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Ex-deputy gets six months

Defendant in dead baby case could avoid prison if he convinces judge he can help others



By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Former Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy Jesse Thrush sat stone-faced Thursday while hearing his punishment, but he was all smiles afterward, knowing he could avoid any prison time for shaking a 2-year-old girl to death.

Thrush, who violently shook and killed Hadley Williams Feb. 21, was given a five- to 15-year prison sentence by District Judge Daniel Meehl, but the 23-year-old could serve as little as six months in the county jail before he is set free.

Under Meehl's sentence, Thrush will have to spend 180 days in jail. At the end of that time Meehl will consider a psychological evaluation and a report by Thrush explaining how he

can prevent future baby-shaking deaths by speaking to people about his case.

If Meehl likes what he hears, Thrush would be placed on probation. Thrush would spend at least five years in prison.

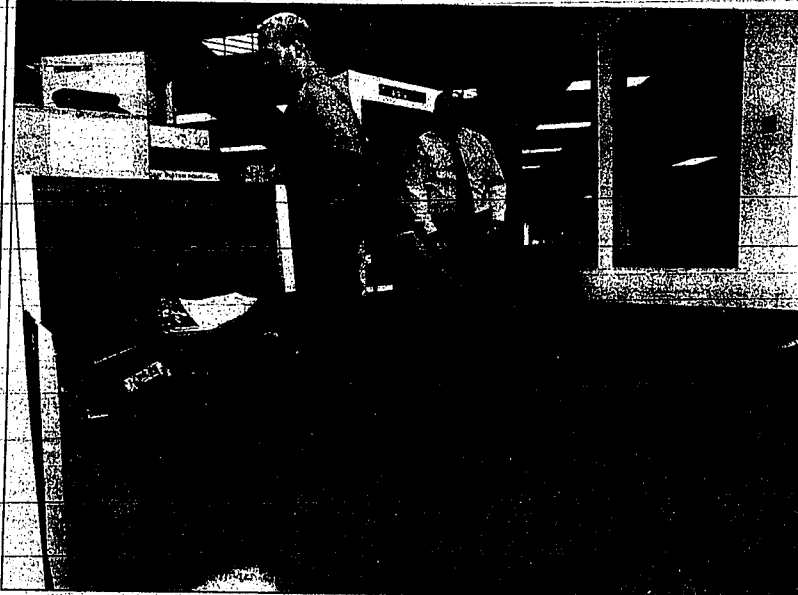
After the hearing Thrush shook hands and smiled with some of his legal center in Boise two days after

Thrush violently shook her and threw her on the bed of his filer home. Thrush first told police that Hadley fell off the bed, but he later told Twin Falls police detectives that he had shaken the toddler because she was fussy.

Thrush was arrested and charged with first-degree murder, but he later

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A CLOSE WATCH



Ryan Downs checks out baggage with an X-ray machine at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. Airports around the country are heightening security in preparation for the new year.

Facing two fronts

Airports contend with holiday traffic, new security

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Between the long-anticipated "Y2K bug," and new concerns about possible domestic terrorism, U.S. airports are heading into a turbulent holiday season.

In Twin Falls, Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport officials say they are prepared on both fronts. They have tightened up security for holiday travel, and say the airport is "Y2K compliant."

"Few problems, if any, are expected for the new year," said David Allen, airport manager. But Allen is hoping against a worst-

Traffic report

At all times to travel for the New Year's holiday.

(Source: Travel Industry Association of America)

case scenario, a loss of power at the airport.

Allen said the airport is not equipped with backup power generators, which could present a problem if a major power failure occurs.

"It's not a critical situation for us to have backup power like that," Allen said. "The airport's tower does have backup battery power, which would last about an hour to get planes down."

In the event of a long-term power outage, planes would have to be redirected to other airports that have backup power, Allen said. Possibilities include Mountain Home Air Force Base

U.S. issues mail, vigilance alerts

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Prompted by a new warning of possible terrorism on U.S. soil, post offices and airports on Thursday began screening suspicious packages.

From Germany while investigators uncovered links between suspects and terrorist organizations.

U.S. officials told The Associated Press that a Canadian intelligence agency has told them that an Algerian arrested last week in Washington state was

Boise police detective Gary Leeder testified that in February 1998, he spotted Grissom and Barnett in a store parking lot meeting a known heroin dealer.

He later accused Grissom with possessing heroin, he said.

Ada County detective Jaime Barker testified about seeing Grissom dead in an apartment bathroom. Grissom was still holding a syringe when he was found

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Internet drives year-end market surge; investors' Y2K fears fade

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Just in time for the millennium and unfazed by Y2K liters, stock markets are reaching record heights at home and abroad.

The Nasdaq composite index briefly crossed 4,000 Thursday for the first time in less than two months after passing the 3,000 mark - and closed at a record high for the 58th time this year.

The Dow Jones industrial average leaped Thursday for its first recent close since August. Records also were toppled by major market indicators in London, Paris and Frankfurt, Germany.

A driving force in the stock market surge is a growing belief that the once-vague

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potential of the Internet is beginning to take shape and fundamentally change society. Electronic commerce is now widely seen as an efficient way to do business.

"We're in the early stages of a second industrial revolution, and the market is very smart," said Alfred Goldman, chief investment strategist at A.G. Edwards & Sons in St. Louis.

On Thursday, the technology-heavy Nasdaq index rose as high as 4,001.63, and finished up 32.14 at 3,969.44. Even with the late pullback, the Nasdaq is up a stunning

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READY FOR THE BIG NIGHT



The Cincinnati Zoo's Santa, Dan Wesley, checks out the reindeer display Thursday. It is part of the zoo's Festival of Lights Christmas display.

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 37 Low: 07
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Treasure Valley

High: 42 Low: 21
Mostly sunny today and clear tonight. Mostly sunny Saturday, high 42.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 38 Low: 00
Mostly sunny today and clear tonight. Mostly sunny Saturday, high 39.

Eastern Idaho

High: 27 Low: 05
Fog early today then mostly sunny. Fog early tonight. Mostly sunny Saturday, high 27.

Northern Idaho

High: 36 Low: 32
Fog early today then mostly sunny. Mostly clear tonight. Fog early Saturday, then mostly sunny, high 36.

Northern Utah

High: 40 Low: 20
Mostly sunny today and clear tonight. Sunny Saturday but hazy, high 40.

Northern Nevada

High: 42 Low: 17
Mostly sunny today and clear tonight. Mostly sunny Saturday, high 42.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High: 40 Low: 19 Mostly sunny, chance of early fog.	High: 40 Low: 19 Mostly sunny, chance of early fog.	High: 30s Low: teens Mostly sunny, chance of early fog.	High: 30s Low: teens Mostly sunny, chance of early fog.	High: 30s Low: teens Mostly sunny, chance of early fog.

Idaho weather

Friday, Dec. 24
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures

FRONTS: High, Low, Stationary, Cold, Warm

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.accuweather.com

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, Dec. 24.
The internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.id.us/idot/road/index.html>

FRONTS: High, Low, Stationary, Cold, Warm

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: 40 to 16	Yesterday in Twin Falls: 0.31
Low: 16	Month to date: 0.84
Normal: 40 to 21	Normal mo. to date: 0.84
	Normal year to date: 2.03

Idaho Highs/Lows

City	Max	Min	Idaho: High	Idaho: Low
Boise	41	23	44	31
Burley	42	20	44	28
Coaldale	42	20	44	28
Grangeville	m	m	Natick: High 83	at
Hamlet	44	20	21 at Eureka, Ariz.	
Idaho Falls	25	5		
Levenson	36	34		
Malden	m	m	Comfort factors	
Malla	m	m	noon humidity: 60%	
McCall	21	2	noon humidity: 30%	
Shoshone	35	11		
Stanley	18	-6	Pullen and mold count:	
Sun Valley	40	10	the reporting season has	
			ended for the year.	
			Adrian & Allerg	
			Idaho returns to Alan	

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Temp	Pop.
Albuquerque	m	26	26	101
Anchorage	m	26	26	101
Atlanta	m	51	32	101
Boston	m	38	47	101
Chicago	15	14	31	101
Columbus	15	14	31	101
Denver	51	27	101	101
Des Moines	29	16	101	101
Detroit	28	16	66	35
Honolulu	76	66	17	101
Houston	42	36	17	101
Indianapolis	39	18	101	101
Kansas City	39	18	101	101
Las Vegas	43	23	45	101
Los Angeles	61	38	101	101
Memphis	52	31	101	101
Miami Beach	80	70	101	101
Milwaukee	15	1	101	101
Minneapolis	14	1	101	101
New Orleans	58	42	101	101
New York	41	32	101	101
Omaha	44	4	101	101
Oklahoma City	29	23	101	101
Pittsburgh	23	20	101	101
Portland, Me.	31	20	101	101
Raleigh, N.C.	51	31	101	101
San Diego	57	37	101	101
Salt Lake City	40	20	101	101
San Francisco	57	45	101	101
Seattle	36	36	101	101
Spokane	36	30	101	101
St. Louis	36	27	101	101
Yuma	73	48	101	101

Canadian Cities

City	High	Low
Calgary	50	27
Edmonton	44	16
Vancouver	21	16

Alert

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trained earlier this decade in Afghanistan. The information came from the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service, which told U.S. intelligence it had been monitoring Ahmed Ressam's activities for years before he was arrested last week allegedly trying to smuggle bomb-making material into the United States, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The officials said they were using the Canadian information as part of an effort to determine if Ressam has a link to Saudi exile Osama bin Laden, the accused terrorist who allegedly uses Afghanistan as a training base for his network.

U.S. authorities say bin Laden, believed to be hiding in Afghanistan, is using modern technology to communicate with his supporters and has issued calls for terrorists to strike Americans during the holidays.

Separately, federal prosecutors in Vermont disclosed in court documents Thursday that a woman who was arrested trying to enter the United States from Canada at a remote crossing last weekend has ties to an Algerian

terrorist group, based on her cell phone calls and her car.

In a rare middle-of-the-night warning, the FBI urged anew that Americans avoid the lookout for potential mail bombs. In a statement issued about 2 a.m. EST Thursday, the bureau disclosed it had received "unsubstantiated information that individuals may be planning to send bombs in small parcels to addresses in the United States" from Frankfurt, Germany.

"Out of an abundance of caution, the public is being promptly alerted to this information," the statement said. "Questionable packages should not be handled and local authorities should be notified."

The Postal Inspection Service began to screen all incoming parcels and first-class mail from Frankfurt, Inspection Service spokesman Dan Mihalko said, using X-ray machines at U.S. airports.

In addition, the Federal Aviation Administration sent an advisory to airlines. "We are talking to the FAA. We are aware of the advisory but we do not want to discuss specifics," FBI spokeswoman Angela Bell said.

Baby

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deed on the floor, Barker said.

Borreson also heard testimony from FBI agent Victor Grant, who heard Barnett tell the truth about the first time he testified that Barnett told him she didn't seek medical help after Cannon was smothered and that she held the dead infant in her arms while going with Grissom to Boise so he could bury her.

Another witness, Gretz Mayer, testified about a conversation she and her husband had with Grissom in July 1997, months before Cannon was born. Grissom told the Mayers that he

needed \$300 for an abortion for Cannon. "If the baby was born he would hurt it and it wouldn't live past one year, she said.

Most of Thursday's evidence applied to the injury to child Cannon in danger by leaving him with a heroin addict and not finding help after the boy was smothered. The prosecution still had several witnesses to go, so the hearing was postponed.

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Environmental groups applaud Carter, Nixon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jimmy Carter and Richard Nixon: Tree huggers?

The two former presidents are responsible for some of the greatest environmental protections of the 20th century, two environmental groups said Thursday.

"The finding might surprise those who would not place the men's names among conservationists like President Theodore Roosevelt and environmental author Rachel Carson," said Carter's successful fight to pass a 1980 law that protects 140 million acres in Alaska — more than a fourth of the state — was one of the most significant environmental actions of the last 100 years, according to the Sierra Club and The Wilderness Society.

"He was actually a very good environmental president," said Carl Pope, executive director of the Sierra Club in San Francisco.

Alaska really had the "last state" in the nation where you have all the original ecosystems intact and functioning."

Both groups ranked the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act as one of the 12 environmental victories or land protection actions of the century. The act added tens of millions of acres to national parks, wildlife refuges and wilderness areas.

Just two other actions were on both groups' list: passage of the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act, both during the Nixon administration.

Surge

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81 percent this year.

The Dow industrials, meanwhile, rose 202.16 to close at a record 11,405.76, and the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index also is at a new high.

"A year ago, anything with a dot-com attached to its name was fodder for the feeding frenzy. Now, investors apparently are more focused on companies that are building the network upon which the Internet will be distributed around the globe. These networks will be the foundation that will allow companies to communicate with consumers and each other.

The list includes so-called

infrastructure companies such as Oracle Corp., Qualcomm Inc., Sun Microsystems Inc., Cisco Systems Inc., and Broadcom Corp., all of which have surged in share price since late October.

Also contributing to the recent euphoria is the widely held view that the world's stock markets won't be hit by Year 2000 computer glitches. Some analysts believe that many investors who held money out of the market because of Y2K worries have now jumped in as those fears have faded.

Moreover, some expect the markets to see another windfall if Jan. 1 passes without serious incidents.

Airport

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and airports in Salt Lake City and Boise.

"We would be closed until we get power again," Allen said.

Allen said a complete power failure is unlikely, however, unless Idaho Power has a major failure. The utility supplies the airport with its power.

Power concerns aside, the Y2K is up to speed with the Y2K preparations, Allen said.

Computer system checks and upgrades started in 1998 and '99.

"The (Federal Aviation Administration) gave all the airports an entire inspection checklist," Allen said. "We had to go through all the systems and report back to them."

Checking airport computer systems and security systems wasn't easy or cheap.

"It took us a while," Allen said. "The FAA set June 30 as the deadline. We didn't close out until October."

Between \$7,000 and \$8,000 was spent on upgrades, Allen said.

"We are supposedly 100 percent Y2K compliant," Allen said. "We don't have a lot of the complicated systems that the big airports have."

The FAA clears the airport for

Y2K takeoff.

The FAA found no Y2K issues at the Twin Falls airport, according to a recent agency report. The FAA also determined that Boise Air Terminal/Gowen Field is Y2K prepared.

The threat of Y2K isn't stopping people from making travel plans.

According to SkyWest's passenger reservation numbers, all flights on New Year's Day through Thursday are fully booked. That adds up to 28 passengers per flight, five flights per day.

But as the new year approaches, airports around the United States, including Joslin Field, have begun increasing security measures.

Rumors of possible terrorist attacks have caused a stir around the nation, especially at airports, where terrorism is always a concern.

"We are in a heightened sense of alertness," Allen said.

Terrorism is unlikely to occur at Joslin Field, but it's still something to take seriously, he said.

"If somebody gains access to our plane here, then that gets them access into the whole system," he said. "They may not target Twin Falls or SkyWest, but they could get to Salt Lake City and catch a '74 and target it."

Thrush

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pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter.

Thrush's lawyer, Keith Roark, said the complex sentence reflected the complex case, and it gave Thrush a chance to continue the life of public service he started as a deputy and firefighter.

"He is a very remarkable young man, and I think the judge's decision reflects that," he said.

In his sentence, Meehl outlined the factors for and against a long prison sentence.

"Mr. Thrush personally does not need any more deterrence," Meehl said. "He will not kill again. He is too conscientious. Thus, a heavy sentence would serve no purpose than to reinforce Thrush's value to us all."

"Because of his unique abilities and remorse, the court sees Mr. Thrush as a person capable of paying his huge debt to society not by sitting alone in prison, but by helping to save the lives of other babies that are potential

future victims ...

"If the lives of other babies can be saved, if other families never have to go through the grief that Thrush's family suffered, if his death would be given a meaning far greater than by having Mr. Thrush serve a long term in prison and simply add suffering."

For Halley's mom the suffering is far from over. In Thrush's presentence investigation Williams talked about an employee in her heart that would not be filled until she met her "baby in my father's kingdom."

With two other children to watch over, Williams said she's trying to move on.

"I'm glad it's over," she said. "I'm just going to keep doing what I'm doing and taking care of my kids."

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CORRECTIONS

A story in Thursday's Times-News on the two swimming pools in Jerome reported an incorrect figure. The Jerome Recreation District swimming pool had an operating loss of \$16,899 for the summer of 1999.

LeeNee Voorhees is working to persuade Twin Falls residents to contribute to the relief effort for Venezuelan flood and mudslide victims. Her name was misspelled in her published in The Times-News Thursday.

A story in Thursday's paper on IRS plans to waive penalties and interest resulting from Y2K computer glitches left out the five basic questions the IRS tax payers:

- What was the Y2K failure?
- How did it affect your ability to meet your tax obligations?
- What steps did you take to become Y2K compliant?
- When did you discover the failure?
- When will the failure be corrected?

The Times-News regrets the errors.

NATION

Town mourns for firefighters, children

Firefighters lose lives in 'flashover'

KEOKUK, Iowa (AP) — Three of the dead were husbands and fathers with a combined 36 years of firefighting experience. Three were children — 1-year-old twins and a first-grader.

All six died in a duplex fire Wednesday, darkening the anticipation of Christmas in this Mississippi River town of 12,500. The loss of comrades fighting a fire was a first for the 19-member Keokuk department.

A black sash hung over the station garage door of the fire station Thursday. Flags over city offices — as well as around the state — flew at half-staff.

"It's Christmas, and the whole thing is practically unthinkable," said Bill Olmsted, who lives about a block from the burned duplex.

The cause of the blaze was under investigation. Fire Chief Mark Wessel said the firefighters were caught in a "flashover," which happens when a fire causes everything in a room to become so hot it begins producing a flammable gas, which can ignite in an instant, with temperatures reaching 1,500 degrees.

Twins Robert and Rebecca Cooper were taken out of the burning home, but died not long after. Seven-year-old Jessica McFarland was found dead along with two firefighters upstairs in the duplex. The other fireman was found downstairs.

Everywhere in town, someone had a story to tell about the firefighters, assistant chief Dave McNally, 48; Jason Bitting, 29; and Nate Tuck, 39.

"I don't care if it was fixing the roof at the school or if the boiler



Firefighters in Keokuk, Iowa, are seen in front of a duplex on Wednesday morning. Three children and three firefighters lost their lives in the fire. The children's mother and a young boy were able to escape with the help of neighbors.

Want to help?

Donations for Mrs. Cooper and Jacob are being accepted at Church of Christ, 220 S. 13th St., Keokuk, IA 52632. A memorial fund for the firefighters' families has been set up at Keokuk Savings Bank, 501 Main St., Keokuk, IA 52632.

would break down in the middle of winter, Dave was the first one there. That was his nature. You didn't have to ask," said friend and bowling league teammate

Roger Downey. McNally, a 25-year veteran of the fire department, had a wife and three children. Bitting, who had been with the department more than six years, also had a wife and three children. And Tuck, a 4.5-year veteran, was married with two children.

Tuck was the junior varsity baseball coach at Keokuk High and a volunteer coach for the middle school's football and basketball teams.

"Coach Tuck was one of those coaches who was in the shadows,

He never took credit for wins, but he was always the first one to congratulate me and the players after a game," said seventh-grader Zach Garton.

"He taught us a lot of things without screaming. Coach Tuck was somebody who made us want to try hard."

Dawn Marlin, whose husband, Jeff, also is a Keokuk firefighter, said Bitting was "a kid at heart." "He'd call up our son, Justin, who's 19, and want to come over to play guitar with him," she said.

President espouses on marvels of gene-mapping

WASHINGTON (AP) — In nearly every speech he gives these days, President Clinton muses about a science project that has caught his fancy — the race to map and understand the human genetic code. It's become something of a presidential fixation.

He works scientific buzzwords like "genome" into fund-raising speeches before fellow Democrats as well as talks with children, labor unions, gay activists and statesmen — touching on the topic some 20 times in the past month, in Washington, California, Seattle, Turkey and Kosovo.

Discussing with offhand ease the \$3 billion National Institutes of Health effort to detail the tens of thousands of genes that carry instructions for everything in a human body, Clinton marvels about the medical and societal possibilities it holds.

And he uses the theme to segue to a discussion of racial and ethnic divisions. Ancient hatreds and petty jealousies still hobble mankind, despite the fact that people are genetically so similar, Clinton says.

Some audiences are less than taken with the topic.

"In this most modern of ages," Clinton told international trade ministers in Seattle on Dec. 1, "when the Internet tells us everything — when we are solving all the problems of the human gene and we will soon know what's in our fear of those who are different from us."

The response to that speech — which also pressed economic themes opposed by many of the trade ministers — was tepid.

An enthusiastic audience of Kosovo Albanian schoolchildren went quiet last month when Clinton began discussing a factoid impressed on him during a recent White House symposium on genetics organized by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"All the schoolchildren will soon be learning in their biology classes that all the people in the world — all the people in the world, in terms of their genetic makeup, scientifically, are 99.9 percent the same," Clinton said.

Web sites answer basic questions about politics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Curious which political candidate your neighbor or boss gives money to? How about the fate of that school bond referendum in California? Want to watch videotape of the presidential candidates discussing Social Security reform?

Just use the computer mouse to find out, since politics — like almost everything else in this age of "dot com" — is flooding cyberspace.

"It is true that candidates for the first time, and maybe voters for the first time, are viewing the

Internet as a major factor in the election," said Doug Bailey, cofounder of Freedomfund.com, a nonprofit Web site that provides access to video footage supplied by the presidential candidates. "It is only going to continue to grow."

Every presidential candidate has a Web site, as do the political parties and almost every special interest group. Adding to the proliferation of politics on the Internet are sites — independent of the candidates or the parties — devoted to the subject.

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Poll: Bradley, McCain take lead

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley has a clear lead over Vice President Al Gore among likely voters in the New Hampshire Democratic primary in a new poll.

The New Hampshire Poll done by the American Research Group showed Bradley leading Gore by 48 percent to 36 percent among 600

likely voters in the nation's first presidential primary. The margin of error was plus or minus 4 percentage points.

The latest poll also found Arizona Sen. John McCain ahead of Texas Gov. George W. Bush, 39 percent to 30 percent, among 600 likely voters in the Republican primary.

CITY OF TWIN FALLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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FEES	CURRENT RATE	PROPOSED RATE	% INCREASE
Daily Admissions:			
Ages 5 and under	.50	Ages 3 and under—Free	n/a
Ages 6-12	\$1.50	Ages 4-12—\$2.50	67%
Ages 13-17	\$2.00	\$3.00	50%
Adults	\$2.50	\$3.00	20%
Family	n/a	\$10.00	100%
Coupon Books:	In City/ Outside City Limits	In City/Outside City Limits	In City/Outside City Limits
Ages 5 and under	\$7.50/\$10.50	n/a	n/a
Ages 6-12	\$22.50/\$25.50	\$37.50/\$40.50	67%/58.8%
Ages 13-17	\$30.00/\$33.00	\$45.00/\$55.00	50%/67%
Adults	\$37.50/\$47.50	\$45.00/\$55.00	20%/15.79%
Swimming Lessons:	In City/Outside City Limits	In City/Outside City Limits	In City/Outside City Limits
Lessons I-V	\$15.00/\$18.00	\$25.00/\$28.00	67%/55.6%
Lessons VI-VII	\$20.00/\$23.00	\$30.00/\$33.00	50%/43.5%
SSR Classes	\$30.00	\$35.00	17%
WSI/Lifesaving	\$90.00	\$100.00	11%
Passes: Season	Ages 5 & under \$15/\$18	n/a	n/a
	Ages 6-12 \$45/\$48	n/a	n/a
	Ages 13-17 \$60/\$63	n/a	n/a
	Adults \$75/\$85	n/a	n/a
	Family \$115/\$135	n/a	n/a
Passes: Annual	n/a	Ages 4-12 \$150/\$160	100%
	n/a	Ages 13-up \$180/\$200	100%
	n/a	Family \$450/\$500	100%
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BOAT BREAK BEFORE THE BIG NIGHT



'Santa Claus' Bob Greathouse takes a day off from his busy holiday schedule for a morning of fishing at Chaparral Lake in Scottsdale, Ariz., Wednesday. Santa's ball of choice? A candy cane, of course.

Probe finds uranium plant hid radiation risk from its workers

The Washington Post

PADUCAH, Ky. — One worker collapsed on the factory floor; his body ravaged by lymphoma. Two others died within 145 days of different forms of leukemia. By the time Challie Freeman came down with a rare bone disease in the fall of 1979, questions had morphed into suspicions.

Was something at the U.S. government's uranium plant making workers sick?

One possible answer — radiation exposure — seemed persuasive to Freeman's doctor. He fired off a letter to the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant. "It is imperative," he wrote, "that we learn as soon as possible the extent, nature and type of radiation to which he was exposed."

The reply — "no significant internal exposure" — was brief and emphatic. It was also false.

While the plant was denying knowledge of significant hazards to Freeman's doctors, confidential records showed the opposite: Freeman had tested positive multiple times for exposure to radioactive uranium and had even been restricted from working around uranium, an internal company memo shows.

In August, The Washington Post reported that Paducah workers were unwittingly exposed to highly radioactive plutonium and neptunium on the job from the 1950s to the 1970s. A subsequent four-month Post investigation has found additional evidence that plant officials kept employees uninformed about chemical and radiation hazards. In some cases, such as Freeman's, the plant withheld accurate medical information — even while it privately tracked cancer deaths among workers.

A limited review of Paducah employee death records also turned up rates of leukemia among workers that appear higher than normal, based on government mortality statistics. Epidemiologists who reviewed the findings described the data as intriguing but cautioned that a

much more intensive scientific study would be required to establish whether there was a pattern of cancer deaths.

Such a study would require an epidemiological investigation with full access to employee records and medical histories. That has not been done at Paducah.

The 48-year-old uranium plant is the subject of an Energy Department investigation into worker health and safety practices. Union Carbide Corp., which allowed its operating contract to expire in 1984, declines to comment, saying its Paducah managers are long gone from the company. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, whose agency owns the facility, has apologized for the failure to disclose plant hazards and has promised compensa-

tion for sick workers. Any "outside attempt to review medical issues at Paducah is complicated by a lack of complete information. The Energy Department, citing privacy laws, declined to release lists of workers and their assignments. But The Post obtained rosters listing more than 200 Paducah employees who were hired to work in some of the plant's most dangerous uranium-handling areas between 1951 and 1971. Scores of death certificates were examined and more than 120 surviving employees who worked in those areas were interviewed.

Professional help was retained to categorize deaths, and a software program developed by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health was used to compare incidences of cancer to national rates. The result: The incidence of leukemia at Paducah appeared

elevated, according to epidemiologists who reviewed the data. Of the 211 people on the lists who could be located — a small portion of the plant's total workforce — 40 died of cancers of the blood and lymph system, including six of leukemia. By comparison, government mortality statistics suggest that only a single leukemia death would be expected in a group of adults of that size.

Cancer clusters are difficult to document, and cancers are not necessarily caused by radiation. Some studies at other Energy Department plants have suggested links between workplace hazards and cancers; others have not. Whether chronic exposure to low doses of radiation causes cancer has been hotly debated for decades.

Still, several epidemiologists who reviewed the results said the unusual incidence of leukemia and other rare diseases suggests the need for a closer look. "The findings are interesting and noteworthy and are grounds for a more complete study of the question," said David Richardson, an epidemiologist who is

researching radiation health effects for the World Health Organization. Senior Energy Department officials said the findings highlight a major policy dilemma for the agency: whether to pursue more studies or to expand pilot programs to directly compensate workers who get sick. Wednesday, the department announced that it had shifted spending priorities in its fiscal 2000 budget to increase money for health studies and medical monitoring at Paducah.

"Epidemiology is not going to answer the questions precisely enough," said David Michaels, an epidemiologist and the assistant energy secretary for environment, safety and health.

Richardson said he has proposed legislation to change the way his agency deals with its sick workers.

USDA wants to allow alternatives to soy meat in kids' school lunches

WASHINGTON (AP) — Worried about the fat in kids' meals, federal officials want to let schools and day care centers serve tofu, veggieburgers and other soy products as meat substitutes in federally subsidized lunches.

The Agriculture Department is proposing to drop its restrictions on how much soy can be used in meals. Under current rules, soy can only be a food additive and only in amounts of less than 30 percent.

President Reagan's budget crunchers tried to make tofu a meat substitute nearly two decades ago — at the same time they tried to reclassify ketchup as a vegetable — but they beat a hasty retreat when the idea became a lightning rod for opponents of its spending cuts. USDA officials deny their motive now is to save money, arguing instead that soy is a good source of protein.

"Its time has come," said

Shirley Watkins, USDA's undersecretary for food, nutrition and consumer services. "I think people are more receptive than they would have been five or 10 years ago."

Livestock producers have expressed concern about the move, but schools like it because they are having trouble complying with government limits on the fat content of meals. And for the fast-growing soy industry, the \$6 billion school lunch program offers a vast new market and a way to introduce families to the expanding array of new, better-tasting products that have been developed in recent years.

Although the proposal would allow schools to offer meatless entrees — tofu-stuffed ravioli is one possibility — nutritionists say schools are more likely to use it to increase the amount of soy that they blend into their standard fare: burgers, tacos and the like.

The question is whether kids will still eat them.

Market research sponsored by the United Soybean Board indicated the 26 million children who participate in the school-lunch program would accept soy products. Kids, however, are notoriously finicky consumers, said Lincoln Pierce, director of nutrition programs for the Grand Junction, Colo., schools.

"If you tell kids there's soy in it, they don't seem to like it as well," said Pierce. "In blind tests they approve of it, but their heads haven't caught up with their taste buds."

USDA's proposal has its roots in a decision the department made in 1994 to start requiring schools to meet the government's dietary guidelines for fat and nutrients. That meant that the fat content in school menus could no longer exceed 30 percent over a week.

FDA approves medicine to treat intestinal polyps

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first drug treatment for a rare genetic disorder that causes patients to develop large numbers of intestinal polyps was approved by the Food and Drug Administration on Thursday.

The agency approved the use of the Celebrex — currently used for arthritis — in patients with familial adenomatous polyposis.

People with FAP develop large numbers of intestinal polyps, greatly increasing their risk of developing colon and rectal cancer at an early age.

The FDA stressed that in treating patients with FAP, Celebrex should be used only in addition to the current treatment, which typically involves removal of much of the lower intestine by early adulthood, with careful monitoring of any remaining intestine.

In a six-month accelerated trial involving 83 patients there was a 28 percent reduction in the number of polyps in people receiving the drug, compared to those getting a placebo, the FDA said.

The main side effects were diarrhea and indigestion.



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EDITORIAL

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

More than a century ago, young Virginia O'Hanlon sent the editor of *The New York Sun* a question that still perplexes parents: "Is there a Santa Claus?" Her letter was turned over to Francis P. Church, and his eloquent reply was published that Christmas of 1897. *The Times-News* is pleased to reprint its wisdom in yet another Christmas season.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of *The Sun*:

"Dear editor:
I am 8 years old.
Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
Papa says 'If you see it in *The Sun*, it's so!'
Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West 95th Street"

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect - an ant - in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable the existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight.

The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

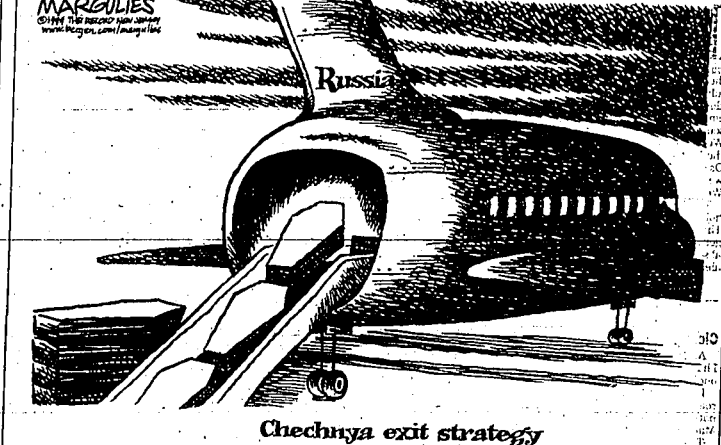
Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus; but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could ever tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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Cities boasting of quality of life find new magnetism in the Digital Age

JOEL KOTKIN

The rise of the digital economy is reopening America's established patterns of economic and social geography. How place relates to the burgeoning information and media sectors will increasingly determine the geographic losers and winners of the next millennium.

Since so much knowledge work can theoretically be performed anywhere, some have suggested that the shift to an information economy makes the very concept of place irrelevant. In reality, place matters more than ever. If people, companies or industries can truly locate anywhere, or at least choose from a range of places, the question of where becomes increasingly contingent on the peculiar attributes of a given location.

What has changed, and profoundly, are the rules shaping a city's success. Under the new regime, wherever knowledge workers cluster, whether in small towns or big cities, that is where wealth will accumulate. By their very nature, such concentrations are far less constrained by traditional determinants such as proximity to waterways, raw materials or dense concentrations of people. Once-relevant distinctions - Frostbelt and Sunbelt, city and suburb, countryside and metropolis - have been replaced.

Surveys of high-technology companies find "quality of life" far more important to their skilled workers than such factors as taxes, regulation or land costs.

In some senses, this shift recalls the early period of the Industrial Revolution. Railroads, the manufacture of iron and steel and the exploitation of coal and other power sources fueled the growth of great new cities from the British midlands to the American Midwest. Often, these places were thought to be too cold and remote for mass habitation. Yet their centrality and proximity to waterways, raw materials and labor enabled them to take advantage of the emerging technological paradigm.

Today, quality-of-life issues are similarly reordering the hierarchy of place. "Boutique" cities such as San Francisco, Seattle, Boston and Denver are attracting many skilled knowledge workers. Because of this new migration, these cities now enjoy among the lowest office vacancy rates, the highest levels of education and the highest degree of Internet penetration.

The great metropolitan regions - New York, Chicago, Houston and Los Angeles - are bifurcating. In the new economy, Manhattan, the inner lakeshore districts of Chicago and the coastal strip of Los

eschew the kind of millennialist enthusiasm, fueled by the current boom, that has led some thinkers, notably MIT's Nicholas Negroponte, to see digital technology as "a natural force drawing people into a greater global harmony."

From a longer perspective, Daniel Bell may have a firmer hand on the future. Nearly three decades ago, he contended that the post-industrial economy also possesses the power to divide and atomize, fostering a new kind of apartheid based on access and ability to exploit information.

If the new technology energizes utopian visions of equal access to information, it also adds "knowledge" as one of the "fundamental axes" of stratification.

In the past, for example, access to a decent life could be found in communities considered too cold, too unattractive, too remote for what one analyst called "sophisticated consumers of choices," meaning investors, engineers, systems analysts, scientists, creative workers and other highly skilled people. Yet, as information and intelligence have become prime drivers of the economy, many of these less-favored places have suffered grievously. An economy largely dictated by class conflict that newly destroyed capitalism during the industrial age. Ultimately, this depends less on technology than on the will of individuals and communities.

In the 21st century and beyond, communities will survive and prosper by being something more than soulless stacks of brick and glass interconnected by fiber-optic cables. They can achieve this status by fostering a sense of continuity - in human bonds, not just electronic links - among communities, businesses and neighborhoods. More than anything, this reclaimed sense of civility will determine success in the emerging geography of the digital age.

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LETTERS

Administration shows its ineptitude

The Clinton administration's criticism of Russia's military action in Chechnya clearly demonstrates their inability to grasp the real issues.

Russia is trying to maintain its territorial integrity and has no desire to end the terrorism and other trappings that accompany the current well-orchestrated worldwide onslaught of Islamic fundamentalist extremism.

And since there is no realistic separation of church and state in these extremist regimes, how would the United States react if such a declaration of an Islamic state occurs in our "back yard"?

It is noted that Yeltsin will now look to China for support as a result of the U.S.'s gross stupidity about the real danger "coming down the pike."
JIM CONDER
Filer

Television covers health issues

Ms. Randolph:
In answer to your letter on Dec. 16, I would like to ask, where have you been for the last 30 years? The liberated press-television has been educating women on the medical problems at least that long.

Women, unlike men, are more likely to see a doctor sooner. So these advertisements-commercials are to educate men on possible medical problems, many of

which cause erectile dysfunction. Erectile dysfunction can be early signs of heart problems, high blood pressure, prostate cancer, colon cancer, sugar diabetes, just to name a few - all of which can be life threatening.

To get the medication, Viagra, they must first go to a physician and get a complete medical exam, including blood test. Many men do not like to admit they have a problem. So they usually wait too long to seek help for their erectile dysfunction. When the symptoms become bad enough to really concern them, it is sometimes too late.

If these advertisements and commercials can educate just one man who is experiencing very mild symptoms to see his doctor sooner, just maybe the underlying problem can also be treated sooner. Then the needless pain, suffering and even death can be prevented. That could possibly include a male member of your own family.

Maybe you should stop muttering the television during the commercials, you just need to educate yourself.
NANCY N. SILVERMAN
Burley

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Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Help bring peace on Earth; Canada, we need your cooperation

JOEL ACHENBACH

In this joyous holiday season we engage in special rituals. We decorate a tree with pretty ornaments and strings of lights. We make eggnog. We put the yule log on the fire. We pass around beautifully wrapped gifts, and listen closely to make sure they're not emitting the kind of ticking sound associated with explosives. We search the closets and under the bed for hidden agents of Osama bin Laden. We make sure we have plenty of spare ammo. We lock and load.

This is the most nerve-racking holiday season in a long time. The FAA wants airline passengers to be prepared for additional security scrutiny and to "be alert for any suspicious, unat-

tended bags, parcels or other items." (I've found that staring at people for long periods and wondering if they might secretly be a terrorist contributes to a more relaxing aviation experience.)

Meanwhile, the State Department says Americans around the world should be prepared to be targeted by terrorists at special-millennium events. A State Department official, Michael Sheehan, has tried to explain the competing goals of the government in these delicate times: "One is to share information we have regarding threats in

a prudent manner, and the other is not to be overly alarmed so as to unnecessarily frighten the American people."

In other words, people should just be a little bit worried that they'll be killed by a terrorist.

What's the cure for all this anxiety? Here's a suggestion: Go to Canada. It is the land of no worries. Canada is so even-keeled, so open-minded, so desperately intent on being as boring as possible, that no Canadian dares to imagine that there is such a thing as a bad person. In Canada, everyone is presumed nice. That's why terrorists love the place!

It appears that terrorists in Canada now outnumber the hockey players. As we speak, terrorists are standing in line, doing their

last-minute Christmas shopping at Plastic Explosives R Us. There are homeless terrorists on the streets carrying little signs saying "Will Drive Truck Bomb for Food."

As Americans we need to get serious about the Canada problem. Personally I have never trusted that place. It comes on so mild, so easygoing. It tries to fill everyone into complacency. It keeps sending us these supernaturally calm and levelheaded people like Peter Jennings, who could make Armageddon no more dramatic than a quarter-point increase in the prime lending rate.

Over time, we've let down our guard. We're talking about 3,000 miles-plus of virtually unguarded border, a massive sieve. Incredibly, there are border

crossings guarded only by a video camera. Our national defense is in Comander!

This might be a good time to start considering the annexation solution. Does Canada really need to be an entirely separate nation? We need to make clear to these people that we can take them.

All right. Enough of the pratle. Here's a more serious idea: Instead of doing last-minute Christmas shopping, let's do some last-minute charity.

Instead of thinking of hate, let us think about love. Instead of fear, let us feel courage. Instead of despair, let us have faith.

This is the time of year when we can all engage in sudden and unexpected acts of kindness. You

could say this is a form of counterterrorism. This is a moment for everyone to pause and think about what they can do for those who are less fortunate, who are in pain, who are suffering a deficit of hope. You can visit a person in the hospital or a hospice, or write a letter to someone you haven't seen in many years. You can bring food to a homeless person. You can vow to nurture the weak. You can call someone out of the blue and wish him a Merry Christmas.

Yes, there are bad people in the world. But there are a lot more of us than there are of them.

Joel Achenbach writes for The Washington Post.

Close roads, lose freedom

As a native Richfield resident, I have seen our freedoms one-by-one taken away from us.

I am very concerned about the roadless and road closures in our national forest. Bureau of Land Management, etc.

These are roads that, in some cases, have been in use for years to our favorite camping, hiking, fishing and hunting areas.

"Without roads in our national forests, BLM and even our wilderness areas. Who gets to see or enjoy these places? Surely not 60 percent to 80 percent of our population.

You are limiting these areas to a very vocal few. How about our disabled, senior citizens, the young, etc. How do these people get to see and enjoy the thrill of mountain lakes, forest camping, hunting and fishing?

As a horse back rider and hiker, I have enjoyed and had the pleasure of our wilderness areas, national forests, many lakes and trails.

But all too soon, this will end! Then what?

JYLVE PIPER
Richfield

U.S. Should have kept canal

The give-away of the Panama Canal to a country that doesn't

really want it is the tragedy of a century.

Spearheaded by Idaho's late Sen. Frank Church 20 years ago, the give-away of the Panama Canal is incomprehensible to the thinking American who knows the canal is a vital link in the defense of America and its position of world leadership.

It was Idaho's own Frank Church who cast the deciding vote in the Senate approving the so-called treaty to give the canal to Panama, yet the treaty was never approved by the U.S. Senate after Panama's Dictator Torrijos changed it to suit himself.

I told Frank Church to his face on the Square in Rupert after his infamous drive to give away the Panama Canal that I would do everything in my power to see that he did not return to the Senate. Know what he told me? "I had no more conscience." He didn't care that the people of Idaho did not want to give up this vital waterway.

And now, as the day of reckoning approaches to withdraw completely from the canal zone, a hostile power sits at both ends of the canal ready to take complete control of who is permitted to pass through that vital waterway. Panama, of course, has neither the will nor the capacity to defend or maintain this vital link

between the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans. And its people would overwhelmingly prefer that the United States maintain its presence there. Polls have shown that 80 percent of Panamanians want the United States to stay.

Notwithstanding The Times-News' assertion that China "is unlikely to pull any stunts with the Panama Canal" (see Times-News opinion page, Dec. 9), that country now is in a position to halt the passage of our ships should it choose to do so. Says "New American Magazine," "In reality, if we allow this suicidal course to continue, we will be transferring our strategic canal not to Panama but to whichever power moves in to fill the vacuum."

How the United States Senate can sit idly by and let this travesty of justice take place is beyond me. Yet the politicians have ignored the issue for years, pretending that the "treaty" is binding on the United States. It is not, so why don't they admit this and keep our forces in Panama?

RALPH W. MAUGHAN
Rupert

Women suffer around globe

There have been a couple of letters this month that deal with the plight of women. One letter

dealt with the subject in almost a pleading cry for understanding; whereas, the other letter touched on the subject only peripherally.

Unfortunately, neither letter appeared persuasive. With assistance from a friend, I hope to correct the situation and show that women throughout the world are treated extremely badly and, in lots of instances, barbarically.

At the present time, African women oppose genital mutilation. And that practice goes on wherever there are groups of believers, even in the United States, Philippine, Thai, Japanese and Swedish women organize themselves against the forced sex trade.

Women in Papua, New Guinea, the United States and workers at the United Nations resist sexual harassment. Brazilian and Italian women protest domestic battery and "honour" as a male excuse for killing them.

Indian women fight against "dowry" and "suttee" (the practice in India whereby a woman is expected to throw herself on her husband's funeral pyre and be burned with him; this is supposed to show her faithfulness) as a male excuse for killing them. Indian women also fight against the "accident in the kitchen" where unwanted wives (because of a small or unfulfilled dowry)

are doused with kerosene and burned to death.

American women protest against domestic battery and romantic love as a male excuse for killing them, and Canadian women protest the use of "feminism" as a male excuse for killing them.

Women everywhere have risen up against rape, even in countries where women have recently been regarded as chattel. And women in the United States, Scandinavia and the Philippines are resisting pornography because of the degradation of women.

Forced motherhood is imposed in Ireland to Bangladesh by the U.S. Congress on foreign nations via restrictions on foreign aid.

There are many more examples of the worldwide plight of

women, and I refer you to The Oxford Amnesty Lectures 1993 and, especially, to Catherine A. Mackinnon's lecture.

My thanks to Marguerite of the "Off Our Backs" chapter of the Lesbian Avengers, New York City.

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Report: Grizzly bears stay on endangered list

JACKSON, Wyo. — Grizzly bears in the Yellowstone National Park region will remain on the endangered species list at least four more years, according to a new federal grizzly recovery plan.

While many who helped design the plan believe the area's grizzly population has met goals established earlier this decade, they said another four to five years will be needed to meet all the criteria for delisting.

A report released by a subgroup of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee last week outlined the requirements, which include changing national forest plans to protect grizzly habitat and changing a Montana law that allows people to shoot grizzlies that kill cattle or damage property.

County adopts restrictions prompted by accidents

BOISE — Ada County commissioners have adopted rules aimed at making paramedics drive more safely, including several restrictions on speed.

The changes were prompted by a series of 14 accidents in the past five years involving the Ada County Paramedics. One paramedic who drove too fast through a traffic light was placed on administrative leave earlier this year. Among other things, paramedics are not supposed to drive 15 mph or more above the speed limit in any circumstance and not more than 80 mph on Interstate 84, where the posted limit is 75 mph. The type of emergency involved also will dictate speed restrictions under the new rules.

Boise State receives first time accreditation approval

BOISE — Boise State University's doctoral programs in education and geophysics have been accredited for the first time following a visit by a 15-member accrediting team.

The Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges also reaffirmed its accreditation of Boise State's associate, bachelor's and master's degrees.

The school received the 60-page accreditation report Tuesday.

It followed a visit in late October by a team led by Michael Malone, president of Montana State University. "Boise State has a quality about it that is reflective of the dynamic future of the Boise region which both mirrors and helps to define the high-energy growth of the universities," the evaluators said. "The university is doing a good job of responding to regional imperatives."

At the same time, the accreditors cautioned that some services to students have been hurt by rapid growth, and said academic advising of undergraduates should be made a priority.

Three protesters at Aryan events miss court date

COEUR D'ALENE — Three men who filed claims against the city for allegedly violating their civil rights as they protested at Aryan Nations rallies are wanted for failing to appear in court.

Jeremy Buck, 29, of Seattle; Allan Mark Liiv, 28, of San Francisco; and Jonathan Crowell, 24, of Moscow, face warrants for failing to appear in Kootenai County court. Buck and Liiv were

Senator's involvement in campaign upsets locals

SALMON (AP) — U.S. Sen. Larry Craig's involvement in a recent city election has some residents upset.

City Councilman-elect Scott Spaeth has written three times to the Idaho Republican's office protesting a letter to the editor Craig wrote to the local newspaper on behalf of Mayor Stan Davis just one week before the election.

Davis won a tight race over Jerry Morphy, 441 votes to 404. Immediately after the letter appeared, Spaeth and other Morphy backers contacted Craig's office by phone, fax and letter asking him to remove himself from local politics.

"We wanted him to come on the radio and at least say it was inappropriate for him to get involved in a local, nonpartisan race," Spaeth later said. "He tainted our process." Craig spokesman Mike Tracy sees nothing inappropriate about the sena-



Larry Craig

tor's involvement. "That's not unusual at all for Larry. He got involved in a Coeur d'Alene race, too," Tracy said. "It happens all the time."

He said Craig has known and worked with Davis for years and that Davis requested the endorsement.

Craig's letter on behalf of the mayor was used on the back of Davis' campaign literature, and Craig's voice endorsed Davis on radio spots. "He has caused such a stir that Davis asked that they be pulled."

"We had a great conservative running against Mr. Davis," Spaeth wrote Craig. "You were not in the position of being aware

of our current local issues or the candidates involved."

Morphy, a lifelong Republican whose father, grandfather and cousin all were Lemhi County commissioners and whose uncle was a county clerk, also wrote Craig.

"Is it your policy to endorse a candidate in a nonpartisan race?" Morphy asked.

He was particularly irked at a portion of Craig's letter on behalf of Davis that said, "Stan has no ax to grind and is not committed to one issue only."

West in brief

arrested at the white supremacist parade in July.

Buck pleaded innocent to charges of excessive noise and interfering with police barriers. Liiv is charged with interfering with a police barrier.

Magistrate Barry Watson issued a \$1,000 warrant for Buck's arrest. Buck also was scheduled to appear for a pretrial conference.

Judge agrees that Energy Department did right thing

IDAHO FALLS — A federal judge has sided with the U.S. Department of Energy in a lawsuit over the shutdown of a nuclear reactor once used for research at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Coalition 21, a group of prominent engineers and scientists, argued the agency did not thoroughly study the consequences of shutting down the Experimental Breeder Reactor-II.

The reactor at the eastern Idaho site's Argonne National Laboratory has not operated since Congress pulled its funding in 1994. The agency already has removed radioactive fuel from the reactor and plans to drain remaining liquid sodium coolant.

A judge decided the Energy Department followed its own rules in weighing how to put the reactor in a safe, stable condition and that it had taken a hard enough look at the environmental impacts.

Coalition 21 member Dick Kenney said his group was not lobbying to have the reactor restarted. But he said it opposes the Energy Department's decision to wait to fully dismantle and clean up the reactor.

It may be several years or decades before the buildings and equipment are completely demolished, and Kenney said other reactors that were not fully shut down have become "rotted" eyesores that give groups opposing nuclear power needless ammunition.

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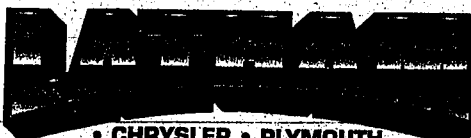
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Driver going wrong way crashes on I-84

JEROME - A driver going the wrong way on Interstate 84 hit a car Thursday evening, injuring a Hagerman woman and tying up traffic for hours.

Gene Ellis, 73, of Redmond, Ore. was heading westbound in the east-bound lanes two miles west of the town Falls exit when his Ford pickup hit an oncoming Pontiac sedan, a news release from the Idaho State Police said.

Matlin Miller, 32, was taken to Mendocino Valley Regional Medical Center, where she was treated and released, the release said.

Miller's two children were uninjured. Citation information was unavailable Thursday night.

Wendell woman could face robbery charge

IDAHO FALLS - A 52-year-old Wendell woman is in custody after being arrested as a suspect in a bank robbery. She has not been charged.

Idaho State Police arrested **Melinda Hartwig** Wednesday afternoon after Trooper John Kemp spotted her Ford Explorer Wednesday morning 12: Steve Jones said.

13 agents and Idaho state police detectives were still questioning Hartwig Wednesday evening.

Deputy Lt. Steve Roos said Hartwig will likely be taken to Boise, where she could face a robbery charge in federal court.

Bank employees told police a 52-year-old woman walked into the bank and gave a note to a remaining money.

The note said something to the effect of "this was urned and if the noted, to see her family for Christmas" she'd give her the money," Roos said.

The title emptied the money in the driver's car, a big family, for Christmas," Roos said. He didn't know how much money the woman had.

Social Security Office closes today for holiday

TWIN FALLS - The Social Security Office will be closed today for the Christmas holiday.

The office will reopen at 9 a.m. Monday.

Skii Resort to hold Cross Country Idaho next month

HANSEN - The annual Cross Country Idaho will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 8 at Magic Mountain Ski Area near Shoshone.

Sponsors will furnish skis, poles, boots, lessons and refreshments - all free to the public.

Jack Yarborough of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation said everyone who would like to learn about the sport of cross country skiing is invited to attend lessons and save on ski-binding techniques and safety.

Participant will get to use the equipment for one hour.

For more information, call Yarborough at 837-4505.

Buhl Arts Council offers special activities for 2000

BUHL - The Buhl Arts Council at the Eighth Street Center is planning a number of special activities for the upcoming year.

Those who would like to experience the meditative quietness of walking can attend the "Evening of Peace for the New Millennium Labyrinth Walk from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 15."

Children can learn all about what it takes to put on a puppet show by taking "Marionette Madness" at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 5, 12 and 19. Four through sixth graders will be able to participate in the feature production and will learn the basic elements of theater production from set design to opening night. The cost is \$25.

Adults can learn the "Foundations of Painting with Bob Moore" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 12. Artists who use watercolor participate in the art of Plein Air painting. The cost of the workshop is \$75 and those interested should call the center for a prospectus.

The center will present the a cappella group The Standards in concert at 8 p.m. Jan. 15. Tickets are \$10.

Those interested in activities at the Buhl Eighth Street Center may call 543-2888.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Organizers celebrate tree festival's success

Consider making it an annual event

By Dex Dutton
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - Christmas may be the season to be jolly, but it's the success of the first ever Rupert tree festival that has its organizers mulling.

The Organization of Rupert Businesses sponsored a tree display and auction that was held at the American Red Cross building in Rupert in November. Preparing the trees at their own expense; area businesses, schools, and other organizations decorated trees that were on display and later auctioned.

Organizers were pleased with the support given by local residents and businesses, Hansen said. Many of the trees were donated and re-auctioned as many as three times. And some of the trees purchased were later donated to schools or needy families in the area.

Working under direction of ORB, Kay Roth helped organize the tree festival. She was pleasantly surprised at the response to the event.

"The tree festival took off more than people thought it would. We thought we would get maybe a dozen trees if we were lucky," Roth said. "Businesses, schools, and hospital employees responded with trees."

This year's theme "A caring and sharing Christmas" was selected to set the tone for giving

back to the community and helping people in need, ORB president Sherrill Miles said.

"We felt we wanted to give back to the community and to those who really need the help. That's why we wanted to do the tree auction. It seems that so many times we give things to people that don't really need or want them," Miles said. "We need to stop and remember what Christmas is all about."

And that spirit of giving is personified by the southern Idaho chapter of the BRGS cycle club, to which Miles referred. Proceeds from the auction of the BRGS tree were donated to Ashley Winn, of Buley, who is suffering from complex congenital heart disease. The tree money

was combined with other money raised by BRGS and will be used to send Winn and her family to Sea World in San Diego.

"We wanted to give her something good for Christmas," BRGS member Rick Birdsong said. Birdsong said the tree auction was a way for BRGS to meet their annual goal of helping someone in need in the Mini-Cassia area.

"People think about motorcycle people and so many times they think negative things. A lot of our members are so good to help in the community," said Birdsong.

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Growing up during the roarin' '20s

79-year-old local man speaks of the years he has seen

By Michael Jones
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Perhaps best known for gangsters, flappers, prohibition, and the maligned-law's offspring, the speakeasy, today's 20s decade are full of excitement and color.

However, far from the roarin' streets of Al Capone's Windy City and the Greenwich Village where the notes of Al Jolson's jazz wafted through the air, Twin Falls residents lived a more serene existence, marked most significantly by a recession in the agricultural economy and the spawning of the Snake River Canyon by the original Perrine

Bridge.

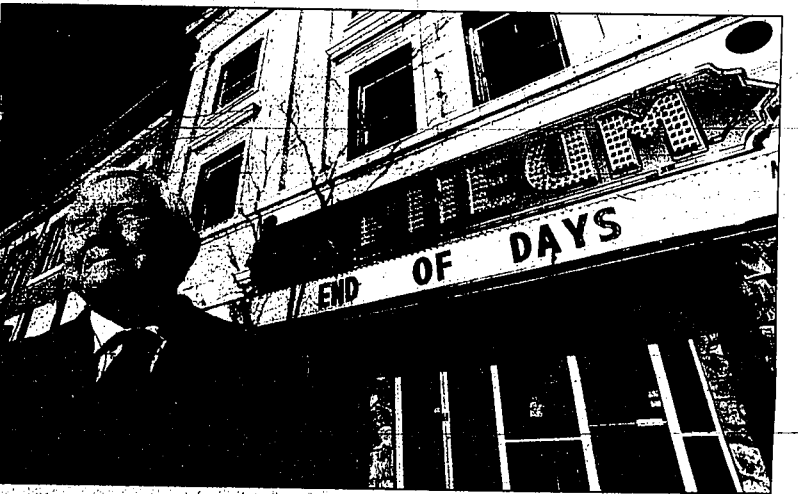
"As states across the country ratified constitutional amendments giving women the right to vote, a young family moved to the Magic Valley from the mid-west and welcomed the arrival of their third son on Aug. 27, 1920.

Amour Anderson remembers well the 10 cent Saturday afternoon matinees at the Idaho and Rex theaters, which in between newsreels and feature films, the young boy could watch his on-screen cowboy heroes Tom Mix and Hoot Gibson deal with villains.

"On special occasions they would bring in an organist to play along with the movie," Anderson said. "But that was just for big movies or in the evenings. Big for the Saturday afternoon crowds - to kids - they wouldn't worry about it."

After transferring from the midwest to a new position with the U.S. Postal Service in Idaho to provide a better climate for an asthmatic son, Anderson's father

began moonlighting as a radio salesman to make extra money. This opened up an entirely new world for Anderson. Programs like Amos and Andy, and of course westerns, took up the young Anderson's time between mowing what seemed to be an



Amour Anderson has some fine memories of movie theaters in Twin Falls, including the Orpheum, where he once met Mickey Rooney in person.

1920s timeline

1920 - Following operation of the Snake River Canyon Dam, the first hydroelectric power plant in Idaho is built at Shoshone.

1921 - Idaho law prohibits Japanese people from owning or leasing land.

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"One man's wife was mystified. She said that she couldn't figure out how that music came out of that little box. She even closed all the windows and it still worked."

Odd jobs and imitating Babe Ruth on local sandlots also filled Anderson's younger days.

A paper and magazine route and a venture starting the syrup for Juicy Orange, a popular soft drink mixed at the local Coca-Cola bottling plant - another of his father's ventures - are part of Anderson's early resume. He was just 8-year-old when he started working at the bottling plant.

"I quickly graduated to washing bottles," he quipped.

He remembers distinctly the day the Great Depression forced the closure of one of the local banks with most of his father's savings still inside.

"It immediately made a change in our family's life," he said. "There were no more frills. No more luxuries. Everyone had

to start contributing to the family income."

Later in life, Anderson saw his father sell the bottling plant to baseball great Ty Cobb - it was a gift for Cobb's son. He also had the honor of training film legend Clark Gable for his real-life role in World War II as an Army Air Corps officer.

Today, at 79, Anderson is still active in the Twin Falls business world as the world chief financial officer of Gem State Paper and Supply.

The biggest difference in the world of his youth and today, Anderson said, is the pace and the loss of people's neighborly attitude.

"I seemed people had a lot more time to know one another," he said. "There was no television to distract everyone."

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Good Neighbor Day takes kids to see City or Rocks

By Corven Hart
Times-News correspondent

ALMO - Almo schoolchildren stormed the City or Rocks recently, bringing gifts for needy children.

Park rangers and the City of Rocks Historical Association teamed up with Community Action Group and Almo Elementary School to sponsor a successful second annual City of Rocks Good Neighbor Day.

At the event, the Almo community celebrated the opening of a new park headquarters, the restored Caboon house, heard a story about Christmas at the City of Rocks state station back in 1875, and received a check that will help with their Reading is Fundamental program. The group also put up an Adopt-A-Child Christmas tree with names of needy children on it.

It's hard to say who enjoyed it more - the students and their teacher, Trina Wilson, or Park Ranger John Russell.

One thing is certain - the event was fine public relations.

Donning his old-fashioned western hat

Russell spun a tale of a teenager who helped with the stage when also stepped wild. He took his information from an aging autobiographer written by Charles Shinsley Walgamott titled "Six Decades Back."

"The wheels came off the stage and were replaced by sleds each winter. It was an open stage, and travelers wrapped up in heavy buffalo robes to cut the cold," Russell said.

Young Walgamott was in charge of sticking willow wands into the snow to mark the trail so the stage driver could find the way back. If the horses got stuck in deep snow, he tromped it flat so they could free themselves.

Wilson brought students to the center to choose a name from the tree, saw Santa Claus and spent time studying a composting and recycling display.

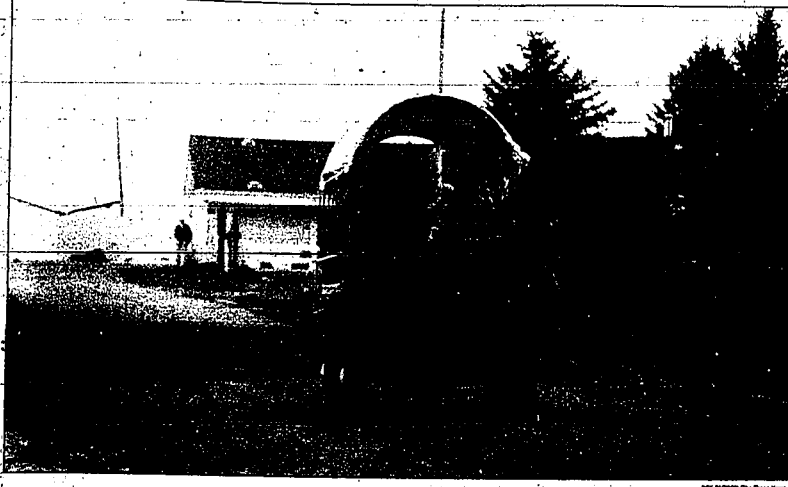
The students returned Dec. 21 for their party. Many local residents also stopped by to share in the refreshments and to see the newly opened visitor center. Russell

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Park Ranger John Russell spins a tale of the old West at a recent community celebration.

IN BURLEY, DAYS GONE BY



Val Robins of Burley treats family and friends to an old fashioned wagon ride Tuesday night on the south side of Burley.

Appellate court puts down challenge on checkpoints

BOISE (AP) - An appellate court rejected a poacher's challenge to the constitutionality of Idaho Department of Fish and Game hunter check stations, ruling that they do not amount to unreasonable searches and seizures.

The three-judge Idaho Court of Appeals unanimously upheld lower court decisions denying Raymond T. Thurman's attempts to suppress evidence collected at his guilty plea to the unlawful possession of a mule deer doe and fawn.

"We hold that it is constitutionally reasonable to briefly detain the traveling public, in or near designated hunting areas during hunting season, to question hunters, check their licenses, inquire about game taken, inspect game in hunters' possession, and collect biological data," Judge Alan Schwartzman wrote.

"In this capacity, Fish and Game officers not only act as law enforcers, but also as public trustees protecting, conserving, and promoting the replenishment of Idaho's wildlife."

The illegally taken deer were found in the company of Thurman's pickup truck on Oct. 29, 1997, at a Fish and Game check station along a stretch of rural gravel road in Owyhee County.

Thurman was stopped by a Fish and Game officer speeding up as he drove by the check station. He told the officer he had been rock collecting. Eventually, Thurman pleaded guilty to the unlawful possession of game charges in exchange for prosecutors dropping a charge of failing to stop at the check station. But the first judge ruled by Magistrate Thomas Ryan and 3rd District Judge Dennis Goff against his bid to suppress the evidence.

Thurman argued that the Fish and Game officer lacked authority to conduct the check station and had no reasonable suspicion that Thurman had violated a Fish and Game law, and that his individual liberty outweighed the public's interest in managing its wildlife.

The Court of Appeals would have none of it.

"Hunting is a highly regulated activity, which in turn, correspondingly reduces hunters' reasonable expectations of privacy," Schwartzman wrote. "The wild game within our state belongs to the people as a whole, in a collective, sovereign capacity and is treated as a common trust."

After 10 DUI convictions, Spokane man inspires call for new penalties

SPOKANE (AP) - Lacy W. Davis has been convicted 10 times for drunken driving, and some people are saving enough to make the 64-year-old Spokane man a poster boy in a state campaign to toughen laws against driving under the influence.

Davis was convicted last week of his 10th DUI charge. He's in the Geiger Corrections Center, serving a two-year jail sentence. It's his third stint for DUI at Geiger since 1987.

Davis is the classic example of why Washington should toughen laws against repeat DUI offenders, activists say.

Davis has not injured anyone on the road. His numerous DUI cases date back to 1971 and include two charges of hit-and-run.

Davis received twice the usual one-year sentence last week because he was convicted of DUI and driving with a suspended license. His latest arrest was on Sept. 29, when Washington State

prompted her to support a bill being drafted by State Sen. Bob McCaslin, R-Spokane.

McCaslin's proposed bill would make anyone convicted of three DUIs in a four-year period subject to stiffer felony penalties. The upper end of the sentence range hasn't yet been set, said McCaslin.

Whitman County Prosecutor Jim Kaufman said Washington and Oregon are two of 13 states in the nation without felony DUI laws. Idaho, California and Montana are among the states that do have such felony laws.

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Under present law, drunken-driving convictions carry a one-year maximum sentence, no matter how many times a person repeats the crime. Higher penalties are imposed only if a DUI driver injures or kills someone.

Washington had such a law in effect in 1987. Davis would have qualified as a felon that year alone.

Davis was convicted for DUI offenses on March 9, March 27 and again in April and December of 1997.

Davis has no criminal record other than his driving offenses, according to court records.

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Because of his numerous DUI convictions, state officials revoked Davis' license several years ago.

But he has continued driving anyway, said Deputy Spokane County Prosecutor Brian O'Brien. Schindler said the Davis case

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Dump truck catches fire after flipping on I-84

BOISE (AP) - At least one person was taken to the hospital after a dump truck flipped over, caught on fire and blocked the westbound lanes of Interstate 84.

The accident occurred Thursday evening just west of Boise.

An Idaho State Police dispatcher said it took about three hours to clear the accident that closed the westbound lanes and one of the eastbound lanes.

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Free Elko exhibit features work by western artists

ELKO, Nev. - "Traditions of the West," an exhibit and sale of artwork by artists from Nevada, Utah and Wyoming, is currently on display at the Western FolkLife Center at 501 Railroad St. in Elko. The exhibit is open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday

through Saturday throughout December and admission is free.

The display includes paintings, photographs, jewelry, pottery, hand-crafted baskets, furniture, jewelry, quilts and more. WFC Artistic Director Meg Glaser said many of the items will be available for sale.

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Murder suspect enters innocent plea

BOISE (AP) - A man accused of fatally slashing a woman's throat in October and leaving her body in a shopping cart has pleaded innocent to first-degree murder.

Jody "Allan" Johnson, 28, entered his plea Wednesday before 4th District Judge George Carey.

Norvassia Huck, 39, was found Oct. 23 in a culvert about 150 yards behind her trailer. Police reports said her body was wrapped in a comforter, cinched with electrical cord and stuffed into a two-wheeled shopping cart.

Forensic evidence prompted investigators to report the death about Oct. 16. When questioned by police, Johnson admitted he killed Huck. Detective Lance Anderson said during a Dec. 14 hearing.

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If they do not reach one, Johnson is scheduled to stand trial on the first-degree murder charge April 3. If convicted, he faces life in prison or the death penalty.

Bottner also told Carey the defense plans to have a psychologist evaluate Johnson's mental condition. Johnson's next scheduled court appearance is March 23 for a pretrial conference.

Workers say nuclear lab is racially biased

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Nine veteran Lawrence Livermore Laboratory employees of Asian and Pacific Island descent went to the state of California Thursday with complaints that the federal lab pays and promotes them less than their white counterparts.

Brad Yamauchi, a partner with Mithani, Law and Tamada, a law firm specializing in cases involving federal government employees, said the complaint would be amended in two weeks to make it a class-action case.

"We are seeking all remedies to make sure the discrimination does not continue," said Yamauchi. "That can include individual remedies for lost pay and promotion. It can include injunctive relief to change the way they evaluate and change the pay scales of employees and how they do promotions."

respond to the complaints.

"We'll be looking to see if Asians are paid lower wages than others who are not Asian," she said. "And it's not simply looking at Caucasians, it's looking at anybody who is not Asian."

If the complaints are found to be valid, they will be forwarded to the department's judicial body, the Fair Employment and Housing Commission, which can award damages of \$100,000 per plaintiff, plus back wages and other compensation.

The plaintiffs filed with California's Department of Fair Employment and Housing will prompt a state probe into allegations of discrimination at the weapons labs, where some Asian scientists have complained that a federal security crackdown has unfairly targeted Asians.

"At the lab, there are no Asian Americans in upper management in the technical fields despite the large number of us," plaintiff Kalina Wong alleged at a news conference. "In addition, there are no Asian Americans in a position with authority to make decisions on lab-wide policy."

The plaintiffs are hoping the state investigation will provide evidence supporting the allegations of lower pay and fewer promotions. "We don't have across-the-board statistics that would actually prove or disprove the claims," Yamauchi acknowledged.

Barbara Obern, the department's deputy director of enforcement field operations, said the lab will have 30 days to

Richardson reiterated his policy of zero tolerance for discrimination during a visit to the lab Wednesday in the wake of the arrest of Wen Ho Lee, the Taiwan-born American nuclear weapons scientist fired from the Los Alamos lab for violating security measures.

"Like every other American," she said, "we want to be treated fairly, and equitably by our employer."

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Rocks

Continued from B1 presented a check from the City of Rocks Historical Association for \$25 to Wilson for use in the Reading is Fundamental program. The money was generated through gift shop sales.

"Good Neighbor Day is still evolving. We're so happy that the community of Almo has supported it. There are projects like in Burley, but this is closer to home," said Dee Ann Spencer, an employee at the headquarters

and also a member of the historical association.

Times-Herald correspondent Corven Hart can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau in Burley at 677-4042.

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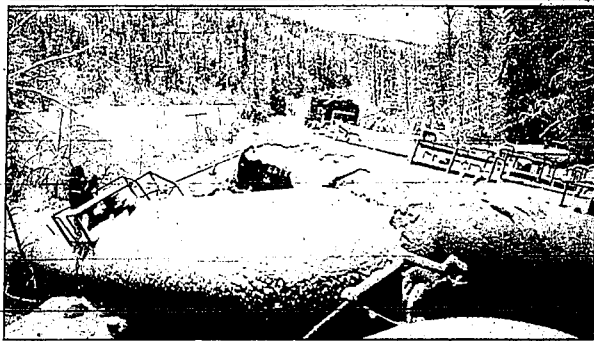
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Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Investigator Bob Dryer, lower left, takes photos of the position of tank cars involved in the Alaska Railroad Gold Creek derailment 110 miles north of Anchorage, Alaska, Thursday.

Deep snow slows efforts to clean up spill at Alaskan derailment site

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Snow slides and chest-deep snow slowed efforts Thursday to get to the site of a train derailment where tank cars had dumped up to 120,000 gallons of jet fuel. "We're getting dealt every hand possible," Alaska Railroad spokesman Scott Banks said. The site, 110 miles north of Anchorage, is accessible only by rail. A train carrying a railroad crew and officials with the Department of Environmental Conservation and Environmental Protection Agency set out from Talkeetna at 9:30 a.m. and reached the site, 36 miles away, about three hours later. The train was clearing snow along the tracks as it moved forward, making for slow going, Banks said.

Three locomotives and 15 tank cars went off the tracks at about 2 a.m. Wednesday. Four of the 22,000-gallon cars were so heavily damaged that railroad officials expected them to leak all or most of their fuel.

The train was headed southbound to Anchorage from The Williams Cos. refinery in North Pole when the derailment occurred.

None of the train's three crewmembers were injured. They were able to continue south in the lead locomotive, which did not derail. The cause of the derailment was not immediately known.

The site is 1,000 feet from the Sustina River. Brad Hahn of DEC said the number one priority will be keeping the spilled fuel from reaching the river.

The deep snow was expected to absorb some of the spilled fuel for a time and keep it from moving toward the river, said Ernie Piper, the railroad's assistant vice president for safety and environmental compliance.

The Alaska Railroad was

sending all spill cleanup equipment from Anchorage and Fairbanks to the site and has hired contractors to help with the cleanup.

It was the second derailment in the area in two months.

On Oct. 31, a train jumped the tracks 41 miles north of Talkeetna, spilling at least 9,000 gallons of jet fuel. Railroad spokesman Scott Banks said that derailment was traced to the lack of special equipment needed to control the couplers on two of the locomotives.

The railroad has since changed its operating procedures so that a similar accident could not happen again, Banks said.

Wage issue splits ag community

NAMPA (AP) — A fissure is developing in the Idaho agriculture community's opposition to requiring that farmworkers be paid at least minimum wage.

For the first time some growers are publicly deviating from the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation's contention that a state minimum wage for farmworkers is unacceptable. "There seems to be kind of an uprising of farmers and other people wondering what the big deal is," said Rob Troxel, of the Manning Labor Camp, run by an group of Idaho growers.

Troxel said association members are starting to favor a minimum wage because most farmers already are paying the \$5.15-an-hour minimum, but they continue to oppose extending the minimum wage to those paid based on piece work such as picking fruit.

Brad Hoaglan, executive director of the Idaho Hay Growers Association, said his group has voted not to oppose the farmworker minimum wage bill this winter even though it objected in the 1999 legislative session. The issue was killed in the House Agricultural Affairs Committee.

To get workers you have to be

paying minimum wage and usually more," but piece work and overtime provisions have no place in the proposal, Hoaglan said.

The Hay Growers Association is part of a growing contingent of farmers who believe the financial strain of passing the law would be minimal, despite Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's contention last week that Idaho's already strapped agriculture industry would suffer.

"I think there's a growing sentiment in the agriculture community that we don't have a battle here," said Richard Garber, who farms north of Nampa. "It's not really going to affect our bottom line, so why fight it?"

But the Idaho Farm Bureau continues to have reservations about the legislation and the precedent it would set.

"What (farmworkers) want is \$9.22 an hour," Farm Bureau spokesman Greg Nelson said.

Nelson said there is no need to change the law when only 300 people, according to Farm Bureau estimates, actually earn less than the federal minimum wage and it would cost thousands of dollars a year to police the new law.

Other estimates contend there are as many 6,000 who earn below the minimum wage. Twenty-three states have some form of minimum-wage law for farmworkers.

ATTENTION!

The Circulation Department will observe regular weekend hours. The News Department will remain open by calling 733-0931, extension 234.

Because of the holiday season, The Times-News Classified will have early deadlines as follows:

Ads running Saturday, December 25 will deadline at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 24.

Ads running Sunday, December 26 will deadline at 11:00 a.m. Dec. 24.

Ads running Monday, December 27 will deadline at Noon Dec. 24.

The Times-News office will close at 2:00 Friday, December 24.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our valued customers. The Times-News wishes everyone a safe holiday.

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If I could wish for anything for future generations, it would be for a peaceful and tolerant acceptance of the things that make us each unique.

I would also hope that everyone would work to provide a safe and healthy world for our children to grow in which they are always mindful of the needs of others.

HJ Johns
December, 1999

100 years from now, people will hear what you have to say.

Millennium Time Capsule

The new millennium is a time of reflection and a celebration of community. Twin Falls and the Magic Valley have seen significant growth and opportunity. As we approach the new century, there is a new hope, a new sense of excitement and a new set of challenges and opportunities ahead of us.

The January 1, 2000 edition of The Times-News will be a keepsake for generations to come. Take this opportunity to share your thoughts or memories with the Magic Valley. For this once in a lifetime opportunity, you may include a photo at no extra charge.

Mail to: Time-Capsule
The Times-News
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Twin Falls, ID 83303

OR

The Times-News
325 1/2 E. 5th N.
Burley, ID 83318

Please insert my Time Capsule in the Times-News New Year's Day section. Understand that photos will only be returned if I include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Deadline: NOON Wednesday, Feb. 03/00 (Count four average-size words per line - see sample, above. Please print clearly.)

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The Sun Valley Torchlight Parade will be held at the Sun Valley Resort. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Utah State University. Caroleers perform Christmas carols a cappella on the terrace of the Sun Valley Lodge. Skaters in holiday costume will perform a minicircus show at the outdoor ice rink here. Then Sun Valley Ski School instructors will schuss down Dollar Mountain in their annual torchlight parade followed by a fireworks display. The parade and fireworks will set the stage for Santa's arrival. Refreshments will be available, and the ice rink open for general skating following the festivities.

25/Saturday
 • Buck Ram Platters will perform two shows, at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., at Cactus Petes Resort Casino, Jackpot. The dinner show prices start at \$15.95, there's a \$10 cover charge for the cocktail show. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

26/Sunday
 • The New Theater Company will present Stuart Ross' "Forever Field," 8:30 p.m., Boulder Room, Sun Valley Resort. Tickets, which are \$18 for adults and \$12 for children, can be reserved by phoning the Sun Valley Sports Center at 622-2235. Performances will continue Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

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28/Tuesday
 • Company of Fools will present Ron Campbell's one-man show, "The Thousandth Night," 8 p.m., Liberty Theater, Hailey. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students and seniors. They're on sale at Read All About It in Hailey and Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum, and can be reserved by phoning 788-6520.

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Tell us your New Year's plans
 Planning to ring out the millennium in style? Give us a ring first. The Times-News will publish a New Year's Eve Celebration roundup in next Friday's Weekend section. If you'd like your event included, mail or fax it to us by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Stuff stockings with good books

They're new, they're local, and they've arrived in stores just in time for Christmas

By Steve Crump
 Times-News writer

Some last-minute Christmas gift ideas, written by Magic and Wood River valley authors

'Short of a Good Promise'

By Bill Sudebaker of Twin Falls
 Price: \$14.95

Publisher: Washington State University Press, Pullman

Available: Barnes & Noble, Hastings and Walden Books of Twin Falls; Read All About It, Hailey; Chapter One Bookstore, Ketchum; Ex Libris Bookstore, Sun Valley

This College of Southern Idaho professor is fast emerging as one of best contemporary essayists and poets - of Idaho and about things Idahoan. Like much of his work, "Short of a Good Promise" is grounded in Sudebaker's southern Idaho past, with reminiscences of his grandparents and persons of growing up in a place that progress - if not time - often seemed to forget. "Short of a Good Promise" is a witty, insightful story full of malevolent and through-the-eyes-of-a-child, but it's not always a happy tale. It's a narrative of vast expectations and great disappointments - that sometimes turns out to be just shy of the promise it seemed to hold for those who migrated here seeking new lives.

'Cowgirls'

By David Stocklein of Sun Valley
 Price: \$60

Publisher: Stocklein Publishing, Ketchum

Available: Barnes & Noble, Hastings and Walden Books of Twin Falls; Read All About It, Hailey; Chapter One Bookstore, Ketchum; Ex Libris Bookstore, Sun Valley

Stocklein, a Wood River Valley photographer who has published five other books of his photos, this time turned his camera on working cowgirls, including several local ones.

"The book is a fresh, insightful look at a slice of a vanishing culture. You know you are blessed when you are allowed to do what you want in life," says Lynn Greenfield of Hagerman. "Girls and horses do have something in common," writes Hillary Mayberry of Ketchum. "And it has nothing to do with some Freudian theory."

Most of the three dozen women profiled have fashion-model looks, but the text is mostly about Westerners comfortable in their own skins - and where they live. "I roll my eyes when another \$5 can of Copenhagen goes through the cash," writes Kathy Seal of Ketchum.

'In God's Country: The Patriot Movement and the Pacific Northwest'

By David Neiwert of Seattle

Price: \$12.95
 Publisher: Granite Publishing Company of Orem, Utah

Available: Book Plaza of Burley, The Book Store of Rupert and Bell's Books and Crowley's of Twin Falls, or by phoning Granite Publishing at (801) 229-9023.

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Now associated press The Sun Valley sports center window of high society, gawky young Tom Ripley would do anything for a taste of the tantalizing treats he sees on the other side of the glass.

"The Talented Mr. Ripley," Academy Award-winner Anthony Minghella's first movie since "The English Patient" is the cautionary story of a social climber in the 1950s whose aspirations come with a body count.

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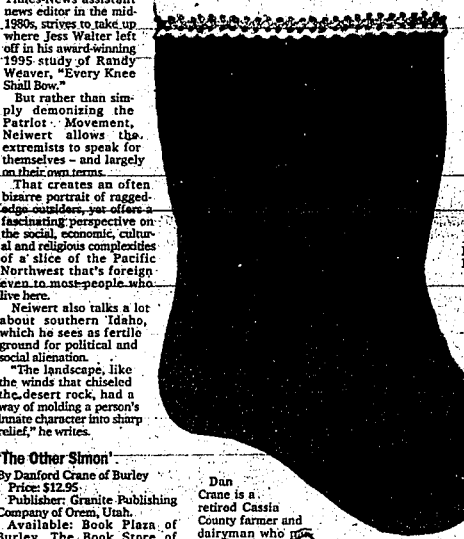
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'The Other Simon'

By Joan Larsen of Salt Lake City
 Price: \$12.95

Publisher: Shadow Mountain Books, Salt Lake City

Available: Bell's Book and Crowley's Quaid in Twin Falls, or by phoning Desert Books at (800) 483-4537.

Larsen, who grew up in Kimberly and wrote a column on psychology for The Times-News from 1986-98, has completed a series of her essays on compassion in book form.

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Larsen, who is a family counselor by profession, reviews spiritual conditions that allow people to thrive and grow to their potential in love, compassion, kindness, giving and caring.

'The Heart of Goodness: Kind Acts That Touch the Soul'

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'In Times Past: A History of the Lower Jordan Creek Communities'

By Hazel Fretwell-Johnson of Twin Falls
 Price: \$14.95

Publisher: Self-published. Available: Barnes & Noble and Hastings in Twin Falls, or by phoning 733-6103.

This is a fascinating piece of local history about a corner of our neighborhood that's largely unknown: the settlements along Jordan Creek in far southeastern Oregon that were once part of Owyhee County.

Johnson, an amateur historian and a writer for the Owyhee Outpost for 21 years, tells the story of one of the largest irrigation projects of the West and how it survived a large, often hostile Indian population, an boom-and-bust of the Owyhee gold and silver rushes, and waves of drought and pestilence.

'Bon Odori Dancer'

By Karen Kawamoto McCoy of Wooster, Ohio
 Price: \$14.95

Publisher: Polychrome Publishing Corp., Chicago

Available: By phoning Polychrome Publishing at (800) 765-5885.

Karen Kawamoto McCoy is a Twin Falls High School graduate who met her husband, restaurateur George Kawamoto) who has been writing children's books for more than a decade, and specializes in stories about Asians and Asian-Americans.

"This one is about a little Japanese girl named Keiko who wants to perform in the traditional dances at the Obon Festival, but finds that they are harder than they look."

Keiko isn't graceful, but she learns through perseverance how much effort and cooperation can achieve.

The book is illustrated by California freelance artist Carolina Yao.

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'Mr. Ripley' chronicles social climbing at its most sinister.

By David Germain
 The Associated Press

Now associated press The Sun Valley sports center window of high society, gawky young Tom Ripley would do anything for a taste of the tantalizing treats he sees on the other side of the glass.

"The Talented Mr. Ripley," Academy Award-winner Anthony Minghella's first movie since "The English Patient" is the cautionary story of a social climber in the 1950s whose aspirations come with a body count.

His talents and money, Ministry, skull-duggery, forgery, and a capacity for covetousness, violence and feigned innocence that would do Cain proud. He also plays a mean piano.

MINGHELLA stars as Tom Ripley, the wannabe robber-baron who steals the wealth, the life, the identity of the fish, and gives them to the poor - namely, Tom Ripley.

That's right. It's the cautionary story of a social climber in the 1950s whose aspirations come with a body count.

Dickie's duds, while Dickie is wearing them.

"I've gotten to like everything about the way you live," Tom tells Dickie. "It's one big love affair."

For a time, Dickie finds Tom a refreshing lark. True to his idyllic nature, Dickie eventually loses interest and decides to cut Tom aside. Words are exchanged on a boating trip, bloodshed follows, and Tom finds himself up a creek with Dickie's putative and opportunity to step into his hero's shoes. A chameleon to the core, Tom seizes the day with relish.

Minghella wisely takes broad liberties with the Patricia Highsmith novel on which the movie is based. In print, Tom Ripley is a cold con artist with barely a whiff of conscience. On film, however, he suffers from the realization that he has achieved his goal at a price: living with the horrific deeds that got him there, and with the possibility that more such acts might be needed to keep the things he now calls his own.

While the book is heavy on Tom's internal, Machiavellian musings, Minghella also deftly flashes out the secondary characters, who are little more than two-dimensional targets in Tom's sights in the novel.

Dickie Greenleaf.

The senior Greenleaf dispatches Tom to Italy to lure Dickie (Jude Law) home from the hedonistic life he shares with his girlfriend Marge Sherwood (Gwyneth Paltrow). With a grand of Greenleaf greenbacks in his pocket, Tom graduates from his squalid basement apartment in New York to a first-class cabin on a Cunard liner, heading for Europe.

Instead of landing his prey, the errand boy is hooked by Dickie's lavish lifestyle, and, in Tom's ambiguous sexuality, by Dickie himself. He falls for Dickie's clothes, manners, jazz music, even his scent. At one point, Tom sneaks a sniff of the snoozing

Dickie and Marge, their friends Freddie Miles (Philip Seymour Hoffman) and Peter Smith-Kingley (Jack Davenport), loom much larger in the movie and come to life in a joyful frenzy of experimentation. Minghella even adds a character, the wide-eyed, earnest Meredith Logan (Cobie Smulders), as a counterpoint of naivete to Tom's ruthless plotting.

With fine acting all around, especially from Law and Hoffman,

the victims are all so convivial you almost wish they'd bump off Tom and continue the movie without him.

But it's worth watching Damon's creepy performance as Tom goes from annoying but harmless hanger-on to skillful head-basher. Damon's moxy giddiness at times underlines the menace the character is meant to evoke, but it's balanced by the cold, calculating air he takes on in his impostures.



Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Matt Damon star in "The Talented Mr. Ripley."

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WEEKEND

One face, 38 characters: 'The Thousandth Night'

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Master performer Ron Campbell isn't content with one role. Not when he can play 38.

That's exactly what the award-winning actor will do when "Company of Fools" presents "The Thousandth Night" Tuesday through Thursday at the Liberty Theater.

Campbell magically transforms into a sorcerer, a hunchback, a dwarf, executioner, drunkard and a few dozen other characters right before your eyes as he takes audiences spinning through his version of "The Arabian Nights" tales.

Actually, there's a reason for his madness. In his one-man performance, Campbell is a wesselly French cabaret actor named Guy du Bonheur who has been arrested in 1943 for propagating subversive materials. His escape is foisted when his train is delayed by sabotaged tracks en route to Buchenwald concentration camp.

The theater becomes the train station; the audience, the French gendarmes who must guard him at the station until he can resume his trip to the labor camp.

In a last-ditch effort to save his life, Du Bonheur tries to cajole the gendarmes-the audience-by acting out scenes from his troupe's production of "The Arabian Nights" tales. Without his fellow actors and with only a few rag tag props, Du Bonheur must call on his imagination to perform each of the 38 characters.

Among them, a tailor's wife who invites the sultan's hunchback dwarf to dinner hoping it will gain her and her husband favor with the sultan, only to have the dwarf choke to death on a fish bone. A doctor who thinks he's killed the dwarf when the dwarf's body rolls down his stairs. And an executioner who doesn't know what to make of a half-dozen people who claim they have killed the dwarf.

"The fact that there's no fourth wall is one of the exciting things about doing this," Campbell, who lives in Los Angeles, says. "One of those things where I'm sitting in the audience's lap. But the audience is very much a part of the play. There's a moment where the audience almost has the chance to change the course of what happens in the play."

Through the wondrously exotic, funny, traumatic, romantic stories, the audience begins to understand what happened to du Bonheur's fellow actors and actresses. And he comes to understand what it really means to be free.

"It's always interesting to see which character different audiences respond to," he said. "The message of the show is triumph over adversity in face of insurmountable odds. There's a ray of hope that makes it for me worthwhile."

Playing multiple characters is new for Campbell. He played 26 in his one-man performance of Charles Dickens' "Tale of Two Cities."

"I have a hour and 20 minutes of theater sweat. It's like being the ringleader, the boss of 38 different actors, several who want to steal the show," Campbell said. "You have several of them on stage at the same time arguing among themselves and I need to control them, make sure the audience can distinguish between the different characters."

"You acquire a particular kind of self-reliance doing one-man shows because you have no safety net," added Campbell, who is



Ron Campbell has a distinctly split personality in his one-man show "The Thousandth Night."

If you go
What: Company of Fools will present Ron Campbell in "The Thousandth Night" at the Liberty Theater, 100 W. Broadway, Thursday, Dec. 24, 1999.
When: Tuesday through Thursday, 8 p.m.
How much: Tickets are \$24 for general admission and \$10 for students and seniors. They can be purchased at Field #14 About 1/2 in Healy and Chapter One Bookstore in Moscow, and can be reserved by calling 877-828-8282.
Where: Liberty Theater, 100 W. Broadway, Twin Falls, Idaho.

currently working on a one-man show revolving around American singer Buckminster Fuller. "And when your character is a compelling one, it's like playing Hamlet, Richard the Third and other great characters all rolled up in one."

Campbell was performing his "Tale of Two Cities" when playwright/historian Carol Wright approached him about writing a one-man show specifically for him.

Her specialty was World War II. He'd long been a fan of "The Arabian Nights" tales.

"Not the fairy tales you're used to seeing on Disney," he said. "These are racy, funny morals with teeth to them, kind of written as an alternative to the Koran."

In their research, the couple learned of a Parisian cafe where burlesque versions of "The Arabian Nights" tales had been performed. The image of dancers spinning in sequins juxtaposed against the starched caps of German officers who spent their money at cabarets during the occupation burned in their minds, the dichotomy between the images of fun and oppressive pressure becoming the inspiration for "The Thousandth Night."

Campbell has presented "The Thousandth Night" throughout the world, from Habima National Theater in Tel Aviv, Israel, to the

Old Red Lion Theater in London. The show beat out more than 700 others to win the Edinburgh Theater Festival Fringe First Award in 1994. It also has won the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award, the London Fringe Award for Best One-Man Show and the Backstage West Garland Award.

His "Thousandth Night" is among "the very best of the very best one person shows," according to Backstage West. "A tour de force," according to The New York Times and Los Angeles Times.

"Campbell is like Marcel Marceau souped up to talk in a dozen accents and bubbling with sound effects," said a critic for the London Times. "He runs the gamut of emotions from A to Z so fast he falls hilariously off the alphabet. Go and study his style if you want to get an actor's heaven," said a critic for the Edinburgh Scotsman. "No matter, if you're seated in the first or last row, everyone winds up in the same place anyway in the palm of Ron Campbell's hand," added "The Star Ledger."

Denise Simone, managing director of Company of Fools, said Campbell's play fit perfectly with the company's mission statement: revolving around the human heart and spirit.

"We were looking for a show that was our way of bringing in the Millennium, and we thought if we looked at this century, what the seminal event would be the Holocaust," she said.

"What we love with this play is the humor, the compassion and Ron's relationship with the audience. There's a lot of one-man plays where you're not sure who the actor's talking to. Ron has this electric relationship with the audience, a direct connection. You know the story's being told to you personally. And he's a master at physical comedy. He has a body like rubber band, and each of his 38 parts is different and alive and totally human."

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Sun Valley celebrates the last Christmas of the millennium

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Sun Valley Resort will celebrate the last Christmas of the millennium tonight with a torchlight parade, mini-ice show and more.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. as the Utah State Carolers perform Christmas carols a cappella on the terrace of the Sun Valley Lodge. Skaters in holiday costume will perform a mini-ice show at the outdoor ice rink there.

Dollar Mountain Ski School instructors will schuss down Dollar Mountain in their annual torchlight parade followed by a fireworks display.

The parade and fireworks will set the stage for Santa's arrival. Refreshments will be available and the ice rink open for general skating following the festivities.

"The torchlight parade is pretty spectacular," said Pam Arns of Hailey. "It's real pretty watching the light bounce off the snow."

Special Trail Creek Cabin dinners will be served nightly through the holiday week. Guests can take a horse drawn sleigh ride to their dinner at Trail Creek from the Sun Valley Inn if they like.

The cabin, north of Sun Valley, is also open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for lunch. Reservations 622-2155.

On Christmas Day the Sun Valley Lodge will hold a dining room champagne buffet. The buffet features traditional and exotic specialties that should satisfy even Santa after his long night of delivering cheer. Reservations 622-2155.

The Sun Valley Playchool will be open for kids ages 2 through 6 evenings from 6 to 11 p.m. Christmas Eve through Thursday. Rates are \$25 per



Skiers carry torches down Sun Valley Company's Dollar Mountain during the annual Torchlight Parade celebrated every Christmas Eve.

hour for one child, \$30 per hour for two children, \$32 per hour for three children and \$34 per hour for four children. Throw in \$5 more for dinner. Reservations are required. 622-2288.

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Fold some imagination into Christmas

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Dotti Bryant doesn't have time to worry about Y2K this Christmas. She's too busy handcrafting Christmas cards and gift boxes the old-fashioned way to worry about computer malfunctions and other technological glitches of the new millennium.

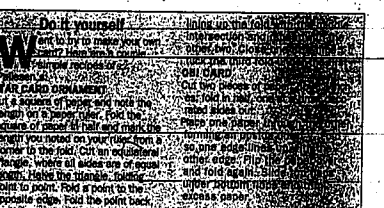
"This is an art form being rediscovered in the new millennium. It's something you can't do on a computer," said the Sun Valley woman.

Bryant is one of about a dozen women who spent a weekend recently learning how to make handmade paper cards and boxes under the tutelage of Carol Pallesen, a calligrapher and paper folding artist from Reno, Nev.

It was an encore performance in Sun Valley for Pallesen, who has taught paperfolding as far afield as the University of Capetown in South Africa. She is considered one of the best lettering instructors in the world, said Heather Crocker, director of education and humanities for the Sun Valley Center for the Arts.

Among Pallesen's creations: Cube boxes. Rectangular boxes folded so they don't need glue. Explosion cards with a message that explodes in three-dimensional accordion form when opened. Pop-up cards, which feature a clothesline holding socks, each with a letter forming C-TEE-E-R-S. Or, a pop-up yacht heaving an invitation to a yacht club party.

She also makes Xerox collage cards where she handprints



black and white Xeroxed photos and makes a collage of them. Concertina cards that fold out like accordions. Obi cards featuring Japanese kimonos tied with obi sashes. And star card ornaments that can be tucked into the shape of a star, hiding a message inside.

To each card or box she adds a flourish of calligraphy, an art that was revived at turn-of-the-century England as part of a backlash against the industrial age at the last New Millennium.

"I'm part of that same kind of movement at this turn of the century—not necessarily against machines but just as part of making sure we have balance in our lives. In a society where so many things are made by machine, it's nice to have something made by hand," Pallesen said.

"And making these boxes and cards is therapeutic, creative problem solving. When you're making things by hand, you can step back out of the world. You can step back into your childhood, relax and enjoy what you're doing and not

worry," she added. Pallesen turned the Center for the Arts into a Hallmark factory for a recent weekend, as the women created obi paper with bone folders, sliced construction paper with Exacto knives and puzzled over the complexities of folding, much as master artists trying to fold a map back to its original format.

"I've always been interested in making paper. This is kind of another step in that process," said Barbara Barlow.

And a step that's in perfect keeping with the holidays, Pallesen added.

"With the holiday season, sometimes you don't have the right box. Make your own and you can make it decorative or simple," she said. "We all like to give and receive gifts, we all like things that contain things, and that's what these boxes are all about. A human touch that shows we care."

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POOR

Joe Diffie will ring in the millennium at Cactus Petes

JACKPOT - Country-western star Joe Diffie will ring in the new millennium at Cactus Petes Resort Casino.

Diffie plans concerts at 8 and 11 p.m. on New Year's Eve and again New Year's Night. Tickets for the cocktails-only shows are \$35, \$40 and \$45.

The 40-year-old Oklahoman has had more than 1 million records with hits such as "Pickup Man," "I'm on My Way," "Three Rock from the Sun" album that spent four consecutive weeks at No. 1.

His music reflects his different road to fame.

Diffie, a college dropout, was a laundry worker in his hometown of Duncan, Okla., and a school musician until the laundry shut down and his marriage ended in divorce.

According to "The Insider's Country Music Handbook," Diffie set out for Nashville in a 1976 Oldsmobile, with a full in a Gibson guitar, archaic, and finally landed a job with a music publisher.



Joe Diffie

He began writing songs, including "Daddy's Top Gun" and "There Goes My Heart Again," that led to a record contract in 1989.

His debut album, "A Thousand Windin' Roads," included four consecutive No. 1 singles in 1990: "I'll Be Home for Christmas," "New Way to Light Up an Old Flame," "Devil and the Devil Danced," and "Light Pockets."

For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Planetarium will modify schedule for holidays

TWIN FALLS - The Faulkner Planetarium at the College of Southern Idaho's Heritage Center for Arts and Science will modify its schedule during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's.

The current holiday offering, "Steamrolling Through the Holidays," a tribute to the Christmas music of Mannheim Steamroller, will show at 7 and 9 p.m. each Tuesday. The show can also be seen at 1, 2 or 3 p.m. today, Dec. 23, 30 or 31.

On Jan. 4, the Faulkner Planetarium will show several of its more recent offerings while it gears up for a new program on Feb. 1. As of Jan. 4, the new schedule will show "Where in the Universe is Carmen Sandiego?" at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and 2 p.m. Saturdays. This show is based on the popular public television series and computer software in which the viewer chases down Carmen Sandiego and her gang of thieves. It's geared to grade school and early junior high school ages.

"How to Build a Planet" will be shown at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. This show for all ages takes a lighthearted but educational approach to how Earth and its solar system neighbors are put together.

"More than Meets the Eye" will be shown at 4 p.m. Saturdays. This show takes viewers of all ages through the lens of the telescope to see what wonders await the amateur and professional astronomer.

Coming in February will be a new show called "The Search for Life in the Universe," a show created by "Star Trek's" Leonard Nimoy. It studies the scientific possibilities that life may exist somewhere else in the cosmos.

Theater company presents 'Forever Plaid' at resort

SUN VALLEY - The New Theater Company will present Stuart Ross' "Forever Plaid" at 8:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday in the Sun Valley Resort Boiler Room.

The heavenly musical comedy features four nerdy-sort of crooners who get a chance to come back and do the performance of their lives after being killed in a car accident.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$12 for children. For ticket information, call the Sun Valley Sports Center at 622-2135.

Wood River actors present play about bomb architect

KETCHUM - Wood River Valley actors will present a staged reading of Heiner Kipphard's play, "The Matter of J. Robert Oppenheimer" Tuesday at the Sun Valley Center for Arts and Humanities.

Oppenheimer, who led the Manhattan Project that produced the first atomic bomb, was later accused of connections to left-wing groups and individuals. The play was drawn from the transcript of a 1954 hearing before the Atomic Energy Commission that eventually led to Oppenheimer losing his security clearance.

The reading starts at 7 p.m., and it's free. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The Sun Valley Center is located at the corner of Fifth and Washington.

Young Dubliners play tavern this week in Ketchum

KETCHUM - The Young Dubliners will play Roosevelt Tavern on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Despite what their name suggests, the Young Dubliners aren't the Chardigans in scruffy jeans. Vocalist Keith Roberts and guitarist Paul O'Toole, Dublin natives both, actually met in Los Angeles. They got together professionally, started opening for more famous acts, then eventually added four musicians to their band.

The Young Dubliners' debut album appeared in 1994, followed a year later by "Breathe." After a three-year absence, they released "Alive Alive O" in 1998.

Tickets are \$10, available at the door or in advance. The music starts at 10 p.m. both nights.

Roosevelt Tavern is located at 280 N. Main St.

Sun Valley Resort plans New Year's blast off

SUN VALLEY - From Dollar Mountain, Sun Valley Resort will throw a New Year's Eve fireworks blast to top all blasts on New Year's Eve.

Promoters are promising a display that could be the largest Idaho has even seen - packing even more pop than the fireworks display at the Boise River Festival, and outdoing a New Year's Eve program planned for Boise.

The resort has hired

Arts and entertainment in brief

Pyrotechnic of New Castle, Pa., one of the top fireworks companies in the country, to provide 23 minutes of firework beginning at 8 p.m., so children can see it. A two-minute version will be shot off at midnight.

The resort plans to plow the parking lot at the Sun Valley Horseman's Center for spectators who wish to stay in their cars.

The show is being sponsored by the elites of Sun Valley and Ketchum, the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce, the Sun Valley Co., and a group of private individuals, including Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., who has a second home in the Sun Valley area.

The display will be choreographed to composer John Williams' melody from the films "Star Wars" and "E.T." Patriotic music, such as "America the Beautiful" and "America" from "West Side Story" will round out the program. The "1812 Overture" will cap the performance.

Eddie Haskell band plays last show at Turf Club

TWIN FALLS - The final performance of the Eddie Haskell Band, a longtime Twin Falls oldies rock 'n' roll group, is scheduled for New Year's Eve at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave.

Tickets are \$10, and doors open at 8 p.m.

Rehabilitation Services sponsors celebration

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services will sponsor its first annual New Year's Eve Celebration at the Weston Plaza, 350 Blue Lakes Blvd.

Muzzie Braun will provide the entertainment, and the \$35 ticket price (\$60 for couples) also includes dinner. PVRSS will also be raffled.

Proceeds go to MVRSS to support employment, training and personal development programs for southeastern Idaho residents with disabilities.

Dinner is served at 8 p.m. Braun will go on stage at 9, and the festivities will continue until 1 a.m.

For ticket information, call 734-4152 or 234-4112.

Century Cinema puts on alcohol-free party

BURLEY - Century Cinema will sponsor an alcohol-free, adults-only New Year's Eve Party. The \$20 admission price includes food, music, dancing and a midnight movie. For further information, call 678-7142.

Century Cinema is located at 464 E. Fifth N.

Sun Valley Playschool hosts party for youngsters

SUN VALLEY - The Sun Valley Playschool will also host a

New Year's Eve Party for children from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Dec. 31. Seven hours of games, crafts, movies, food and more costs \$350 for the first child. Add \$200 for each additional sibling.

Galleries hold exhibit Wednesday in Ketchum

KETCHUM - More than 20 Ketchum and Sun Valley galleries will hold a Gallery Walk from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday. Visitors can view new exhibits, meet the artists and enjoy free refreshments.

Project explores the work of contemporary artists

KETCHUM - A multidisciplinary project, "Past Influence/Present Use," will be presented through Jan. 21 at the Sun Valley Center for Arts, 191 Fifth St. E. in Ketchum. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

The project explores how post-modern artists use art historical quotations and cultural references as a departure point for creating contemporary work.

The presentation includes two visual arts exhibitions, one of contemporary art that examines the idea of appropriation and one of historical Mexican folk icons that offer background for the main exhibition; a performance by an internationally-acclaimed piano trio that illustrates how composers reference work by earlier musicians; an evening of lecture and poetry by two artists who found inspiration in the work of 16th century artist, Calligwagor; and a class on the ancient technique of egg tempera.

The center is closed today and on New Year's Eve.

Elkhorn Resort holds free bonfire, marshmallow roast

SUN VALLEY - Elkhorn Resort will hold a free bonfire and marshmallow roast on the plaza from 6 to 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

Only one seating available for Dinner of the Century

SUN VALLEY - There will be only one seating for the Lodge Dinner of the Century at the Sun Valley Lodge Dining Room on New Year's Eve.

The five-course extravaganza will include hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, one bottle of 1990 Dom Perignon per couple, dancing,

party favors and a show. Seating begins at 8:30 p.m.

Four-course dinner, dancing

SUN VALLEY - The Lighthouse Room at the Sun Valley Inn will offer a four-course dinner on New Year's Eve, with hors d'oeuvres, a bottle of Domaine Chandon Champagne per couple, a brief show by Mike Vax and dancing to the Crestmark Orchestra. Reservations: 622-2135.

Warm Springs Lodge hosts party parents, children

KETCHUM - Warm Springs Lodge will host a party for adults and their children from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. Cost is \$50 per person and includes gourmet hors d'oeuvres, a champagne toast at midnight, party favors, live entertainment by the Joe MacCarillo Band and free round-trip shuttle service from the Sun Valley Lodge. Reservations: 622-2231.

Comedian stages laugh of the century show

SUN VALLEY - Sun Valley's laugh-master Mike Murphy will stage a special laugh-of-the-century show at 10:30 p.m. New Year's Eve. The show will include a champagne toast at midnight and party favors for \$40 per person. Reservations: 622-2148.

River Rock Steak House offers dinner, show

SUN VALLEY - River Rock Steak House at Elkhorn Resort will offer two seatings. The first, from 6 to 7 p.m., will include a 5-course dinner for \$100 per person. Guests must depart by 9 p.m. River Rock's Gala Event, at 9 p.m., will feature a 7-course dinner, Veuve Clicquot champagne, party favors, live music and dancing. Cost: \$275 per person. Reservations: 1-800-355-4676.

Grill features family-style dining, choice of dishes

KETCHUM - Joe's South-western Grill will feature family-style dining from 6 to 11 p.m., with salad, entree of fried chicken, roast beef or trout and dessert served on platters. Cost: \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for children. Reservations: 622-6424.

Roosevelt Tavern offers \$50, \$60 dinners, music

KETCHUM - The Roosevelt Tavern is offering \$50 and \$60

dinners on New Year's Eve at 6 and 8 p.m., with music by a deejay at 10 p.m. Reservations: 726-0051.

Sawtooth Club has deejay set for New Year's Eve

KETCHUM - The Sawtooth Club, 231 N. Main, is offering music by a deejay at 10 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Admission: \$30.

Dinner, prizes, music are all ready at Whiskey Jacques

KETCHUM - Whiskey Jacques will offer dinner, prizes and live music by the Bobos on New Year's Eve beginning at 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$100. Reservations: 726-5297.


Whiskey Jacques is located at 251 N. Main.

Little Theater holds annual board meeting Jan. 5

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Little Theater will hold its annual board meeting on Jan. 5 at Idaho Joe's, 555 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The 7 p.m. meeting is open to the public and anyone is invited to attend and become a member of the Magic Valley Little Theater for an annual fee of \$2.

During the meeting, the election of the board will be held, and officers will be chosen. The troupe plans to stage "Forever Plaid" in May.

For further information, call Liz Lee at 735-1792.



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WEEKEND

It's football, bizarre comedy and space travel in new movies

Los Angeles Times

Movies playing in south-central Idaho this weekend. Opinions are by Los Angeles Times reviewers. Ratings by the Motion Picture Association of America are: (G) for general audiences; (PG) parental guidance urged because of material possibly unsuitable for children; (PG-13) parents are strongly cautioned to give guidance for attendance of children younger than 13; (R) restricted, younger than 17 admitted only with parent or adult guardian; (NC-17) no one younger than 17 admitted.

• **"Anna and the King"** — The love that dared not speak its name between an English schoolteacher (Jodie Foster) and the King of Siam (Chow Yun-Fat) is done without songs this time around. The handsomely mounted recreation of 1862 Bangkok is more involving than a story that attempts to be a film for everybody but ends up as something for nobody in particular. (2.2R, PG-13 for some intense violent sequences.)

• **"Any Given Sunday"** — Oliver Stone directs a drama about an aging quarterback (Dennis Quaid), a young challenger (Al Pacino) and a meddling team owner (Cameron Diaz). R for strong language and some nudity/sexuality.

• **"Being John Malkovich"** — A clever and outrageous piece of whimsical fantasy about how the discovery of a passage into the title actor's brain changes the lives of a puppeteer (Crispin Glover), his wife (Cameron Diaz) and a sexy coworker (Catherine Keener). Directed by Spike Jonze. (1.5Z, R for language and sexuality.)

• **"Bicentennial Man"** — Robin Williams and Chris Columbus — who directed Williams in "Mrs. Doubtfire" — do a masterful job of imagining a robot's gradual transformation into a man. But despite Williams' touching performance, this rote sci-fi fable offers such a glossy nouveau riche, Vegas vision of the future that you're left to ponder Williams' character Andrew as the ultimate inflatable boy toy in a shiny, materialistic fantasy world. With Sam Neill, Oliver Platt and the exquisite Embeth Davidtz. (2.1Z, R for language and some sexual content.)

• **"The Bone Collector"** — Debra Washington plays a quadriplegic character expert who teams with a rookie street cop (Angelina Jolie) to catch a serial killer who purposefully leaves cryptic clues at the scene of each crime. A thriller as crisp an offering as its law enforcement protagonists. (1.5R, R for strong violent content including grisly images and for language.)

• **"The Cider House Rules"** — Lasse Hallstrom's superb film of the acclaimed John Irving novel stars Tobey Maguire as an orphan who has stayed on at a vast old New England orphanage to become the assistant of its director, a dedicated and idiosyncratic physician (Michael Caine) but longs to discover the outside world for himself. This rich, absorbing contemplation of life's



Jim Carrey plays the bizarre, ambiguous comedian Andy Kaufman in "Man on the Moon."



Charlize Theron appears in Lasse Hallstrom's film adaptation of "The Cider House Rules."

What's Playing

- Widescreen**
- "Anna and the King," Twin Cinema
 - "Any Given Sunday," Twin Cinema
 - "Being John Malkovich," Reel Theater
 - "Bicentennial Man," Twin Cinema
 - "The Bone Collector," Reel Theater
 - "Deuce Bigelow: Male Gigolo," Reel Theater
 - "Dogma," Twin Cinema
 - "End of Days," Twin Cinema
 - "Galaxy Quest," Twin Cinema
 - "The Green Mile," Twin Cinema
 - "Happy, Texas," Twin Cinema
 - "Man on the Moon," Reel Theater
 - "Princes of Egypt," Reel Theater
 - "The Talented Mr. Ripley," The Orpheum
 - "Sleepy Hollow," Reel Theater
 - "The Straight Story," Twin Cinema
 - "Stuart Little," Twin Cinema
 - "Toy Story 2," Twin Cinema
 - "The World Is Not Enough," Twin Cinema
- Lantern**
- "Anna and the King," Magic Lantern
 - "Bicentennial Man," Magic Lantern
 - "Dogma,"
- SkiffTime**
- "The Cider House Rules," Magic Lantern
 - "Galaxy Quest," Magic Lantern
 - "The Green Mile," Sun Valley Opera House
 - "Man on the Moon," SkiffTime Cinemas
 - "The Talented Mr. Ripley," SkiffTime Cinemas
 - No movies in Haley this week.
- Century**
- "Bicentennial Man," Century Cinema
 - "Deuce Bigelow: Male Gigolo," Burley Theater
 - "Galaxy Quest," Century Cinema
 - "The Green Mile," Century Cinema
 - "Stuart Little," Century Cinema
 - "The Talented Mr. Ripley," Century Cinema
 - "Toy Story 2," Century Cinema
- Jerome**
- "Bicentennial Man," Jerome Cinema
 - "Galaxy Quest," Jerome Cinema
 - "The Green Mile," Jerome Cinema
 - "Stuart Little," Jerome Cinema
- Gooding**
- "Toy Story 2," Gooding Cinema
- No movies this week.

eternal interplay of choice and fate is superior in all aspects, starting with its dazzling cast whose co-stars are Charlize Theron, Delroy Lindo, Paul Rudd and Erykah Badu. (2.04, PG-13 for mature thematic elements, sexuality, nudity, substance abuse and some violence.)

• **"Deuce Bigelow: Male Gigolo"** — Rob Schneider is the latest "Saturday Night Live" veteran to get a "deuce" feature of his very own. He plays a soft-hearted, soft-headed fly-shtank cleaner forced to become what fate is superior in all aspects, starting with its dazzling cast whose co-stars are Charlize Theron, Delroy Lindo, Paul Rudd and Erykah Badu. (2.04, PG-13 for mature thematic elements, sexuality, nudity, substance abuse and some violence.)

• **"The Omega Code"** — Financed in large part by the Trinity Broadcasting Network, it's supposed to be a good-versus-evil struggle for the key to the ancient city of Jerusalem. But it's also one of the campiest films since "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." But at least the "Rocky Horror" people were trying to be campy, of the evil scheming businessman Stone Alexander,

TV actor is enlisted to save the planet in a sci-fi action-cumedy directed by Harold Ramis. Tim Allen and Sigourney Weaver star. (PG for some action violence, mild language and sensuality.)

• **"The Green Mile"** — Though its Stephen King story is a good one, this Frank Darabont written and directed version is hampered by excessive length, the suffocating deliberateness of its pace, and some truly stomach-turning moments: Even Tom Hanks' usual compelling performance as the head guard on Death Row in a 1935 Louisiana prison can't overcome that. (3.0R, R for violence, language and some sexual-related material.)

• **"Man on the Moon"** — Director Mios Forman's fascination with American originals takes him from "The People vs. Larry Flynt" to the story of enigmatic comedy provocateur Andy Kaufman (Jim Carrey). With Courtney Love and Danny DeVito. (R for language and brief sexuality/nudity.)

• **"Sleepy Hollow"** — An exquisitely mounted retelling of the Washington Irving short story (with Johnny Depp as Ichabod Crane and Christina Ricci as Katrina Van Tassel) created to the exact specifications of bizarre-mixer Tim Burton. How pleased others will be depends on their tolerance for the ghoulish and the grotesque. Miranda Richardson, Michael Gambon and Casper Van Dien star. (1.40, R for graphic horror violence and gore, and for a scene of sexuality.)

• **"Stuart Little"** — The shy and pleasant mouse of E.B. White's famous children's book has been turned into a rodent whose ready line of patter would make him at home on the Tonight Show. The computer animation is excellent, but though the film won't harm

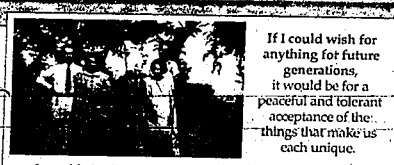
tiny viewers, there's nothing very involving about it either. Stuart is voiced by Michael J. Fox. (1.5Z, PG for brief language.)

• **"The English Patient"** — Anthony Minghella directs his own adaptation of Patricia Highsmith's novel about a charming psychopath (Matt Damon). With Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Cate Blanchett. (R for violence, language and brief nudity.)

• **"Titus"** — Anthony Hopkins, Jessica Lange and Alan Cumming lead the cast of Julie Taymor's stylized version of Shakespeare's brutally tragic "Titus Andronicus." (R for strong violent and sexual images.)

• **"Toy Story 2"** — Behind an inevitable title is a pleasingly clever and fiendishly inventive sequel to the original "Toy Story," a lively and good-humored computer animated feature whose great sense of fun is married to a charming examination of the existential despair of toys in a way that's hard to resist. It's great to have Woody, Buzz and the gang back where they belong. Voices by Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Joan Cusack, Kelsey Grammer, John Ratzenberger and Wayne Knight. (1.25, G.)

• **"The World Is Not Enough"** — James Bond is back for the 19th time, with Pierce Brosnan effortlessly reprising his splendid take on Agent 007. Not so effortless for the viewer is trying to keep track of a murky plot involving an arch anarchist (Robert Carlyle) and an hijacker (Sophie Marceau) supervising construction of a pipeline across Western Asia. Sleek and action-packed but in its attempt at character complexity lapses too often into confusion. With Judi Dench as M. (2.0R, PG-13 for intense sequences of action violence, some sexuality and innuendo.)



If I could wish for anything for future generations, it would be for a peaceful and tolerant acceptance of the things that make us each unique.

I would also hope that everyone would work to provide a safe and healthy world for our children to grow in which they are always mindful of the needs of others.

HJ Johns
December, 1999

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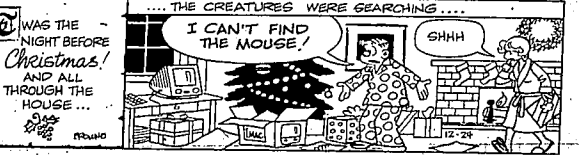
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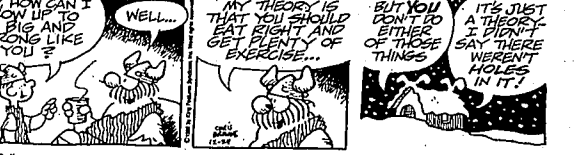
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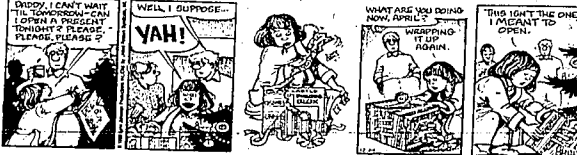
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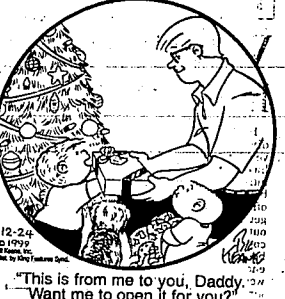
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ACROSS

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- 47 Solitary animal
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- 55 First lady

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- 2 State further
- 3 Muffler
- 4 Chipper
- 5 Time period
- 6 Chip scoop
- 7 Long loop
- 8 Neck to snout
- 9 Poverty
- 10 Subjected to a test
- 11 Delicate condition
- 12 Wide open
- 13 Wife's behavior
- 14 Work with less
- 15 Letter carrier
- 16 Exact
- 17 Herbal quest
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Fantasies reveal much

• Aboard ships of old, sailors knew a storm was nigh upon them when knots tightened up. Fibers absorbed moisture as humidity rose, so lines crack.

If you don't own the cow, don't milk it. That's not a Chinese proverb, either. It's a Texas idiom.

Q. One study shows young mothers worry less than any other category of person. Why?

A. They don't have time. How much you worry, it's said, depends mostly on how many minutes you can devote to that time-consuming hobby.

Something else that distinguishes February from the other months is it's the most mis-



WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

spelled.

Every fantasy is made up of real parts. The details aren't fantastic, only how they're put together. So say students of the word. They further say your fantasies reveal much about you, so you might do well to keep them to yourself.

Libras: Your love life heats up

IF DECEMBER 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have unusual views, are drawn to music and the arts. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play major roles in your life—could these letters, initials in names? F, O, X. Throughout this year you displayed courage, tried new things, including romance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): To balance the spiritual "two," marriage food is on the agenda. Take initiative in making others happy, not necessarily by gifts but through your friendly attitude.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take lead in providing songs, entertainment. Remind guests of the spiritual value of the holiday. Gemini, Sagittarius persons will play serious roles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make this your "make-over" day. Tear down in order to rebuild. Scorpio individual is at your side, willing to help make this holiday memorable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be recognized not only as provider of morale, but a warm-hearted, spiritual individual. Resurrect written material that was impressive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be close to family if possible. Gift for stubborn, temperamental Libra will actually bring everybody closer together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be grateful without being obsequious—rate tales that border on the supernatural. People will ask questions and want to know more.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Many people talk about you, study your

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reactions. Maintain emotional equilibrium. During this cycle you are vulnerable to love; people are falling in love with you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make clear that the Christmas spirit includes people in other lands. Relate stories of courage, spirituality.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Open lines of communication. Individual in foreign land wants very much for you to visit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): What you wear will not matter as much as what you have in your heart. There will be reunions; you will be happy and sentimental.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Diversify, experiment, highlight humor, intellectual curiosity. Review story of Christmas—your faith will be strengthened.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Tell the story of the three astrologers who found the baby Jesus. People will be eager to learn more; they will do their own investigating. Scorpio involved.

Wife would take back husband despite abuse

DEAR ABBY: I recently divorced my husband of nine years because I found out he was having an affair. He actually introduced her to people that we both knew. I ended up hiring an affidavit writer for the court to get the proof (pictures). It turned out she was one of my husband's co-workers, and the affair had been on for three years. I ended up divorcing him, but the woman's husband decided to forgive her. My ex hates my guts because she chose to remain with her husband.



DEAR ABBY Abby Cadabby

Abby, I am so ashamed. How could I not have known? We had not slept together since our daughter was born, she is 6 years old now. He blames the whole affair on me. He says I was not doing my wifely duty and that's what made him cheat. Well, I just didn't feel that close to him. He had been verbally and physically abusive prior to our daughter's birth and afterward. He was verbally to my parents and called them names. He never paid any bills nor helped me with our daughter.

she "made" him act the way he did. There's nothing "wrong" with you that can't be fixed. Counseling is the answer—and the sooner the better. If your physician cannot refer you to a therapist, call The Domestic Violence Hotline, (800) 799-7233, a referral. (The TDD line for people with hearing impairments is (800) 787-3224.) Please don't wait to make the call.

DEAR ABBY: The letters in your column about people who wear too much perfume in public prompts this letter.

Some years ago, faced with an identical crisis, I discovered a fix that has stood me well in the numerous olfactory confrontations I've encountered since. When assaulted by odors I can't endure, I obtained a small wedge of lemon or lime. When rubbed under the nose, the resulting citrus aroma effectively masks the sickeningly sweet smell of the perfume. The application of the lemon slice can be done inconspicuously if one doesn't wish to embarrass the offender, or can be done blatantly if one wishes the odor-wafer to become aware of the problem he or she is causing.

—EARLE TIMBERLAKE

To this day he hates me so much he can't stand to look at me because he has to pay child support. He has every other weekend with our daughter, and it kills him to come and pick her up. He was a sorry excuse for a husband and not much better as a father.

The problem is — if he wanted to come back, I believe I would take him back. Why do I feel like this? Is there something wrong with me? Do I need counseling? —DAZED AND CONFUSED

DEAR DAZED: Your husband was a master manipulator. Regardless of where he tries to lay the blame, the physical and verbal abuse you received from him was not your fault. Nor did you "make" him cheat on you — he managed that all by himself.

One of the tactics of an abuser is blaming the victim for the terrible things he does. Unfortunately, the victim often believes her abuser, when he says

Kenny Rogers sues brothers

ATLANTA (AP) — Country music star Kenny Rogers is suing two brothers, claiming they reneged on a deal to buy his 360-acre Georgia estate.

Rogers, who filed the lawsuit on Wednesday, said James and Thomas Threatant signed a contract to buy Beaver Dam Farm for \$6.3 million but never produced the money.

The brothers, who own a sand and gravel business, were the latest bidders at an auction Nov. 4. The final price was about \$17 million, Rogers had hoped for.

The Threatants lawyer, George Blum, played off Rogers' sons, "The Gambler," in responding for his clients: "Not having seen the complaint but knowing the cards my clients hold, I would respectfully urge Mr. Rogers to fold."

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Omega Code (PG) 12:15, 12:30, 2:45

Stuart Little (G) 10:30, 10:50, 12:30, 12:50, 2:30, 3:00

Anna and the King (PG) 12:15

Toy Story 2 (G) 10:30, 10:50, 12:30, 12:50, 2:30, 3:00

Bicentennial Man (PG) 12:30, 2:00

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(PG-13) 2:25, 7:00

Man On The Moon

(R) 12:15, 2:20, 4:25, 7:10, 9:15

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Sleepy Hollow

(R) 12:10, 2:15, 4:20, 7:05, 9:20

Deuce Biglow

(R) 12:25, 2:35, 4:30, 7:20, 9:25

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(PG-13) 12:20, 7:15, 9:30

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Section D

SPORTSQUOTE

“In general, no one has been able to come in and say, ‘We’re going to establish the run. We’re going to run the ball against this team.’ They’ve tried, but they haven’t been able to do it.”

—Baltimore coach Brian Billick, whose Ravens defense has yet to allow an opposing running back a 100-yard day this season

Old foes to meet in Hawaii Pitchers change hands

Ex-Vandal coach Erickson, Jones find success in NCAA

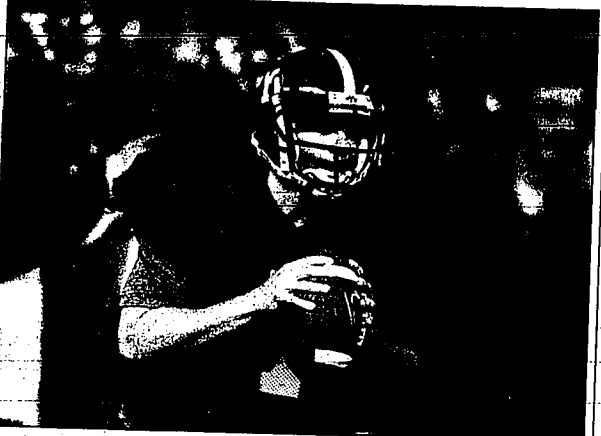
The Associated Press
HONOLULU — June Jones and Dennis Erickson coached against each other last season in a meaningless NFL game. They meet again Saturday, coaching two of the most surprising teams in college football. Erickson's Seattle Seahawks beat Jones' San Diego Chargers 27-20 last season. Erickson tries for another win over Jones in the Oahu Bowl when Oregon State plays Hawaii.

Don't look to that 1998 meeting — which preceded Erickson's firing and Jones' resignation — for any clues as to how the Beavers' a and Rainbow Warriors will fare in the Christmas Day bowl game. “We’re totally different,” Erickson said. “He doesn’t have Junior Seau and I don’t have Joey Galloway.”

Under Erickson, Oregon State (7-4) had its first winning season since 1970, and is making its first bowl appearance since 1965. Erickson had similar impact in earlier stints at Miami, Washington State, Wyoming and the University of Idaho, where he coached from 1982-85.

Under Jones, a man-while, Hawaii tied the college record this year for best single-season turnaround after an 0-12 record last season. The ties between the schools and the coaches run deep. “I grew up there,” said Jones, a Portland native, “used to take that drive so, Cornell with my dad and watch games and I remember the cars backing up on the two-lane highway to get into the stadium all the way from I-5.”

MOTOR CITY WARM-UP



Brigham Young quarterback Kevin Fatarik goes through his drills during practice at the Silverdome in Pontiac, Mich., Thursday. BYU will meet No. 11 Marshall in the Motor City Bowl on Dec. 27. See related story, page D-4.

Christmas presents

Three college football bowl games, each offering a load of money and offense bragging rights to the victor, are on tap for Christmas Day. Here's a look at each matchup:

Aloha Bowl
Where: Honolulu
Who's in it: Arizona State (6-5) and Wake Forest (10-5)
Tied for longest winning streak: 11
Payoff: \$800,000

Oahu Bowl
Where: Honolulu
Who's in it: Oregon State (7-4) and Hawaii (6-3)
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Television: ESPN
Payoff: \$800,000

Blue-Gray Classic
Where: Montgomery, Ala.
Who's in it: College stars who aren't going home
Time: 10 a.m.
Television: ABC

offense, with Hawaii emphasizing the pass in a four-receiver attack averaging 418 yards and 29 points a game. Quarterback Dan Robinson passed for 3,853 yards and 28 touchdowns and Dwight Carter had 77 catches for 1,253 yards.

Oregon State uses a more balanced spread attack featuring Ken Simonton, who rushed for 1,329 yards and 17 touchdowns, and Jonathan Smith, who passed for 2,784 yards and 15 touchdowns. The Beavers average 454 yards and 30 points a game.

“They are both offensive geniuses,” said Hawaii defensive coordinator Greg McMackin, who was Erickson's defensive coordi-

Mets land Hampton; Boston grabs Fassero

The Associated Press
NEW YORK — After searching for most of the 1990s, the New York Mets finally got their ace. In a surprising trade they hope will put them back in the World Series for the first time since 1986, the Mets acquired 22-game winner Mike Hampton from the Houston Astros on Thursday along with slumping outfielder Derek Bell.

In exchange, the Mets send Houston outfielder Roger Cedeno, rookie right-hander Octavio Dotel and minor league left-hander Kyle Kessel.

“It's a little bit overwhelming, a little bit shocking,” Hampton said. “It seems like it all happened rather quickly.”

But that wasn't the only big-name deal linked Thursday. Left-hander Jeff Fassero, in need of a new team, is headed to Fenway Park after agreeing Wednesday night to a \$2 million, one-year contract.

He hopes he can help the Red Sox overcome the New York Yankees, who beat them in this year's AL Championship Series. “Fassero's got a lot of history,” Sox manager Jim Leavelle said. “I want to get into a baseball city where it is talked about a lot.”

After posting the third best cumulative ERA of any left-hander from 1991-98, Fassero sank to 5-14 with a 7.20 ERA last season with Seattle and Texas. Then he became a free agent.

IN BRIEF

Sievers takes job with Wake Forest

TWIN FALLS — Highly successful College of Southern Idaho cross country coach Gary Sievers has accepted the men's cross country head coaching position at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. Sievers, a Twin Falls native, coached seven seasons at Southern Idaho, where he led 89 cross country and track and field All-Americans. Previously, he coached at Oregon State University and Louisiana State University. “An official announcement of his hiring is expected by Wake Forest early next year.” “This has probably been one of the hardest decisions of my life,” Sievers said. “But this is just too good an opportunity to pass up.” Sievers resigned from CSI in early December. “(Gary) has kept that program at the national caliber that we've all enjoyed with our other programs,” said Southern Idaho athletic director Jeff Duggan. “I know he'll be very successful at Wake Forest.” Sievers, who has already coached in the Pac-10 and SEC, said Wake Forest's strong academic reputation factored greatly into his decision. The CSI Board of Trustees will meet soon to decide the future of the school's cross country program, Duggan said, adding that in the meantime, Scott Scholtes has been named interim head coach.

Suns sign Idaho Stamped forward

PHOENIX — With rookie Shawn Marion out for an indeterminate amount of time following a microscopic surgery on his left knee Thursday, the Phoenix Suns signed 6-foot-9 power forward Ben Davis of the Idaho Stampedo to bolster their depleted frontcourt. Davis, who has averaged 18.4 points and 7.5 rebounds per game for the Stampedo, was an All-Pac-10 player at Arizona as a sophomore in 1996 and was a second-round draft pick of the Suns, the 43rd pick overall. He played 20 games with Phoenix as a rookie and played part of the last two seasons with the New York Knicks. He's played in 35 NBA games, averaging 14 points and 1.3 rebounds per game.

Rose turns down hefty appearance fee

MOBILE, Ala. — Pete Rose turned down a \$10,000 check for his appearances at the Mobile's Alabama Bowl, telling organizers he instead give the money to charity. Mike Gottfried, the ESPN announcer who helped organize the bowl, said Rose declined the \$10,000 fee. Rose was the guest speaker at a luncheon and later served as grand marshal for a bowl-related parade.

No. 1 UConn pushes past Bruins

The Associated Press
STORRS, Conn. — For the second straight year, UCLA had no answers for Connecticut's Svetlana Abramsova. Abramsova had 19 points, 13 rebounds and nine assists in a 61-55 victory.

More college basketball — D2

Huskies to a 106-64 rout of the sixth-ranked Bruins. “Right now I'm trying to do everything on the court, not only scoring. I'm rebounding, blocking and try to pass the ball,” said Abramsova, who scored 39 points in a 113-102 win over UCLA last season. “Every aspect of the game, I'm trying to do the best I can.” Her coach definitely noticed. The way she played is what an All-American is supposed to play like,” coach Geno Auriemma said. “She was involved in every play on both ends of the floor.”

The victory was the fourth 100-point game this season for the Huskies (8-0) and the 200th home win for Auriemma. It was also the second straight lopsided loss for UCLA (5-4). “The Bruins couldn't even take advantage of a gift basket from the Huskies. UConn forward the Bruins' last two games rebound, squared up and switched a two-player in the Bruins' basket, bringing chuckles and disbelief from both sides.

“I couldn't take it out of bounds, I was laughing so hard,” UConn center Paige Sauer said. “(Cash) had the foul through and all. She thought she looked good.” Freshman Kennitra Johnson finished with 17 points. UConn opened the game with a 13-2 run over the first seven minutes, holding the Bruins to 23 percent shooting in the half.

Johnson hit four 3-pointers in the first half. Her first two-point bucket, on a steal and a length-of-



Connecticut's Svetlana Abramsova, wearing a mask to protect her broken nose, is pursued by UCLA's Marie Philman in the first half Thursday.

the-court driving layup gave the Huskies a 22-point lead, their largest of the half. Maylana Martin, who needed just five points to move into fourth place on the Bruins career scoring list only got two — a single free throw in both halves. Martin said the Bruins' last two games were embarrassing. No. 15 Rutgers beat UCLA 72-46 two days ago. “I kind of want to apologize to the two teams because I feel like we could have given a better

showing and tried to get them ready for conference play,” Martin said. Marie Philman and Janee Hubbard led UCLA with 13 points each. The Huskies went on a 27-14 run in the first seven minutes of the second half to put the game away and shot 75 percent in the half. “I couldn't be happier,” Auriemma said. “For me to find fault today, it would be ludicrous.”

Braves legend blasts Röcker for remarks

Hank Aaron urges pitcher to retire

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — John Röcker faced a fresh round of criticism, led by Hall of Famer Hank Aaron, despite the outspoken reliever's apology for insensitive remarks against gays and minorities.

Röcker told Sports Illustrated he would never play for a New York team because he didn't want to ride a subway train “next to some queer with AIDS.” He also bashed immigrants, saying, “I'm not a very big fan of foreigners. ... How the hell did they get in this country?”

“I have no place in my heart for people who feel that way,” the former slugger and current Atlanta Braves senior vice president told syndicated sports radio talk host Jay Marrioti on Thursday.

About 15 activists protested outside Turner Field, urging the Braves to fire Röcker for the comments, which were published

in this week's Sports Illustrated. “There may be some room for redemption, but not as an Atlanta Brave,” said Michael Langford, president of the United Youth-Adult Conference. “We encourage him to enter his resignation right now and go into an early retirement.”

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While driving in Atlanta during the interview, Röcker criticized Asian women. “Look! Look at this idiot,” he said of another driver. “I guarantee you she's a Chinese woman. How bad are Asian women at driving?”

He also called an overweight black teammate “a fat monkey.” Röcker apologized in a written

Clash of the Titans

Jaguars won't have it easy at Adelphia

The Associated Press

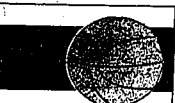
Never mind that Jacksonville lost 20-19 at home to Tennessee. Never mind that the Jaguars lead the Titans by two games in the AFC Central with two games to go and need only one victory to clinch the division. Never mind that to get home field for the AFC playoff, the Jaguars need a win over Cincinnati — not the Titans — a week later. The Jaguars are still favored by three points in their game in

NFL picks

Nashville on Sunday. It makes sense, up to a point. The Jaguars are a better team, although they've beaten no one with a winning record. They're coming off a lethargic 24-14 win in Cleveland and will be looking to sharpen their gears for the playoffs. But the Titans have the same incentive. And although they're 14-3, they have a win over St. Louis, the NFC's equivalent of the Jaguars. They've never lost a game in Adelphia, and they've won where they're 7-0, and they've got Jon

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SPORTS



Hot Hands

Leading area high school boys' basketball players are scoring, rebounding, assisting, stealing, three-pointers — through games of Dec. 22 (player, games played and average per game). Girls' stats appear every Thursday, boys' every Friday.

Scoring table with columns for Player, G, and Avg. Lists players like A. Peterson, C. Carver, and D. Potters.

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Three-pointers table with columns for Player, G, and Avg. Lists players like B. Nelson, A. Peterson, and L. Walker.

Statistics based on a minimum four games reported. Coaches are reminded to list updated stats to Matt Peterson (800-877-4643) before noon each Tuesday. Coaches who have missed reports can send a season stat report to catch up.

Bruins wrestle to split in Boise

The Twin Falls High School varsity wrestlers wrecked a team split out of two Boise valley schools Thursday, topping Boise 50-27 but losing 51-33 to Capital.

Leading the way were seniors David Roy, who pinned both of his opponents at 119 pounds, Josh Skaggs, who bagged a pair of decisions at 125, Seth Loughmiller at 152, who beat his Capital opponent by pin and decision and Boise counter-part, 174-pounder Brent Faught, who recorded a pair of pins, and heavyweight-Klim-Kuykendall, who took home one victory by pin and other by forfeit.

The junior-varsity squad found similar mixed results as a team, beating Boise but falling to Capital. The Bruins are now off until Jan. 4, when they host Mountain Home.

Capital vs. Twin Falls results table with columns for Weight, Capital, and Twin Falls.

led all scorers with 20 points and freshman Brandon Maloney hit a crucial late bucket and free throw to help the Lady Bruins improve to 8-5 overall (3-4 in league) with a 49-43 decision at Hillcrest Thursday night.

Twin Falls rolled to a 24-18 lead by halftime, and the two teams played even in the second half.

The Knights made it a 40-38 game late, but a baseline jumper by Maloney pushed the Bruins away for good.

Kelsey Young paced the hosts with 18 points. Lindsay Hughes added 10.

Twin Falls next plays Jan. 7 at home against Minico.

Girls' basketball Twin Falls 49, Hillcrest 43

IDAHO FALLS - Keri Coats

Saints' QB makes first start today

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The last time Jake Delhomme was this excited about a game was back when he led Southwestern Louisiana to an upset of Texas A&M. Fans were so excited that night they tore down the goalposts and danced on the field at the little Lafayette school.

If things go the way Delhomme hopes, New Orleans Saints fans will feel the same way. Delhomme, who has only seen regular-season NFL games from the sideline or the couch, will be the Saints' starting quarterback against the Dallas Cowboys today.

Galaxy and finished near the top of the league in passing. With two games left, a 2-12 record, and an offense that can't find the end zone, coach Mike Ditka decided he had nothing to lose taking a chance on a strong-armed quarterback, even if he hasn't taken a snap outside of practice or exhibition games in the league.

"I think he has a great arm, strength-wise," Ditka said. "Now whether the ball gets there accurately enough, that depends. I think he has the ability to avoid people and move around in the pocket and things like that. And I think he's a tough kid, I really do."

place in the NFC East — and the Cowboys can join the Saints watching the postseason on television. And, as Dallas quarterback Tom Brady pointed out, the game will be a lot faster than anything Delhomme has been in before, and the talent level will be a lot higher.

"The main thing is for him to get as prepared as he can go into the ballgame, just so he can try and let his physical talents take over and not be thinking so much," Altkam said. "It's tough on any first-year player playing the whole season. It's especially tough when you come in for the first game."

Louisville shuts down No. 6 North Carolina

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Nate Johnson scored a career-high 31 points and Louisville forced North Carolina into 21 turnovers Louisville (7-3), who fell to unranked Kentucky on Saturday.

Marques Maybin added 20 points, Reece Gaines had 12 and Quintin Bailey 10 for the Cardinals, who committed only six turnovers. Max Owens led North Carolina with 22 points.

No. 18 UCLA 103, So. Florida 98 OT HONOLULU — Jerome Moiso scored five of his 20 points overtime to help UCLA beat South Florida. Earl Watson, who finished with 20 points for the Bruins (6-2), appeared to have the game-winner in regulation when he knocked down a 3-pointer to make it 88-85 with 17 seconds left.

and 11 rebounds as DePaul beat Northern Illinois. DePaul (8-3) was aided by the return of starting point guard Rashon Burno, who injured his right knee the day before. Showing no noticeable limp, Burno hit his first shot, a 3-pointer, and had three points and five assists in 23 minutes.

T.J. Lux scored 20 to lead Northern Illinois (7-3), which had four true threes hit.

Regional games

Washington 72, Boise St. 57 SEATTLE (AP) — Deon Lutton scored 17 of his season-high 30 points in the second half as Washington pulled away late for a 72-57 victory over Boise State on Thursday night. Lutton made three of his four 3-pointers as Washington outscored the Broncos 34-19 over the game's final ten minutes. Senique Carey scored 18 points for Washington (5-5). "Abe" Jackson scored 20 points and hit four 3-pointers, while Clint Hightower scored 12 for Boise State (5-3).

Picks

Continued from D1. Kearns, who might not just be the league's defensive rookie of the year, but its defensive player of the year, too. Hard call. JAGUARS, 20-19 Dallas (minus 8) at New Orleans (today) The Cowboys are nothing special, but the Saints are nothing. Unless Jake Delhomme is Kurt Warner. COWBOYS, 26-3 Kansas City (plus 3) at Seattle Despite four straight losses, the Seahawks can take control of the AFC West with a win. Free fall. CHIEFS, 16-15 Green Bay (plus 3) at Tampa Bay Tony Dungy thinks the Bucs will bounce back from the Oakland debacle. The Bucs usually right about such things. BUCS, 24-16 Minnesota (minus 3) at New York Giants Except for Randy Moss, the Giants match up pretty well against the Viking. And Randy's making mistakes these days. GIANTS, 27-23 New York Jets (plus 4) at Miami (Monday night) The Jets won 28-20 in the Oakland debacle. And Randy's making mistakes these days. JETS, 6-3 Denver (plus 4.5) at Detroit (Saturday) Denver plays for pride. Detroit plays for the playoffs. And the Lions play much better indoors.

Bowls

Continued from D1. minor at Seattle last season. "As far as the great turnaround in our coaching jobs that have been done, it's the reflection of June Jones and Dennis Erickson, what's happened down at Utah." Being mirror images of each other has made it easier to prepare, the coaches said, although some changes have to be made. "We've been able to change our audible system" because of McAckinn, Erickson said. "He knows our audibles. He's probably got the old playbook out. He's thumbing through it right now." For Erickson, who won national titles at Miami in 1989 and 1991, the return to college was unexpected but has served to revive his enthusiasm for football. "Dealing with the players is what it's all about," Erickson said. "That rejuvenates you more than anything else."

Pitchers

Continued from D1. Sabherwal started 22 games last season but is expected to miss the first half of next season after undergoing shoulder surgery. Hampton, meanwhile, a 27-year-old left-hander, was 22-4 with a 2.90 ERA last season, winning 11 straight decisions and finishing ninth second in Arizona's Ramon Martinez in voting for the NL Cy Young Award. "We've waited for this opportunity for a long time to secure a starter of Mike Hampton's ilk," Mets general manager Steve Phillips said. "We had to step up and do this." Hampton was second in the majors in wins, one behind Boston's Pedro Martinez (23-4) and third in the NL in ERA behind Johnson (2.48) and Atlanta's Kevin Millwood (2.68). His 177 strikeouts were ninth in the league. "He's one competitive, nasty pitcher," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said. "The first time I heard Mike Hampton was available, I thought it was some type of ploy to have everyone go to Houston to see what was available." The Mets had been searching for an ace to join a staff that includes Al Leiter (13-2), Rick Reed (11-5), Masato Yoshii (10-8) and Bobby Jones (3-3). New York made no effort to resign Orel Hershiser (13-12) and Kerry Rogers (5-1), who became free agents when Sabherwal was traded to the Mariners by the Mets to Seattle earlier this month in talks involving Ken Griffey Jr. But the proposed trade collapsed when Griffey told the Mariners he would use his right to block all deals unless Seattle sent him to Cincinnati.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Cop charged in Little League bean-ball case

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A small-town police officer is accused of paying a 10-year-old Little League pitcher \$2 to hit an opposing batter with a fastball. Prosecutors aren't saying why Officer Shawn Phillips would want the batter out of commission. Phillips is not related to anyone on either team, according to league managers. Still, they say, Phillips was on duty May 21 when he walked into East Penn Elementary School, took the pitcher outside and asked him to "accidentally" hit the player, which he did. The officer allegedly gave the boy \$2 behind the school bus racks. Phillips was charged Wednesday with solicitation to commit simple assault, corruption of minors and official oppression. He could face six months in jail if convicted.

Vizquel establishes fund to aid countrymen

CLEVELAND — Cleveland Indians shortstop Omar Vizquel is setting up a fund to help his native Venezuela survive its worst natural disaster. Torrential rains that began Dec. 15 caused an avalanche of mud, water and boulders to crash down a mountain near Vizquel's hometown of Caracas, the nation's capital. Mudslides have killed between 5,000 and 10,000 people and devastated many of the city's poorest areas.

"Basically we are collecting a lot of money to try to do something good for those people who are in need of so much," Vizquel said. "They're from his home in Ilesha, Wash., outside of Seattle." Donations to the Lend a Hand to Venezuela fund can be made through World Vision's Web site, www.worldvision.org, or called to (800) 657-4907 or any Bank of America branch.

Racer Hendrick may have conquered cancer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Rick Hendrick's teams have had much success recently in the highly competitive world of NASCAR racing. Now he appears to have conquered an even tougher opponent: cancer. Hendrick was diagnosed in November 1996 with chronic myelogenous leukemia, a rare form of the disease that, according to many medical experts, claims up to 95 percent of its victims. Results of tests conducted this month have prompted Hendrick's doctors to say he no longer needs chemotherapy and the disease can be declared to be in full remission.

Hendrick, 50, leads a racing operation that includes three World Cup teams responsible for producing 60 race victories in the past six seasons as well as four of the past five series driving championships. DAVIE, Fla. — Cecil Collins, the Miami Dolphins running arrested Dec. 16 on bus-blurry charges, was officially suspended without pay by the NFL team Thursday. Coach Jimmy Johnson said the team has not paid Collins since his arrest. Collins allegedly climbed into a couple's bedroom window at his apartment complex.

Sixers' Iverson uninjured in highway accident

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia 76ers star Allen Iverson, the NBA's leading scorer, escaped injury Thursday when he was involved in a minor two-car accident as he drove to meet the team bus. Iverson's Bentley was towed from the scene on Interstate 76; team spokesman Chris Wallace said the driver of the other car was not injured, either.

Indians sign Sierra to minor-league deal

CLEVELAND — Ruben Sierra, who hasn't played in the major leagues since May 1998, agreed Thursday to a minor-league contract with the Cleveland Indians and was invited to spring training. Sierra, 34, has played with seven teams in the past 14 years. His best season was in 1989 with the Texas Rangers, when he hit .306 with 26 home runs and 119 RBIs.

Compiled from wire reports



UCLA's Jerome Moiso, bottom, shoots as South Florida's B.B. Waldon tries to block the shot in the final half at the Pearl Harbor Invitational Thursday in Lala, Hawaii.

No. 24 DePaul 82, No. Illinois 61 CHICAGO — Quentin Richardson scored 20 points and Bobby Simmons added 19 points

A detailed table of sports picks for various teams including Lions, Chicago, St. Louis, Buffalo, Atlanta, Carolina, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Oakland, San Francisco, San Diego, Arizona, Washington, and Denver.

SPORTS

Mavericks snap four-game slide

PHOENIX (AP) — Michael Finley had his second triple-double against Phoenix in 12 days...

Finley had his fourth career triple-double by the end of the third quarter and finished with 33 points...

Cliff Robinson, who scored 30 for the Suns, got free for what appeared to be a game-tying 3...

assists and six rebounds for the Suns, who lost at home for only the third time in 16 games.

Nets 99, Sixers 94 — EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Keith Van Horn scored 25 points as the New Jersey Nets overcame Allen Iverson's 42-point performance...

Magic 110, Hornets 106 — CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Monty Williams scored seven of Orlando's last 10 points as the Magic beat Charlotte to extend...

their season-best winning streak to five games.

Darrell Armstrong was 6-of-7 on 3-point attempts and finished with 28 points...

Hawks 108, Cavaliers 90 — ATLANTA — Dikembe Mutombo had 16 points, 21 rebounds and nine blocked shots...

Timberwolves 109, SuperSonics 102 — MINNEAPOLIS — Terrell...

Brandon scored 30 points as Minnesota beat Seattle to extend its winning streak to four games.

Kevin Garnett scored 11 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter and added 14 rebounds for Minnesota...

Rockets 105, Wizards 89 — HOUSTON — Cuttino Mobley and Kevin Caron each scored 20 points as the Houston Rockets beat Washington, 105-89...

The Rockets, who have won only two of their last eight games, used a 13-2 run to take a 93-78 lead with 4:47 left.



Seattle SuperSonics guard Brent Barry, right, shoots over Minnesota Timberwolves guard Terrell Brandon in the first quarter Thursday.

Poetic justice? Trade Rucker to the Mets

His only hope now is for somebody like Jesse Jackson to perform the exorcism, to stand in front of the TV lights with his arm around John Rucker and assure us the tear-stained lugs has been "healed"...

COMMENTARY Jim Little

Besides, winning back the audience might not be the toughest part, either. After rattling Rucker's drive-time monologue...

"family" who gets caught beating up his "real" family. But even they draw the line somewhere...

Of course, letting Rucker keep his job won't do his good unless all the people around him decide to judge him less harshly...

than he did them. Other ballplayers have jumped across moral, ethical and legal divides...

For all that, Rucker is hardly evil incarnate, not nearly as dangerous as he is dumb.

The perfect solution? The trade to the New York Mets.

Jim Little is the national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at: jlt@tc.com

statement Wednesday, saying he was carried away by his "competitive zeal" against New York Mets fans...

Commissioner Bud Selig called Rucker's remarks "inappropriate and offensive."

Former Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott was suspended from baseball for the 1993 season following her use of racial and ethnic slurs.

The letter also called for a meeting with Braves officials and criticized Schuerholz for waiting until after the holidays to announce his action against the 25-year-old Georgia native.

would have been a more scathing condemnation of the comments made by Atlanta City Councilman Derrick Bozeman.

Jeff Graham, executive director of Atlanta's AIDS Staircase Project, said Rucker deserves to be fired because his comments were not spontaneous.

Bozeman said the protest groups, which included the Atlanta-based Economic Development Center, had no plans for a boycott of the Braves.

BASEBALL

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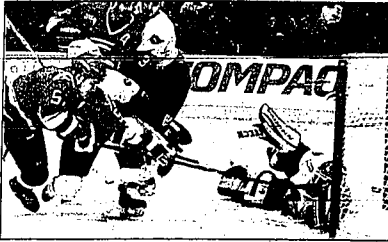
SPORTS

Senators regroup, blow past Hurricanes; Leafs win fifth straight

KANATA, Ontario (AP) — Joe Juneau scored the go-ahead goal in the Ottawa Senators' comeback behind a 4-3 victory over the Carolina Hurricanes on Thursday night.

Juneau, who also had an assist, broke a 3-3 tie at 12:11 of the third period to split Carolina defenseman Paul Coffey's milestone night.

NHL Coffey became the first defenseman in NHL history to record 1,500 career points when he assisted on Sami Kapanen's second-period goal. Juneau, Laakkonen, Magnus Arvedson and Vaclav Prospal also scored for the Senators, who are 3-1-3 in their last seven games. Patrick Traverse had two assists.



Carolina Hurricanes left winger Andrei Kovalenko (51) reaches past the Ottawa Senators' Rob Zanutt (7) and Patrick Travers (3) to lift the puck over Ottawa's goalie Ron Tugnutt to score during the first period Thursday.

goal in as many games and ended Pittsburgh's 0-for-25 power-play slump as the Penguins beat Tampa Bay.

The Penguins, 6-2 since Herb Brooks replaced Kevin Constantine as coach on Dec. 9, took a 3-1 lead into the third period but Tampa Bay rallied to tie before losing its fourth straight.

Maple Leafs 4, Devils 1

TORONTO — Nik Antropov had a goal and an assist as the Toronto Maple Leafs won their fifth straight. Igor Korolev, Jonas Hoglund and Dmitri Khristich also scored for Toronto, which tied Detroit for the most points in the NHL with 50.

Danny Markov set up Antropov to the left of New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur for the go-ahead goal at 12:49 of the second period.

Sabres 2, Avalanche 1

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Miroslav Satan and Geoff Sanderson

scored within a 2:20 span in the second period to lead Buffalo over Colorado.

Martin Biron made 23 saves, including 10 in the third period, for the Sabres who won their second straight game and are 4-1-1 in their last six.

Blues 2, Predators 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Scott Young scored a short-handed goal with 4:15 left in the third period, and the St. Louis Blues extended their unbeaten streak to six with a tie against Nashville. With Nashville ahead 2-1, St.

Louis had a 2-on-1 when Pierre Turgeon skated into the left side of the Predators' zone. Young streaked up the middle, took a pass and tipped the puck over goaltender Mike Dunham for his 11th goal, his sixth in six games.

Flyers 4, Thrashers 4

PHILADELPHIA — Nelson Emerson scored late in the third period as the Atlanta Thrashers rallied from a three-goal deficit

for a tie with Philadelphia. The tie extended the Flyers' home unbeaten streak to 13 games, longest in the NHL this season.

Darryl Shannon, Yannick Tremblay and Kelly Buchberger also scored for the Thrashers, who are 0-7-2 in their last nine.

Blackhawks 5, Stars 2

CHICAGO — Tony Amonte had a goal and three assists in

Chicago's victory over Dallas. Bob Frobert, Michael Nylander, Doug Gilmour and Ed Olczyk also scored for Chicago, which won its ninth game in only the third time this season and snapped Dallas' four-game unbeaten streak.

The Blackhawks, who scored on three of their first 15 shots to chase starting Dallas goalie Ed Belfour, improved to 3-10-3 at the United Center.

Canadiens 3, Bruins 3

BOSTON — Patrice Berube scored his first goal of the season late in the second period Thursday night to lift the Montreal Canadiens to a 3-3 tie with the Boston Bruins.

Boston, which has won just one of five in its nine home games, ousted Montreal 4-2, including 5-1 in overtime. The Bruins improved to 1-0-9 in overtime this season.

It was the 800th NHL game coached by Boston's Pat Burns.

Islanders 4, Rangers 2

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Claude Lapointe scored two second-period goals and Kevin Weekes, in his New York Islanders debut, beat the New York Rangers for the third time this season.

Weekes, who beat the Rangers twice with Vancouver before being dealt to the Islanders last week, made 36 saves.

Penguins 4, Lightning 3

PITTSBURGH — Darius Kasparaitis scored his second

Gambling ads don't go over well in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Detroit boosters would have been hard-pressed to find a worse place than Utah for trying to sell Motor City Bowl tickets through ads extolling Michigan's casino gambling.

Bowl officials said the ads were prepared before they knew one of the teams in Monday's game would be Mormon church-owned Brigham Young University.

The church eschews gambling and Utah is one of just two states (along with Hawaii) that has no legalized gambling.

Salt Lake's afternoon newspaper, the Mormon church-owned Deseret News, turned down thousands of dollars and refused to run the ads.

The ads did appear in the morning newspaper, The Salt Lake Tribune, and also were run in West Virginia.

BYU has sold about 5,000 tickets. Bowl officials say the ads were prepared long before they knew which at-large team would be invited to play Marshall, the 11th-ranked champion of the Mid-American Conference.

"It doesn't fit the BYU profile, but there was no way they could have pulled the ad," said the bowl's executive director, Ken Hoffman, through a public relations representative. "Let's say we knew all along that BYU would be a candidate. Then, you don't do that campaign."



The ads include pictures of casino clips and say, "Need another reason to come to Detroit for the Motor City Bowl? Here are eight." Casino gaming is No. 1. Other attractions on the list included the Henry Ford Museum and the Museum of African-American History.

The ad was placed and paid for by the Metro Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau. The bureau represents the interests of hotels and other businesses in the city. The Motor City Bowl pumped \$27 million into the area's economy last year, bowl officials said, and filled every hotel room in suburban North Oakland County, which surrounds the Silverdome.

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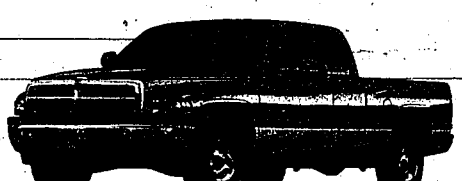
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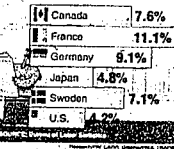
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Unemployment rate for selected countries, third quarter, 1999



BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Magazine names Bank of America top giver

TWIN FALLS — World Magazine named Bank of America Foundation the top corporate giver in a survey of the nation's 500 largest publicly held corporations.

Based on the total dollar value of a company's charitable giving in 1998, Bank of America — which has branches in Gooding, Halley, Ketchum and Twin Falls — was the leader with \$92 million in donations, the bank said. Results of the survey, based on a study by the Council on Economic Priorities, are featured in the December/January edition of Worth, which hit newsstands in December.

In Idaho, Bank of America said, it contributed more than \$116,000 in cash during 1998, and about \$313,500 to date this year.

Micron Technology Inc. reports earnings rebound

BOISE — Micron Technology Inc. said a rebound in the price of memory chips and significant cost reductions were behind first-quarter profits that ended two years of losses.

The semiconductor manufacturer this week reported earnings of \$341 million, or \$1.19 per share. During the same quarter a year ago, Micron reported a \$46.2 million loss.

During the past two years the company lost more than \$300 million, but made it back in one quarter. During the first quarter of fiscal year 2000, which ended Dec. 2, Micron sold more memory chips than before and sold them at a higher price.

Semiconductor sales climbed to \$1.3 billion from \$437.5 million for the same quarter a year ago. "We're having a good moment," Micron spokesman Grant Jones said. "We had an outstanding quarter."

Micron Technology was battered for more than three years by falling chip prices because of an oversupply of dynamic random access memory chips.

Dan Niles, an analyst with BancBoston, said the earnings report likely signals the end of losses for Micron for a while.

"If PC demand is decent, I don't think there is any reason profits can't get higher," Niles said. "This is actually for the next year one of my favorite stocks."

Analysts preliminarily predict Micron Technology will make at least \$1 billion for fiscal 2000, but the memory-chip industry is extremely volatile and difficult to predict.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Valley's construction values plummet

October numbers drop off hot pace

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Home starts in Ketchum and Sun Valley weren't enough to offset construction declines elsewhere in the Magic Valley in October, a disappointing conclusion to a booming summer and early fall.

The estimated value of projects issued permits in October fell by 15.5 million — that's 29.1 percent — from October 1998 for selected areas of the Magic Valley, according to data compiled in First Security Bank's latest statewide report.

Only Gooding, Ketchum and Jerome improved on their year-ago numbers for combined con-

struction types. The rest of the Wood River Valley, Shoshone, Twin Falls city and county and all of the Mini-Cassia area lost ground. In the valley's largest city, a slump in new commercial construction accounted for much of the month's poor performance, reports from Twin Falls' building department show.

That's a letdown after summer's showing. After two months of huge gains, Magic Valley's construction activity edged up in August by just 5.3 percent over year-earlier numbers. But Ketchum's spate of new multifamily housing and a new home-improvement store in Twin Falls in September led the valley's construction to a 37 percent gain over September 1998.

The Magic Valley didn't do its part in October, but Idaho's 1999 total construction value still is

Magic Valley's construction values plummet

Totals for all construction types	October '99	October '98
Gooding	\$31,035	\$20,019
Halley	\$886,821	\$6,234,562
Ketchum	\$5,053,653	\$3,495,670
Sun Valley	\$4,479,640	\$5,152,965
Blaine County (unincorporated portion)	\$4,710,000	\$5,661,500
Jorjmo	\$888,080	\$622,534
SHOSHONE	\$18,240	\$109,500
Twin Falls	\$2,893,026	\$5,942,264
Twin Falls County (unincorporated portion)	\$1,361,615	\$1,661,788
Cassia County (entire county)	\$1,469,974	\$2,328,225
Rupert	\$57,887	\$134,234
Missidoka County (unincorporated portion)	\$739,619	\$1,303,892
Total:	\$23,081,790	\$32,348,713

Source: "Idaho Construction Report" by First Security Bank, October report is most recent available.

on track to establish a record total. In the January-October period, total construction valuation at \$1.76 billion is nearly 8 percent above the 1998 record per-

formance," said First Security's "Idaho Construction Report," authored by economist Kelly Matthews.

But around Idaho, nonresidential building — up 25 percent in value through the first 10 months of the year — looks to be a stronger component of the industry than new-home construction.

After 10 months, the cumulative number of new single-family permits at 7,585 statewide is identical to the year-ago total. "The October volume, however, dropping 21 percent below last year, sends an early signal that, in the fourth quarter and into next year, new production may be shifting into a moderately slower gear," the bank's report said. "Such a development has been anticipated and

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Bar code software helps the blind

Couple's product helps keep track of household items

The Associated Press

MORRISVILLE, Pa. — Disc jockey Alburnie Wright has a much easier time these days separating his Stevie Wonder and his Barbara Streisand.

Wright, who is blind, has labeled his compact discs with software that works with a bar code scanner to read descriptions aloud. It works on not only his CDs, but on thousands of his possessions — everything from clothes to soup cans.

"It's totally changed my whole life," the Morrisville, Pa., man said. "You can use it for so much."

The program, SCANACAN, was developed by a Manchester, S.D., couple whose company, Ferguson Enterprises, develops products to assist the blind.

Pat Ferguson, who is blind, said the program helps her keep track of her pantry's inventory. After she uses an item, she tells the computer she now has one fewer on hand.

That helps when it comes time to make a grocery list, freeing her from remembering whether she fixed corn or beans for dinner a week ago, for instance.

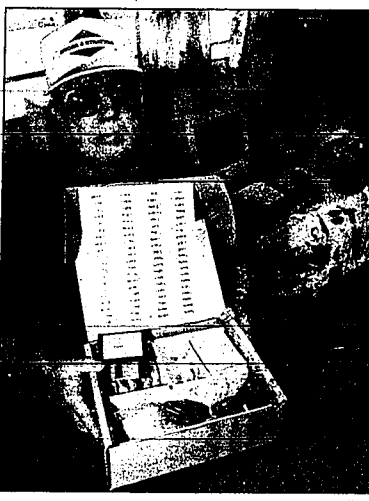
"Computers have made a world of difference in our accessibility," she said.

To use the program, a scanner reads a bar code and a synthesized voice provides information the user requests — a simple description of the product or, for food, how to prepare it.

"Amazed chew toys," the computer said flintly as Ferguson waved it over the bottle.

"Cream chick," it said as she waved another can in front of the scanner's glowing red eye. The voice then spelled out the directions to fix a hot bowl of soup.

SCANACAN costs \$600 for a scanner and the software package, which has a database with bar codes for about 30,000 gro-



Vernon Ferguson holds a package that consumers get when they order the SCANACAN which allows the visually impaired to scan a bar code and have the computer audibly identify the item. Vernon's wife, Pat, is visually impaired.

cery items. A supermarket chain provided the codes to the Fergusons at no cost.

The program allows users to create more databases and will hold up to 2 billion bar codes, though that number may be limited by the memory available on the computer, said Ferguson's husband, Vernon.

For now, customers must manually enter descriptions of products whose codes are not already in the program. But the Fergusons are seeking databases from more manufacturers to expand the software's usefulness.

While the blind can use Braille coding for the same pur-

Union Pacific could be headed toward a merger

Knight Ridder News Service

OMAHA, Neb. — The merger of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp. with Canadian National-Railway Co. would increase the pressure on Omaha-based Union Pacific through another deal of its own, transportation experts said this week.

"It does raise the possibility of the U.P. somehow joining with the Canadian Pacific Railway," said Phillip Baumeil, an Iowa State University economist and transportation specialist.

Union Pacific Railroad, currently the nation's largest railroad, would be surpassed by the combined Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Canadian National. Canadian Pacific is a Canadian National rival.

The Burlington merger, if completed, likely would reduce costs for the new railroad, to be called "North American Railways" by creating a single line for transporting wheat, autos and other freight over longer distances, Baumeil said.

It also would bring closer the day when a single, international railroad connects cities in Canada, the United States and Mexico, said Joseph Phillips, a Creighton University economist professor. "I don't know how soon that will happen," he said.

A Union Pacific spokesman said it's too early to speculate as to how the proposed merger would affect the Omaha-based railroad, or how U.P. might respond.

North American Railways' headquarters and leadership

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Humbug to bonuses!

Study says holiday practice is fading

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — If all you want for Christmas is your company bonus, make another wish. A new study finds the holiday practice is fading faster than the red on your Santa Claus socks.

Nearly two-thirds of companies don't give any holiday bonuses — not even a lump coal in employees' stockings. Twelve percent of the companies that responded to a nationwide survey said they've dropped the bonuses recently.

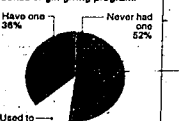
The reason many cited: It's not smart business and provides little incentive for employees to do better work.

"Companies want to get away from giving something for nothing, even at Christmas," said Frank Belmonte, compensation consultant for Hewitt Associates.

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Bonus giving no longer a given

A study released Wednesday indicates that employers are not as generous with holiday bonuses as in the past. Of the 268 companies surveyed, 64 percent do not have a year-end bonus or gift-giving program.



Used to — but has discontinued it 12%.

Of the companies that used to have a year-end bonus or gift-giving program, 84% discontinued it in the 1990s, 10% discontinued it in the 1980s, 6% discontinued it before 1980.

Source: Hewitt Associates

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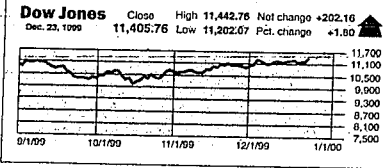
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MONEY

RECORD DAY

Dow, S & P indexes reach new highs; Nasdaq touches 4,000

NEW YORK (AP) - The Nasdaq composite index topped 4,000 for the first time and Dow Jones industrial soared more than 200 points to another record Thursday as stocks from nearly all sectors of the economy joined the Christmas rally.



This is what happens in the pre-holiday atmosphere when you have a lighter volume but the money keeps flowing in from mutual funds, pension funds and end-of-year bonuses, said Larry Watchel, market analyst at Prudential Securities.

Charles Pradilla, chief investment strategist at SG Cowen Securities. Even some of the laggards have gained in recent days because of the growing need to put cash into the market, he said.

The Dow gained 24.16 to 11,405.76, surpassing its high of 11,326.04, set on Aug. 25. For the week and an 18 percent rise year-to-date.

The stock market will be closed Friday in observance of the Christmas holiday. Stocks rose amid fresh signs that the U.S. economy is growing at a moderate rate.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 5-to-3 margin on the New York Stock Exchange. NYSE volume totaled 938.4 million shares, down from 1.07 billion in Wednesday's session.

New rule alters insurance world

The Hartford Courant

Triple X is coming - not a racy movie rating - but a nickname for a new regulation that will dampen some of the deals consumers can get on certain life insurance policies after Jan. 1.

have been exploiting fears about Triple X.

"There's no question people are using Triple X as a scare tactic," says Robert D. Davy, a financial adviser and chartered life underwriter in Canton, Conn. "It's the sky-is-falling kind of thing."

The rules are prompting some insurers to charge higher premiums, or shorten the time they'll guarantee not to raise premiums, on new term and universal life policies. Others, though, expect to offer some better deals than they do now.

Triple X is a model regulation from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners that is aimed at making sure insurers set aside adequate reserves to pay future death claims. It grew out of concern about company failures in the early 1990s.

Or, to avoid having to boost reserves, the insurers could sell policies that pose less financial risk to the company by locking in premiums for fewer years.

Here's what that means for term insurance - policies that last a specified number of years, and that don't have a cash value. Term policies on the market now often guarantee that the premiums won't increase for 20 years, or even longer.

Construction

Continued from E1 actually is consistent with the current pace of population and employment growth. A major portion of October's shortfall in single-family homes occurred in southwestern Idaho, which in the "Idaho Construction Report" includes most of the Magic Valley area.

home names dipped but valuations rose in October. The areas of the valley surveyed issued permits for 69 new single-family homes, down from 80 in October 1991. The average value of those homes reached \$223,644, a 4.8 percent rise over the \$194,399 average of a year earlier.

Twenty-six of the 30 Dow stock roses, led by Hewlett-Packard, up 5 1/16 to 112.625 and Merck, up 2 9/16 to 69.75, both to 545 p.m. EST.

Shoshone had no residential building for the month, and only new multifamily dwelling units were two that received permits in Cassia County.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and various stock symbols with their respective prices and changes.

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Large table listing various mutual funds with columns for fund name, price, and change.

WORLD

Report: Russian soldiers loot homes in Chechnya

SLEPTOVSKAYA, Russia — The Russian soldiers forced their way into Nisani Bogaturov's house and took his dishes, food, blankets, shoes and a fur coat. They stole his car and shot his tractor to pieces.

Later, the Russians came back and killed his cow, said the 54-year-old refugee, sitting on a plank bed in a muddy and drafty tent in the Sprukh refugee camp near the Chechen border.

According to multiple accounts by refugees, human rights workers and local police, Russian soldiers have done more than wage war in Chechnya.

They have been engaged in widespread looting.

"In some towns, soldiers have looted nearly every house, according to Peter Bouckaert, a researcher with Human Rights Watch, a New York-based human rights group. "We've spoken to people whose floorboards were taken" for firewood, he said.

The Russian army, for years beset by financial problems and now faced with supporting about 100,000 soldiers in the Chechen operation, appears to be living off the land, according to refugee claims. The underfunded Russian military is short of supplies, soldiers sometimes go without food and their clothing often is old and ragged. The abandoned villages of Chechnya are an alluring target.



Chechen children play with fighters' weapons Thursday in the center of the Chechen capital, Grozny. The 8,000 to 35,000 civilians still inside the capital remain for fear of Russian shelling on roads out of the city. The artillery barrages have continued despite the military's promise that there would be safe passage for the refugees.

five people on the ground. Last month, the South Korean government banned Korean Air from adding new international routes and flights for one year after U.S. investigators held its pilots mostly responsible for a 1997 jet crash in Guam that killed 229 people.

U.S. provides much needed drinking water in Venezuela

MACUTO, Venezuela — The global effort to help Venezuela get through its worst natural disaster this century pushed ahead with the arrival Thursday of an enormous aircraft from the United States that would provide mudslide survivors with their most pressing need: drinking water.

A C-5 Galaxy, the largest airplane made in the United States, arrived from Puerto Rico with four machines that each can purify 2,400 liters of water per hour. At a slower rate, the machines

can also purify sea water. "They are responding to the number one necessity of Venezuela during this crisis, which is potable water," said U.S. Ambassador to Venezuela John Maisto. "This is the best technology we've got."

The plane is in addition to nine Blackhawk helicopters, a Hercules C-130 transport plane, a DC-8, \$3.4 million and more than 100 servicemen sent from the United States. In Brussels, Belgium, the European Union today approved another \$3.2 million in aid. Venezuela officials on Wednesday set aside \$778 million for the relief effort.

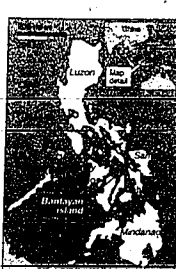
It may never be known how many people died when avalanches of mud and boulders were unleashed by torrential rains on Dec. 15, crushing down the mountain that separates the capital of Caracas from the Caribbean Sea. But officials say the number is in the thousands, ranging anywhere from 5,000 to 30,000.

Prisoners walk free from Maze Prison in Belfast

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Every convicted terrorist imprisoned in Northern Ireland went home for the holidays Thursday, thanks to the British government's latest initiative to support the Belfast peace accord.

The 139 prisoners walked free from the Maze Prison southwest of Belfast to the cheers and tears of their waiting friends and relatives. The prisoners include members of the Irish Republican Army and the province's outlawed pro-British groups, the Ulster Defense Association and Ulster Volunteer Force.

British authorities expect them all to return voluntarily to the prison by Jan. 4 to finish out their sentences. The prisoners are supposed to visit permanent paroles by July in accordance with the peace accord of 1998 that outlined a power-sharing government for the province.



Philippines officials expect sinking death toll will rise

SANTA FE, Philippines — Vessels from shipping companies, the coast guard, and local fishermen joined in the search Thursday for 58 people missing after a ferry carrying more than 650 passengers and crew sank off the central Philippines.

At least nine people were killed in the pre-dawn accident. The others were pulled from the rough seas near Basilan Island off the northern tip of central Cebu Island, about 300 miles southeast of Manila.

When the ferry began taking on water, passenger May Anne Soropio began praying. Before she could finish her rosary, the MV Asia South Korea tipped on its side and sank. "In less than 15 minutes, the ship sank. We did not even finish praying," she recalled. She and her family spent four hours in the water, clinging to the side of a crowded life raft because other passengers refused to allow them aboard.

U.S. Army Europe's senior officer guilty of misconduct

BERLIN — The U.S. Army dropped the most serious charges against a top enlisted man accused of sexually assaulting a female subordinate but found him guilty of misconduct, the Army announced Thursday.

Command Sgt. Major Riley Miller, "knowingly fraternized" with his military driver, the Army said. The driver, James "Jim" Heidelberg, other charges ranging from forcible sodomy to kidnapping were dropped. Miller was not court-martialed.

but was instead given a less serious administrative punishment. He was issued a formal letter of reprimand and fined \$3,700, the minimum allowed under the administrative punishment.

Report: Porn star faces insider trading charges

TORONTO — A porn star wanted for her role in an insider trading scandal on Wall Street is hiding out in a Vancouver penthouse, a Canadian newspaper reported today.

The National Post reported it had contacted Kathryn Gannon, who is known in the porn industry as Marilyn Star, at the home of her fiancé Wednesday. She refused any comment on her case, the paper said.

A friend of Gannon told the paper she was considering whether to turn herself in.

"She is surrounded by friends, lawyers, and she is making several decisions in the next couple of days about what to do and whether she decides to give up," Mark Medoff, president of the Adult Press Service in New York, was quoted as saying by the Post.

Gannon, 30, a Canadian who has been living in Miami, is accused of illegally profiting from inside information given to her by Wall Street executive with whom she was allegedly having an affair. U.S. officials issued a warrant for her arrest after she failed to show up for a hearing in New York.

World's richest lottery ever spreads Christmas cheer

MADRID, Spain — A \$1.2 billion lottery billed as the world's richest spread Christmas cheer all over Spain on Wednesday.

Known as El Gordo, or the Fat One, the lottery awards astounding jackpots. It aims instead to share wealth among thousands of people holding ticket numbers ranging from 00001 to 65,999.

El Gordo was particularly kind to people in the southeast town of Elche. The first prize number, 65,739, was sold there, bringing in \$261 million in winnings. Mayor Diego Matias estimated that 20,000 of Elche's 200,000 people had won a share. That would work out to an average of more than \$13,000 per person.

"Children are 'crawling' and dancing in the main square of Elche, where the main industry is the manufacture of shoes." — compiled from wire reports

Korean Air disasters will require tougher scrutiny

LONDON — Alarmed by Korean Air's second fatal accident this year, Britain on Thursday ordered closer preflight checks and officials in Seoul said the carrier could lose routes if found responsible for the crash of a 747 freighter at Stansted Airport.

The Korean Air jet, with four crew members on board, crashed in flames moments after takeoff Wednesday night, scattering wreckage across one square mile from the end of the runway into woods near a village. All four crew were feared dead, but no one on the ground was hurt.

Korean-Air has been plagued by a series of disasters at home and abroad in the past 16 years in which more than 750 people were killed.

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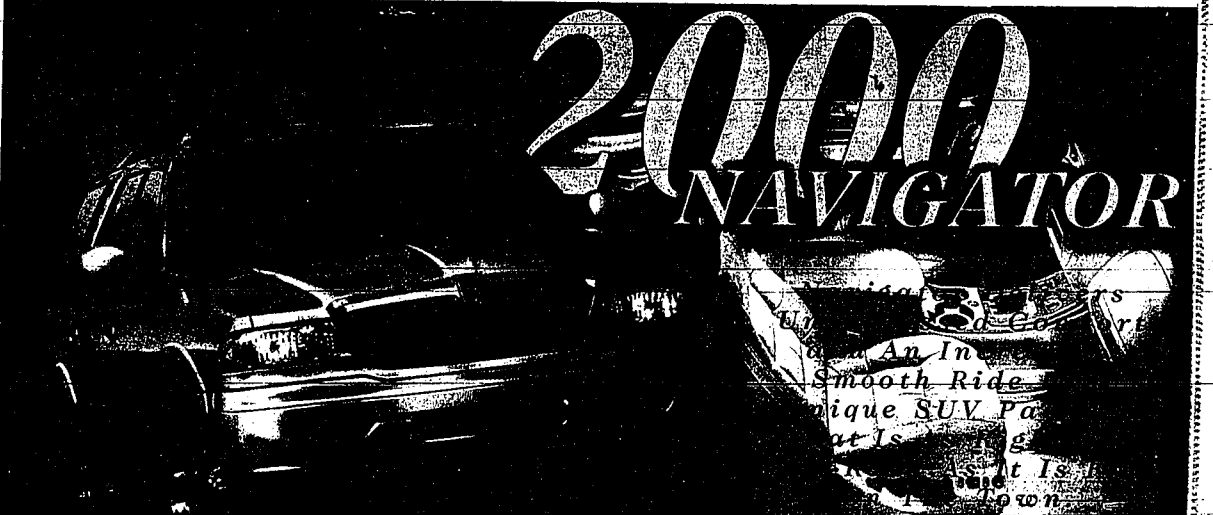
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