

2000



Members of the Class of 2000 show their spirit as they greet the new millennium. More than 200 seniors from area high schools endured this week's mild weather to gather at Bruin Stadium in Twin Falls. The seniors came from as far away as Berkeley, Wendell, Dietrich and Glenns Ferry to participate. (One senior visiting from Colorado Springs, Colo., also decided to join the fun.) The Times-News thanks everyone who turned out, as well as Twin Falls High School Principal Ben Allen for the use of the stadium.

Jittery world greets new millennium

Valley residents take low-key approach to Y2K

By Michael Jounnee and Ruth Streeter
Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS — Somewhat cautious, somewhat amused by the global hype, the Magic Valley waited for the end of 1999 — not the end of the world.

For many local residents, Friday was just business as usual, just another New Year's Eve.

Patches of blue sky broke through Friday, making the last day of 1999 the Magic Valley's first clear day in almost a week.

As the valley's weeklong fog showed signs of breaking, residents took final plans to celebrate and prepare — or not prepare, as the case may be — for the new year.

Many people said they had taken only minimal precautions, having a little extra cash on hand, a little more food in the pantry and full gas tanks in their automobiles just in case.

"We've more or less been making fun of all these people who've been stockpiling for all of this," said Jill Sweesy, who was taking advantage of Roper's Department Store's final day of business sale downtown Friday.



Above, Jerome resident Nancy Auclair stocks up on water at Costco on the last day of the year. Gayle Brown, one of the store's managers, said more than 90 percent of the store's bottled water was sold by noon Friday. Right, fireworks explode over Angkor Wat in Siem Reap, Cambodia, as Buddhist monks join in the celebration early this morning. For more millennium day photos, see pages A2 and G6.



Y2K computer bug appears to have little effect on world so far

The Associated Press

Americans watched as country by country, clocks turned over to 2000 without a hitch, leaving a nation of revelers-in-waiting increasingly confident Friday that they might celebrate a smooth New Year.

"All is quiet, can't do better than that," said Capt. Tim Taylor, a spokesman for millions of U.S. soldiers stationed here and abroad.

Rear Adm. Bob Willard, head of the Y2K task force for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, reported no U.S. or host-nation military computer bugs worldwide — from Australia to the U.S. territory of Guam. The only problem was human error that temporarily shut down a defense web site.

The Pentagon continued to monitor for computer hackers and viruses.

Japan reported the failure of a computer linked to radiation monitoring devices at a nuclear plant, but said it wasn't considered serious enough to shut the plant. Experts said many Year 2000 computer troubles still might take days or weeks to develop.

Yet there was little if any immediate impact of the new millennium's arrival on a computer-dependent world, where engineers and government leaders awaited the event in control bunkers in a state of high alert.

The lights stayed on in Asia. Eastern Russia's nuclear plants ran without a hitch. Planes landed in Malaysia. ATMs in New Zealand handed out money and printed the right account balances.

Some small glitches were reported: Ticketing machines on some buses in Australia briefly

Other news

Yeltsin resigns

Russia's Boris Yeltsin has named an acting president and has called for elections.

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Five hijackers walked off an Indian jetliner Friday, ending an eight-day hostage crisis.

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Elliot Richardson, who resigned as attorney general rather than fire a special prosecutor, as directed by President Nixon, has died.

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With crayons in hand, local third-graders view the future.

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To our readers:
This Y2K Keepsake Edition was produced Friday evening and may not include some late-breaking New Year's Eve events. See Sunday's Times-News for a full report on Y2K developments.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie



High: 26 Low: 12
Snow likely with an accumulation of 1 to 3 inches. Snow likely on Sunday, with highs in the 20s.

Treasure Valley



High: 31 Low: 21
Cloudy, with a 10 percent chance of snow. Cloudy on Sunday with a 40 percent chance of snow.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley



High: 34 Low: 10
Mostly cloudy, with a chance of snow showers. Cloudy with a chance of snow on Sunday. Highs near 30.

Eastern Idaho



High: 28 Low: 14
Mostly cloudy, with a slight chance of snow showers. Winds increasing to 10-20 mph this afternoon.

Northern Idaho



High: 33 Low: 18
Mostly cloudy, with a chance of snow late in the afternoon.

Northern Utah



High: 33 Low: 20
Mostly cloudy, with winds increasing tonight. Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow tonight.

Northern Nevada

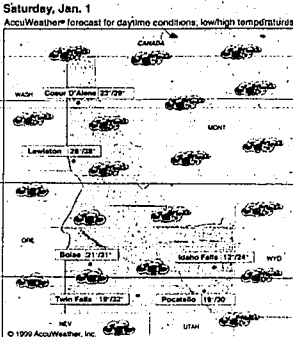


High: 32 Low: 19
Cloudy, with a 20 percent chance of snow. A chance of snow on Sunday.

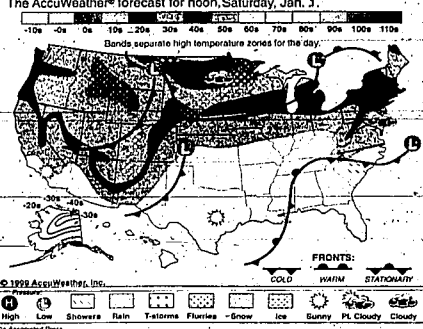
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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Idaho weather



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Sunrise tomorrow 8:08 a.m.
Lunar phases: New, Jan. 6; first quarter, Jan. 14; full, Jan. 20; last quarter, Jan. 28.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: High pressure across the northwest weakened, allowing the return of more typical winter weather across the gem state as the 20th century comes to a close. Boise reported snow during the early Friday afternoon, with flurries also at Lewiston and McCall, as a frontal system along the Washington-Oregon coast headed for the gem state. This will be the first of several impulses to move across Idaho in the east-west flow across the state in the next few days as the new millennium begins. Skies were mostly sunny across the eastern two thirds of the state at mid-afternoon. Winds were light at all reporting stations. Idaho's high temperature for the afternoon appeared to be a mild 43 degrees at the Halley-Sun Valley airport. Under cloudy skies, Burley reported 36 degrees at 3 p.m. MST. The cool spot at 3 p.m. was Salmon with 19 degrees. The rest of the state was in the modest low 20s to low 30s. Only trace amounts of moisture had accumulated from the afternoon snow at Boise and Lewiston.

— The Associated Press

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: n/a-n/a	Yesterday in Twin Falls: n/a
Last year: -41--31	Month to date: .00
Normal: 37--20	Normal month to date: .05
	Water year to date: .81
	Normal year to date: 3.09

Highs/Lows Not available

Idaho and nation highs and lows: Not available

Comfort factors:
Moon humidity: 100%
New barometer: 30.04

Pollen and mold counts:
The reading section has checked for the year.
Ashina & Allergy of Idaho returns in March.

Canadian Cities	High	Low	Unit
Calgary	37	18	°C
Montreal	37	16	°C
Toronto	36	16	°C
Vancouver	43	38	°F

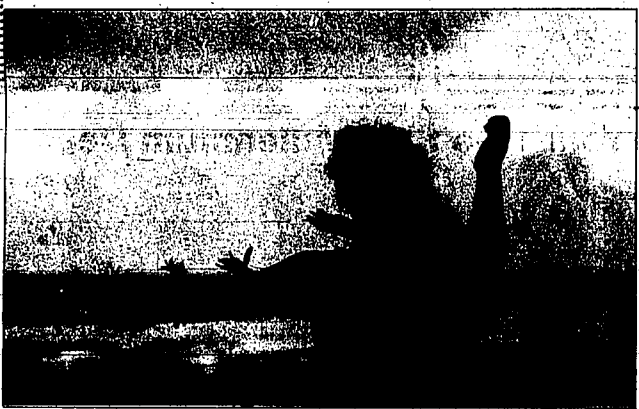
To our readers: Due to New Year's Eve deadlines, national temperatures were not available Friday.

SNOW BOOGIE



Brianna Ruybal, 2, does a dance in the snow recently at her home in Colorado Springs. Ruybal wears the Santa hat her mother bought to decorate a snowman.

A NEW DAWN



Above, a Kiblati dancer welcomes the first sunrise of the new year on Millennium Island, Kiblati, early today. The sun was covered by a cloud. Left, President Clinton holds child Friday while attending the Millennium Around the World at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington. The event celebrates children front around the world.

Terrorism-suspect appears in court

Judge orders man held without bail

NEW YORK (AP) — An Algerian man alleged to be an accomplice of Ahmed Ressam, who was caught smuggling explosives into the United States, was ordered held without bail Friday.

Assistant U.S. Attorney David Kelley told U.S. Magistrate Judge Ronald L. Ellis that 31-year-old Abdul Ghani was living in the United States illegally. He portrayed Ghani as eager to assist Ressam in raising money for the terrorist organization for which Ressam was allegedly transporting explosives.

An FBI criminal complaint said Ghani was apprehended after his name and telephone number were found on a piece of paper belonging to Ressam.

Ghani was arrested in a nationwide sweep by federal authorities who questioned and detained dozens of people in major cities, many of whom were believed to be tied to Ressam.

Ressam was arrested Dec. 14 in Port Angeles, Washington, on explosives smuggling charges after he allegedly tried to smuggle RDX, a powerful demolition explosive, and timing devices into Washington from Canada.

Ghani was charged with concealing his support for Ressam's

efforts to violate federal explosives laws and with conspiring with others to traffic in and use fraudulent credit cards and bank cards.

Ghani's lawyer, Roland Thau, said in court that the charges against his client should be dropped because they exaggerate and distort the facts.

"There is not an iota of factual assertion in this complaint which shows us this defendant in any way assisted Mr. Ressam," Thau said.

The lawyer said the case brought by prosecutors "does not even assert that this defendant ever met Mr. Ressam or communicated ... with Mr. Ressam in any fashion."

Y2K

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Sweesy, a Twin-Falls County deputy prosecutor, said she has friends who really went all out in preparing for the Y2K bug's bite.

"We have a friend who has a Y2K room," Sweesy said. Stocked with guns; MREs, or meals ready to eat, water and a duffel bag full of rapping rope, their friend's preparedness seemed like overkill.

"I guess he's going to rattle out of his out of his place if the power goes out. He lives on the bottom floor of a one-story building," said Jarod Sweesy, Jill Sweesy's husband.

Jarod Sweesy, an Idaho State Police officer, was planning to mark the stroke of midnight on a park shift.

Still, the Sweesys made trips to the bank and gas station to be ready for any possible short-term inconveniences.

They weren't alone.

Chady Ward and her family had stocked up on candles, canned food, a propane heater and precautions for their livestock. But she was reluctant to take extra money out of

the bank.

"The banks seem to be pretty dependable," she said. "We always have extra cash around for the weekend anyway, but we don't have any more than that. But we did fill up both gas tanks on our two trucks."

Outside First Federal Savings, bank in Burley, Karen Hatch said her day's banking business entailed making a deposit.

"I even asked the teller if people were panicking and taking all their money out and she said no," Hatch said.

Grocery stores such as the Burley Smith's store were doing brisk business. Many people seemed to have at least a gallon of water in their cart.

John Lyman of Burley wasn't Smith's stockpiling for a cataclysmic New Year's. He was planning on a low-key night at home with his mother, rather than fighting the New Year's Eve crowds, knowing there was plenty of wood to keep the fireplace burning.

His shopping bags filled with snack food like power bars, dried fruit, diet soda and jerky, he

seemed only to be preparing for a few days without electricity.

"No nuclear winter," Lyman said.

In Twin Falls, John Hall was planning to ring in the new year modestly at home with his family. He kept track of Y2K Friday by watching the United Nations' website, which had monitored the changeover to 2000 in about 100 nations. He wasn't expecting any serious problems, but Hall did purchase a shotgun to protect his home "just in case things did get out of hand."

"Better safe than sorry," he said.

Perhaps the least Y2K-conscious person in downtown Twin Falls Friday was Jim Shevemaker, who was planning to celebrate the event at the Boise fireworks display.

The Twin Falls resident said that he made absolutely no preparations and was not concerned at all about what could happen.

"I've always got a bunch of food around. I'm not married. So there's really not special considerations for me," he said wryly.

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President Boris Yeltsin, left, speaks with the media Friday in Moscow as Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin looks on. Putin became acting president Friday when Yeltsin resigned. Presidential elections will be held within 90 days.

Yeltsin resigns, begs 'forgiveness'

The Washington Post

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin, asking Russians for "forgiveness" for the difficulties of recent years, unexpectedly resigned Friday on the eve of the new century, saying he wanted Russia to enter the new millennium "with new politicians; new faces, new intelligent, strong and energetic people."

Yeltsin named Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, who has been in office only since August, as acting president. Under the 1993 Constitution, Russia will have presidential elections in three months. Putin earlier had said he will campaign for the presidency and he is today far and away the front-runner for the post.

Acting President Putin later signed a decree giving "legal, social and other" guarantees for Yeltsin and his family, including immunity against prosecution.

Looking puffy and speaking agonizingly slowly, Yeltsin, 68, announced his departure in a televised address. Then, wearing a black overcoat, he showed Putin, 47, to his new Kremlin

office, and a military officer appeared carrying the black Samsonite suitcase that contains a remote control system in case of nuclear attack. The nuclear suitcase was transferred to Putin, and Yeltsin walked out of the Kremlin into a light snow and waiting limousine.

"Many times I have heard it said, Yeltsin will try to hold onto power by any means, he won't hand it over to anyone," Yeltsin said. "That is all lies. That is not the case." He pledged to honor the constitution.

Yeltsin, who has been in ill health, did not say precisely why he was quitting other than referring to the need for new people. But he said that after the Dec. 19 parliamentary election, "I understood that I had done the main

job of my life. Russia will never return to the past. Russia will now always be moving forward. I must not stand in its way, in the way of the natural progress of history."

Yeltsin begged "forgiveness" of the Russian people "because many of our hopes have not come true, because what we thought would be easy has turned out to be painfully difficult."

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Aide's tough stance strikes chord with Russians

The Washington Post

MOSCOW — Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, a former spy who was virtually unknown four months ago, rose to power Friday as Russia's acting president, having pledged to end Russia's precipitous decline and restore the powers of the state as the guiding force in society.

His elevation to the Kremlin gives a significant boost to his already formidable presidential candidacy in elections now planned for March. After launching the war on Chechnya shortly after his August appointment as premier, his popularity soared with a public hungry for a strongman. From Friday on, the resources of the presidency to dispense favors and money, make and break careers, are fully at his disposal.

Through all his ideas run a common thread: the need for powerful authority in Russia; liberal ideals of individual liberty

and initiative are secondary. Deng Xiaoping of China or Chile's Augusto Pinochet seem apt leadership models.

Among us, the state's institutions and structures have always played an exclusively guiding role in the life of the country and the people. A strong state for Russians is not an anomaly, not something that must be fought for or against, but on the contrary is the source and guarantor of order, the initiator and driving force of all change," he wrote in a statement issued last week during a meeting of Unity, a successful new parliamentary party that supports him.

"Russia will not soon become if ever, a second copy of, say, the United States or England, where liberal values have deep historical traditions."

On Friday, Putin said Russia's foreign policy will continue to stand on three pillars: equal rights, cooperation and promo-

tion of a "multipolar world," code for opposing the expansion of American influence.

His words have struck a chord with Russians in recent years, and Putin is far from the first politician to exploit the desire for order. The extreme nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, the former general Alexander Lebed and Putin's predecessor, Yevgeny Primakov, at times enjoyed wide popularity based on their image of firmness.

But only Putin, 47, applied an iron hand to a national problem: Chechnya, a renegade region that he blamed for everything from terrorist attacks on apartment buildings in Moscow and elsewhere to the nationwide crime wave. The invasion of the Caucasus region, which three years ago defeated Russia in a separatist war, has been wildly popular.

"It seems to me that Putin responds to the certain deficit that has been formed in the pub-

lic mind, which is a wish to see effective power, an effective politician," pollster Georgy Satprov said recently. "Chechnya was a way to demonstrate effectiveness."

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WORLD



New Year's revelers burn effigies of unpopular politicians and other figures Friday in Guayaquil, Ecuador, during the annual tradition of symbolically getting rid of the worst aspects of the previous year.

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jammed. A weather forecasting map in France showed the new year as "19100."

But as the new year rolled smoothly around the globe, a sense of anti-climax about Y2K spread right along with it.

"I feel like I should be reporting something dramatic, but I'm afraid I can't," said Ian Macfarlane, governor of Australia's central bank. He was almost apologetic as he announced the problems with his country's financial system.

Governments and industry spent an estimated \$500 billion worldwide bug-proofing their computer systems, to avoid electronic confusion when '99 became '00. Some people stockpiled food, cash, gasoline and other essentials, anticipating the crash of an increasingly computerized world.

To be safe, many countries were shutting down vital systems for the midnight hour. Airports in

several countries cancelled flights. Subways in Cairo and Istanbul were closed. Large ships were banned from the Bosphorus strait. ATMs in Beijing were shut. Indonesia cut oil production.

The experts who long had warned of Y2K woes said it wasn't time yet to totally drop your guard.

"We do expect to see glitches, headaches, hiccups in the systems that support business, some of the accounting and billing systems, so these will create inconveniences next week," Bruce McConnell, director of the International Y2K Cooperation Center, said in Washington.

But for the moment, "things are going as well as can be expected and maybe even better," McConnell said.

The experts said it was still too early to assess the eventual impact of Y2K. Bruce Webster, co-chair of the Washington-based Year 2000 Group, said he expects the biggest system failures to

occur gradually, over a period of days and weeks.

"Most Y2K errors are pretty dull," Webster said in an interview. "A program stops working or it makes a bad calculation. None of this means planes falling out of the sky or nuclear meltdowns."

He said much of the credit for the easy transition so far should go to computer repairs done in advance of the date change, and
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perhaps to quick repairs being done right now. "Whatever problems that might show up, I'm sure are being handled swiftly and by and large quietly," he said.

As officials were doing in many parts of the United States, where the new year was arriving many hours later, Y2K authorities in the first countries to greet 2000 had gathered at control centers and in bunkers, ready for the worst.

The island of Guam, a U.S. territory selected by the Department of the Interior as one of the main stages for its Y2K-monitoring project, entered the new year at 9 a.m. EST Friday. Dozens of emergency management officials spent the evening in a civil defense compound, relaxing only when the first hours of the new day passed trouble-free.

While they had worried, New Year's Eve parties danced at the island's tourism center.

"I think everyone was getting too paranoid," said Lourdes Rivera, an 18-year-old reveler who was Miss Guam 1999.

In country after country, as the new year arrived, telecommunications, transport, defense and power systems were all reported functioning normally.

Japan, South Korea and several other countries did note a brief overloading of phone circuits, blamed not on Y2K but on the surge of midnight calls by people to family and friends.

At just 10 minutes after midnight, Japanese officials detected the failure of a computer that receives monitoring information from the Shika Nuclear Power Station, 170 miles northwest of Tokyo. Officials said the problem was Y2K-related, but the plant would remain open while they tried to fix it. The actual monitoring devices were still working, they said.

A similar failure, also just after midnight, occurred in a computer receiving monitoring data from the Onagawa Nuclear Power Station, 150 miles northeast of Tokyo. Power officials said it was quickly fixed and insisted it was not linked to Y2K. It was the first significant Y2K



Russians gather in Moscow's Red Square early today to celebrate the new millennium. They shot off fireworks and cheered as the clock on the Kremlin's Spassky Tower, in the background, struck midnight.

glitch to be reported and, while not considered dangerous, was unerving to a country where a serious accident at a uranium-processing plant occurred Sept. 30.

In Russia, much of which still runs on clumsy Soviet-era technology, officials said the transition to 2,000 was going smoothly. They reported no first-hour problems at nuclear weapons sites or at any of the country's 29 nuclear reactors.

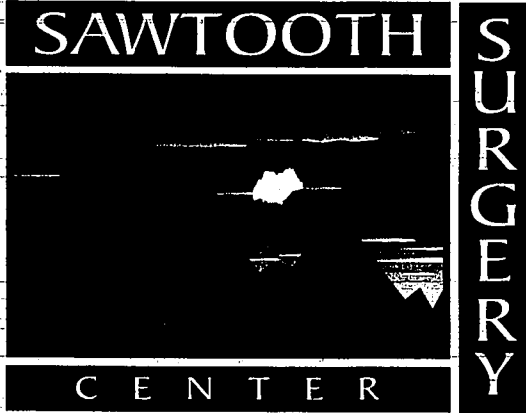
"The energy systems have entered the New Year without any disruptions whatsoever,"

Anatoly Chubals, head of the national power monopoly UES, was quoted as saying by the news agency Interfax.

No immediate reports of trouble came from other republics of the former Soviet Union.

Fears of severe disruptions in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus were so high that the U.S. embassies sent hundreds of workers and dependents out of the countries.

At the French weather service, forecasting maps initially displayed the New Year Day date as "01/01/19100."



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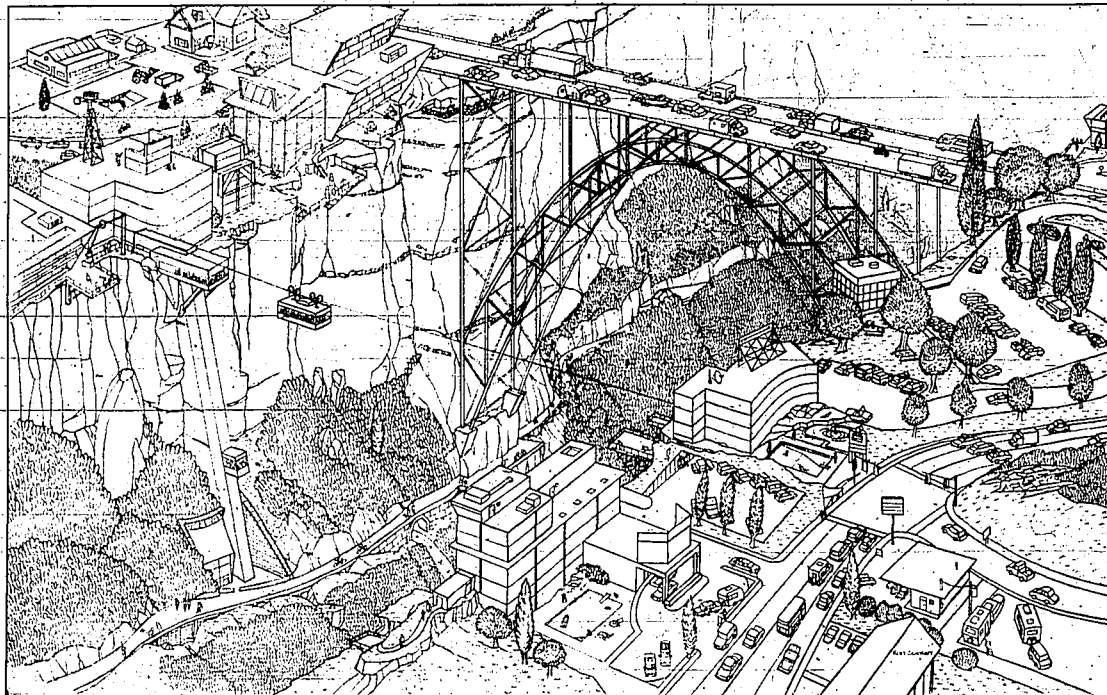
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Kent Schmidt, creative director in The Times-News Advertising Department, offers this satirical vision of a future Snake River Canyon.

Readers share dreams and dreads for 2000 and beyond

Twin Falls will get female mayor

My hopes for the year 2000: Dave Woodhead's movie theater will open. Twin Falls will field a minor-league baseball team. US West will offer business voice messaging and DSL Internet service. Someone will start a left-leaning local alternative publication, with Bill Chisholm and a toon teacher on the editorial board. Steve Earle and Fountains of Wayne will play concerts here. Bill Bradley will carry my precinct. Twin Falls will get its first woman mayor. People will pick up after their dogs. No one in town will go hungry or have to work multiple jobs to make ends meet.

JULIE FANSELOW
Twin Falls

Money talks, great view walks

I see in the future for Twin Falls a 10-story hotel overlooking the Snake River Canyon at the entrance to our city, fouling one of the great scenic wonders of the West.

What about all the hearings and years of public input you ask? Lip service. Sugar-coated lip service. Craig Neilson and his hired guns activated the "good ol' boy network" in this city and reminded us that, in the end, money talks and everything else walks.

ERIK HEIDEMANN
Twin Falls

Internet ushers in new age

Forecast for the future: The Internet will dominate the way we work, learn, buy, invest, and communicate. Workers, students, and citizens will contract with companies, schools, and governments for their services. More industrial age jobs will disappear and most people will be knowledge workers. There will be on-line elections of leaders who truly represent the people. Schools that do not change from preparing students for an industrial based economy to preparing students for the communication age will close. Workers who do not learn new skills will live in poverty.

KEVIN GLENN
Kimberly

Faster computers, better cars

I think that, in the new millennium, there will be a lot of powerful computers that will be a lot faster. Everyone will probably have cable hookups for the Internet. I also think they will probably make more efficient cars that will get better gas mileage. Then when the gas runs out they will have to use other things for a substitute. That's all my thoughts of the future.

WARK GIBBY
Kimberly

Technology will change business

In the next century computers, the Internet, e-commerce and other technological developments will continue to advance far beyond our current comprehension. These technologies will develop to change the way everyday business is conducted. Preventative medicine will become of far greater importance in maintaining

good health. Great strides will be taken towards the prevention and cure of cancer. There will be a grass roots movement to try to encourage our nation's people to return to traditional family values.

EVARD H. GIBBY
Kimberly

All fun and games until holocaust

In the year 2000, I see one lawyer for every man, woman and child in the United States, the rest will work for the government.

There will be a school bond vote every week; however, annual property tax will be limited to whatever your home is worth.

There will be no poverty. Disease will be eradicated. Life will be all fun and games. Everything will keep getting better until some kook like Saddam or bin Laden will unleash a biological holocaust that will take out most of the population of the earth.

RAY EASTWOOD
Jerome

Most of the magic is gone

There was magic in the Magic Valley long before the white man came. The rivers were clean and running free. The air was clean and at night the stars put on a show for free. Salmon and sturgeon were the kings and queens of the river. Pinion nuts to the south, camas bulbs to the north and in between abundant wildlife and hot springs. I pray that some of that natural magic might be there for generations yet to come.

BILL CHISHOLM
Buhl

Hotel: Crowning achievement

My personal hope for the new millennium is to view the magnificent new hotel and convention center, envisioned by Mr. Craig Neilson, crowning our Twin Falls city's southern Snake River Canyon rim. May my destiny also be useful in its completion.

EDMUND FELIX PHILIPPET
Twin Falls

Future will invest in the children

Lifting reins of ignorance, the new century will behold a huge rainbow and most of the people will come out and play. The right to bear arms will give in to universal purpose, consciousness, and the right to teach children. People will subsidize our eternal frontier of education, preventative health, subsistent farming, nature, and exceptional children instead of wealthy corporate farmers and weapons. Minidoka will pass a school bond and Christmas City will shine by investing in education and children instead of drug dogs and patrol cars cruising dreary streets.

JARL ALLEN
Heyburn

Things of the past: Zippers, tattoos

Visions: Female governor sometime between 2000-2100, probably Hispanic - 39 years old. Zippers abolished - health and safety hazard. Mastectomies will be considered barbaric. Circumcision will be out-

Supped-up computers. A voyage to Mars. More lawyers. An end to violence and hunger.

We asked our readers to share their predictions, their hopes and their resolutions for the year 2000 and beyond. As usual, you didn't disappoint us.

On this page, we share a broad variety of imaginative contributions sent in by our southern Idaho neighbors. Our thanks to everyone who participated, and a Happy New Year to all.

- The editors

lawed: Public mail will be greatly overhauled and reduced. Pheasants will be gone. No tattoos or nakedness. Gays will be accepted. Quirrels will be eradicated.

KEN G. REID
Twin Falls

IRS gives way to national sales tax

1. Enact a law prohibiting the president from unilaterally appropriating huge acreages for national parks, monuments, and wilderness areas.

2. Replace the Internal Revenue Service with a national sales tax.

3. Stop paying millions to farmers for growing an addictive carcinogenic substance, tobacco.

4. Impose reasonable term limits. Disband all special pensions and perquisites of elected offices and place all governmental employees on Social Security - just like the rest of us.

WENDELL PETTY
Twin Falls

The Phoenix shall rise again

I predict that the 10-story Taj Mahal will be erected on the perilous edge of the Snake River Canyon. Sojourners will come from far and wide to give alms and praise to such a magnificent edifice.

Just when all seems as if it could get no better, the purid Phoenix will rise from the fetid ashes in the bowels of the canyon, driving all the worshippers to the Lysal spray.

Alas, the eventual fate of the "Tower of Twin" may be that of the old TE Hospital in Gooding, a meal for the jaws of a "Stutzman" Tyrannosaurus Rex.

BEN NEFF
Jerome

No more violence, hunger

My Dreams for the New Year: I dream of no more hunger, no more violence, no more bombings, no more of the same government.

I dream of everyone getting along and helping each other. More rights for seniors and my list goes on and on.

If just one of these dreams comes true, let it happen now!

Have a Happy New Year!

MISTIE MULLEIAN
Shoshone

Yield to the King; be kind

Dream for the new millennium: When the YZK "hysteria" fades away, I would like to see as many people as possible, which can include everyone including myself, become involved with the real

YZK. Let's yield to King (Jesus) and promote kindness and concern for each other.

DONALD L. ROBINSON
Twin Falls

Judgment cometh

God's judgments are coming to America because of wickedness of many people!

We openly break all of the 10 Commandments, including baby killing, and trample on individual rights guaranteed in his divinely inspired Constitution.

This judgment is coming in the form of storms, floods, earthquakes, disease.

Oppressive socialist government and loss of independence to the United Nations! America needs national repentance and turn to Jesus Christ to be forgiven and healed.

ADRIAN L. ARP
Twin Falls

Love must be preserved

To add my voice to history: If we don't watch out, our beloved Idaho may become overrun with all kinds of people; air and water will suffer; we will be less free and more burdened by health problems, failures of all kinds, costing us some current joys.

Our young must be guided, enabled to remember these good times. Our love for each other must keep preserved.

I resolve to be happy and useful as long as possible, as my experiences dating back to early youth and World War II make me proud to be an Idahoan still.

My hope? God's precious, continued love for all America, and Idaho especially.

ELIZABETH WERNER
Hazelton

Back yard cooking and no stench

My dream for the new millennium is to have a dinner party in my back yard without the stink from livestock factories ruining my dinner!

MERLE STODDARD
Twin Falls

We are stewards of our planet

Our world needs us. We were put on this earth as caretakers, not conquerors. A wise man once said that a society with a technology shouldn't live on a planet. Sadly, we've proven that, with pollution and environmental catastrophe slowly killing our planet.

For you beyond the grey curtain we call the future, it is my sincere hope that you will recognize the errors and correct them. I hope you explore and colonize space, giving our planet a chance to heal.

Then maybe, you can see the world as we have, a bright shining jewel in space. God bless you all.

FORREST LAMPE
Twin Falls

Science proves we are not alone

My prediction for the next century: Man will be able to go to Mars and back and scientists will be able to prove that life is also on some other planets in our universe.

My hope for the new millennium is

that people will become more civilized and stop sending their young men to die in stupid wars.

My resolution for Idaho's future is that people will learn birth control becomes important.

WILLIAM HIAFFNER
Twin Falls

All can become 'asset builders'

The new millennium finds the Magic Valley with improved tools with which youth and adults can develop new habits and skills.

Nearly all students in grades six through 12 have participated in a survey which provides a snapshot of how youth view themselves and their environment. A study of the data indicates the strengths (assets) and weaknesses of both.

The "Health Net" program provides an opportunity for all concerned to become "asset builders," improving youth, adults, and communities. My dream and resolution for 2000 plus includes you. Join us, call your district health office for information.

CHET BARTLETT
Twin Falls

New Intranet can help world

I am an independent contractor for the upcoming World's Third Intranet (launching in the year 2000). Our mission is to change the Internet as we know it to a wholesome Internet, free from pornography, hate and bomb-busting sites, as well as other types of objectionable content.

A few of our ultimate goals are to: Strengthen family life. Develop mentoring programs in the communities. Focus on providing safe communities. Stop drug and alcohol abuse. Enhance job opportunities for economic independence. Implement gang prevention and intervention.

Help to improve education for our children.

Focus to develop character and self-esteem.

Provide parental training programs.

BOBBI KAYE HIGLEY
Twin Falls

Place of peace, love and goodwill

Computers and advanced electronics have advanced our world to communication levels that have never-ending possibilities. Our children will have the advantages to take part in world peace with a greater understanding of languages and cultural differences. Plus medical discoveries are shared worldwide to the benefit of all.

Yes, the new century holds a great responsibility on the young to take care of our environment and to seek ways to make our world safe in small communities as well as in the biggest cities. It is our hope to see the needs of all people met and that our children and grandchildren will take an active part in making this world a place of peace, love and goodwill.

BILL AND RITA MASON
Burley

Bring on the new millennium; say goodbye to all else

Things go away. Ideas, cultural references, memories, ways of looking at the world — they seem so immutable, but they can spread and break up like an oil slick or disappear in a puff.

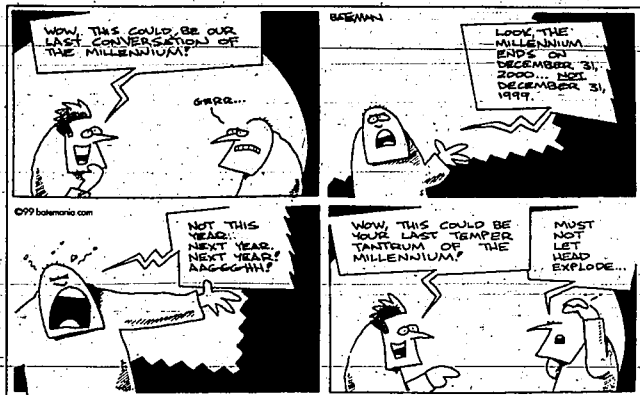
The turn of the millennium is more than an odometer click. Psychologically, we will all move from being people who live in a century beginning with 19, and all the things it links us with, to people making a fresh start under the digits 20. We're going to leave a lot of stuff — some silly, some serious — back in the old century. It's the opposite of a time capsule: the things we lose that we won't retrieve.

The question is: When we flip over to 2000, what will we almost instantly begin to leave behind? The first thing is easy: drivul about the millenium. Y2K. Y2K ready. Y2K compliant. The Y2K bug. Little stuffed Y2K bugs.

"In the year 2000," the word "millennium" and its chronologically damaged sibling, "millenium." "Party like it's 1999."

"Strangely enough, the only thing that may not survive in the 21st century is an obsession with the 21st century itself," says Robert Thompson, a professor of television, radio and film at Syracuse University.

KYRIE O'CONNOR



human vision. It sounds clear."

While you're looking forward to a dread-free future, say goodbye to lists. The 100 greatest English-language novels. The 100 best American movies. The 25 greatest Connecticut athletes. The 100 best music videos. Oh, it's going to be really hard, but we're going to leave our lists behind. It will be at least another 10 years before we can work up a good excuse for a decent list, and then it will be "10 best on-line novels of the 2000s." On the other hand, no one can ever make you feel guilty again about not having read "Ulysses."

And while you're not reading a difficult novel, say goodbye to the old ways we sent and retrieved information. "We will look back at the 20th century as the bad old days when information was inaccessible and hard to understand," says Bruce Fraser, executive director of the Connecticut Humanities Council. Our millennial interest has risen at exactly the same time the Internet became available to huge numbers of people.

Also changed is how we process big news events.

We spent days over the death of Princess Diana... days over the death of John Kennedy Jr. and the Bessezes. People cried, looked at all the old pictures, cried, read every word they could, cried and watched every minute of TV.

And then one day they got up and washed their faces and it was over. In some key sense, we may not be taking the same feelings for the Kennedys and Windsor into the 21st century.

"Our attention span has a half-life of about a week," says Fraser. "Two weeks later we can't remember what it was all about. It's superficial, immediate, ephemeral. It doesn't satisfy, doesn't last, doesn't inform."

While we're taking in all this infoglut, we could lament leaving some sense of standard English behind, but what would be the point? Half of America would be relieved, nearly half would be oblivious, and the number who mourned would be smaller than the population of pandas in the wild. So let's note the imminent passing of these items:

The difference between its and it's.

The rule that said you can't separate independent clauses with just a comma. (As in "No one does that anymore; it's old.")

The kind of comma that used to be in the middle of phrases like "Go Huskies."

The difference between questions and statements. (Your boss e-mails you this question-as-statement: "Could you work the 6-to-2 a.m. shift Dec. 31." You send back this statement-as-question: "I hear we are getting comp time?")

Anne Greene is a professor at Wesleyan University in Middletown and the director of the Wesleyan Writers' Conference. Although she doesn't believe that standard English will be left behind, she has noted changes. "People who read are more comfortable with certain sorts of errors," she said. "There are mistakes in e-mail and all kinds of published work, and the world isn't ending."

Maybe not, but anything that happened in the first half of the 20th century is gone. Thanks to the Tom Brokaw book "The Greatest Generation" and the film "Saving Private Ryan," we've paid our homage to the World War II.

But the simple fact is that even if you are 50, you don't remember anything before rock 'n' roll. Most of us won't carry any living memory of the Jazz Age, the Depression or the FDR years into 2000. And with the four-digit turn, it will seem even further away and more compressed. The rest of us will have confused, media-heavy impressions of those 50 years and not much more.

So if we leave history behind, what do we keep? "Twitchell," the pop culture and advertising expert, thinks he knows: One thing seems to cross geographic and cultural boundaries: "the almost completely apolitical, amoral, a-ethical juggernaut of consumerism."

All around the world, names like Big Mac and Gucci and Prada are immediately understood — and universally desired. It's a nearly worldwide consensus on consuming and yearning for the same things. "The amazing thing is that it has produced a great sense of quiet around the world. There is something in this that is superpowerful."

So goodbye, history. Goodbye, spelling. Goodbye, understanding. Goodbye, "Ulysses." Goodbye, Satan. Goodbye, Y2K. Hello, Nike.

Kyrie O'Connor writes for The Hartford Courant.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



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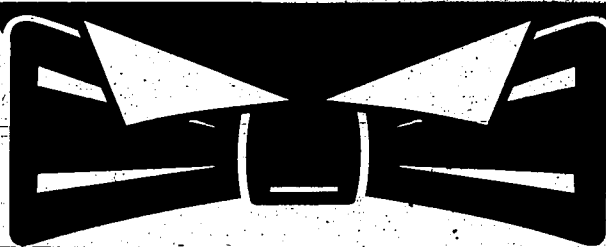


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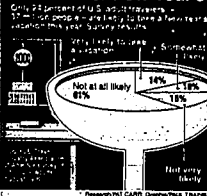
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

New series helps with personal finance

TWEN FALLS - A new series on Idaho Public Television helps viewers solve real, everyday money problems and demystify the world of personal finance by thinking smarter about the way money is managed and spent, IPTV said.

"Right On the Money" airs at 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, premiering today. Award-winning journalist and financial expert Chris Farrell hosts.

"It's about how to use the money you have most wisely to achieve your goals," said Joe Garbarino, executive producer of the series.

"Right On the Money" tackles issues facing Americans such as paying for a wedding, considering bankruptcy, saving for college and Internet investing, IPTV said.

In the Magic Valley, IPTV can be viewed on AT&T Cable Channel 4; Project Mutual Channel 10; Teton Wireless Channel 13; Channel 10 in the Burley, Rupert, Paul, Heyburn, Ketchum and Sun Valley areas; Channel 4 in Buhl and Shoshone; and Channel 13 without cable.

Speed, not size matters in online business trade

Get Online Fast: When it comes to online businesses, it's "not how big the eat the small but how the fast eat the slow," Douglas Alexander, managing director of the Internet Capital Group, a Wayne, Pa., venture capital firm, says in the December issue of *Fortune Small Business* magazine.

The magazine suggests that to succeed on the Internet you must go online right away with a good product, even if the timing isn't ideal. Among the other tips don't obsess about retail, find an unexploited niche, lure big partners and build a cult-like community.

Internet activity might cut into work productivity

As businesses are steadily moving onto the Web, so are many of their employees. Vault.com, an online job network, surveyed 1,244 employees and 1,438 employers in September to see how Web surfing and e-mail use affect productivity and quality of life at work.

The study found 37 percent of workers say they constantly surf the Web. Ninety percent say they visit non-work related sites during the workday. Eighty-three percent of employees send and receive personal e-mails while on the clock.

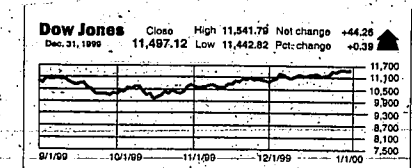
Compiled from staff and wire reports

Technology was the market's darling in 1999

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - American investors made their biggest bets on the future in 1999, embracing any technology company - whether it earned a profit or not. But while major indexes soared to new highs on the last day of the year, the overall market did not share in the great fortune.

"The market looked like a huge warehouse with a wild party going on in one corner," said Tom Madden, a chief investment officer at Federated Investors of Pittsburgh. "If you



wander outside, or even if you're just in the wrong corner, it might look like there's nothing going on."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 25.2 percent in 1999 and

the Standard & Poor's 500 rose 19.5 percent. The tech-driven Nasdaq composite index's annual gain of 85.6 percent was more than any other major index in history.

A market enthralled by the promise of the future made any worries seem quaint. Memories of the global financial crises of 1997 and 1998 faded amid upbeat projections about the future economic prospects of Japan, South Korea and Latin America. Fears that the U.S. economy's expansion was running out of control were eased by

confidence about increasing productivity.

But most of the gains were racked up by the high-technology companies, while thousands of other stocks languished. The Nasdaq composite dominated the market for the second half of the year, rising past 3,000 and swinging through 4,000 while the Dow and the S&P 500 pitched in a narrow range until surging in late December.

The average stock in the S&P 500 rose only about 10 percent.

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PUTTING STOCK IN JOCKS



Former National Football League stars Howie Long, left, and Terry Bradshaw keep an eye on the action at the New York Stock exchange in an undistilled still from television ad footage. Increasingly, sports stars are emerging as pitchmen for bankers and brokers of high finance.

Sports stars carry the ball for Wall Street

By Dunstan Prial
The Associated Press

NEW YORK - As Wall Street's narrow canyons have widened to include Main Street, sports stars who usually tout sneakers and soft drinks have emerged as effective pitchmen for the bankers and brokers of high finance.

Ten years ago, the commanding - almost intimidating - voice of the distinguished actor John Houseman informed television viewers that brokerage firm Dean Witter earned money "the old fashioned way - they earn it."

The grainy, somber tone of the commercials helped perpetuate the almost mystical aura that, up until recently, had always hovered over Wall Street.

Now, discount broker Charles Schwab is running a series of tongue-in-cheek ads that portray professional athletes, including tennis player Anna Kournikova, football star Shannon Sharpe and basketball stand-out Dikembe Motumbo, as savvy investors.

Two things have helped pierce the fog for the average American investor - the proliferation of mutual funds, which have

given millions of Americans a stake in the stock market; and the explosive growth in online trading, which has opened up unprecedented access to the market.

"What they're doing is focusing on the everyday guy - like me," said David Romishar, a 35-year-old dentist in Merchantville, N.J. "They're utilizing these athletes to say, 'Hey, you've seen me play ball, but I also invest just like you do.' The commercials portray the athletes as someone who trades stocks just like the everyday guy."

Other sports celebrities to appear in brokerage firm commercials are Olympic skier Picabo Street and Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson.

"I think what they're doing is appealing to the broader possible market. They want to reach out to the individual investor and get that person involved," added Bill McIntyre, a retired investor from Camp Hill, Pa.

Even the strid New York Stock Exchange has gotten into the act, touting itself in a quirky television ad that features former quarterback Terry Bradshaw and a slew of current star athletes. The purpose of the ad is to remind viewers and

investors of the big sports companies whose stocks trade on the Big Board.

"Main Street and Wall Street are one in the same now," said Bob Zito, a NYSE spokesman. "Eighty million Americans own stock directly now and those investors recognize those athletes."

Nearly all of the investment-related commercials that star well-known athletes employ an ironic theme that plays against the stereotype of the athlete as being oblivious to the world of finance. Instead, Sharpe, a tight-end with the Denver Broncos, explains price-earnings ratios to a group of football players during the Schwab commercial.

People familiar with the marketing trend say the average American investor can identify with the comic irony because conventional wisdom has always held that most Americans aren't sophisticated enough to learn the intricacies of the stock market.

"In these commercials, these athletes are saying, 'I'm investing my money, so should you.' And there's an identity factor because Americans feel that athletes are

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Many boomers cash in on their inheritances

By Danielle Horubin
Knight Ridder News Service

In the next 40 years, more than \$10 trillion will be passed into the hands of the baby boomers, many of whom are already wealthy from decades of bull markets and matching 401(k) plans.

The idea of this inheritance "bubble" has been around for more than a decade, and talk about it reached a crescendo after a 1993-Cornell University study. But after years of talk, the financial services industry is still a little unsure what to do about it.

Thirty or 40 years ago, banks would have received most of this money without trying. But now, in the midst of what is arguably the biggest windfall in world history, banks are in a battle to capture this wealth.

"I think the focus on the transfer of wealth is still a relatively new phenomenon," said Don McMullen, vice chairman at First Union. "As far as an organization of our size, it's still the new phenomenon. Banks early on did not see the end game - the transfer of money."

But financial experts said the fact that some banks are struggling to find a strategy doesn't mean it's all going to Etchells or Charles Schwab. There are early indications that more and more people are diverting inheritance money into a foundation or charity.

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"God knows," said Robert Litton at the Brown Brothers firm.

He, like spokesmen for banks and other companies, said his firm will study the issue soon.

Baby boomers are the group of children born in boom times after World War II who are now in their mid-30s to early 50s.

The issue of their inheritance is starting to come under scrutiny because the transfer of wealth to boomers, which began in earnest in 1990, is now into the peak transfer years, which will continue to about 2035.

While the Cornell study estimated the 50-year transfer to be \$10.4 trillion, a recent Boston College study that included a wider range of people put the figure at \$41 trillion to \$135 trillion for a time period beginning almost a decade later.

Early anecdotal information indicates that boomers have no plans to keep that money in the same old CDs or IRAs as their parents. "My take is that 25 percent of it is already spent before the parent passes on - mentally, that money is already gone on the new house, the new car, whatever," said Carl Brooks, a financial planner with Carrall Financial Associates in

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MONEY

Consider bond purchases carefully; they haven't kept pace with boom

By Joyce M. Rosenberg
The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Is it time to buy bonds?
Three interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve have brought the yield on the Treasury's 30-year bond to the neighborhood of 6.5 percent, up from 5 percent a year ago. And as yields have crept higher, many Wall Street analysts have predicted investors would migrate from the stock market to the increasingly attractive returns offered by bonds.

But that hasn't happened - stocks, particularly high-tech and blue-chip issues, have been going up, while bonds, seen as a more conservative investment, have retreated.
"There is such a firework show in the equity markets that a lot of individuals are off the ball in terms of bonds," said Mark Donohue, a senior vice president at Gabriele, Huglin & Cashman, a New York-based brokerage firm specializing in bonds.

What's happened with bonds is a dynamic that other investments - real estate, precious metals, even stocks - have experienced in the past. Prices are depressed, but investors are ignoring what could be a good investment.
"Most people would tell you that when people are paying the least attention to an asset, it's usually the time to buy it," Donohue said.

Donohue expects the bond market to do better by the second half of 2000, with prices, which move in the opposite direction from yields, starting to

move higher. Anyone buying in today's market would then make money.

In the meantime, many economists believe rates will continue to rise during the first half of the coming year - once the country has gotten past any Y2K computer bugs, the Federal Reserve is expected to raise rates to prevent inflation from accelerating.

That will again help market yields higher in the bond markets - and maybe make some investors wonder if it isn't time to start buying.

So, what about you and bonds? As with many other questions about personal finance and investment, what to do depends on your individual needs.

A number of factors must be considered in deciding how much of your portfolio should be in bonds. Are you saving for retirement or your children's college tuition 10 or 20 years from now?

Andrew Horowitz, a financial planner based in Weston, Fla., said investors who are young may want to put 40 percent of their assets into bonds, depending on how risky the bonds are. A younger person, age 25 or so, probably won't want to be in bonds at all, he said. If you're in your 30s, 40s or 50s, the above-mentioned factors have to be considered.

If you try to take a cue from investment firms that advise clients on how to allocate money

among stocks, bonds and cash, it's a hard task to do.

Of 14 firms whose recommendations were reported by Dow Jones & Co. in the last week of 1999, six had not made any changes over the year despite the rate hikes. Four suggested investors make mostly minor increases in their bond holdings, and four suggested investors actually reduce their holdings.

Most of the companies suggested bond holdings at about 30 percent of a portfolio, although the recommendations ranged from 10 percent to 55 percent.

Horowitz said there are good buying opportunities in investment-grade corporate bonds and bonds issued by some of the more developed European nations. Some municipal bonds are good investments for people who need tax-free earnings.

If you're buying a number of bonds, Horowitz suggests "laddering" them, or choosing bonds with different maturities. And, he said, if you're trying to decide between intermediate-term and long-term bonds, you might want to go with the intermediates - they pay about the same interest, but you'll get your money back sooner.

NEW YORK (AP) - Sexy new Internet stocks, like Commerce One Inc. and VA Linux, helped 1999 a record year for initial public stock offerings and the trend looks like it will continue in early 2000.

Investors poured \$69 billion into 546 first-time stock offerings in the United States - almost half of them technology companies - easily eclipsing the record set in 1995 of \$50 billion, which had 872 IPOs, according to Thomson Financial Securities Data.

U.S. stock markets, which were preparing for Y2K, barred companies from issuing shares to help ease concerns about the year-end public in January and February, and of course many of them are Internet companies.

There were, however, some warning signs that the investment affair with some Internet companies is waning. "Investors increasingly have concerns on when they're going to turn the corner to profitability," said Jay Ritter, a finance professor at the University of Florida.

Shares of eToys Inc., which went public in May, fell to a new low this week after an analyst raised concerns about the company's Christmas sales. The online retailer's shares have dropped 71 percent from their high of \$85.25 in October.

On Wednesday, Value America Inc., a struggling online retailer that went public in April, fell almost half its work force and its two founders resigned. The company's shares have fallen 92 percent from the \$75.25 on its first day to a new low this week.

This could be the fate of other electronic retailers, if their year-end financial results disappoint investors.

A record year for IPOs

Fueled by the popularity of Internet stocks, initial public offerings brought in record proceeds in 1999. Here's a look the trend and some of the top performers.

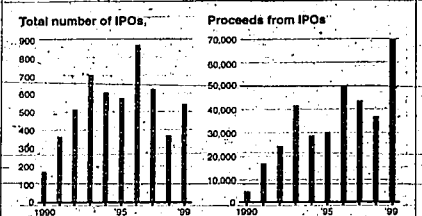


Table of Top-Performing IPOs of 1999. Columns include Company Name, Percentage Change, and Proceeds from IPOs. Top performers include Internet Capital Group Inc. (5,770.8%), Commerce One Inc. (3,471.4%), and Purchasepro.com Inc. (2,869.5%).

Source: Thomson Financial Securities Data

"This honeymoon period is going to end, and it could end in the first quarter," said Linda Killian, portfolio manager of the IPO Plus Aftermarket Fund.

The surge in Internet IPOs and online brokerage firms has attracted millions of individual investors into the fray. The whipsaw price swings have redefined the concept of volatility for many investors. The adrenaline jolt-and-flow has turned some into

addicted day-traders, and left traditional, white-shoe Wall Street brokerage firms struggling to find new valuation models.

Federal regulators are already worried about losses individual investors could sustain betting on IPOs. In December, Arthur Levitt, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, campaigned to discourage individual investors from jumping into "the IPO game."

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of New York Stock Exchange activity. Columns include Name, Div, Last, Chg, and various market statistics like Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diary.

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Table of Market Indexes showing 52-Week High/Low, 3-Month, 6-Month, and 12-Month returns for various indices.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table of Stocks of Local Interest listing various companies and their stock prices.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 25 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ National Markets and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are listed in boldface. Stocks in boldface changed 5 percent or more in price.

Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration unless otherwise indicated.

Price-earnings ratio as of the beginning of the fiscal year.

Dividend yield based on price at which exchange closed for the day.

Chg: Up or down in price. No change indicated by a dash.

Fund Name: Name of mutual fund fund family.

Net: Net asset value, or price as which fund could be sold.

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Block: Block purchase - PE based on bid, not ask - Low in last 12 months - New 25-day low during trading day.

Low: 52-week low - PE based on bid, not ask - Low in last 12 months - New 25-day low during trading day.

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NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

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AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

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METALS/CURRENCY

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Table with 3 columns: Fuel, Price, Change. Includes Crude Oil, Heating Oil, Natural Gas, and Coal.

Merchandise Exchange Friday

Table with 3 columns: Instrument, Price, Change. Includes S&P 500, Dow Jones, and Nikkei.

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Table with 3 columns: Location, Price, Change. Includes Twin Falls, Idaho and other regional locations.

Wealth, not income counts in the long run

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Moreover, an explosion of refinancing opportunities has made it easy to use the wealth created in homes, and the Depression-era stigma that once applied to such practices has finally faded.

Material, labor shortages delay remodeling projects

If nothing else, this year's Remodeling magazine survey of home-improvement projects and their value at resale time offers substantial proof that the costs of such work have risen sharply over the last five years.

A major kitchen remodeling, throwing out what you have and starting from scratch - costs 84 percent more today than in 1994: \$35,443 versus \$19,276.

Remodeling cost versus value

Table with 3 columns: Project, Cost, Cost recouped (%). Lists projects like Minor kitchen remodel, Bathroom addition, etc.

Boomers

The wealth that has been accumulated by people over 70 has become huge, said Robert Pharr, president of Provident Capital Management Inc. in Charlotte.

wealth "are more aggressive and more willing to look beyond and look at things differently than their parents did."

focused on "asset preservation," or low-risk investing. That would include such things as CDs, IRAs and real estate.

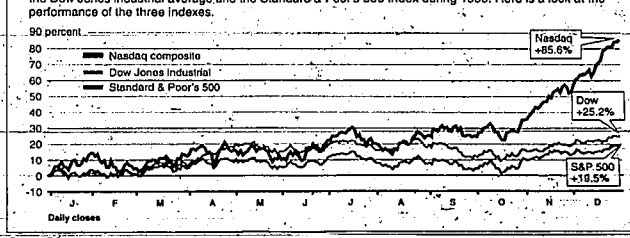
insurance companies to try to keep up. "A lot of the money will go to taxes," McMillen explained.

Market

Continued from B1. Compare that to Qualcomm Inc., a wireless communications company that saw its stock soar more than 2,600 percent in 1999.

source: Cbkk.com

Nasdaq's year Driven by investors' demand for high-tech and Internet stocks, the Nasdaq composite index far outdistanced the Dow Jones Industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500 index during 1999.



Stars

Continued from B1. DeFord said Wall Street was late in making the connection between athletes and investors.

yourself investors for the past few years, with the NYSE and the computerized Nasdaq Stock Market - have announced startling plans to possibly sell public stakes in themselves to raise money and improve their flexibility in order to keep pace with fast moving alternative trading systems known as electronic communications networks, or ECNs.

"It's a tricky market," said Larry Wachtel, market analyst with Prudential Securities. "The indexes tell you only part of the story and the individual stocks tell you another."

Some analysts also believe that as foreign nations increase spending on drugs and consumer staples.

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Earlier in the year, market mavens worried that the soaring valuations of technology stocks would eventually stumble, putting an end to the long bull market. But in the last few months of 1999, many leading high-tech companies extended their remarkable gains and a growing sense that they're worth every dollar.

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Planning ahead can help cover some unexpected costs of aging

By Mary Vanac Knight Ridder News Service

to the budget office. Despite those statistics, the picture is not entirely grim.

No Mutual funds today

Because of an early deadline, Mutual fund information for Saturday was not available to The Times-News before press time.

homes, some older people use their homes to generate income by drawing out equity through such products as reverse mortgages or home-equity lines of credit.

They also include loan agreements, mortgages, automobile ownership, birth certificates, military papers, marriage certificates and divorce records.

gives beneficiaries their choice of one within the bounds of their policy, Mahoney said.

Fam Moore recently got a call from a prospective client. Moore, who is education director for Consumer Credit Counseling of Stark County, Ohio, said the caller had a dilemma that is becoming increasingly common - what to do about the high cost of getting old.

That's why many legal and financial professionals are advising their middle-aged clients to plan for their own long-term care, as well as for the care of their parents.

When you sit down with your family, the first questions are financial. Does the older person have enough income or savings to pay expenses? If not, can family members pitch in? Or, can insurance or government programs provide the care?

There are expenses with reverse mortgages, Gibson said. But at least you get a lump sum upfront for repairs and between \$200 and \$400 a month to allow you to stay in the house as long as you live.

It also is helpful to include a list of professional advisers - attorneys, accountants, financial planners, insurance agents, clergy - who might be helpful to those who will be responsible for the older person's affairs.

Because long-term care insurance is relatively new, Harding recommends buying it from a financially strong company that has been in the business at least 10 years.

The caller, a 68-year-old man, wanted to know how he could continue to live independently after his wife, also 68 and dying of cancer, went to live in a nursing home.

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Similar situations are playing out in households nationwide. Consider the following: "The National Alliance for Caregiving and the AARP estimates one in four households are caring for a family member age 50 or older."

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The Congressional Budget Office expects long-term care costs to rise almost 70 percent to \$207.3 billion by 2020, according to the government's Social Security and Medicare programs will continue to pay most of the expenses, families and private insurance companies are expected to pay \$73.3 billion of the long-term care-giving bill in 2020, according

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WORLD

1999: Saying farewell to those who have left the world's stage

By Polly Anderson
The Associated Press

We got to know John F. Kennedy Jr. as a toddler, romping in the White House and saluting his father's coffin as the nation mourned.



John F. Kennedy Jr.
Died in plane crash in July

John John grew into a handsome man, trying to remain friendly and unassuming, seemingly at odds with wealth and celebrity. He was 38 and enjoying his private life when it went down on a summer night off Martha's Vineyard.

We got to know Joe DiMaggio in his prime, when his grace and power on the baseball field made him an idol. His 56-game hitting streak for the New York Yankees in the summer of '41 set a record that became one of the game's most enduring. His 1954 marriage to Marilyn Monroe didn't last but added to his legend.

DiMaggio also left us this year, after a private battle with cancer. His resilience, obvious at the height of fame, reinforced the quiet hero's later years.

Among others:
John Minor Wisdom, Frank M. Johnson and W. Arthur Ferreris Jr., three judges who issued landmark rulings on the issue of racial segregation, and Harry A. Blackmun, who wrote the nation's court decision legalizing abortion.

Kings Hussein of Jordan and Hassan II of Morocco, who worked for peace in the Mideast and North Africa.

Paul Mellon, billionaire philanthropist who gave the nation the building of the National Gallery of Art.

Glenn Seaborg, who discovered plutonium and other elements, including one that bears his name.

Gene Sarony, golfing great of the 1920s and '30s, and Payne Stewart, a star of the '90s, whose trademark knickers on the course linked their eras.

Here, a roll call of some of the figures who left their mark:

January

Jerry Quarry, 53. Popular heavyweight boxer who fought Muhammad Ali and Floyd Patterson as a top contender in the '50s and '70s, later lapsing into a punch-drunk fog. Jan. 3. Paucumonia, boxing-caused dementia.

Carl Elliott, 65. Alabama Democrat who served eight terms in Congress and won a John F. Kennedy Profile Courage Award for advocacy of education aid and moderate stand on race during segregation days. Jan. 9.

Edgar Nellner Sr., 94. Last survivor of 1925 dogteam relay carrying diphtheria serum to Nome, Alaska, a run that inspired the Iditarod race. Jan. 18.

Susan Strasberg, 60. Actress daughter of acting coach Lee Strasberg, played Anne Frank on Broadway. Jan. 21. Cancer.

Charles Brown, 76. Pianist, singer and composer whose "cool blues" style influenced such artists as Ray Charles. Jan. 21.

Cecil Smith, 94. "Bebe Ruth of polo" who over six decades won nearly every award in the sport. Jan. 21.

Robert Shaw, 82. Raised the art of choral conducting to new heights as leader of the Robert Shaw Chorale. Jan. 22.

Sarah Delany, 109. Sister of George and co-author of "Having Our Say." The Delany

Slater's "First 100 Years," a best-selling memoir on growing up black in pre-civil rights era. Jan. 25.

Charles Luckman, 89. Industrialist and architect who helped design New York's Madison Square, Garden and several Los Angeles landmarks. Jan. 26.

February

Paul Mellon, 91. Billionaire philanthropist of the arts; also set up Cape Hatteras (N.C.) National Seashore. Feb. 1.

King Hussein of Jordan, 63. Grew from boy king to elder statesman, a symbol of endurance and a voice for peace in a landscape of crisis and war. Feb. 7. Cancer.

Dame Iris Murdoch, 79. Modern British novelist admired for works such as "A Severed Head" and "The Black Prince." Feb. 8.

John D. Ehrlichman, 73. President Nixon's domestic affairs adviser imprisoned for 18 months for his role in the Watergate conspiracy. Feb. 14.

Curtis Carlson, 84. Minnesota businessman took a \$55 loan during the Great Depression and built it into the giant Carlson Companies Inc. Feb. 19.

Andre Dubus, 62. Short-story writer acclaimed for collections such as "Punching After Hours." Feb. 24.

Glenn Seaborg, 86. Nobel Prize-winning chemist who discovered 10 atomic elements including plutonium and seaborgium. Feb. 25.

Joe Quiñera, 74. Tony Award-winning director whose landmark productions of "Long Day's Journey into Night" and other dramas renewed interest in American playwright Eugene O'Neill. Feb. 26.

John J. Galvander, 83. Creator of comic book characters Archie, the reformed, average teen-ager, and his friends Jughead, Betty and Veronica. Feb. 26.

March

Dusty Springfield, 59. Hit-singing soul singer of '60s with such hits as "I Will Be a Teacher Man." March 2. Breast cancer.

Harry A. Blackmun, 90. Retired Supreme Court justice wrote the 1973 decision that legalized abortion nationwide. March 4.

Stanley Kubrick, 70. Visionary cinema craftsman whose films such as "Dr. Strangelove" and "A Clockwork Orange" often reflected life's despair. March 7.

Joe DiMaggio, 84. Made the spectacular look easy and captivated the nation as dignified star of marriage. New York Yankees during baseball's golden era. March 8.

Yehudi Menuhin, 82. His youthful virtuosity as a violinist grew into one of the great musical talents of the century. March 12.

Garson Kanin, 86. Prolific playwright who created the classic "Born Yesterday" for stage and screen. March 13.

Harry Callahan, 86. His photos of the ordinary made him one of the most influential photographers of the century. March 15.

Joe Williams, 80. Grammy winner who sang with every great jazz artist of the past half-century. March 29.

April

Lionel Bart, 68. British lyricist and composer and creator of "Oliver!" and other musicals. April 1.

Early Wynn, 79. Fiercely competitive pitcher whose 300 wins, including five seasons with 20 or more, put him into Baseball Hall of Fame. April 4.

Charlie Whittington, 86. Hall of Fame thoroughbred trainer who sent Ferdinand and Sunday Silence to Kentucky Derby victories in the 1980s. April 20.

Senor Wences, 103. Master ventriloquist known to TV audiences for comic Spanish accent of his puppet-in-a-box Pedro and his fish-tongued hand puppet Johnny. April 20.

Charles "Budding Rogers," 94. Star of 1927 movie "Wings," the first to win best picture Oscar; widower of screen legend Mary Pickford. April 21.

Roman Hruska, 94. Conservative Republican and former Nebraska senator whose career was overshadowed by his comment that mediocre judges "are entitled to a little representation" on the Supreme Court. April 25.

Al Hirt, 76. "King of the Trumpet" in the 1960s who won a Grammy for his hit "Java." April 27.

Rory Calhoun, 76. Stalwart hero of Western movies and the TV series "The Texas." April 26.

May

Oliver Reed, 61. British actor who played fearless Bill Sikes in the 1968 musical "Oliver!" May 2. Apparent heart attack.

Leon Hess, 85. Oil tycoon and owner of pro football's New York Jets. May 7.

Sir Dirk Bogarde, 78. British star of more than 70 films, achieving his greatest fame in "Heat in Venice." May 8.

Shel Silverstein, 66. Author and illustrator of children's books such as "A Light in the Attic" and "The Sidewalk Books." May 10. Heart attack.

Soul Steinberg, 84. Creator of hundreds of trademarks.

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WORLD Farewell

Continued from B4
 signs of how the world looks to New Yorkers. May 12.
 Meg Greenfield, 68. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who ran the editorial page at *The Washington Post* for 20 years. May 13. Lung cancer.
 Gene Sarazen, 97. Elegant, knickerbockered "Square" golfer in the 1920s and '30s was one of only four men to win all four major titles. May 13.
 John Miles Wisdom, 93. Last survivor of federal appeals court that forced the Deep South to end segregation. May 15.

June
 Mel Torme, 73. Singer of jazz and pop known as "the Velvet Fog" for his warm vocals; co-writer of "The Christmas Song." June 5.
 DeForest Kelley, 79. *Cruddy Dr. Leonard "Bones" McCoy* on "Star Trek," who told fellow space travelers, "I'm just a country doctor!" June 11.
 Clifton Fadiman, 95. Radio host of "Information Please," shaped America's reading habit as senior judge for Book-of-the-Month Club. June 20.
 Sir John Woolf, 86. British producer of *"The American Question"* and *"Oliver!"* to the screen. June 28.
 Allan Carr, 62. Produced "Grease" movie and won a 1994 Tony award for producing "La Cage aux Folles" on Broadway. June 29. Cancer.

July
 Edward Dmytryk, 90. Directed films such as "The Caine Mutiny" and went to prison as member of the Hollywood Ten during 1940s anti-Communist hysteria. July 1.
 Sylvia Sidney, 88. Waitress star of the '30s nominated in 1933 for comeback role in "Summer Wishes, Winter Dreams." July 1.
 Forrest Mars Sr., 95. Created M&M's candies and built one of the biggest fortunes in America as head of the Mars candy empire. July 1.
 Pete Conrad, 69. Apollo 12 astronaut and third man to walk on the moon, shouting "Whoopie!" as he hopped onto its dusty surface. July 8. Malaria-related accident.
 James S. Farmer, 79. Co-founder of Congress of Racial Equality who served alongside Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights giants of the 1950s and '60s. July 8.
 Rep. George E. Brown Jr., 79. California Democrat and oldest member of the House; championed technological issues ranging from space race to the Internet. July 15.
 John F. Kennedy Jr., 38. Affable, athletic and handsome heir to Camelot who forged a life apart from the traditional politics and scandals that drew in much of his family. July 16. Private plane crash that also killed wife Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, 33, and sister-in-law Lauren Bessette, 34.
 David Ogilvy, 88. Master ad man who dug eye-patch on the Man in the Hathaway Shirt and created the distinguished Commander Whitehead to pitch "Schweppertons" mixers. July 21.
 Frank M. Johnson Jr., 80. Federal judge who issued key rulings that

helped bring down racial barriers in the South and improved treatment of prisoners and mental patients. July 23.
 Anita Carter, 68. Featured performer with country music's legendary Carter Sisters. July 29.

August
 Willie Morris, 64. Former editor of Harper's, magazine, and one of Mississippi's most treasured writers of Delta stories from his childhood. Aug. 2. Heart attack.
 Victor Mature, 86. Handsome, brawny movie star of the 1940s and '50s who played Sargon in "Sargon and Delilah" and Doc Holliday in John Ford's "My Darling Clementine." Aug. 4.
 Pee Wee Reese, 81. Hall of Fame shortstop and Brooklyn Dodgers captain who smoothed Jackie Robinson's entry into major league baseball. Aug. 14.
 Lane Kirkland, 77. Reunited major labor unions during presidency of AFL-CIO and was hailed by President Clinton as "one of the towering figures in the American labor movement." Aug. 14.
 Leo Castelli, 91. One of the world's most influential art dealers who fostered careers of such painters as Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns. Aug. 22.

September
 Allen Funt, 84. TV prankster/host of "Candid Camera." Sept. 5.
 Herbert Stein, 83. Economist and chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, was key in shaping President Nixon's economic policies. Sept. 8.
 Jim "Catfish" Hunter, 53. Former New York Yankees pitcher with five 20-game seasons, one perfect game and a Cy Young Award; became baseball's first big-money free agent. Sept. 9. Lou Gehrig's disease.
 W. Arthur Garrity Jr., 79. Federal judge whose 1974 order to desegregate Boston schools led to rioting and racial turmoil and resentment that lingered a quarter-century later. Sept. 16.
 Raisa Gorbachev, 67. Spishy and outspoken wife of the last Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev. Sept. 20. Leukemia.
 George C. Scott, 71. Actor whose eagle profile and gravel-voiced air brought new life to Gen. George S. Patton and earned him an Oscar he refused to accept. Sept. 23.
 Judith Campbell Exner, 65. A reputed presidential mistress who claimed to have ferried messages between John F. Kennedy and Mafia boss Sam Giancana. Sept. 24. Breast cancer.
 Doreia McCarty, 91. Frugal washwoman who donated her \$150,000 savings to the University of Southern Mississippi. Sept. 26.

October
 Ted Arison, 75. Billionaire founder of Carnival Cruise Lines and an original partner in pro basketball's Miami Heat. Oct. 1.
 Akio Morita, 89. Co-founder of Sony Corp. who helped give new meaning to the word "Made in Japan." Oct. 3.
 Martin S. Davis, 72. Reshaped Gulf & Western conglomerate into Paramount Communications; a publishing and

entertainment powerhouse. Oct. 4.
 The Rev. Bruce Rittler, 72. Roman Catholic priest founded Covenant House shelters for homeless teens then resigned amid a sex scandal. Oct. 7.
 Will "The Stilt" Chamberlain, 63. NBA's second-leading scorer and leading rebounder who so dominated pro basketball that the league changed its rules. Oct. 12. Heart failure.
 James Elliot Williams, 68. One of the nation's most decorated Vietnam War heroes. Oct. 13.
 Jean Shepherd, 78. His easy storytelling style on radio and in the film "A Christmas Story" earned comparisons to Mark Twain. Oct. 16.
 John Chafee, 77. Longtime senator from Rhode Island who stood for moderation and environmental protection as other Republicans moved to the right. Oct. 24.
 Payne Stewart, 42. Pro golfer with trademark kussers and tamo-shooter cap and two U.S. Open titles. Oct. 25. Airplane crash.

November
 Walter Payton, 45. Former Chicago Bear running back and leading rusher in NFL history. Nov. 1. Bile duct cancer.
 Daisy Bates, 84. Civil rights leader who helped nine black students break color barrier at Little Rock Central High School in 1957. Nov. 4.
 Jacobo Timerman, 76. Argentine journalist who defied ruling military junta and wrote about his brutal treatment as a political prisoner in the 1970s. Nov. 11.
 Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt III, 87. Descendant of railroad baron Cornelius Vanderbilt and a thoroughbred racing fixture for six decades. Nov. 12.
 Donald Mills, 84. Last of the singing Mills Brothers who broke racial barriers in radio, film and society. Nov. 12.
 Paul Bowles, 88. American author and composer "best known" for "The Sheltering Sky" and other novels set in North Africa. Nov. 18.
 Horst P. Horst, 93. Photographer of the famous, including Harry Truman, Marlene Dietrich and Maria Callas. Nov. 18.

December
 Edmund Safra, 67. Billionaire founder of the Republic National Bank of New York. Dec. 3. Arsen fire in Monaco.
 Bludine Kahn, 57. Oscar-nominated actress- comedienne best known for daffy and lusty characters in "Paper Moon" and Mel Brooks farces such as "Blazing Saddles." Dec. 3. Ovarian cancer. Rose Bird, 63. First woman on California's Supreme Court; whose opposition to the death penalty led voters to remove her as chief justice. Dec. 4. Breast cancer.
 Robert A. Swanson, 52. Co-founder of Genentech Inc. and pioneer in biotechnology industry. Dec. 6. Brain cancer.
 Peter La Haye Sr. 59. Millionaire inventor of implantable lenses for cataract patients and other eye-saving products. Dec. 12. Private plane crash.
 Joseph Heller, 76. His darkly comic first novel "Catch-22" defined the paradox of the no-win dilemma and added a phrase to the American language. Dec. 12.

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WORLD

Conflicts, disasters mark final year of a violent century

Albanian refugees dominated news in much of 1999

By David Cray
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — History's bloodiest century ended in grimly fitting fashion: a year of brutal ethnic conflicts and staggering natural disasters that kept luckier nations improvising awkwardly with attempts to help.

Uprooted civilians streamed by the hundreds of thousands from Kosovo, East Timor and Chechnya, fleeing from modern weaponry and old-fashioned hatreds.

Earthquakes killed some 18,000 people in Turkey, and more than 3,600 in Taiwan, Colombia and Greece. A cyclone killed 10,000 people and left 2.5 million homeless on India's densely populated east coast, while flooding and mudslides killed more than 5,000 in Venezuela.

It was, in sum, an appropriate year for a motivated and mobile humanitarian agency — Doctors Without Borders — to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

For the West, Kosovo was the biggest trauma. Once again, a single defiant leader — this time Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic — was able to create havoc and orchestrate oppression in the face of widespread foreign condemnation.

Milosevic became the first sitting head of state indicted for war crimes by an international court. But like Saddam Hussein after the Gulf War, he retained power despite a 78-day bombing campaign that battered Yugoslavia and tested NATO's solidarity.

Most of the 850,000 ethnic Albanians chased from Kosovo by the Serb crack-down were back in their homeland. But so were 45,000 foreign peacekeepers, struggling to protect the dwindling clusters of remaining Serbs.

As with Kosovo, the international community initially groped for a response to rampages in East Timor by pro-Indonesian militias enraged by a vote for independence. By the time an Australian-led peacekeeping force was approved and deployed, hundreds of thousands of people had fled their homes.

In Chechnya, throngs of civilians were displaced by intensive Russian attacks ostensibly aimed at Islamic rebels.

Western leaders decried the bombardments and pushed to provide humanitari-



An Albanian man from Kosovo weeps with a child in his arms as refugees arrive at the Petrovac Airport for a flight out of Macedonia in early 1999.

an aid, but in this crisis there was no serious talk of a foreign intervention force. "What Chechnya teaches us is — if you're a big country, with nuclear weapons, you can get away with it," said Michael Mandelbaum, an expert on East-West relations at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

Across Africa, less-publicized wars dragged on in Angola, Congo, Sudan and along the Ethiopia-Eritrea border. Nelson Mandela stepped down as South Africa's president, leaving his successor, Thabo

Mbeki, with formidable economic and political challenges.

In the Middle East, Israeli voters ousted hawkish Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and the new government agreed to peace talks with Syria while inching toward a settlement with the Palestinians.

Two of the region's long-reigning moderate monarchs died, Jordan's King Hussein and Morocco's King Hassan, each succeeded by a son who moved quickly to win popular affection.

The Asian subcontinent was uneasy, with a military coup in Pakistan and fighting along the Pakistan-India border in Kashmir.

Peace and democracy made a few notable advances. A barbaric civil war ended in Sierra Leone. Nigeria emerged from 15 years of military rule. Indonesia had its first truly free election in 30 years, and Northern Ireland's rival parties formed a Protestant-Catholic government requiring them to share power for the first time.

Even the natural disasters had some hopeful consequences. Greece put aside longtime enmity to offer help after a devastating earthquake in Turkey on Aug. 17. Turkey reciprocated after a quake hit Athens on Sept. 6.

Kathleen Newland, an expert on refugees with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said nations and relief agencies were becoming increasingly skillful with the logistical responses to far-flung crises. But the political aspects of humanitarian intervention remain complex.

"There has been a lot of learning over the course of the '90s. But a lot of the lessons have been negative," Newland said. "We're condemned to a certain amount of experimentation."

Mandelbaum, of Johns Hopkins, said future variations of the ethnic conflicts in Kosovo, Bosnia or Rwanda will be difficult to prevent as long as the United States and other leading nations remain wary of dispatching ground troops.

"That means the next best thing you can do is cobble together an inadequate volunteer fire department through the auspices of the United Nations, since that's all we have," he said.

The United States was at odds throughout the year with China, arguing over alleged Chinese nuclear spying and the accidental U.S. bombing of China's embassy in Belgrade. One major strain finally eased when the two countries agreed on terms for China's entry into the World Trade Organization.

China was among many nations upset

Top 10 world stories

- Here are the top 10 international stories of 1999 as chosen by 74 news media subscribers of The Associated Press in 36 countries, based on 10 points for each first-place vote to one point for 10th place. The stories and the points they received:
1. Atrocities in Kosovo prompt NATO bombing, peacekeepers; (627 points)
 2. President Clinton's impeachment trial ends in acquittal; (493)
 3. Earthquakes in Turkey kill nearly 18,000; 327
 4. Violence surrounds East Timor's vote for independence; 295
 5. Russia launches military offensive against Chechnya; 209
 6. Fear and excitement build over turn of millennium and Y2K bug; 188
 7. India, Pakistan clash in Kashmir, hundreds killed; 180
 8. Thousands killed in Taiwan earthquake; 150
 9. U.S. growth powers world economy, stock markets; 124
 10. Turkey captures Kurd leader Abdullah Ocalan, sentences him to death; 122

when the U.S. Senate failed to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and Beijing joined Moscow in assailing a U.S. plan to create a protective shield against nuclear missiles.


Russia's often-ailing president, Boris Yeltsin, fired two more prime ministers but won widespread backing for the war in Chechnya. His government blamed Chechen rebels for cross-border skirmishes and for apartment-building bombings that killed about 300 Russians in September.

Disasters struck elsewhere in many forms: the EgyptAir jet crash off the Massachusetts coast that killed 217 people; train crashes in India, Kenya and Britain that killed about 350. T

The Alps seemed strangely cursed: Avalanches killed 50 in France and Austria; a cable car plunge killed 20 in France, and a huge fire in the Mont Blanc tunnel between France and Italy killed 45.


Two intrepid travelers embarking from the Swiss Alps were blessed by good luck. Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones became the first aviators to fly a hot-air balloon nonstop around world.

"Below us it wasn't paradise. Below us there were wars, suffering of all sorts, and we had to ask why we had the right to be so happy," Piccard said later. "There is plenty of room on this earth to realize a more harmonious destiny."




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Americans, Russians work together to avoid missile mistake

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AP) — Side by side, Russian and American military officers monitored the skies Friday to ensure that the millennium doesn't begin with a nuclear missile launch accidentally sent because of the Y2K bug. The verdict in the first hours: Everything's going fine.

The cooperation was a long way from decades of Cold War paranoia and movies such as

"Fall-Safe," in which a technical problem with communications leads to a mistaken nuclear attack on Moscow and the destruction of New York by the United States' own bombers. In real life, the former enemies created the joint unit at Peterson to make sure there were no accidental missile launches. They wanted to ensure, for example, that their systems didn't mistake a radar failure as a threat, or misidentify

a commercial aircraft as a bomber. They also wanted to be on guard in case a terrorist tried to manipulate their computers.

Reporters were briefly allowed in the monitoring room just after clocks in Petropavlovsk, in the easternmost Russian time zone, struck 12:01 a.m. It was 5:01 a.m. local time. The atmosphere in the monitoring room was anything but tense. The crews frequently broke into laughter. And more

than an hour after extreme eastern Russia had entered the New Year, no problems had been detected. "So far it's what we thought it would be, pretty dull," said U.S. Lt. Col. Greg Boyette.

The team was agreed upon by President Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin. Early Friday, Yeltsin announced he was resigning and turning power over to Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. The resignation "caught us

a little off guard but kept the crew members awake because there was something to talk about," said Boyette. And Col. Sergey Kaplin, head of the Russian military team, said it showed "the Russian Federation is ready to meet the New Year."

Through mid-January, six-person crews — two Russians, two Americans and two translators — will be working eight-hour shifts around the clock, watching com-

puter screens in a 1,200-square-foot, \$4.5 million center in Building 1040.

The building is adjacent to U.S. Space Command, which controls all military space programs, and a few miles across Colorado Springs from the North American Aerospace Defense Command, a joint U.S. and Canadian operation that monitors manmade objects in space from deep inside Cheyenne Mountain.

Y2K strikes Japanese nuclear plant

TOKYO (AP) — The Y2K bug struck at a Japanese nuclear plant early this morning, shutting down a radiation alarm system, but not the plant itself.

There were no actual leaks or safety problems, but Japan's first significant Y2K glitch came just three months after the nation's worst nuclear accident ever.

The malfunction happened at Shika Nuclear Power Station, 170 miles northwest of Tokyo. The radiation detectors themselves were unaffected. But the computer at the government office that receives information from them went dead shortly after midnight, said Kohji Fukumoto, spokesman for Hokuriku Electric Power Co., the company that runs the plant.

The problem was detected about 10 minutes past midnight. It was unclear when the malfunction could be corrected, but there were no plans to shut down the plant.

Although not immediately dangerous, the problem was especially unnerving in the wake of the worst nuclear accident in Japan's history. On Sept. 30, an accident at a uranium-processing plant 70 miles northeast of Tokyo killed one worker, seriously injured two people and exposed at least 150 people to radiation levels that were above normal levels.

The glitch at the Shika Nuclear Power Station surfaced after Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi had already announced on television that no major Y2K problems had arisen in the nation's utilities, telecommunication systems, trains, hospitals or nuclear facilities.

"We believe we were able to avoid any serious problems because of the cooperative efforts of the people in both the public and private sector," Obuchi said about an hour into the New Year.

Hackers play with British train service

LONDON — Hackers broke into an official Web site and issued a false warning that train service in Britain had been canceled Friday due to millennium bug problems.

The warning, which read "No trains today," was discovered on Railtrack's Internet site at about 9 a.m., officials said. The hoax message also sent greetings to all Railtrack directors and "all the sheep in Wales."

Instead of the usual menu, which lets people check train timetables around Britain, the hoax message said no trains would run from New Year's Eve until Jan. 3 because of Y2K computer problems. The rest of the site was still operating, but more difficult to access, officials said.

After discovering the hoax, computer experts had it fixed by 11:30 a.m., said Railtrack spokeswoman Lynn Harvey.

"It was annoying rather than a problem," Harvey said. "People were inconvenienced."

Many Britons rely on the Web site to check timetables to plan their travel arrangements. Particularly with the long holiday weekend, the number of people relying on train service was expected to be high.

"This is a prank which is supposed to be amusing," Railtrack, the company that runs Britain's rail lines, said in a statement. "Unfortunately it will affect hundreds and thousands of people who are trying to go into London for the Millennium Eve celebrations."



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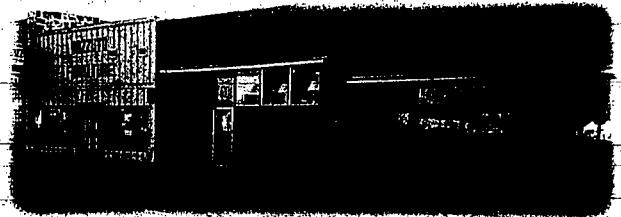
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Fog passes; flights resume at Joslin Field

TWIN FALLS - Skywest Airlines resumed air service out of Joslin Field Magic Valley Regional Airport Friday morning after fog had canceled flights for nearly a week.

Travelers can call the airline to check on the status of incoming and outbound flights, although the National Weather Service's forecast predicts no fog over the weekend. Mostly cloudy skies and a chance of rain or snow were anticipated.

The airline can be reached at 734-6232 between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. or 1-800-453-9417.

During the week, outbound flights had been re-booked to Hailey, Boise or Salt Lake City airports and inbound travelers were flown to Hailey and bused to Twin Falls.

Curious child plays with lighter, starts house fire

TWIN FALLS - A child playing with a lighter sparked a bedroom fire Thursday night.

The fire started at around 8:45 p.m. at 534 Third Ave. E., said Battalion Chief Jack Barnes of the Twin Falls Fire Department.

Three engines and 11 firefighters battled the flames, which were contained in the bedroom, he said.

No one was hurt, and damage was estimated at \$10,000, he said.

Singing group to compete on TV program tonight

TWIN FALLS - The Standards, five singing brothers from Twin Falls, won their third appearance on the "Destination Stardom" television program last month and will return to compete for another \$2,000 on New Year's Day.

Competing before a live audience in Hawaii, the Standards can move one more step toward the "Destination Stardom" finals where they would compete for \$25,000. Each week that they win, they collect \$2,000.

Tonight's show is scheduled for 7 p.m. on KDID-TV, Channel 55 in Twin Falls. It will be repeated at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Hosted by actress and "Entertainment Tonight" correspondent Lisa Canning, "Destination Stardom" features competition in five categories: singers ages 16 and over; singers ages 5 to 15; musical models; family acts and variety acts.

The Standards are Quinn, Jordan, Morgan, Nicholas and Nathan Williams.

Applications available for spring census jobs

BURLEY - More than 600 temporary jobs are available to workers in southern Idaho as part of Census 2000.

Employees are required to work at least 20 hours a week for several weeks. They work flexible hours mostly during evenings and weekends.

Much of the work will take place during spring, but employees must complete some tasks available at the following locations and times:

- Burley: Job Service, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays; Project Mutual Telephone (use back entrance), 7 p.m. Thursdays; Cassin Regional Medical Center, Evergreen Room, 10 a.m. Saturdays.
 - Burley (Spanish testing): Idaho Migrant Council, Mondays, 10 a.m.
 - Eden: Trinity Lutheran Church, Jan. 24, 7 p.m.
 - Hazelton: Lake View Apartments office, 2:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 10, 24 and 31; Assembly of God Church, Jan. 22, 10 a.m.
 - Hayburn: Hayburn Fire Department, Mondays, 1 p.m.; Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, Wednesdays, 2 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.
 - Richfield: City Hall, Jan. 15, 11 a.m.
 - Richfield (for high school seniors): Richfield High School, Jan. 12, 8:30 a.m.
 - Rupert: Project Mutual Telephone, Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
 - Shoshone: Shoshone schools, room 33, Tuesday, Jan. 11 and 25, 7 p.m.; St. Peter's Catholic Church, Jan. 27, 7 p.m.
 - Shoshone (for high school seniors): Shoshone schools, room 33, Jan. 18, 7 p.m.
- For more information, call 208-542-1967 or 888-325-7733.
- Compiled from staff reports

Watching, waiting, wading through calls

Police, utilities gear up for Y2K

By Brian Hayes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Y2K hysteria struck a half day early for at least one person Friday.

The anonymous caller told emergency dispatchers that she had heard two Idaho Power employees talking about a three-day power outage.

But the men weren't Idaho Power employees. They were just a manager at Mama Inez restaurant and his friend. The

caller, a restaurant patron, overheard the conversation and exaggerated what she heard.

Twin Falls police checked it out and deemed the report unfounded.

When police weren't chasing baseless reports Friday, they were settling in for a long night.

Also waiting on a long night, U S West Communications and Idaho Power Co. reported an uneventful start to Friday as they watched for possible computer glitches to surface in the first minutes to celebrate the new year. Immediate reports from around the world indicated it could be an uneventful night for local crews standing by for any Y2K-related trouble.

U-S-West, which provides much of the Magic Valley's in-state telephone service, was hearing good news through an informal organization of phone companies, which had scheduled conference calls throughout New Year's Eve to track developments.

Phone systems in some counties were congested by a high volume of calls for about the first half hour of the new year, said Mike Reynoldson, a U S West spokesman in Boise. But then phone traffic was getting back to normal.

Dennis Lopez, spokesman for Idaho Power Co. in Boise, reported early Friday afternoon that everything was all right.

Inside the Twin Falls Police Department, a command center was already set up Friday afternoon, complete with computer, phones and radios.

Half of the department was on during the day shift. The other half was scheduled to keep watch throughout the night.

"Police crews across the Magic Valley increased patrols for the birth of 2000.

In Minidoka County, a full team of sheriff's officers was scheduled to be on patrol.

"Just about everybody available will be out tonight," Cpl. Tim Dudley said.

Rupert police were also planning to be out in force, and offer free rides home for anyone who

had done too much ringing in of the new year.

Dispatchers were getting ready for heavy phone action.

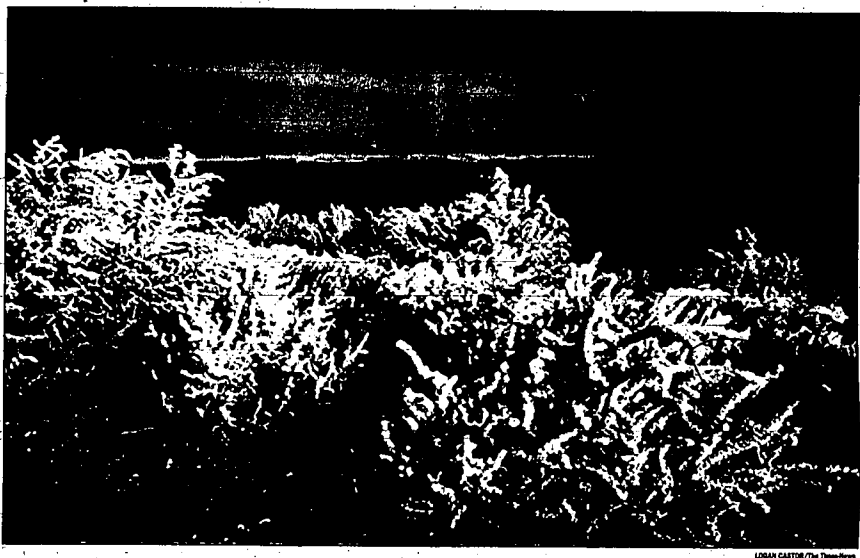
Cassia County planned to have an additional dispatcher on duty, with three on the job between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. Minidoka County planned to have at least one additional dispatcher on through the midnight hour, until it quiets down. But all dispatchers will be on call, depending on how much activity there is out there.

"It could be crowded later," Minidoka County dispatcher Bev Lallman said early Friday.

At the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center in Jerome, 911 dispatchers

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I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW



On the last day of the 1990s, the fog finally lifted over the Snake River Canyon.

LOAN CASTRO/The Times-News

The way they were: Looking back at 1900

The Times-News

History is sketchy about how southern Idahoans celebrated the arrival of the 20th century. But here's a sampling of what was going on in the area's communities 100 years ago:

Bellevue

Ore prices were a serious concern to Bellevue residents at the turn of the century.

On Dec. 29, 1899, the price of silver was \$8 and a half cents an ounce, while lead went for \$4.70 to \$4.75 per 100 pounds. Ranch land near Bellevue sold for \$1.25 per acre.

Today, silver prices are \$5.20

an ounce and an acre of ranch land in the Bellevue Triangle averages \$3,500 per acre.

Buhl

Buhl was still four years in the future as 1900 began. Twin Falls Land and Water Co. would build a townsite in 1904 and name it Buhl in honor of Frank H. and Julia F. Buhl.

Like Twin Falls, the town was laid out on a 45-degree diagonal. A three-inch pipe carried water to the town from a cistern.

Lots were sold at Broadway and Main, where construction began on the Hotel Buhl. C.S. Peck purchased the first lot for \$1,750. The dirt roads had board

sidewalks in front of the city's first businesses.

Castletford

Castletford's first social and service organization was the Evergreen's Club. The Ferguson Fruit and Land Co. was clearing sagebrush to develop tracts of land to sell to apple farmers.

Filer

A townsite squabble between what was known as East Filer and Eldridge lasted for many years, until 1910 when the entire Filer townsite was reorganized.

Glenns Ferry

A century ago, Glenns Ferry was progressing from a settlement along the Snake River at the Oregon Trail crossing to a bustling railroad town.

Gustavus Clark had built a ferry near the crossing site in 1863 to haul freight wagons across the river. Twenty years later, railroad tracks from Glenns Ferry to Mountain Home were completed, and the community's population expanded to several hundred citizens.

The original townsite was laid out in 1886, and several railroad buildings were constructed, including a depot, roundhouse

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It's the millennium that isn't

Purists note that start of the true millennium is still a year away

By N.S. Nokkventved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The year is new, but the second millennium is only 599 years old. And the 20th century won't end for another year.

Despite the hype, this New Year's Day technically doesn't mark the end of the century or the beginning of a new millennium. That's still a year off, purists say.

The date 2000 is a big, scary round number, well worth celebrating, and that may be the source of the confusion, says Steve Almquist, 59, of Hailey, a retired aerospace planner.

Added to the confusion is the so-called Y2K bug - a computer programming glitch that has nothing to do with the millennium or the turn of the century.

The bug is simply a problem with some computers that can't understand the date "00" when Dec. 31, 1999, changes to Jan. 1, 2000. But somebody coined the phrase, "millennium bug."

Advertisers, and news media picked it up and added to the frenzy, Almquist said. "The Y2K computer problem will be a year old - and probably long since fixed - by the end of the 20th century and the beginning of the third millennium on Jan. 1, 2001," said Almquist, who spent 30 years working as a strategic planner for the California aircraft manufacturer McDonald-Douglas.

"I am puzzled by the number of Americans who cannot seem to add," he said.

If asked to count to 10, people never start with zero and end with nine, Almquist said. They start with one and end with 10.

So, by extension, all decades, centuries and millennia begin with a 1 and end with a zero.

The 20th century began with the year 1901 and runs through to the end of 2000, he said.

The second millennium began with the year 1001 and likewise will end at the end of the year, on Dec. 31, 2000.

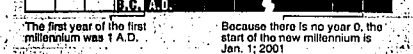
But so what? In a sense, each moment is the end of a millennium that started at some point in the past.

It doesn't make any difference what people call it, because time is totally arbitrary anyway, said historian Jim Gentry, who holds a doctorate in history and teaches

Confusion about new millennium

The new millennium starts Jan. 1, 2001, not in the year 2000.

Why? The second millennium goes from B.C. to A.D., does not include a year 0.



Because there is no year 0, the start of the new millennium is Jan. 1, 2001.

The new millennium begins:

Where the sun will rise first:



Illustration by N.S. Nokkventved

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Magazine praises some Utah schools

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A national magazine has given high rankings to seven Utah school districts for their preparation of students for the work force. The rankings were made by Expansion — Management Magazine in its annual Education Quality Report. The awards were based on graduation percentages, school resources and community factors. There are about 8,500 secondary school districts in the United States with enrollments

of at least 700. Each year, the magazine evaluates about 15 percent of those, giving them a score of up to 150 points. The Utah districts were cited for high graduation rates and scores on college entrance exams. They were not here so well on the community's financial commitment to education. Utah has the lowest per-pupil spending in the country and among the highest class sizes. The districts gained ground for levels of affluence and adult education because of Utah's high

number of college graduates. The report said children of college graduates do better than children whose parents have only a high school diploma. Under those criteria, Provo School District earned a Gold Medal, placing it in the top 15 percent nationwide. Earning Blue Ribbon designations, and placing in the top third of the nation, were Salt Lake City, Davis, Granite, Jordan, Alpine and Washington. The Ogden School District was rated only "good, solid."

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TWIN FALLS



Norma Freels Pickens

Norma Freels Pickens, 79, of Boise, died on December 30, 1999. She was born on December 18, 1920, in Dawson, Missouri, to Pat and Annie Ellis. When she was 6 years old, her family moved to Hazelton, Idaho, where she grew up and graduated from Hazelton High School. This is where she met and married Herbert Freels. Their marriage was "blessed" with a daughter, Iona. Norma was widowed, and had the full responsibility of raising her daughter. In 1966, Norma accepted a position with the IRS, and relocated to Ogden, Utah, until returning to Twin Falls in 1976, with her husband, Elton Pickens. Norma became active in the Women's Bowling Association, and in 1981, she accepted the position

of Secretary Treasurer, which she held for 16 years. She also held the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Hazelton Alumni until 1993. Norma was a member of the First Baptist Church, and participated in the choir. Some of her favorite pastimes were golf, crocheting, reading books, and gardening. She was also an avid Atlanta Braves baseball fan. She was a devoted mother and grandmother, who was interested in the details of each of the lives of her family members. She enjoyed spending time with each one. She was a generous and a loving person. Family and friends will sorely miss her, but the legacy of her life will always be with us, and she will live on in our hearts forever.

Norma is survived by her husband, Elton Pickens of Twin Falls; one daughter, Iona Dye of Boise; three grandchildren, Sheri Orr and Toni Webb of Boise, and Burt Webb of Twin Falls; and one great-grandchild, Tristan Lassiter of Boise. She is also survived by two sisters, Ina Horejs and Rosie Regua of Twin Falls, and one brother, Gene Ellis of Redmond, Oregon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Freels, a son, Donny Freels, parents, Pat and Annie Ellis, and a nephew, Donny Ellis. The family wishes to express their thanks for the special care Iona gave her mother for the last two years. The funeral service will take place at 1:30 p.m. Monday, January 3, 2000, at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call at the mortuary on

Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be given to the local hospice of your choice.



Billie Jo Thuren

Billie Jo Thuren, 68, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday evening, Dec. 30, 1999, after a recent illness. She was born in Hawley, Texas. She lived in California and Idaho. On August 24, 1949, she married John Thuren in Santa Barbara, California. Billie is survived by her husband John, twin sons, Donald and Robert, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Private family services will be held. Cremation and services were under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Donald A. Voorhees, of Reno, Nev., formerly of Twin Falls, memorial services at 2 p.m. Jan. 2, at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Reno, Nev.

Peggy Sue Orr, of Twin Falls, graveside services at 2 p.m. Jan. 4, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 12:5 p.m. Jan. 3, and from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 4, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

L. Irene Adams, of Jerome, memorial services at 11 a.m. Jan. 4, at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Frieda T. Transue, of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m. Jan. 3, at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Jan. 2, at White Mortuary.

Larry W. Kober, of Twin Falls, formerly of Wendell, services at 2 p.m. Jan. 3, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4:7 p.m. Jan. 2, at the funeral home.

Cecelia Smith, of Jerome, services at 2 p.m. Jan. 5, at the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may gather at the cemetery shortly before service time; no viewing is

planned. Services are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service in Jerome.

Kenneth Crosby, of Twin Falls, visitation from 4:7 p.m. Jan. 3, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral

DEATH NOTICES

Bonnie Turner MURTAUGH — Bonnie Turner, 73, of Murtaugh, died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Amelia Susan Meyer BURLEY — Amelia Susan Meyer, 90, died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, in Burley. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome.

Louis C. Allen RUPERT — Louis C. Allen, 86, of Rupert, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999, at his home in Rupert. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000, at the Rupert First and Seventh Ward building, at 806 C Street, in Rupert, with Bishop Richard Dailey officiating.

Home of Twin Falls. Services will be at 11 a.m. Jan. 4, at the funeral home.

V. Kelly Gibson, of Jerome, memorial services at 1 p.m. Jan. 3, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Burial will follow at Richfield Cemetery in Richfield. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, 2000, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, and one hour prior to services Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000, at the church. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Joseph Bott RUPERT — Joseph Bott, 86, of Rupert, died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, at Minidoka Extended Care in Rupert. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Mary Gassner DECILO — Mary Gassner, 79, of Declo, died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, at Cassia Regional Hospital in Burley. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

HOSPITALS

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Cora Park of Twin Falls.
Dismissals:
Ruby B. Powers, Catherine Laughlin, and Michael Smith, all of Twin Falls.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Some names are omitted at patient's request.
Dismissed:
Jennifer Richardson and baby, and Joseph Bott, all of Rupert; Alma Juarez and baby, of Declo.

Man faces jail for neglecting child support

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — An Idaho man has pleaded guilty to not making child support payments in New Hampshire for the last 21 years. Edward Lemire, 42, of Nampa was told to come up with \$1,500 immediately or be jailed for a year. The truck driver owes \$29,000 under a 1978 order that he pay \$35 a week for his daughter; state

officials said. She was 1 year old at the time. Now she is 22. Lemire was arrested at a routine truck inspection in Ohio after authorities ran a records check and learned he was a fugitive from New Hampshire. He was picked up Wednesday afternoon by New Hampshire authorities and returned to the state.

In Superior Court on Thursday, Lemire was told that his jail sentence would be suspended if he came up with the cash by Monday. Officials said he is still responsible for the entire \$29,000, which will reimburse the state for supporting his wife and daughter when he failed to. He also must repay the state the cost of sending deputies to retrieve him from Ohio.

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Jarbridge road rebels seek to broaden suit

The Associated Press
ELKO, Nev. — Nye County Commissioner Richard Carver and an Indian leader want to join the legal battle against the U.S. Forest Service over a washed-out dirt road in Elko County.

Carver, who has clashed with the agency before over roads, and Elwood-Mose, a Shoshone Indian, are among nine citizens asked to be added as defendants in the lawsuit over the road near Jarbridge, Nev.

New filings in U.S. District Court accuse the federal government of violating the Endangered Species Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Ruby Valley Treaty of 1863 by blocking reconstruction of the road in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

"I would like to be there to voice my objections to this closure in hopes that we can prevent further closures," said Starr Valley rancher Demar Dahl, another person asking to be included in the court filing.

License approval vexes Fish and Game officers

LEWISTON (AP) — An association of Idaho Fish and Game conservation officers is troubled that the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing board awarded a guide's license to an Orofino man who has several fish and game violations.

The second two-year suspension included both hunting and fishing privileges and two of the citations, one for exceeding the season limit on a salmon and another for failure to validate a salmon card, were dropped as part of a plea bargain in which McCarthy pleaded guilty to buying the combination hunting and fishing license.

James McCarthy was given a probationary guide's license at the board's December meeting after initially being denied the license because of his history of violations.

He requested an appeal hearing before the five-member board, which is made up of three representatives from the outfitters and guides industry, one from the state Fish and Game Department and a representative for the public at large.

Old train station awaits funds for preservation

CORINNE, Utah (AP) — Standing on a half-finished cement foundation, the old Corinne train station awaits the next infusion of money to help restore it to its 1869 glory.

When the rails went, the depot was split and sold. Half stayed in Corinne and now sits as an Amoco gas station and store. The other 35 feet was moved to farmer Grover Harper's land outside of town. He used it to house his farm laborers.

The depot now sits on railroad property which the society leases for \$100 a month. The original wainscoting in the ticket office, the freight office and waiting room is intact and just needs to be refurbished.

Will house a museum dedicated to Corinne's history. So far the Corinne Historical Society has overseen the purchase of the building for \$8,000, its move, which cost \$7,500, and some foundation work.

Marathoner cop chases down suspect

OREM, Utah (AP) — Everyone has heard of the "long arm of the law," but it turns out the law also has feet.

"When his drugs were discovered near where he had been found by officers, (the man) made a run for it and had the bad luck of attempting to do so from another of Orem's many marathon runners," said Orem Police Lt. Doug Edwards.

The man kicked and fought with the officers before Conner and Nielsen restrained him. The man was arrested for investigation of possession of methamphetamine, a third-degree felony; possession of marijuana, a class B misdemeanor; assault on a police officer, a class A misdemeanor; and criminal trespass, a class C misdemeanor.

Fuss

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at the College of Southern Idaho. "The best thing to do is celebrate both times," he said.

so, they may be behind the times. If the millennium is tied to the birth of Jesus, it should have happened several years ago.

On an official note: The U.S. Naval Observatory, the nation's official timekeeper, reports to this New Year as the dawn of the millennial year.

Montana wants its officials in on bison plan

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Montana has asked a judge to force the federal government to include state officials in developing a long-term plan for managing diseased Yellowstone National Park bison.

13 request from the departments of Agriculture and Interior to withdraw from efforts to write a management plan acceptable to the state.

Relations between Montana and the federal government over bison have been tenuous at best for some time. Many of the animals are believed to carry brucellosis, which if transmitted to livestock can cause cows to abort their calves.

1900

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and office. Three fires razed portions of the town's infrastructure of wooden buildings in 1893, 1897 and 1906.

mentioning, and everybody who celebrated appeared to be on their good behavior."

The railroad's arrival, however, brought to an end the daily runs of mail and freight.

Police search for missing Burley woman

BURLEY — Cassia County sheriff's officials were conducting a search Friday morning in the neighborhood a Burley woman who has been missing since Sunday.



Kacy Kay Ray

Ray is 5 feet 5 inches tall, with brown eyes and brown hair. She was last seen wearing a purple fleeced jacket with "San Francisco" printed on the front and black velvet pants.

Gooding

The Gooding area was known as "Toponis" in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The Oregon Shoreline Railroad established a railroad station midway between the Big and Little Wood rivers in 1892-93.

Hollister

The few settlers in the Hollister area 100 years ago were primarily cattlemen and sheepherders.

Jerome

The area that would someday be known as Jerome County was mostly uninhabited in 1900.

Officials

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phones weren't any busier than usual during the afternoon. But then again, the new year was still 12 hours away.

Power Administration system in Bend, Ore.

The Associated Press reported Friday morning that at 8:53 p.m. Tuesday a BPA tower holding a line that carries electricity from the Pacific Northwest to California was toppled.

Authorities reported early Friday afternoon that they had no suspects and refused to release information about how the tower toppled, but said explosives were not used.

At least Friday afternoon, all was quiet in the Magic Valley. Twin Falls police Capt. Bob Hötge, who was in charge during the day shift, spent much of the day watching New Year's celebrations on CNN.

Ketchum

One hundred years ago in Ketchum, sheep ranching was replacing the search for ore as the mining industry ebbed in the Wood River Valley.

Richfield

Richfield was first named Arvada by the first settler, later christened Alberta and finally Richfield. It was one of many "tent towns" appearing along the railroad's route to Halley.

FOR THE RECORD

Minidoka County

RUPERT — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Minidoka County included:

Felony dismissals
Clinton Boyd Jones, 40, 108 E. 600 S., Burley; drug stamp tax violation; District Judge J. William Hart.

Felony sentencing
Frank Edward White, 44, 243 W. 40th St., Burley; probation violation; \$88.50 court costs; 40 days' jail; District Judge J. William Hart.

Drunk-driving sentencing

Sarah Ann Hatcher, 19, 2808 S. Iowa Ave., Caldwell; misdemeanor amended to purchasing, consumption, or possession by a minor; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' driver's license suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Jerrold B. Carille, 57, 401 Third St., Rupert; misdemeanor; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; 90 days' jail, suspended; 90 days' probation; 90 days' driver's license suspended, two days' Mini-Cassia Inmate Work Detail; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Cassia County

BURLEY — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Felony sentencing
Scott B. Izatt, 48, 614 S. D St.; Rupert; possession of controlled substance; \$68.50 court costs; District Judge Monte B. Carlson.

Hagerman

It was first known as the Salmon Falls Mining District, complete with a small post office located where the Upper Salmon Falls power plant is today.

In 1892, by then a prominent businessman, Hagerman traveled to Boise to apply for a permit to name the townsite after his family. A postal worker added an "R," and the townsite became Hagerman.

The area was sparsely populated with settlers looking for gold. But many made their fortunes in the valley's rich soil rather than in precious metals.

By the turn of the century, Hagerman, still part of Lincoln County, was becoming a viable town.

Halley

Halley was the hot spot of the Wood River Valley when the 19th century ended. The Christmas-Ball at the Alturas Hall was the big Christmas Day celebration in the Magic Valley.

Kimberly-Hansen

The stage/freight station at the old Rock Creek settlement was fading as the 19th century ended.

Completion of the Union and Central railroads in 1896 had given the area "modern" transportation to Boise. There was no longer a need for wagon freight lines from the east to provide supplies the hundreds of miners in southern Idaho.

The store at Rock Creek had been built in 1865 and sold to Herman and Luty Stricker in 1876. The largest artery of wagon transportation in the United States passed by the store at Rock Creek, and it became an important spot of the area for social events and communication.

Twin Falls

Young I.B. Perrine had left his Indiana home in the late 1800s to find his fortune out West.

By 1900, he had built a house and a 1,000-acre farm along the Snake River, and he was laying the groundwork for irrigation that would transform the southern Idaho desert.

Some Eastern financiers shared Perrine's vision of using Snake River water to irrigate land around the canyon, and they filed the Twin Falls irrigation proposal with the state Land Board.

The Carey Act of 1894 made it possible for state-owned federal land for irrigation and construction on the Milner Dam began in 1903. In its first five years of operation, the Twin Falls Land and Water Co. sold 137,000 irrigated acres in 1895 and in 1904, the city of Twin Falls was planted.

Times-News correspondents Bob Newman, Margaret Jones, Dixie Thayer, Rebeca Giza, Milder, Mary Lou Potts, Sharon Metcalf, Aimee Wilson, Laurie Black and Mickey Brown contributed to this report.

IDAHO

Fossils, oral history tells creation story of Northwest through legend

By Diane Pettit
Lexington Morning Tribune

LAPWAJ — It's not a date that can be attached to a calendar. It's not a story of evolution.

It's a story that has followed the Nez Perce people through perhaps thousands of years of history — a history that can be pieced together only through legend and non-minimal archaeological evidence.

And so, through oral history, a story of creation is told.

"Coyote started cutting the monster up, and as he did this he would throw pieces of the monster in all directions, and he would create tribes out on the plains and to the south and east and north and west."

"Then his brother Fox said to Coyote, 'You forgot to put human beings here. You have to create people here, too.'"

"Coyote replied, 'What I will do is create people this way.' Coyote washed his hands in water to get the blood off and scattered the blood droplets on the ground. When those drops of blood hit the earth, human beings sprang up as Ne-mee-poo, the Nez Perce people."

— Excerpt from "Salmon and His People" by Dan Landeen and Allen Pinkham.

"We've been here since Coyote created us," says Allen Pinkham, U.S. Forest Service liaison for the Nez Perce Tribe and a tribal storyteller.

"When they were doing 1,000 years ago is still very much a part of (our) lives," says Sandi McFarland, an archeologist with the Clearwater National Forest.

But who was here a millennium ago and what was their life like?

The people who lived in what archeologists call the plateau region — which includes north-central Idaho and eastern Washington — as many as 10,000 years ago were hunters and gatherers, said Donald Tyler, professor and chairman of the Department of Anthropology,

Sociology and Justice Studies at the University of Idaho.

"They had just as full of lives as we have," he says. "Most hunter/gatherers actually do quite well."

Evidence of this comes mostly from skeletons. "Hunter/gatherers have very robust skeletons."

They had a varied diet, he says. While they killed game and ate fish, 80 percent of their diet was vegetables.

The people would travel within about a 100-mile radius as plants became ready to harvest.

It wasn't until Europeans introduced agriculture that native people started to lack some of the nutrients they need, Tyler notes, by relying too heavily on one kind of food.

The average "work week" for hunter/gatherers took only about 15 to 20 hours of food gathering to survive. The rest of the time was spent in camp, much of it telling stories.

"Coyote is the Nez Perce people's storyteller. As with Aesop's fables for those of European descent, each Coyote story has a moral."

"This is the basis of our storytelling," Pinkham says.

By the turn of the last millennium, hunters were moving from early hunting devices like the atlatl — a spear-throwing weapon — to bows and arrows.

Instead of the nomadic life of camps, people were building pit houses that held more than one family. These circular structures — about 25 feet in diameter — were dug about five feet into the ground and covered with sticks and mats. The more settled lifestyle was possible because of

plentiful food supply, says McFarland. "We are really not into the time period where we are looking at people."

When Lewis and Clark came down the Clearwater River two centuries ago, they saw people living in villages with longhouses — rectangular structures up to 200 feet long housing many families, says Bill Andrefsky, director of the Center for Northwest Anthropology at Washington State University and associate dean of the university's College of Liberal Arts.

But about 4,500 years ago, people were living in pit houses, he says, and beginning about 2,000 years ago, villages of several dozen pit houses lined the rivers in the region.

This evolution may have been the result of a population increase, Andrefsky says, or because people were choosing to live together in villages. There is evidence of many such villages along the Snake and Clearwater rivers, he says. One village was close to the Nez Perce Tribe's Clearwater Casino is now.

There were pit house villages up and down Helix Canyon and a huge village below Almotna on the Snake River. One of the largest pit houses was across the river from Asotin Creek.

"While people might leave the villages to live in camps for hunting expeditions or while they gathered root crops and berries, the villages were inhabited all year long, Andrefsky says."

"The interesting thing is all over the world, people only became sedentary with domesticated food," he says, like with rice in Asia, for example.

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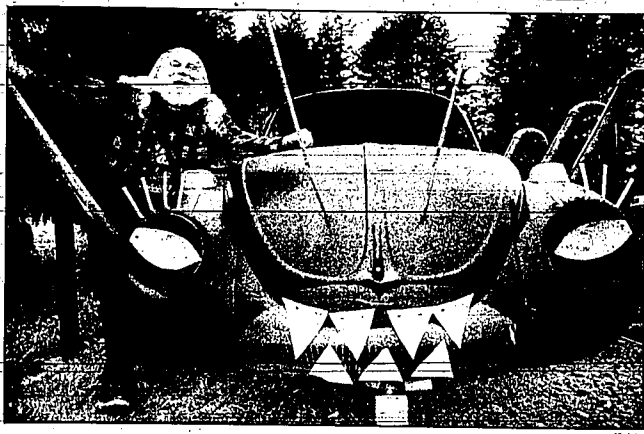
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Joe "Junky Joe" Adelhart said his neighbors already thought he was nuts even before he built his Y2K Volkswagen Bug shown here in front of his business near Tenino, Wash., Wednesday. Adelhart built the artwork out of a 1963 Volkswagen Super beetle body and black plastic tubing to poke fun at the anxiety created by the Y2K computer glitch.

Being aware of gambling addiction signs is a step in the right direction

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Mitzi Schlichter says every little bit helps in the battle against compulsive gambling.

She should know. Her dream marriage to NFL quarterback Art Schlichter became a nightmare when he began forging checks and stealing from family and friends to feed a voracious gambling habit that landed him in prison and wrecked their marriage.

The help she refers to are small signs found in many casinos suggesting "If you have a gambling problem, we encourage you to get help. Call 1-800-522-4700."

Ironically many of the signs are found next to ATMs or credit card machines where gamblers can also find help in the form of

more cash to continue gambling.

Critics initially panned the problem gambling help signs, saying they were a cosmetic fix that surfaced just days before the congressionally appointed National Gambling Impact Study Commission met in Las Vegas in November 1998.

But Schlichter, now a spokeswoman for Trimeridian, an Indianapolis-based gambling treatment facility, is willing to give the casino industry some credit. "I definitely say the efforts (of the gambling industry) have raised awareness," she said in an interview.

"There is always more that we can do and we need to be creative in finding ways to deal with it. I feel like everyone at every level needs to do more."

The calls to the 800 number are fielded by the National Council on Problem Gambling, an agency funded in part by the casino industry.

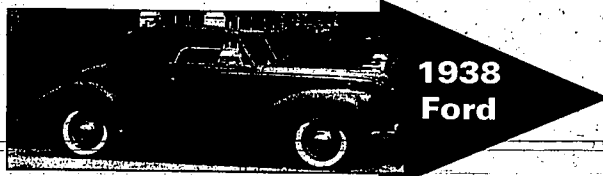
The Nevada Gaming Commission passed a regulation prior to last November's commission visit requiring any business hosting gambling to make information, including telephone numbers and brochures, available to help problem gamblers.

Carol O'Hare, executive director of the NCPG, says casinos are the best place to attack the compulsive gambling problem.

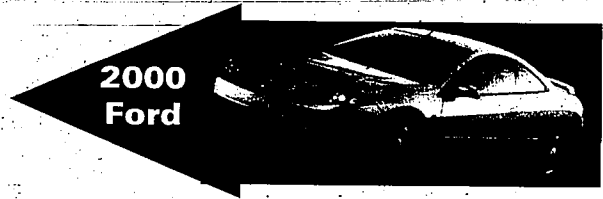
"The problem gambler is probably not going to be home watching the movie of the week, they are going to be in a gaming environment," O'Hare said.

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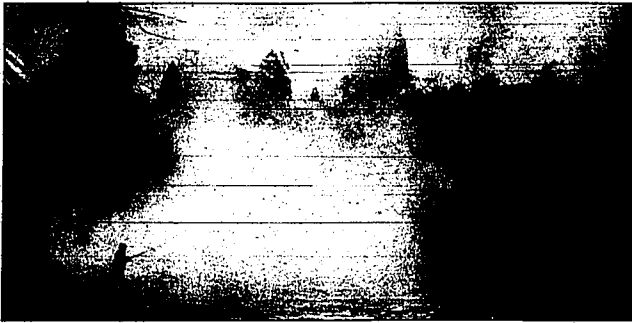
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Morning fog partially obscures an angler fishing the Sacramento River in Redding, Calif., Thursday. Cold weather has been forecast for the weekend.

University course covers a special kind of reconnaissance

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho State University is one of 13 schools in the nation teaching some students a special kind of spying.

The students, ranging from marketing majors to computer tech majors, aren't training for the CIA but for CI: competitive intelligence of competing businesses in their given industry.

"It's a lot of strategy, and I like that," says Jeff Sudmeier, a senior in marketing. "Technically, it's spying, but not in the exact sense of the word. Everything we do is legal and ethical."

In a class and a newly forming on-campus club, students learn to gather public information about corporations - such as stock market trends, corporate press releases and other public documents - and analyze it to predict the competition's next move.

"If you take any sort of marketing position, you'll be doing this sort of thing," Sudmeier says.

Sudmeier, along with advertising major Michael Stone and computer business equipment

technician major Curtis Race, are forming the first Idaho branch of the Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals.

So far, 13 people in Pocatello and Idaho Falls have professed interest, including marketing people at Melaleuca.

However, about eight more ISU students are needed to form an official group on campus.

"In part, it's an awareness campaign," Sudmeier says. "A lot of people get intimidated when they hear 'competitive intelligence.'"

Sudmeier says although a few businesses in the area, such as American Microsystems Inc., have a competitive intelligence position, many haven't heard of the relatively new career option.

It's the club's goal to spread the word. The field isn't exclusively for marketing majors. Race plans to work to apply competitive intelligence as a computer technician.

"It gives me a different way of looking at things," Race says.

"Even though I'll mostly work as a technician, it will give me an opportunity to look at how my competition does things."

Stone says the course is essential in advertising as well.

The course - usually offered only by the most prestigious business schools such as Harvard, the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and UCLA - is in its third year at ISU.

Paul Dishman, a marketing professor, started it after several years of doing competitive intelligence consulting on the side. He says the course has been a success.

Several graduates of the class have netted marketing or competitive intelligence positions at AMI, the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and Melaleuca.

In the course's three-year tenure at ISU, five graduates of the program now work with competitive intelligence full time, and three or four more flex their corporate spying skills for about 50 percent of their marketing jobs.

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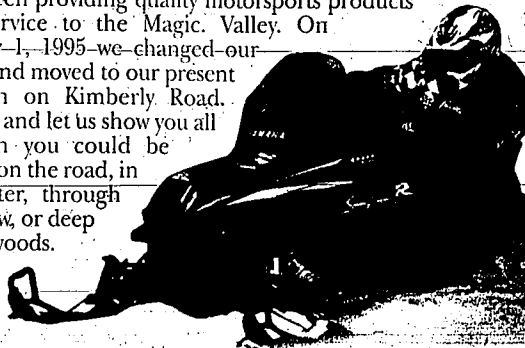
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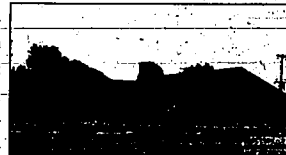
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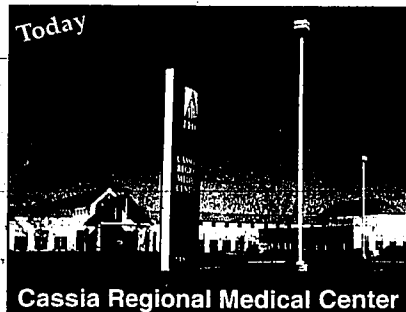
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MORNING BREAK

Last ten years have been the warmest of all

Can you come up with any words that start with "S" and end with "T"? From Greek, the word for "water," from Greek, the word for "city,"

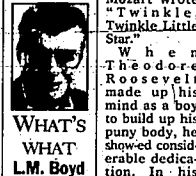
The Middle-English "awkward" meant "wrong way round." Out of that came "awkward" which once meant "turned in the wrong direction."

If you put your finger in ice water for 15 minutes four times a day, that finger will adapt in about a month, and therefore seem to stay perfectly warm when so immersed.

Baseball's footnotes suggest Casey Stengel once told his team: "All right, you guys, line up alphabetically by height." Caterpillars grow, butterflies don't.

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Mozart wrote "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." When Theodore Roosevelt made up his mind as a boy to build up his puny body, he showed considerable dedication. In his exercises to that end, he broke his arm, wrist, nose, shoulder and several ribs.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): For you this is make-over day. Tear down in order to rebuild. Scorpio individual will be at your side, willing to fight for your cause. HURRAH! CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You could be talk of the town. People discuss your theories, interviews, writings. You exude aura of personal magnetism, sensuality, sex appeal. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Attention revolves around home, family; acquisition of luxury items that helps beautify surroundings. Change of residence could be imminent along with marital status. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Accent - mystery, -intrigue, extrasensory perception. Important to see people, relationships as they exist and not merely as you wish they could be.

Jan-Michael Vincent will host party

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Actor Jan-Michael Vincent is heading back to the silver screen. The blond, blue-eyed star of the 1980s TV series "Airwolf" will be the grand marshal Friday at Los Angeles' New Year's Eve party at Van Nuys Airport. Vincent, 54, broke his neck in a drunken driving accident in 1996 and has battled domestic violence and assault allegations in the last decade. He's also been in and out of substance abuse programs over the last 15 years.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): When pressure is on, you are up to it. Pressure will be on - you'll have more responsibility and chance for greater financial reward. Capricorn involved. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Universal outlook necessary avoid narrow view at any cost. People sense you care, are drawn to you with their most intimate problems. Aries plays role. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): This is your chance to be independent, to imprint your style. Toss aside preconceived notions - listen to your own intuition and your heart. Leo is in picture. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You receive proposals, partnership and marriage. Faith is restored in your own ability - some people tell you that you are loved above all others. Cancer native featured. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You show many sides of yourself: passionate kind of love, daring. People you respect tell you "We like you this way, not so tight and tense." Sagittarian involved.

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NATION/WORLD

Ex-U.S. attorney general dies in Boston

BOSTON (AP) — Elliot Lee Richardson, who resigned as attorney general in 1973 in a historic showdown with President Richard M. Nixon over the Watergate investigation, died Friday at 79.

Richardson died of a cerebral hemorrhage at Massachusetts General Hospital after being admitted on Wednesday, hospital spokeswoman Nicole Gustin said.

President Clinton on Friday called Richardson "a man of uncommon integrity."

"(He) put the nation's interests first even when the personal cost was very high. He was an unparalleled public servant — a lawyer, a diplomat, a soldier, and a prosecutor," Clinton said.

In a wide-ranging career,

Richardson served as secretary of defense under Nixon, ambassador to Great Britain and U.S. representative to the Law of the Sea Conference during the Gerald Ford administration. He also ran for a U.S. Senate seat in Massachusetts in 1984.

But he was best known for his actions in 1973, when, during the height of the investigation into the break-in at Democratic Party headquarters at the Watergate Hotel, he refused Nixon's orders to fire the special prosecutor in the case, Archibald Cox.

The Republican president was battling Cox over his attempts to subpoena tape recordings of White House discussions believed relevant to the investigation of the Watergate break-in and the suspected cover-up by

the Republican president and his staff.

Nixon, who eventually was driven from office by the Watergate affair, contended the nine tapes being sought were privileged.

Richardson had promised during his confirmation hearings that Cox would have full subpoena powers, and he resigned instead of following Nixon's order to fire the prosecutor. His deputy, William French Smith, also refused to carry out the order and was fired. The confrontation became known as the Saturday Night Massacre.

"The more I thought about it, the clearer it seemed to me that public confidence in the investigation would depend on its being independent not only in fact but

in appearance," Richardson wrote in his 1996 book, "Reflections of a Radical Moderate."

Cox eventually was fired by Acting Attorney General Robert Bork, whose nomination for the Supreme Court years later would be denied.

Bork, a former US Appeals Court Judge and Solicitor General, expressed admiration for Richardson after learning about his death Friday.

"He was quite thoughtful and erudite," Bork said. "He had interesting insights into politics and the workings of government in general."

Richardson remained a man who followed his instincts, rather than party lines, throughout his life.

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Justice urges defender pay hike

WASHINGTON — Chief Justice William Rehnquist used his annual year-end report to remark on changes in the federal judiciary over the past 100 years and to again beseech Congress to raise the low rates paid court-appointed lawyers who represent poor people charged with federal crimes.

"Inadequate compensation for attorneys is seriously hampering the ability of courts to recruit and retain qualified (federal defenders) to provide effective representation," Rehnquist said.

He noted that Congress in 1986 approved a \$75 hourly rate but has never fully funded that amount. The traditional New Year's Day report offers the chief justice a forum to size up the judiciary and send a public message to Congress about overriding concerns. This year it also provided a vehicle for Rehnquist's whimsical personality.

As he surveyed changes in the judiciary, Rehnquist referred to the long-abandoned practice of judges journeying from courthouse to courthouse to hear cases. "A century that began with some federal judges still riding the circuits concludes with judges communicating by video conferencing, using a federal judicial television network, and in some instances reviewing briefs filed electronically."

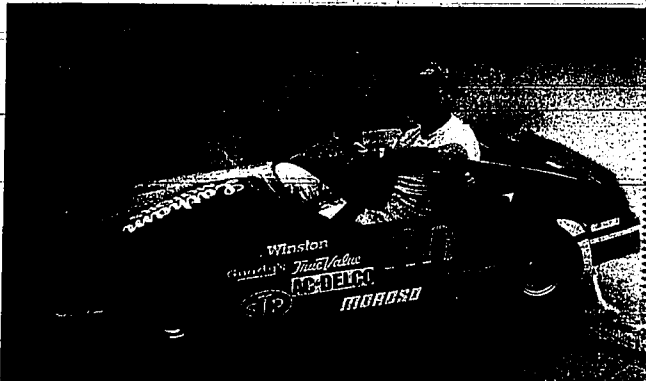
News in brief

Milosevic calls 1999 a year of glory, urges unity
BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — In a New Year's message Friday, Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic called the past year one of glory during which Yugoslavia defended itself against NATO.

He urged his people to rally behind the government as it works toward economic recovery.

Milosevic said Yugoslavia became a "symbol of resistance" during the NATO bombing of the country last spring, which was launched to force him to end his crackdown against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo and pull his troops out of the province.

— compiled from wire reports



Florida man faces charges in shooting rampage

TAMPA, Fla. — A housekeeper was charged Friday with opening fire inside a hotel crowded with football fans in town for a bowl game, killing four co-workers before shooting a fifth person dead as he tried to escape.

Three others were wounded in the 3 p.m. Thursday spree. One remained in critical condition early Friday, while the other was in serious condition. The third was treated and released on Thursday.

Silvio Izquierdo-Leyva, 36, was charged with five counts of first-degree murder and three counts of armed carjacking this morning during an initial hearing before Hillsborough County Circuit Court Judge Cynthia Holloway.

Izquierdo-Leyva, who is of Cuban descent, was informed of the charges through an interpreter. Izquierdo-Leyva was arrested shortly after he opened fire in the Radisson Bay Harbor Inn and struck seven people: two outside the front entrance, two in the lobby, one in another area, one by the pool and one in a restaurant.

Muslim-Christian clashes in Spice Islands worst ever

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Thousands of terrified residents fled bloody clashes between Christians and Muslims in Indonesia's Spice Islands, and security forces imposed a curfew on parts of the region, a top general said Friday.

Maluku commander Brig. Gen. Max Tamaela said the measure came after 350 people died in five days of sectarian violence.

Although Indonesia has been plagued by violence in recent months as several provinces seek independence, this week's carnage was the worst of any religious conflict in the republic's 50-year history. The bloody feud bodes ill for efforts by new President Abdurrahman Wahid to keep this ethnically and religiously diverse nation of 210 million people from fragmenting.

Suspect in Beattie attack sent to psychiatric unit

LONDON — As George Harrison recovered from a knife wound to his chest, the man accused of stabbing the former Beatle was sent to a psychiatric unit Friday for immediate treatment.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

I've tried to avoid dealing in hypotheticals. But if we put him in a position where he can go to another team, certainly Miami would be high on his list of places where he would like to play.

In Dayne's shadow, Cardinal craves respect

PASADENA, Calif. - Stop Ron Dayne? Stanford coach Tyrone Willingham dismisses the idea as ludicrous. The Heisman Trophy winner wraps up a record-breaking college career today as Wisconsin seeks a second straight Rose Bowl victory. Dayne needs 75 yards rushing against Stanford to reach 7,000 for his career, and he'll be facing the nation's fifth-worst defense.

Coming up roses

The Stanford Cardinal (8-3) vs. the Wisconsin Badgers (9-2)
Where: Pasadena, Calif.
When: Today, 2:30 p.m.
Television: ABC
Payoff: \$12 million
Latest Line: Badgers by 14

uncovered a secret to stopping Ron Dayne. But that's not the only problem facing the purple-clad Stanford, which will be playing in its first Rose Bowl in 28 years. The Cardinal's top defensive player, tackle Willie Howard, is hobbled by a torn ligament in his right knee and it's unclear how much he'll be able to play. Center Mike McLaughlin, who has started 45 straight games, is questionable after hurting his knee this week in practice.

And Troy Walters, who broke four Pac-10 career receiving records this season and won the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver, is doubtful after dislocating his right wrist in practice on Tuesday. But, after initially ruling Walters out of the game, Willingham said Friday he is not giving up hope the flanker can play.

Y2K OK?

Bowls say they're ready for clock management

The relationship between the sports fan and New Year's Day has long been a lovefest of television, cushy couches, junk-food

YEAR CRUNCH

All concerned have gone out of their way recently to assure us that everything would be just dandy when Friday turned to Saturday and 1999 became 2000. And as the new year dawned in the South Pacific Friday afternoon, Mountain Time, anyway, their reassurances seem to pan out - all quiet on the Oceanic front.

But what about the bowl games? Will couch potatoes actually have to vacate their posts and find something else to occupy their time today? The answer is a resounding "No!" by bowl executives.

Although necessary precautions have been taken to ward off potential problems, no one involved with the games is expecting anything to alter the normal course of New Year's Day.

IN BRIEF

Benefit tournament will be held Jan. 8

GOODING - A volleyball tournament to benefit needy Magic Valley children will be held next Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Gooding Middle School.

Lions demand Sanders repay \$5.5 million

PONTIAC, Mich. - Barry Sanders and the Detroit Lions are scheduled to go before an arbitrator Jan. 11 on the team's demand he repay \$5.5 million of a \$11 million signing bonus, the NFL said today.

Arrington makes himself ineligible for NFL draft

PITTSBURGH - Penn State linebacker LaVar Arrington said today he is giving up his senior year as expected and making himself ineligible for the NFL draft.

Retired boxer: I was offered money to lose

MIAMI - A retired boxer says he was offered \$30,000, the biggest sum of his career, to throw a fight to Roberto Duran when the legendary fighter was years past his prime.

Chargers give up on injured Leaf this season

SAN DIEGO - Quarterback Ryan Leaf, bothered by pain in his surgically repaired right shoulder, was placed on injured reserve Thursday by the San Diego Chargers.

Ducks strut in the Sun

Droughns helps Oregon end Pac-10 bowl drought

EL PASO, Texas - Keenan Howry's sliding catch of a 10-yard pass from Joey Harrington with 1:32 left lifted Oregon past No. 12 Minnesota 24-20 in the Sun Bowl on Friday.



Oregon's Joey Harrington (30) rushes five yards for a touchdown during the second quarter of the Ducks' 24-20 win over the Minnesota Gophers in the Sun Bowl Friday.

His dramatic catch capped an 87-yard drive that gave the Ducks (9-3) their sixth straight victory and denied the Golden Gophers (8-4) their first all-win season since 1905.

It also provided a measure of comfort for the Pac-10, whose teams were 0-3 in bowls after the league endured a spotty regular season.

The Gophers, in their first bowl game since 1996, were outplayed by Oregon defensive end Paul Fard. Cockerham threw three multi-passes, two to Ron Johnson, including a 7-yard pass on the first play of the fourth quarter that gave the Gophers a 20-17 lead. Cockerham also had three turnovers, including two interceptions.

The run-oriented Gophers abandoned their rushing game in the second half. At one point, Cockerham dropped back 12 straight times.

Cockerham and Arland Bruce connected on a 38-yard scoring play to open the second half, but freshman Dan Nystrom's second miss in 42 extra-point attempts left the Golden Gophers ahead 13-7. And it proved crucial in the closing minutes when Minnesota regained a touchdown and not just a tying field goal.

Harrington's sneak on fourth-and-inches on the next possession tied it and Nathan Villegas's eight-point game Oregon its first lead at 14:13 midway through the third quarter.

The Ducks, in their seventh

bow of the 1990s, increased the lead to 17-13 on a 37-yard field goal by Villegas, playing despite a torn knee ligament in his kicking leg. The kick came after a fake punt netted a first down when cornerback Willie Middlebrooks interferred with punter Kurtis Doer's perfect pass to Sonny Cook.

The Ducks and Gophers were tied 7-7 after a first half filled with 10 punts and featuring Cockerham lining up behind a guard instead of center and Villegas's field-goal attempt

ricocheting off the back of one of his linemen. Cockerham hit Luke Leverson between two defenders for a 36-yard gain inside the Oregon 10, setting up his 2-yard fade toss to Johnson that made it 7-0. The Ducks blew their first big opportunity when Reuben Droughns broke free for a 36-yard gain but cut into traffic instead of the open field on his way to the end zone, allowing defensive end Karon Riley to punch the ball loose. Middlebrooks recovered at the

Gophers 10. Oregon finally got it right on its eighth possession, when Harrington completed a 37-yard pass to Hartley at the Gophers 29, kick-starting the Ducks' stagnant offense. Hartley scored from five yards on a draw to tie it at 7 with 1:31 left in the half. Droughns gained 95 yards on 21 carries. He sat out much of the second half with cramps but returned on the final drive, gaining 11 yards on a run that set up Howry's winning score.

Broncos savor bowl debut

Win sparks cautious optimism for BSU coach Dirk Koetter

BOISE - Despite his 10-win season, a postseason victory and a bigger conference on the horizon, Boise State coach Dirk Koetter is cautious about declaring his program an up-and-comer.

"We're just going to count today," Koetter said after the Broncos beat Louisiana 34-31 in the Humanitarian Bowl on Thursday. "It was a great win. It felt great to be a part of something like this."



Boise State linebacker Kaseem Williams (42) celebrates his interception with teammates Brady Phillips in the fourth quarter of the Humanitarian Bowl.

Athletic Conference in 2001, improved to 8-0 this season on the blue turf at Bronco Stadium. They also beat Louisville (7-5) from Conference USA.

"This was a big victory for other reasons. The Broncos won on the third anniversary of the cancer death of former coach Pokey Allen. And in preseason practice, freshman defensive lineman Paul Reyna died after hitting his head on Bronco Stadium's artificial turf. Although he wore a helmet, the impact ruptured a blood vessel in his brain. "This game was definitely an emotional experience for all of us," said junior quarterback Bart Hendricks, who was recruited by Allen. "This win is great for the seniors. After all we've been through, it's great for them to finish on top." Seldom-used freshman running back Brock Forsyey rushed for 152 yards and added 39 return yards and caught a 50-yard pass to the

NFL nears end of upside-down year

The up teams were down, the down teams were up, and the entire NFL season was upside down. How else can you explain the possibility that the Super Bowl might well feature two teams, Indianapolis and St. Louis, that combined for seven wins last year? "I don't know. I don't get it," says Michael Strahan of the New York Giants, a team typical of this season - they're 7-8, yet enter the final weekend with a shot at a playoff berth in the NFC. "Some weeks we look like world-beaters and other weeks we look like Santa Claus. We're giving away gifts. I don't know how we do it." Strahan doesn't know, and neither do the coaches and players on most of the rest of the NFL's teams. What they probably don't realize is that free agency and the

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salary cap have caused players to defect from strong teams with high payrolls to weaker ones with lower payrolls, bringing everyone back to the middle. So last year's Super Bowl teams, Denver and Atlanta, have slipped horribly, in part due to injury and, in Denver's case, the retirement of John Elway. The Broncos also lost Terrell Davis, the NFL's MVP last season, tight end Shannon Sharpe and linebacker John Mobley to injuries. "The Falcons lost their star running back, Jamal Anderson, to a wrecked knee." The New York Jets, one of the preseason favorites in the AFC, and San Francisco, which will have its first losing season since 1982, also slipped badly. The Jets, who came back to play spoiler

Sun Devils' hot House cooks in last four games

The Associated Press

Arizona State's Eddie House has rebounded from the worst outing of his career with an impressive four-game run.

The 6-foot-5 senior guard went 0-for-16 from the field and had five points in the Sun Devils' 76-77 loss to Brigham Young on Dec. 7. An 11-day break for final exams did wonders for House.

In the next four games House averaged 35 points and shot 57.5 percent (50-of-87), including 18-of-32 from three-point range. Three of those three-pointers landed into four-point places when he fouled and made the free throw.

Against Penn State in the first game of the run, House was 14-for-18 from the field, including 6-for-6 on 3-pointers. The last of the four saw House get a career-high 46 points against San Diego State.

Arizona State's next game is Thursday at No. 1 Stanford.

NCAA Notebook

Miny East

When the Big East was put together just more than two decades ago, the talk was of how the conference concept would help the recruiting of all the schools in the hotbed areas.

It has as the league's rosters have been full of the best players from places such as New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago and Minnesota.

That's right, Minnesota. The leading scorer for three Big East schools this season is a guard from Minnesota.

Boston College freshman Troy Bell, of Minneapolis, is second in the league in scoring at 19.0. Junior Khalid El-Amin, of Minneapolis, is averaging 15.6 points for defending national champion Connecticut.

Sophomore Darius Lane, of Fridley, Minn., leads Seton Hall instant replay returned in a new form. It seemed to work - there were no major controversies, although two coaches, Tony Dungy of Tampa Bay and Jim Fassel of the Giants, seemed to lose every challenge that involved them.

But mostly it was the season with a few good teams, a few bad ones, and about 20-odd average teams. At the top are four teams that look like they have Super Bowl potential. Two, the Colts and Rams, have come from nowhere.

The Rams, 4-12 a year ago, are 13-2, in part because Kurt Warner, a refugee from the Arena League and NFL Europe, is having an MVP-type season at quarterback after being exposed to the expansion draft last spring.

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But Warner received record-setting help from Marshall Faulk, who has more than 1,000 yards rushing and receiving - only the second player in the NFL history to do that.

with a 14.0 average.

Getting a grand

Scoring 1,000 points is still a big deal in college basketball despite a player only having to average about nine points a game to do it.

Two players have reached the milestone this season at Georgia Tech but it was a career 1,000. Last Wednesday, senior center Jason Collier did it when he scored a career-high 22 against Wake Forest. That gave him 1,006 for his career, 600 with the Yellow Jackets and 406 at Indiana.

Junior Shaun Fein scored his 1,000th point with the opening basket of the game against Washington. He has 1,064 points, 971 in two seasons at Division II Stonehill.

Loose group

Tulsa entered the Top 25 last week for the first time in almost three years and the 25th-ranked

Golden Hurricane are taking things in stride.

"This team right now the way we are playing amazes me because we're just loose enough that you worry about it if they are ready," Tulsa coach Bill Self said after the Golden Hurricane (13-1) beat North Texas 113-77 Thursday night. "But in a lot of ways being loose is better than being uptight and focused. We've got a collective group of guys that are focused but still yet just want to have fun. And we'll have fun, so it's a nice mix."

Self said having a number in front of their name probably won't affect his players.

"As long as we understand how much time and how hard we had to work to get there," he said. "It's hard to get in the Top 25 if you never play on the national stage, so it's such. If we can just understand that it is going to be harder staying there and take that approach, then we should be OK."

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The Colts, 3-13 last season, are also 13-2, the best one-season turnaround in NFL history.

They have benefited from some good free-agent signings and the quick development of quarterback Peyton Manning, last year's No. 1 overall draft pick. Rookie running back Edgerrin James, a surprise first-round choice ahead of Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams, has been sensational.

The other two top contenders are Jacksonville (13-2) and Tennessee (12-3), who enter the final weekend fighting for the AFC Central title.

NFL

Continued from B1. against playoff hopefuls, lost quarterback Vinny Testaverde in the first game with a torn ACL tendon, and the 49ers lost Steve Young in the second to a concussion.

Green Bay, winner of the 1997 Super Bowl and loser in 1998, is like the Giants, one of those 7-8 teams hovering at the edge of the NFC playoff cutoff. Its decline is the result of frequent defections and a thumb injury to quarterback Brett Favre that has left him at less than his best.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Tie gets U.S. into Junior Hockey quarters

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - The United States came from behind for a 1-1 tie against Canada Friday in Pool A at the World Junior Hockey Championships. Jeff Taffe of Minnesota scored with seven minutes remaining to assist by Brett Nowak of Harvard and Ron Hainsey of the University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

Primeau to Phoenix deal nixed by contract

RALEIGH - Keith Tkachuk's \$8.3 million contract for next season has blocked a trade that would have sent Carolina's Keith Primeau to Phoenix.

The proposed trade would have sent Primeau along with defenseman Dave Karpa, now with Carolina's top minor league team in Cincinnati, and two undisclosed draft picks to Phoenix for Tkachuk.

Hurricanes' owner Peter Karmanos said Tkachuk's contract made a deal unrealistic. The three-time All-Star, who has two 50-goal seasons, is making \$4.3 million this year-but his salary jumps to \$8.3 million next year.

"Keith Tkachuk has a stupid contract," Karmanos told The News & Observer of Raleigh.

CSU extends Lubick's contract for five years

FORT COLLINS, Colo. - Colorado State University gave football coach Sonny Lubick a five-year extension Friday, a reward for leading the Rams to four conference titles in seven seasons.

"Coach Lubick and his staff and players have moved our football program to national prominence with hard work, dedication and integrity," Athletic Director Tim Weisger said in a statement.

Entering the Liberty Bowl against Southern Mississippi on Friday in Memphis, Tenn., Lubick had a 57-26 overall record.

Patrick Jeffers to stay with Panthers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - One of the hottest wide receivers in the NFL is staying put. Patrick Jeffers signed a contract extension Thursday that will keep him with the Carolina Panthers through the 2003 season.

The four-year deal is worth about \$10 million and includes a \$3 million signing bonus, sources who spoke on the condition of anonymity told The Associated Press.

Compiled from wire reports

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SPORTS

This is the week to go with the spoilers

The Associated Press

The New York Jets, who were supposed to challenge for a Super Bowl spot this season, have had to settle for the role of spoiler.

They've been doing a pretty good job of it. They're 6-2 after starting 1-6 and every team they've beaten harbored playoff hopes. Two wins in three weeks over Miami have kept the Dolphins from clinching a playoff spot.

Now Seattle, which ended a four-game losing streak by beating Kansas City last week, comes to the Meadowlands needing a win to wrap up its first AFC West title and first playoff berth since 1988.

The Seahawks, who are 1-point underdogs, have reason beyond the playoffs to want this one.

They were robbed of a win, and perhaps a playoff spot, when Vinny Testaverde was incorrectly ruled over the goal line on a fourth-down play in the final seconds that gave the Jets a victory last season.

But there are a lot of incentives here for New York.

One is a 500 season for a team that began 1-6 after Testaverde went down. The second is the continuing development of Ray Lucas and the young offensive linemen who make the future bright. With Testaverde back next season, the Jets will have a content backup.

One other thing: In this wacky season, the team that needs the game more rarely seems to win.

JETS, 24-20

Oakland (plus 4.5) at Kansas City

If the Chiefs win and Seahawks don't, the Chiefs win the West. Kansas City has won 18 of the last 20 meetings and has lost just once at home this year.

CHIEFS, 22-12

New York Giants (plus 6.5) at Dallas

Two mediocre teams battling

Bears' chilly tradition continues

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) - When temperatures dip into the teens and the snow starts flying, it means certain things in Chicago: Snow tires, salt trucks, holiday windows at Marshall Field's downtown.

And Chicago Bears offensive linemen going sleeveless.

"It's just to show toughness," center Casey Wiegman said. "I don't really know why; it's just something I've always done."

While teammates don layer after layer to ward against the bitter chill of late-season games, the Bears' offensive line proudly flirts with hypothermia. There are no long-sleeved shirts, turtle-necks or thermal underwear beneath their jerseys, only bare arms.

And woe to anyone who thinks of layering up on game-day.

"Actually, we had one guy with long sleeves this year early," Wiegman said, describing how that look didn't last long.

"We made the trainers cut them."

The sleeveless rule will be in full force Sunday, when Chicago hosts Tampa Bay. High temperatures are supposed to be in the low 30s.

The Bears' sleeveless tradition dates back to the glory days of the 1980s, when Chicago's offensive linemen were some of the biggest, meanest and toughest in the league. Not even the harsh elements of the Windy City could humble them.

"It's a law," said tackle James "Big Cat" Williams, the elder statesman of the offensive line and the judge and jury on sleeves.

Center Olin Kreutz, who grew up in Hawaii, won't even think of wearing sleeves. Tackle Blake Brockermeier was Chicago's biggest pickup in free agency, but the rest of the line was quick to let the Texas native know he wasn't getting any special treatment when the temperatures dropped.

"We told Brock if he even looks like he's going to bring a long-sleeved shirt to a game, we'll cut up everything in his locker," Williams said. "The shirt he's wearing home... we'll cut the sleeves off."

for a playoff spot they don't deserve. The Cowboys need only to win to get an unearned spot. GIANTS, 17-16

Tampa Bay (minus 3.5) at Chicago

The Bucs can take the Central with a win. BUCS, 13-9

Detroit (plus 7) at Minnesota

The Lions finish by losing six of eight, but still make the playoffs. VIKINGS, 34-10

Indianapolis (minus 1) at Buffalo

The Colts don't seem too excited about the chance to get home field throughout... COLTS, 17-18

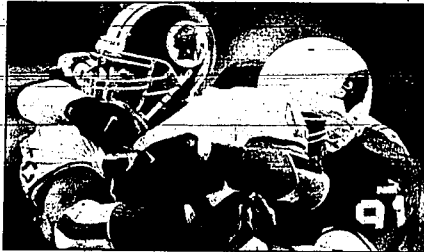
Arizona (plus 7) at Green Bay

As badly as the Packers are playing, what are the chances of a team from the desert winning at Lambeau? PACKERS, 26-10

San Francisco (plus 6.5) at Atlanta

This was set for the last Monday night because it was supposed to decide the NFC West. FALCONS, 34-33

Miami (plus 3) at Washington



Arizona Cardinals' lineman Rashod Swinger (91) grabs the face mask of Washington Redskins running back Stephen Davis during fourth-quarter action recently at FedEx Field in Landover, Md.

The Dolphins will know by game time if they're in or out. The way they've been playing, it doesn't matter. REDSKINS, 24-16

Tennessee (minus 4) at Pittsburgh

The Titans still have incentive. TITANS, 16-11

Cincinnati (plus 9) at Jacksonville

Even with Jay Fiedler at quarterback for the Jaguars... JAGUARS, 27-9

New Orleans (plus 9) at Carolina

The Panthers still have that itsy-bitsy playoff shot. PANTHERS, 24-13

Vermeil doesn't relish idea of MVP debate

Toss-up between Faulk, Warner

Rams' sore spot

ST. LOUIS (AP) - The MVP question, Kurt Warner or Marshall Faulk, has become something of a touchy subject at Rams Park.

Coach Dick Vermeil took time out of a busy day of game preparations late this week to meet with both of his candidates and assure them he was in both of their corners.

"If I had a vote, I'd tear it up and wouldn't use it," Vermeil said.

A few weeks ago, Vermeil said Warner, who has a chance to break the record for passer rating and needs one touchdown pass for 40, was his MVP choice.

He still thinks Warner has the best chance, because quarterbacks historically get the nod in this type of vote. Twice as many quarterbacks (26) as running backs (13) have been selected, with linebacker (2), defensive end (1), defensive tackle (1) and kicker (1) bringing up the rear.

The MVP, selected by a national panel of writers and broadcasters, will be announced

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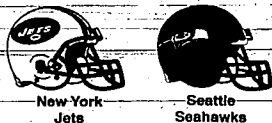
Seahawks look to quiet Jets' roar

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Revenge is sweet, particularly when it brings you a playoff berth and a division title.

The Seattle Seahawks can get all three Sunday if they beat the New York Jets. Seattle (9-6) wins the AFC West with a victory, regardless of what Kansas City does at home against Oakland. The Seahawks would be making their first trip to the playoffs since 1988, ending the longest drought in the NFL.

And, perhaps just as fulfilling, they can avenge one of the most egregious calls made by NFL officials last season — a blown call at the goal line in the dying seconds that awarded Jets quarterback Vinny Testaverde a game-winning touchdown. New York won 32-31 at Giants Stadium on Dec. 6, 1998, severely damaging Seattle's postseason chances.

"It wasn't a touchdown," linebacker Darrin Smith said. "I remember that the most. It drove me crazy because we saw our playoff hopes go down the drain. We realistically had a chance. It was very disappointing for us. And the fact that he was so far away



New York Jets Seattle Seahawks

from the end zone really hurt." Replays showed Smith was correct, but there was no instant replay in use to help officials back then. The blown call went a long way toward its reinstatement by the league for this season, particularly after NFL officiating director Jerry Seeman told the Seahawks the call was incorrect.

"I remember a touchdown," Jets center Kevin Mawae, a former Seahawk, said with a wide smile. "That's all that matters. Everything besides that doesn't matter."

Mawae ran into Seahawks quarterback Jon Kitna during the offseason and took some ribbing about the touchdown. "Kitna told me I owed him some playoff

money," Mawae said. "Those guys know they missed an opportunity, and the league felt they had to do something about it, and now we have instant replay — and that doesn't work, either."

When this game was set in the schedule last spring, it was projected as a key test in the Jets'-Super-Bowl-run. Coming off a 12-4 season and a trip to the AFC title game, they were an AFC favorite.

But injuries, particularly Testaverde going down in the season opener with a torn Achilles' tendon, wrecked their year. The Jets are 7-8, but they've won six of the last eight and are one of the league's hottest teams.

The Seahawks are not. They had command of the division with an 8-2 mark, then slumped badly. A 23-14 victory over the Chiefs got them on track, but Sunday's game still is critical.

"I'd prefer it this way," guard Brian Habib said. "I think teams sometimes tend to lose their edge when they clinch maybe two weeks before the season ends and then have a week off afterward."

Pack needs victory, help to make playoffs

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Win, then watch. And not like crazy for the New York Giants. That's all the Green Bay Packers can do Sunday.

"I don't think any of us going into the last game thought it would be for 8-8 and vaguely a chance for the playoffs," said quarterback Brett Favre.

But that's how this season of frustration has evolved for the Packers, and the playoffs are no longer solely in their control.

Staggered by a three-game losing streak, they teeter on missing the postseason for the first time since 1992.

Then-coach Mike Holmgren's first season. The six-year run has included two trips to the Super Bowl and one world championship.

Now the Packers must not only beat another struggling team, the Arizona Cardinals, who are already out of contention, but then huddle to watch the Giants-Cowboys game, which will start about when the game ends.

"We can't control what other people do, but that's been the case all year," receiver Antonio Freeman said. "We haven't won the games we've needed to."

"We've been given opportunity all year and we just haven't cashed in."

Now the Packers have to take care of the Cardinals in Lambeau Field, where they are just 4-3 this year, and then rush to the TV sets.

"Because we do play first, we have to assume they (the Cowboys) will lose," Packers

safety LeRoy Butler said. "I hate assuming that, but we dug ourselves in a hole. We have to play this game with the same desire as if we're already in."

A Dallas victory sends the Cowboys to the playoffs at 8-8 regardless of what the Packers do.

Green Bay needs to beat Arizona and have the Giants win over the Cowboys.

Then the Packers could claim the NFC's final postseason spot over New York and Carolina with — most — net points in conference games. Green Bay enters Sunday's game with an 18-point edge over the Panthers, 56 over the Carolina game.

Carolina faces New Orleans on Sunday. "It'd be nice to get in. Whether we deserve it or not, it doesn't matter," said Favre, who bottles a thumb injury most of the season that has limited his effectiveness. The three-time MVP has 20 interceptions and 19 touchdown passes.

"We'll see what happens. I don't have my hand packed yet. Some might, but I don't," he said.

"We haven't won the games we've needed to. We've been given opportunity all year and we just haven't cashed in."

— Antonio Freeman, Green Bay wide receiver

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Suns forward Gugliotta recalls seizure

PHOENIX (AP) — Tom Gugliotta remembers waking up in a hospital bed, not knowing where he was, a tube stuck down his throat.

"It was terrifying," he said. "It was unbelievable to wake up and have people standing over you and you're-in-that-bad-of-a-situation."

In the days that followed the Phoenix Suns' forward's life-threatening seizure on Dec. 17, Gugliotta learned from doctors just how fortunate he was to be alive.

"They told me how lucky I was and how prompt the care I got was through the paramedics and the hospital, and my teammates who notified people that I wasn't feeling good," he said Thursday.

All of those things played a part in me still being here. It's certainly not a different perspective on a lot of things."

Gugliotta has begun to work out and plans to resume practicing with the Suns today. He believes he will be able to play by Phoenix's next game



Phoenix Suns Tom Gugliotta meets with media at the America West Arena after practice Thursday. Gugliotta almost fully recovered from a seizure that nearly killed him, said he hopes his experience serves as a lesson for others. The Phoenix Suns' team doctor believes that a food supplement that the FDA said is illegal to manufacture and distribute probably caused Gugliotta's seizure.

Tuesday against Charlotte. He will bring with him a new appreciation of just how precious life is.

"I feel very lucky that I was able to recover this quickly and to have no long-term effects," he said.

"I can't possibly be any more

thankful to have my life back and have a second chance at being around my family and my daughter and playing the game."

Gugliotta said he will never know for sure, but team doctor Richard Emerson believes that the seizure probably was caused

by a supplement Gugliotta took moments earlier.

One of the ingredients of the supplement has been linked to seizures by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which has classified it as an unapproved drug that is illegal to manufacture and distribute.

Warriors honor Wilt by retiring jersey

The Associated Press

The first NBA team that Wilt Chamberlain ever played for, the Warriors, honored the late basketball great Wednesday night, retiring his No. 13 jersey in an emotional halftime ceremony.

Chamberlain, who died Oct. 12 of a heart attack, became the first player in NBA history to have his jersey retired by three different teams. The Philadelphia 76ers and Los Angeles Lakers also retired the jersey of Chamberlain, a Hall of Famer and 13-time All Star. The 76ers defeated Golden State 97-94.

Strong December

After their 103-87 victory over Phoenix on Wednesday night, the Los Angeles Lakers finished December with a 14-1 record, with their only loss a 103-91 setback at Sacramento on Dec. 8. They hadn't won 14 games in a month since going 14-3 in March 1986.

NBA Notebook

Scoring watch

Washington's Mitch Richmond needs just two points to pass Isiah Thomas for 35th place on the NBA's career scoring list.

Sibling rivalry

During Sacramento's 113-104 victory over the SuperSonics on Wednesday night, Seattle's Brent Barry was called for a flagrant foul when he fouled his older brother, Jon, on a breakaway with 11:43 to go in the second period. "I'll get him when he gets home tonight," Jon Barry said.

Strange example

Isiah Rider missed the Atlanta Hawks' team flight to Detroit this week after questioning his teammates' desire to win following a 116-89 loss to Indiana.

Champs to chumps

Jordan-less Bulls plummet to bottom

CHICAGO (AP) — The Banner hangs in the rafters of the United Center, near Michael Jordan's retired number and close to the banners for each of the Chicago Bulls' championships.

The vibrant red "72" in the middle symbolizes greatness. A mark of excellence against which all future NBA champions will be measured.

Four years after that history-making 72-10 season, the Bulls are a dynasty in ruins. The NBA Finals are as unreachable as those banners high above the floor, and, at 2-25, the Bulls are closer to the NBA's mark for futility than their glory days.

"You never expect for it to be this rough because this is an absolute extreme," coach Tim Floyd said. "Frankly, it kills me because I know I'm a part of what we're going through. But I understand why we're going through it and where we are."

"I knew it was going to be a very difficult process," he added. "Sometimes, you have to take a step back before you go forward." The Bulls were expected to be bad this year. Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman, his magical reappearer in the offseason. What these Bulls have are pieces for the future in rookies Elton Brand, the No. 1 draft pick, and Ron Artest.

But this team isn't just struggling. It could be worse than the 1922-73 Philadelphia 76ers who went 9-73. "I personally think things are going to turn around," said Wilt Perdue, back with the Bulls after playing on the first three championship teams. "I've seen vast improvement in a lot of individuals. If we could put that together as a team, I wouldn't think we would have to worry" about the 76ers' record for futility.

Right now, though, it's all Chicago can do to hold itself together. In what has to be some sort of psychobreak from the basketball gods, the already-disastrous Bulls have been plagued by injuries. "I do know that they would be different with our veterans in terms of the win-loss column," Floyd said. "That's certain in my mind. I don't know how many more wins, but there would be more wins." Toni Kukoc has played only four games this season. B.J. Armstrong missed 17 games because of knee surgery. Hersey Hawkins, who had the second-longest active streak of consecutive games at 527, has

now missed 10 games. Last week, the Bulls played two games with six players on the bench in street clothes.

"I've never seen six guys sitting in civvies and nine guys dressed," general manager Jerry Krause said. "We've just had one after another after another and it just doesn't stop."

While the Bulls might be the laughingstock of the NBA, Krause insists the decision to gut the team and start over when Jordan retired was the right one. They couldn't bring back Rodman without Jordan to keep him in line.

Pippen had just had back surgery and was looking for a long-term, big-money contract. Holding onto a few role members of the championship team didn't make sense, either, Krause said. Nostalgia's nice, but it would have doomed the Bulls to years of mediocrity.

"We felt we'd rather drop down and have a chance to win," Krause said. "I'm not in this anymore to be mediocre. I'm 60. Obviously, I want to win."

Despite their dismal record, the Bulls are still box-office champions. The team is worth \$307 million, second only to the Knicks, and it generated \$67 million in revenue last year, also second to New York.

CHICAGO (BULLS)



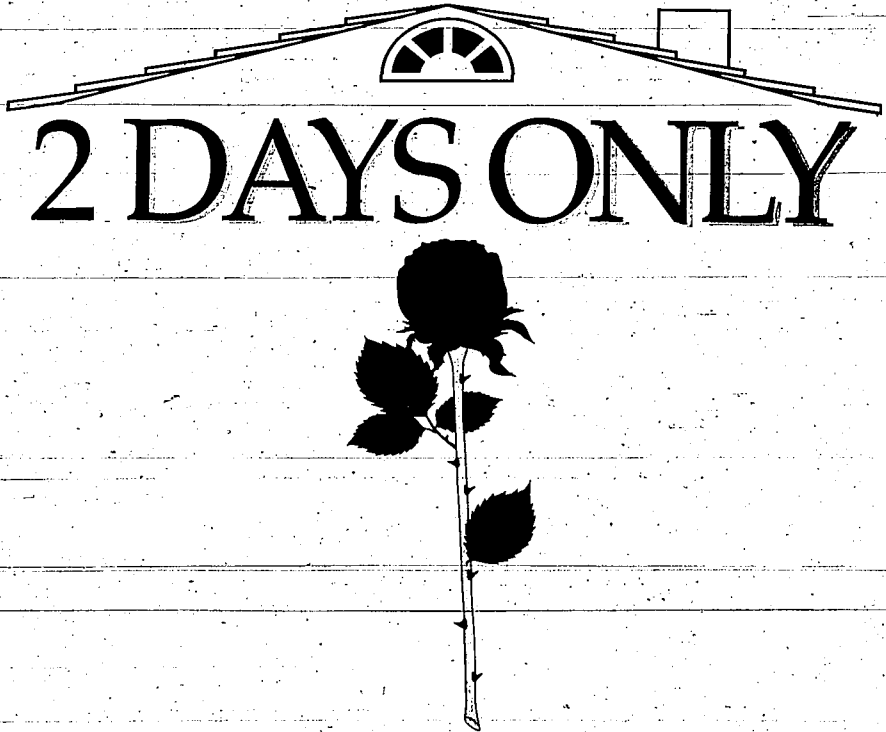
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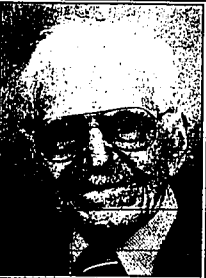
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Section E

THE FUTURE



Medicine, even in the next few decades, will look a lot different than standard practices in this century, experts predict.

Medical future: Genetic breakthroughs, ethics challenges

The Associated Press

Crystal ball gazing is a risky hobby at best — but it is hard to think of an area where the uncertainties are greater than in the realm of medicine.

Just a generation ago, who would have predicted that surgeons would someday take out gallbladders without making big incisions, that genetic manipulation would be a routine source of useful drugs, that pills would lower cholesterol, grow hair and improve sexual performance?

"We are doing things now that we wouldn't have dreamed of even 10 years ago," muses Dr. Robert O. Bonow, a heart specialist at Northwestern University. "A lot of this is unimaginable."

Still, some research directions are set and some goals are clear, and the Associated Press asked experts in several medical specialties to make their best guesses about what we can expect in the next 25 or 30 years. Here are their answers:

Cancer

Optimism for screening, therapy

Dr. Robert Mayer, chief of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston.

"I'm very optimistic that we're going to make great inroads into cancer prevention.

Developing a vaccine against the hepatitis C virus will be critically important in preventing

liver cancer. The abolition of tobacco will reduce cancer enormously, as will the use of prophylactic compounds such as tamoxifen for breast cancer or aspirin and folic acid for colon cancer.

Screening technology will also undergo a revolution. Virtual colonoscopy, a very elegant computerized x-ray technique to simulate the appearance of the colon, will very likely improve patient ease and compliance with this very important test.

Mammography for breast cancer will likely improve through computerized technology, and better and more specific blood tests will make screening for prostate cancer more effective.

We will be able to identify and counsel individuals with strong family histories of malignancy far better.

I hope we will be able to refine gene therapy by either replacing an abnormal gene or turning it off.

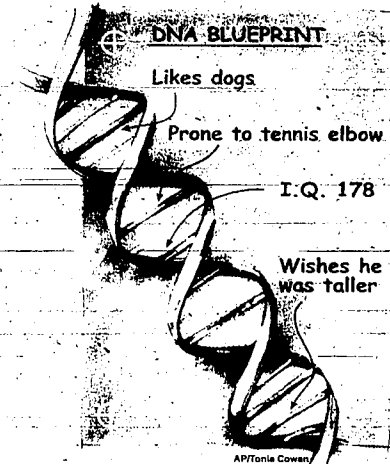
Gene therapy may also focus on stimulating the body's own immune response to selectively destroy the tumor, or take advantage of the unique genetic pattern in malignant cells to target biological treatments to those cells.

I hope newer forms of systemic treatment will be more specific, making them far less toxic and far better tolerated.

Transplants

Educating the immune system

Dr. J. Richard Thistlewaite, chief of transplant surgery,



University of Chicago.

First, new surgical techniques will make it far easier for living donors to give organs or parts of organs to those in need.

The donor shortage has created

a lottery where the winners get transplants and the losers die. The government and the transplant community are trying to devise schemes to provide equal access. In time, human organ

donation will be replaced by transplantation of animal organs. Herds of genetically mutated pigs are being developed to provide organs for transplant on demand.

Second, new medicines will let us educate the immune system to look at a transplanted organ as "self" rather than "nonself." Medicines today that prevent organ rejection are expensive and dangerous. They suppress all immune responses and must be continued for life. Transplant patients are trading one disease for another — organ failure for immunosuppression.

Finally, we will be able to change organs themselves by transplanting genes to help prevent organ failure and organ rejection. Cell transplants, like nerve cells, rather than organs, will be used to treat illnesses like diabetes and Parkinson's or Alzheimer's disease. And then the ultimate science fiction dream that will become reality will be the ability to clone entire new organs from single cells.

Ultimately, we should be able to actually grow new kidneys, new hearts — any organ or tissue.

Mental health

Brain scans will aid diagnosis

Dr. Steven E. Hyman, director, National Institute of Mental Health.

I think changes in our approach to mental illness will be among the most revolutionary, compared to other areas of medicine. Right now, diagnoses, while they can be

made with relative certainty for illnesses such as depression and schizophrenia, still remain anchored in symptoms and behavior. Thirty years from now we're going to have diagnoses based on brain scans, or brain scans plus genetic tests. That will provide a great deal more certainty.

The second thing is, within the next decade, we will have discovered many genes that create vulnerability to mood disorders, to schizophrenia, to autism and to several other mental disorders. These discoveries will play out so that by 30 years from now, we will have treatments that will really make an enormous difference in these illnesses.

It is still unfortunately true that many people who suffer depression are made to feel in some way that it's their fault, or if they were just trying hard enough, they could shake it off. I think the science will help the public understand broadly that these are real disorders of an organ, the brain, just as coronary artery disease is a disease of another organ, the heart, and that these conditions have nothing to do with moral weakness, or in no way reflect something that can just be shaken off without treatment.

Genetics

Tools for targeting treatment

Dr. David R. Cox, professor of genetics and pediatrics, Stanford University.

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What happens when Armageddon doesn't occur?

Cult treatment center braces itself for the bummed out

The Associated Press

ALBANY, Ohio — After quietly existing deep in southeast Ohio's Appalachian foothills for 14 years, a treatment center for former cult members anticipates that the year 2000 could be a busy one.

The WellSpring Retreat and Resource Center, which bills itself as the nation's only live-on-site counseling center for recovering cult victims, expects that its disillusioned by unfulfilled millennial prophecies to soon dot its client list.

"It could be an interesting year," said founder Paul Martin, a psychologist and former cult member. "There won't be some quantum shift in the need for our services, but there could be a lot of failed prophecy after this event."



Lawrence Pile
Cult researcher

And that, he said, "could lead to cult members questioning their leaders and possibly leaving."

Already, the staff — composed mostly of former cult followers — has lined up more than 75 clients to treat in 2000, compared with about 50 seen in 1999, said Liz Shaw, an outreach coordinator.

Many cult leaders have predicted the return of Jesus Christ, the

apocalypse and mass deaths with the turn of the century.

Members of Concerned Christians, a Denver-based group, were expelled from Athens, Greece, earlier this month and went missing amid fears the group was planning to mark 2000 with a mass suicide. The group's leader, Monte Kim Miller, has said he would die in the streets of Jerusalem this month and be resurrected three days later.

Relatives of Miller's followers fear that when the apocalypse doesn't arrive, he will create the scenario for his own martyrdom and take his flock — which includes infants, his 10-year-old son and a 69-year-old woman — with him.

In October, Israel expelled more than a dozen Americans believed to be part of doomsday

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Cult survivor Liz Shaw works in the WellSpring Retreat and Resource Center office in Albany, Ohio.

AP photo

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Medicine

Continued from E2.
Genetics is like fire. It can burn you, or it can cook your dinner. It holds great promise in the next 10 years. But it won't fundamentally change medicine. It's more information, another piece of the puzzle.

By mapping the human genome, to say that you know how it all works is silly beyond belief. That's like saying if I spread all the parts of a car on the garage floor, I can understand each of them and how they cause a car to run.

So how will it be practical? Today we go to the doctor and describe a variety of symptoms. The physician considers a variety of ailments and narrows down what it could be.

Genetic medicine will be much more targeted because it will be tied to how your cells work. We'll know that a gene makes some protein product. But there are minor changes from one person to another.

That means that in maybe one out of five patients, the genetic treatment will work. Genetic medicine will be more targeted because it will be evidence-based, rather than medicine based on expert opinion.

But what about the other 80 percent? This will be a new region where research and clinical practice will overlap. Large numbers of people, already enrolled in clinical trials. The public will be an active participant in medicine, and research and clinical practice will be close to one in the same.

Heart disease

Better drugs, virtual operating rooms.

Dr. Robert O. Boniw, chief of cardiology, Northwestern University.

We will have much better drug therapy for various forms of heart disease. Heart failure will be more easily treated - and perhaps prevented - by rapid, early administration of drugs to people with heart attacks. These will not just open the arteries but also slow the heart to withstand damage better. We will also have new and ingenious ways of preventing blood clots in arteries, so there

will be fewer heart attacks. We will be much better at getting devices into arteries to open them up. Surgical techniques will be robotic. In a virtual operating room, a surgeon will sit and operate on the heart of a patient who is in a different place.

Gene therapy will be well understood. Right now, we are at the early stages and don't know the risk involved of inserting genes in various places. Hopefully in 25 years, we will be at a point where we can treat the genetic abnormalities in heart disease by inserting the right genes and removing the wrong ones. This could prevent the development of atherosclerosis, keep arteries from developing blood clots and generate heart muscle, when tissue dies.

Our diagnostic imaging techniques clearly will be a lot better. What we do now will seem old-fashioned and laughable in 10 or 20 years. We will have much more information about the function of the heart, have images of the blood vessels themselves and have three-dimensional pictures so we can look at the heart from the inside out, all without penetrating the body.

Medical ethics

Designed babies, brain implants.

Arthur L. Caplan, director of the Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania.
It's going to become very uncommon that you wouldn't want to know your genetic makeup. Few women today over 35 would think of having a baby without getting an amniocentesis (a test for certain fetal abnormalities). It just became part of what a responsible person does. Just take out the genetic discrimination part of the insurance problem, then people won't be afraid of other types of genetic testing.

I think we'll also be watching another heated debate about assisted suicide, not a debate about what to do if you're terminally ill, but a debate about what to do if you're demoted. Do you have the right to end your life?

I think there will be a debate about whether to use scientific knowledge to design babies, not

by changing their genes, but by at least screening embryos, testing embryos for their traits. There will be some discussion about whether eugenics is a good thing to try to improve your kid.

I think we'll see more artificial organs, man-made parts. I think we will see the first effort to use implants into the human brain to repair things, so someone might get an implant to boost their memory or to help their dyslexia. I think we'll also see strong pressure to identify children in school who might be at risk or encounter problems through this kind of forensic study of the brain.

I think in 25 years someone will have made the first artificial life form, a virus or a bacterium in the lab, using gene mapping.

Stroke

Strides in prevention, nerve restoration.

Dr. Anthony J. Furlan, medical director, Cerebrovascular Center, Cleveland Clinic.
New risk factors for stroke are constantly being identified. Most excitingly, new genetic markers of atherosclerosis may allow us to identify persons at risk for stroke at an early age. Once the genes involved are identified, their activity can possibly be modified.

New pills to prevent stroke will be much more potent inhibitors than aspirin of cells called platelets that trigger blood clotting.

An exploding area is a procedure called endovascular therapy to prevent and treat stroke, where we dilate the carotid artery using angioplasty balloons and metal scaffolds called stents. New catheters will allow us to access and repair small brain arteries that are blocked by clots, or that are leaking due to an aneurysm. Some novel devices under study allow us to remove clots from blocked brain arteries within seconds, limiting damage.

There is hope that the treatment window will be opened beyond the current three hours. Newer, more powerful, and safer clot-dissolving drugs will be combined with drugs that limit the damage the blocked artery causes to brain cells. Other strategies, such as extreme body cool-

ing, will also slow down stroke damage in the brain. Lastly, the field of restorative neurology will lead to novel stroke recovery therapies, such as brain cell transplants.

Aging and Longevity

Lowering risk factors for Alzheimer's, others.

Dr. Caleb E. Finch, director of biogerontology program, University of Southern California.
Who the heck knows? Science moves so fast and so unpredictable.

The human lifespan has been increasing steadily for at least 100 years. We have no way of knowing if this powerful trend will hit its ceiling or continue to increase as improved public health measures and medical technology become more widely available.

One thing is clear: A number of unhealthy behaviors, including heavy smoking, exposure to toxins in the environment, foods that lead to chronic elevations in blood sugar, and lack of exercise, can lead to shortened lifespan. Whether changing these will truly change the underlying pattern of human aging is unknown.

We will know a lot about genetic risk factors for diseases. Already, there are four or five strong candidates each for Alzheimer's disease, heart disease, cancer and diabetes. Relatively early in life, it will be possible for most people to know if they have any major genetic risk factors. There will be specific recommendations and guidelines for how to minimize these risks.

A major opportunity will emerge in organ replacement, as genetic engineering of stem cells progresses. In principle, it should be possible to take a skin cell and grow any type of cell that is needed. It may not be too fantastic to imagine regrowing whole bones and joints and hearts and kidneys. The scientific problem is to discover how to regulate the genes we all have in our adult cells.

I'm highly optimistic that human lifespan will include increasing duration of health. I look to the remarkable example of Jeanne Calment, who died at 122, having lived almost all of her

adult life in excellent physical health and capacity for social interactions.

Infectious Diseases

Pandemic likely, but also disease eradication.

Dr. James Hughes, director of CDC's National Center for Infectious Diseases.

Infectious diseases currently are the leading cause of death worldwide and the third-leading cause of death in the United States. When I'm asked what do I worry about over the next 25 or 30 years, it's obviously hard to predict. We know we're going to be surprised.

We're going to see increases in this problem of antimicrobial resistance. That is a major problem.

Think about the need to use antimicrobials appropriately.

We're going to continue to see large regional and national and even international foodborne-disease outbreaks, with this globalization of the food supply that has occurred. More widespread use of food irradiation could reduce the risk.

We can't help but notice the number of diseases transmitted from animals to people, most recently the West Nile-like virus infections in New York City, transmitted by mosquitoes. The Nipah virus in Malaysia and Singapore that spread from pigs to people, causing encephalitis with a very high mortality rate. The avian influenza episode in Hong Kong, providing the reminder that we are constantly threatened by the next flu pandemic.

Within the next 25 to 30 years we should just assume we will have an influenza pandemic. We are overdue.

Will some diseases be eradicated? We certainly hope so. WHO targets the end of 2000 for the global eradication of polio. The Guinea worm eradication program is proceeding. Measles is a future candidate.

The development of new generations of safer, more effective, easier-to-administer vaccines will undoubtedly help us greatly. That leads you to the need to strengthen the public health system. Progress can be made.

Cults

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cults: The Americans are suspected of planning events they maintain would bring about the second coming of Christ at the Mount of Olives, where Christians believe Jesus will return.

"I will be dumfounded if there isn't some sort of millennial cult-related tragedy," said Larry File, a Wellspring counselor and cult researcher.

Wellspring counselors recall that the center's admissions went up slightly after 39 members of the Heaven's Gate cult committed suicide in conjunction with the passing of the Hale-Bopp comet in 1997.

Said to be the worst mass suicide on U.S. soil, the cult members were found in a Southern California home dressed in black with "Away-Team" patches, Nike tennis shoes, purple shrouds and plastic bags over their heads. They left behind a video saying they were shedding their "earthly containers" to join a spaceship trailing the comet.

Wellspring is the only counseling facility recommended by the Christian Research Institute, a cult education group based in Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., said Sam Wall, a researcher there.

"They're the only organization that has met what we believe to be the right approach in therapy," he said. "And we'll still send people there, even if they do have more clients."

Eric Falstrom said he sought treatment at the center, about 65 miles southeast of Columbus, after spending 1.5 years in a nomadic cult called the Brethren, and 6.5 more trying to rebuild his life.

Falstrom stayed at Wellpring in March 1998 for two weeks, attending the center's private counseling sessions and workshops to learn why and how he became part of a mind-controlling group.

"That experience enabled me to see through the brothers' twisted beliefs and understand what happened to me," said Falstrom, 29, from his Cincinnati home. "I felt for the first time ever that someone really understood what I went through, what I was going through."

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What happens after New Year's?

Experts on millennial bug ponder life after Y2K scare

Knight Ridder News Service

Peter Racco is a technological exterminator. He and countless others throughout the country have toiled for the last few years, single-mindedly pursuing the wily Y2K bug.

So what happens to these people after the calendar flips to the year 2000, when the technological pest — the glitch that might cause the world's computers to misinterpret the date and malfunction — is eradicated or turns out to be harmless?

Racco, a technical auditor for FirstMerit Corp.'s Y2K project office, has no idea what will occupy his time a few months from now.

"I don't know where I'm going," said Racco, who started working on the banking company's year 2000 readiness team shortly after he was hired in 1997. "There may be a few options that I have here at FirstMerit. But nothing's been defined. I know I'll have a job — I just don't know what it will be."

It isn't clear exactly how many people who have been employed to solve the Y2K threat. But consider that the nation's companies and governmental agencies have spent an estimated \$100 billion on the cause, according to federal government estimates.

Industry watchers estimate that nearly every worker in the United States with responsibilities for computers or technical systems — at least 2 million people — has spent some time upgrading technology for the New Year.

"That doesn't include the free-lancers who have built a business solely on the potential for crisis."

Even with such large numbers, industry insiders insist the market will not be flooded with out-of-work high-tech workers in the new year. At the very least, computer professionals will be busy working on the projects that backed up while everyone was focusing on Y2K.

"Companies have devoted resources, both talent and money, to the Y2K problem, and other projects have had to go by the wayside," said Rich Nearman, principal and vice president of Systems Survival Inc., an information systems consulting firm based in Kent.

"Now the other projects are going to come off the back burner. I personally do not know one person who will be out of a job."

Frank Kohun, associate dean of computer and information systems at Robert Morris College in Pittsburgh, was more emphatic.

"Fixing the Y2K problems put a tremendous slowdown on IT development," Kohun said. "These projects have to get done, instead of having these people unemployed, they'll be moving into the 400,000 vacant IT



A colorful sunrise greets air traffic controller Bill Christensen as he monitors planes landing at O'Hare International Airport Thursday in Chicago. The new year will arrive early for O'Hare airport — 6 p.m. local time — as airline systems working on Greenwich Mean Time roll over at the country's busiest airport.

jobs available in the U.S. right now."

Dennis G. Grabow, founder and chief executive of The Millennium Investment Corp. in Chicago, doesn't think IT professionals should start planning their next big project just yet.

He expects year 2000 computer woes — in other nations, if not the United States — will occupy U.S. technicians for years to come.

Consider that the nation's companies and governmental agencies have spent an estimated \$100 billion on the cause, according to federal government estimates.

He's banking on it. He predicts that system failures will affect the global economy and offer investment opportunities.

"When the (New Year's) weekend comes, it's just going to be the start of a process ... that will last many quarters, and in some nations for several years," said Grabow, an investment banker who has had an interest in several industries. "It is naive to think that because we're the United States, we're going to be unscathed by what happens to our trading partners around the world."

"Also, it's quite well-documented that small- and medium-sized businesses in this country have not been taking the problem seriously."

Many of the companies that have taken the problem seriously hired outside help. Some went to consultants; a few went to temporary agencies specializing in information technology.

While some temporary employment agencies have benefited from the demand for Y2K workers, some firms actually have suffered from it.

Integrity Technical Services, a temporary engineering employment agency in Tallmadge, specializes in placing design engineers, who spend more time creating systems than fixing old ones.

For that company, 1999 has been a slow year.

Y2K "has had a very negative effect on capital projects," said Phil Kohori, manager of Integrity Technical Services, who estimates the company has done about 20 percent less business because potential clients have spent their budgets on Y2K projects. "Of course, companies that are in that niche for information systems support I have no doubt have had a really good year."

Racco, 42, of Manchester said his Y2K experience has been unique in his career. Never has he spent so much time on one pursuit. For him, like many others in the industry, the long hours and looming deadline have contributed to a sort of Y2K obsession.

"I've never been so focused on one thing for so long," Racco said. "In the past couple of months, I've been looking forward to the end."

Millennial reflections — for the very last time

By Frazier Moore
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — As we anticipate this new year (and our computers anticipate 2000), maybe we should take a moment to look back at the millennium we've left behind.

Whoops! Come to think of it, that's what we've been doing all year, at least when we weren't at our PCs ordering stuff from eBay and downloading images of Lara Croft.

What kind of year was 1999? A year of prosperity for some. For instance, America's homemaker, Martha Stewart, who put up cans and cans of green after a stock sale that raised \$130 million.

But other people couldn't even get enough to eat. Consider Dion Rayford, the 270-pound University of Kansas football player who got stuck while climbing in a Taco Bell drive-thru window to seize the chalupe he was missing from his order.

Now, like Rayford's joyhaws career, 1999 is at an end. Behold the end of the year, the end of the decade, the end of the century, and especially the back end of actress Jennifer Lopez, who reportedly insured that famous derriere for a quarter-billion dollars.

But upstaging them all is the end of the millennium.

Whether it's with books, TV documentaries, the Millennium Edition of Trivial Pursuit — we're all caught up in the millennium. If only to dispute the year of its observance. Helplessly our attention is fixed on our communal rearview mirror as Father Time's odometer gets ready to turn over.

So why stop now? In the remaining days that we might better spend laying in supplies in case the Y2K bugs bite (don't forget extra cans of those commemorative SpaghettiO 2000s, where Zs cohabit with the Os), let's reminisce. How best to sum up the past thousand years? Actor-comedian Richard Belzer calls the waning millennium "the bloodiest, funniest, most exhilarating, disappointing in memory."

And particularly so, he points out, during the 20th century. With humankind's taste for violence reaching new extremes of

late, Belzer seems ready to roll the globe back to A.D. 999 for another go-round.

Why not? Whatever lack of creature comforts we might have encountered a thousand years ago, there was also an upside: There were no ATM fees and no Donald Trump bragging. What's more, no one ever blew a Saturday at a Renaissance Festival.

At the turn of that millennium, the world was brimming with discovery. Norse explorer Leif Ericsson became the first European to visit North America (he sailed through Customs). Meanwhile, a lady-in-waiting in Japan's royal court was writing "The Pillow Book" and the Chinese were perfecting gunpowder (Jacqueline Susann and the NRA came much later).

Now, in 1999, what have we got? Pokemon and "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." New York City's millennium-inspired manhole covers and a wayward Mars Polar Lander. And no more "Peanuts."

No wonder our enthusiasm is dampened and we're scaling back our New Year's Eve plans. Y2K fatigue accounts for our diminished interest in partying, as Prince long ago prescribed, like it's 1999.

"As the nation moved into the 20th century, the prevalent idea was of a door opening," says James Twitchell, an English professor at the University of Florida. "This time we have a much more macabre view. We are exquisitely circumspect."

Maybe that's because nowadays it's computers that operate the door — and if there really is a Y2K glitch, the door is going to give us a whacking.

What if, at the stroke of midnight, we were left with no phone? No light? No motor car? Not a single lusty!

Sherwood Schwartz isn't worried. He's the man who not only created the 1960s sitcom "Gilligan's Island" but also composed its theme song, and he continues to draw faith from those seven stranded castaways.

"THEY had to make do with what they had, no matter what problems came along," Schwartz observes. "We would make do, too."

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From robots to Martian cities, many questions remain over future of science

The 20th century has seen incredible progress in every field of science and technology. Only 66 years elapsed between the Wright brothers' flight and Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon. At the same time, physics placed in human hands the capability to destroy the world.

The pace of progress only accelerated in the years following World War II, with the invention of the digital computer. With the discovery of the structure of DNA in 1953, biology learned to read and write—in the language of life itself.

In 1899, it would have been impossible to predict this century's scientific milestones. But scientists of the day could detect hints of things to come: Physicists had just discovered X-rays and the electron; inventors had developed the electric light.

Today there are similar tantalizing hints. Here are visions of what's ahead, from 10 people on the frontiers of science:

Machines

Robots as true helpers, embedded computer chips

Donna Shirley's 32-year career at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory culminated with the arrival of Mars Pathfinder and the rover Sojourner on July 4, 1997. She was manager of the space agency's Mars exploration program. She retired from JPL in 1998 and is now assistant engineering dean at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

Shirley believes robotic technology will have more down-to-earth applications and expects computers to be omnipresent in the next century.

Robotics and intelligent systems will eventually fulfill their promise of being smart human helpers.

Along with this will be the same issues that have arisen with factory automation—more education will be required to become a productive worker and fewer non-skilled jobs will be available.

Over the next decade or so computers will become even more ubiquitous. The Dick Tracy wrist radio is not far away and

eventually the science-fiction theme of computers chips and functions embedded in humans will happen, allowing human performance and or health enhancements. A precursor to this are pacemakers and implanted defibrillators.

The combining of tiny computers with tiny mechanisms may allow replacement of weak muscles, say in the focusing muscles in aging eyes or relatively non-invasive surgery.

Our ability as a species to invent and infuse technology far exceeds our ability to deal with its possible downsides. Science and engineering exist within social and cultural contexts, and taking these contexts into consideration when introducing tech-

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nology can reduce the downsides.

That is one reason why advances in brain science with spillover to sciences like psychology and sociology are important. We need to learn how to anticipate what people will do with technology. We also must overcome the willful ignorance of many people about the impact of science and technology on their lives.

People who have no understanding of technology are unlikely to make good decisions about whether to support its development and dissemination or about how to use it wisely. We are more likely to become safer, stronger, happier and richer because of science and technology if we become smarter about it.

Power in your hand

Cellular PCs, a wand for instant diagnosis

Paul Grant, a physicist, peers into the future at the Electric Power Research Institute in Palo

Alto, Calif. One technology he foresees is superconductors, materials that conduct electricity with little or no loss to resistance. Current superconductors must be very cold to work, but scientists dream of materials that would work at room temperature. That would make it possible to develop technologies straight out of science fiction, like pocket computers connected to the Internet and medical diagnostic tools that detect disease by measuring disturbances in a person's electromagnetic field.

My guess is that at room temperature, you wouldn't have resistance. But you probably would have a material that ... would nonetheless save a lot of energy. It might still be 100 times more conductive than copper.

In communications, everybody will have a cellular device of very broad bandwidth. They'll get TV, libraries, whatever you can imagine. It will be like carrying around the most powerful PC in your hand. That means you need to have cellular-type communication stations that have wider and wider bandwidths and tighter and tighter control in the way that bandwidth is sliced up for individual users.

You might ... wave this thing over a guy and it picks up all his electromagnetic radiation and does an on-the-spot diagnosis. I think that's reasonably certain, frankly.

Big questions

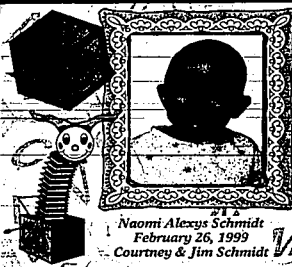
What makes life? Can machines be conscious?

Steven Koonin, a theoretical physicist, oversees academics and research at the California Institute of Technology, where he is provost and vice president. He says scientists will begin to crack some of the big questions: What is the nature of matter and energy? How did the universe begin? What is consciousness?

The challenge of the next millennium, he says, will be in making decisions about the technology stemming from such discoveries.

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Future

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We've got a good start on what consciousness is and how inanimate chemicals assemble to form life and how that life evolves. Those are the things within the next 100 years we're going to be cracking.

On a philosophical level it will give us a much deeper understanding of what we are as natural phenomena. We'll start to understand what consciousness means in other animals. There will be the technology applications of building machines that have some of the features of consciousness and the biomedical applications able to influence consciousness.

If you understand how it works, there may be a way to go in and modify it. That's technology that can be used for good and bad.

There are issues that extend far beyond science - ethical, economic and legal. Society needs to discuss these things... We need people thinking and talking about these things with some factual basis and understanding. We need to do a much better job educating people about science itself, not necessarily to do it but to understand it and manage the way it impacts society.

Some things scientists are finding out strike at the essence of what it is to be human. We just need to work with it.

Science and society

Sustaining ecology, preventing war
Murray Gell-Mann won the 1969 Nobel Prize in physics for his contributions to the standard model, science's current blueprint for how the universe works at a subatomic level. Later he helped found the Santa Fe Institute, a multidisciplinary research organization dedicated to the study of complexity. He spoke about his hopes for science, and humanity, in the next century.

I of course hope that a more friendly relationship with the rest of nature and a more friendly relationship among human beings bearing different labels will be forthcoming. I think that would be very desirable, very important... that during this coming century we will achieve a higher degree of sustainability in many different ways, not just environmental, demographic,

economic, but also social and political, military, diplomatic, informational. That in all these different ways we will make great gains in sustainability.

I think science plays a huge role, but it also requires a lot of transformation of attitudes. We may have inherited some of these to devolve our proclivities to the proclivity to divide up into little groups that don't get along, and so on. Not human beings are subject not only to their inherited tendencies, they're subject also to culture. And culture can change a lot of these things as we know.

I remember an extremely destructive war starting in Western Europe. And my parents could remember another one. And there were many before that. But now it seems almost inconceivable to have a major war in Western Europe. Those people now think of themselves to some extent as we, rather than we and they. And that's an important change. If that could be generalized, there's less of this tendency to be nasty to the other throughout the world, it would make an enormous difference.

I mean, there's no use having sustainability in the narrow sense of preservation of ecological systems and so on if you're going to have a thermonuclear war.

Genetic blueprint

Better treatments, patents on human genes

Craig Venter is a leader in the effort to identify all the human genes. He is head of Celera Genomics, a company that is sequencing genes in an effort to develop drugs and other medical treatments. He discussed what human life soon be able to find out about their own genetic blueprints, and how that knowledge will change society.

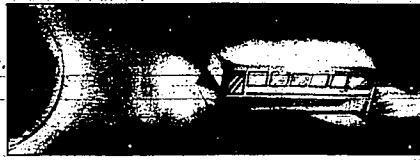
It could happen in 10 to 15 years or it could be longer... but I think it's absolutely in the near future... that any baby born in the hospital, before it leaves the hospital the parents will have their complete genetic code.

If you know your increased risk, that gives you power over your own life instead of waiting for random chance to perhaps do you in. So I think it's going to empower people... to have much more control over their own lives. It's

going to take a long time, though, until we understand it all.

Nurture and environment plays a huge role... but we won't have to guess anymore, going forward, because now we'll be able to do very precise studies to find out what is an environmental effect, what is a chemical effect versus what's built into the genetic code. At the same time it's become very clear there's probably not a single human trait that's not affected by genetics.

If you want treatments for future disease you better hope that everybody files patents on human genes, because that's the only way the pharmaceutical and biotech industries will invest the billions of dollars to go forward in developing therapies... As far as I know, there's no purpose for



having a patent on a human gene other than developing diagnostics and therapeutics, and there wouldn't be too much to it.

Of mice and man

Broadening, deepening of life science

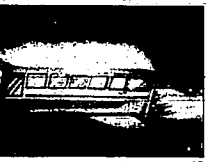
Paleobiologist Douglas H. Erwin of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History expects science to crack the mysteries of animal development and to make continued strides in unraveling the history of life on Earth - perhaps even beyond.

The progression from egg through embryo to adult has baffled scientists and others for centuries. Stunning discoveries have been made in just the past decade in this area, revealing, for example, the deep similarities between very different types of animals, like mice and flies. The speed of progress in this field suggests that new techniques, whole genome sequencing and examination of many different

types of animals is leading to real understanding in this area.

The study of the history of life is rapidly changing from a descriptive science to one concerned with the processes that structure the history of life. During the coming century the establishment and distribution of comprehensive databases of the fossil record of the past 550 million years, integrated with information on geological, climatological and other events should lead to fascinating new insights into the relationships between life and environmental change.

By the end of the next century I expect we will have a pretty good idea of whether life exists elsewhere in the universe, and astrobiology - melding biology, paleontology, geology and astron-



omy - will become one of the most exciting fields.

Life out there?

Search as important as discovery

Bruce Jakosky is a professor of geology at the University of Colorado and author of "The Search for Life on Other Planets." Jakosky talked about the possibility of discovering extraterrestrial life during the next century.

Life arose so quickly and easily on Earth that it would seem that it should arise elsewhere. It is quite versatile. Life exists in Antarctica where temperatures rise above freezing only one or two days out of the year. It lives inside rocks. It lives at the bottom of the ocean in hydrothermal vents. It lives kilometers below the surface, living off hydrogen produced by chemical reactions. What's exciting is that Mars almost certainly has places like this.

The bottom line is that we don't yet know what to look for to iden-

tify life from Mars. Unless Martian life looks like terrestrial life, it becomes quite a problem as to what would be a unique detector of whether life was present in a sample. Would Martian life use DNA, RNA or the same amino acids? Would it use the same chemical elements in the same proportions as life on Earth? It probably will take a detailed analysis of a variety of rocks from Mars, and delivered by sample-return missions, to believe that we can address the life question.

The discovery of life elsewhere would be one of the most significant events in the history of humanity. It would indicate that life on Earth was just another example of chemical reactions in a planetary environment. By learning about the universe, we are learning about ourselves and what it means to be human. In this context, it would seem that the search is just as important as the discovery.

Destination Mars

Cities there, and then on other planets

Robert Zubrin is president and founder of the Mars Society, an organization dedicated to the human exploration of the red planet.

I think that what things could look like by the end of the century is the following. On Mars itself you will have not only settlements, you will have cities.

You will have hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of people living on Mars... It will be a rapidly growing civilization and they will also have begun the work of transforming the planet itself, because Mars was once a warm and wet planet and could be made so again. And I think that by the end of the 21st century the human civilization on Mars will be robust enough that it will have begun that work of actually spreading life to Mars.

In addition, people at that point will not be going to Mars as the first explorers will, on primitive spacecraft traveling on ballistic orbits taking six months to fly from Earth to Mars. No. They will be doing rapid interplanetary transfers on fusion-powered spacecraft that will be able to do it in a month. And those same sorts of spacecraft that will be

developed to meet the needs of the colonization of Mars will make possible much further human ventures out, not only to the asteroid belt but to the outer solar system, all the way out to Neptune. And so we will be seeing outposts of humans on the moons of the major planets of Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

People, Americans in particular, still believe in the frontier. They still know, not just believe, that we got to where we are today because of our predecessors who were willing to go somewhere where there was nothing and create it, who were willing to take a chance to open new frontiers and new possibilities. And if we don't keep doing that, then we're less than the people who got us where we are today, and that's something we can't afford.

Ecology

Scientists, public join to save ecosystems

Diana H. Wall, president of the Ecological Society of America and a soil scientist at Colorado State University, is presently doing research in Antarctica.

Our environment is suffering because high human populations are rapidly changing ecosystems. There are small signs of improvement, but for our children's future, we have to make a concerted and immediate effort to ensure a sustainable environment. Every action we take affects our local - and global - environment.

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MILLENNIUM

Telephone nemesis? Voice mail creates technological nightmare

By Tracy Seipel
San Jose Mercury News

A lot of technologies have made our lives easier, faster, more productive and less stressful.

Then there's voice mail. To Jack Dunlavey, voice mail is the technological nightmare of the 20th century.

"It has completely eroded our communication skills," he told the Mercury News in an e-mail, responding to our quest for the most important technologies of this century with his nomination for the worst: "It has developed a whole class of telephone users into telephone haters," he says. "It has become telephone road rage."

This is not a man without patience.

Five years ago, Dunlavey, a 72-year-old retired merchant marine boatswain, bought a used computer for \$100 at a garage sale. The San Jose widower also bought a how-to-book, and 30 days later, had taught himself how to use the machine. No small accomplishment.

He then proceeded to seek technical backup, just in case. He got in touch with the company that made the computer and also with the company that designed the machine's software to ensure he could call for help if anything went wrong. Whenever there was a glitch, he'd pick up the phone, ask his questions and get his answers - personally, patiently, politely. Everything was going so perfectly.

And then Dunlavey encountered his nemesis: voice mail.

A typical experience: Dunlavey calls and an automated voice asks him three or four questions before he can proceed. He punches the required button, somehow loses in the labyrinth of options; winds up at the end of the voice mail tree, and gets cut off.

"That drives me out of my mind!" he says.

His experiences have been so bad for so long, he says, he'll do almost anything to avoid the voice mail scourge.

No longer does he call a technician for help. He relies on his own devices to solve problems. "And I back up a lot," he notes, meaning he avoids disaster by storing files on back-up disks.

But voice mail hell isn't limited to computer companies. It's everywhere. He now refuses to phone his bank to get his account balances.

"After going through the hell of voice mail, I jump into the car and go to the bank personally, and continue through the hell of crowded highways," he says.

Why companies persist in adopting this technology is obvious to Dunlavey: It reduces expenses.

"I would say it probably cuts down on the cost of technical support about 70 percent once they install this system," he says. "They give you lip service and say they have the technical support, but they don't."

Dunlavey says there is a solution.

"We should make this one technology a felony," he advises. "Better than that, we should give this technology to the Chinese or the Russian governments, and let them fight through the gridlock."

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Millennium presents occasion to take stock of society

By Walt Patterson
Knight Ridder News Service

LONDON—The millennium is an arbitrary moment. It is defined by one cultural strand of many on the planet that all humanity shares. Nevertheless, precisely because so many people notice it, the millennium is an occasion to take stock of where we are, where we have come from and where we may wish to go. It is an opportunity to look beyond the immediate controversies and conflicts that preoccupy us, to take a wide overview with a long perspective.

We see the world swept by hectic change. But appearances may be deceptive. After tens of millennia, is human life significantly different, for individuals and society? Do we behave differently? Some would say not. But our behavior may now have consequences more far-reaching and rapid than ever before.

A single individual act can now produce an effect at once global and almost instantaneous. Moreover, people almost everywhere can learn of the act and its effect, as it happens. Human society now has technologies that magnify our behavior, bringing us close together, whether we like it or not.

We depend, as we have always depended, on the life-support systems of earth, water and air, plants and animals, the living envelope of the planet. Human invention has also created other systems, physical, social, economic and political, on which society now relies.

In some parts of the world, and for some people, these systems appear to work very well. However, in far too many places they do not, condemning far too many people to poverty, disease and brutal hardship. Moreover, evidence now suggests that both human systems and natural systems may be vulnerable to serious disruption.

The global reach of our behavior, and the pace of change of human systems, especially technological and economic, may be overstretching the capacity of our social and political systems to adapt. Nations and systems themselves, taken for granted throughout human history, are showing signs of stress.

We humans now number more than 6 billion, and our numbers continue to increase. We also move around, more of us, farther and faster than ever before. We meet each other, not only indirectly, but often face-to-face, across vast gulfs of difference in culture and circumstances. We speak many different languages, explicitly and implicitly. All too often we do not understand each other. Understanding is difficult;

ignorance and hostility are easy. We see the results wherever we look.

For more than three millennia people have been trying to develop and communicate a better understanding of the world and the way we live in it. Sages, priests, philosophers, historians, scholars, generals, artists, scientists, jurists, economists, all have created disciplines of thought and language to describe, discuss

and direct human experience. These disciplines evoke great concepts—identity, love, family, nation, state, government, law, science, commerce, peace, war, and continuing debate. They resonate through our lives.

Nevertheless, as our numbers increase and even individual behavior can have global consequences, the structures and processes of these human disciplines face ever-greater chal-

lenges. All too often they focus narrowly inward, when they should interact and complement each other. Dealing more and more in abstractions, aggregates and averages, they may lose sight of the individual.

But each of us is an individual in society. Each of us acts as an individual, but is caught up in a nexus of interactions. In the formal world of states and companies we may be active or passive

participants, but we participate. For good or ill, we cannot opt out. International affairs are also our affairs.

We have seen the earth from space. We know how beautiful it is, and how finite. Against the background of the stars, we can recognize a kind of totality, here on earth. As the arbitrary moment of the millennium catches our collective attention, the time is ripe to pool our efforts

from every discipline. We need urgently to reassess the fundamentals of human life—from first principles.

Walt Patterson, a nuclear physicist by training, is senior research fellow in the Energy and Environmental Program at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) in London.

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MILLENNIUM

Kids look ahead to the new year

By Jerry Schwartz
The Associated Press

On a day deep in the 21st century, Rohan Manocha awakes and reads the newspaper on the Internet. He eats a capsule for breakfast, takes a hydroelectric bath, and then goes for a walk on the moon.

His children, meanwhile, are at school, using laptops instead of notebooks and writing to penpals on Pluto. Their clothing is air-conditioned and protects them from pollution. After school, they go to movies at malls in outer space.

That evening, Rohan takes his kids to a carnival on Mars. He knows the red planet well; a lawyer, he fights "cases for the Martians on Mars."

Of course, foresight is rarely 20-20-in-1999. Rohan is just 11 years old, a student at the Amity International School in the New Delhi suburb of Noida, where he likes to study and play tennis. Maybe he will walk on the moon. Maybe not.

But a boy can dream.

The dreams of the third millennium are being dreamed now by children at Kyobashi Tsukiji Elementary School in Tokyo, at Narciso Mendoza Elementary School in Nezahualcoyotl near Mexico City, at Fernbank Elementary School in Atlanta, at Olympic Primary School in Nairobi, Kenya.

Ten, 11 or 12 years old, they have every reason to believe that they will see the bulk of the 21st century; with luck and some medical advances, they may very well see the dawn of the 22nd.

And as Associated Press reporters learned while visiting their classrooms from India to Israel, they see tomorrow vividly — expressing their visions in tumbling words and hopeful drawings that show themselves grown up and smiling, the sun rising over secure neighborhoods, the Earth as the bright flower on a healthy green stem.

As you might expect, when they look into the future, many imagine a Jetsonian world — a hovercraft in every garage and robots everywhere, split-second trips to other planets, pills that fill your stomach.

But their future is a reflection of their present. Around them, many see war, lawlessness, disease — and, especially, a world that is poisoning itself. Reflecting on that, they veer from youthful optimism to bleak pessimism.

Listen to Tomoka Hayashi, 12, of Tokyo. "We will use too much power and one day we can no longer use any electric appliances and there will be an explosion and people die. Then we will start living with nature and start cooperating," she says.

But parents, she adds, we can change — switch paper milk cartons for glass and slow the cutting of forests. "There may be a chance that people will become more aware of nature and our problems and start recycling."

Gosha Khusalnov, a 10-year-old student at School No. 57 in Moscow, just a couple of blocks from the Kremlin, doubts it: "I think the world'll be worse, because it'll be very cold. It'll be less trees and grass, all days will be like evening, and only at night it'll be like now." As the natural world shrinks, Anat Avraham, a 10-year-old fifth grader at Frankel Elementary School in Jerusalem, sees a time when people will share their homes with

bears ("bears who don't eat people," she explains).

"My children will have lots of animals but they will barely see any nature. In my opinion, there won't be any (nature) then. I will try to help animals, especially panda bears who are endangered. I will try to prevent the death of fish."

When fifth-grader Ethan Sawyer of Atlanta grows up, he expects to study Amazon rain forest ecology "on an acre of land, all that is left of the world's rain forests."

Not that tomorrow will be entirely bad. Ethan says he will sleep just two hours a day, because "some gizmo" will make his sleep more efficient. He will eat "little pills filled with energy frappés. I don't think anyone will work in factories because robots will do all the work."

But he agrees that wildlife will be imperiled, as Ethan loves animals — "MORE otters. I'm obsessed with otters." He hopes "that we will be able to save the animals. We may have to create new species. I don't know how, but there may be a way," he says.

Dasha Marynova of Moscow thinks it can happen.

"I want to study zoology and become a biologist because I'd like to deal with new animals, study them and meet tiger-leopards, mouse-owls, elephant-cockroach-spiders, snake-frog-trocodiles," says Dasha.

Dasha sees a sunny future, full of airborne electric trains and special machines "that collect snow from the roads and don't sprinkle them with salt, which ruins your shoes."

"Someone will invent a time machine, and people can be in the past, in the future, in the present. It will be much more interesting than simply going to school or playing. I also hope the time machine will return my grandfather, who died a few years ago," she says.

Dasha is 10 years old; she has a 20-year-old sister, Masha and a 14-year-old brother, Alyosha. In the future according to Dasha, Alyosha will not go into the army — now enmeshed in fighting in Chechnya.

In that same future, the crime that has plagued post-communist Russia will be no more. Dasha wants to believe "that murders will stop, that there won't be people in prison, but that the police will arrest people on other planets for robbery."

Maria del Pilar Guzman Sanchez is also 10; she likes to spend her time playing with Barbies, curling her eyelashes and painting her lips in her home in Mexico. But she too lives in a world scarred by lawlessness, and imagines a world without it.

"No pollution, no kidnappers, no drunks, no drug addicts, no cocaine addicts or sexual violence or violence against the authorities," she says.

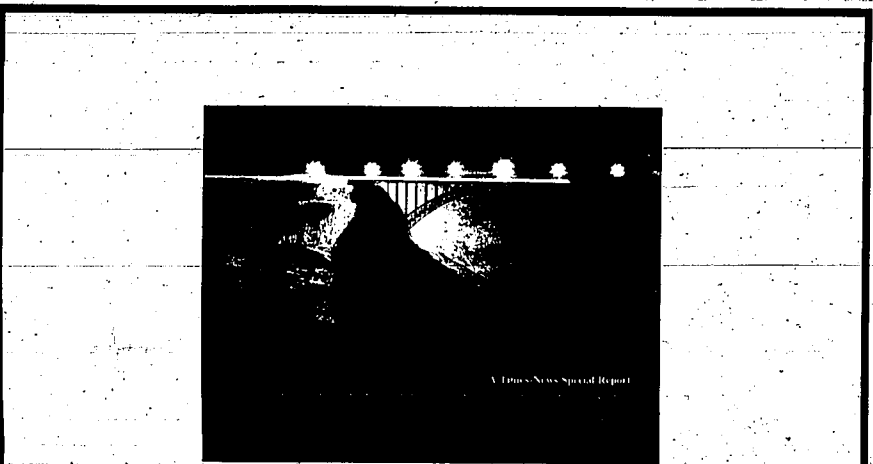
"I see the news and they say they stole some children," Maria says. "It makes me sad and I wouldn't like that to happen to me or to my children or to my grandchildren or to my great-grandchildren."

Simon Mwangi wants to be a policeman when he grows up — unless he becomes an engineer or a meteorologist. He lives in Nairobi, and foresees a time when Kenya "will be very industrialized and there will not be things like crime."

The police will be everywhere, like five policemen in a housing compound.



Y2K-fearing party goers test their mobile phones seconds after the stroke of midnight at the wharf in Auckland, New Zealand. Most of the cellular phones in New Zealand did not work at midnight because of calls clogging the airwaves. Auckland was the world's first major city to welcome the new millennium, the first to face potential Y2K problems.



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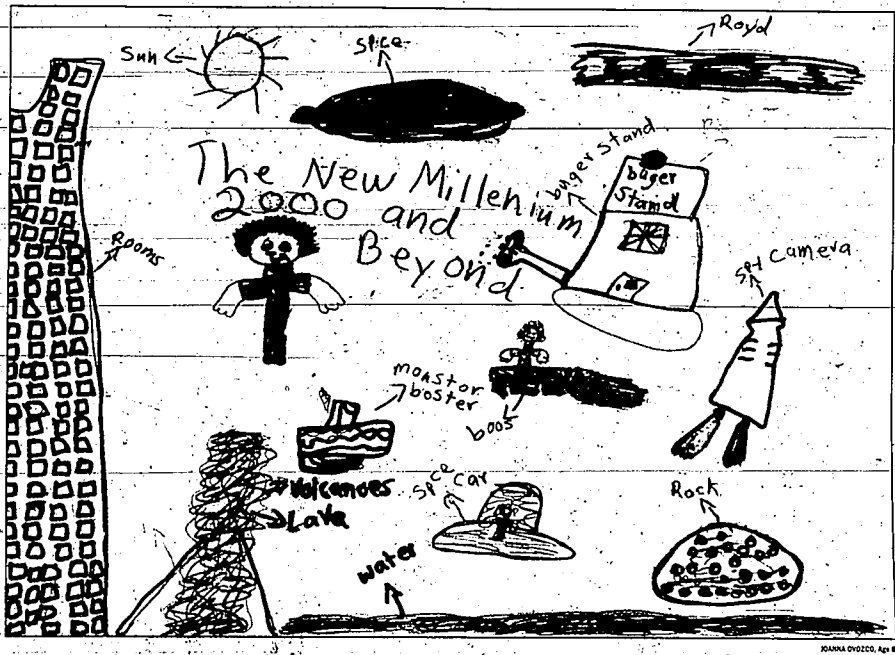
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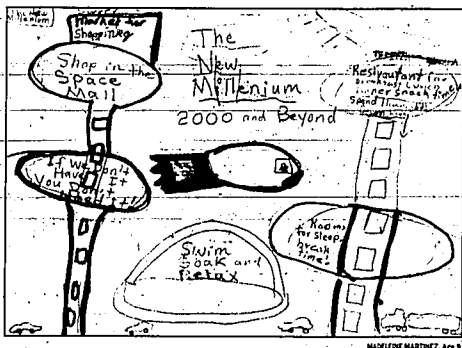
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The future in crayon

We asked members of Mr. Hebbel's third-grade class at Shoshone Elementary School to sketch the new millennium in the Magic Valley. Here's their vision.



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MARLENE MARTINEZ, Age 8

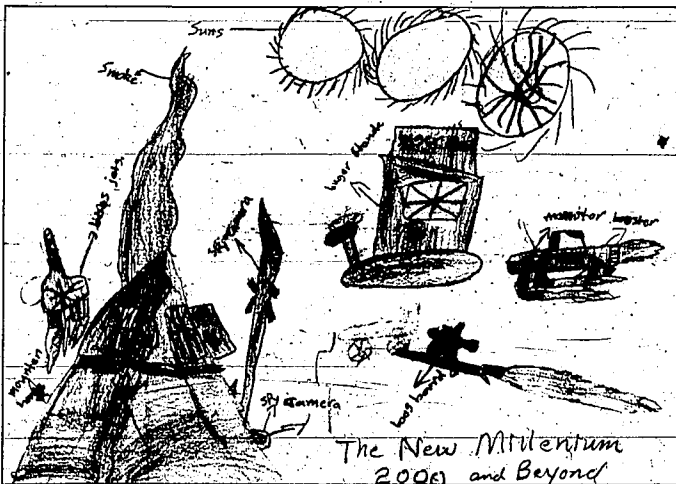
Year 2000 – and beyond

By Lacie Raquel Simonds

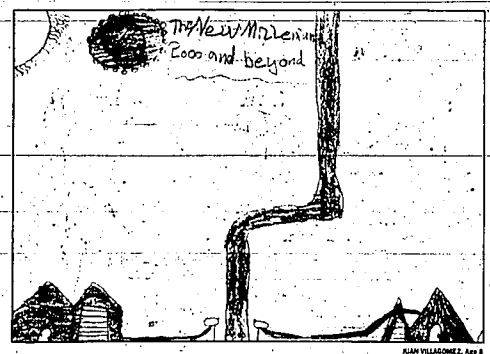
There will be more people on earth and it will be the new millennium. It might not be very bright anymore. There will be different machines and more things. Maybe there will be less food on earth. The world might be in danger

from pollution. We might be attacked by aliens! None of us really knows what's out there. We need to change our ways and fast! I hope you know what I mean.

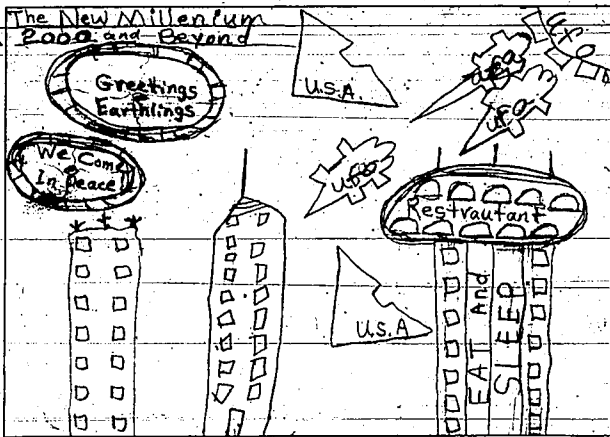
Lacie Raquel Simonds, 8, is a third-grader at Shoshone Elementary School.



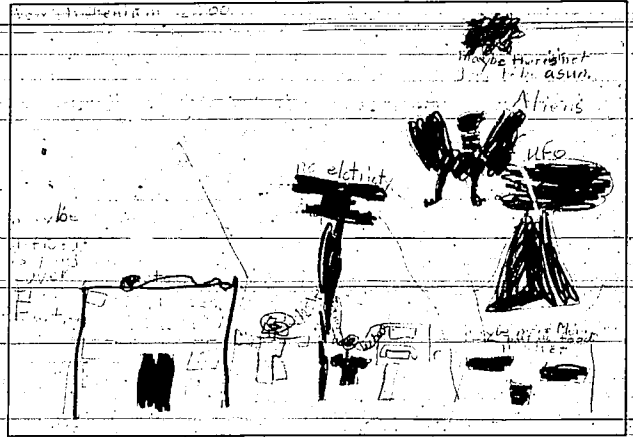
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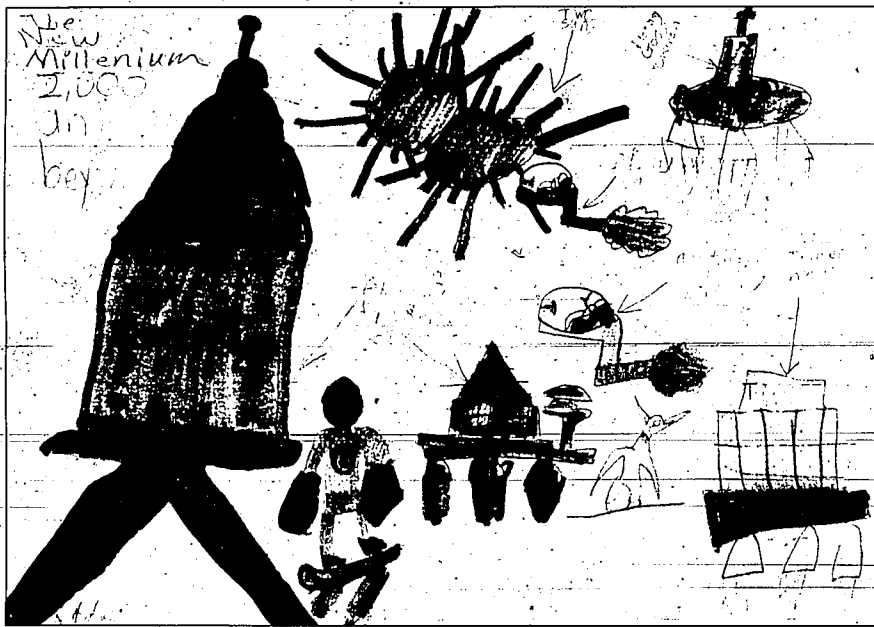
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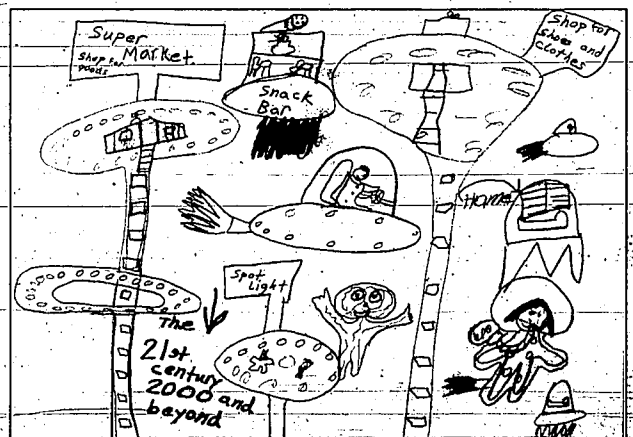
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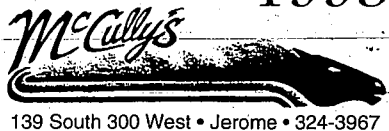
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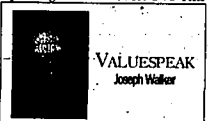
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Being a grandpa brings the unexpected

Do I look any different to you today? Sound different? Seem different? Am I acting ... you know ... differently?

I should. I'm different today. I even have a different name. I'm Becky's Grandpa. And I'm different.

No, I haven't suddenly taken to wearing a fedora. I didn't feel an overwhelming compulsion to drive slowly in the freeway's fast lane on the way to work this morning. I'm not sporting a comb-over. I've still



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Joseph Walker

got all my teeth. I don't own a single Lawrence Welk album. I'm not looking for ways to sneak more bran into my diet. And I can't remember ever having referred to some youngster (that means anyone under 40) as a whipper-snapper. Whatever that is.

The differences I'm experiencing go much deeper than that, and are subtly manifest. Like the feeling in my heart for this adorable baby girl, our first grandchild. It's ... different than what I expected.

Going into grandparenthood, I assumed I would feel the same sort of feeling for my son's child that I feel for my nieces and nephews, who I love dearly, yet distantly. But the feeling that floods my heart every time I think of little Rebecca Lynn is more closely akin to the love I have for my own children. It is that deep, and that profound. In less than 48 hours, she has become a major focus in my life and has stolen a huge hunk of my heart. For always.

And that makes me different. At the very least, it makes me want to be different. Better. Wiser. Smarter. More loving. More generous with my time and means. More compassionate. You know ... grandfatherly. I never had much of a relationship with any of my grandparents, so I'm not exactly sure what that means. But I've seen terrific grandparents in my family and in my neighborhood, and I think I have a pretty good idea of what it takes - and that I don't have what it takes. Not yet. But I think I can get there. I'll have to make a lot of changes - some major adjustments, some minor course corrections, but with Becky's help can become the grandpa she deserves.

And what better time to make those changes than now? New Year's Day always dawns bright with promise, hope and unvarnished potential. It is a clean page, a blank canvas, an empty screen - stop me when get to your favorite metaphor. It is a chance to begin, or if you've already begun and failed, it is a chance to begin again.

More than anything else, however, New Year's Day is a chance to change. Especially this year when we usher in a new year, a new decade, a new century and a new millennium - simultaneously. It is the Mother of all New Years, a celebration that cries out for meaningful observance. And what could be more meaningful than to boldly embrace the new year/decade/century/millennium as a New Year's theme designed by change, different by design?

That's what I'm going to celebrate this New Year's Day: a Happy New and Improved Me. I'm going to be different, but not just as the sake of being different. I'm going to be different for my sake and for my family's sake.

But mostly, I'm going to be different for Becky's sake. Even though she is just ... you know ... a whipper-snapper.

Joseph Walker is a freelance writer in American Fork, Utah.



Andrew Zirschky (in tie), youth pastor at the Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene, works with several groups of teen-agers, including some who are involved in a discipleship team structured around prayer and journaling.

From chaperone to spiritual leader

Youth ministers say their roles are changing

By Knight Ridder News Service and The Times-News

At Northwest High School in Wichita, Kan., the Rev. Daniel Schmidt, youth pastor at Westlink Christian Church, headed down the nearly empty hallway to the cafeteria.

"Hey dude, you're looking good in that uniform," he said to a student from the church who walked past in his ROTC uniform.

Schmidt goes to lunch at the school across the street from the church every Monday, talking to kids from his church and visiting the weekly meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He tries to get out and support his students as much as he can, he said, at lunch, sporting events, concerts, school plays.

He also said he believes youth ministry is a crucial opportunity "to reach people for Jesus."

Nowadays, youth pastors serve more as spiritual guides than chaperones, helping young people grow spiritually and become active members in the church.

Andrew Zirschky, youth pastor at the Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene, recalled some people telling him he wasn't cut out to be a youth pastor because he wasn't athletic or a "super goofball," but more of a workhorse.

"I figured that would be my downfall," he said, "but, in some ways, that has helped me out."

Zirschky, 25, earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Northwest Nazarene College (now university) in Nampa and landed the job in Twin Falls in June 1998.

He soon found out that teenagers are different than they were 20 years ago.

"Today's kids don't come looking for the craziest game in town," he said. "They come looking for answers for life."

In fact, Zirschky explained, he sometimes has trouble getting kids to play crazy games. And 20 of the most serious 100-plus kids currently involved in his program are attending his D-group, a discipleship team structured around such activities as silent prayer and journaling.

"Teen-agers are more concerned with jobs and grades and things they didn't think about until college or later in the

past," Zirschky said. "They have more adult concerns, maybe because some see members of their parents' generation ending up in disaster."

Zirschky said one workshop he recently attended focused on teaching teens how to play - because many have forgotten how.

"It used to be if you were 28 and very athletic, you could be in youth ministry," he said, "but the world has changed."

Meanwhile, interest in youth

ministry is increasing, with more Christian colleges offering degrees in the field. That's the word from Group magazine, which is directed towards youth workers and has 60,000 subscribers.

Group's editor, Rick Lawrence, said the non-denominational magazine just completed a study of youth pastors and found that there are 217,000 people responsible for church youth programs nationwide, including about 100,000 full-

time, paid youth pastors. The magazine also completed a survey of youth ministers' salaries and found that many people who used to be volunteers are now earning small salaries for their work, because of the increased value churches place on young people.

The idea is that youth are now being considered full members in many churches instead of children who need adults to watch over them. And although youth pastors have traditionally been

under 40, many of today's youth pastors say they would like to continue in similar jobs until they retire.

"Rick Wester, 32 and youth pastor at the Twin Falls Reformed Church is one of those who believes it is possible to be an effective youth pastor when you are older.

"You might be in a more administrative position, delegating some of the overnighters"

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'Hyperthermia' heats up the new year

By Barb Nelwert
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - A group of teenagers found a unique way to beat the cold weather this weekend - and their leaders have actually been hoping for a Y2K power outage to give the kids a chance to stop celebrating the new year and start talking about their blessings.

"I look forward to it (a power outage)," said Peter DeBaun, associate pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, the site of the second annual new-year-youth-rally, Hyperthermia.

If the power goes out this weekend, DeBaun and his youth leaders will gather their 120 high school students together in one room, with flashlights and sleeping bags. He said he wants to take the opportunity to relate to the enormous numbers of people in the world who deal with not having electrical power on a consistent basis.

He wants the kids to reflect on how incredibly blessed they are to live in the United States.

Change Yourself; Change Your World

The youth program at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood has grown over the past several years and has become an integral part of the church. As youth pastor, DeBaun works in numerous ways to bring the teachings of the Bible into the hearts of teenagers throughout the Wood River Valley and beyond.

Hyperthermia is one of the more substantive spiritual events of the year.

This year, the event is broken down into a two-day retreat for youth from the Ketchum church, followed by the youth rally, which lasts two and a half days and draws students from across Southern Idaho.



A few of the 200 youth who attended the first annual Hyperthermia retreat last year at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood climbed 'the rock' on the banks of the Big Wood.



Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood Pastor Peter DeBaun, with Andrew Beck and Danielle Kurosz, helped lead last year's Hyperthermia for Southern Idaho youth.

the world. "Our culture sees them as incapable to make an impact - they must wait until they're 18," he said. "A lot of our kids are lost. They've lost the sense of who they are and how valuable they are, but we were created for good works in Christ Jesus."

He continued, "Our purpose in life is to live as Christ did and make a change in the world, but kids can't make that change in the world until they change themselves first."

Many come to Hyperthermia with family problems, a lack of self-esteem, a lack of values and a lack of mission for their lives, DeBaun said.

"We examine what their value is in God's eye," he explained. "The Big Wood youth share

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RELIGION

CHURCH NEWS

Hip-hop for God: Christian rap

Christian women's service holds general meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Christian Women's Missionary Service will hold its general meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday in the parlor at the First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N.

Divorce support group available for help, advice

TWIN FALLS - DivorceCare, a weekly seminar and support

group for people who are separated or divorced, begins this week. The group provides a place for separated or divorced people to be around others who understand their feelings and provides information about ways to heal from the hurt of divorce.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Joey Bryant, The Times-News-Bureau, 325 1/2-E Fifth St. N., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

By Mike Crissey The Associated Press

ROUND ROCK, Texas - This town is no rapper's paradise. The well-worn, two-lane highways and gravel country roads overlooking cow pastures and farmland aren't exactly an urban ghetto. The last well-known gangster to come to town was Sam Bass - 121 years ago.

But it has turned out to be an Eden of sorts for Knolly Williams, who moved his fledgling record company, Grapetree Records, to the outskirts of Round Rock three years ago and quietly built it into the biggest Christian rap label in the country.

Quietly, because Christian music doesn't get much air play, and Christian rap gets even less. "In-Nashville-or-L.A.-or-New York, you tend to make music that is geared to sound better than the guy across the street," Williams said. "There is nobody else here."

On the surface, Grapetree's rappers are not all that different from the mainstream. They talk about the ills of ghetto life - prostitution, police brutality, drugs and murders. They wear the same clothes. But Grapetree rappers don't use profanity and have traded guns for gospel.

It's just dealing with a social issue from a different perspective," Williams said. "The gangsta rapper comes up and says, 'I'm in the ghetto. I've got to kill to survive. I've got to shoot you in the head.' From a Christian perspective, we look at it like, 'Man, I'm in the ghetto, too, but I know there is hope.'"

His journey to Christianity is proof that "a life can be changed," he said. The son of a traveling salesman and a nurse, Knolly "Rubadub" Williams was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. Now 29, Williams said he doesn't remember much about Brooklyn except that his parents decided to pick up their older sister was attacked by a rat.

His family then settled in Cleveland, where his parents divorced. At 10, he moved with his mother to Los Angeles. At 13, he began dealing drugs at school.



Knolly Williams, owner of the Christian rap label Grapetree Records, works out of his recording studio in Round Rock, Texas.

By 14, he had been arrested, spent four months in juvenile hall and was kicked out of schools in Los Angeles and Ohio. At 17, he dropped out of school and his mother threw him out of her house. Although he never went to prison, he was in and out of police custody six or seven times.

"It was just ignorance. I really didn't know any better. I thought that that was what I had to do to survive," he recalled. Finally, at 18, he got scared and fed up and decided there must be more to life. So, Williams returned to an earlier passion: rap music. He began scratching records when he was 13, and that's how he got his moniker:

"rub" for scratching, and "dub" for a nine-inch record.

Williams recorded a gangster rap demo tape and tried to get a contract, but his career went nowhere. He describes that first effort as obscure enough to make his mother cry. With his music career stalled, Williams accepted an uncle's invitation to move to his house in a secluded part of north Austin.

Far from fast-paced urban life, and facing the need to earn money any way he could, Williams said he had time to reflect on the Bible and develop a relationship with God. He then turned his life around.

Williams got his high school equivalency diploma and started

attending community college. In 1992, he met and married his wife, Josie, now 39, a former kindergarten teacher. He found the cheapest studio he could in Austin and began working on his first full-length album as a Christian gangsta rapper.

In 1994, his company had three artists, including himself. Two artists didn't sell one record and sales of his second album, "Mind of a Gangster," topped out at \$13,000. But his magazine got the attention of Newport Beach, Calif.-based Diamante, which sells about 2 percent of the Christian music in the nation. By 1998, Grapetree had its first successful year with \$2 million in sales.

MISSIONARY

Returned from serving BURLEY - Elder Scott McMillan, son of Brent and L. ... McMillan - of Burley, has returned from a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Brazil Biraero Preto Mission. He will speak at 10:50 a.m. Sunday in

the Burley 5th Ward chapel, 2420 Parke Ave. He plans to continue his computer engineering major at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

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Religion in brief

Turkmenistan has raided four of the nation's five Baptist congregations and arrested two pastors, weeks after another Baptist clergyman was released from prison, according to a letter received by the Baptist World Alliance.

The alliance, which holds its international congress in Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 5-9, received the letter from the president of the Union of Evangelical-Christian Baptists of Uzbekistan and Middle Asia.

The alliance protested the earlier arrest of pastor Rahim Tashov and charged that he was severely beaten while in prison. The alliance called on the United Nations to help the nation's persecuted believers.

The Baptist Union of Sweden has also pressed Turkmenistan's request for the ending of a Seventh-day Adventist church, and is appealing for the release of a Baptist layman imprisoned on embezzlement charges.

Compiled from wire reports

A faithful spirit might make a healthy body

By Eric Gorski The Gazette

A growing body of evidence suggests that religion can be good for you. New findings seem to emerge every other month: Regular churchgoers live longer. Prayer helps heart patients. A strong faith can help people cope with depression, drug abuse - even cancer.

The research represents a breach in the wall that usually separates religion and medicine. The studies of the past decade have grabbed the attention of scholars and the world's most respected academic institutions, as well as doctors who are increasingly prescribing spirituality as a part of the healing process.

"Doctors can't just throw G.I. stuff out," said Dr. Harold G. Koenig, director of Duke University's Center for the Study of Religion/Spirituality and Health. "They have to consider it. They can't just say religion is irrelevant to health. It is relevant."

The majority of research linking religion and health focuses not on whether a supreme being is at work but on how believing in God or belonging to a religious community influences physical and emotional well-being.

A Georgetown University professor reviewed 212 such studies and found that three-fourths showed religious commitment had a positive effect on health.

The news isn't surprising to chaplains, spiritual counselors and staff at Catholic and Jewish hospitals who've always incorporated spirituality into patient care.

"We've known it all along," said Steve Roberts, co-director of the Samaritan Counseling and Education Center in Colorado Springs, which offers spiritual therapy to individuals and churches. "We just haven't had the research."

A number of factors have fueled the research: doctors recognize that faith is central to the lives of many patients; a generation of baby-boomers is exploring its faith anew; there's a growing interest in alternative therapies and holistic health - which takes into account body, mind and spirit.

At Duke, Koenig and his colleagues don't try to establish the validity of faith healing; they investigate the healing or therapeutic power of people's religious faith. Much of Koenig's research shows health benefits increase along with the level of one's religious involvement.

Larry Dossey, executive editor of Alternative Therapies in Health and Medicine, said the real value in the recent flurry of research is the findings that faith has a positive effect - even though "everything isn't explained."

"Often in medicine, we know that something is efficient before we understand how it works," he said, citing aspirin and penicillin.

People who claim no religious affiliation and people who frequently watch religious television programs or listen to religious radio programs tend to have more anxiety and mental-health problems than frequent churchgoers.

A belief in a punitive God or beliefs that conflict with those of the church or clergy can do mental damage.

Source: the National Institute for Healthcare Research

Jazz musician is benefactor

MINNEAPOLIS - Dick Pendleton put his \$6,500 into the offering plate each Sunday. In his later years, he volunteered to play clarinet at the Calvary Lutheran Church.

And when Pendleton died, he left his estate to the church. The size of the gift is just becoming known, but it's somewhere above \$2 million.

The church, which has had trouble meeting expenses, is still deciding what to do with the money that grew from Securities Pendleton had inherited from his parents.

His church performances were also memorable. Music director Nancy Grover recalled his showing up at a Saturday meeting. He had no music but detailed ideas about how they should play a clarinet and launch a "Closer Walk With Thee." His jaw-dropping Sunday performance led to several more.

Baptists protest new roundup in Turkmenistan

McLEAN, Va. - Police in

Leader

Continued from G1 younger youth leaders," he said. "You connect with kids differently at different ages, and teens who are more interested in spiritual things respect and look up to older ministers."

Wester, who has a bachelor's degree in youth ministry from Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, came to Twin Falls 3 1/2 years ago and launched a small group ministry two years after that.

Teens

Continued from G1 experiences from their lives and act as listening posts for others' concerns.

"So often kids watch adults' inner lives," self-absorbed lifestyles that sort of kill them," DeBaun said. "They see adults, and their own cohorts, screaming for help and nobody answering. We want to bring light into dark places."

The Hyperthermia that Almost Wasn't

The first Hyperthermia, last New Year weekend, attracted 200 students. The enormity of the event, coupled with the large number of activities the church sponsors throughout the year and the potential for Y2K problems, led DeBaun to call a halt to this year's Hyperthermia.

But the members of his youth group wouldn't hear of it. "It was one of the things we did really well last year and it was one of the things we really liked," said Josh Smart, a member of the Senior Design Team that provided the leadership to pull this year's

dents and me, teaching a large group," he said. And he has found that the small groups function well as agents for the "reeling in" of the community, with the young people themselves ministering to those in need.

"Youth work is definitely more spiritual now," Wester said. "Years ago, kids were getting into more at home projects, they don't sit around the dinner table and have devotions like I was brought up."

Hyperthermia together. "I talked to a bunch of people whose lives had gotten totally touched by going to Hyperthermia," said Karl Faugen, another member of the Senior Design Team. "It would be a shame if they were looking forward to coming and we didn't have it."

So a group of some 25 teens from the Big Wood church started six months ago to plan, organize and program the four-day event - everything from registration to decorations, from games, to songs, skits, meals, worship, a New Year's Eve dance, youth speakers, and clean-up.

Karl said she was able to "know herself in Christ" better because of her attendance at Hyperthermia last year.

"By sharing my experience, it made my relation with Christ stronger, and it also made me feel really good to see people I'd been praying for come to Christ," she said.

"If they leave saying they had fun and they learned something from it, then it was all worthwhile," added team member Erika Swanger.

'Devotions' is a stunning triumph for author who battled illness

By Paul R. Buckley The Dallas Morning News

"Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions and Devotion's Due," by John Donne (Vintage, 234 pages, \$13). Writing isn't easy, or if it is easy, it probably isn't writing (at) - just words on a page. That's true even when the writer is in good health. Which makes one wonder: How on earth did Donne manage to produce something so stunning as these "Devotions" while enfeebled by illness? We all know the famous line in Chapter 17 about no man's being able to hold that solemn notice that the bell "tolls for thee." The Vintage Spiritual

holy things," Donne isn't immune to such criticism. But his writing, for all the reliable wordplay, betrays not just a clever mind but a great soul as well.

"The Art of God: The Heavens and the Earth," by Ric Ergenbright (Tyndale House Publishers, 160 pages, \$25). Ergenbright, an Oregon photographer whose work has appeared in National Geographic magazine and elsewhere, describes his coffee-table book as "a meager adjunct" to the "supreme artistry of God in creation." Echoing a piece of Christian doctrine that has been around for a long time,

he writes that even if the human race had not one scrap of Holy Scripture, something of God's character and wisdom would remain visible - they are impossible not to see, in fact - in the creative work of his hands. "The Art of God" amounts to a sort of visual commentary on Genesis 1. The photos, all in brilliantly reproduced color, were taken at sites around the globe, from Texas and Oregon to Fiji, France and China. Just about every page includes a verse or two from the Bible and Ergenbright's reflections, both theological and personal. He discusses his photographic technique, too.

New Christian books

Classics series has reproduced the whole work, complete with the "expositional" and prayers that follow each meditation. "Death's Due" is a sermon, Donne's last. To the amazement of the congregation at St. Paul's Cathedral, he presented himself not to preach mortification by a living voice, but mortality by a decayed body, and a dying face," his biographer Isaac Walton wrote. It was a Puritan complaint that the more fancifully eloquent Anglican preachers seemed to "play with

New Christian books

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American Muslims show strong support for both Bush, Bradley

WASHINGTON (AP) - A non-partisan survey of U.S. Muslims reports these current leanings on presidential candidate: George W. Bush, 25 percent; Bill Bradley, 24 percent; Al Gore, 15 percent; and John McCain, 10 percent.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations promoted the survey through contacts in the Muslim community.

On other questions, 41 percent identified with Democrats; 35 percent said they were politically conservative and 16 percent said they are liberal.

RELIGION

Critics fault L.A. cathedral design, say it's not Catholic enough

By Louisa Lota
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Our Lady of the Angels, at \$69.6 million the nation's most expensive Catholic cathedral, brings together a world-renowned Spanish architect and three California artists for a mission: to make a monument that would last 500 years.

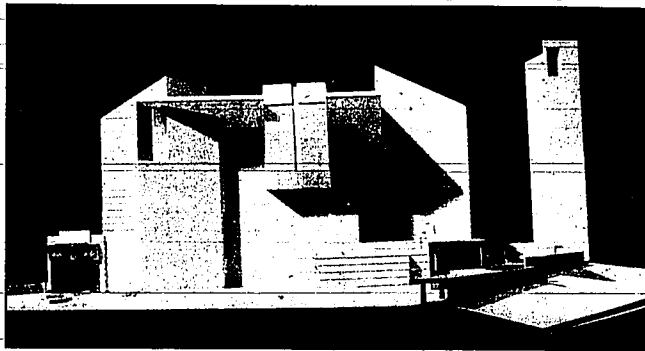
But the yet-unbuilt cathedral — with its geometric shapes, sharp soaring angles and simple and stark concrete facade — has critics describing it as detached and aloof, more akin to a courthouse than a cathedral.

Some say it's not Catholic enough for the church.

"What does the building say of the Catholic faith and the Catholic building tradition? Sadly, not as much as it could," said Steven J. Schleoder, whose Berkeley architectural firm, Liturgical Services, has church projects nationwide.

In a review published last year, he wrote that the building "stands apart from the vast and wide tradition of Catholic buildings."

Being built on a 5.6-acre site downtown, the cathedral



This is an undated file photo of a model of Los Angeles' \$69.6 million Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, scheduled to be completed in Los Angeles in the fall of 2001 or winter 2002. Its architect was instructed to design the cathedral to

replaces St. Vibiana's Cathedral, the Spanish Baroque-style structure built in 1876 that was severely damaged by the 1994 Northridge earthquake and condemned. Our Lady of

the Angels will have a \$4 million high-tech earthquake protection system.

The new cathedral, slightly smaller than New York's St. Patrick's, was designed by

Pritzker Prize-winning architect Jose Rafael Moneo of Spain. It will have space for 3,000 congregants and a 3-acre plaza to accommodate up to 6,000, as well as a residence for the cardi-

nal of the 4.5 million-member archdiocese and housing for priests, clergy and visitors. Also planned are a conference center, a cloister garden, a 160-foot-tall bell tower and a 600-car underground garage.

Planners hope that a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a Mexican apparition of the mother of Jesus, will be visible to cars driving along the Hollywood Freeway.

The cathedral's cavernous interior will be visible to cars driving along the Hollywood Freeway through the largest use of aluminum-framed windows (27,000 square feet) in the world.

The total cost for the cathedral complex is \$163.2 million, said an archdiocese spokesman, the Rev. Gregory Coiro. The site was bought in 1995 and construction began in October 1998. The

cathedral is to be completed by late 2001 or early 2002, the archdiocese said.

The building has its defenders, including civic leaders in Los Angeles and other supporters of the downtown's recent renewal. They say its striking design places it among the city's elite architectural projects.

The Rev. Richard S. Vosko, a priest, architect and furniture designer hired by the Los Angeles Archdiocese as a consultant, says no single design is certifiably Catholic.

"The Roman Catholic Church has never adopted one particular style of art or architecture," Vosko said.

The cathedral's planners say it is the first major Catholic architectural and artistic work of the new millennium.

Pop music stays secular in 1999

By Ben Weiner
The Orange County Register

To be blunt, it wasn't a good year for religion to make groundbreaking inroads into pop music.

Unlike most any year this decade, when you could count on at least a handful of superstars to examine their faith in interesting ways, 1999 was devoid of spiritual introspection. Personal crises, sociological statements, abstract notions of right and wrong and the gray area in between — hey, what faith in the truckload.

But nothing was so brilliant that will be remembered by the end of 2000.

Instead, Christian pop artists shined, both in commitment to their faith and in one case — Sixpence None the Richer's irresistible "Kiss Me" — their ability to smashingly cross over. Not surprisingly, Christian artists dominated this year's Top 10, a list we got from the *Billboard* Crossroads — what if Tom Waits joined a Klezmer band, hired Elton John (the early '70s version) and Nick Cave's Bad Seeds to back him, and tried to reinvent a confessional sound like it shouldn't work, but it does

— broodingly, passionately and beautifully so.

2. Jars of Clay, "If I Left the Zoo." Essential — It's a pity Dan Haseltine gets pigeonholed as just a Christian singer-songwriter. His winning melodies are some of the sweetest of any genre, and his lyrics never pander. Here, they are matched to superb playing of his band.

3. Yolanda Adams, "Mountain High ... Valley Low," Elektra — Gospel's Lauryn Hill proved both street-reel and ethereal in this hotly grooving assortment of praise tunes. A noteworthy new talent.

4. Various artists, "Testify! The Gospel Box." Rhino — It's incomplete as a historical document, but that doesn't mean it isn't better than any other assessment of the sound.

5. All Star United, "International Anthems for the Human Race," Zomba/Reunion — Winking, cheeky, perhaps a bit serious at all, the wise but goofy lads of this power-pop outfit brings the propulsive charm of Weezer and Cheap Trick to a Christian music scene now slippery because of its slickness.

6. Peter Dinklage, "Love Thinketh No Evil." Six Degrees — The trusty troubadour soldiers on with another solid batch of ruminations on everything from spirit to salvation to every day sounds like it shouldn't work, but it does

Virgin — Britain's entry in the American-controlled contemporary Christian music scene puts most of the Yanks to shame. Bright, shiny, ultra-melodic and not nearly as obvious as DC Talk or Audio Adrenaline have become.

8. P.O.D., "The Fundamental Elements of Southtown Atlantic." The question with these San Diego rockers is whether they will stick by their faith when the success rolls in — and it likely will, and should — or will they let it fall by the wayside? Either way, the Christian Limp Bizkit roars in its major-label debut.

9. Plumb, "Candy Coated Waterdrops." Essential — Sixpence is swell, sure, but they're not the only ones making good-natured God-pop. This outfit has been improving with each release, and here they have neared sublime greatness.

10. Various artists, "The Prayer Cycle — Music for the Century by Jonathan Elias." Sony — It's not a great album, but it's important. Enlisting Alanis Morissette, Perry Farrell, James Taylor, Linda Ronstadt, Orla Hendry and the late Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, just to name a few, Elias gave the world a pan-religious platter to ease our minds as Y2K approached — and at a time when it was raining to bubblegum yet again, it was needed.

Beliefnet.com seeks interfaith niche

By Richard N. Ostling

NEW YORK — Sit at your computer, call up the AltaVista search engine, type in "Catholic," click your mouse, and an unerring message appears onscreen: "1,158,895 pages found."

Webcrawler, another search engine, emits 5,672 options for "Islam." Yahoo, another, displays 4,825 religious categories, each with myriad links leading to yet more links.

In religion, as in everything else, the World Wide Web is rich with resources and possibilities. But it's also a creation without form and void, an infinite maze with material of unknown sponsorship or indeterminate reliability.

Enter www.beliefnet.com. The super-site going online this weekend spans all interfaith



Steven Waldman

options. As devised by chairman Steven Waldman, former national editor of U.S. News & World Report, the contents are geared especially to seekers who are not committed to a particular faith.

Among more typical Web destinations dealing with religion, some represent one organization ("www.vatican.va"), others transmit one viewpoint, notably Evangelical operations like "www.christianity.net," "www.gospelnet.com," and "believe.com," which Family Christian Stores will launch in late January.

ular topics on line, but the Web is "disorganized and mostly driven by sites with particular agendas," Waldman contends. "For a lot of people, that's fine. But we'll be the place that will bring order in the chaos."

Beliefnet, unlike most religion-related Web sites, is a for-profit company. It anticipates eventual income from advertising, e-commerce tie-ins and sale of its own products and services.

Taking a break at his temporary Wall Street quarters, Waldman, 37, said the project germinated when he became disillusioned with journalism.

"Traditional media are generally not good at covering what's most important in peoples' lives," he observes. "Does God exist? Where do we go after we die? It's not news, but it's really, really important to people."

Above all else, faith keeps us going

This column is a gamble. It is being written three short days before the end of the millennium (or the beginning of the new one, depending on how you have decided to count). The dreaded "Y2K" is upon us, and there is no way for me to tell whether this column is going to get to you.

If you are, by chance, reading this on the typical religion page in the newspaper, it means we all have survived the big changeover from the 1900s to the year 2000, and that life is going on as planned, that is, normally.

But then again, there is a good chance — according to some folks — that this column will never reach you, because when the clock strikes (or strikes) 12 midnight, the world could have come to an end.

This whole Y2K thing is such a gamble, isn't it?

But then, all of life is a gamble, isn't it?

For the past year or more, we have been warned and threatened about the dreaded Y2K "bug," we've demanded guarantees that life as we know it will continue as we want it to continue.

But since when has life been about guarantees? Since when have we ever been in such total control that we knew all the answers and everything that was going to happen to us?

Life in and of itself is a gamble. What keeps us going isn't guarantees, but faith.

We have faith that we will wake up tomorrow. We have faith that our lives will go on as we think they will. We have faith that God somehow cares for each of us, and that as a result, life will go on.

If we didn't have faith, how could we face each day? How

COMMENTARY Lauren R. Stanley

could we get out of bed in the morning if we didn't have enough faith to believe that the day actually would take place, and that at its end, we still would be here?

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Of course, all this begs the question about our need to be in control and to have all the answers.

Somewhere along the way in our evolution, we moved from people focused on survival to people focused on success. And in that change of focus, we've decided that faith alone isn't going to work. That we can control all sorts of things, including our destiny, if only we will work hard enough, and plan ahead sufficiently, and keep others from getting in our way.

But when we place our need for control above our faith — in God and in life in general — we lose out on the mystery that is life itself.

Why, after all, are we here? Why, in God's great goodness, did God bother to create us?

Face it. We are not necessary to creation. We are part of it, but we certainly are not necessary TO it. Life itself, and the very fact that we are here, is nothing more — and nothing less — than the greatest mystery of all. Embracing that mystery is what enables us to go on in life. Embracing that mystery is what enables us to take chances, to take risks, to gamble.

God created us not to be in control, not to know all the answers, but to live in love, and take chances with that love.

Everything we know about God, and God's call to us, is risky. God said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." God never told Abram where that place would be. God never said, "Go two hundred miles east, hang a left at the Great Sea and settle down fifty miles north of this certain village." God just said, "Go — to the land that I will show you."

Jesus, in inviting people to be his disciples, simply said, "Come, follow me." He never said, "First we're going to go here and do this, then we're going there and doing that." He just said, "Follow me."

Our whole life is meant to revolve around taking risks, because all of life is a risk: The only thing of which we are absolutely certain is that we will die.

Everything else is a gamble. Just like this column.

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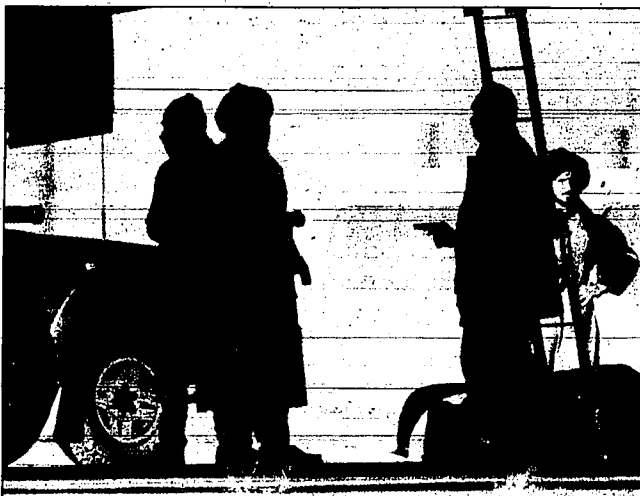
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WORLD



A masked hijacker of an Indian Airlines plane speaks to a Taliban official at gunpoint at Kandahar airport, Afghanistan, Friday. Five hijackers walked off the plane today and fled the airport in waiting vehicles, a peaceful end to a tense eight-day standoff.

Hijackers flee, leave hostages as India frees three prisoners

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — Brandishing pistols, five hijackers walked off an Indian Airlines plane Friday, ending an eight-day hostage crisis after India released three prominent militants, including a Muslim cleric who is a leader of a group seeking independence for Indian-held Kashmir.

The hijackers sped off in four-wheel drive vehicles, taking with them the three released rebels and a soldier of the Taliban movement, the Muslim fundamentalist group that rules most of Afghanistan.

Taliban Foreign Minister Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil said the hijackers were given 10 hours to get out of the country. They could try to make a run for the border with either Pakistan or Iran — though neither country is likely to grant them sanctuary.

They will have a tough time hiding in Afghanistan because they are being followed by a heavily armed group of Taliban soldiers, Muttawakil told a news conference.

He didn't say what the Taliban would do if the hijackers remained in Afghanistan after 10 hours, a period that will elapse before dawn Saturday. The hijackers have only pistols and the one Taliban soldier as a hostage, he said.

As soon as the hijackers were out of sight, doctors and nurses rushed to the plane to offer medical treatment to the 155 passengers on board. None appeared harmed as the crisis ended, though one passenger was stabbed to death shortly after the plane was hijacked Dec. 24 on a flight from Nepal to New Delhi, India, beginning a four-nation odyssey.

Some of the passengers were still trembling with fear, and one teenage boy was sobbing, according to Abdul Qadir, a Taliban soldier who helped take them off the plane. Some of the older passengers were placed in wheelchairs.

All were taken directly from the hijacked plane to the other Indian plane that had arrived

earlier in the day and flew out of Kandahar toward New Delhi.

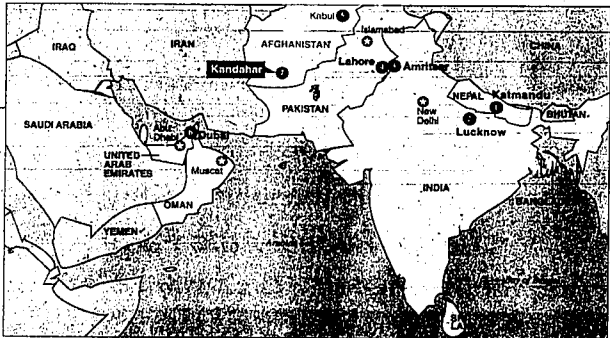
The hijacking drama at the southern Afghan city of Kandahar — the longest in more than a decade — could boost Muslim militants battling India in Kashmir and has brought criticism on the government of Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

The hijackers — whose names and nationalities remained unknown — had demanded the release of 35 Kashmir militants and the cleric. But the Indians agreed to release only three, and flew them to Afghanistan, where they were quickly exchanged for the hostages on the plane this afternoon.

Indian Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh said afterward that "there is no bowing to terrorism," and that the prisoners were released in order to protect the lives of the hostages. "I came here in a purely humanitarian capacity," Singh told a news conference shortly after the episode ended.

Hostages freed

After holding 155 passengers hostage during an eight-day standoff, five hijackers walked off an Indian Airlines plane Friday, bringing an end to the crisis.



- FRIDAY, DEC. 24**
 - 5:55 a.m. Indian Airlines plane carrying 189 people leaves Kathmandu, Nepal, for New Delhi, India.
 - 6:25 a.m. Plane is hijacked over northern Indian town of Lucknow. Hijackers demand to be flown to Lahore, Pakistan, but authorities there deny permission.
 - 8:31 a.m. Hijackers force plane to land at Amritsar, where it spends 40 minutes on the ground.
- SATURDAY**
 - 9:37 a.m. Plane returns to Lahore, Pakistan, and lands without permission. It is allowed to refuel.
 - 12:01 p.m. Plane leaves Lahore and heads toward Kabul, Afghanistan, where airport is deemed unsafe to land at night. Plane then tries to land in Muscat, Oman, but is denied permission.
 - 3:01 p.m. Plane lands at an Air Force base near Dubai, United Arab Emirates, where it refuels. After releasing 27 passengers, plane takes off; one dead body is removed from plane.
 - 10:01 p.m. Plane lands in Kandahar in southern Afghanistan.
- SUNDAY**
 - Hijackers demand release of several people in Indian jails. Senior U.N. official is dispatched to Afghanistan to offer humanitarian assistance.
- MONDAY**
 - Deadline set by hijackers to begin executing hostages passes when India agrees to send negotiators to Kandahar. Indian negotiators open direct talks.
- TUESDAY**
 - Militants demand \$200 million and release of 35 Kashmiri militants.
- WEDNESDAY**
 - Hijackers drop demands for a \$200 million ransom and the body of a Kashmiri militant.
- THURSDAY**
 - Taliban soldiers with rocket launchers encircle the plane. A cancer-stricken hostage is temporarily taken off the plane for treatment.
- FRIDAY**
 - After an eight-day standoff, Indian officials agree to release three prisoners in exchange for the 155 hostages aboard the hijacked plane.

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WORLD



A U.S. color guard lowers the American flag for the last time in front of the Panama Canal Administration Building in Panama City Thursday. The canal has been under U.S. control since it was built 85 years ago.

Festive ceremony marks end of U.S. jurisdiction over canal

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — The United States handed over the Panama Canal to Panama Friday, ending nearly a century of American jurisdiction over one of the world's most strategic waterways.

In a festive ceremony alongside the canal administration building, President Mireya Moscoso and U.S. Army Secretary Louis Caldera signed a document formalizing Panama's possession of the canal and a surrounding strip of land that until recently was home to U.S. military and civilian installations.

"We didn't feel sovereign with this enclave in our heart," said Candelario Rodriguez, a 61-year-old peasant from western Panama. "This has great meaning to us."

The stars and stripes didn't flutter over the ceremony; A 10-

man detachment representing the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines lowered it at sundown Thursday and presented it to U.S. Ambassador Simon Ferro.

Panamanian officials said the Americans were trying to avoid embarrassment at Friday's event.

"It was a solemn and dignified act, as tomorrow's ceremony will also be," Ferro said.

Some Panamanians said the United States had lost yet another opportunity to commemorate the handover as a gesture — not of weakness, but of respect for a smaller nation.

"Somehow, I think it would have been nobler to lower the flag at today's ceremony," said former Panamanian Foreign Minister Jorge Ritter.

"I cannot understand the last-minute decision to do this as if it was something shameful," he

said. "The United States has nothing to be ashamed of in complying with the treaties" for the canal's handover.

It was the latest apparent snub concerning the handover. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright at the last minute canceled her visit to Panama for an earlier ceremony on Dec. 14, fueling speculation that the Clinton administration wanted to distance itself from the transfer.

Carping in the U.S. Congress about the handover and doubts about Panama's ability to ensure the canal's security apparently convinced the Clinton administration to avoid a showy display.

Dec. 31 was the deadline for the handover of the canal and all surrounding land under treaties signed in 1977 by military strongman Gen. Omar Torrijos and President Jimmy Carter.

Stars and Stripes wave for last time

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — When the Panamanian flag was raised for the first time — alone — outside Panama's Canal Commission offices at noon Friday, Cecil Haynes witnessed a moment he never imagined possible when he first sought work at the canal — more than 70 years ago.

"I never thought when I began working for the canal that I would live to see the canal transferred to Panama," said Haynes, whose career began in 1928. "But I've come to see it."

The U.S. flag was lowered at the Canal Commission headquarters for the last time Thursday, marking the first time since 1914 when the Stars and Stripes has not flown over the waterway. Panama's flag was also symbolically lowered — in preparation for a triumphant re-raising ceremony Friday.

Haynes, 86, will be a special guest, a living voice of history, at the handover ceremonies.

From his start as an office boy sharpening pencils and filling ink wells to his present position as an inventory manager, Haynes stuck with the canal — largely to honor his father, a Barbados-born laborer who in 1904 joined thousands of others to carve out the mighty trench with picks and shovels.

"My father and all the others ... installed in me that I should

respect their efforts and the labor they put into that canal — it was part of their lives and we lost a lot of people while building it — and in memory of those men that I should always try to stay with the canal and do what I could to keep it as one of the wonders of the world."

After 71 years and seven months of service — with never a sick day taken or a shift started late — Haynes is a wonder himself.

"As a matter of fact, I tell people it's my canal. I own it," he says, laughing.

With the world's attention on the canal in recent days, Haynes has been sought out to share his memories and thoughts on the engineering marvel.

"Some people say I'm famous. If I'm famous, good," he says, because that means he is passing on the memory of the people who built the canal but died without proper recognition.

They were proud, hardworking men — largely from the Caribbean islands — who labored with love, Haynes says. But in the U.S.-controlled canal zone, they were "aliens" whose meager salaries were paid in silver coins while American workers earned gold. American engineers and money made the canal possible, but Haynes wants future genera-

tions to know the labor came from ordinary men like his father. He wants them to remember the nearly 22,000 people who died of disease and in landslides or ill-planned explosions.

"That's why there's so much sentiment to it — it was built with sweat, blood and tears," he says. "And whose blood and whose? The black man, because they were the ones that built the canal."

Haynes also gives respect to Americans who arrived to help protect the canal during World War II and protested the dual standard forced on non-American workers.

It was their union-organizing efforts which equalized pay and helped end racist policies, he says. The United States' presence gave Panama stability, he says.

Though he is pleased to see the "big brother-little brother" relationship end, he worries that Panama is unsuited to defend the canal from possible attack because it has no army.

He believes, however, that Panama is ready to administer the canal properly.

"My desire is that we manage this in a very good form because this canal is for the service of the world. For a country as small as we are ... I am wanting to see us do this successfully."

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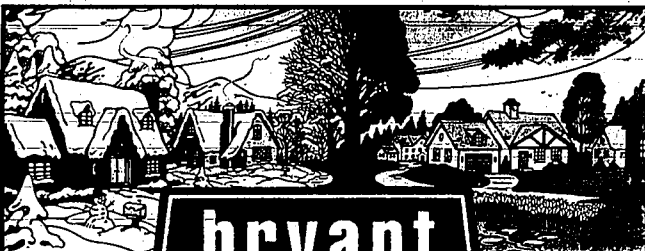
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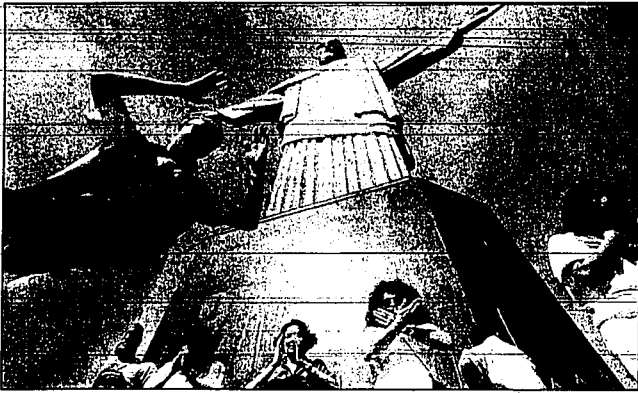


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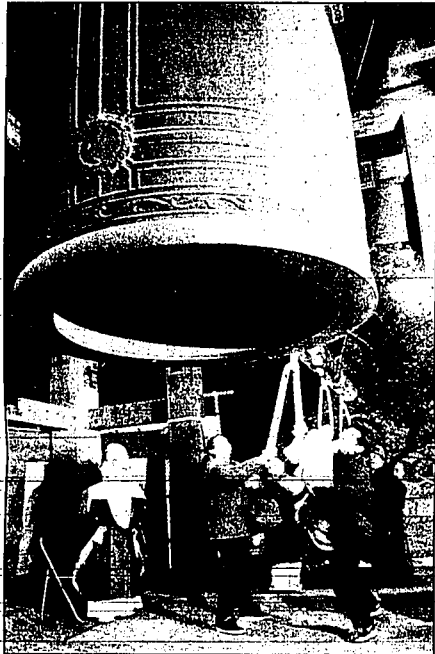
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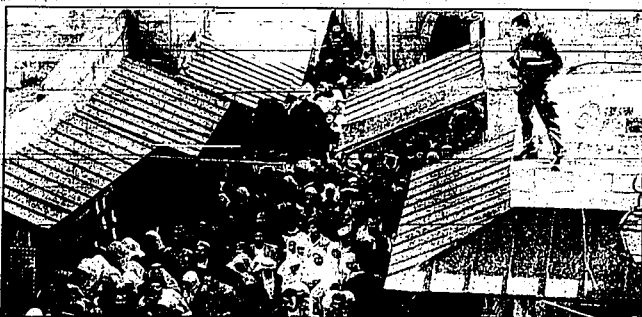


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Above, representatives of various religions pray beneath the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Friday. The multi-denominational gathering encouraged people to pray for peace on the last day of the millennium. Left, holding their child, parents strike a bell to ring in the new millennium at Zejo Buddhist Temple in Tokyo early today. Devotees traditionally strike the bell 108 times to rid themselves of 108 worldly desires and start a fresh new year.

Right, Michael Boon and his wife, Amanda, both of Tasmania, Australia, embrace during the millennium celebration for Australia in New York's Times Square Friday. The millennium celebrations at the self-proclaimed crossroads of the world began even before the sun rose over New York Friday. Below, An Israeli police officer stands on a rooftop in the old city of Jerusalem as he looks over a crowd of Palestinians leaving the city after the Ramadan prayer Friday. Israel tightened security in preparation for millennium eve events and the Ramadan prayers in which 400,000 Muslim worshippers participated.



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Banner Furniture began life as a small second hand store in the old Camera Center Hotel on Shoshone Street next to Red's Trading Post in 1955. Jack and Marlene Sears and father-in-law Clarence Mortensen bought the business in 1957. The following year the Sears bought out their partner and ran the business at that location 'till 1964. That year, they purchased the Reynold's Funeral Parlor on 127 2nd Ave. West and added a large addition to it.

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Tiny village display benefits center

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Dianna Dickinson has a large collection of a miniature Christmas town.

Her fine porcelain village collection was recently on display in the showroom of Con Paulos Chevrolet-Pontiac-GMC dealership in Jerome.

A second smaller village will be featured in the front window of Mill End Fabrics, 123 South Lincoln St. in Jerome through the month of January.

Donation jars were at both locations with proceeds going toward the Southern Idaho Learning Center, formerly Scottish Rite Learning Center, located at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Dickinson, a Jerome resident, has been collecting porcelain miniatures since 1993. The village at Con Paulos contained around 900 pieces including 112 buildings. The rest of the pieces were people, trees, dogs, horses, light poles and other miscellaneous sights found in a colonial village.

The colonial collection displayed at Con Paulos took about two and one half years to complete, Dickinson says.

The collector says the learning center helped her son.



Above, the large Christmas village collection owned by Dianna Dickinson was on display during the holidays as a benefit to the Southern Idaho Learning Center. Right, the display featured about 900 pieces.

Melody Ann Lenker, clinical director at learning center, was her son, Mel's speech therapist when he was small. Dickinson says, "Mel, now 23-years old, leads a normal life but had Attention Deficit Disorder as a child with many problems to overcome, she says. Had he not gotten help from the learning center, he would have fallen through the cracks in society, she adds. The learning center says it is

designed to help children age 5 to 21 with learning and behavior problems reach their true potential. The center is funded through the Scottish Rite Masons and from grants, student fees and donations. Admission is open to anyone with a need for their services. Fees for services are based on a sliding scale based on the family income.



The contestants of the Mr. MHS contest at Minico High School are, from left to right, front row: Ryan Jensen, Freddy Rodriguez and Casey Jensen; second row: Lynn Maxfield, radio host Amber Gold, Blake Smith and Robert Greer; third row: Brian Goz and Garrett Haynes; and back row: Salvador De la Cruz, Bill Wrigley, Reese Harper, Chris Cole and radio host Kurt Kruger.

Mr. MHS contest raises funds for family

RUPERT - The 'Men of the Millennium' Mr. MHS contest at Minico High School not only showed the talents of male students, but raised money for a family in need.

Proceeds from the recent event went to the Fred and Emy Darrington family of Declo who have three children in need of bone marrow transplants, organizers say.

The pageant is an annual event, hosted by the Business Club of Minico.

Twelve seniors sang, danced and joked their way through the pageant which was hosted by Kurt Kruger and Amber Gold from 99.9 The Buzz radio station.

Top slots went to Garrett Haynes, Mr. MHS; Bill Wrigley, first runner-up; and Ryan Jensen and Reese Harper, tied for second runner-up.

Other contestants were Freddy Rodriguez, Casey Jensen, Lynn Maxfield, Blake Smith, Robert Greer, Brian Gee, Salvador De la Cruz and Chris Cole.

Simpson announces academy nominations

BOISE - U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, has announced area nominees to the United States military academies.

Students were selected on the quality of their application, scholastic achievement, references and extra-curricular activities, Simpson's office says. Some students were nominated for more than one military school and a Congressional nomination does not guarantee acceptance into the Armed Services.

Nominees to the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. include William Black of Jerome; Jonathan Dedie of Burley, who is currently serving in the Air Force in Hawaii; Ryan LaPlante of Mountain Home, and Christopher Wilson of Twin Falls.

Nominees to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland include William Black of Jerome; Jonathan Dedie of Burley; Ryan LaPlante of Mountain Home; and Christopher Wilson of Twin Falls.

Mountain Home; and Christopher Wilson of Twin Falls.

Nominees to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. include: Jonathan Dedie of Burley; Kelly Kramer of Twin Falls, and Janis Wright of Twin Falls.

Nominees to the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point N.Y. include William Black of Jerome; Jonathan Dedie of Burley; Ryan LaPlante of Mountain Home; and Christopher Wilson of Twin Falls.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Christian Women's Club hosts prayer coffee

TWIN FALLS - The Christian Women's Club of the Magic Valley will host a prayer coffee from 9:30-11 a.m., Tuesday at the Mary Eghel Pringle home in Twin Falls.

For more information, or for directions and/or child care information, call 734-3439.

Snake River Astronomy Association plans meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Snake River Astronomy Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Public Library at 100 First Ave. E., in Jerome.

For more information, call Ryan Showers at 324-7606 or Patty Bryant at 324-2678, or e-mail her at pbryant@magiclink.com or sraa@magiclink.com.

Desert Sun Dancers holds square and round dancing

SHOSHONE - The Desert Sun

Dancers will host a square and round dancing event at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14, at the Masonic Hall on East B Street in Shoshone.

The organization holds nine dances, a weekend family camp out and demonstrations at local county fairs, in parades and at holiday celebrations. The group also meets the second Friday of each month from September through May with the purpose of having fun and promoting friendships through square dancing and round dancing, the group says.

Membership dues are \$5 per couple and dances will be held the second Friday of each month. For more information, call Glenn or Carolyn Bradley at 896-2808, or David or Velma Porter at 886-2510.

Elks foundation seeks applicants for scholarships

TWIN FALLS - The Elks National Foundation is seeking applicants for the Most Valuable Student scholarships with appli-

cations available at most Magic Valley Elks lodges, the foundation says.

The National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships nationwide in the 2000 competition. Two scholarships will be awarded in Idaho and the Idaho State Elks will award \$13,000 in scholarships, coordinators say. The deadline for applications will be Jan. 14. Applications will be evaluated based on financial need, leadership and scholarship. Applications are available from high school counselors, local Elks lodges or from Marvin Chamberlain, P.O. Box 25, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0025.

The Times-News would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to Pat Marcantonio, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center is assisting refugee families resettling in America and seeking donations of winter clothing, bedding and blankets in good condition. For more information, call Sandra at 736-2166.

Hospice Visions is in need of volunteers to assist with random tasks. Duties may include transportation and running errands, patient care and companionship, caregiver assistance, bereavement dinners, clerical and office duties, fund-raising and special projects, telephoning and bereavement and other duties. For more information, call Flo Slatter at 735-0121.

The Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent programs have immediate openings for people age 60 or older and who are lower income. Participants are paid a tax-free stipend, mileage reimbursement and receive accident/liability insurance. Volunteers receive training and are assigned to a nonprofit work site. For more information, Burley area residents may call Ida at 671-4872, and Twin Falls residents may call Maggi or Pam at 736-2122.

A family of four living in a small two-bedroom house seeks a bunk bed for two girls sharing a twin mattress on the floor. Their father has been ill and they cannot afford to purchase a bunk bed. For more information on donating a new or used bunk bed, call Melinda Staley, Community Resource worker at 731-0607, or 733-8480, Ext. 3852, and leave a message.

Guardian ad Litem seeks volunteers to assist with cases involved in the court system, conduct independent investigations

of the child's circumstances and act as an advocate for the child at each stage of court proceedings. Guardians will give recommendations to the court in the best interest of the child. On average, volunteers devote 20 hours a month. There are about 230 cases and only 24 volunteers. For more information, call the Fifth Judicial District CASA Program at 324-6890, fax at 324-2015, or write the program at P.O. Box 22, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

Someone is needed to assist an elderly man in Filer with light housekeeping once a week or twice a month. For more information, call the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333. All Interfaith Volunteers are insured.

A single mother of six needs a refrigerator and electric dryer. Her only income is survivor's benefits. For more information on how to help, call Maria at 732-6181.

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers is seeking volunteers in the Magic Valley to assist with a variety of tasks for those in need in the community. Individuals who have a desire to alleviate human suffering, enrich the human spirit and build caring communities are encouraged to volunteer; the organization says. For more information on how to volunteer, call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333. All Interfaith volunteers are insured.

Magic Valley Staffing, Hospice division, is seeking volunteers in the Magic Valley who can assist clients and family members experiencing a life-limiting illness. Duties include support for patients and/or caregivers, cleri-

cal assistance, assisting in preparation of newsletters, copying, mass mailings and assisting with fund-raising activities. Hospice and OSHA training are offered each month for new volunteers. For more information, call 734-0600, or outside Twin Falls at 1-800-303-0602.

A woman living in Filer needs transportation to and from school in Twin Falls once a week for three months. For more information, call Nora at Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333. All of Interfaith's volunteers are insured.

A single mother and grandmother of six needs a cooking stove. For more information, call Janie at 736-9026.

The WIC program with the South Central District Health Department seeks volunteer peer-counselors in the Jerome and Twin Falls areas to work with WIC mothers in promoting and encouraging breast-feeding. Peer counselors provide support and information through phone contact, hospital or home visits. For more information, call Melody Krutner or Lynne Calhoun at the South Central District Health Department at 734-5900, Ext. 250.

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call Judy Tipton, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 312. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. To have your request appear in this column, please submit it before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Please call weekly to retain request.

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