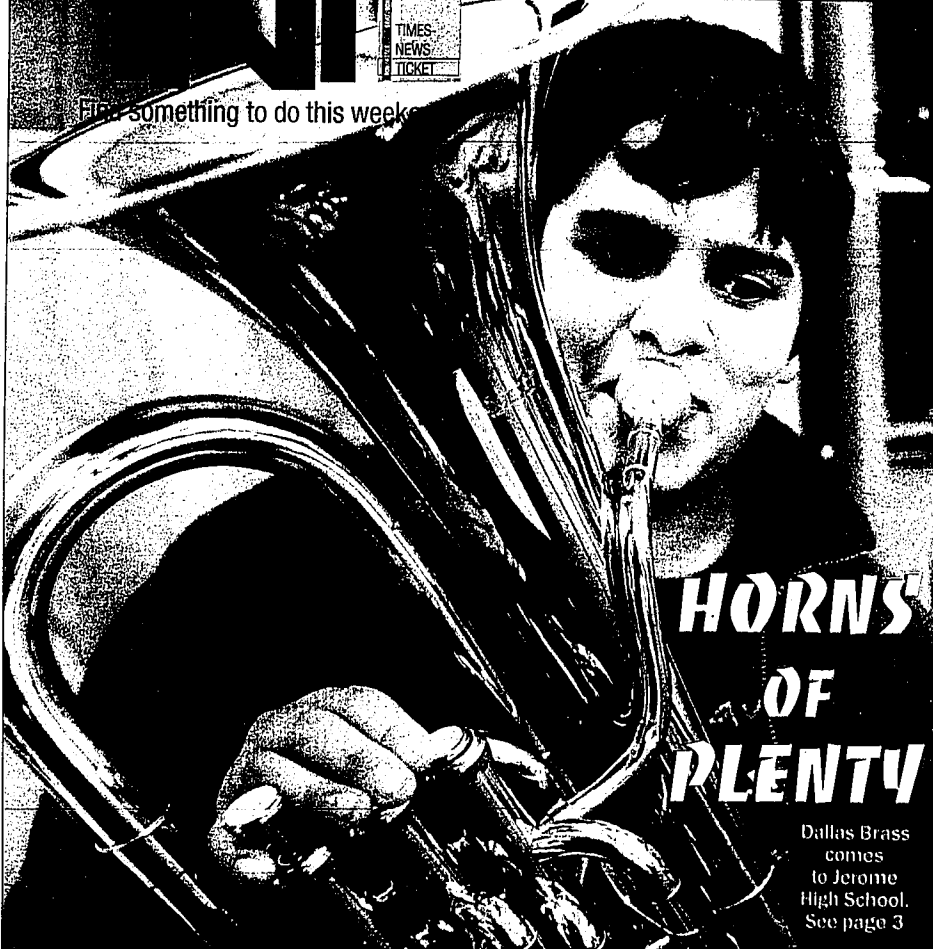
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In addition to your 50 words, include a basic description of the performance or artwork, such as location, date, title, author or artist. Also, your name and a phone number where we can reach you during the day. No objectionable language, please, or your review will be deleted. Weekly deadline for submissions is noon Mondays, to ariel.hansen@lee.net or through the form on www.tntcritic.com.

Music: Gene Loranger Trio

Heard Dec. 31 at Pandora's in Twin Falls.

Pandora's was the perfect place to be on New Year's Eve, and Gene Loranger's trio added to the classy atmosphere. When midnight finally came, we sipped champagne, watched the drunken revelry outside and listened to saxophonist Brent Jensen's "Auld Lang Syne." I couldn't have crafted a better way to welcome 2008.

—Melissa Durlin, Times-News features writer

Planetarium show: "Steammrolling Through the Holidays"

Seen Dec. 28 at Faulkner Planetarium in Twin Falls.

I love most shows at Faulkner Planetarium, but this comp, set to Mannheim Steamroller music, wasn't my thing.

The kids apparently loved it, exclaiming, "That was so cool!" as they filed out.

For me, though, it was like being imprisoned in a giant seesawer — complete with clip art — for 30 minutes.

—Melissa Durlin, Times-News features writer

Celebration: New Year's Eve

Seen Dec. 31 from Pandora's in Twin Falls

We may not have had Ryan Seacrest and Dick Clark announce, but south-central Idaho had its own ball drop on New Year's Eve. It fell from a grain silo out back of Pandora's, followed by rather anemic fireworks. It was quiet, comfortable and unassuming — just like Twin Falls.

—Ariel Hansen, assistant features editor

Grabbing the brass ring

Jerome band welcomes Dallas Brass for workshop, concert

BY ARIEL HANSEN
Times-News writer

JEROME — High school band. The movie "Drumline" notwithstanding, that phrase has long conjured an image of uncool.

Not as bad as the pocket-protected nerd, perhaps, but band kids just haven't been able to compete with the quarterback prom king. That may be about to change at Jerome High School.

The school's symphonic band, with the middle school's Tiger Band, will welcome the Dallas Brass on Monday for a workshop and joint concert that some band members believe will change how trumpet-toters are viewed.

"People will start to think, 'Hey, band isn't as stupid as we think it is,'" said Luke Suggden, 17, who plays tuba in the Jerome band. "I don't think we can convey how much of a one-time opportunity this is."

Not only will the students rehearse and play on stage with the Dallas Brass — a six-man band that has performed at such venues as Carnegie Hall in New York — they'll participate in a clinic taught by the Brass. The highlight of the evening for many of them will be playing "On the Steps of the Lincoln Memorial," a piece written in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s

"I Have a Dream" speech by their own hometown composer, Myron Peters, left, and Jeff Hall play baritone horn Friday during practice in preparation for a joint concert with the Dallas Brass. The Monday concert will feature an original piece composed by Jerome band director Gordon Smith.



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Myron Peters, left, and Jeff Hall play baritone horn Friday during practice in preparation for a joint concert with the Dallas Brass. The Monday concert will feature an original piece composed by Jerome band director Gordon Smith.



Gordon Smith, a teacher at Jerome High School, directs the symphonic band Friday during practice. A composition by Smith honoring Martin Luther King Jr. will be performed by the band and the Dallas Brass during their joint performance Monday.

Jerome band director Gordon Smith.

"Mr. Smith has given so much to us in the past; this is a chance for us to do something of his will for him," Suggden said.

This marks the first time that the renowned ensemble has performed an original composition by a community composer in a town it is visiting, and Smith is a

bit nervous.

"It's going to be a highlight of my composing career," he said. It was nearly a year ago that the school and the Brass agreed on a concert date. When Smith realized that Martin Luther King Jr. Day was the next week, he felt it would be a natural fit to perform his composition. The ensemble readily agreed, he said.

"I spent the next six months panicking because all of a sudden I was writing for the Dallas Brass instead of just my little high school band," Smith said. Though he had been working on the composition for several years, he finished it in June, he continued to fiddle with it until

Strike up the band

What The Dallas Brass will be in Jerome on Monday for workshops with the Jerome High School Symphonic Band and Jerome Middle School Tiger Band, and will perform a joint concert that evening. The Dallas Brass will premiere an original work, written for it by Jerome band director Gordon Smith to perform with the symphonic band, titled "On the Steps of the Lincoln Memorial." In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. The concert is partially sponsored by the Times-News.

Where: The Jerry Diehl auditorium on the campus of Jerome High School, 104 Tiger Drive N., Jerome.

When: A workshop will be held at 1:30 p.m. Students from other schools and the public are welcome at the workshop; RSVP to Smith at 324-8137 or 329-0523. The concert begins at 7 p.m.

Cost: The workshop is free with RSVP. The concert is \$10 or \$15 depending on seat location.

Tickets: They're available from the Jerome Chamber of Commerce, North Side News in Jerome, and Welch Music and the Times-News in Twin Falls, at the Jerome School District office, the high school and middle school offices, or from any band member.



IAN TYSON/STAFF PHOTO BY JEFFREY HARRISON FOR THE TIMES-NEWS

THE LEGENDARY IAN TYSON IN CONCERT

INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED SINGER, SONGWRITER, MUSICIEN, ACTOR AND WRITER OF HUNDREDS OF SONGS, IAN TYSON IS BRINGING HIS LEGENDARY TOWN SQUARE VIBES TO THE CITY OF JEROME FOR A ONE-NIGHT ONLY CONCERT AT 8:00 PM AND 10:00 PM.

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Family matters

TFHS Drama presents: 'You Can't Take it With You'

BY BLAIR KOCH

Photos: Davey Crane/pond-st

You won't want to miss this Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy.

Not only is local funnyman Danny Marona starring in the upcoming Twin Falls High School Drama Department's production of "You Can't Take It With You," by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, but the rest of the Advanced Acting Class will knock your socks off as well.

Planning to go?

What: Twin Falls High School Drama Department's Advanced Acting Class, in "You Can't Take It With You."

When: 7:30 p.m., Jan. 17-19
Where: TFHS Roper Auditorium, 1615 Filtr Ave. E.

Cost: Admission is \$10; \$5 for students. Reserved seating (Friday night only) is \$25 and includes admission to an after-show cast party. Tickets are available at Everybody's Business, Crowley's • The Grand, D.L. Evans Bank (down town), from any drama student and at the door.

"We have this crazy, eccentric family that lives together but they all live their own way," said director James Haycock. "The story is about happiness and living the way you want."

"The story unfolds around Alice, the most "normal" member of the Sycamore clan, Haycock said.

"Alice falls in love with her boss' son and invites his family, the Kirbys, over for dinner. The Kirbys are very wealthy, and Alice wants to make a good impression. She asks her family to put away the craziness and be on their best behavior for the dinner," he said. "Well, they come a day early, and chaos ensues."



Photo by HEATHER THOMPSON/THOMPSON

Twin Falls High School thespians Susan Lanigan and Carson Howerton embrace while Jessica Roe slurs out a drunken tune in a scene from "You Can't Take It With You" during a Jan. 3 rehearsal at Roper Auditorium in Twin Falls.

Martin Vanderhof, the grandpa, saves the day by helping Alice realize that she must be comfortable in her own skin to be happy.

"Grandpa is very wise,"

Marona said.

"The same could be said of Marona, who has more than five decades of comedic success under his belt. Students say the opportunity to work with Marona has been a chance of a lifetime.

"It's been really fun to work with a professional like Danny. He's very easy to get along with and down-to-earth. It's been a neat experience, and he's brought a lot of laughter to the stage," said Koye Brown, a senior. "Seeing

Danny develop his character has helped me develop mine. Penny is Alice's mother and she's very, very eccentric — enjoys plays and art and all these things but she isn't very good at any of it. She does all these things because it's what she enjoys in life."

Susan Lanigan said the lessons learned by watching Marona will remain for years to come.

"Before, theater was more about having fun, and it still is, but I didn't have the sense of professionalism that I do now," said Lanigan, a senior. "I want to be an actor. Working with a professional has made me more serious about working on stage."

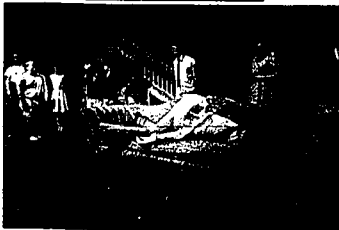
Cast list for 'You Can't Take it With You'

Penelope Sycamore
Essie Carmichael
Rheba
Paul Sycamore
Mr. De Pinna
Ed Carmichael
Donald
Martin Vanderhof
Alice Sycamore
Henderson
Tony Kirby
Boris Koloniklov
Gay Wellington
Mr. Kirby
Mrs. Kirby
Three Men
Olga

Koye Brown
Emma Ward
Michelle Sorica
Brian Weigel
Nathan Conder
Steven Burgess
Josh Haines
Danny Marona
Susan Lanigan, Jene Johnson
Mack Thompson
Carson Howerton
Ben McMurtry
Jessica Roe
Robert Szanto
Hannah Blair
Mack Thompson, Joe Jeffers, Josh Thompson
Katie Sellen



Twin Falls High School thespians get a little help from Danny Marona. Marona acts out his part as the grandfather for the upcoming production of "You Can't Take It With You."



When an unsuspecting fiance gets the date wrong for dinner, all hell breaks loose when his upright parents meet the madhouse that is his future wife's family. In this scene Jessica Roe, foreground, plays the part of a passed-out drunk.

College offers class on authoring children's books

Times News

Once upon a time there was a person who had some incredible and fascinating stories that would make great books for children, but she wasn't quite sure where to begin.

Sound familiar?

Then why not start at the beginning with the guidance of published children's author Stephanie Holman. In the class "Writing & Publishing Children's

Books," through the College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center, Holman will demonstrate techniques for pulling those factual and imaginative ideas together and will teach how write them for a target audience. But writing the story is only the first chapter.

In the course's second segment, Holman will introduce students to the world of publishing. They will learn conventional and alternative publishing prac-

tices, how to deal with agents and publishers and options available for self-publishing.

The course begins Wednesday and is held weekly through Feb. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Twin Falls campus.

The cost of enrollment is \$59 with an additional \$5 fee paid to the instructor for class materials.

For information or to register, call 732-6442, or register online at www.csi.edu/communityed.

The best of Russian art

Times News

Travel to another side of the world without leaving southern Idaho. The College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center is offering a series of classes on Russian music, ballet and cinema, starting Tuesday.

The series, "East Meets West ... Russian Music, Ballet, and Cinema," is offered in three segments.

Take a single one for \$50 or all three for \$135, and experience the meeting ground between two distinct cultures — the East and the West.

Taught by Svetlana Schuckert, the classes will be held at the Fine Arts building on the Twin

Falls campus.

• Russian music

Though some Russian music is well-known in the West — including pieces composed by Pyotr Tchaikovsky, Igor Stravinsky, Sergei Prokofiev and Dmitri Shostakovich — the class will also address genres and pieces that most Western audiences are not familiar with.

The class will listen to Russian folk, love and rock songs, ballads and classical music, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 15 through Feb. 12.

• Russian ballet

The class will learn more about the best-known Russian ballet dances — Anna Pavlova, Rudolf Nureyev and Michael

Baryshnikov — and will watch the best ballets from the Kirov and Bolshoi theatres. This segment will be held held 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 19 through March 25.

• Russian cinema

Russia has a long and distinguished tradition of filmmaking, with many world-class films to its credit. The class will learn about the life and works of Russia's best film directors: Sergei Eisenstein, Andrei Tarkovsky, Nikita Mikhalkov and others. The class will be held held 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, April 1 through April 29.

For information or to register, call 732-6442, or register online at www.csi.edu/communityed.

Mandala class set at CSI

Times News

Stonehenge, the Grace Cathedral, the Celtic Knots — around the world there are a multitude of designs for labyrinths. These circular structures symbolize eternity and are characteristics of mandalas.

In a course through the College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center, students will learn about the spiritual meaning of mandalas.

Whether watching the creation of a mandala or constructing and coloring your own, the power from the symbolic pictures that illustrate the mysteries of the mind is eternal.

according to course instructor Robin Romney.

Mandala is an art, and this is an art class — a safe place to discover your own perfection, grow spiritually and blend creativity with physical and emotional healing, Romney said. Students should bring colored pencils, markers or crayons to class.

The class, which starts Wednesday and runs weekly 6 to 9 p.m. through Feb. 6, will be held at the Twin Falls campus. It costs \$60, with an additional \$5 payable to the instructor for course materials.

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CSI Jazz Club hosts workshops

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The College of Southern Idaho Jazz Club announced the launch of jazz workshops, to start at 5

p.m. every Tuesday from Jan. 15 through April 29.

The one-hour seminars are open to musicians of all ages and abilities, and are devoted to the

study and practice of jazz. Held at the college's recital hall in the Fine Arts building, the classes are free.

Information: Brent Jensen, 732-6765 or bjensen@csi.edu.

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Rated PU: The worst films of 2007

BY WILLIAM BOOTH
The Washington Post

LOS ANGELES — 'Tis the season for critics to brighten our lives with year-end lists of their favorite films, to celebrate the cinematic achievements that have blessed our big screens — however fleetingly — with tales of star-crossed love, psychotic mayhem and quality French medical care. But we have decided to go in another direction. My, what is that smell?

Welcome to the annual review of the Worst Movies of 2007, as scientifically tabulated for *The Washington Post* by Rotten Tomatoes, the aggregating Web site that gathers thousands of movie reviews penned by more than 250 critics (online and off) and then through a complicated, weighted logarithmic formula (math) assigns the rating of

"fresh" or "rotten." (To play fair, we include only films that have been widely released.)

Even so, what a fests of the fetid. A much-tooled piece of female mutilation fantasy, "Captivity," doesn't even crack the Top 10 Worst. Nor does the operatically lame "Eric Movie," which impressed the critics so completely not. The cloyingly odious tween offering, known optimistically as "Bratz: The Movie," as opposed, say, to "Bratz: The Post-Expiration Date Poultry Product"? So steep is the competition in the annual race for the bottom that these dolls are only the 16th stinkiest.

So hold your nose. First, the good news: Diane Keaton will always be beloved for "Annie Hall." No one can take that away from her, though they are trying, actually, to take that away from her. Because it is with no joy that we

announce that her mom-rom-com "Because I Said So" is the worst movie of the year.

"Unusually toxic waste" is the blurb from the usually decorous *Wall Street Journal*. *The Christian Science Monitor* used the term "wince-inducing." The general lament: Why, Diane, why? As in, "Diane Keaton has a lot to answer for," according to the *Toronto Star*. Richard Roeper called it "the worst performance of Diane Keaton's career." Or as the Rotten Tomatoes "critical consensus" puts it: "An unfunny cliché-ridden mess that manages to make Diane Keaton temporarily unlikeable."

"Her work had an unbearable finger-across-the-blackboard effect on me," wrote the film site Internet Reviews. "It's so deridingly, unfunny and stupidly bad that it's one of the more cringe-inducing movies of a genre chock-full of clunkers," thought *USA Today*, which just had to remind us that the film "Sinks to a new low when it resorts to humor employing a good-natured golden retriever who gets excited when Keaton stumbles on an online porn site." Yikes.

Though the condemnation was almost universal for a film that the site *Metromix* called "The worst date movie since 'Saw III,'" there was a lone voice in the cream of the crop of "decent." *Time's* Richard Schickel liked it. "If you don't expect too much of it," he wrote, as coy as a school-

The reviewers write

Snippets of snark about the worst-reviewed movies of 2007:

- "Because I Said So"
"This is Diane Keaton, people. 'Manhattan,' 'Annie Hall,' 'The Godfather,' 'Looking for Mr. Goodbar.' Acting like a whooping crane on Ritalin and getting hit in the face with a bar mitzvah cake. There oughta be a law." (*The Washington Post*)
- "The Number 23"
"An accidental comedy starring a deadly serious Jim Carrey." (*New York Times*)
- "Promention"
"Can you suffocate by constantly stifling yawns? If so, 'Promention' should be labeled a public health threat." (*Minneapolis Star Tribune*)
- "The Reaping"
"Why were they ...? Did she ...? Couldn't he have just ...? Since I have no intention of watching the movie two more times to sort it all out, I'm left disgruntled." (*Chicago Sun-Times*)
- "Good Luck Chuck"
"There is a scene in this movie where a penguin bites Dane Cook in the crotch. I'd like to find that penguin and buy it a drink." (*At the Movies with Ebert & Roeper*)
- "Perfect Stranger"
"Pink is the new black, 50 is the new 30 and, at the movies, confusion is the new suspense." (*Variety*)
- "License to Wed"
"If ever there was a ceremony or ritual that needed to be called off, it is the one that begins with the act of buying a ticket for this movie." (*Christianity Today*)
- "Norbit"
"Surely some humanitarian organization will recognize the selflessness with which Murphy has taken three of the movie's major roles, thus saving two other actors from a nasty black mark on their resumes." (*Los Angeles Times*)
- "Daddy Day Camp"
"Not quite as funny as a perforated ulcer." (*Toronto Star*)
- "Happy N'Ever After"
"All it lacks is wit, character and laughs." (*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*)

— *The Washington Post*

girl, "you may find yourself pleasantly — all right, soothingly — surprised by it." Or as something as a family pet watching, some porn can be.

Speaking of beloved national treasures, how many of us want to see Jim Carrey having sex? Anyone? Apparently not the critics, who placed his creepy (literally) thriller "The Number 23" in the No. 2 spot. "It's so cheesy that it's almost transcendent," marveled the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, looking on the sunny side of the Joel Schumacher can bite me. "Finally, the *Boulder (Colo.) Weekly* might have hit just the right note when it said, "There are any number of ways to scare audiences, but numerical ones aren't one of them." Speaking of numerology, a

exists for the sole purpose of exposing a miscast star in a career stretch for which he is pathetically unprepared. It's the worst kind of flop, a flop for its own sake."

Of course, the title also proved irresistible to the pack. *The Houston Chronicle*: "How do we locate them, The Number 23? Let us count the ways." *The Salt Lake Tribune*: "There are 23 letters in ... 'Joel Schumacher can bite me.'" Finally, the *Boulder (Colo.) Weekly* might have hit just the right note when it said, "There are any number of ways to scare audiences, but numerical ones aren't one of them."

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close examination of the Top 10 Worst list reveals some conclusions, unfortunately:

1. There are movie stars who should consider changing agents. These movie stars include Oscar winners Hilary Swank, Halle Berry, Cuba Gooding Jr. and Diane Keaton.

2. Robin Williams now appears to be almost radioactive.

3. And Dane Cook is his heir.

4. Funny, the choices these actors make. Apparently, it is hard. For example, not too many years ago, wasn't Sandra Bullock smart? Or smart-ish? So why did she go off and make "Premonition," a kind of "Groundhog Day" gone wrong? Sandra Bullock, the Arizona Republic reports, "plays a woman going through a horrifying experience. She keeps waking up in this movie."

And Hilary Swank. "The Reaping." Why? Alimony? Chad Lowe not working? "What, I shudder to think, were the projects Hilary Swank turned down in favor of this rickety old *Seattle Times*." "The Reaping" is one of those biblical mumbo-jumbo Santa-spawners that was hailed for its well-executed locust attack. As noted by *The New York Times*, the "only remotely notable thing about this particular jumble of

boos, bangs and door creaks, swaying Spanish mess, creeping blond kids and swelling decolletage, creatively pinned from various angles in various contexts, is that it tries to heed the horror trend with the heated-up God market."

The Fresno Bee: "Think of it as 'The Open' meets Oil of Olay." The satirical Onion raved, "For bad movie lovers, it's manna from heaven!"

Of course, *Christianity Today* was wise to the game: "There are 10 plagues in 'The Reaping,' the reviewer wrote. 'But you don't have to suffer through all of them, or wait for a deliverer. You are not a slave to Hollywood's clever marketing campaigns. You don't have to wait for an usher to yell, 'Let my people go!' You can get up out of your theater seat and go free at any time."

Is there a looseness that is too low? Perhaps. The critics thought their feet touched the murky bottom of raunchy fun with Dane Cook in "Good Luck Chuck," which features Young Chuck fornicating with a stuffed penis.

Unlike the adolescent pleasures of "Knocked Up" and "Superbad," it appears that "GLC" was "ewww ... gross!" Or so concludes the *Quint City Times*. Not convinced? "Yeeeh!" wrote the reviewer at Houston Com-

munity Newspapers. The denm of the film corps, the obviously bewitched Roger Ebert, harrumphed, "Here is the dirty movie of the year, slimy and scummy, and among its casualties is poor Jessica Alba, who is a cutie and shouldn't have been let out to play with these boys."

"Alba is so exceptionally challenged as an actress, it almost seems politically incorrect to make fun of her," says the *San Francisco Chronicle*, which then makes fun. "It's worth mentioning for the third time that this movie is much closer to 'Caligula' than 'Sleepless in Seattle.'"

Entertainment Weekly: "Can we finally just admit that Dane Cook isn't funny?" *The Chicago Tribune*: "The film is some sort of humor-deprivation experiment." The cultural criticism Web site PopMatters asks: "Who are these people?"

Agents? Anyway. Rounding out the Top 10 Worst is a cartoon ("Happily N'Ever After"); a Victoria's Secret advertisement masquerading as a feature film starring Halle Berry ("Perfect Stranger"); the Robin Williams thing ("License to Wed"); the sad and desperate Cuba Gooding Jr. vehicle ("Daddy Day Camp"); and — yes — "Norbit."

The Eddie Murphy-in-a-fat-suit film really set the critics' teeth on bite, so much so that we found ourselves in the fascinating cultural tilt-a-whirl of reading critics accusing a black actor of racism because of his portrayal of a fat black woman (played by Murphy himself). "This movie belongs in the Black Stereotype Hall of Fame, from the three shiftless schemers to the two funky pimps," went

the *Boston Globe* critic, who is black. "If we're not 500 pounds and insane, we're 50 pounds and stupid."

"There are so many problems with 'Norbit' that when you try to pin one down, another one splurges out elsewhere," suggested Salon. *LA Weekly* mused, "Original nut Jerry Lewis would say that comedy is at least half rage, and 'Norbit,' wherein Murphy plays a psychotic, gargantuan wife and the meek, battered husband of the title, is one mean movie." And the *San Diego Union* agreed: "A sort of compost pile of cellulite gags, and humor so broad it is almost a new dimension in physics."

Speaking of cellulite gags, we know from long experience that critical disdain cannot derail a film that the public thinks it wants to see, such as "Wild Hogs," the John Travolta buddy movie the reviewers trashed with an almost palpable road rage. According to the Rotten Tomatoes math, "Wild Hogs is the 15th worst movie of the year, yet it did more than \$200 million at the domestic box office and rental market. So go figure."

No. The critics turn most savage not when presented with mere badness — because, honestly, many movies are not very good. No, what the critics hate most is cynicism, when a movie appears to have been made solely to exploit (as the marketing department actually calls it) an audience. And so like guardians all along the watchtowers, the critics call out to us — stop, listen, wait, think, nooooo! — as we shove our dollars through the little window and say, "Two, please. We've come for 'The Reaping.'"

Steve Miller guitar charity auction fetches \$8,600 for firefighters

Times News

As firefighters worked to save homes and businesses last August during the Castle Rock fire that swept through the Wood River Valley, Ketchum resident and famed guitarist Steve Miller knew he couldn't battle the flames.

What he could do was leverage his fame to help the cause. With Carole King and Bruce Willis, also Wood River Valley residents, he put together a benefit concert that raised close to \$13,000 in September for the Sun Valley/Ketchum Firefighters Association, and the Wildland Firefighter Foundation.

A month later, at the annual Sun Valley/Ketchum Firefighters Ball, Miller made a surprise appearance and played two specially built and painted guitars. With King and Willis, he signed the guitars, then put them up for auction on eBay.com.

Two Idaho residents won those auctions, bidding a combined \$8,600.

Chris Stephens, a Ketchum resident, and Mark Williams, who lives between Ilupet and Butte, took home a piece of history when they received the custom-made, signed pieces.

"Bay also has collectible commemorative concert posters for sale — some autographed by Willis, King and Miller."

Emily Stephens told the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce that her family bought the guitar for her father, Chris Stephens, a firefighter who worked the Castle Rock fire.

The guitars were made by Boise guitar maker John Bolin and painted by airbrush artist Christy Griffith.

Guitar auction proceeds will go to both the Sun Valley/Ketchum Firefighters Association and the Wildland Firefighter Foundation, which helps the families of U.S. Forest Service firefighters who are injured or killed in the line of duty.

Looking for an audience?

Southern Idaho bands, singers and musicians may submit information about themselves in the Local Vocals section of www.tnicket.com. The free submissions are searchable by the Web site's users. Entries with objectionable language will be removed.

For information: Pat Marcantonio at 735-3228.



Events calendar

THURSDAY, JAN. 10

Lecture/Ketchum
The Sun Valley Center for the Arts event featuring Chuck Martin has been cancelled due to illness. The Center expects the event will be rescheduled, so watch TNT for more information.

Poker/Twin Falls
Twin Falls Poker League will hold Texas Hold'em tournaments at 7 p.m. at Kruezer's Night Life. No entry fee. Kruezer's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

FRIDAY, JAN. 11

Dinner theater/Buhl
The Buhl High School Drama Department presents its 10th annual dinner-theater production, "You Have the Right to Remain Dead," at the West End Senior Citizen Center. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., dinner includes baked broil, baked chicken breast, potato, vegetable and salad. General admission is \$30 couples, \$15 singles; and seniors: \$20 couples, \$14 singles. Tickets can be reserved at 490-1992 or 543-4577. Proceeds support Buhl High's drama program.

Art/Haley
Exhibition of retablas paintings by Dosee artist Alma Gomez will be featured through Feb. 15 at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' Haley Center. An open house with wine and appetizers will be 5:30-7 p.m. The Center is regularly open noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Free admission. The Haley Center is at 314 S. Second Ave.

Planetarium/Twin Falls
The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus will present "Ice Worlds" and "Saving the Night" with live sky tour at 7 p.m. and "Lucky Skynight: Fly On Bird" at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students and \$9 for families.

Astronomy/Twin Falls
"Messenger: Mercury's

Calendar deadlines

Don't miss your chance to tell southern Idaho about your arts event.
The deadline for entries for the TNT entertainment calendar is 9 a.m. the Friday prior to publication.
Submissions should be sent to Ramona Jones at ramona@magicalvalley.com.

First Satellite astronomy talk will be at 7:15 p.m. in the Rick Allen Room at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students or \$5 for families. Children 6 and younger will be admitted free. Telescope viewing will follow from 8:15 p.m. to midnight at the Centennial Observatory (telescope permitting), admission is \$1, or free with astronomy talk or planetarium show admission.

Disco/Weekend
Disco Weekend will be featured at Kruezer's Night Life. Doors open at 8 p.m. Dress disco. No cover charge until 9 p.m.; then \$5. Kruezer's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Jazz/Buhl
The Buhl Arts Council will present "Jazz in January" 7-9 p.m. at the Eighth Street Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The event will feature Michael Frew (guitar), Brent Jensen (saxophone), Adam Crotts (bass), Tony Bowler (drums), Carter Wilson (guitar/bass) and Emile O'Keefe (vocals) and a number of guest musicians. Appetizers and beverages will be served. Tickets, which are \$10 for general admission, is \$15 for Buhl Arts Council members and \$9 for students, are available at 543-2888. The Eighth Street Center is at 200 N. Eighth.

Country/Rome
Country Classics will play from 6 p.m. to midnight at Snake River Elk Lodge. Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. Everyone is welcome. Dinner available from 6 to 9 p.m. The lodge is at 412E-200 S. on U.S. Highway 93.

Country/Declo
The Fugitives will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is at 826 Idaho Highway B1.

Variety/Burley
Knockers Club featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. Cover charge is \$2. Riverside is at 197 W. U.S. Highway 30.

Blues/Hagerman
George Marsh will play 6-9 p.m. at the El Tinch Inn. No cover charge. El Tinch is at 165 W. Valley Road.

Country-rock/Twin Falls
Wild Night will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

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Fiddling music/Twin Falls
Fiddlers Inc. will hold a jam session for stringed-instrument players at 11 a.m. at the Disabled American Veterans building. Beginners are welcome; all ages are invited. Free admission. Information: Gwenyn, 735-6248. The DAV building is at 459 Shoup Ave.

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Swamp Cats will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at The Cove. No cover charge. The Cove is at 496 Addison Ave. W.

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Irish music-dance/Boise
Rivendane will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Morrison Center for the Performing Arts on the Boise State University campus. Tickets for the farewell performances, which are \$55, \$45 and \$35 plus Select-A-Seat fees, can be reserved at 426-1110 or www.idahotickets.com.

Family event/Haley
A "Trabajo Mexicano/Mexican Work" event with Mariachi folk dances and other activities will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' Haley Center. Families can create their own retablo paintings and enjoy Mexican hot chocolate and churros. Free admission. The Haley Center is at 314 S. Second Ave.

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FRIDAY-SATURDAY

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held at 5 p.m. at CSI's Fine Arts Retail Hall. The workshop series will be conducted by CSI music faculty member Brent Jensen. The workshops will focus the presentation of jazz pedagogical materials, including improvisation techniques, style and performance. Musicians of all ages and ability levels are welcome. Free admission. Information: Jensen at 732-6765 or ljensen@csid.edu.

Astronomy/Twin Falls
Family night telescope viewing will be 6:30-9 p.m. at the Centennial Observatory in the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus. Admission is \$1, or free with planetarium show admission. Free for children 6 and under.

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Comedy/Twin Falls
Panic Squad, a three-man improvisational comedy troupe, will perform at 7:30 p.m. JAN. 17 at the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium. The troupe features Andrew Bright, Cliff Fraw and Scott Gamble. Tickets are \$5 for general admission or \$2 for CSI students, are available at the CSI Student Activities office in the Student Union building or at the door.

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Barbershop/Rexburg
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MONDAY

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Dallas Brass will perform with the Jerome High School Jazz Band and the Jerome Middle School Jazz Band. The Dallas Brass will premiere an original work, "On the Steps of the Lincoln Memorial." The band of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech.

17-19 at TFHS Roper Auditorium. The production will feature Danny Martin as Martin Luther King Jr. and the TFHS advanced acting class. Tickets, which are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students or children under 18, can be purchased at Everybody's Business, Crowley's — The Quad, at the high school or from any drama student at the door. A special fundraising/reserved section will be at the Jan. 18 event only with seats \$20. Tickets, which include front-section seating and admission to an after-show party with the cast and crew. Performances will be at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. No entry fee. Kruezer's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

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Country/Declo
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Jazz/Idaho Falls
The Brent Jensen Jazz Combo will perform 7-9 p.m. at Vino Rosso for the kickoff meeting drive for the newly formed Eastern Idaho Jazz Society. The jazz combo features Jensen (saxophone), Michael Frew (guitar), Aaron Miller (bass) and Tatsu Hidano (drums). Open to the public. Admission is a suggested \$2 donation at the door to the Eastern Idaho Jazz Society. Information: Kevin Young at 604-2844.

Auditions/Twin Falls
The Dillatants Group of Maple Valley will audition for its March musical show "Titanic" at 6-9 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. E. Use the back entrance at the church. Singers and dancers of all ages are needed. Rehearsals will begin Jan. 21. Information: Lori at 736-7136 or Sandy at 734-5511.

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Astronomy/Twin Falls
Family night telescope viewing will be 6:30-9 p.m. at the Centennial Observatory in the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus. Admission is \$1, or free with planetarium show admission. Free for children 6 and under.

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Instrumental/Boise
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Country/Boise
Phil Vassar will perform at 7:30 p.m. JAN. 27 at the Big Easy Concert House. Tickets, which are \$24-\$50, are available at

WEDNESDAY

Proud of the pioneers

The Herrett Forum presents Susan Swetnam lecturing on "Women at Work on the Snakehead Frontier" at 7:30 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho campus.

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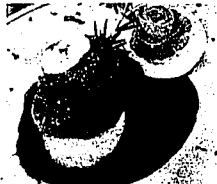
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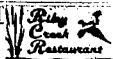


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Local

Pioneering women get their due

BY ERICA LITTLEFIELD
Times-Tribune correspondent

Women on the Idaho frontier did more than stay home, take care of the children, and churn butter. They also held positions of influence and respect and were integral members of the community.

Scholar and author Susan Swetnam, a professor of English at Idaho State University, will take audience members back to those pioneer days and explore the important role women played in Idaho's early settlements with a Herrett Forum Lecture Series presentation entitled "Women at Work on the Southeast Idaho Frontier."

Swetnam hopes the presentation can "broaden our picture of women's lives, which is so important because they are stereotyped in the media."

Swetnam's interest in pioneer life in southern Idaho started when she was an assistant professor at ISU in the early 1990s. She received a grant to research family narratives and histories from the area. Swetnam eventually collected thousands of pages of memoirs, biographies and autobiographies from the 1860s all the way to the 1920s.

"What surprised me was how willing people were to trust me, a complete stranger, with these unbelievably precious personal documents," Swetnam said.

In her research, Swetnam discovered that not only did pioneer women take care of their homes, but they held careers as varied as postmistresses, store owners and school bus drivers.

"Some of it was pretty rigorous and heroic work," Swetnam said. One of the most interesting



Susan Swetnam, a professor of English at Idaho State University, will discuss the important role women played in Idaho's early settlements with a Herrett Forum Lecture Series presentation.

Courtesy photo

If you go:

What: "Women at Work on the Southeast Idaho Frontier," a lecture by Susan Swetnam

When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Where: Rick Allen Community Room, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, the College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls.

Cost: Admission is free, and the lecture is open to the public.
Information: Herrett Center, 733-9554.

cases Swetnam came across was that of a polygamist family near Bear Lake. According to Swetnam, one of the wives ran a local store, which was a political and economic hub for the area. Even though there were sons in the family, Swetnam said, it was the daughters who were trained to take over the business.

Swetnam wrote a book based on part of her findings, called "Lives of the Saints In Southeast

Idaho," and has been giving presentations on this topic for about 15 years. She said that many of the people who attend her lectures tell her they understand pioneer women in a new context. For Swetnam, the project helped her connect with Idaho.

"I've been living here a long time, and it really is my place," said Swetnam. "I think the literature and history of this area hasn't been written about enough."

Dr. Allan Frost, a member of the lecture series committee, helped start the series about two years ago and said the lectures are — and Swetnam's in particular — are a good fit for the community.

"We felt that we wanted something like this on the college campus, and particularly at the Herrett Center," Frost said. "It's really important that we make these lectures free on the public."

Symphony announces audition competition

Times-Tribune

Magie Valley Symphony has announced its 2008 Youth Soloist Competition. Winners receive scholarships and may be invited to perform with the symphony in October.

Applications must be submitted before May, and contestants will audition in June.

Instrumentalists will audition with any movement of a stan-

dard concerto or concert piece with orchestra accompaniment six to 12 minutes long. Vocalists may present a similar aria or song. Any music student who has a connection to the Magie Valley and has not reached age 21 before the audition is qualified to compete.

Information: George Hulsell, 732-6767 or ghulsell@csd.edu, or online at www.mvsymphony.org.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 10

Twin Falls

Pioneer Karaoke by Kim, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover charge.
Kubwaik Karaoke, 9 p.m. at Kruger's Night Life, 121 Fourth Ave. S. No cover charge.

Burley

Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside, 197 W. U.S. Highway 30. Cover charge is \$2.

Declo

Karaoke by Lou Brown, 8 p.m. to midnight at Shakers, 826 U.S. Highway 81. No cover charge.

FRIDAY, JAN. 11

Twin Falls

Pioneer Karaoke by Kim, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover charge.

Burley

Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave. No cover charge.

Rupert

Wanna-be-a-Star Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont. No cover charge.

Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar, 502 Sixth St. No cover charge.

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High Mountain Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont. No cover charge.

Declo

Miller Time Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kalama, 9 E. Main. No cover charge.

TUESDAY, JAN. 15

Burley

Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers, 163 W. U.S. Highway 30. No cover charge.

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Twin Falls

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Brass *Continued from page 3*

November, when he realized he needed to send it off so the group would have a little time to rehearse.

Musically, the piece is an improvisation on the traditional song "We Shall Overcome," Smith said. It was inspired by the history of King's civil rights work and the song's tune.

"In the wrong color and generation to really appreciate what they did," he said, but he hopes the piece will honor that movement. "If you listen to the beginning of the song you won't recognize it as 'We Shall Overcome,' but over the course of the song it evolves into it. It's almost like doing a painting of a person: doing just the shadow, then the reflection and then you see the person."

In addition to the experience of rehearsing and performing with the Dallas Brass, Smith hopes his band students will take away two things from the groups' visit: the clarity and precision of tone that the group exemplifies, and its professionalism.

"One of the things we've talked about is, 'What is a rehearsal with professionals going to be like?' My standard thing at rehearsal the past few weeks is, 'Would you do that in front of the Dallas Brass?'"

Smith has played recordings of the Brass for his students.

"Dallas Brass, as well known as they are in classical circles, aren't something you hear on the radio," Smith said. "All of a sudden, they're going, 'Oh my gosh,' ... It's a different standard to work with someone who does it for a living. They're going to hear what a real trumpet player sounds like."

"That difference in tone between a professional and a student musician was on the minds of several students in the weeks before the performance.

"We've heard a recording of them. The dynamics and the whole energy and feeling of it was really exciting," said Albie Fleuer, a 16-year-old flutist.

"They could help us figure out what we're doing wrong and help us to do better," said Stephanie Reece, a 15-year-old sophomore who plays trumpet. She was echoed by Benae Boesinger, a 17-year-old junior percussionist.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Boesinger said. "They can teach us so much we couldn't even fathom to understand."

Catch a tune

To read more about the Dallas Brass, visit www.dallasbrass.com.

For more on the Jerome High School Symphonic Band, visit bands.banddirect.com/jrome

Smith expects that the students' sound quality will rise, and not just for a few months.

"That's what I'm expecting, it's the biggest change in them will be their tone production," he said, noting that student groups he has taught in the past have maintained the improvement in their performances for years after working with professionals.

For parents of the band students, the most desired outcome from the Dallas Brass' visit to Jerome may not be musical.

"They have worked so hard, they just need the reality they can do it; they believe in themselves just a little bit more. It's just fun to see our kids blossom, the boost in their confidence," said Gina Orzada, moderator of the Jerome Music Boosters and parent of a sophomore clarinetist. "Jerome isn't the end for them; the sky's the limit."

The boosters encourage everyone to come to the concert, even if they wouldn't ordinarily attend a classical or band performance.

"If you truly want to be entertained, I can tell you our high school concerts are true entertainment, better than a movie, better than a video game. I think anybody would enjoy it," she said.

A standard appearance by the Dallas Brass costs about \$20,000, Smith said, but the band lowered its costs for the Jerome performance to \$7,000. He and school administrators decided it would be worthwhile even if the performance didn't break even, which, due to sponsorships and ticket sales, it is expected to do. Any additional proceeds will go toward new uniforms for the band, which Smith said judges have described as old and quality. There also aren't enough uniforms to go around, he said.

Perhaps, if the Dallas Brass' visit goes as expected, the school will need to purchase more new uniforms to outfit all the kids who are inspired at the performance and join the cool Jerome band.

Movie capsules

"One Missed Call" ... Freddie Highmore ... People begin receiving cellphone calls that broadcast their final moments, and it's up to a traumatized woman (Shannyn Sossamon) and a police detective (Edward Burns) to solve the mystery before they get calls themselves. With Ana Claudia Talancón, Ray Wise and Margaret Cho. Screenplay by Andrew Klavan. Based on a story by Miwako Daira and Yasushi Akimoto. PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and terror, frightening images, some sexual material and thematic elements.

"Allen vs. Predator" — Be-quiet! — Found I went to the Predator. Who will win this rematch in a small Colorado town? With Reiko Aylesworth and Steven Pasquale. Written by Shane Salerno. R for violence, gore and language.

"Alvin and the Chipmunks" — Don't call it a comeback. The Chipmunks, those high-frequency crooners of yore, hardly ever went away — they released music and videos right up through 2001. Now the rambunctious rodents are the latest franchise to get a reboot, bouncing and warbling through multiplexes in "Alvin and the Chipmunks," a live-action/computer-generated holiday movie aimed straight at kids. And, dang it, the little animated rodents are cute. Not as cute as the uber-rendered daemons of "The Golden Compass," but they'll do. PG for some mild rude humor.

"August Rush" — This film feels the cinematic

equivalent of being stuffed with fruitcake and doused with a gallon of eggnog, so if that's the sort of thing you go in for around the holi-

days ... Freddie Highmore ("Finding Neverland") stars as a Dickensian orphan with an ear so prodigious that he can hear the music in everything. This talent doesn't exactly make him popular at the orphanage, where listening to the wheat with your arms outstretched and an ecstatic smile on your face is grounds for a solid beating. But little Ewan is staunch. He's convinced that if he listens hard enough, he'll hear his parents, and if he ever learns how to play an instrument, they'll hear him and they'll be reunited. You can probably guess what happens next. PG for some thematic elements, mild violence and language.

"The Bucket List" — This travogue of triteness is the story of two older men with terminal medical conditions. It arrived on Christmas Day to remind us we're live life to its fullest and leave no cliché unturned. Its watchability almost entirely depends on your tolerance of Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson doing the things that made them stars and won them Oscars, only much more so. PG-13 for language, including a sexual reference.

"Charlie Wilson's War" — This is the wrong movie at the wrong time. Not only does it tell its tale in a style that feels dated and artificial, its story of how American aid helped free Afghanistan from the Soviets also focuses on events that history has overtaken. Not even the combined star power of Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts, writer Aaron Sorkin and director Mike

Nichols can do anything about that. If for strong language, nudity/sexual content and some drug use.

"Enchanted" — This is one film that lives up to its name. An adroit combination of wisecruid and happily-ever-after, its story of an animation princess thrust into New York's gritty reality gently mocks the mighty Disney fantasy machine without losing the core of the franchise's family appeal. Amy Adams is as good as it gets in the princess role. PG for some scary images and mild innuendo.

"The Golden Compass" — The first of the novels in Philip Pullman's landmark "His Dark Materials" trilogy, "Dark Materias" (trite-guess what happens England where souls manifest themselves as creatures, and a mysterious group plots to control the world, is turned by writer-director Chris Weitz into a formidable piece of craftsmanship, as some 1,100 effects shots are used to create a physical world that has the ability to take your breath away. The voice of Ian McKellen as a fighting bear is the icing on the cake. PG-13 for sequences of fantasy violence.

"The Great Debaters" — Don't underestimate this film: the way opponents underestimated the 1935 debate team from tiny all-black Wiley College in Texas. Working hard on both sides of the camera, director and star Denzel Washington has grabbed his intensity onto this production, giving it a kind of backbone it would not otherwise have. PG-13 for depictions of strong thematic material, including violence and disturbing images, and for language and brief sexuality.

Movie review

What's playing

TWIN FALLS

Twin Cinema
 "National Treasure: Book of Secrets"
 "The Bucket List"
 "One Missed Call"
 "Alvin and the Chipmunks"
 "I Am Legend"
 "The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep"
 "The Kite Runner"
 "In the Name of the King"
 "Enchanted"
 "No Country for Old Men"
 "Kisses Who Don't Do Anything: A VeggieTales Movie"
 "June"

Odyssey Theater
 "The Great Debaters"
 "Charlie Wilson's War"
 "P.S. I Love You"
 "First Sunday"
 "August Rush"
 "The Golden Compass"
 "Alien vs. Predator: Requiem"

The Orpheum
 "The Orphanage"

HAILEY/KETCHUM

SkiTime Cinemas
 "June"
 "Sweeney Todd"

Big Wood Cinema
 "Alvin and the Chipmunks"
 "I Am Legend"
 "June"
 "National Treasure: Book of Secrets"

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 "National Treasure: Book of Secrets"
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 "National Treasure: Book of Secrets"
 "The Bucket List"
 "Alvin and the Chipmunks"
 "I Am Legend"

'THE WATER HORSE'



Courtesy of Sony Pictures Entertainment

Revolution Studios, Walden Media's and Beacon Pictures' "The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep" is the story of a boy who brings home a magical egg — and soon finds himself raising an amazing creature: the mythical 'water horse' of Scottish lore. Alex Eto, left, stars as Angus MacMorrow.

One fantastic fantasy

BY ANN HORNADAY
 The Washington Post

'The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep'

Starring: Alex Eto, Emily Watson
 Rated: PG, for action and peril, mild profanity and brief smoking
 Showing at: Twin Cinema, Sun Valley Opera House

"The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep" is part gentle-hearted fable, part action-adventure. This tale of Scotland's storied Loch Ness and its most famous denizen may not be the perfect family holiday movie — some potentially terrifying material in the third act might put off little ones or the easily frightened — but it's close. The movie comes from Walden Media, the company responsible for such superb family entertainments as "Ihales," "Because of Winn-Dixie," "Charlotte's Web" and "Bride to Terabithia."

Based on a novel by Dick King-Smith, the movie tells the story of Angus MacMorrow (Alex Eto), a boy living on the coast of Scotland during World War II. Angus's father has long been away with the navy, leaving Angus with his mother, Anne (Emily Watson), the housekeeper at a gorgeous

country house, and his older sister, Kirstie (Priyanka Xi).

Angus is on the beach one day when he discovers a strange, iridescent egg. He takes it back to the manor's potting shed, where it hatches a strange, slippery beastie that looks like a tiny dinosaur with seal flippers. Soon the thing has grown into a full-fledged adolescent sea monster exhibiting all the energy and mischief of its age group. Meanwhile, a pompous army captain named Hamilton (David Morrissey) has taken over the house with his troops, convinced that the Germans are going to invade Scotland through nearby Loch Ness. And a mysterious curetaker

named Lewis Mowbray (Ben Chaplin) has arrived on the scene.

Director Jay Russell ("My Dog Skip," "Luck Everlasting") has created a rich, mostly tender fairy tale that combines elements of such children's classics as "The Secret of Roan Inish," "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial" and "Born Free." As enchanting as it is for children, there's plenty for adults to appreciate. From Morrissey's quietly hilarious turn as the self-regarding captain to the spectacular Scottish gorges and glens.

Combining the best of fantasy and somber reflection, "The Water Horse" is a lovely ride.

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Boise artist to exhibit paintings of saints in Hailey

Times-News

When Alma Gomez sits down to paint at her Boise studio, she dons reading glasses and has a magnifying glass nearby.

She needs all that magnification to get the details just right on her retablos — paintings of saints and holy figures that are smaller than a standard sheet of paper.

The images remind the artist of her childhood in south Texas, depicting the Virgin of Guadalupe, San Miguel and Santo Nino de Atocha, for example.

"It's a way to reconnect with Catholicism and my childhood and memories of going to church with my grandmother," Gomez said in a press release from the Sun Valley Center for the Arts. Her works will be exhibited there starting Friday.

Unlike the ironic images of made-up saints — Our Lady of the Hot Flashes, for example — that are popular with the hip crowd, Gomez's paintings are sincerely traditional.

"I don't want to make something up. I saw these images all

the time when I was growing up," she said. "Adding text in English that tells who the saints are, and why a person might pray to them, is the only way I've reinvented these."

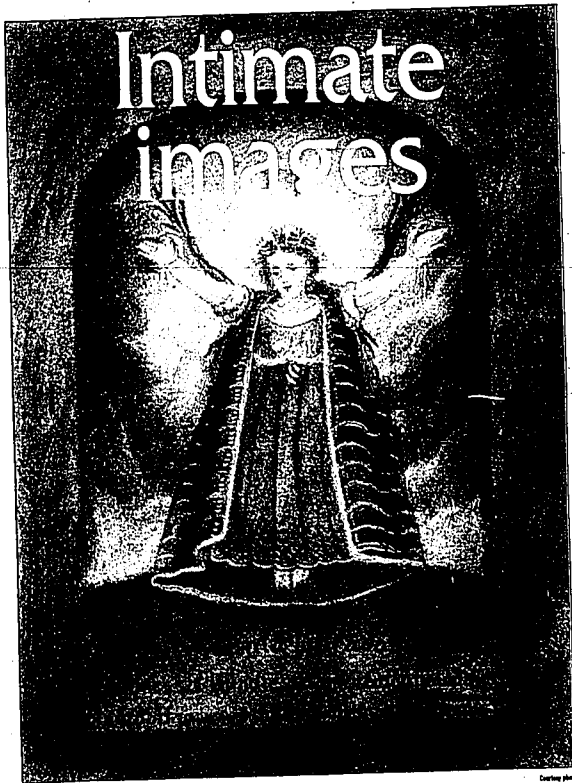
Gomez works in two kinds of media. For her 5-by-7-inch

paintings, she sketches in charcoal, then scans and seals the image before colorfully painting over it. Larger, 8-by-10-inch images are rendered exclusively in oils.

The exhibit in Hailey will also include historic retablos and ex

votos — images made to thank saints for a miracle — from the collection of Steve Eich Antiques in Ketchum.

Gomez, an adjunct professor of art at Boise State University, has been featured in regional and national exhibitions, and



This retablo painting by Boise artist Alma Gomez is titled 'Santa Librada.' An exhibition of Gomez's work will start Friday at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts in Hailey.

Small devotions

What: An exhibition of retablo paintings by Boise artist Alma Gomez.

Where: The Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 314 S. Second Ave., Hailey.

When: Friday through Feb. 15. An open house with wine and appetizers is scheduled for 5:30-7 p.m. Friday. The Center is regularly open noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.

Cost: Free.

"It's a way to reconnect with Catholicism and my childhood and memories of going to church with my grandmother."

— Alma Gomez, artist

her work has been reproduced in major publications. She has also painted large murals, including those at the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho in Nampa, at the Terry Reilly Health Clinic in Nampa and at BSU.

The retablos are being exhibited as part of the center's "Trabajo Mexicano/Mexican Work" project, which explores issues of Mexican immigration and labor.

On Sunday, families are invited to enjoy Mexican hot chocolate and churrros while watching Mexican folk dances and making their own retablos at the center from 3 to 5 p.m.