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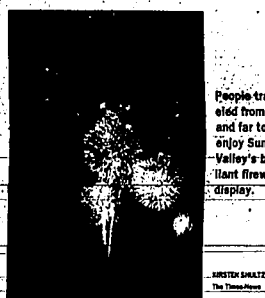


Couples on the dance floor at Boot Scooters in Twin Falls ring in the year 2000.

Without glitches or hitches, the Magic Valley heads to 2000

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley celebrated with beers in bars, with fireworks off Sun Valley's Baldy, and with friends at quiet gatherings at home. With scattered exceptions, the valley celebrated with electricity. For the most part, the valley celebrated the year 2000 without a glitch. And without a hitch. "This is awesome," said Betsy Budd, glass of champagne in hand, as she marked midnight in Boot-Scooters Inc. in Twin Falls.

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"This is just so awesome." But as parties celebrated at Boot Scooters, the power went off at Milner, about six minutes into the year 2000. It was not the much-ballyhooed Y2K bug that some feared would bring widespread blackouts across the country. It was a local. Please see CELEBRATE, Page A2



People traveled near and far to enjoy Sun Valley's brilliant fireworks display. JONATHAN SMALTY/The Times-News

Family, MV greet first baby of 2000

Richfield couple celebrates arrival

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer
JEROME - Four times before New Year's Day, Nikki Maynard thought her labor pains signaled her son was on the way. But Gregory Scott Maynard Jr. was destined for a special place in history: the year 2000's first baby born in a Magic Valley hospital. "It's a very happy new year. I figure this is the best way to start off a millennium," said Greg Maynard, Little Greg's dad, who had to wipe away tears before he could cut his son's umbilical cord Saturday morning. Mom and baby are healthy after a natural birth. "The Richfield couple said it wasn't concerned about being at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center for a birth shortly after the Y2K date change. And Little Greg's timely arrival - less than a week after his due date - brought a pile of blankets, dishes, baby formula, diaper bags, clothes and gift certificates from donors in Jerome and surrounding communities. Much is expected of the Magic Valley's millennium baby, who arrived on a great-grandmother's birthday. Big sister Lindsay, 4, hopes her little brother will play house. Please see BABY, Page A2



Lindsay, 4, greets her baby brother, Greg, as parents Greg and Nikki Maynard of Richfield admit their new addition - the first baby born in a Magic Valley hospital on New Year's Day, 2000.

Power utility sees a quiet new year

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer
HEYBURN - Staff at United Electric Power Co-op toasted the new year with sparkling cider at the stroke of midnight Saturday. United Electric Power Co-op Inc., one of several rural power utilities in the area supplied by the Bonneville Power Administration, had more to celebrate than the beginning of the year 2000. They could be thankful that Y2K appeared to pass quietly into history. The power cooperative had tested its equipment and was prepared, general manager Ralph Williams said. But like other power suppliers around the country, managers chaperoned the utility into the new year as a precaution. "We just didn't want to be over-confident," he said. Y2K glitches weren't the Please see UTILITY, Page A2

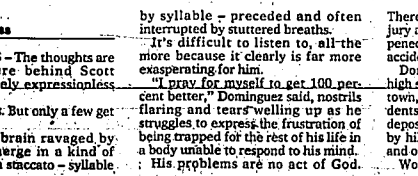


Curtis Peterson, left, office manager at United Electric Power Co-op in Heyburn, sends a test report via e-mail to Idaho's Y2K contact center in Boise on New Year's Eve. General Manager Ralph Williams, center, and Richard Hageman, engineering and operation manager, also were on duty New Year's Eve. Please see POISONED, Page A4

POISONED AT WORK

Idaho employer's 'abusive conduct' severely debilitates young man

By Mark Warble
The Associated Press
SODA SPRINGS - The thoughts are there, somewhere behind Scott Dominguez's largely expressionless stare. "So are the words. But only a few get out." Prisoners of a brain ravaged by cyanide, they emerge in a kind of muted slow-motion staccato - syllable by syllable - preceded and often interrupted by stuttered breaths. It's difficult to listen to, all the more because it clearly is far more exasperating for him. "I pray for myself to get 100 percent better," Dominguez said, nostrils flaring and tears welling up as he struggles to express the frustration of being trapped for the rest of his life in a body unable to respond to his mind. His problems are no act of God. There was no genetic foul-up, and a jury already has concluded what happened to him in August 1996 was no accident. Dominguez was two years out of high school in this southeastern Idaho town, where many of the 3,200 residents make their living mining rich deposits of phosphate from the nearby hills or processing it for fertilizer and other products. Working for a small business that extracted silver from the waste produced by one of the processing plants, Dominguez was trying to earn some money for a future, he hoped would include college. Instead, he was overcome by hydrogen cyanide gas as he cleaned the inside of a 25,000-gallon storage tank for his employer - a man already so well known for scores of environmental and worker safety violations that Please see POISONED, Page A4



Scott Dominguez

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 22 Low: 17 Snow early in the afternoon, and cloudy in the afternoon. Snow likely on Monday.

Treasure Valley

High: 32 Low: 22 Snow likely today and Monday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 28 Low: 12 Cloudy with a chance of snow showers, with snow likely over the mountains. The same on Monday.

Eastern Idaho

High: 25 Low: 12 Cloudy with a chance of snow, with highs in the 20s.

Northern Idaho

High: 36 Low: 28 A chance of snow, with west winds near 10 mph. Mostly cloudy on Monday with a chance of snow.

Northern Utah

High: 28 Low: 14 Snow likely, with accumulations of 1-2 inches. Mostly cloudy on Monday with highs around 30.

Northern Nevada

High: 28 Low: 19 Cloudy with a chance of snow, with winds 5-15 mph. A chance of snow on Monday.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today

High: 32 Low: 22 Cloudy with a chance of snow, with winds 5-15 mph.

Monday

High: 31 Low: 21 Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow.

Tuesday

High: 30s Low: 20s Cloudy with a chance of rain or snow. Locally windy.

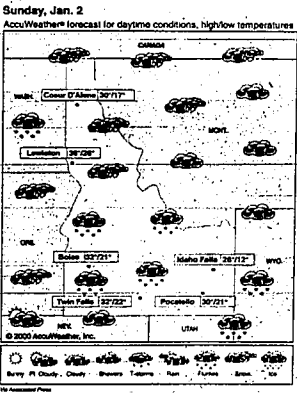
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High: 30s Low: 20s Turning colder with a chance of snow.

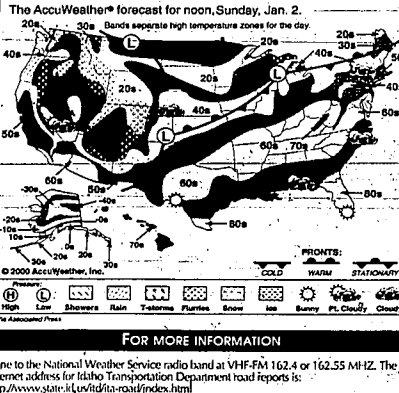
Thursday

High: 20s Low: teens A chance of snow and colder.

Idaho weather



National weather



YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table showing weather statistics for Twin Falls and Idaho, including precipitation and highs/lows.

Table showing weather statistics for various Idaho cities, including precipitation and highs/lows.

The Nation

Table showing weather statistics for various cities across the United States, including precipitation and highs/lows.

UV INDEX ROAD INFORMATION

UV Index: 1 (minimal) Road Information: Call the following number for road conditions in Idaho: 1-888-IDA-ROAD (1-888-432-7632).

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:16 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 8:08 a.m. Lunar phase: New Jan. 6; first quarter, Jan. 14; full, Jan. 20; last quarter, Jan. 28.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho It was a gray New Year's Day across most of Idaho. Skies were cloudy with patches of fog and haze across much of the south, with the sun peeking through only occasionally in some other areas of the state.

New Year's Eve TV ratings edge slightly higher

Los Angeles Times A slightly higher percentage of Americans apparently viewed New Year's Eve festivities on television this year, based on preliminary data from television ratings service Nielsen Media Research.

Celebrate

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ized power outage, affecting about 70 Idaho Power Co. customers in the Milner area - one of several on New Year's morning.

The outage in the Milner area was one of several scattered, weather-related power outages throughout Idaho Power's 20,000-square-mile service area, Lopez said.

At about 11:15 p.m., Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center dispatchers took a report of a power outage in the Bell Rapids and Magic Waters area of Twin Falls County.

Of course, not all the calls to SIRCOMM were so ominous. At one point, a bar patron was curious whether the police knew where his friend might be.

Dispatchers and police were looking not only for the usual

TF toasts the New Year

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - O.K. so it wasn't exactly Times Square or the Las Vegas Strip.

Here's a sampling of thoughts about Y2K and the New Year from people out on the town Friday night.

8:30 p.m. - The Oasis Bar and Grill Nothing but hype.

That's how Scotty Richard, a bouncer at the Oasis Bar and Grill on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, characterized Y2K.

"It was a way for the government to make revenue," Richard said.

10:30 p.m. - Muggers Brewpub "I turn 40 in the year 2000," said John Callahan, manager at Muggers, looking over the crowd.

New Year's Eve activity, but what Cassia County sheriff's Sgt. Kirby Harkness called the attention-getting, media-incited ding-ding-ding that Tuesday is a robbery, local companies or utilities.

As emergency crews kept an eye on worst-case scenarios, residents passed along best wishes - often by phone.

that long." Others weren't too worried about the year-end Y2K.

"I just think it's going to be like yesterday, except everybody is going to be returning generators," Brandi Lynn said.

Waitress Rachael Lee, dressed for the arrival of 2000 in a sleek black dress and silver high heels, knew she was working a special night in history.

"It's so cool that we can actually live through it," she said. "I can tell my grandchildren about it one day."

Midnight - Boot Scooters Inc. George Straka of Twin Falls said he has given up on making New Year's resolutions.

"After 37 years, I just walked away from New Year's resolutions," Straka said. "Why not by e-mail at jthuddy@magicvalley.com

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power grid turned up nothing. And while New Year's Eve is history, county search and rescue teams will keep an eye on dams along the Snake River, and will go so far for the next few days.

Denver-based U S West

Communications did not identify any Y2K-related problems, company spokesman Mike Reynolds said Saturday.

But the volume of calls more than doubled - just before midnight, and the high volume lasted about 20 to 30 minutes. Despite the high volume, all calls went through and no outages were reported throughout the 14 states the company serves, including Idaho, Reynolds said.

Those who were together made the transition to 2000 with smiles, toasts, reminiscences and resolutions.

"My biggest thing is going to try and make my wife and kid happy," said Shane Jeff, celebrating New Year's Eve at Muggers Brewpub.

Wendy Corrina, a glass of wine in hand, said she wants to stop procrastinating.

"I figure I can cover all my bases with that one," she said. So how Y2K-compliant did the Magic Valley prove to be?

For one unofficial measure, consider a traditional New Year's Day event - the Freeze on Skis water-skiing fund-raiser. The Saturday afternoon event on the Snake River was going to go on, millennium bug or not, organizer Donna Ash said.

Everything at the event - from the hot tubs to the public address system - was run on generators.

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Utility

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biggest concern, Williams said. The possibility of sabotage to the power network seemed more likely. Local police were keeping an eye on substations.

Salaries staff members at the cooperative manned the office to be ready for anything that might have come up and also to answer phone inquiries from residents should a power outage occur - even if it was not Y2K-related.

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Baby

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with her someday, she said quietly. Her father had a moment on the edge of a hospital bed. And she's pretty sure he'll learn to walk around the house, eat and "hug me."

"She's really excited, and she doesn't know how to keep her hands off him," Nikki Maynard said.

Squirming around the hospital room - Saturday - afternoon, Lindsay kept pleading to hold the baby. The answer was no.

Dad hopes his son will be his fishing and hunting partner and - under Dad's tutelage - a good football player. And he hopes Little Greg will want to go to college and have a career.

"I just want to try and be the best father I can to him," said Greg Maynard, who is unemployed after a work-related injury.

"I just hope he doesn't make

time with snacks and games.

Reports of people snatching up generators in case of a power failure probably caused the most apprehension for line workers, said Dan Kidd, operation superintendent at United Electric.

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the same mistakes I did," her husband said.

The day the family learned Nikki Maynard was pregnant, Greg Maynard said, "we made a wisecrack - 'Maybe we'll have a millennium baby.'"

Excitement was evident at the nurses' station Saturday morning. "We were kind of stoked that we got first baby," obstetrics nurse Rowan Brons said. S. Benedict is glad for the publicity, as it plans to ask the community to help it build a new obstetrics wing, she added.

"Brons said she was a little disappointed the Maynard baby wasn't the first in the state.

But there's not disappointment at the Maynard household. Under the hospital's next lamp, Little Greg smiled up at his Dad.

"It made me feel warm in the heart," Greg Maynard said.

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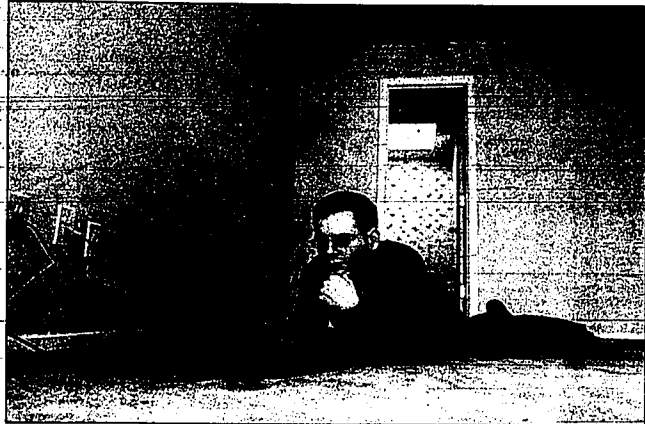
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Louisiana pilot flies over Havana, drops anti-communism pamphlets

MIAMI (AP) — A pilot flew a small plane from Florida into Cuban airspace and dropped anti-communism pamphlets on Havana, Customs officials said. A Customs radar center in Long Beach, Calif., tracked the single-engine plane once it left U.S. airspace after departing Tamiami Airport in Miami on Saturday, said Customs spokesman Michael Sheehan. "His reason for going down was to drop leaflets, anti-communist leaflets in multiple languages," Sheehan said.

While the man was flying the rented plane over Havana, the Cuban government sent two MiG fighter jets to monitor his flight until he left Cuban airspace, Sheehan said. The MiGs took no action, he said. The aircraft returned to Tamiami Airport about four hours after it left and Customs officials detained the pilot for questioning. "Sheehan said no charges would immediately be filed against the pilot. "We are investigating to deter-

mine if any laws or regulations have been violated," said Kathleen Bergen, spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Atlanta. Customs officials identified the pilot as Ly Tong, a 51-year-old American citizen who arrived from Vietnam in 1984. He lives in New Orleans and was visiting friends in Miami. Tong, a self-proclaimed "freedom fighter," told Miami television station WSVN he wants the Cuban people to revolt against Cuban leader Fidel Castro.



Mitch Maddox, who now goes by DotComGuy, armed with only a laptop, begins ordering for his empty and online wired apartment in Dallas Saturday. Maddox, 26, plans to live exclusively online for a year without leaving his apartment by ordering food, furniture and supplies online while hosting a 24-hour live feed of his life.

New gimmick: Dallas man plans to live a year exclusively online

DALLAS (AP) — In an effort to prove how wired the world has become, a 26-year-old former computer systems manager, walked into an empty Dallas house on Saturday with a laptop computer and said he doesn't plan to leave until 2001. His plan: live exclusively online, including ordering food, furniture and clothes and hosting a 24-hour live video feed of his life.

"Our vision is that new online shoppers will go to our site to learn how to utilize e-commerce," said Mitch Maddox, who legally changed his name to DotComGuy and set up a company, DotComGuy Inc., for the stunt. After locking himself inside the rented house Saturday, he added: "I'm going to come out being a lion." The "live" part of the DotComGuy stunt involves 24-hour streaming video from

dozens of digital cameras set up throughout the house. One camera points at the kitchen, several face the living room, and one even sits on a bathroom shelf — turned away from the toilet and bathtub.

The DotComGuy project, which sounds like a cross between the enviro-colonization experiment Biosphere and the film "EdTV," has a few ground rules. Maddox can have visitors. He simply can't go farther than the back yard. "We certainly don't recommend that people lock themselves away from the world, but we will prove that it can be done," said Len Critcher, a friend of Maddox's and president of DotComGuy Inc.

Maddox's first monthly paycheck from the company will be \$24, but it will double every month as an incentive to stay in the house, Critcher said. Critcher helped line up sponsors to sustain

Maddox through the year, including Gateway, which donated the laptop, and Peapod.com, which agreed to keep the house stocked with groceries. Dallas-based service911.com jumped on board when it realized its PC services company could benefit from a little live, online exposure.

"We are going to have people say, 'Hey, DotComGuy, how do I install a brand new modem or how do I get this or that Web site,'" said service911.com's Jeff Lipschultz. "And when he uses our site, that's how people will learn about us." Similar experiments have been undertaken before. "Good Morning America" housed two New Yorkers in an "e-cave" for a week last year with a refrigerator, a \$500 daily stipend, a computer and Internet access — but Maddox has vowed to live off e-commerce longer than anyone else has so far.

Prodigy car causes concern

WARREN, Mich. (AP) — General Motors Corp. is unmaking a five-passenger test car that can travel about 80 miles on a gallon of gasoline — the product of six years of research and hundreds of millions of dollars.

While meeting several goals set out by President Clinton and industry leaders in 1993, the GM Precept also uses technology that is years away from everyday use. Like Ford Motor Co.'s Prodigy high-mileage car, Precept uses a small diesel engine linked to electric motors.

Such diesel cars could run afoot of U.S. anti-pollution rules like the new standards for auto emissions President Clinton unveiled in November, which even the Precept and Prodigy would not meet.

Engineers say a byproduct of more efficient diesel engines is more nitrogen oxides in the exhaust — a prime component of smog.

"If we are ever going to deliver true environmental benefits with lower emissions ... we've got to convince the federal government to relax the (nitrogen oxide) standards," GM Vice Chairman Harry Pearce said.

Woman breaks into former Beatles estate

WAILUKU, Hawaii (AP) — A woman arrested inside George Harrison's Maui estate a week before the former Beatle was stabbed in London was being held on \$5,000 bail. Cristin Keleher, 27, is scheduled to be arraigned on Jan. 11 on charges of first-degree burglary and fourth-degree theft.

Prosecutors said Ms. Keleher had been stalking Harrison. Don Carroll, who manages the estate, said she had approached him in October and said she wanted to meet Harrison. After she was arrested Dec. 23, Ms. Keleher told police she had walked into the home through an open sliding glass door. She said she had cooked a frozen pizza, drank a root beer soda, she was doing her laundry and she had made a long-distance call to her mother in New Jersey," officer Jeffrey Hunt said. Harrison was stabbed in the chest by an intruder in his mansion near London early Thursday.

Farewell, says Peanuts creator

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Snoopy, perched on his doghouse in front of his typewriter, looks over a farewell message from creator Charles Schulz in the last new daily "Peanuts" strip, running in newspapers Monday.

Schulz, 77, who has written, drawn, colored and lettered every "Peanuts" strip for almost 50 years, decided to retire after being diagnosed with colon cancer in November. His contract stipulates that no one else will ever draw the comic strip.

The single-panel farewell strip is primarily a text message, over Schulz's signature, with the Snoopy drawing in the lower right corner.

"Dear Friends," Schulz writes. "I have been fortunate to draw Charlie Brown and his friends for almost 50 years. It has been the fulfillment of my childhood ambition. Unfortunately, I am no longer able to maintain the schedule demanded by a daily comic strip, therefore I am announcing my retirement."

"I have been grateful over the 45 years for the loyalty of our editors and the wonderful support and love expressed to me by fans of the comic strip. "Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, Lucy... how can I ever forget them..."

Schulz's beloved cast of characters appear in 2,600 newspapers, reaching an estimated 355 million readers daily in 75 countries. "A final new Sunday strip by Schulz will run in newspapers on Feb. 13. After that, United Feature Syndicate will publish



Peanuts creator Charles Schulz has written, drawn, colored and lettered every "Peanuts" strip for almost 50 years. Schulz is retiring after being diagnosed with colon cancer in November. Schulz' last daily strip will appear Monday, and his last new Sunday strip will appear Feb. 13.

Don't miss this
Read Charles Schulz's final "Peanuts" strip on page A9 in Monday's Times News

Poehner, said Friday. "He just drew pictures. It's overwhelming for him," she said.

"Peanuts" reprints. Schulz, who is focusing on his health and family at home in Santa Rosa, Calif., never expected the support he's be given by readers, who have sent him 400 to 500 pieces of mail a day, his secretary, Edna

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IDAHO Poisoned

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federal and state regulators sometimes called him "Idaho's walking, talking Three Mile Island."

Elias was convicted in May. Unless his request for a new trial is granted after a Jan. 7 hearing, he will be sentenced soon by U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winnill on federal charges of knowingly exposing Dominguez to cyanide gas, illegally disposing of hazardous waste and lying to investigators.

Elias, a 61-year-old Long Island native, and Wharton School of Economics graduate, faces up to 30 years in prison for ruining a young man's life. For an hour he wears an electronic ankle bracelet and must call federal prosecutors from home three times a day.

David Uhlmann, who helped prosecute Elias, said the businessman's callousness and Dominguez's injuries make it the worst case he has seen in nine years with the Justice Department's environmental crimes section.

It remains the government's only conviction of an employer knowingly exposing a worker to hazardous waste.

"It's the kind of event that should never have happened in this country," he said. "It's the kind of frightening and harrowing tale of abusive conduct by an employer that you would expect to hear about, if at all, in another part of the world."

A civil trial is set to begin next Nov. 6 in state court on a lawsuit filed by Dominguez and his mother, Jackie Hamp, against Elias, the company he ran, Evergreen Resources Inc. and Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp. and Kerr-McGee Chemical LLC, to which Elias sold Evergreen Resources in March 1995 for \$1.5 million and a \$40,000-a-month payment that Uhlmann said remains in effect.

Dominguez's lawyer, Brent Roche of Pocatello, said the trial could be for the first time in Idaho result in an employer being found liable for an employee's injuries. Worker's compensation coverage in all other cases has foreclosed legal remedies.

Elias's lawyer, Craig Jorgensen of Pocatello, did not return repeated calls from The Associated Press. Elias's listed telephone number was disconnected, and he did not respond to a message left at his Soda Springs home. So far, Roche said, he even has refused to be deposed for the civil case.

He also did not testify during his 3 1/2-week trial, relying instead on a defense of denial.

"His silence leaves unexplained the question Dominguez said he most wants to ask: Why?"

Dominguez was glad to be working for Elias, "a pretty cool guy" who always seemed willing to advance a little cash against his next paycheck.

Sure, there were signs of trouble. Sometimes so much sulfuric acid would leak onto his clothes while he was unloading it from railroad cars that his jeans and T-shirt would be eaten through by the end of the day. But Dominguez, unaware of the safety rules Elias had repeatedly been directed by regulators to follow, was not about to complain.

At the age of 20 - still young and nimble enough to keep a Hacky Sack in the air for 200 kicks - he felt invincible.

Then one day Elias ordered him to clean sludges out of an 11-foot-high, 36-foot-long steel tank that, unbeknownst to Dominguez, contained sodium cyanide and phosphoric acid. Even though other employees registered concerns about sore throats after being in

the tank the day before, Dominguez was given no protective clothing, breathing gear or even safety training - only a bucket and a fire hose.

The chemicals that sludged together as he washed down the tank's walls produced the same combination that Nazis used as gas victims of their World War II death camps.

Dominguez recalls little about that day.

"I just remember my coworkers saying, 'You have to breathe,' and I said 'I couldn't.'"

One of those coworkers was Bryan Smith. He ran from a back-hue he was running nearby and tried pulling the stricken Dominguez out of the tank, but the gas got to him before he could lift the young man through the hatch to another

coworker.

Smith had worked at other chemical operations and had his share of exposure to toxic substances. But what happened that day was too much. He quit immediately, and at age 42 he still occasionally experiences shortness of breath.

"I think about it from time to time, and it still bothers me and upsets me and makes me angry," Smith said. "There was four of us who almost died that day, and there was no reason for it."

It was almost an hour before rescuers cut through the steel and got Dominguez out. The damage had been done, but experts testified it was compounded by treatment delays caused by Elias's refusal to acknowledge what was in the tank he had brought from a similar operation he owned in Pocatello.

"We never seen anyone that cold and deliberate after a crime, where he didn't even attempt to tell the treating physician what almost killed his employee," said Joe Hilldorfer, a Seattle-based Environmental Protection Agency investigator and former FBI agent.

The next day Elias backdated a safety permit required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, indicating employees had been given safety gear before entering the tank. He also submitted a false report to local police that the safety equipment had been stolen.

Elias never went so far as to pay \$5,000 to have former Gov. Cecil Andrus, through an intermediary, deliver to federal investigators affidavits that turned out to contain false information. Andrus - one of Idaho's most widely respected men - said he had no idea, and authorities confirmed he was never implicated.

Meanwhile, the site of Elias's defunct company in Pocatello had been abandoned along with up to 2,300 tons of cadmium-contaminated waste that the EPA estimates could cost up to \$800,000 to remove. Another 800 tons or so of cadmium-contaminated waste remains at the Evergreen Resources site, where cleanup is expected to cost more than \$364,000.

"He is somebody who has demonstrated an unwilling ability to evade responsibility for his actions through legal maneuvers, force of persuasion and false assurances to regulators," Uhlmann said. "He has made it abundantly clear over the years that he does not believe the rules that apply to everyone else apply to him."

None of that matters to Dominguez, whose brain was so profoundly damaged by cyanide-caused oxygen deprivation that walking and talking even to the limited degree he now can involved extensive rehabilitation. He has made more progress than

doctors expected but probably has advanced as far as he ever will.

Dr. John Roberts, a neurologist who still sometimes treats Dominguez at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center in Salt Lake City, said he has trouble processing information and solving problems. Physically he is even worse off, with very poor balance and the capability for only tortuously slow body movements.

"The areas of the brain that were damaged by the cyanide are gone. His brain is full of holes where those brain cells were," Roberts said. "He looks similar to a person with Parkinson's disease. But with Parkinson's disease at least there are drug treatments that can make a difference."

The toll is apparent on his mother's face.

She and Dominguez's stepfather, Ron Hamp, are exhausted. Their son relies on them for virtually all his daily needs, and having to help him turn over in bed at night keeps them from getting

much sleep.

"I'm hoping that he gets some schooling and keeps busy, and getting his own place would be nice," Mrs. Hamp said. She acknowledged it's unlikely.

Knowing his future will look much the same as the past three years has left Dominguez bitter. He sometimes lifts weights, and his parents, two brothers and a sister include him in outdoor activities such as camping as much as possible. But he often is bored and sometimes needs prescription medication to battle depression.

Federal prosecutors want Elias's sentence to include almost \$6 million in restitution, enough to cover a lifetime of special care for Dominguez. But they can do nothing to elicit remorse from a man Uhlmann said "did something truly evil."

Dominguez's former coworker hopes to soon express to Elias what his victim no longer can.

"I've got things to say to him, and I guess when the day comes

when he's sentenced, then I'll get my opportunity," Smith said. "I don't have any respect for the

man. He's got one thing in mind and that's him, and the money he can put in his pocket."

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—Scott Dominguez, of August 1996 incident that left him brain-damaged

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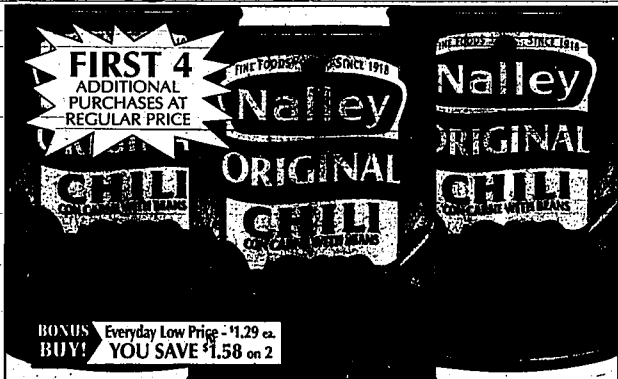
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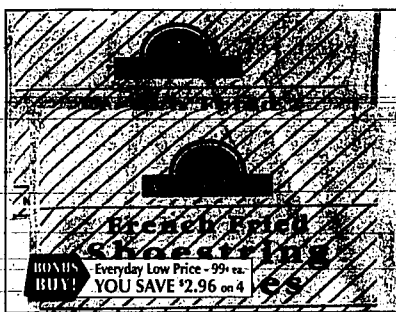
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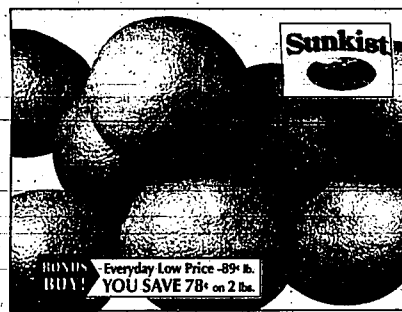
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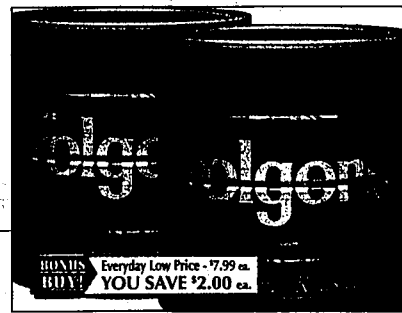
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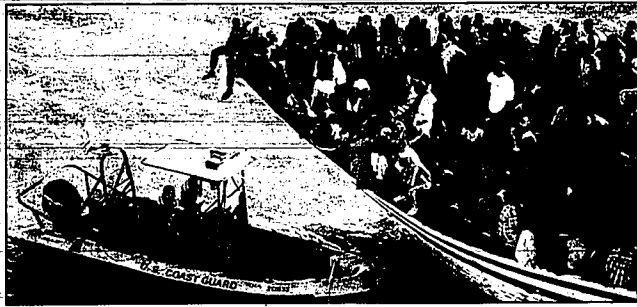
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U.S. Coast Guard rescues Haitians

MIAMI (AP) — A wooden boat packed with as many as 300 Haitian migrants ran aground near Key Biscayne early Saturday, U.S. Coast Guard officials said. No injuries were reported.

Lighthouse on Key Biscayne. Coast Guard spokesman Ron LaBrec said that life jackets had been handed out and as many as 140 of the migrants had agreed to board Coast Guard ships by mid-morning.

"We are continuing to try to talk to the people, to talk them off the boat," LaBrec said. Most of the migrants speak Creole, so an interpreter was called. He said no injuries were reported.

Crew members aboard two Coast Guard cutters spotted the 60-foot vessel at 1 a.m., about five miles south of Key Biscayne. Spokesman Scott Carr estimated the boat was carrying between 200 and 300 people. "We stayed with the vessel, obviously with great concerns about it being overloaded with a huge group of people without life jackets," Carr said. The boat ran aground at about 2:30 a.m., about 1 1/2 miles from the Cape Florida



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The New Year rings in a jumble of new laws around the country, from the kooky — moose killed on New York's highways can be dragged home as trophies — to the frightening — child pornography in Illinois now includes computer-generated images.

More than anything else, the states took steps to reform health care, requiring better service, faster payment and broader coverage as the issue continued to be debated in Congress.

Viagra backlash hit in California, North Carolina and New Hampshire. As of Saturday, laws require insurers to cover the costs of contraceptives or birth control. Women's groups had complained of a double standard: Viagra, the male impotence wonder drug, was covered by many policies, even though reproductive-related costs for women have gone uncovered for years.

Oklahoma and Nevada stepped up coverage for mental illnesses. Claims will be paid faster in Colorado. Second opinions must be covered in California.

In health care, down the line, we're going to need to make national changes. But patients, doctors and nurses aren't going to wait for that," said Doug Egan, a consumer advocate in California with the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights.

Teen-agers itching to get behind the wheel of their parents' cars will come under new restrictions in New Mexico, Pennsylvania and Arizona. The graduated licensing programs require more training time before teens get full driving privileges.

A slew of car-related laws took effect on New Year's Day, fitting for a country that lives and breathes in automobiles. North Carolina mechanics must provide written estimates and cannot charge more than 10 percent more without notice. California service stations must provide free water for overheated cars and air for leaking tires, as long as the motorist buys fuel.

Aiming at problem drunk drivers, Florida police can immediately take away a vehicle if a motorist suspended for drunken driving is stopped or driving under the influence. "The habitual offenders keep committing the violations. People have five, six, seven DUIs sometimes," said James DiBernardo, a major with the Miami-Dade Police.

High-speed police pursuits got attention, too: Minnesota police will be trained on when and how to hit the gas pedal, while student drivers in Connecticut will be taught how to safely pull over when the red lights come on. Wisconsin banned traffic ticket quotas for law enforcement.

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Fendall Moraitis, 29, hikes into the snowy wilds on Washington state's Mount Rainier Friday. His New Year's plan was to camp in the snow by a frozen lake with some friends if they showed up, alone if they didn't, he didn't care.

Y2K makes no early trouble in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — After several years of hand wringing about the Y2K computer bug, Utah greeted the new millennium with fireworks and parties but without any apparent technological headaches.

"I've been saying for some time most Americans will get up on New Year's Day, turn on the Rose Bowl and wonder what all the fuss was about," U.S. Sen. Bob Bennett, chairman of the Senate's Y2K committee, said as he donned his coat to head home just after midnight.

Bennett, R-Utah, had been one of the loudest voices warning about computer-related troubles prompted by the rollover from 1999 to 2000. The Y2K bug refers to the fear that computers would misinterpret the year 2000 as 1900.

On Friday, he was pleased that his originally dire predictions seemed to be off base. But he also warned that nothing will be certain until people return to work Monday.

Gov. Mike Leavitt was so relaxed Friday that he spent the hours before midnight catching up on work, editing his State of the State speech in the Y2K command center adjacent to the Capitol. He's set to deliver the

speech in three weeks.

"No news is good news in this case. I don't think you could ask for things to go better, not just here but around the world," Leavitt said.

"So far it seems to be more celebration than concern, and I don't know of a better way to start the new century," he said.

Leavitt did say he considered turning off the command center's lights at midnight as a practical joke.

Elsewhere in the state all appeared normal. Ray Child, a spokesman for U.S. West, said the telephone company had not experienced any troubles, although call volume jumped 25 times around midnight.

"We've been preparing for this for three years at a cost of \$250 million, so we're ready," Child said.

Howard Headlee, president of the Utah Bankers Association, said banks around the state and country appeared to have moved into the new year without a hitch.

Earl Morris, director of the state's Division of Comprehensive Emergency Management, spent most of Friday watching for early signs of trouble as the new year swept across Asia and Europe.

Idaho's revelers party without worries

State's preparations for Y2K pay-off

The Associated Press

Years of preparation, tens of millions of dollars in expense and months of repeated public assurances paid off as Idaho welcomed the new millennium early Saturday in high spirits, giving little, if any, thought to the Y2K bug.

"Everything seems to be working as it's supposed to," said Lt. Col. Jim Ball at the Disaster Services Bureau, which was mobilized for the rollover. "We all kind of figured it was going to be the biggest non-event of the millennium, and that's how it turned out."

At daylight, workmen began dismantling the scaffolding and stage erected for the state's marquee celebration at the Capitol in Boise, where the grounds were still littered with remnants of the fireworks that arced above the dome at midnight.

Life across the state appeared back to normal, albeit at a slightly slower pace, even as new lives were just beginning.

Seven-pound David Joseph Claiborn was Idaho's first baby of 2000, borne to Julie Claiborn at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center just 13 minutes into the New Year. The fireworks were still exploding over the Capitol five blocks away.

"As we enter this new century, this new millennium," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne told the crowd only minutes earlier, "let's remember the values that got us here, the values of Idaho where we believe in family and we believe in the young people and where this is the generation of the child."

Almost at the same time David Joseph was entering the world, Shaw Craig, the daughter of U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, was beginning her married life.

As tens of thousands savored the conclusion of the fireworks, Kempthorne married Miss Craig and David Howell on the steps in front of the Statehouse, declaring them the first Idaho newlyweds of the new millennium.

Within hours, the state powered up its central computer without any problems after taking the precaution of putting on what Controller J.D. Williams called "idle" shortly before midnight.

"Everything went totally according to plan," Williams said. "What it means is that 3.5 years of preparation paid off."

Retailers were on the Y2K front lines while other businesses were closed for the long holiday weekend. They reported initial traffic on Saturday to be moderate to slow, but their systems were operating normally.

Ivan Castillo at the Circuit City electronics store in Boise predicted the number of shoppers will steadily rise now that Y2K apprehension has dissipated.

"We don't have too many customers at this point," Castillo said about Friday. "They're probably hung over yet. But it will be picking up. After all the customers realized that the Y2K



The Greenbelt along the Snake River was filled with New Year's revelers as the First Night Idaho Falls 2000 celebration concluded with a fireworks display.



Fireworks explode behind the Idaho Statehouse in Boise on New Year's Eve, marking the beginning of the year 2000. About 40,000 people lined the streets of downtown Boise for the millennium celebration.

bug was nothing but a way to make money. For some people, they'll be out-in-force again. They'll have confidence in the products. I think they were waiting to see what would happen."

Persisting subfreezing temperatures still gripped the state, and widespread snow was in the forecast. But it was only the weather that caused scattered power outages and put a crimp in any New Year's revelry.

It probably kept the estimated New Year's Eve crowd at the Capitol to 25,000, only a quarter of early projections for witnessing 60 hot-air balloons light up sequentially down Capitol Boulevard during the final minute of 1999 to kick off the fireworks.

Thousands turned out for events in smaller communities around the state, and authorities reported no major problems and few minor ones with orderly crowds that dispersed quickly once the New Year was in.

"We had a community parade," a dispatcher with the Moscow Police Department said. "It's been real peaceful."

In some areas like Boise and Coeur d'Alene, authorities even said the incidence of drunken driving was even down from past New Year's Eves.

"It was not what we geared up for, but better safe than sorry," a spokesman for the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department said.

Many spend New Year's Eve working

BOISE (AP) — Peering carefully into a 3,200 degree furnace, Jerry Lobbs knew where he'd be spending New Year's Eve.

He was servicing the giant furnaces that power Amalgamated Sugar in Nampa, on the job as many others were while the rest of Idaho celebrated the dawning of 2000.

"It's just another day," Lobbs said. "They can't shut down the sugar plant."

Nor the hospitals, police stations, fire houses and other operations people expect to be running no matter what day it is. About 120 people got off the overnight shift at Amalgamated on Saturday morning. Many more worked through the night at Micron Technology in Boise, where the company offered a free meal and provided live broadcasts on big screen televisions in the cafeteria. Some brought nonalcoholic champagne to mark the once-in-a-millennium event.

U.S. West reported twice the normal demand on its system during the half hour spanning midnight, but spokesman Mike Reynoldson said all calls went through with no outages or congestion.

"The network performed flawlessly," he said.

There were also no problems at the state's two largest federal installations, the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and Mountain Home Air Force Base.

Experts said there could still be some technological glitches in the next several weeks but the point of biggest concern has passed.

Celebration? What celebration?

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Even by the sleepy standards of Eastern Washington, the celebrations of the new millennium were subdued.

There were few big public gatherings and little wild partying on a cold, snowy night in much of the region.

"It's just nothing," said Dave Wivick, spokesman for the Spokane County Sheriff's Office, early Saturday morning.

A fireworks show that lasted less than 20 seconds was watched by a few hundred people in downtown Spokane's Riverfront Park. That was at 9 p.m.

Spokane County sheriff's deputies were called to a home in Elk shortly after midnight to break up a domestic dispute caused by a New Year's kiss. A man was arrested for allegedly arguing with a female and then firing a handgun at her, the sher-

iff's office said.

Only about a dozen people were arrested in Spokane County by midnight, fewer than on an average Friday night, law officers said.

Officials had cleared an entire floor of the Spokane County Jail to make room for the hordes of people they expected to arrest on New Year's Eve.

They jammed 180 existing prisoners into cells on another floor, then locked everything down around 4 p.m. in case there were power outages.

Some of the prisoners became upset at crowded conditions, and reportedly were planning to plug toilets and flood the jail around

midnight, Sheriff Mark Sterk said.

Jail officials responded by removing clocks from sight of the prisoners, and delaying a shift change, so inmates would not know when it was midnight.

They also brought in riot police to help move about a dozen troublemakers out of the crowded cells, Sterk said. The biggest crowd in Eastern Washington may have been the 5,000 people who turned out in Kennewick to watch the Tri-City Americans beat Spokane in a Western Hockey League game. A sizable crowd also gathered in downtown Kennewick for the annual First Night Tri-Cities party.

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An old Oregon Trail marker stands atop a road sign near Lava Hot Springs. A vast U.S. Park Service project seeks to preserve more than 11,000 trails including the Oregon Trail across 12 states.

Historic trails mark West

U.S. Park Service seeks to preserve trails

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — For years, four trails were an artery for an estimated 400,000 Americans who turned their eyes hopefully toward the Pacific and took Horace Greeley's advice to "Go West, and grow up with the country."

Today these trails — the Oregon, California, Mormon and Pony Express — run through busy cities and rustic farmland. Much of their length has been built over, plowed under or swept away, falling victim to the Western growth they started.

But it's the response to the conditions that make it not just a great American story but a human story.

The preservation plans include managing important trail sections, erecting markers at important historical sites and trying to cajole private landowners into opening their land to history buffs.

An estimated 60 percent of the four trails are privately owned, according to Jere A. Krakow, superintendent of the Long Distance Trails Office, based in Salt Lake City.

"Our mission is to protect as much of the trail resources as we possibly can, whether that means trail ruins or campsites or graves or even views along the trails," said Krakow. "Part of evoking a sense of the past is to stand someplace that visually has as much of the same historic landscape as it did last century."

The trails began as traditional thoroughfares for the Indian tribes in the area. In the mid-1830s a trickle of immigrants began streaming west in search of cheap land and better lives. The trickle swelled to a flood after 1848 when gold was discovered in California. In the next 12 years, roughly 300,000 men, women and children worked paths westward.

"What you had was a constant stream of people," it was like Grand Central Station," says historian David Bigler, past president of Oregon-California Trail Association, a private group



This is an artist's black-and-white drawing from the cover of a National Historic Trails report by the National Park Service. For years, four trails were arteries for an estimated 400,000 Americans who turned their eyes hopefully toward the Pacific and took Horace Greeley's advice to "Go West, young man, and grow up with the country."

If you would like to go

The following is a list of the four historic trails being preserved by National Historic Trails project, their origins and a brief description of where the trails run followed by a list of the miles of trail in each state and the total number of miles the trail traverses.

Oregon National Historic Trail

Beginning in Kansas City, the trail runs to Topeka, Kan.; then follows the Platte River through Nebraska, into Wyoming to Casper, then southwest to Fort Bridger in the extreme southwestern corner of the state. It then turns northwest through Boise, Idaho, into Oregon to the Columbia River and then west to Portland, Missouri, 16 miles; Kansas, 165; Nebraska, 424; Wyoming, 524; Idaho, 510, Oregon 524. Total: 2,130 miles.

California National Historic Trail

The main trail begins in Independence, Mo., although there are feeder routes from Omaha, Neb.; Council Bluffs, Iowa; Nebraska City, Neb.; St. Joseph, Mo. The splitters come together in central Nebraska along the Platte River. It follows roughly the same route as the Oregon Trail to central Wyoming, before again splitting into several routes. Several go north through southern Idaho, circling the northwest corner of Utah before traversing western Nevada. Other branches go through Salt Lake City, then west to western Nevada, where the trail branches into about seven different

segments, one running north to Salem, Ore. Along the way there were more than 20 large splinters from the main trail, many of which rejoined the main trail miles later.

Missouri, 18 miles; Kansas, 290; Nebraska, 1,067; Colorado, 16; Wyoming, 4,086; Idaho, 457; Oregon, 424; Utah, 348; Nevada, 1,138; California, 994. Total: 5,839 miles.

Mormon National Historic Trail

The trail begins in Nauvoo, Ill., heads west through Iowa to Council Bluffs, passes near Omaha, Neb. It follows the Platte River into Casper, Wyo., southwest to Fort Bridger, and west into Salt Lake City.

Pony Express National Historic Trail

While the Pony Express trail changed frequently, the trail recognized by the U.S. National Park Service begins in St. Joseph, Mo., and runs northwest to the Platte River where it roughly follows the other three routes through Nebraska to Casper, Wyo. It then goes southwest through Fort Bridger, Wyo., Salt Lake City, continuing southwest. It crosses central Nevada to Carson City and on to Sacramento and San Francisco; Missouri, 1 mile; Kansas, 139; Nebraska, 441; Colorado, 16; Wyoming, 540; Utah, 241; Nevada, 404; California, 223. Total: 2,005 miles.

job. Bagley said so much traffic clogged the thoroughfares that the term "trail" was really a misnomer after 1850.

"It really is only properly a

trail until the Gold Rush. By then it's a road," says Bagley. "Very very quickly it is an overland highway and you get not only immigration but tremendous commerce."

As a result, the American West — which chroniclers predicted would take seven generations to settle, blossomed during a single lifetime.

"You could come West as a young trapper in the 1830s and live until the turn of the century and see the entire wilderness transformed with major cities like San Francisco, Denver and Salt Lake and springing virtually out of nothing," said Bagley.

Meanwhile, the Pony Express Trail-linked the new settlers to lives left behind for several years before the completion of the telegraph in 1861 and the transcontinental railroad in 1869 made the Pony Express obsolete and diminished the other trails' significance.

The entire project is being done on a shoestring budget of just \$311,000 a year to pay three staffers, erect markers and print brochures.

The battle to save the trails from the elements and development is a race against time.

In Grantsville, Utah, for example, a private prison is set to be built on top of a stretch of the California Trail.

"When you multiply that across 13 states and thousands of miles, you come to grips that ... 50 to 100 years from now a lot of it will disappear," said Krakow.

"I know that you can't save everything, but I think that we have to do the very best we can."

Bagley calls the trails "part of our national legacy that captures both the triumph and the tragedy. I think preserving the physical trail and the journals and memoirs that tell the story is a national obligation," he says. "It's a duty we owe to ourselves."

Judge: Utah County endangered employees

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Navajo tribal judge has ruled the San Juan County Health Service District violated the rights of three employees at the Montezuma Creek Clinic and endangered the health of Navajos by withholding medical services.

District Judge Raymond Begaye in Shiprock, N.M., issued a preliminary injunction against San Juan County on Tuesday in a suit brought by clinic employees who claim they were fired or punished for questioning county officials over healthcare practices they believed were discriminatory.

Although San Juan County fought the suit in tribal court, it is unclear if the Navajo justice system has jurisdiction over the southeastern Utah county's health service district. Salt Lake City lawyer Dennis Ickes, who defended San Juan County in the case, said he had not yet seen Begaye's ruling.

Ickes argued during trial in December that the health service district was an arm of the state with immunity from such litigation. "Within the reservation boundaries, the judge's decision is certainly enforceable, but it is a lot less than the authority Navajo Court has any authority over state and local officers outside reservation boundaries," said Ickes.

"This particular judge has an expansive view of the tribal court's authority."

The tribal judge said that officials of the health service district, which had contracted with the

Navajo Nation to run the Montezuma Creek Clinic on the reservation, were guilty of mismanagement, nepotism, conspiracy, witness tampering, misrepresentation of facts in court, hiding evidence, civil rights violations and racism.

He said health district officials illegally fired Navajos for services they were entitled to receive for free under contract with Indian Health Services and continue "to turn away otherwise eligible Native Americans from vital medical and emergency care."

Begaye ordered San Juan County and the health district to reinstate with backpay two employees he said were fired for false accusations of timecard fraud; to reinstate another employee who was wrongly fired full time status; and to pay the plaintiffs an estimated \$300,000 in attorneys fees.

The county has ceased to manage the clinic. After earlier court proceedings, the county informed IHS that it would terminate the county management contract for the clinic. Tribal authorities will now operate the clinic, which is located on the reservation.

Begaye took county officials to task for their clinic management decisions in several instances, including issuing a stern warning that the county must not withhold ambulance, pharmaceutical, laboratory or emergency medical technician services to the clinic and must attempt to contact Navajo patients who were wrongly billed for their healthcare services.

Indians to face tough time over loss of welfare benefits

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Indians — particularly Utes — will have a more difficult time dealing with the loss of welfare benefits than other segments of the population, a University of Utah researcher says.

"The Utes, as well as other ethnic groups, not only suffer from living in rural areas where jobs are scarce but face discrimination when they apply for work," said Laurie DiPadova, head of the university's Center for Public Policy and Administration.

"Unemployment rates tend to be higher in reservations than in neighboring, depressed rural economies and Indians typically earn less," she said. The median income for a Ute is \$14,500 a year, according to state statistics.

Hundreds of Utah residents will no longer be eligible for cash payments through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. The state imposed a three-year lifetime limit on public assistance in connection with federal welfare reform measures. The first group of welfare recipients, including two Ute families, hit the deadline New Year's Eve. The state Department of Human Services, which administers welfare in Utah, has worked with people for months, trying to prepare them for the transition. Many qualify for hardship extensions.

Some families will immediately feel the impact of losing benefits, but DiPadova said she's more concerned about the long-term effects of welfare reform. The system lacks a way to track the progress of people who move off public assistance, she said.

"We have no clear way of documenting gaps in service provision or of determining how to meet the changing needs of the poor, much less measuring the effectiveness of welfare reform," she said.

The Social Research Institute at the university's Graduate School of Social Work has been following groups of former and soon-to-be former welfare recipients.

ents, whose many Utes live in the state average, DiPadova said.

The law isn't applied the same to dispersed reservations as to inner reservations, making their allowances different, she said.

The average unemployment rate on Ute reservations is 77 percent, she said. The rate in Duchesne County, where many Utes live, is 7.1 percent, still well above the state average, DiPadova said.

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Fears ebb; focus turns to work week

Pentagon discloses a satellite problem

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Taking little time to savor an initial triumph over the Y2K computer bug, Americans set their sights on ensuring an uneventful start to the work week. The government double-checked computers Saturday while some banks staged a rare holiday opening in a show of confidence.

After an aggressive sweep coast to coast, U.S. officials found only a handful of glitches in essential services like electricity and communications. A few flags went up. Seven nuclear power plants reported minor computer problems, and the Pentagon disclosed that a reconnaissance satellite had been blinded for a few hours.

"For a short period we were not able to process the information the satellites were sending us," Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre said, describing a problem that emerged Friday night when Pentagon computers rolled into the new year.

He said the problem was corrected after a few hours of using a backup system, but by midday Saturday the Defense Department had not yet returned to "normal peace time operation," Hamre declined to further identify the satellite system, except to say it did not involve Americans' ongoing defense systems.

The nuclear power plants reported minor Y2K-related problems with computer systems used for support functions, such as security access or analyzing work data.

There were so few problems nationwide that the government's Y2K chief, John Koskinen, found himself responding to criticism that perhaps too much money and attention was paid to the problem.

"The fact that clearly in the United States thus far we have not seen any significant difficulties is not an indication that there was no problem underlying at all," he said. "It is an indication that if you mount, you know, this national coordinated effort, you can solve a very complicated problem."

It comes across the United States, the focus shifted to preparing for the work week.

"We do not expect in the U.S. any significant problems," said Christina Carone, spokeswoman for Xerox Corp. in Stamford, Conn.

"Certainly we're encouraged by the success that we've experienced so far but we know that Monday will give us the true test, when we start bringing up our applications," she said.

The Education Department said some of the nation's 80,000 schools are testing computers this weekend that dispatch buses or pay teacher salaries. Most plan to open Monday, though some will close until Wednesday to give more time for testing.

Education officials said they expect glitches in as many as 5 percent of schools, or roughly 4,000 of them.

"I don't think these problems are going to be any threat to safety," said Marshall Smith, a deputy education secretary.

Americans, even President Clinton, matter-of-factly returned



Above, a discarded champagne bottle mirrors the Washington Monument on the Mall in Washington Saturday prior to cleanup of the area after Friday night's Millennium Gala.

Left, traditional medicine men walk the streets of Lagos Saturday uttering spiritual African incantations for a happy new year and a better century ahead.

"A scattering of banks around the country were open New Year's Day to ally customers' fears about Y2K glitches preventing them from getting access to their accounts.

Summit Bank, which operates 493 branches in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut, had 90 percent of those facilities open Saturday and reported no Y2K problems or unusual withdrawals.

City National Bank in West Virginia kept 10 of its drive-through facilities open all night, staffed with employees wearing T-shirts proclaiming, "We're not afraid of Y2K." Spokesman Jeff Legge reported no problems.

"Everything worked according to plan," he said.

Koskinen declared himself increasingly satisfied with the fruits of his troubleshooters' work, while cautioning minor glitches may still surface over the next few days.

"We think that it is extremely unlikely that we will experience any of those difficulties over the next few days, but we will continue to monitor that," he said.

After so much preparation, some in the private sector found the New Year's passing anticlimactic.

Phone plant U.S. West's workers lamented "balls that we ran over 10 times, harder than the actual event," quipped William White, executive director of the company's Y2K initiative.

The remarkable absence of serious Y2K failures also presented a lingering dietary challenge for a grocery shopper in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, where store manager John Patten said a customer had bought a four-month supply of SPAM before the new year.

label, reasoning that what Jews went through can't be made good.

As Secretary of State Madeleine Albright put it: "We strive then not for perfect justice which is beyond our power, but rather for the best possible justice which is within our power to achieve."

Sometimes, atonement consists largely of going up to what went on in the past.

"Unless we look the beast in the eye, we find that it has an uncanny habit of returning and holding us hostage," says Archbishop Desmond Tutu, head of South Africa's pioneering truth and reconciliation commission, which expects to deal with final amnesty requests by June.

Twins enter the world in different centuries

Separated by the stroke of midnight, several sets of twins were born on opposite sides of the new millennium.

"We got the best of both years," said Julie Wallman of Indianapolis early Saturday, cradling her newborns in her arms. "The first baby of the millennium and a tax deduction."

When it became clear during labor that Mrs. Wallman would need a Cesarean section, the couple asked the doctors to wait until around midnight.

Jacob Wallman was born at 11:59 p.m. Friday. His sister, Jordan, was delivered at 12:01 a.m. Saturday.

Asked how she would explain the timing to the twins someday, Mrs. Wallman said she would tell them "that they're special and we wanted to make it even more special, a part of history."

Girl born 1 minute into new year - but given age of 100

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. - The computer corrector stated Julia's age as 100. It was a rare computer mistake as the hospital entered the new year free of any serious Y2K problems, said Terri Bryson, spokeswoman for Huntsville hospital.

Julia weighed in at 7 pounds, 4 ounces. Her parents are Mark and Ligia Christl of Huntsville.

Hacker provides bit of chaos for Oklahoma's Web site

OKLAHOMA CITY - When the clock struck midnight in Oklahoma, the Web site for the state Office of Civil Emergency Management warned: "Get ready for chaos."

The message had Web site managers perplexed for a while. But the problem was quickly diagnosed: It was a prank from a software worker who provided the millennium countdown clock incorporated into the Web site.

Y2K shuts down machines in some Swedish hospitals

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - A Y2K glitch shut down equipment used to interpret electrocardiogram data at some of Sweden's hospitals Saturday, but officials said patients were never in danger.

The glitch was reported at the Akademiska Hospital in Uppsala and the University Hospital in Lund and involved what are known as EKG analyzers, which enable doctors to interpret data quickly and accurately.

"The trend went flat and disappeared and the date on the screen went to 31 Oct. 99," said Stephan Dymling, head of biomedical engineering at the University Hospital. "When you use the diagnostic EKG function, you get the date 1900."

Arrests of streaking women triggers violence in Montana

WHITEFISH, Mont. - Four naked women streaking through a Montana ski resort town triggered a riot early Saturday. Fifteen people were arrested.

Police Chief William Labrie said the riot began about 15 minutes into New Year's Day when the women ran nude down Central Avenue. Officers caught and arrested three of them on indecent exposure charges. But more than 400 people spilled out of the surrounding bars and began pelting police with bottles, snowballs, rocks and fireworks, Labrie said.

Stray bullet hits Arizona teen-ager at base of neck

PHOENIX - A teen-ager was struck in the head by a rifle bullet fired into the air by someone celebrating the new year.

Doctors removed the slug from

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the base of Gabriel Vergara Jr.'s skull, about an inch above his spine. "I felt like a baseball hit my head, then I realized I was shot," the 14-year-old said.

Man falls from fire escape, dies before arrival of 2000

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - A New Year's reveler watching the festivities in the streets fell to his death down a fire escape minutes before the arrival of the new millennium.

Shawn Wolfe, 34, had climbed the fire escape to watch the celebration in Armory Square, a popular nighttime entertainment spot, police said. He suffered neck and head injuries.

Clinton touts America's role in the new millennium

In an upbeat New Year's Day message, President Clinton said Saturday that America is "well-poised" to serve as the world's "guiding light" in the new millennium.

"Never has the openness and dynamism of our society been more emulated by other countries," he said in his weekly radio address, which was nationally televised from the Oval Office. "Never have our values of freedom, democracy and opportunity been more ascendant in the world."

Pope likens life to marathon as he hopes for more peace

ROME - Looking ahead to the new century, Pope John Paul II expressed hope Saturday that the peace that followed the end of the Cold War will endure despite strife in some parts of the world. "Even if we must note the outbreak of dangerous local and regional conflicts, we have been nonetheless spared the worldwide confrontation which was on the horizon," John Paul said. "We must more than ever wish for peace in the name of God."

The 79-year-old pontiff looked tired; he had a late appointment with 150,000 revelers under his apartment window for his first-ever New Year's Eve midnight appearance. At the stroke of midnight, fireworks exploded in great bursts of color in Rome's sky.

Thirty-four tons of garbage litter NY streets after party

NEW YORK - A tank division of white street-cleaning vehicles rumbled through Times Square yesterday, swooping away the remnants of 1999.

As the last of the revelers left Times Square, a small army of sanitation workers - carrying brooms and leaf blowers - cleared mountains of confetti through the night and well into yesterday afternoon.

More than 34 tons of confetti, torn party hats, Year 2000 glasses and other detritus of the last millennium were removed by 103 workers and 12 supervisors. Six shifts had worked around the clock since midnight Saturday.

Bell made of bullet casings sounds off in Albanian town

TIIRANA, Albania - A bell made of bullet casings collected by children from a northern Albanian town rang for the first time Saturday, offering a message of hope and peace for the new millennium.

The project to create the 1,100-pound bell was started by Father Don Antonio Sena, a priest serving at a small church in Lezha, 35 miles north of Tirana. The city was one of thousands across Albania where angry protesters, who lost their life savings in collapsed pyramid schemes, looted a army depots of weapons in 1997. Some 2,000 people died in the chaos.

- Compiled from wire reports

Century begins with dirty slate to clean up

WASHINGTON (AP) - Generations down the road, the hunt goes on for Nazi treasure. America's treatment of citizens of Italian descent in World War II is coming under new scrutiny. The Rwandan genocide, a more recent horror, eats at the world's conscience.

The new century has some unfinished business with the old one. Atonement for sins of the past - often the distant past - is far from complete.

In one example, a U.S. commission searching for Nazi assets in the United States has been given until the end of 2000, an extra year, to complete its work and propose ways to "do justice."

Even so, President Clinton says

the world starts "a new millennium on higher ground" now that a deal has been reached to pay former and enslaved laborers of the Third Reich - one of the final broad categories of claims to be resolved from the war against Germany.

If this is higher ground, it affords a panoramic view of all that is left undone.

There's been an expression of "deep remorse" from U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, but no official U.N. apology, for not acting to stop the slaughter of 800,000 in Rwanda in 1994. Also, an acknowledgment by Japan, but no compensation or apology, for the women coerced into prostitution for the Imperial Army in Asian brothels.

More than 1 million Korean War documents are being reviewed in government investigations launched on the strength of reports by The Associated Press that American soldiers killed hundreds of South Korean citizens at the hamlet of No Gun Ri during the war.

"The process of redressing old wrongs" has precedents, three different names, none quite right.

In modern psycho-parlante, the idea is to achieve "closure." In postwar West Germany, the term was "wiedergutmachung" - making good again - as one of the first forms of compensation to Nazi victims was called.

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Millennium's Day 1:

A baby's cry, a high-tech dream, a solemn Sabbath

By Laura King
The Associated Press

Within her first few moments of wakefulness, Britt-Marie Paiviana knew all the important things about this day: how cold it had grown overnight, the hardness of the snow's glittering crust, the speed of the biting Arctic wind.

And, oh yes. That it was the beginning of a new millennium.

While much of the world was sleeping off the epic festivities that had swept from one continent to the next the night before, Paiviana, a 45-year-old reindeer herder in remote northern Sweden, arose at dawn Saturday and set about the same humble task that had shaped her family's life for generations: tending to the animals that are their livelihood.

Man is made of ordinary things, said the poet. And so it is time made up of ordinary moments.

No matter that the planet had just thrown itself the biggest, loudest, most raucous party ever seen. No matter that it celebrated the start of an extravagant span of time — a millennium, 10 times longer than most humans — for now, anyway — can even hope to live.

On the first day of the new era, in every corner of the world, the simple, powerful rhythms of daily life were already resuming themselves: birth and death, faith and family, hope and despair.

A South Seas family matriarch told her grandchildren ancestral tales. A desperately ill man in the American heartland wondered how much time was left to him. Street kids huddled together for warmth in a rain-slicked Brazilian slum. A striving Chinese entrepreneur was happily on the job at his start-up Internet venture. In dawn chill of Dublin, Ireland, Father Patrick Carroll was greeted by a parishioner as he unlocked the wrought-iron gates of his stately cathedral: a homeless man looking for a sleeping bag.

"The first request of the new century," said Father Carroll, ushering the man into a pew before hastening off to look for one. "And it's for something as basic as a blanket."

Two babies, two mothers, two worlds.

Elizabeth Castilia and Justin Soderstrom both came early to the new millennium. Each was born shortly after midnight Saturday: one in Haiti, one of the world's poorest countries, and the other in Sweden, one of the world's wealthiest.

Elizabeth's mother, Jeannette Germain, went into labor so fast she gave birth in her street clothes. Half an hour later, she was on her feet, cuddling her newborn and posing for a family photo.

The overcrowded hospital where Elizabeth was born, serving 40,000 people in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince, charges about \$8 for a basic delivery. That's a major expenditure for Elizabeth's father, a street peddler.

"I'm going to knock myself out to provide for her," Reynold Castilia vowed.

At Karolinska Hospital in Stockholm, a world-renowned facility affiliated with the insti-



Left, Maurice Delcelle, owner of the Croissant D'or Bakery, loads up a box of freshly baked goods Saturday in the French Quarter of New Orleans. At 2 a.m., while most New Year's revelers were still partying, Delcelle was already preparing for his long day ahead. Above, tiny Elizabeth Castilia, born at 12:01 a.m. local time, is cuddled adoringly by her father, Reynold, and mother, Jeannette, at the State University Hospital maternity annex in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

tute that awards the Nobel Prize in medicine, Justin's mother Jennie said she was glad that Sweden's social welfare system would guarantee her 80 percent of her salary as a nurse's assistant while she took a year off to care for him.

Yet for all the vast disparity of their circumstances, the two young mothers — Jeannette Germain is 25 and Jennie Soderstrom, 24 — voiced similar sentiments as they watched "dreamily over their newborns' first hours.

"Every mother hopes for their offspring to be happy," said Soderstrom. "So do I."

Said Germain: "I want my daughter to have a beautiful life."

For many, the turning of the millennium was little more than a peculiar preoccupation of the outside world, even if that world was close at hand.

Egypt staged a glitzy millennium fête at its Great Pyramids, but in a middle-class Cairo neighborhood a few miles away, Sayed Abdul-Moneim and his family welcomed the day as yet another morning of the holy month of Ramadan, when observant Muslims fast from dawn to dusk.

At 3 a.m., the family — Abdul Moneim and his wife Sumaia, along with teen-age daughters Basma and Doua and toddler Mac — gathered in their kitchen, the muddy streets outside lit by the glow of brightly colored Ramadan lanterns.

In silence, they shared a "sohur," the pre-dawn Ramadan meal of fava beans with lime and olive oil, boiled eggs, black olives, yogurt and unleavened bread.

"In Islam, New Year's is not important," said Abdul Moneim, 41, an accountant in a government engineering company. "All those parties are for foreigners, for Americans and Europeans. It is not the Islamic way."

It was not the way, either, of Dina and Jonathan Bressel, observant Jews in a religious

neighborhood of Jerusalem. They spent Saturday as they spend every Jewish Sabbath: as a day of rest from profane matters, of prayer and study, of time with their four children, all under the age of 9.

Because of the strict prohibition against work on the Sabbath, they make painstaking preparations. They clean and cook beforehand. They even cut toilet paper into strips ahead of time, because tearing it would be considered work.

A new millennium? Not according to the Jewish calendar, which puts this year at 5760.

"It's exactly the same as any other Sabbath," said Dina Bressel, a 35-year-old native of Palo Alto, Calif., who immigrated to Israel with her husband 12 years ago. "We're not going to know what's going on on the other side of town, even."

On the other side of the globe, at a Zen temple outside Tokyo, chief priest Kenichi Ashibe presided over an early-morning New Year's service. Clad in brilliantly embroidered robes, he read aloud parishioners' wishes for the new year: good health,

success in business, getting into the right school. It is natural, he said, to pray for such things, but worldly matters are not all that matters.

"It is time for us to stop," he said, "and reflect upon ourselves."

Frank Green has had a decade to do that. In 1990, the 42-year-old Indianapolis man learned he was HIV-positive. Now he has full-blown AIDS.

Even so, he is embarking on the new millennium in the spirit of hope, writing poetry and volunteering at a local AIDS clinic. The early hours of New Year's Day saw him puttering around his cluttered apartment, working on a book of memoirs.

"I've been telling everybody... that I'm going to live to be a crotchety old man," he said.

Hope was more elusive in the Brazilian seaside city of Natal, where Saturday's first light found a 12-year-old street kid named Cleberson Barbosa de Souza bedding down on a rain-soaked sidewalk.

Most nights, he and other aban-

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doned or runaway children who panhandle and shine shoes on a beachfront boulevard — part of an army of tens of thousands of such children throughout Brazil — don't sleep until after 8 a.m. Bed is a cardboard mattress on a mosaic of stones, with not even a blanket or a plastic sheet for protection from the downpour.

"I would like for things to be different," Cleberson said, as a sleeping 8-year-old friend nuzzled his shoulder. "I'd like to buy things — clothes, food. It won't happen. Things don't change much when you're on the streets."

"Far, far to the north in Massachusetts, that's just the sort of scene that breaks Laura Ryan's heart.

In her 13 years as an emer-

gency medical technician for Boston EMS, one of the oldest ambulance services in the country, she has never been able to steel herself to the sight of a neglected child.

"Kids aren't taken care of," said Ryan, who began her New Year's Day on the graveyard shift.

But small mercies are the saving ones. Early Saturday, Ryan and partner Bill Tuttle ministered to an 81-year-old woman who had called for help. They found her in bed, crying out in agony.

Before whisking the woman off to the hospital, the pair saw to it that a neighbor fetched a blue slipper that was left behind. She'd been worried about it.

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Acting Russian President Putin gains praise

By Angela Chariton
The Associated Press

MOSCOW - Vladimir Putin looks unbeatable in Russia's presidential elections. His firm-set jaw and staccato tenor already grace every major news outlet. Yet behind Putin's expressionless face, the man and his plans for the crisis-ridden nation remain an enigma.

As prime minister, Putin's resolve and vigor swiftly earned him the adoration of millions of Russians. Now that Boris Yeltsin has resigned and named Putin acting president pending new elections, the ex-KGB agent's popularity appears likely to translate into an easy win at the polls.

Some in the West dwell warily on Putin's spy background and his arsenal of nuclear weapons. Yet behind Putin's expressionless face, the man and his plans for the crisis-ridden nation remain an enigma. As prime minister, Putin's resolve and vigor swiftly earned him the adoration of millions of Russians. Now that Boris Yeltsin has resigned and named Putin acting president pending new elections, the ex-KGB agent's popularity appears likely to translate into an easy win at the polls.

Yet many analysts see Putin as a pragmatic and skillful political player ready to feed nationalist sentiment at home and willing to work with the West when occasion calls, especially if Russia's cupboards are bare. Above all, Putin appeals to Russians tired of years of inept leadership and rampant corruption. They want a leader who will restore order and build a government that cares about their problems.

"He's a person who can lead and manage. The people don't



Acting Russian President Vladimir Putin and his wife, Lyudmila, attend an award ceremony in Gudermes Saturday. Putin visited Russian forces in Chechnya to praise them for the campaign to crush separatist rebels.

care about his economic qualifications; they want a father- czar with a strong hand," said Alexei Chaplygin, a political analyst with the Center for Civil Society Studies in Moscow.

Putin's speaking style is choppy, and his posture is unbending. But that seems to add to his popular appeal, bolstering his image as a man of action.

Putin talks little of his personal life. He has a wife, two teenage daughters and a poodle. Russians also welcome a leader who's not Yeltsin.

The 68-year-old Yeltsin was

sick for huge chunks of his tenure, and left behind a Russia mired in poverty and disillusioned about reforms and the future. Russians grew weary of Yeltsin's caprice, particularly his penchant for firing governments every few months, and his circle was tainted by corruption allegations.

In a rare admission of fallibility, Yeltsin apologized to Russians in his resignation speech.

"I want to beg forgiveness for your dreams that never came true," he said Friday. "I beg your forgiveness for having failed to

jump in one leap from the gray, stagnant, totalitarian past to the light, rich and civilized future."

In comparison, the 47-year-old Putin represents a new generation, and he appears decisive, clear-eyed and unmarred by scandal.

Putin's level-headedness appeals to voters exhausted by extremist rhetoric, and his calls for security soothe Russians' fears of mounting crime. Popular support for the war in Chechnya reflects people's fear of the kidnapping and other violence that have ruled the region since the

1994-96 Chechnya war. Putin says he will defend democracy in Russia and market reforms should continue, though cautiously and with more attention to social welfare.

He has stressed land privatization and revising the arcane tax system, but he's been short on specifics.

In dealing with the West, Putin has adopted a tough stance against international interference in Chechnya, and Russians see him as reasserting their role on the world stage.

"Concerning national strategy ... we all want one thing: for Russia to become a great power," he said recently.

But on topics such as the START II nuclear arms reduction treaty and foreign investment, he has shown a willingness for compromise.

"Sometimes he has to strike a hawkish pose for domestic political reasons," said Yevgeny Volk, head of the Moscow office of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative U.S. think tank. "He'll pursue relations with the East and West, to the degree that is politically reasonable."

Always neat and rarely smiling, Putin worked for 15 years in the KGB, including stints in Germany during the Cold War.

He later became director of the Federal Security Service (FSB), the main successor to the KGB. While some in the West worry about Putin's years in one of history's most ruthless police organizations, his KGB background has caused little comment at home.

Most prominent Russian politicians held roles in the Soviet government and Yeltsin was a member of the Politburo, which ran the USSR.



Commandante Claudia reads a Zapatista National Liberation Army statement Saturday at La Realidad, Chiapas, Mexico.

Leftist rebels pledge to die for liberty

LA REALIDAD, Mexico (AP) - Hundreds of Zapatista supporters on Saturday marked the sixth anniversary of the leftist rebel's uprising by pledging to continue their battle for Indian rights.

"We will struggle, we will defend, we will resist, we will fight, and we will die for a Mexico with liberty, democracy and justice," said a Tzotzil Indian woman who identified herself only as Claudia. The Zapatistas emerged Jan. 1, 1994, stunning the country by capturing several towns in the southern state of Chiapas on the same day that Mexico formed a trade bloc with the United States and Canada under the North American Free Trade Agreement. The army retook control of all areas days later and the government declared a cease-fire. Peace talks broke down in 1996. Fighting between the two sides has been rare, but tensions remain high.

Russian jets, artillery unleash huge strike on Grozny

GROZNY, Russia (AP) - Plumes of black smoke hung over Grozny Saturday after waves of low-flying Russian jets unleashed scores of bombs on the shattered city in one of the biggest attacks yet on the Chechen capital.

A major Russian drive to take Grozny entered its second week with federal forces apparently still far from capturing the city center. Rebel fighters in heavily fortified positions have inflicted

steady losses on the Russian forces, although no figures were available.

Several large buildings were burning Saturday and smoke from the fires covered parts of the Chechen capital after the overnight bombardment. Russian artillery on surrounding hills fired hundreds of shells in between the jet attacks, and the shelling continued Saturday. The stepped-up effort to take

the city came as acting President Vladimir Putin visited Russian forces in Chechnya to praise them for the campaign to crush separatist rebels. The visit coming on Putin's first full day in office underlined his determination to win the war in Chechnya.


"This is not simply about restoring the dignity to the country, no," Putin told the servicemen in Gudermes, a city east of the capital of Grozny that

Russian troops took several weeks ago. "This is about more serious things."

This is about how to bring about the end of the breakup of Russia, that is your fundamental

goal."

Civilian residents in Grozny were stunned by the overnight attack on the city. Chechen officials had no details on possible casualties.



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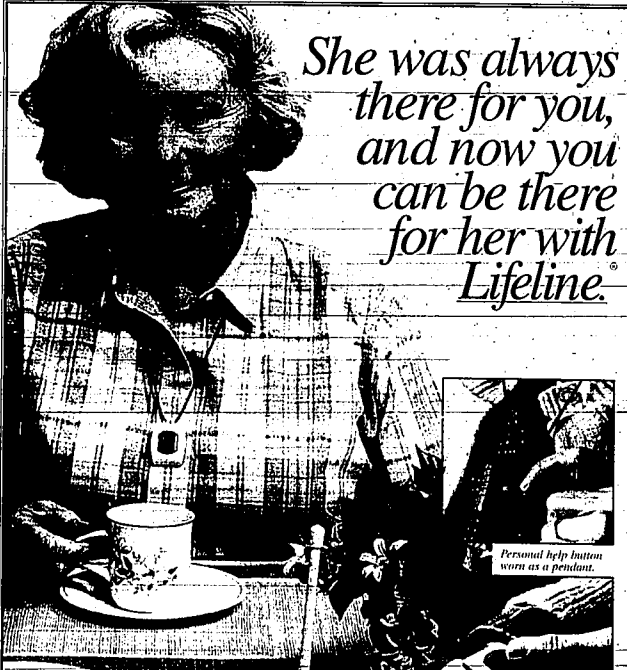
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Indian airliner hostages recall eight days of terror, tedium

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — For eight days at the whim and command of armed hijackers, the 155 hostages on board Indian Airlines Flight 814 lived each hour in fear for their lives.

During the grueling ordeal, one Indian passenger returning from his honeymoon was stabbed to death. His new wife, who had been separated from him on the plane, would go days without learning of her husband's death. And a young Belgian man — singled out by the hijackers, bound and beaten — would wait in terror, expecting to become the next victim.

Passenger Ravi Kumar kept an account of the whole ordeal, scribbling a "make-shift diary on his denim jeans," boarding card and scraps of paper. The account was published today by the Press Trust of India.

From his notes for Dec. 24, the day the flight took off from Katmandu, Nepal, headed for New Delhi, India:

"Out of the executive class in front of me emerges a tall and lean boy, who might have just crossed his teens, wearing a monkey cap through which his eyes and nose can be seen. He carried a pistol and a hand grenade," Kumar wrote.

"Years ago I had seen a Hollywood movie in which an airline did a mock exercise to judge the reaction of passengers to a hijacking scenario," he wrote. "I thought Indian Airlines was doing the same. I realized I was wrong."

The five hijackers, seeking the release of Kashmiri militants in India, were armed with pistols, grenades and knives, and immediately began threatening all the passengers with death.



Rachna Katyal is helped from a plane after arriving Friday in the Delhi, India, airport. Hijackers killed her husband, Rippan, as they returned from their honeymoon.

They singled out three men from among the passengers and took them to the front section of the plane: The three — Belgian David Jansen and two Spaniards — were seated there, their hands tightly bound and their eyes covered by blindfolds.

"The hijackers were very cruel," Indian passenger Ashok Chawla said. "They kept frightening us. Especially when the talks broke down. They kept

saying, 'your government is not concerned about you. You will be killed.'"

During the chaotic first day, the Airbus A300 went on a wild ride across south Asia as the hijackers looked for a safe base.

Running low on fuel, the plane was denied permission to land in Lahore, Pakistan and instead touched down in Amritsar, India. It took off after 40 minutes without refueling and made an emergency landing in a darkened Lahore airport. It later went on to the United Arab Emirates before settling in Kandahar, Afghanistan, where the airport consists of a single landing strip and a decrepit terminal building on the barren plains outside the city.

"I kept telling myself that we could do it, although we feared death every day," pilot Devi Sharan said.

Despite the hijackers' aggressiveness, Rippan-Katyal, a 25-year-old Indian man returning home from his honeymoon, seemed defiant. Passengers were forced to wear blindfolds, but he refused to keep his. He ignored orders not to look at his captors.

Soon after, the hijackers stabbed him, slitting his throat. Jansen could hear the sound of blood gurgling in Katyal's throat as he died, diplomats who spoke with the Belgian said.

In the back of the plane, Katyal's wife, Rachna, was unaware her new husband had been killed. She had been separated from him earlier, according to relatives quoted in Indian newspapers.

Katyal's body was removed from the plane during the brief stop in the Emirates. But his wife remained ignorant

of her husband's death throughout the ordeal.

"The girl still does not know anything," Katyal's uncle, Kanwal Katyal, was quoted as telling the Times of India soon after the hostages were released. "We are trying to prepare her mentally before breaking the news."

Jansen, meanwhile, feared he could be the next victim. The ground periodically hit him and seemed to single him out for punishment, diplomats said. The two Spaniards also were bound and blindfolded but were not hit.

The worst days were Dec. 26 and Dec. 27, the third and fourth days of the ordeal, many passengers said. Negotiations were going nowhere, and the hijackers were making incessant threats to kill everyone aboard.

People became sick. The toilets were full, and an oppressive stench permeated the craft. Food grew scarce. The problem was exacerbated because many on board were Hindu vegetarians who declined to eat the meat dishes being served.

Fearing they were doomed, some passengers quietly wrote letters intended for family members. They gave the letters to their seatmates, asking them to pass the messages if they were killed.

"If two doctors were not on board, I don't know what would have happened," said passenger Ranjit Laturia, weeping as he recounted the experience. "Everybody was praying and praying. On the 26th and 27th things were bad, very bad."

Outside the plane, diplomats were receiving threats from the hijackers that they would start killing passengers unless

their demands were met. They dropped that tactic only when India agreed to send negotiators to Afghanistan.

Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia also played a role, said Erick de Mul, the United Nations coordinator for Afghanistan. The Taliban told the hijackers by radio that if one passenger were harmed, they would bring out their heavy weapons and attack the plane.

"The hijackers knew (the Taliban) could do it and they knew they meant business," de Mul said.

Negotiations and the waiting — continued. Taliban Foreign Minister Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil said the breakthrough came Thursday, when the Indian government agreed to release three Kashmiri militants.

Suddenly, after days without any sign of a resolution, the crisis was solved swiftly on Friday. The Indians flew the three prisoners to Kandahar, where they were united with the hijackers. The group sped away from the airport in a convoy of cars.

"By the afternoon, when the hijackers were going to leave the plane, their sub-leader said, 'Sorry for what happened, but it was beyond our control,'" Kumar wrote.

On the messy plane, strewn with clothes and food wrappers, the passengers were free.

Many were trembling as they came off the plane. The elderly were placed in wheelchairs. Jansen, the Belgian man, wept uncontrollably as he was led off the plane after eight days.

As the new year approached, the hostages began flying home.

Hijackers, militants flee into Pakistan

The Washington Post

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Five hijackers on an Indian Airlines jet and three newly freed Islamic militants fled Afghanistan across the loosely guarded border into Pakistan, making their escape hours after a deal was reached Friday to end the eight-day hijacking, Afghan and Indian officials said Saturday.

The Afghan and Indian officials said the hijackers and the three militants, who were released by Indians as part of the bargain that freed 155 hostages, went to Pakistan even though it had refused them asylum. The group was said to have gone toward the city of Quetta about two hours from the Afghan border.

Pakistan denied that the group had entered its territory and said it would seek to arrest them if they did. The reported escape led to a renewed round of accusations by India that the Pakistani government had orchestrated the hijacking.

While the identity of the hijackers remains unknown, Indian Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh asserted Saturday that the five were Pakistanis. He did not say how he knew that but vowed that "India will continue to seek justice."

Pakistan denied India's charges. "Pakistan is on high alert, and in case they enter Pakistan territory, they will be apprehended and tried (according to) established international rules," Interior Minister Moinuddin Haider said, according to the Associated Press.

The hijackers apparently were Muslim activists committed to advancing efforts to end India's control of its part of the Himalayan region, the long object of dispute between India and Pakistan. India is predominantly Hindu, whereas Kashmir, like Pakistan, is mostly Muslim. Two of the three Islamic militants whose freedom was demanded and obtained by the hijackers were Muslim Kashmiri activists.

Singh said in New Delhi that he had received a statement from the Afghan government saying that "all five hijackers, along with the three terrorists, have left for Quetta. They left Kandahar last night."

Afghan Foreign Minister Wakil Ahmad Muttawakil told journalists Saturday "I believe they have left Afghanistan." He did not say any details of what in the day Rehnatullah Aga, spokesman for Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia, said a Taliban official who had accompanied the hijackers as a hostage "has come back to Kandahar and (the hijackers) have gone from the country."

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EDITORIAL

School uniforms will help, not hinder, student learning

Question: When does student attire go beyond the time-honored tradition of both young adults?

Answer: When it creates a distraction that interferes with learning.

Studies indicate that school uniforms improve student performance. With that in mind, Rep. Kent Kuzma, R-Pocatello, is pushing a bill that would give local cover for public school districts that establish a uniform policy.

"If the bill passes, I'll be a traveling salesman for the cause," he said recently. "Everything I've seen says uniforms improve schools."

He's on the mark, but you can hear the predictable outcry from the educational lefties already. School uniforms will add to the clutter of the classroom, right to express themselves, they'll moan. Uniforms are an affront to students' right to free speech, they'll cry.

No sale. We're big fans of the First Amendment, and yet we can't see school attire as a do-or-die free speech issue.

Students have plenty of opportunity to express themselves - and we recommend one good avenue: the school newspaper. As we're too ancient to understand exactly what a student is trying to express by wearing a shirt that exposes a pierced navel. But we're guessing that these expressions don't have a whole lot to do with algebra or literature.

The bottom line is a school uniform makes sense for a lot of reasons: First and foremost, it's a subtle reminder for students to keep their minds on their work. Learning is a lifelong job, but for students, school is a workplace. Schools should provide a social outlet for students, and they always will. But let's not lose perspective. Learning has to come first.

It could be a good social equalizer.

Schools are cliquish enough - with cliques often set by attire, and by extension, social status. If a nothing else, uniforms and dress code consistency eliminate at least one of the factors that divides a student body.

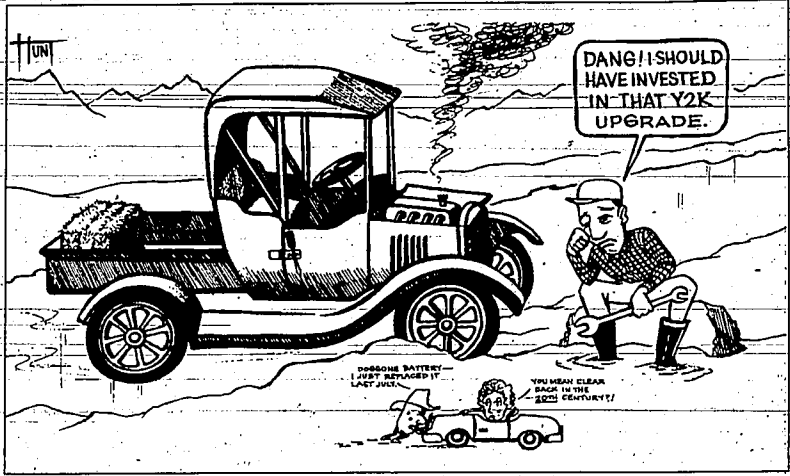
It could help make campuses safer. In urban schools, students have been robbed for their sneakers, gold chains or team jackets. That might sound far-fetched in Idaho, but school violence, in any form, is not just an inner-city issue. We're naive to think otherwise.

Finally, it provides a good life lesson for young people. Someday - and sooner, not later - students will work, or look for work, at a place where they will be judged on the neatness of their appearance. Many employers have a dress code. Others badly need one. That's the real world, and we can at least expect schools to prepare young people for the real world. And while the issue is open for discussion, we wouldn't mind some dress code enforcement for school faculty. We've seen adult school faculty in such sloppy attire as to embarrass their students, no wonder citizens and students accord some teachers diminished respect.

We can see a lot of good in a school dress code. But at the same time, some districts aren't going to touch the issue. Kuzma's bill gives those districts cover. It doesn't mandate anything - but provides backup for districts that want to adopt a uniform code.

Lawmakers should resist the temptation to try to impose community standards, but they should always look for ways to make it easier for communities to set their own. Anything that helps students focus on learning, and focus on improving their skills, is a good idea. Give Kuzma credit for trying to help schools do their job better.

School uniforms are a subtle reminder for students to keep their minds on their work.



Voters respect democracy, not politicians

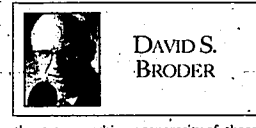
When *Time* magazine named Albert Einstein as "the person of the century" over Franklin D. Roosevelt and Mohandas Gandhi, its other two finalists, it sent a clear message: Science, not statesmanship, was the hallmark of the era just ended.

Walter Isaacson, *Time's* managing editor, made a persuasive case for that judgment in the lead essay of the issue. He quoted historian Paul Johnson, who said, "The scientific genius impinges on humanity; for good or ill, far more than any statesman or warrior." And he cited the words of Einstein himself: "Politics is for the moment. An equation is for eternity."

For Americans, the century that brought electricity into every home, that saw the birth of aviation, television and the Internet, the dawn of the nuclear age and stunning advances in medicine was clearly a time of great scientific change.

But insofar as this nation is a society - and that is not her real name. Her name is enjoying life expectancy and creature comforts our grandparents could not have imagined - the story follows a different trajectory. For the American public and its government, the saga of the 20th century is one of enfranchisement and empowerment. It is a story with many uplifting moments - and some troubling consequences.

Consider one simple fact: When the 20th century began, half the adult population was disenfranchised because of gender; women could not vote. And in the section of the country where most African Americans lived, the South, they too were effectively denied a voice in the government under which they lived. The disenfranchising laws and press movements that bubbled up from below - not



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the statesmanship or generosity of those in power - that changed all that. The suffragettes who chained themselves to the fence outside the White House, and the civil rights marchers who endured the police dogs and the truncheons of Dixie sheriffs were the heroines and heroes of these dramas. Their courage brought the United States measurably closer to the ideal of the founders: government by consent of the governed.

The consequences of that enfranchisement revolution have been enormous. In today's politics, Democrats would win few elections without the votes of women and minorities. If the constituency of 2000 were the same as 1900, we would probably be preparing to re-elect President Dan Quayle or President Bob Dole, depending on which man had won the 1996 Republican nomination to succeed second-term President George Bush.

Anyone who counts himself a small-d democrat must rejoice that the franchise now is available to every adult American. But there is also some bad news in the growth of grass-roots democracy. The struggles of the last century that gave women and blacks the right to vote are not only old news, they are old-hat. Today's young people take their voting rights so much for granted; they can barely be bothered to use them. As a result, our elections are skewed by the disproportionate influence of those with the smallest stake in the election - the elderly, who have less time to

live. It is no surprise that the distribution of government benefits is tilted in the same direction. Few retirees live in poverty or worry how they will pay their medical bills. But millions of children and young parents struggle with both those problems.

What may be more ominous for the future of the Great Republic is the fact that the growth of democracy has seen a sharp decline in the legitimacy of representative government. The reputation of elected officials in general - and of legislative bodies in particular - has rarely been lower than it is today. Even though restrictions on outside income are tighter and financial disclosure requirements far more comprehensive, more and more Americans say they cannot trust the people they elect to look out for the national interest - or even to represent the views of those who chose them.

The pervasive cynicism has many roots. In the mass electorate of the 21st century, only a small portion of the public ever has face-to-face dealings with the men and women who seek and hold office. Access too often goes to those who can provide campaign cash. Many candidates find it easier to denigrate their opponents - or trash the very government in which they serve - than to describe their own views or defend their own records. And the press, which is responsible for monitoring government, tends to focus on scandals and foibles and failures, not on the patient work it takes for politicians to overcome partisanship and build majority coalitions.

We begin the new century with a paradox: Democracy is stronger than ever in the United States; representative government, weaker.

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Dog and puppies need a home

Why are people so cruel to the defenseless?

This letter is to all of those that love animals. I would like to hear from those who wanted to adopt a female dog and her puppies from the Jerome dog pound or anyone else who needs a stock-dog.

Approximately 12 weeks ago, some heartless and gutless person dumped a female dog near my place. She was a large skin and she chased the other dog down the road, to the neighbor's. The neighbor is gone much of the time, so the dog took up residence there. With nobody home there and no food, she was soon forced to hunt for mice in a field north of our house and became emaciated. I decided to feed her and discovered she had given birth and was nursing pups. I looked for them several times but could not find them. I finally located them after about four weeks. Now they are approximately 8 weeks old, and I am still feeding them plus the mother because I haven't the heart to dispose of them. We have given away two of them, but there are six left - so cute and sweet.

I don't have a shed or garage to keep them in so I am desperate to place them before they freeze to death. The mother is dingy and the pups look like dingy and soiled collie cross. When we go to feed them and they are coming they run to meet us. They are very lovable.

RAY HENDRIX
Gooding

Six months in jail is not enough

I am writing in regard to the sentencing of Mr. Thrush.

Once again, the justice system here in the Magic Valley has chosen to bend the law for one of their own. Why can we not have a sheriff's department that has educated, disciplined and devoted honest persons for deputies? All you have to do is ask our sheriff to answer that question.

Another thing that I cannot understand is the six months he will be serving. Is this going to be served at the county jail where all of his friends and chums will be his jailers? Wow, sounds like a holiday to me.

In my opinion, this man should pay for his crime and he should serve at least 15 years for homicide. Where is justice? Why are these deputies above the law?

BRENT TYLER
Twin Falls

Sentencings send wrong message

I cannot believe the justice system's decision with sentencing as of late - six months for murdering a child, four to eight years for striking a chair.

What kind of message does this give? I suppose if the fellow had hit the girl instead of the chair with the bat, he may have received less jail time.

It is repulsive that children can be murdered and the offenders not have to advocate for them. My heart goes out to abused children around the Magic Valley. The new message is they have no rights and no protection. I think it would have been a good step to punish the deputy to the fullest extent of the law. That would have sent a message that you will be punished for murder. These kinds of rulings are the reason why America is more lawless every day.

In addition, why should we have to obey the law and the offenders not have to? Do they live under the same ordinances as the rest of us?

TOM LUSTER
Twin Falls

City Council has duty to ordinance

It was interesting watching our City Council roll with the ordinance issue surrounding Mr. Neilson's proposed project. It is a complex request with a simple solution. If it is a bad ordinance, it should be amended, allowing anyone to build a structure of their own design on the canyon rim. There will be neither "Mr. Neilson."

Granting exceptions to individuals and businesses in contradiction to existing laws and ordinances is what has led to the total lack of credibility of our elected officials.

If it is a good ordinance, then our City Council has the duty to look past Mr. Neilson's proposal and utter that most difficult of words for our politicians today - no!

MARK O'NEILL
Twin Falls

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Families too eagerly take the Ritalin step

Pippi Longstocking just left my office on Ritalin. Of course, I did not know her real name. Her name could be Kayley, Anna, Natalie or that of a half-dozen other girls I see in a week at my behavioral pediatric practice in an affluent suburb east of San Francisco.

Eleven-year-old Pippi was performing "up to her potential" at her private school, according to her teacher. She daydreamed and, when called upon, was often not prepared to answer. She could be silly in the classroom. This girl in my office demonstrated academic skills two grade levels above average. She spoke to me cogently and thoughtfully about her life. She dreamed about living on a ranch with many animals. She did act a bit nervous and giggly with her parents and was somewhat uncooperative. But she did not seem to me like a serious case of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD, and I told her parents so.

I don't think she needed medication at this time. I suggested that we work on making consequences more immediate for Pippi at home and at school, and if she still was struggling a few months from now, perhaps Ritalin could be tried then.

Pippi's mom asked me if there was really anything bad about taking Ritalin and if not, why not to do it now so that Pippi could do better in school immediately. I said that most children and adults have little problems with Ritalin and that it was probably pretty safe. It works, ADHD or not, to improve focus and attention on tasks found boring or difficult. Pippi's dad, uneasy about using a drug that also had abuse potential, thought they should wait.

The family came back to see me a week later. Dad had changed his mind.

LAWRENCE H. DILLER

Another doctor felt Pippi had mild ADHD and gave them a prescription. Pippi apparently felt OK about taking it. The prescribing doctor had only left the instructions on the bottle, "1 to 3 tablets per day."

They asked me to tell them more about using the medication. I internally shrugged and started to tell them how to use the medication, but I stopped at the frequency using a teacher-feedback sheet. They left happy. I felt strange.

I find myself evaluating and prescribing medication for more and more Pippis and Tom Sawyers. They seem to be normal children, are inattentive or disinterested in school and a bit slow to finish their chores at home. Concerned and loving parents bring them in because the children aren't performing "up to their potential" or are disruptive in their classrooms.

Ritalin production is up 700 percent this decade. Production of Dextroamphetamine and Adderall, the other two stimulants used for ADHD, has tripled in the past three years. America uses 85 percent of the world's Ritalin. While school-age boys remain the largest users of Ritalin, girls and adults are the most rapidly increasing groups taking the drug.

The Colorado State Board of Education, concerned about too many Pippis on medication, recently passed a resolution that made national headlines, discouraging teachers from referring children to doctors for evaluations and prescriptions.

Russell Barkley, arguably the leading theorist and researcher on ADHD, has

said that the use of stimulants for ADHD will be soon as one of the great discoveries of the late 20th century. I'm not so sure. Even as I prescribe more and more Ritalin to help round- and octagonal-legged children fit into square educational holes, I know that Barkley himself is worried about the trivialization of the disorder.

While several surveys say we are still undertreating ADHD, there are wide regional variations in treatment. In some rural areas, virtually no children get Ritalin. Yet in Virginia Beach, one in five white fifth-grade boys receives Ritalin at school.

Ritalin fits our current biological and modifying classrooms also help, but some say these interventions are too costly and less effective than medication. That may be so, in which case I wish to offer a Swiftian "Modest Proposal" of my own. With classroom sizes now averaging 30 kids per class and about 4 million children taking Ritalin, I propose that we increase the number of children taking Ritalin to 7 million. We then could probably increase class size to 45 children and save a lot of money.

Ritalin "works," but I don't see it as the moral equivalent of caffeine for better parenting and schools for our children. Currently, our country has an intolerance for temperamental diversity in our children. I worry about an America where there's no place for an undisciplined Pippi Longstocking.

Lawrence H. Diller, who practices in Walnut Creek, Calif., is the author of "Running on Ritalin: A Physician Reflects on Children, Society and Performance in a Pill." He wrote this commentary for the *Los Angeles Times*.

It's time to send IRS packing

No matter how many presents you got from Santa, be prepared for a lump of coal—not in your stocking, but in your tax return.

Everyone's favorite government agency, the IRS, is about to send taxpayers the latest version of the 1040 income tax form.

All told, the IRS will send out 8 billion copies of tax forms and instructions in 2000. This blizzard of paper work will be augmented by more than 100 million V-2 forms from employers and about 1 billion 1099 forms.

In the process, nearly 30 million trees will give their lives.

Taxpayers, meanwhile, will shed tears—and not over dead trees. Before the year is over, Americans will spend more than \$4 billion hours trying to figure out 703 different tax forms in the hope that somehow, just maybe, they will guess correctly the amount of taxes they owe.

Adding injury to insult, this annual exercise will cost Americans about \$200 billion. No, this is not the money taxpayers send to Washington. The \$200 billion is for things like lawyers, accountants and tax preparers—in effect, the tax we pay for the "privilege" of filing taxes.

And just when it seems the news isn't get worse, it does.

The U.S. government's General Accounting Office just released a study that shows the IRS is as baffled by the tax code as the rest of us. Perhaps the most stunning revelation is that the IRS provided almost 9.8 million incorrect answers to taxpayers who called the agency's toll-free hotline in 1999.

DANIEL J. MITCHELL

The GAO report confirms how complex and ridiculous the tax code has become. It reminds me of what happened when the editors at Money magazine sent a hypothetical family of four relatives to professional tax preparers in 1998: Every single answer they got back was wrong—no two were even the same. But the more disturbing element of this story is that Americans who do their taxes based on incorrect answers from the IRS are fully subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Even the Grinch might feel sorry for taxpayers targeted by the IRS. The agency sends out more than 30 million "penalty notices" each year (never mind that half of these are wrong). In these cases, taxpayers are automatically assumed guilty until they can prove themselves innocent. When it comes to taxation, the U.S. Constitution apparently does not apply.

This creates an interesting contrast. If you decide to murder your next-door neighbor, you are presumed innocent and the taxpayers will even pay for your lawyer. Yet if you are a taxpayer and you make a mistake based on incorrect information provided by the IRS, you are presumed guilty and have to pay for your own defense.

Also alarming is the GAO report's finding that 35 percent of all questions sent to the IRS by e-mail result in wrong responses. This is worse than the

results for phone questions, even though the agency took more than two days, on average, to respond to e-queries. While the IRS' computers may be Y2K compliant, the agency's workforce is 1040 not conversant.

To be fair, the IRS and its employees don't deserve all the blame. The main culprits are the politicians, both in the White House and Congress, who write the tax laws. It is because of them, and all the loopholes they create, that our tax code requires 703 forms. It is their fault that the tax code encompasses 17,000 fine-print pages of law and regulations.

While there are some bad apples at the IRS, most employees are conscientious people trying to do a good job. Yet is it any wonder that they make mistakes when politicians keep changing the law and making it more complex? The 1997 tax bill is a perfect example: That one piece of legislation created 285 new sections of tax code and made changes to 824 others.

The only way to fix the problem is to replace the current tax code with a fair, single-rate flat tax. With a flat tax, all existing tax forms could be replaced with two postcard-sized forms. Most IRS agents would be free to take other jobs. Best of all, Americans would finally have a tax system that treated everyone fairly, fulfilling the Constitution's promise of equality before the law.

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Russia begins a hopeful new era

From the Los Angeles Times

Boris N. Yeltsin has performed one last service for Russia. His health shattered, his mental state unpredictable, of late more a national embarrassment than an effective leader, Yeltsin has resigned from the presidency to which he was twice democratically elected.

Under the constitution, Prime Minister Vladimir V. Putin becomes acting president, with a new election required in three months. Yeltsin had already named Putin as his preferred successor. With the chance now given him to exercise power through March, and to end the war in Chechnya before mounting Russian casualties turn public opinion against it, the already popular Putin is a clear electoral favorite.

Putin's first act on taking office was to issue a decree granting immunity from prosecution and other guarantees to Yeltsin and his family. Mournful evidence has implicated Yeltsin and certain relatives in large-scale corruption and profiteering. Many believe it was fear of legal retribution once he left office that kept the incapacitated president from stepping down earlier. What remains to be seen is what happens now to what Russians call the Family, the influential and very rich circle of oligarchs who benefited enormously from Yeltsin's tenure and in turn took care of him and his political friends.

A few years ago Yeltsin's resignation would have shocked and even alarmed Washington and its allies. The mood now is more one of relief: An erratic and increasingly incoherent leader has given way to a younger man—Putin is 47—who offers the chance for stable and decisive leadership. Illness and chronic alcohol abuse had increasingly sapped Yeltsin's vitality and ignited episodes of bizarre behavior: His unscripted public remarks, including what recently seemed to be a veiled threat against the United States, had sent his aides scurrying to issue clarifications and denials. With his departure and with the recent election of a Duma in which power appears to have passed to centrists, more effective and pragmatic governance could become possible.

Until he posted a policy statement on an Internet site a few days ago, Putin's economic and political views were largely a mystery. Now they are somewhat clearer. He favors a regulated, not unbridled, market economy. He believes in a democracy based on "Russia's realities,"

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apparently meaning one in which the state wields a strong hand. He defends post-Soviet economic reforms, while acknowledging that many have suffered under them. Putin called on Russians to embrace patriotism, loyalty to the state and a sense of national power based on economic and technological strength, not military force. This is overall the stuff of a campaign platform, and like

all such should be treated cautiously. But it's also a statement many Russians can embrace. Putin has said he wants better relations with the West and endorsed ratification of the long-stalled START II nuclear weapons treaty. An early concrete gesture to Washington would not be surprising. An obscure figure until he was named prime minister five months ago, the former career intelligence officer now bodes to become Russia's leader, perhaps through the whole of the new decade. The change from Yeltsin appears positive.

In the longer view, however, Yeltsin's achievements will be remembered, and rightly so. He completed the transition that brought the Soviet Union to an end, established a democratic rule that endured through the recent Duma elections and instituted a form, however imperfect, of market economy. He chose the path and now steps aside.



Yeltsin bows out with bizarre flair

From The Washington Post

It was fitting that Boris Yeltsin would end his political career with dramatic surprise; flair was a consistent trademark. It was even more fitting, given Yeltsin's complex legacy, that you could interpret his premature departure as more than one way. On the one hand, as the Clinton administration chose to emphasize, Yeltsin acted within the constitution, paving the way for Russia's first-ever peaceful, lawful change of power from one living leader to another. On the other, by ducking out a half-year before his term expired and grabbing legal immunity from prosecution on his way out the Kremlin door, Yeltsin injected the sour odor of a cooked deal into democratic Russia's first transition. Partly noble, partly rotten: an appropriate end to his tumultuous reign.

Yeltsin's accomplishments are beyond question. He helped dismantle an oppressive Communist system, easing state control over people and property. He defied widespread predictions, from U.S. experts and others, that Russia would slide back toward dictatorship or forward toward anarchy, bread riots and dissolution. Steadfastly Yeltsin defended Russians' freedom to express themselves—including by attacking him more and more viciously as the years went by—and to travel. He permitted fair elections for a parliament that operated freely despite its determined opposition to Yeltsin's policies. For the most part, he respected the integrity of fragile neighboring states like Ukraine. For all this, there is no precedent in Russian history.

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that the worst pain of transition would last six months; today, many of them are poorer, and die younger, than ever. No one could have "cured" Russia in six months. It is in the midst of three revolutionary shifts at once: from totalitarianism to democracy, from decaying socialism to a market economy, from militarized society to one that is largely civilian. Under any leader, these are transitions of years and decades, not months.

So history will fault Yeltsin for naivete, as he said; but for more than that, too. He faltered in his

devotion to reform; tolerated corruption on a breathtaking scale; waged brutal war, not once but again against his own citizens in Chechnya. Now he steps down early, very likely because his handpicked successor, Vladimir Putin, the man who can best protect Yeltsin from his enemies, is immensely popular, more assured of victory in a special election in March than he would be in a regularly scheduled contest three months later. Few Russians will mourn the passing of a man who has been weakened by disease for years; but his calculated departure deprives Russia of one more notch of normality as it attempts to live under predictable, democratic rules.

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Operations go smoothly as Panamanians take control of canal

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Ships crossed the isthmus of Panama without problems Saturday, the nation's first full day as sole administrator of the canal. Popular concern about the canal's security, however, re-

mained. The transfer of the waterway and surrounding property from the United States to Panamanian hands was finalized at noon Friday, ending 85 years of American control. Panamanians celebrated what they

described as the start of full sovereignty. There were no reports of problems stemming from the feared Y2K computer glitch. Canal authorities had stressed that operations would go smoothly since the technology used to

run the canal is largely the same as it was when it opened in 1914. Authorities had closely watched electricity and water generators for any trouble. "Everything has come out well. ... All is normal without any problems," a Canal

Authority spokeswoman said, speaking on condition of customary anonymity. Thirteen ships traversed the 50-mile-long canal in the first hours of the new year, the department of maritime traffic control reported.

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Front row seat to help court justice

Jury duty is a lot like being chased by a dentist who won't take no for an answer.

Oh, you may elude Dr. Painless today and maybe next week, but sooner or later that abscessed abscess is coming out.

I just finished a month of service a December-filled with furtive phone calls to a cheerful answering machine that held the fate of Juror No. 4701 suspended in its dulcet, peeped tones.

At 5:01 p.m. precisely on each of the past five Tuesdays, me and several hundred of my new closest friends dialed up the Juror Code-A-Phone, hoping to hear those magical words, "Your case has been settled."

Some weeks, you get lucky. But as the month runs down, your odds

slump. Until you find yourself one day, sitting on your coat on a well-worn wooden chair, being asked whether you have any immediate plans.

In principle, most Americans approve of citizen juries, but the

details are sticky.

For instance, you have to spend some considerable time in the company of lawyers, who are nosy and let's be plain—yada-yada more than a sensible person should.

Then there's the uncomfortable feeling that all the grown-ups have gone on vacation and left you and 11 spudheads named Clarise and Marvin in charge of some stranger's future.

Don't know about you, but that seems way above my pay grade—\$10 a day, by state law.

Besides, you can't go home in the middle if you don't like it.

Earlier in the month, I was part of a big gallery of potential jurors being questioned—*"voir dire"* is the 50-franc term for it—for a civil trial.

Taking into account just what it was paying 80 civilians to sit there, I calculated that the county could have filled a porch for what it spent every time the judge took time to clear his throat.

Then there's the disquieting observation that jurors—a whole—myself included—are an alarmingly trumpy lot.

They show up clad in a hybrid of expectation ("If these here cows are good enough for the cows, they're plenty good enough for court")—and resignation—"I'm a gonna be here 'til hell freezes over anyways, so's I'm wearin' sweatpants."

Seems to me that everybody's just a lot of trouble. "All's right in the fact that I'll be sure to make note of on my juror comment card."

The judges and courtroom staff are real nice to jurors, but they must have SOME stories to swap at the end of Christmas party. ("Remember the guy who snored so loud during voir dire that he woke up both counsel?")

And to be frank, I was a little disappointed not to meet Bull Shannon in the 9-foot-tall bald bailiff from TV's "Night Court" with the physiognomy of a condor. Maybe he was out collecting jurors who didn't turn up as instructed.

The fate of those no-shows was the source of my speculation back in the gallery. Some folks swore that deputies hauled the truant-indolent backside out of bed and transported them by black-and-white limousine to some courtly courtyard, where they were forced to watch the jury-orientation film over and over until they wept uncontrollably at the mere sound of Larry Geber's voice.

"Others speculated that the missing might have their names tossed into the shallow end of the jury pool, where they'd be guaranteed to bob to the surface indefinitely.

Whatever befell the no-shows, I'm relieved that it's someone else who'll be chatting with the Juror Code-A-Phone for now.

When last we talked, it informed me that my term of jury service was concluded and instructed me to have a nice January.

I will, and thank you. It won't include "Perry Mason" on Nick At Nite.

Times-News features editor Steve Crump wishes to report that the 5th Judicial District serves its jurors generic-brand diet cola.

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Region sees little disruption for 2000

The Times-News
All quiet.
Most cities in southern Idaho and northern Nevada put a lot of time and money into preparing for Y2K, and everything seemed to go smoothly when the clocks struck midnight and rang in the year 2000.

Here are dispatches from some communities in The Times-News's circulation area.

Blaine County
Except for what appeared to be a major traffic jam of thousands of vehicles following a spectacular 25-minute fireworks display staged by the Sun Valley Co., the arrival of the New Year involved nothing unusual, according to the

Ketchum Police Department.
The Blaine County Sheriff's Office also reported nothing unusual of Y2K-related.

Buhl
The New Year in Buhl was one of the quietest ones on record, Buhl Police Sgt. Mike Couss said.
"We were ready and nothing happened," Couss said.
The police department set up a command center at the station with added personnel on duty, including Mayor Barbara Gietzen and members of Citizens On Patrol.

Eden and Hazelton
The evening of Y2K in the Eden-

Hazelton area was just like any other evening.
Eden mayor Larry Craig said he had his scanner on all night and heard nothing out of the ordinary.

Elko, Nev.
No Y2K problems were reported in Elko.

Filler
There were no Y2K related problems in Filler, Fire Chief Bud Compher said.

Kimberly and Hansen
Kimberly maintenance foreman Jess Kindred said he stayed up until after 1

a.m. monitoring the computerized water system controls. The system had been checked out several weeks ago, so no problems were expected, Kindred said.
Things also went smoothly in Hansen, where the water system isn't computerized and a backup generator is on hand in the event of a power outage.
Police officers also said all was quiet in Kimberly and Hansen.

Murtaugh
"The lights blinked out for a second at about 11:30 p.m., and I thought O.K., here we go, but it was nothing," Mayor Jack Hart said. "Besides, our maintenance men had done such a great job in upgrading

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Jaycees brave new world on skis

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS— Skiing in water that's 35 degrees Fahrenheit isn't everybody's idea of fun, but those participating in the 13th annual Magic Valley Jaycees Freeze on Skis said it's a wonderful way to begin the new year—especially the year 2000.

After all, if you can brave a near-freezing Snake River, what's a little overhyped Y2K bug?

What began as an offbeat way to celebrate the new year 13 years ago has developed into a fund-raiser that benefits charities that help children and adults.

This year, the \$6,000 to \$10,000 will go to the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Reserve and the Wishing Star Foundation, a group that grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses.

"This has become a tradition for people who want to start the New Year fun and crazy," organizer Donna Ash said. "It's just something for people to start over and do something new."

"People wanted to start the millennium off by freezing their buns off."

This year, new and old faces showed up for the event, with some people trying their hand at skiing in freezing water.

"It's a great cause and it's my way of bringing in the new millennium," first-time Freeze on Skis participant Terriene Powell said, while relaxing in a hot tub. "It's just something I've wanted to do forever. It's the excitement of



Tyson Elala gets some air on a wake board during the annual 'Freeze on Skis' fund-raiser at Shoshone Falls Saturday.

it and the thrill.

"You're amongst a lot of good people who are out here for a good cause. It brings people together."

Some skiers work toward the event all year and improve each year.

"It's a great challenge to see if you can do it," seven-year Freeze on Skis participant Lori Head said. "It's a great way to bring in the new year. If you can get through this you can get through anything. It's one of those things (I) work

toward every year."

That's the whole idea behind the event, founder Bruce Barton said.

"We wanted to do something different," he said. "It's kind of the story-of-the-man-that-bites-the-dog, instead of the dog that

bites the man. It's crazy and wild. To a lot of people it's special, bringing in the new millennium."

Times-News correspondent Rachel Denny can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3780.

'Quiet even for a weekend': Cops, dispatchers go all out for New Year's

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS— Midnight was still a half hour away, but the topless woman running into Blue Lakes Boulevard couldn't wait to celebrate the new year.

Wearing only her black leather pants and a few tattoos in the 21-degree air, the 20-something woman waved her arms and screamed in celebration—until she noticed the car she was waving to was a police car.

A suspect scampered to a nearby parking lot, where Twin Falls police officer Ken Rivers cut her off.

"Put your clothes on and don't make me chase you," Rivers barked.

The suspect was arrested on a charge of indecent exposure and taken to jail, where Rivers was filling out paperwork when the New Year rang with roosts and fallers from the cellblocks.

Across the Magic Valley, police crews added patrols and planned for the worst. What they got instead was a more or less typical New Year's Eve.

But Twin Falls police were investigating a stabbing that occurred earlier Friday night.

A man was stabbed during an argument, and instead of looking for help the man hid in a bar bathroom. When patrons noticed blood all over the floor and bar stools, they called police and probably saved the man's life, Sgt. Steve Ryan said.

The man was taken to emergency surgery, and the case was under investigation, he said.

For police and dispatchers, the staffing and the stress level were both higher than usual Friday night.

At the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center—which dispatches fire, ambulance and police units in Lincoln, Gooding, Jerome and Twin Falls counties—a security alert was increased. The center's bunker-like building in Jerome is always guarded by video surveillance and high fences topped with razor wire, and on this night, a supervisor came to work armed with a handgun.

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It ended up being an average Friday night and an average New Year's Eve, said Sgt. Kirby Harkness—exactly what Cassia County law enforcement had expected and had planned for, with a normal number of deputies on patrol.

One man was arrested, charged with firing a gun into the air. Two suspicious traffic stops



Lucky Bourn auctions off an item held by Thomas Williams at the first annual New Year's Day Community Auction at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds.

Rupert residents clean out closets for auction

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT—Attending an auction isn't something most people think about doing on New Year's Day.

But on his 46th birthday, Lucky Bourn conducted the first New Year's Day Community Auction at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds.

The auction featured bargains on tools, cans of paint, antiques, Dutch ovens, household items, records and much more.

Bourn said he'd like to make the auction an annual event.

The auction gave Rupert residents a good reason to clean out their closets and a chance to make a little cash, too, said Kim

Bourn, Lucky Bourn's wife.

"Stuff eventually builds up. People get Christmas presents and this is a good way to get rid of their old things," said Kim Bourn, who sold a jar of antique buttons for \$6.

Items from residents and local retailers went on the auction block Saturday. Seven-year-old Chance Robins, with help from his dad, took home a brand new fishing pole for \$15. He said he could hardly wait to break it in.

Lois Gillett said she enjoys hunting for bargains.

"I just wanted to see what they had," she said. "If I have the money on me I go."

Gillett and her husband bought a couple of things.

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MAGIC VALLEY

HOSPITAL

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted: Janice Renee Williams of Twin Falls. Released: Glen Cecil Hopwood of Buhl.

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

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TWIN FALLS



Emma Kavan

Emma Kavan, 84, of Twin Falls, passed away at her home on Wednesday, December 29, 1999. She was born December 21, 1915, in Minot, North Dakota, the daughter of Jacob DeWald and Eva Meyer DeWald. She moved to the Magic Valley with her family in 1924. Emma married Ronald W. Kavan on November 11, 1937. They farmed south of Twin Falls for many years. Emma also worked for Idaho Frozen Potatoes. She enjoyed fishing, gardening, and crocheting. Along with being a past member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and presently a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Filer, she also sang in the church choir and was a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Surviving are her two daughters, Virginia May of Kent, Washington, and Beverly Pittman of Vancouver, Washington; sisters, Ruth Denon and Pauline McCoy, both of Twin Falls; brother, William DeWald of Twin Falls; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren along with several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ronald; two sons, Roger and Bobbie; a sister, Freida Woll; and two brothers, Ted and Rhyon DeWald.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, January 4, 2000, at 2 p.m. at the Peace Lutheran Church in Filer, with Pastor Gary Benedix officiating. Burial will be at Filer Cemetery. Friends may call Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. The family requests in lieu of flowers memorials to Peace Lutheran Church.

Etta C. Lutz

Etta Catherine (Herman) Lutz, 101, of Simi Valley, Calif., former Magic Valley resident, died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, in Simi Valley. She was born July 24, 1898, in Herkimer, Kansas, the daughter of John Herman and Anna (Gardes) Herman. She moved with her family to Oak, Nebraska, in 1912. She married William Lutz of Filer, Idaho, on Dec. 20, 1916, in Oak, Nebraska. She farmed with her husband in Filer, Idaho, and later at Jerome, Idaho, until their retirement in 1958 when they also moved to Twin Falls. She was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church in Twin Falls, she was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, where she held active membership in the Mary Martha Crown of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League; the Good Shepherd Home Auxiliary, and the Lutheran Laymen's League.

She is survived by two sons, Harold Lutz of Republic, Wash., and Kenneth Lutz of Sandpoint, Idaho; by one daughter, Arlene Lautenschlager of Simi Valley, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Minnie Schiefel of Rupert, Idaho; and nine nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, William; three children, Norman, Wilma and William; one brother, and two sisters.

Funeral services for Etta Lutz will be conducted 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Lawrence Vedder officiating. Interment will follow in Clover Cemetery. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Tuesday from 4-8 p.m.

W. Meyer on April 20, 1927. Edwin and Amelia lived in Campbell and Denmond, Nebraska, until they moved to Idaho in 1936. They spent their Idaho years living in Twin Falls and Kimberly. They were active members of the Immanuel and Redeem or Lutheran Churches.

She is survived by two sons, Charles of Burley and David of San Marcos, Calif.; a daughter, Nelda Brosz of Anchorage, Alaska; a brother, Arthur Koch of Canoga Park, California; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son; Carol E. Meyer; and one brother.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, January 7, 2000, at the First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Butler Avenue, Burley, with Chuck Meyer, Elder, officiating. Interment will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 10:15 until 10:45 a.m. The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Lutheran Hour (contact your local Lutheran Pastor). Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome.

JEROME



M. Ruth Blessing Jensen

M. Ruth Blessing Jensen, 88, passed away Dec. 30, 1999, in Jerome at the home of her daughter.

She was born August 16, 1911, in Guthrie, Oklahoma, to Carl and Bertha Oklahoma. At the age of 16 months, the family boarded a train to move to Klamath Falls, Oregon, but stopped in Twin Falls to visit relatives and stayed in the Magic Valley. She attended school in Appleton and graduated from Jerome High School in 1930. She married Hyrum Lynn Jensen on June 26, 1933, in Wendell, Idaho. They were the parents of four daughters. They spent their married life farming in Jerome and the area. She preceded her husband in death in May 1972.

She is survived by her four daughters, Gudrun (Richard) Jensen, Janet (Gordon) Graham, Janolite (Roy) Newwander, and Emma Lou Foreman. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, 4 brothers, 2 grandsons; 1 great-grandson and one son-in-law.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, January 4, 2000, at 1 p.m. in the Jerome 2nd Ward Chapel, 520 North Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho. Friends and family may call one hour prior to the services. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery under the direction of Farnsworth Mortuary.

WENDELL

Viola Belle Koch

Viola Belle Lohmann Koch, 93, Tucson, Arizona, and formerly of Wendell, Idaho, died Thursday, December 30, 1999, in Tucson. Viola was born on April 16, 1906, in Eustis, Nebraska, the eleventh of fourteen children born to Frank and Mary Lohmann. She was married to Arthur Koch on September 8, 1926, and bore him four children. Viola was an active member of the Christ Lutheran Church in Wendell. Interment will be in the Wendell Cemetery for many years.

She is survived by one daughter, June Conyers of Pocatello, Idaho; two sons, Frank Koch of St. George, Utah, and Glenn Koch of Peoria, Arizona; ten grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Floyd Arthur; a granddaughter, Ruth Ann; and a great-grandson, Jonathan.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, January 5, 2000, at 10:30 a.m. at the Christ Lutheran Church in Wendell. Burial will be in the Wendell Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Wendell Chapel, 1000 N. 1st St., Wendell, Idaho. She was born on January 14, 1909, in Campbell, Nebraska, the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Koch. She married Edwin (Shorty)

BURLEY

Amelia (Millie) Meyer

Amelia Susanna (Koch) Meyer was called to the Lord on Friday, December 31, 1999. She was born on January 14, 1909, in Campbell, Nebraska, the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Koch. She married Edwin (Shorty)



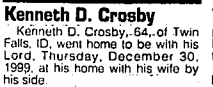
Margaret Allen Caldwell

Margaret Allen Caldwell, 85-year-old Burley resident, died December 30, 1999, at the Alpha House in Jerome.

She was born on October 7, 1914, at Blair, Nebraska, the daughter of John Mills and Helen Margaret Pierce Allen. Margaret spent her earlier years and received her education in Blair, Nebraska, graduating from Blair High School in 1933. She married Jefferson L. Caldwell on October 2, 1937, at Blair, Nebraska. Jefferson preceded her in death on December 15, 1990. They moved from Blair, Nebraska, to Burley in 1943. Margaret worked as a Librarian for the Burley Public Library for ten years. She was a member of the Episcopal Church, and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She loved sewing, cooking, camping, fishing and spending time with her family.

Survivors include two daughters, Helen (Norman) Schoen of Paul and Janice (Fowler) Fowler of Burley; one son, Bill (Teresa) Caldwell of Burley; three sisters, Winifred Koller and Ruth Tildon, both of Florida, and Alice Busch of Nebraska; and nine grandchildren, including one great-grandchild. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and one sister.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 4, 2000, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 West Main Street in Burley. Burial will be at the Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral on Tuesday. The family suggests that memorials be given to the St. James Episcopal Church, 2000 Oakley Avenue in Burley.



Kenneth D. Crosby

Kenneth D. Crosby, 64, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died at his home on Thursday, December 30, 1999, at his home with his wife by his side.

He was born May 3, 1935, in Reelwood, Kansas, son of Frank and Mary Huber Crosby. Kenneth proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. He enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, camping, hunting, reading, and doing the best he could to help anyone in time of need. Kenneth was a very loving and generous man who will miss his laughter, joy of life, and his love of a good joke. He will be forever in our hearts. He married Judith Vandenberg in 1960 and they had four children. They later divorced and he married Ruby Jordan in 1981 and gained another daughter.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ruby Crosby; his children, Jay (Julie) Crosby, June Crosby, Dawn (Eddie) Boyd, Sean Crosby and David (Michelle) Crosby; his daughter, Don (Helen) Crosby, Verla (Connie) Crosby and Florence (Ronald) Gouther; sisters-in-law, Kathleen Crosby and Jackie Crosby; grandchildren, Naomi Boyd, Ryan Boyd, Crystal Boyd, David Crosby, Miranda Crosby and Lance Sykora; great-grandson, Alex; many nieces and nephews; special family and friends, Mabel Modlin, Michelle Featherston and Scott Featherston. Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Francis and Clyde Crosby; and his best friend, Jim Featherston.

Funeral services for Kenneth will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 4, 2000, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID. Friends may call at the funeral

DEATH NOTICES

Henry P. Postuma

TWIN FALLS - Henry Peter Postuma, 52, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, near Emmett following a sudden illness.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Mollie Carotta

RUPERT - Mollie Carotta, 77, of Rupert, died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, at Bannock Regional

Medical Center in Pocatello.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert with the Rev. Miesner officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary, Rupert.

Viola Brown

TWIN FALLS - Viola Brown, 81, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, at her home.

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

Muriel B. Hitchcock

BUHL - Muriel B. Hitchcock, 92, of Pocatello and formerly of Buhl, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, at Pocatello.

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

Mary Ann Gassner

DECLO - Mary Ann Gassner, 79, of Declo, died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel with the Rev. Brian Livermore officiating. Burial will follow at the Declo Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before the service on Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary.

Janine M. Reynolds

DECLO - Janine M. Reynolds, 31, of Moses Lake, Wash., and formerly of Declo, died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Fewer elk show up on refuge

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) - Western Wyoming's National Elk Refuge has fewer elk than normal for this time of year, probably because of warm weather, little snow and plenty of food, a refuge biologist said.

Bruce Smith said about 48 percent fewer elk have migrated to the refuge to forage this winter than during previous winters. Only about 2,500 elk were on the refuge last week.

Plenty of grass in the high country may have delayed the migration, he said. Snow in the high country is not deep enough to drive the elk down to winter range.

Last month, low elk numbers on the refuge prompted officials to extend elk hunting season by a week. Hunters killed migrating elk from Yellowstone National Park, where the animals had stayed until the first week of December.

The decline in the refuge population can mean a lower risk of disease like brucellosis among elk.

Fewer elk also means forage will last longer, Smith said.

The refuge feeds hay pellets to elk every year. The herd has a vast summer range but is limited in winter, partly because of Jackson's growth.

Smith said he did not know when the feeding program would begin this winter.

Wolf kills border collie on ranch

DUBOIS, Wyo. (AP) - An English border collie was killed by a wolf at a guest ranch in western Wyoming.

Rudolf Betts, who operates the Absaroka Ranch near Dubois, found the body of the dog on Christmas night halfway between the house and the ranch gate. It belonged to a ranch employee. Betts and federal biologists

believe a single wolf was responsible.

"There were the tracks of one wolf," U.S. Fish and Wildlife biologist Joe Fontaine said. Traps have been set to capture the wolf so it can be relocated.

It was the third dog the ranch has lost since the Washakie pack began forming nearly three years ago.

"I'm very, very tired of this happening," Betts said. "The wolf reintroduction is one of the most idiotic, irresponsible things that could have been done in wildlife management."

The Absaroka Ranch is a few miles east of the Diamond G Ranch, where wolf killings of livestock and ranch animals have also occurred.



Brae Beck and his mother, Paige, warm up before the curtain rises at the King Fine Arts Center's New Year's Eve concert. Although he is only 5, Brae loves to perform and has been seen at a number of local events.

Burley concert offers positive themes for dawn of new year

By Coreen Hart Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - With razzle dazzle and showmanship, Steve James and company welcomed in the new year Friday at the King Fine Arts Center.

The free concert held plenty of surprises for the crowd of about 200.

Brae Beck, a local 5-year-old, opened with classical violin pieces. Playing a red violin, Brae and was accompanied by his mother, Paige Beck.

The Handy Cloggers presented several variety numbers with high-spirits-and-fine-tuned timing.

Then Steve and Lisa James took the stage that was adorned with a 10-foot clock set at three minutes to midnight and a grand piano. Their eclectic show included

rewritten Christmas carols such as "Grape-nuts roasting on an open fire..." "My Heart Will Go On" from the film "Titanic," and a number of Steve James compositions, most of which are in use in public elementary schools in Utah and a few Idaho schools.

The themes were of basic values such as thinking positive, being a good friend, and choosing to do the right thing. In the front rows, small children danced along with the music and waved their hands in the air.

"Parents are the biggest influence in their children's lives," said singer Nolanda Smaulin, who performs with the Jameses. "You kids, hold your parents' hands. I'm talking to you; Hold their hands!"

The message and the music seemed to be well-received.

"We were looking for something special to do tonight," Carol Peterson said. "A friend told me about this, and I said, 'All right.'"

The Jameses are debuting new songs in Burley and Boise, Steve James said. They expect to have their values-oriented songs in most Idaho schools this year.

"And next year, we go national," he said.

The Jameses are Utah residents who both have grandparents from the Burley area. Married for five years, the couple has two children.

Steve James is president and CEO of a family company, Something Good Inc.

Times-News correspondent Coreen Hart may be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau in Burley at 677-4042.

County to reconsider drug-testing plan

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Kootenai County's lead attorney will advise commissioners to back off a proposed drug-testing policy that would allow department heads to conduct body searches.

Lacking a quorum, commissioners last week postponed action on the controversial drug-free workplace resolution.

County attorney Dennis Molenaar said he will recommend parts of the resolution be omitted.

"I think that it's too restrictive ... we're going to ask commissioners to re-examine that portion and recommend modification," Molenaar said.

He was referring to a section of the resolution which would allow ranking county officials to

search an employee's person ... pockets, wallets (and) personal belongings ... (and) vehicles ..."

Refusal to consent to such searches would result in termination, the resolution says.

"My concern is I don't want them searching personal vehicles on county property," Molenaar said.

County auditor Dan English said he had concerns with the proposed resolution.

"If you're talking about a physical search, boy, you really have to have a proper procedure," English said.

Confronting illegal use of drugs or alcohol in the workplace should not be the responsibility of department heads and elected officials, the auditor said.

"My first impulse would be to

get law enforcement involved," English said. "For this (resolution) to get adopted ... it is probably going to need a little revision."

Commissioner Ron Rankin said he had no concerns with the resolution, but would rely on the advice of legal counsel.

"Dennis (Molenaar) is paid to minimize our risk of liability," Rankin said. "I don't have any problem if they want to strike that (body search clause)."

County officials said the drug-testing resolution is an effort to avoid liability claims. But there is some apprehension the strict policy could prompt legal action against the county.

"(The resolution) is strictly a deterrent to avoid litigation," Rankin said. "But we certainly don't want to create any."

Companies aim to reduce emissions

POCATELLO (AP) - Winter weather inversions simply magnify the pollution problem in the Portneuf Valley, according to representatives from the area's two phosphate refineries.

"Inversions trap ... emissions from cars, dust, wood-burning stoves and industry. It's a common weather event," said Dave Buttelman, health safety and environmental manager at the FMC phosphate plant west of Pocatello.

Buttelman and Rick Phillips, a spokesman for the J.K. Simplot phosphate plant west of town, readily admit the two refineries add a significant amount of pollution to the air.

But, both say, a lot has been done, and a lot more is planned, to further reduce the amount of refinery pollution in the air around Pocatello.

In the meantime, however, residents should not expect the air to get much cleaner, especially during inversions.

And what may seem a simple solution during inversions - shutting the plants down - could instead increase the amount of pollution in the air.

According to Buttelman, when FMC shuts down its operations, it has to flare its equipment to burn off unused fuel. This, he said, causes more pollution, than

when the plant is running full speed.

Phillips agreed. "We try to make sure we're operating at peak performance levels, especially during inversions," he says. "If we shut down, we lose the efficiency. We end up with a lot of unburned fuel in the system and the emissions actually increase. It would be like shutting off a car as you were driving down the highway."

Annually, Phillips said, Simplot emits about 30 percent of its total emission permit. Only when the plant is shutting down or starting up does it actually emit all 100 percent of its permitted pollutants.

First night keeps Utah deputies busy

KEARNS, Utah (AP) - The first police call of the new millennium cracked over sheriff's Detective Doug Walters' radio.

"Domestic in progress," a Salt Lake County dispatcher said. "Child outside in a blanket."

Within a minute, seven patrol cars were at the apartment complex. And just as quickly, a "shots-fired" alert sent Walters to another location.

Before the night was over, sheriff's deputies would handle one distress call every minute.

Loud parties and gang fights - "one kid has a hammer," a dispatcher warned - were out in full force.

The turn of the century also marked 173,856 police calls in 1999 for deputies who patrol outlying parts of Salt Lake County.

And for a time Friday night, what seemed like a Y2K computer problem threatened to cut their police communications.

Francis dispatchers were forced to shut down some police

frequencies and limit traffic on other bands when a power outage at Kennecott Copper Company affected a radio transmitter.

Dave Marks, communications manager for the sheriff's office, said a generator at the site also failed, putting the transmitter on battery backup.

The unexplained outage shut down four of the department's nine radio channels for nearly an hour during which laptop computers in patrol cars also were disabled.

Region

Continued from B1 our backup system, I wasn't really worried."

Shoshone Everything went smoothly in Shoshone when the calendar turned a page to the year 2000. City Clerk Mary Kay Bennett said.

Wells, Nev. The residents of Wells moved

into the year 2000 with no glitches, said city officials.

On Saturday, the power was still on, water flowed from the taps, and the local bank's ATM machine was still dispensing cash.

Dan Kessler of Wells Rural Electric Company said all substations were manned until 1 a.m. New Year's Day. Telephone and radio contact with Bonneville Power Administration indicated no problems, and an operations

check found no problems. Everyone was prepared, Kessler said.

Wells Combined School Principal Ted Paulsen said he doesn't anticipate any problems, when school opens Monday morning.

Times-News correspondents Mary Lou Bots, Pat Murphy, Julie Pevco, Karen Terrell, Mickey Brown, Margaret Jones and Elaine Swanson contributed to this report.

Auction

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"I'm going to see what happens on the records," Gillett said. But someone else got the 128 vinyl record albums for \$22.50.

Gene and Cindy Pitchford thought it was a good way to start

the new year.

"I just like auctions," Cindy Pitchford said. "There are good bargains."

Brian Drew just happened to be driving by and saw the sign for the sale.

"I'm into auctions and yard sales," he said.

Times-News staff writer Lorraine Cawener can be reached in Burley at 677-4042 or by e-mail at lcawener@magicvalley.com.

Quiet

Continued from B1 turned out to be nothing. A small crowd of revelers received a warning about setting off illegal fireworks.

Burley's streets were quiet for a Friday night, said Cassia County sheriff's deputy Jessica Brower, patrolling a lonely Overland Avenue.

Times-News writers Brian Haynes, Michael Journee and Ruth Streeter contributed to this report.

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Pentagon withheld news of major computer failure due to Y2K bug

The Washington Post... WASHINGTON - On New Year's Eve, top Pentagon officials withheld news of a major Y2K computer glitch that had cut access to a critical satellite intelligence system, telling reporters only after the big millennium celebrations in Washington and New York had finished.

Deputy Defense Secretary John J. Hamre said Saturday at a Pentagon news conference. "We did have one significant problem on Dec. 31 that we didn't had, but we did," Hamre said. "One of our intelligence systems, a satellite-based intelligence system, experienced some Y2K failures last night shortly after the rollover of Greenwich Mean Time. And for a period of several hours, we were not able to process information from that system."

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However, at a 9:30 p.m. briefing Friday, more than two hours after the system went down, the Pentagon denied that it was having any problems with computers misreading a twodigit date of 00 as 1900 rather than 2000.

"We've been monitoring the state of the world very closely, and particularly our systems, as we rolled past Greenwich Mean Time at about 1900 this evening, 7 p.m. And I'm happy to report and continue to be encouraged to report that all the Department of Defense systems remain in green status," Rear Adm. Robert Willard, head of the Y2K task force for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, announced at the Friday briefing.

"Our systems thus far are free of year 2000 glitches," he added. As Willard was speaking to reporters, military programmers were completing a temporary repair of the processing unit that allowed it to start working again, though at reduced capacity, officials said.

U S West sells \$1.15B stock for a loss

NEW YORK (AP) - U S West, the Denver-based Baby Bell telephone company, has sold more than half of its stock in Global Crossing Ltd., taking a big loss on the deal.

U S West announced that it sold 24 million shares in Global Crossing for about \$48 apiece, far below the \$62.75 it originally paid for the stock in May when the two companies announced merger plans.

Their agreement fell apart in July after U S West received a more lucrative but hostile bid

from Qwest Communications, a Denver-long distance phone company. Nevertheless, U S West continued to hold a 9.5 percent stake in Global Crossing, which quickly lost much of its value.

Global Crossing, a Bermuda-based company building an undersea fiber-optic cable network, saw its shares slide as low as \$20.31.25 in September. The stock has recovered in recent months, and U S West seized the chance to sell 65 percent of its shares.

Because U S West sold the

stock at a loss, the company's fourth-quarter earnings will be reduced by about 44 cents a share.

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Fundraising is being directed by Bob Miller and Gary Michael, chief executive officers of Rife Aid Corp. and Albertson's Inc., respectively. Both have homes in the area.

Businessman pledges \$500K for ice rink

McCALL (AP) - Businessman Douglas Manchester has pledged \$500,000 toward the construction of a covered ice rink in memory of an employee killed in a 1993 car accident.

The pledge brings to \$1.5 million the amount raised by the Sabala Foundation toward the estimated construction cost of \$3.5 million for the rink located on the site of McCall's first Shaver's market, which was demolished. Store owner Carl Shaver donated the lot to the project.

Richard Sabala was a part-time resident who worked for

Manchester, who owns Shore Lodge and other resort properties in Idaho and California.

Curt Spalding, on the board of directors for the McCall Ice Skating Association, said the pledge is welcome. The association operates the existing outdoor rink.

"That's more than 14 percent of the grand total, and we're hopeful that the rest can be raised this winter so construction can begin in the spring and skating can begin next November," Spalding said.

The rink will be National

Hockey League sized and include seating for 800 spectators, have locker rooms and skate rental space.

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Police move inmates ahead holiday unrest in Spokane

SPOKANE (AP) - Riot police were brought into the Spokane County Jail Saturday morning after inmates became rowdy after being moved to make room for New Years drunks, Sheriff Mark Sterk said.

The tactical team officers were called in to help jailers move about a dozen unruly inmates to another part of the jail, the sheriff said. One inmate resisted the move and was physically restrained, but there were no

injuries, Sterk said. The inmates had temporarily been moved to the jail's fifth floor to make room for anticipated drunk driving arrests. Several inmates became unruly and threatened to damage jail fixtures.

When those drunk driving arrests didn't materialize, TAC team officers were called in to help move the dozen inmates back to cells on other floors, Sterk said.

Firefighters fail to preserve vacant restaurant building

SPOKANE (AP) - Spokane firefighters battled a blaze that gutted a vacant downtown restaurant, but they saved an adjacent building Saturday morning.

A resident of a nearby apartment saw flames shooting from the El Toreador Restaurant and Lounge and called authorities about 6:35 a.m., Fire Chief Bobby Williams said.

About 75 firefighters responded in 20 rigs, but were unable to save the two-story brick structure

about a block south of the Spokane Opera House. It had been vacant about three years, Williams said.

There were no injuries. The cause was not immediately known, he said.

Firefighters concentrated on saving the five-story Ameron site of McCall's first Shaver's market, which was demolished. Store owner Carl Shaver donated the lot to the project.

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FOR THE RECORD

The Times-News... TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included:

Misdemeanor sentences

City of Twin Falls... Mike Shene Trevino, 33, 181 Buena Vista, Twin Falls; inattentive/unsafe driving; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards... Jerome; possession of controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine, suspended; 365 days' jail; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... Vige Movis Simonsen, 45, 2400 Ace of Spades; Nevada theft; probation; \$150 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... Fred McKinley Bryant, 25, homeless; Twin Falls; petit theft; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; uncollectible; six months' jail; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards... Jeremy W. Rumlitz, 23, 817 Idaho St.; Filner; pawn records ordinance; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards...

Ave. N., Buhl; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine, with \$150 suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... Michael Sued Owens, 21, 424 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls; violation of a no contact order; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine, with 365 days' jail, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... Crystal F. Povalawski, 27, 556 Sawtooth, No. 2, Buhl; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine, with \$300 suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... Robert Perez, 23, 427 W. Bridger; bicycling on street; probation; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 180 days' jail, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... Karl Lawrence Martin, 41, 218 W. Ave. 1, No. 20, Jerrold; conduct a minor substance; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, uncollectible; 365 days' jail; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... Nelson L. Pyle, 55, 4333 Carter Park Road, Buhl; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine, with \$200 suspended; 180 days' jail; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... Fred Alvery Allen, 52, 350 Grandview Drive, No. 24, Twin Falls; failure to stop on red/white sign; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine, with \$150 suspended; 90 days' jail, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... Brian Kelly Butler, 27, 221 Glacier; Jerome; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$78.50 court costs; 180 days' jail, suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach...

Street, Boise; reckless driving, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... Kent F. Edwards, 52, 213 E. 450 S., Jerome; failure to yield right of way; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... Manuel Aguilar, 27, 931 California St., Buhl; driving under the influence; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards... Michael Andre Cantu, 31, 42 Walnut, Twin Falls; domestic battery; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards... James-Michael Packard, 21, 259 Avenida Del Rio, Twin Falls; battery; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards... Cynthia Lee Campbell, 34, 760 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards... Steven Zuke, 30, 203 Fourth St. N., No. 82, Twin Falls; resisting or obstructing officers; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards... Allen C. Eckalton, 22, 11687 S. State St., Draper, Utah; provide false information regarding identification; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards... Wallace M. Packard, 43, 259 Avenida Del Rio, Twin Falls; battery; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards... Carolann Larn, 44, 137 Ellmore, Twin Falls; driving with expired license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... Susan Rae Sarlin, 26, 444 Third Ave. N., Twin Falls; failure to stop at red light; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards... Karen L. Smith, 34, 259 Pleasant Road W., No. 8, Twin Falls; violation of protection order; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards... Manuel Margarito Flores, 22, 259 Pleasant Road W., No. 83, Twin Falls; unlawful discharge of firearm; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards...

Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy... Dismissals... Melvin T. Dixon, 23, 263 Pheasant Road, Twin Falls; shooting waterfowl after hours; dismissed; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy... Ronald A. Hain, 32, Independence, Mo.; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards... Daniel E. Lape, 39, 415 First Ave. E., Wendell; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy... Benjamin M. Meyers, 23, 285 Morningstar Apt. 4, Twin Falls; hunting waterfowl after hours; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy...

Nolan T. Bakewell, 70, 1316 11th Ave. E.; Twin Falls; petting; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; uncollectible; six months' jail; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... Arnelia Olivia Carrillo, 58, 312 Shoshone E., C-1, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 2 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... Harry Lee Weerheim, 22, 220 Sixth Ave. W., Twin Falls; count 1, driving with out privileges; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; 2 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... Jerry D. Kalas, 37, 226 Taylor St. E.; Kimberly; possession of mutilated, altered, revised and falsified driver's license; \$50 fine; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... James Allan Israel, 30, 1510 Falls Ave. E., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; amended to inattentive/unsafe driving; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... Brandy Livingston, 17, 1855 Orioleth, Twin Falls; reckless driving; amended to inattentive/unsafe driving; pleaded guilty; \$25-fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach...

Juvenile appearances... Jason Barkley, 19, 204 N. Bliss, Wendell; count 1, lewd conduct with minor; count 2, lewd conduct with minor; count 3, lewd conduct with minor; count 4, lewd conduct with minor; count 5, indecent exposure; public defender appointed, in custody of juvenile detention center... State of Idaho, Child support services vs. Jay William Bailey, seeking \$271 monthly support, plus 76 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; prepaid insurance; \$363 attorney's fees and costs... State of Idaho, Child support services vs. Alfonso Pallada Maldonado, seeking \$207 monthly support; \$330 attorney's fees and costs... State of Idaho, Child support services vs. Noe Morales, seeking \$559 monthly support; \$330 attorney's fees and costs... State of Idaho, Child support services vs. John F. Boudin, seeking \$442 monthly support; \$330 attorney's fees and costs... State of Idaho, Child support services vs. Mark Dewitt; seeking \$311 monthly support; \$330 attorney's fees and costs...

Twins Falls County... Don C. Pruest, 76, 1558 E. 4300 N., Buhl; battery; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards... Kirk Douglas Mullins, 36, 227 Jefferson St., Twin Falls; possession of controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy... Francis H. Simons, 50, El Dorado, No. 28; Hagerman; requesting public defender; controlled substance is used; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach...

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Misdemeanor dismissals... Wesley Youngman, 25, 1317 N. 11th

Gooding - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following: Arraignments and appearances... David John Bay, 44, 800 W. 414 N., Gooding; driving without privileges; pleaded in absentia; court trial Jan. 20; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy... Gavino O. Castillo, 19, Wendell; failure to purchase/renew driver's license; failure to appear at hearing; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy... Roy Fred Edwards, 22, 421 Nevada St., Gooding; failure to purchase/renew driver's license; status hearing Jan. 13; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy... Sentencings... William J. Brunson, 25, 2926 S. 2300 E.; Wendell; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$600 suspended; 750 court costs; \$25 public defender fee; 180 days' jail, 175 suspended, six months' supervised probation; 30-day driver's license suspension, 30 days absolute/immediate...

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Twins Falls County... Kerry S. Atkins, 41, 2065 Lauri Circle, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (excessive); amended to driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine, with \$400 suspended; 180 days' jail, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... Augustin A. Valdez-Jurea, 33, 612 Ninth Ave. N., Buhl; driving under the influence; amended to driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine, with \$400 suspended; 180 days' jail, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach... Thomas T. Howell, 20, 4375 N. B. 1500 Buhl; driving under the influence (under 21); pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine, with \$750 suspended; \$750 court costs; 30 days' driving privileges suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards... Hector A. Miramontes, 18, 217 Ninth

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Idaho tax receipts exceed expectations four straight months

BOISE (AP) - State tax collections in November exceeded expectations for the fourth straight month, further padding the cash surplus the Kempthorne administration takes into the new year.

Division of Financial Management reported that the surplus rose another \$2.4 million to \$2.67 billion through five months of the budget year. The performance reinforced speculation that administration economists will increase their revenue forecast to incorporate at least some of the cash surplus

when Gov. Dick Kempthorne releases his budget plan in two weeks. Ever though tax receipts were rising a rough 6 percent annually the two previous years, the administration has been extremely conservative in its projections. This summer it lowered the

forecast for the 1999-2000 budget year to an anemic 3.6 percent - less than half the actual growth rate through November. Kempthorne is already operating with a comfortable cash cushion as he finalizes any revisions to the existing budget and a \$1.7 billion budget blueprint for the 2000-2001 spending year.

The tax structure is already expected to generate \$52 million more in the current fiscal year than Kempthorne and lawmakers thought when they agreed to the existing spending plan. And less than half of that is expected to be needed to cover immediate emergency expenses for health care for the poor, a

rising prison population, wildfire suppression and environmental restoration. But while it stifles any talk of tax increases, unanticipated cash traditionally makes budget deliberations difficult as lawmakers maneuver to divert money to their pet projects and programs or cut taxes.

Neighbors plan to take action against temple

BOSTON (AP) - The 69,000-square-foot Mormon temple sits atop a hill, dominating the upscale residential neighborhood of single-family homes in suburban Boston. When complete, it will draw crowds of Mormons from all over the northeast and Canada for baptisms, marriages and other ceremonial events.

Neighbors are praying that day will never come. Three residents now plan to ask an appeals court to halt construction, even though the building is already 80-percent complete. They say the zoning law which allowed the temple to be built in Belmont violates the First Amendment of the Constitution by giving advantages to religious groups.

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"If an atheist group wanted to build the same thing the Mormons wanted to, they couldn't do it," said Mark White, one of the attorneys representing the three residents who filed the lawsuit. The statute, known as the Dover Amendment, prohibits zoning restrictions on the use of property for religious purposes. The residents argue it discriminates against non-religious groups and is therefore unconstitutional. "In most towns, the zoning regulations are pretty strict," White said Thursday. "In some towns, you can't even park your car on the street. And yet under Dover, if you are a religious organiza-

Utah cider sales sparkle for 2000 celebration

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - In predominantly Mormon Utah, non-alcoholic sparkling cider rivals champagne for New Year's Eve toasts.

"We're just selling a ton," Hans Dullnigg, specialty food manager for the Smith's Food and Drug Centers, said late in the week. "The warehouse has run out of ... the pear and apple one."

Dullnigg said that, while sales have been brisk, business has not totally eclipsed recent years. With The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' strong influence on local culture, sparkling cider has always been popular for New Year's parties. The church prohibits consumption of alcohol.

"It may be as much due to marketing as Y2K," Dullnigg said. "We've just merchandised better."

"You almost can't walk around the store without bumping into a display. You just about have to walk out of here with a bottle."

And while demand has been heavy, many stores predicted cider would be a hit here as millennium parties hit a fever pitch.

"We've sold more than average, but we bought a ton in anticipation," said Mike Lambros, manager at Fred Meyer in Holladay. "Our company put some thought into it, so we have a pretty good supply."

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Utah mother loses fight to get son back

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Carrie Abbott has lost an effort to get back her son.

She argued she has become a fit mother to raise her 4-year-old child, who had a bite mark on his cheek and a cigarette burn on his back when the state took custody of him two years ago.

"I'm a new Carrie now," the 24-year-old woman said. "I'm a better Carrie than before."

But last week, the Utah Court of Appeals terminated Abbott's parental rights, clearing the way for the boy's foster family to adopt him.

Abbott said she had completed anger-management, parenting and drug-treatment programs and passed two dozen random drug-tests in a year.

The court Thursday said she had failed to stay sober or enter treatment within a 12-month period that began shortly after her son was taken away.

"Although 12 months may not seem long for parents to shape up," said Deputy Solicitor General Azulina Mitchell, who argued the state's case, "when you look at that period in a child's life, it is a huge amount of time."

The boy's guardian ad litem, Martha Pierce, said, "Someone's heart is going to get broken—that's how these cases are. The law says the courts must think about the welfare of the child after a certain point."

In an unusual order last January, 3rd District Juvenile Judge Robert Yates terminated Abbott's parental rights but also ordered child welfare officials to again begin efforts to reunify the mother and child, saying Abbott was "making good faith efforts" to learn how to be a good parent to her son.

The Utah Division of Child and Family Services appealed, saying Yates lacked the authority to postpone terminating Abbott's parental rights. Abbott also appealed the termination order.

The case went to the appeals court, which on Thursday said Utah law is clear: Parents deemed unfit have a single year to comply with reunification plans. Abbott had gone past the deadline by six months.

"Our Legislature has clearly indicated that a parent wishing reunification with his or her child must act quickly toward that

end," wrote Appeals Judge Norman H. Jackson.

Carrie Abbott could not be reached for comment. Since his birth, the boy had spent most of his time with his grandparents. They said they had to protect him from their father and her drug friends, who showed up at

their Salt Lake City home high on methamphetamine and violent. In August 1997, the grandparents telephoned authorities after the boy found marijuana in Abbott's purse. She was charged with assault and possessing marijuana and the child was taken into protective custody.



Alex Rothore, right, kisses her boyfriend, Robert Schmitz, under the Eiffel Tower of the Paris Hotel on the Las Vegas Strip moments before midnight Friday.

Utah: Legislator may propose abortion bill

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Springville legislator opposed to abortion may propose legislation requiring that the doctors who perform them be gynecologists.

He cites a letter from an Idaho woman who urged Utah's law require abortions be performed only by doctors specializing in gynecology.

If Utah had such a law in place for her abortion last year, she contended, she might not have suffered complications that ultimately forced her to have a hysterectomy. "The procedure was done in a less than satisfactory manner," said Rep. Matthew Throckmorton, R-Springville, who is proposing a bill on the issue. "I am opposed to abortion, but if it's going to be done, it should be done by a gynecologist."

Throckmorton said state law allows an abortion to be performed by any doctor as long as a surgical or OB-GYN specialist is overseeing the procedure. He said the trouble with abortion is the same as with cosmetic surgeries such as liposuction, which can be performed by doctors with too little training.

He said his bill is not intended to make it more difficult for

women to terminate their pregnancies.

Utah doctors have not taken an official stand on the issue.

"There are a lot of questions on this," said Val Bateman, a lobbyist for the Utah Medical Association.

He said too little is known about what happened in the Idaho woman's case and whether Utah's oversight system fell short. Cynthia Jones, a Salt Lake City OB-GYN and legislative liaison for the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Utah Chapter, said many family doctors are well-trained to perform the procedures available for terminating first-trimester pregnancies.

She said women's health may be harmed by preventing qualified doctors from providing medical services.

"The Department of Occupational and Professional Licensing already has mechanisms for complaints," said Jones, referring to the Idaho woman. "Complications from surgery do happen from time to time, and rather than legislating, we should allow the existing licensing bodies to be utilized."



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Vegetable, fruit crops replace cattle

Will cattle ranches become obsolete?

WILCOX, Ariz. (AP) — It's enough to make the old Texas cowboys and farmers who settled these parts shortly after the shooting at the OK Corral turn over in their graves.

Here, in once stolid cattle and cotton country, folks are harvesting cucumbers, tomatoes and whatnot in mass quantities, all grown indoors.

Outside, organic orchards have sprung up everywhere with talk of holistic experiences and concerns more about pesticides than the pest insects themselves.

Here and there, city slickers come and pick vegetables on farms on the weekends or take in a trail ride at a bed and breakfast on one-working ranches.

And what of the ranchers? They've been raising all kinds of wildness from ostriches to rabbits and chinchillas. One couple has been herding chickens around their spread while another has been digging up creosote bushes to sell at nurseries in the big cities.

Northern Cochise County figures to stay rural well into the next millennium, but there's little tradition left in traditional farming and ranching.

Innovation and change have transformed these southeastern Arizona parts. Indeed, notes University of Arizona horticulturist Rob Call, the area illustrates how rural America is fitting into the high-tech, modern world economy.

"The truth is that we are already reaching our yield potentials here unless there are advances in biotechnology," Call said.

Many of those yields have raised a number of eyebrows. Like at the 100-acre, indoor Eurofresh hydroponic tomato greenhouse north of Wilcox, where more than 500 people work and about 800,000 tomatoes are produced daily. Dutch entrepreneurs liked all the sunshine for winter growing so much they set up shop with a 10-acre greenhouse seven years ago.

Using a controlled growing environment, only a trifle of soil and liberal amounts of liquid fertilizer, the greenhouses produce 10-foot high vines and reams of tomatoes free of pesticides. Despite a recent round of labor woes over pay and working conditions with its largely Mexican workforce, Eurofresh Ltd. plans to double its acreage over the

next few years. The University of Arizona also has gotten in on the act with courses on the use of hydroponic techniques.

Tomatoes aren't the only crop. Greenhouses around Wilcox also produce cucumbers and houseplants, tapping into the area's plentiful pool of clean groundwater.

Then, there are all the apple orchards which have sprung up in vacated farm fields during the past two decades.

"Our apples found their market niche in the three weeks every year before the Washington apple industry begins production," said Norman Brown, vice mayor of Wilcox.

Another major niche was found in the production of organic apples, said Nancy Dudeney, marketing director of Valley Farms, which has 500 acres of apple trees using natural growth methods. Most of the orchards in the area have gone organic in the past five years.

"It's been a humongous growth industry for us and our production is up about 20 percent since we went organic," Dudeney said.

"Our apples are being sold in almost every state now and we are on the verge of exporting to Europe."

For the more traditional farmers who have remained in the area, decidedly untraditional marketing techniques have been used.

"The 'You Pick It' industry now attracts about 120,000 people annually, largely from Tucson, from July 4 to Halloween, Chamber of Commerce Director Eddie Browning said. They pick from fields of corn, squash, peas, chilis and tomatoes and from orchards of apples and pears.

Call said the days of heavy irrigation down farm rows for thirsty crops like cotton are coming to an end. The area once had six cotton gins and 160,000 acres under cultivation 20 years ago. It now has one gin and 60,000 acres in cotton.

"What I see is more development of high-yield field crops like corn which use more water-efficient things like sprinklers that use a central pivot," Call said.

Sonny Shores, co-owner of the Wilcox Livestock Auction, can only wish that there is an alternative that produces more money in the cattle industry these days.

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IN BRIEF

Woods struggles; Duval, Lehman lead

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — David Duval's game is getting near where it was a year ago, when he, not Tiger Woods, was the best player in the world.

“It's getting close. I think just a few subtle things that can wear away pretty quick,” Duval said after a 4-under-par round of 66 Saturday left him tied with Tom Lehman for the lead in the \$3.5 million Williams World Challenge.

Lehman shot 67. The two were six shots ahead of Woods, Vijay Singh and Paul Lawrie in the event featuring 12 of the top players in the world competing for the winner's share of \$1 million. The final round is today.

While Duval appears ready to return to the form that produced four PGA victories before the Masters last year and a No. 1 world ranking, Woods has struggled this week with the desert Grayhawk Golf Club course.

Castleford boys split at Cascade tourney

CASCADE — The Cascade High School boys' basketball team finished with a 1-1 split at the Dec. 28-29 Cascade Holiday Tournament, beating host Cascade 58-28 before losing the tourney championship 88-53 to Class A-3 Lapwai.

Coach Andy Wiseman called the Wolves' play against Cascade “the best defensive effort thus far this season.” In that game, Cory Hamilton and Elvis Medina did a sound job passing the ball to posts-Hunt-Olsen, James Garrison, Brandon Tverdy and Lee Taylor.

Olsen led the Wolves in the game with 13 points, followed by Medina's 11 and 10 from Garrison. Olsen added nine rebounds, Tverdy seven.

In the tide loss to Lapwai, the Wildcats sank their first seven tries from the field, and the Wolves trailed 33-12 after one quarter. By game's end, Hamilton was the team's high scorer with 10 points; Michael Klynon, Olsen, Medina and Tverdy each added eight.

Castleford (4-4) begins conference play at Raft River Saturday.

Hall of Famer stabilizes after heart attack

TORONTO — NHL Hall of Famer Red Kelly was in stable condition on Friday night at a local Toronto hospital after suffering a heart attack at his Toronto home.

Kelly, 71, who has experienced heart trouble before, had just completed 50 push-ups when he felt a sharp pain up his left arm.

He spent Friday night in intensive care. A family spokesman said it could be five days before the severity of the attack is known.

Kelly broke in with Detroit in 1947 and played 21 seasons in the NHL with the Red Wings, Toronto and Los Angeles, beginning as a defenseman and then shifting to center. He scored 281 goals in 1,316 games and 33 more in 164 playoff games.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Fiesta could be the best of year's bowls

National-title hopes are gone, but teams are playing for pride

The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — No national championship is at stake, but Tennessee against Nebraska in tonight's Fiesta Bowl might be the best game outside of New Orleans this bowl season.

They are two of the game's

most high-powered, high-profile programs. Sixth-ranked Tennessee (9-2) won the national title a year ago in the Fiesta Bowl. No. 3 Nebraska (11-1) is a perennial championship contender.

Nebraska, a 4.5-point favorite, had 107 victories in the 1990s, second only to Florida State's 108. Tennessee was fourth with 100.

Both teams were just a few plays away from going for the big prize in the Sugar Bowl, where Virginia Tech and Florida State play on Tuesday night.

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“We both had our opportunities and we both didn't quite get

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to the national championship game,” Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said Saturday. “But this is about as close as it can get, I would say.”

Fiesta Bowl president Win Holdet said Saturday that all 73,471 tickets have been sold. The crowd should have a decidedly red hue. Tennessee returned 7,200 of its allotted 15,000 tickets, and many of them were

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Eagles burn Riders in Arizona

The Times-News

PRESCOTT, Ariz. — Big 96-37 winners over Black Hawk East in their Thursday night opener at the Roughriders Holiday Classic, the Golden Eagles' hopes of a tournament sweep faded with a 71-56 loss to Monroe Community College on New Year's Eve.

But a sound 59-54 New Year's Day win over

host Yavapai College, an impressive unbeaten at the round-robin tourney entering Saturday's final round, did much to quiet any lingering disappointment.

As the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team returns to Seonix West Athletic Conference play Thursday hosting Region 18 rival Treasure Valley Community College, it's evident the team is more than simply Y2K compliant.

These Eagles are rolling.

“That was a big win for us,” said CSI coach Joel Bate. “It kind of gets our intensity where it needs to be getting ready to play a very good Treasure Valley team.”

Bate scouted the Lady Riders only twice before Saturday, but two visits were enough to ascertain that his Eagles could win by slowing down the tempo.

“Our defense did a nice job switching man zone and keeping them off-balance,” Bate said. “They wanted to get out and run, and our defense slowed them down. We needed to keep (the score) in the 50s, and we did.”

Southern Idaho (8-8 overall, 1-3 in conference) built a 30-27 half-time lead only slightly in the second half, but sticky defense held the Roughriders at bay.

Offensively, Jingga Gosschalk and Joanne Whittaker each posted in their high 17 points for CSI, while three players hit double figures for Yavapai. Briana Milam led with 12, Stacie West added 11 and LaShonda Flowers chipped in 10.

In Friday's night loss to Monroe, Gosschalk paced CSI with 11 points, while Amanda McGrath and Kim Wegner each added nine.

The Eagles leave Arizona with a 2-1 record at the round-robin affair.

“We're really just right now getting control of ourselves,” Bate said. “This weekend was really important for our confidence.”

KC Chiefs have every right to be confident

The Associated Press

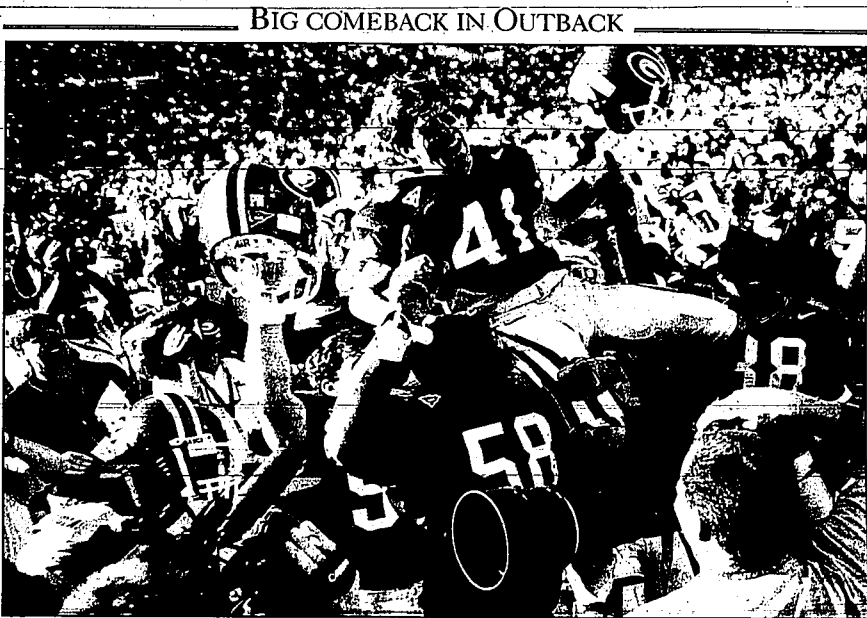
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Even in this most unpredictable season in this most unpredictable of sports, what's happening in Arrowhead Stadium today looks like a cinch to predict.

The Kansas Final-week NFL Preview - C5

On the Oakland Raiders 18 of the last 20 times they've met. They've had Oakland's number like no other team in the NFL has had anybody's number. The only series in the decade of the '90s that's been close to this lopsided is the 49ers-Raiders where San Francisco has won 23 of 20 — but lost twice this year.

The Chiefs have beaten the Raiders when it counted. They've beaten them when it didn't count. They've beaten them and they've come from behind. On Nov. 28 they rallied from a 14-point deficit in the fourth quarter at

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Georgia place-kicker Hap Hines is overcome with emotion as he is carried off the field after kicking the game-winning field goal against Purdue in overtime at the Outback Bowl in Tampa, Fla., Saturday. Georgia defeated Purdue 28-25.

Georgia bulls its way to bowl history

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Georgia didn't take any chances in the Outback Bowl.

Hap Hines kicked a 21-yard field goal in overtime to complete the greatest comeback in bowl history, as the No. 21 Bulldogs pulled out a 28-25 victory over No. 19 Purdue after trailing 25-0 early in the second quarter.

Georgia coach Jim Donnan might have given his team a



chance to win with a touchdown, but he remembered a bitter overtime loss to rival Georgia Tech in the regular-season finale.

The Bulldogs (8-4) passed up a chance to kick the winning field goal in the waning seconds, only to lose the ball just short of the

end zone on a disputed fumble. Tech went on to a 51-48 victory in the extra period.

This time, Donnan ordered a field goal attempt on second down with the ball sitting squarely in front of the goal posts. Hines came through with the winning kick.

“For you people who weren't at the other game, we ran one more play,” Donnan said, “and it will probably haunt us for the rest of our life.”

A year ago, Georgia fell behind

21-0 against Virginia in the Peach Bowl before rallying for a 35-33 victory. This time, they came back from an even greater deficit to earn a spot in the record books.

“That's two years in a row we've gotten down like the Titanic,” Donnan said. “That's as close to looking like the game was fixed as I've ever seen, the way we were jumping offside and making a lot of silly mistakes.”

Star Hull joins elite group in rapid fashion

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Brett Hull surpassed the 600-goal career milestone in typical, dramatic fashion.

The Dallas Stars right wing scored career goals Nos. 600 and 601 in his 900th game, making him the third-fastest to 600 in NHL history. And he surpassed 600 where he wanted, in front of the Reunion Arena fans who've adopted him during Hull's 1.5 seasons with the Stars, and on the final night of the century.

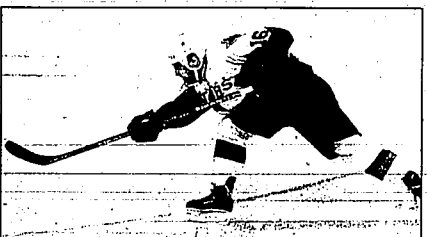
Most important to Hull, he contributed to a 5-4 victory Friday over a Pacific Division rival, the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

Hull accomplished the feat on a familiar play, a shot from the slot while the Stars had a man advantage.

“I think I've scored maybe half my goals from that spot,” said Hull, the highest-scoring player of the 1990s with 494 goals. “It's been a great decade. I couldn't have capped it any better.”

Hull got the tying and winning goals in the third period to become the 12th player in league history with at least 600 goals.

“It's a neat thing, scoring the last goal of the millennium in the NHL,” said Hull, who scored a controversial game-winner in the playoffs in June that gave the



Brett Hull of the Dallas Stars shoots for his 600th career goal during the third period against the Anaheim Mighty Ducks Friday in Dallas. Hull added his 601st goal later in the play. Dallas won 5-4.

Stars their first Stanley Cup. “It's been a great year and a half in Dallas.”

Hull and his father, Bobby, are the first father-son combination in the 600 club. Bobby Hull had 610 goals. Brett Hull said scheduling problems prevented his father from attending his historic game.

“Growing up watching his famous father, then playing with and against several of the other members of the 600 club, Hull has an appreciation for the historical significance of Friday

night's achievement.

“I know a lot of the people up there,” Hull said. “I've played in the same era with Wayne Gretzky, Steve Yzerman. And when I was growing up I watched my father, Phil Esposito. They were idols of mine. It's a big thrill.”

Gretzky, Hull's former St. Louis linemate, is the leader with 894. Hull is tied for 11th with Jarri Kurri.

Hull wanted to reach 600 in 900 or fewer games. Gretzky got his 600th goal in his 718th game,

The 11st of National Hockey League players who have scored 600 or more goals is short on elite.

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- Mario Dionne, Det-LANVR 731
- Phil Esposito, Chi-Bos-NYR 717
- Mike Gartner, Was-Min-NYR-for-Pho 708
- Mark Messier, Edm-NYR-Van 615
- Mario Lemieux, Pit 613
- Bobby Hull, Chi-Win-Har 610
- Steve Yzerman, Det-Ile, Dine-Columb 608
- Min-Was-Det-78-Ple 608
- x-Brett Hull, Cal-SIL-Dal 601

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and Mario Lemieux reached the milestone in 719 games.

“I wanted 600 in 900 games because they're round numbers and it's easier to do the math,” Hull said after helping the Stars improve to 10-4-2 in their last 16 games with his 14th and 15th goals of the season.

The end of the chase to 600 was a relief for Hull, as well as his teammates.

SPORTS

College football bowls

Razorbacks hammer Longhorns in Cotton Bowl

DALLAS (AP) — Beating Texas would have been good enough for Arkansas fans. Seeing the Razorbacks' defense pound Longhorns quarterbacks and running backs only made it better. Cedric Cobbs scored on a 30-yard catch and a 37-yard run and Michael...

corner of the stadium where the band was, triggering chants of "Pig! Sooiel!" The Longhorns had planned to use both Major Applewhite and Chris Simms at quarterback, but had no choice after Applewhite left with a knee injury early in the fourth quarter. Neither was very productive. Applewhite was 15-of-21 for 121 yards and Simms was 9-of-18 for 91 yards. The Longhorns threw for just 33 yards in the first half but finished with 212.

Citrus Bowl No. 9 Michigan St 37, No. 10 Florida 34 ORLANDO, Fla. — Paul Edinger kicked a 39-yard field goal as time expired Saturday to cap the Spartans' most successful season in decades with a 37-34 victory. Plaxico Burress set a school record with 13 receptions, including three for touchdowns, as the Spartans (10-2) got the Williams era off to a good start after the stunning departure of Nick Saban last month.

"We just hope this tradition will go on," senior linebacker Julian Peterson said. "We just hope coach Williams goes out and wins a national championship next season." That used to be a realistic goal for Florida (9-4). Florida took a 21-20 lead into halftime and, after the teams went scoreless through most of the third quarter, the excitement began when Michigan State quarterback Bill Burke hit Burress for a 21-yard touchdown and a 26-21 lead. Florida answered when Doug Johnson Travis Taylor in the middle of the field and Taylor weaved through traffic for a 39-yard touchdown, upending the Spartans' Amp Campbell and an

official on his way to the end zone. On Michigan State's next possession, Andra Davis forced Burke to fumble and Alex Brown recovered for the Gators. Florida converted for a 34-26 lead when running back Robert Gillespie fumbled into the end zone, then snatched the ball back with one hand as he was falling across the goal line. Burress split Florida's zone on the next drive for a 30-yard touchdown catch. Burke hit Gari Scott for the 2-point conversion and the game was tied at 34 with 10:36 left.

The teams traded possessions from there until Lloyd Clemons, doing his best Ron Dayne impression, bulled for runs of 12, 6, 2 and 8 yards to set up the winning field goal. Clemons finished with 105 yards on 20 carries. Freshman fullback T.J. Duckett had 77 yards on 14 carries. Burke went 21-for-35 for 257 yards in his last college game.

Johnson closed his college career with yet another bitter chapter. Given every chance to win the game, the senior quarterback went 24-for-50 for 288 yards. The Gators closed the season on their first three-game losing streak since 1988, two years before Steve Spurrier arrived as coach. They'll finish without 10 victories for the first time since 1952 and likely out of the top 10 for the first time since 1990.

"I don't really have a comment about it," Spurrier said. "We've lost three in a row, we're not going to be in the top 10 and we're not going to win 10 games. They made a play or two more in the fourth quarter to win it. I guess that's the way life is for us in 1999."

Gator Bowl No. 23 Miami 28, No. 17 Georgia Tech 13 JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Linebacker Nate Webster and the rest of No. 23 Miami's overlooked defense was fed up with hype over Joe Hamilton and high-scoring Georgia Tech. On Saturday, they did something

about. The Hurricanes unleashed their frustrations with a defensive performance that would have made past Miami championship teams proud, holding No. 17 Georgia Tech to its lowest output of the year for a 28-13 victory in the Gator Bowl. "At all the functions this week, we kept hearing how Joe Hamilton was going to do this, Joe Hamilton was going to do that, Georgia Tech was going to score 40 points," Webster said. "The whole time, it was building up inside of us."

Webster had 14 tackles and became the first defensive player since 1989 to be selected MVP of the Gator Bowl. Defensive tackle Matt Sweeney also got into the act, catching a deflection of Hamilton's pass on the Yellow Jacket's first possession for an interception that set the tone for the game.

The Hurricanes (9-4) showed they can play offense, too. Freshman tailback Clint Portis scored on a 73-yard run and finished with 117 yards on 12 carries. James Jackson added 107 yards rushing, and Miami got a touchdown pass each from Kenny Kelly and Ken Dorsey.

Orange Bowl No. 8 Michigan 35, No. 5 Alabama 34 MIAMI — Tom Brady threw for 369 yards, and Michigan beat Alabama "by inches" in the Orange Bowl. Brady threw four touchdowns, including three in the second half.

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Andrew Zow's 21-yard pass to Antonio Carter. But Ryan Plugner's extra-point kick was inches wide to the right.

The Wolverines won despite losing a fumble at Alabama 1 in the fourth quarter and having a 36-yard field goal attempt blocked to force overtime.

Shaun Alexander, the Southeastern Conference player of the year, rushed for 161 yards and three touchdowns in his final game for Alabama. His scores came on runs of 5, 6 and 50 yards, and teammate Freddie Milons scored on a 62-yard punt return.

The eighth-ranked Wolverines (10-2) managed just one first down in the opening 28 minutes but completed their third consecutive 10-win season. The fifth-ranked Crimson Tide (10-3) lost in their NCAA-record 50th bowl appearance.

Late Friday results Liberty Bowl No. 16 Southern Miss 23, Colorado State 17 MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Southern

Mississippi could manage only a field goal in the second half of the Liberty Bowl. Thanks to Adaluis Thomas and his defensive teammates, it was enough to hold off Colorado State. Thomas had three sacks in the second half as the Golden Eagles shut out Colorado State in the final two quarters to preserve a 17-10 victory Friday for their second Liberty Bowl win in three years. Thomas also had eight tackles and broke up a pass.

Thomas seemed to be everywhere and he needed to be, as the Golden Eagles' defense spent nearly 19 minutes on the field in the second half. The Rams finished with 268 yards total offense, their second-highest since the season. They got 116 yards after halftime. Southern Miss managed only 187 total yards.

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Colorado State had one last chance to win in the final two minutes, with two downs from the Southern Miss 24. Matt Newton threw incomplete on third down and Southern Miss safety Leo Barnes knocked away a fourth-and-3 pass with 1:15 to play.

Independence Bowl Mississippi 27, Oklahoma 25 SHREVEPORT, La. Mississippi provided its football fans with a New Year's Eve to remember.

The Rebels, after seeing a 21-3 halftime slip away, drove for a game-winning field goal in the final 2:17 Friday night to beat Oklahoma 27-25 at the Independence Bowl. Les Binkley's 39-yard field goal as time expired gave the Rebels (8-4) their second straight victory in this bowl and their fourth straight postseason victory.

"Happy New Year, and it really is," coach David Cutcliffe said. "I thought first of all we deserved one like this after what we've been through in the fourth quarter this year." The Rebels had closed out the regular season with three-point losses to Georgia and Mississippi State games in which they failed to hold fourth-quarter leads.

It appeared the same might happen this time after Oklahoma (7-5) scored its third touchdown of the second half to take a 25-24 lead. But the Rebels rebounded to win.

Deuce McAllister's 42-yard kickoff return gave Ole Miss the ball at the 43-yard line. He then carried for 8 and 9 yards on the first two plays of the drive. Later, Oklahoma was penalized five yards for having too many players on the field on a third-and-2 play. The penalty gave Ole Miss a first down at the 27. Three plays later, on third down, Binkley came on and cleanly made the game-winner as time expired.

Dayne, Badgers come up roses again

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Ron Dayne picked up the straight Rose Bowl MVP award, running for 200 yards and a touchdown as Wisconsin beat Stanford 17-9 and became the first Big Ten team to win consecutive Rose Bowls.

The Heisman Trophy winner had a touchdown and 154 yards in the second half as No. 4 Wisconsin won the lowest-scoring Rose Bowl since 1977, when USC beat Michigan 14-6. Dayne, who passed 7,000 career rushing yards in the game, joined Washington quarterback Bob Schloredt as the only players in Rose Bowl history with consecutive MVP awards. Schloredt won in 1960-61.

Dayne was held to just 46 yards in the first half by a Stanford defense that ranked fifth worst in the nation this season, but broke loose for a 64-yard gain on the second play after halftime and scored on a 4-yard run two plays later. Brooks Bollinger added a 1-yard TD on a quarterback sneak for Wisconsin and Zach Carter had a 31-yard field goal. Kerry Carter had a 1-yard scoring run



Wisconsin's Ron Dayne (33) breaks away for a 64-yard run during the third quarter of the 86th Rose Bowl with Stanford in Pasadena, Calif., Saturday. Wisconsin's Nick Davis (22) blocks on the play. Dayne became the first major-college player to rush for 7,000 yards in his career.

for Stanford, and Mike Biselli added a 28-yard field goal. Though the game was listed as a sellout, the attendance of 69,731 was the smallest Rose Bowl crowd since 1956 — perhaps adding fuel to complaints the

caught three passes for 52 yards for Stanford. Walters, winner of the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver this season, played with a wrap on the wrist.

Defensive tackle Willie Howard, who was expected to miss the game with a torn knee ligament, also played for the Cardinal.

But Stanford long snapper Jon Sande missed part of the game with an ankle injury, and it was costly. Backup Anthony Gabriel had two bad snaps, leading to a missed extra point and a blocked field goal.

Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez, on the sideline after spending most of the season in the press box while recovering from knee surgery, said the Badgers were rusty after not playing since Nov. 13.

"We had a long layoff after that last game, and it took us a little while to get in a rhythm," said Alvarez, who hobbled along the sideline with a cane. "Big 33 (Dayne) got lathered up a little bit and that seemed to help a little."

Each team punted three times in the first quarter. But while Wisconsin failed to pick up a first down in the period, Stanford ended the quarter with four straight completions to set up Biselli's field goal early in the second period.

Troy Walters, expected to miss the game after relocating his right wrist in practice Tuesday,

Adoptions swell families for two FSU coaches

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Mark Richt was in the middle of explaining how Florida State breaks and lives over 2-year-old Anya and 3-year-old Zach blind-sided him. No matter that huge players kept wandering into their path. The two youngsters wobbled down the Superdome sideline, headed straight for their unsuspecting dad and hugged his legs. Holding on like they were never let go.

Having traveled so far in life to get there, who could blame them? In a season that has seen the No. 1 Seminoles reach the Sugar

Bowl for Tuesday night's matchup against No. 2 Virginia Tech, the true reward for the families of two Florida State coaches has come off the field.

Richt, the offensive coordinator, and his wife, Katharyn, adopted Anya and Zach from Ukraine. Dave Van Halanger, the strength and conditioning coach, and his wife, Michele, are in the process of adopting 13- and 8-year-old boys and an 11-year-old girl in Florida.

"It's an experience we share," Richt said. "Before they went through with it, Dave asked me, 'Will I be able to love these children like my own?' I told him he

would, and he does." Said Van Halanger: "We already had three kids and I wasn't ready to change my life. But then I saw a tape from a TV show at home and these three children said, 'We just want a family that will love us and won't beat us up.'"

Both deeply religious, the coaches are running partners in Tallahassee. Their adopted children, however, arrived in much different circumstances. The Richts discovered the far-away orphanage through church friends, and Katharyn left in early July. She wound up spending nearly a month in Ukraine

working through the bureaucracy, and Mark joined her for about 10 days.

"I knew this was something we wanted to do," she said. "But as I was leaving Mark for the trip, I did think, 'What am I doing?' I just had to trust that the Lord would show the way."

Katharyn saw Zach soon after getting to Crimea, near the Black Sea. He had been left at two months old, wrapped in a blanket, inside an apartment.

Anya was abandoned in a maternity ward, possibly because of a birth defect — the right side of her face is disfigured.

Fiesta

Continued from C1 snapped up by Nebraska fans earlier in their entire allotment in five days.

Both coaches have stressed the similarities of their teams all week. Even though an obvious difference is Nebraska's option offense compared with the more traditional style of Tennessee, both teams prefer to run the ball first.

"That's Tennessee football," said center Spencer Riley. "You don't lead the SEC in rushing two years in a row for nothing."

While the Volunteers' speedy defense tries to contain quick Cornhuskers quarterback Eric Crouch and a trio of powerful linemen, Nebraska's defense will focus on slowing the double-barreled tailback attack of Jamal Lewis and Travis Henry.

Ball control is the goal. "The time of possession statistic I think can be very misleading," said Huskers coach Frank Solich. "In this game, though, I feel it's really critical. Even though both teams have excellent big-play people and can strike from anywhere on the football field, I think the team that con-

trols it, the team that's able to keep its defense off the field the most, probably has a big edge."

The teams are similar in style, speed and talent.

"Their defense we know because we do it. We see it every day," Fulmer said. If Nebraska tries to put eight players on the line of scrimmage to stop the run, the pressure will be on the Huskers' talented secondary — led by Mike Brown and unrelated Ralph Brown — in a one-on-one matchup with Tennessee's wide receivers.

The Vol's Tee Martin will have his favorite target, Cedric Wilson, but not at full strength.

"I'm kind of hanging on, but you can't feel sorry for yourself," said Wilson, who has been bothered by a variety of injuries this year, most recently a groin pull. The Nebraska defenders know the key is stopping Martin, a big, strong quarterback who can turn a broken play into a big gain.

"We're going to try to blitz him," Ralph Brown said. "And, hopefully, if he makes some hurried throws or some mistakes, or we can get some sacks."

Chiefs

Continued from C1 Oakland to ignite a four-game winning streak. That boosted them into a first-place tie with Seattle in the AFC West with one game to go.

Now all the Chiefs (9-6) need is to beat the Raiders today in the regular season to narrow a playoff berth. The Raiders (7-8) are crippled by injuries to their starting offensive tackles. They are reduced to brave talk when considering their chances of coming into packed, noisy Arrowhead and doing something they did only twice in the entire decade of the '90s.

"We're going to finish the season in Kansas City, and we're pleased to be said Raiders coach Jon Gruden. "And, pride is probably the most important thing that we can have in this business. That's how we'll approach it."

Victory by the Chiefs and a loss by Seattle at the New York

Jets would give Kansas City the AFC West championship and a home playoff game next week-end and, but the Chiefs can get a wild card no matter what happens as long as they beat the Raiders.

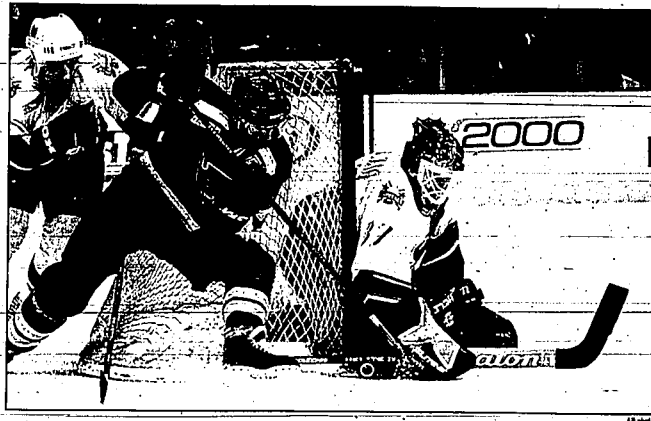
"Motivation is the Kansas City Chiefs," Gruden said. "They're a team that desperately needs this game. It's an archival of ours, a team that we have not had success against recently. And we're playing for pride, which is really the most important thing that you have in your life, is pride."

If any team should be vulnerable to a bad case of over-confidence, it would be the Chiefs. "We're not going to let that happen," said center Tim Grubbs. "I think this game means a lot to the Raiders. They want to come in here with the attitude they can beat the Chiefs in Arrowhead. They're going to have a lot of pride and a lot of enthusiasm."

SPORTS

Fitzgerald's 100th goal makes the difference

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tom Fitzgerald scored his 100th NHL goal and Tomas Vokoun made 43 saves for his fourth victory in six days...



Pierre Turgeon of the St. Louis Blues (77) tries to score on Washington's Olaf Kolzig and defender Dmitri Mironov, left, during the third period Saturday in Washington.

NHL Predators extended their team-record unbeaten streak to eight games (5-0-3). Vokoun had been 0-6-1 until this week.

Sergei Krivokrasov scored the fastest goal at the start of a game in Predators history 22 seconds into the first period.

Panthers 7, Lightning 5 SUNRISE, Fla. — Pavel Bure equaled a career-high with four goals and Mike Vernon weathered a shaky debut as Florida's goal, helping the Panthers beat Tampa Bay.

Bure, scoring at least three goals in a game for the third time this season and 14th in his career, gave the Panthers the lead for good on a breakaway just 18 seconds after Chris Gratton beat Vernon to make it 5-5 with just over 11 minutes to go.

Vincent Lecavalier had two goals and two assists for his first four-point game for the Lightning. Stephen Goulla had a goal and two assists.

Sabres 8, Maple Leafs 1 BUFFALO, N.Y. — Eric Rasmussen, Maxim Afinogenov and Stu Barnes each scored twice as Buffalo routed Toronto.

Wayne Primeau and Michael Peca added goals, Curtis Brown had four assists for a career-high in points, and Martin Biron made 17 saves.

Mats Sundin scored for the Devils in 16 games. The Devils are unbeaten in four.

Capitals 1, Blues 1, tie WASHINGTON — Ulf Dahlén's goal 7:27 into the second period lifted Washington into a tie with St. Louis.

The tie gave Washington a two-game unbeaten streak (1-0-1) after an 0-3-1 skid. The Capitals improved to 11-4-1 in New Year's Day games.

Pierre Turgeon's 16th of the season, extended his point-scoring streak to 14 games, second only this season to a 15-game streak by Pittsburgh's Jaromir Jagr.

Hurricanes 4, Thrashers 2 ATLANTA — Pat Francis, Sami Kapanen and Ron Ranthamäki each had a goal and an assist as Carolina broke a four-game road losing streak with a win over Atlanta.

The Hurricanes won for the second time since rallying from two-goal deficit in the first period to beat Atlanta 4-2 on Dec. 18.

Atlanta, which dropped to an league-worst 8-25-4, had only three shots on Carolina goalie Arturs Irbe in the third. Irbe, who made 24 saves, raised his record to 12-12-7.

Eastern Conference-leading Maple Leafs, who were beaten by the Sabres in last season's conference finals. The teams play again Monday night in Toronto.

Devils 2, Bruins 2 BOSTON — Jason Allison scored his second goal of the game at 6:50 of the third period, lifting Boston to a tie with New Jersey.

Allison missed the last three goals with a wrist injury and is also seeking a contract extension.

The Bruins are 0-5-2 in their last seven games, and have only two wins in 16 games.

Washington's Olaf Kolzig and defender Dmitri Mironov, left, during the third period Saturday in Washington.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

No. 24 Utes fight off feisty Thunderbirds SALT LAKE CITY — Hanno Motzola scored 20 points as No. 24 Utah overcame fatigue to defeat Southern Utah 73-56 and match Murray State for the longest current homecourt winning streak in Division I college basketball Saturday night.

After sitting out the first eight games of the season with a knee injury, Motzola is averaging 24 points in his last five contests. Alex Moss added 15 points for the Utes (11-2), who have won 45 straight at the Huntsman Center.

Playing its third game in five days, Utah could not shake Southern Utah and led by only 13 with two minutes remaining.

Nate Altoff added 13 points and eight rebounds for the Utes after missing three contests with a sprained ankle.

Former Illini coach hired in Division II EDINBORO, Pa. — Former Illinois coach Lou Tepper has been hired as the coach at NCAA Division II Edinboro.

Tepper, who had a 25-31 record and three bowl appearances at Illinois, on Friday became the Fighting Scots' 12th head coach. Tepper was fired after a 2-9 season in 1996, the Illini's worst since 1968.

They'll watch Anna, but she's not the favorite GOLD COAST, Australia — Anna Kournikova will attract the crowds, but top-seeded French player Julie Halard-Decugis is favored to win the Australian women's hardcourt tennis tournament.

The event, which begins today at the Royal Pines tennis complex, also includes former Grand Slam winners Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Conchita Martinez.

Magdalena Maleeva's progress also will attract interest as she strives to return to the form gave her the No. 4 ranking in the world. It's been almost eight years since Maleeva beat Martina Navratilova in the second round at the U.S. Open.

Jockey postpones his return to the track NEW YORK — Jockey Richard Migliore, heading the advice of a doctor, has postponed his return to riding until mid- to late January.

Migliore, who broke his arm in a spill at Belmont Park on July 17, has undergone surgery twice, and has two plates in the injured area to stabilize it. His doctor wasn't sure the arm could withstand the stress should Migliore fall at it again.

Atlanta goaltender to undergo knee surgery ATLANTA — Atlanta Thrashers goalie Damian Rhodes, out since Nov. 18 with a severe ankle sprain, needs arthroscopic surgery on his left knee.

Rhodes injured his knee by overcompensating for his ankle during conditioning workouts. He might be out until next month's All-Star break, but Rhodes hopes to return to the ice in the next two to three weeks.

"I was just doing steps, with body weights," said Rhodes, an eight-year veteran who holds Ottawa club records for wins (65) and shutouts (11).

The procedure will be performed Monday by team orthopedist Dr. Scott Gillyoff.

Rhodes, 30, had his right ankle placed in a walking cast Friday. He suffered a third-degree sprain in a Nov. 17 win over Tampa Bay.

The Thrashers, who fell to an NHL-worst 8-25-4 in a 4-2 loss to Carolina Saturday, were 3-2-7 with Rhodes. His 3.29 goals-against average was far off a career mark of 2.58.

Compiled from wire reports

U.S. upsets Sweden in Junior Hockey quarterfinals

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Barrett Heisten broke a tie with a fluke power-play goal and the United States went on to upset Sweden 5-1 Saturday in the quarterfinals of the World Junior Hockey Championship.

Defenseman Jordan Leopold's shot missed, but the puck bounced back from the plexiglass behind the Swedish goal.

Heisten, left, unblocked in front, topped it past goalie Henrik Rasmussen with 3:42 left in the second period, snapping a 1-1 tie.

It was the second goal of the tournament for Heisten, a University of Maine forward.

Next up for the United States in the semifinals Monday is Canada, which beat Switzerland 8-3 Saturday.

In a round-robin game Thursday, the United States and Canada tied 1-1. Last year, the United States beat Canada to finish seventh in the tournament.

Finland 4-0, while the Czechs beat Kazakhstan 6-3.

Connor Dunlop, whose father played in the NHL, made it 3-1 at 11:12 of the third period.

Rick DiPietro played a strong game in goal for the Americans, making a series of super saves late in the game when the Swedes were on the power play.

With two Americans off for penalties and 3-24 remaining, the Swedes pulled Franson for an extra skater. But the Swedish couldn't capitalize.

Instead, the Americans scored two empty-net goals. — Ron Hainsey made it 4-1 at 18:52 and Andy Hilbert ended the scoring with 24 seconds left.

The Swedes, co-favored with defending champion Russia to win the championship, dominated the first period, outshooting the Americans 17-8.

But Patrick Foley gave the United States a 1-0 lead at 6:32 of the period. Peter Messitt tied it for Sweden with 50 seconds left in the period.

BASKETBALL

Association EASTERN CONFERENCE W L T Pct. GB.

NCAA Women's Scores W L T Pct. GB.

Midwest Division W L T Pct. GB.

West Division W L T Pct. GB.

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SCORES AND STATS

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ON THE AIR TELEVISION

College basketball, Texas Tech at Iowa State, ESPN 11 a.m.

Tennis, Chris Evert Pro/Clayton Lassise, ESPN 2 p.m.

College basketball, Colorado at Stanford, ESPN 2 p.m.

Women's college basketball, Cincinnati at Louisville, ESPN2 3 p.m.

NFL, Sharks at Blackhawks, ABC 6 p.m.

Golf, Williams Challenge, NBC 7 p.m.

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Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino looks for an open receiver in the second quarter against the San Diego Chargers Dec. 20.

Marino's finale?

Today's game could be last for quarterback

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — The Miami Dolphins' regular-season finale today at Washington appears to be meaningless — aside from perhaps being Dan Marino's final game.

Regardless of whether the Dolphins (9-6) win or lose, they'll make the playoffs if Seattle or Kansas City loses. If Seattle and Kansas City win, Miami's season is over, regardless of how it does against the Redskins.

"You don't see this situation very often in this league," Marino said Wednesday. "It's a little strange — Hopefully, things will work out for us."

Marino, 38, offers no hint as to whether he'll retire after the season, but his recent play suggests it might be time. In five games since returning from a neck injury that sapped his arm strength, he has thrown 11 inter-

ceptions and led Miami to just one win.

"I've struggled a little bit coming back from that," he said. That's as close as Marino comes to acknowledging that he might no longer be up to the job. He said he feels fine physically and remains confident in his skills, but his quarterback rating of 69.1 is by far the lowest of his career.

Too often, Marino looks flustered and his arm looks tired, a combination that produces bad decisions and ugly passes. He threw for three touchdowns Monday night in a 38-31 loss to the New York Jets, but he also threw two costly interceptions, and four potential interceptions were dropped. In the fourth quarter, when Miami needed a comeback, he went 6-for-19.

"There are times he looks like the Dan of always," said Redskins receiver Irving Fryar, once Marino's favorite target in Miami. "And there are times he looks like he does surgery."

Washington coach Norv Turner

remembers well the first time he coached against Marino. Turner was an assistant with the Los Angeles Rams in 1986 when Marino threw for 403 yards and five touchdowns to help Miami win 37-31 in overtime.

"He hit the game-winning touchdown pass, one of his many," Turner said. "He put on an unbelievable show."

And how does the Marino of today compare? "Well," Turner said with a chuckle, "that was a long time ago."

Marino would surely agree.

Jimmy Johnson, whose criticism of Marino earlier this season triggered a fan backlash against the coach, chooses his words carefully when asked about his quarterback.

"Dan has been inconsistent since he has come back off the injury," Johnson said. "That was to be expected. He did some outstanding things Monday, and obviously we're disappointed with some of the play."

Once overlooked, running back Gary marks a Broncos' success

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — He grabs a bunched-up ball of athletic tape off the locker room floor, wades it up further to make it more aerodynamic, and lets it fly.

It bounces of the rim of the trash can twice and drops. He raises his arms and gives a "vessss" soaking in the sound of the imaginary crowd.

He doesn't think anyone saw him, or he doesn't care if they did.

That's when it hits like a snowball to the face. The man who has lifted the Broncos on his back, who has become the single great story of Denver's 1999 season — a year that most want to forget, but that he never will — is just a kid.

Olandis Gary is closer in age to high schoolers than he is to his backup at running back, Derek Loville. He wears his cap low over his eyes like a teenager and wears an expression of perpetual embarrassment. He admits, after 11 games, that he can't believe how fast the NFL is; how it seems like every time he's handed the ball it's like trying to outrun a NASCAR wreck.

COMMENTARY John Branch

Averaging 102 yards per game on the ground, the best average in the league, will buy him a ticket back to the sideline.

"This is the NFL," Gary said, talking like he's been here 10 years but looking like he might be in line for his first shaving kit. "You never know what's going to happen in this business. One day you can be a 1,000-yard rusher and the next year you can be a 2-yard rusher."

The reason Gary is the season's feel-good story is because it was assumed that he would be a zero-yard rusher this year. He was chosen in the fourth round of April's draft, the 127th player taken, by a team with the game's best runner and a capable backup. In training camp, it wasn't known if Gary could beat out Leeland McElroy or Curtis Alexander for the third and final spot at halfback.

Leeland McElroy and Curtis Alexander? Are you kidding? But no one knew. Even the general managers and scouting directors in the NFL didn't know. They drafted 14 other running backs before the Broncos took a wild shot on Gary.

Fourteen. With names like Faulk and Bennett and Frazier.

So this Gary kid, the one whose first name is still being butchered by TV analysts (note to talking heads: It is "Olandis," not "Orlando" or "Orlandis," and Olandis' mom is getting tired of hearing it mispronounced) is outdoing all of them this side of Edgerrin James. The Broncos are paying him just a little more than \$100 a yard, which is like going to Rodeo Drive and picking up a formal black gown with spaghetti straps and matching shoes for \$20. Gary's the biggest bargain going.

Along the way, he has become Davis' own Mike Mc. Davis, out since the year's fourth game with a knee injury, has been Gary's private tutor in recent weeks. He's tutored him past all of Davis' impressive rookie numbers.

"Every game he's been setting goals for me, and I've been making them," Gary said.

The quest the past two weeks has been 150 yards. Gary gained 183 then 195, becoming the first back since the Giants' Joe Morris in 1986 to put together back-to-back 180-yard-plus games in the NFL.

The second-most talked about running back in Denver this year needs to start setting tougher goals.

John Branch is a sports writer for the Gazette in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Buccaneers eye first division title since '81

CHICAGO (AP) — The last time Tampa Bay won a division title, Tony Dungy was just breaking into the NFL coaching ranks as a lowly assistant, Warren Sapp was in the pee-wee leagues and Shaun King was a 4-year-old who probably didn't even understand what football was.

Eighteen years is a long time without a title, too long for the Buccaneers' liking.

"We've been waiting on this for a long, long time," defensive tackle Warren Sapp said. "Now it's right in front of us, and we've got to go out and get it done."

With one game left, Tampa Bay already has its second playoff berth in the last 17 seasons locked up. But that's not good enough. A win over the Chicago Bears (6-9) today would give the Bucs (10-5) their first division title since 1981. It also would give them 11 victories for the first time in team history.

They still have the chance to win the division if they lose — Minnesota would have to lose, too — but the Bucs don't want to think about that scenario.

"That's what our focus is. We wrapped up our playoff berth, and it's time to do this," King said of winning the NFC Central. "We don't really talk about it. We just know that's what our job is."

The Bears know what their jobs are, too. Though they were eliminated from playoff contention last week and are guaranteed their sixth losing season in eight years, they'd rather not be a footnote in Tampa Bay's history.



"Truthfully, it doesn't really matter who wins the division. Whether it's Tampa or Minnesota, it's not going to be us," Bears offensive tackle Blake Brockermeyer said. "But that would be nice to finish up with a win regardless of whether or not it was to keep them from winning the division."

"It's nice to end up with a win and start things off on a positive note for next year, since that's pretty much all we have to play for now."

Winning the division at 11-5 would give the Bucs a bye for the first round of the playoffs. While rest is nice, the bragging rights would be even sweeter. This was, after all, a team many picked to be third in the division behind Minnesota and Green Bay.

This also was the team everybody wrote off after it started 3-4 with losses at Minnesota, Green Bay and Detroit.

"It's more of a focus this week, because it's a reality. But it's been our goal and it's been our goal when we were 3-4," Dungy said. "We never got as depressed down here as our media did or our fans. We know we could get it going."

In a year where the NFL has seen more weirdness than at an Elvis Impersonators convention, Tampa Bay winning the NFC

Central would be somewhat fitting. Who better to join St. Louis and Indianapolis than a team that's only had four winning seasons in its 24 years?

And what better matchup for the NFC title game than former Arena League refugee Kurt Warner vs. King, a rookie who was a third-stringer two months ago? "You can't think about how gratifying it is to be in this position," Sapp said. "We knew if we just kept winning games that we would be in this position, and now's our chance to grab it."

To win the title, Tampa Bay will have to do something it's never done before: win in cold weather. The Buccaneers are 0-17 in games played when the temperature at kickoff is below 40 degrees, and six of those losses were at Soldier Field.

Oh, sure — Tampa-Bay beat Cincinnati last year when it was 40, but that's tropical compared to what they'll encounter today. The forecast calls for a high of 34 with lows down to 23.

"In Tampa Bay, it's 60, 70 degrees right now, and the cold will affect you," said Bears center Olin Kreutz, a Hawaii native. "Just as if we went to play there in August when it's real hot, that would affect us."

But Dungy said being cold is just a state of mind. If the Bears can handle the cold weather, the Bucs will, too.

"You ain't got to like the cold weather. You just go out and get the job done," Sapp said. "We realize that and we're going to go up with a focus and a purpose to get the job done."

Vermeil returns to Philly with several milestones in reach

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sure, Dick Vermeil's coming back to Philadelphia. Big deal, the Rams' coach says.

Vermeil went through the "back-in-Philadelphia" storyline last year, and it didn't have a nice ending. The Eagles beat the Rams 17-14 in a nationally televised Thursday night game. It was Vermeil's first appearance coaching at Veterans Stadium since departing in 1982.

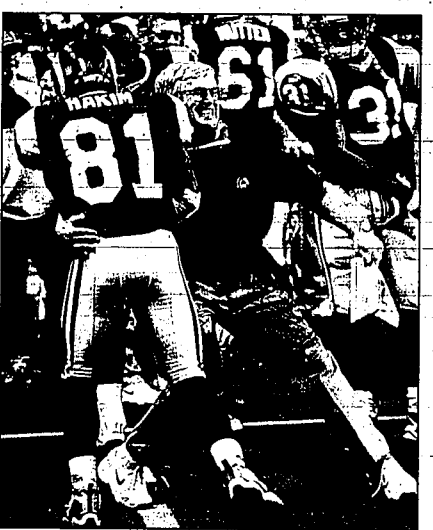
Here's the real motivation for St. Louis in today's otherwise meaningless season finale against the Eagles: a lot of records within reach for the Rams' offensive juggernaut. That just might leave Philadelphia's injury-depleted defense lying flat on the cold, hard turf.

Running back Marshall Faulk needs 36 yards to eclipse the single-season total yardage record of 2,358 set by Barry Sanders in 1997. Kurt Warner needs one touchdown pass to become only the second player (Dan Marino did it twice) in league history to throw for 40 touchdowns, and he needs 99 yards passing to break the team record of 4,310 set by Jim Everett in 1989.

And unfortunately for the Eagles defense, that's just the beginning.

They have an awesome offense. I mean, look at what they've done this year. They're scoring points in bunches," Eagles free safety Brian Dawkins said. "You can hold them down for a series or two, or even a quarter, and then, bam, they put two or three real quick touchdowns on you."

That's pretty much been the theme of the Rams' storybook season. St. Louis is riding a seven-



St. Louis Rams head coach Dick Vermeil gives Az-Zahir Hakim a big hug after Hakim scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter against the New York Giants Dec. 19. The Rams won 31-10.

game winning streak, and has already clinched a bye as the top seed in the NFC playoffs. The Rams have scored 495 points — the sixth-highest total in league

history — and have outscored opponents by a whopping 291 points; the NFL record is 261 set by the 1991 Washington Redskins.

Holmgren knows all about blown call

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Mike Holmgren was hundreds of miles away when the Seattle Seahawks were robbed of a victory against the New York Jets last year. He felt the fallout from the officials' blown call.

Holmgren was coaching the Green Bay Packers in 1998. On Dec. 6, the Jets stole a 32-31 victory, and Holmgren's Vinny Testaverde's 5-yard run came up a half-yard short of the end zone, but he was ruled to have scored by the head linesman.

Seahawks, whose loss to the Jets was instrumental in their failure to make the playoffs last season. At 9-6, Seattle can get into the postseason with a win today.

And as a member of the league's competition committee, Holmgren heard plenty about the blown call in the offseason.

"I wasn't there. I watched the play often, because I was very involved in instant replay because of my role on the competition committee," Holmgren said. "That was one of the plays that changed some people's minds."

"I believe if you coach long enough, those things have a way of evening themselves out. But the key is to coach long enough; plays like that will make you not."

With Jets coach Bill Parcells doesn't think the Seahawks will be looking for vengeance for that call, Holmgren isn't letting his players completely forget it.

"I don't think it hurts the football," Holmgren said. "It would be foolish to ignore it or say it did not happen. They know what they have to do, and it has nothing to do with what happened in that game last year."

National Football League

Playoff spots come down to final game

The Associated Press

Since their playoff hopes went glimmering with a 1-6 start, the New York Jets have been playing spoiler, beating Miami (twice), Dallas, New England and Buffalo.

Today, they get a chance to send Seattle home for the postseason.

"We are just as good as anybody out there and we can go out and play with anybody," safety Victor Green says.

"Unfortunately, the record doesn't prove that. We won't be able to showcase our ability in the playoffs." They have showcased a lot in their last eight games; seven started by Ray Lucas, who took over from Rick Mirer at quarterback. If he had started after Victor Green's "toro" his Achilles' tendon in Week 1, who knows where the Jets might have gone?

Still, New York is probably the key to the final two playoff spots in the AFC, which are being contested by Seattle, Kansas City and Miami.

If the Jets (7-8) beat the Seahawks (9-6) and the Chiefs (9-6) beat the Raiders (7-8) in Kansas City, the Chiefs win the West and the Seahawks are out. Miami, which plays a late afternoon game in Washington, would then be in even though the Dolphins have lost four of their last five.

If the Seahawks win and the Chiefs lose, the Seahawks win the West and the Dolphins are a wild card.

If both West teams win, the Dolphins are out.

And if Seattle and Kansas City both lose, then the Seahawks win the division because they beat Kansas City twice. The Chiefs are out and the Dolphins are in.

A note on Raiders-Chiefs: Kansas City has won 18 of the last 20 games, including a 37-34 victory in Oakland on Nov. 28.

A note on the Dolphins: If they don't make the playoffs, there's a good chance the game will be Dan Marino's last in the NFL.

And a note on Washington, which has clinched the NFC East and could get a first-round bye if the Vikings and Bucs both lose: Dan (The Fan) Snyder, the team's owner, has finally declared that Norv Turner will be back as coach next season.

In the NFC, where many of the contenders tried to play their way out of the postseason last weekend, there is just one spot open — a wild-card berth for which Dallas, the New York Giants, Green Bay and Carolina (all 7-8) are still alive.

Eleven of the weekend's 15 games have some effect on playoff berths and seeding.

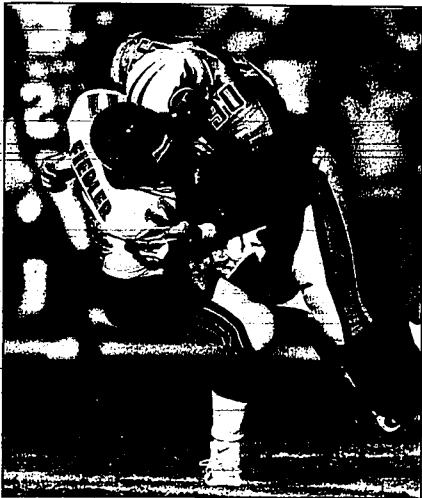
In addition to the Seahawks-Jets, Raiders-Chiefs, Giants-Cowboys and Dolphins-Raiders, they include Arizona at Green Bay; Cincinnati at Jacksonville; Detroit at Minnesota; Indianapolis at Buffalo; New Orleans at Carolina; Tennessee

The final order

Ranking the NFL's 32 teams at the close of the regular season (rank, team, comment)

- 1. Indianapolis 11-game winning streak
2. St. Louis Seven-game winning streak
3. Tennessee NFL's best second-half team
4. Jacksonville Swagger gone without Brunell
5. Buffalo Aided only five rushing TDs
6. Tampa Bay Not a 6-0 record team
7. Washington Turner's punting back
8. Minnesota Moss runs' passes, throws
9. Seattle Galloway's best invisible
10. Kansas City TE Gonzalez team MVP
11. Baltimore Four-time winning streak
12. NY Jets The ultimate spoiler
13. Miami Lost five of last seven games
14. Detroit Also lost five of last seven games
15. Carolina Needs offensive help
16. Denver Top 10 in offense, defense
17. New England Soon to be Belichick's team?
18. San Diego Needs offensive help
19. Oakland Top 10 in offense, defense
20. NY Giants Worst QB play in NFL
21. Dallas Aided only five rushing TDs
22. Chicago Can't keep QBs healthy
23. Green Bay Favre really misses Chmura
24. Pittsburgh No future with QB Tomczak
25. Cincinnati Colet's coming back
26. San Francisco Worst QB play in NFL
27. Arizona Running out of bodies
28. Atlanta Defense makes no plays
29. Philadelphia Offense makes no plays
30. New Orleans Wants more games with Cowboys
31. Cleveland Wants more games with Saints

The Dallas Morning News



Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Jay Fiedler (11), sacked here by Tennessee Titans defensive end Jevon Kearse, makes his first NFL start today.

Fiedler to start Jaguars make-or-break game

Compiled from wire reports

NFL calendar

- Monday - Regular season ends.
Jan. 8-9 - Wild card weekend.
Jan. 15-16 - Divisional playoffs.
Jan. 22 - Conference championships.
Jan. 30 - Super Bowl, Atlanta.



DALLAS - With Mark Brunell sidelined with a sprained left knee, Jay Fiedler drew the start at quarterback today for the 13-2 Jacksonville Jaguars in their biggest game of the season.

A victory over Cincinnati would give the Jaguars the AFC Central championship and home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs.

A loss coupled with a Tennessee victory at Pittsburgh would send the Jaguars into the playoffs next week as a wild card.

It will be Fiedler's first start of his four-year career. He has thrown only 55 career passes with a touchdown and three interceptions. Twenty-two of those passes came last week filling in for Brunell, and he completed only eight of them against the Titans.

Clearly, the Jaguars are going to have to play better under Fiedler than they did last week in that 41-14 loss to Tennessee. "To get to this point and let it slip away is almost a sin," Jaguars tackle Leon Seary said. "All the success we've had ... some guys forget that we had to pay a price to get where we are. Some guys have to make the necessary sacrifices. It's got to get back to being important to some people on this team."

Yards galore

The Indianapolis Colts have the AFC East title and a first-round bye in the playoffs already in the bank.

Today they'll be playing for individual achievements. If Peyton Manning passes for 28 yards, he will join running back Edgerrin James and wide receiver Marvin Harrison as only the second trio in NFL history to produce a 4,000-yard passing season and a 1,500-yard-rusher and receiver.

Manning has passed for 3,972 yards, James has rushed for 1,503 yards, and Harrison has 1,612 receiving yards. The only other trio to accomplish the feat was Detroit's Scott Mitchell, Barry Sanders and Herman Moore in 1996.

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Williams has topped 100 yards in just one other game this season — a 179-yard effort against Cleveland. The Saints have not had a 1,000-yard rusher since Dalton Hilliard in 1989.

Carroll only short-timer?

It's surprising that in the final week of the regular season, only one coach, Pete Carroll of the Patriots, seems to have no chance of keeping his job.

Just a week ago, Bruce Coslet in Cincinnati and Ditko in New Orleans seemed to have one foot on a banana peel.

But Cincinnati Owner Mike Brown — much to the chagrin of wide receiver Carl Pickens — announced last week that Coslet will be back. And Saints coach Mike Ditka said he'll be back, although owner Tom Benson hasn't made an announcement.

Bubby makes his pitch

Denver coach Mike Shanahan said last week that he booted the benching of Bubby Brister at the start of the year. The result was an 0-4 start.

"I told them I did make a mistake in not telling them more specifically why I was making a change," Shanahan said.

That prompted Brister to say he'd like to return.

"I would like to come back, even with everything that's happened. I feel like I've learned how to accept my role," he said.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Symposium will cover range of grain topics

RUPERT — The Mini-Cassia Cereal Symposium will be held Jan. 24 at the Rupert Elks Lodge.

Topics include irrigation, federal crop insurance, variety updates, diseases and seed treatments, weeds, marketing and end use, loan deficiency payments and other programs, rodent control and insects. One recertification credit is available.

Lunch is sponsored by the Idaho barley and wheat commissions. The workshop is sponsored by the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System, Minidoka County Extension, Cassia County Wheat Growers, Minidoka County Grain Producers and other local organizations.

For more information, call Steve Salisbury at the Twin Falls County Extension office at 734-9590.

Innovation research program awards grant to Boise State

BOISE — A \$40,000 federal grant for the Idaho Small Business Development Center at Boise State University will help small Idaho businesses.

Provided by the U.S. Small Business Administration, the money will help Idaho firms participate successfully in the Small Business Innovation Research Program.

Twenty-five states, including Idaho, were eligible for grants because of the low value of SBIR and Small-Business Technology Transfer grants awarded to residents during a recent year.

Burt Knudson, technology services consultant, said: "SBIR grants are seed money for projects to develop technologies, products and processes where the financial means are so scarce and the business risks relatively high, such that products with national importance would not otherwise be developed. This means of financing new lines of business is so attractive; no repayment, no equity given up and no loss of patent rights."

According to SBA Administrator Aida Alvarez: "The SBA expects to open wide the doors of opportunity for everyone, regardless of location. There are small technology businesses across the country that are very creative, extremely motivated and should be involved in federal research and development."

Improve your workplace skills with public TV series

BOISE — A 25-part series airing this month on Idaho Public Television will focus on advancement for adults.

Workplace Essential Skills is designed to show adults how to use basic skills to find a job and how important those skills are in a realistic workplace.

The program is created for pre-GED (sixth- and seventh-grade reading level) adult learners. Each episode helps viewers move toward GED-level work. Skills strengthened include communication, writing, reading and math. Instructors' guides and student workbooks can be ordered online.

Workplace Essential Skills will be offered on IPTV's overnight instructional blockfeeds.

• Episodes 1-13 air from 1 to 7:30 a.m. Jan. 8.

• Episodes 14-25 air from 1 to 7 a.m. Jan. 15.

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, Heyburn, Ketchum and Sun Valley areas; Channel 4 in Buhl and Shoshone; and Channel 13 without cable.

Nonprofit credit counseling service provides training

BOISE — Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Idaho, a nonprofit community service, says it can help people stick to their New Year's resolution to get a handle on their finances.

Consumer Credit Counseling offers several workshops geared toward helping organize personal finances.

• Balancing Your Checkbook — Thursday and Jan. 27.

• Smart Money Management — Friday and Jan. 24.

• Cutting Your Expenses — Jan. 10 and 18.

• Hands-on Budgeting — Jan. 12 and 19.

• Being Credit Card Smart — Jan. 14.

• Couples and Money — Jan. 25.

All of the workshops are free and open to the public. Workshops are held in both Boise and Caldwell. Consumer Credit Counseling offices from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The organization says it also can bring its workshops to your community.

For information, call 375-8140.

Compiled from staff reports



Connie Herbert plants a sign in front of one of her properties in Hagerman. Herbert, a broker for Silver Sage Realty, believes the year 2000 will be a prosperous one.

Business people expect good year in Magic Valley

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News Writer

TWIN FALLS — At the outset of 2000, some of the Magic Valley's small-business owners are counting on post-Y2K relief to free up residents' spending money. Others hope for an upturn in agriculture to replenish farmers' wallets. And some anticipate advancements in their industries.

"Yes, I do expect a better year, because last year was pretty slow. So it just makes sense that it's going to be better," said Connie Herbert, broker at Silver Sage Realty Inc. in Hagerman.

At Dragt Dairy Construction Inc., "we're real optimistic because there's so much growth going on," said Lori Dragt, secretary for her husband's Filer business.

"Any industry entering the new century must be on its toes," Pat Callen said.

"You gotta school yourself constantly on the changes that are taking place ... you have to train yourself for the future," said Callen, owner of Callen's Commercial Refrigeration in Filer. "It's a very changing world. If you don't change with it, it goes on without you."

Beyond Y2K

The date change to 2000 — dreaded because of potential computer problems — was blown out of proportion, tying up a lot of money in people's overpreparation, said Tony Bozzuto, owner of Bozzuto Furniture and Appliance in Shoshone.

Speaking last week, he acknowledged he could be eating his hat by today.

"I really think that the year will be better. This was not a banner year for anybody that I know of," Bozzuto said.

Scared about what would happen, people hoarded cash, slowing down activity for local business people, he

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Herbert goes over some paperwork with Armin and Carol Sutterlin. The Sutterlins are opening a subdivision they hope to sell in 2000.

said. This month, people might turn loose money they kept on hand during the last four months of 1999.

Herbert, too, expects buyers' attitudes to change as some Y2K worries are erased.

"People will be able to see beyond Y2K," she said, adding that this year "the future was more unknown than usual, in a lot of people's eyes."

Last week the phone was dead — not literally — at Silver Sage Realty. Some years, Silver Sage's final week of the year is busy with vacationers out looking at properties.

"You'd think, with interest rates good, we'd be having a lot of sales," Herbert said. But that hasn't been the case. The depressed farm economy is a factor, too.

"We've really been guessing this year as to why it's been a slow year," Herbert said last week.

Bozzuto Furniture — which sells

upper-midrange lines — isn't directly hit by farmers' financial woes, but the effects trickle down, Bozzuto said.

Year to year, it's impossible to know what ag will do, he said. But farmers have had it bad for a while, and "hopefully they're due for something."

Better and bigger

Dragt Dairy Construction, which builds commercial and dairy structures, had a good 1999 and expects a good 2000.

Y2K didn't dampen demand, Dragt said: "We've just been busier than ever."

In fact, the business hired three more men last week to keep up with the demand, bringing its total to 10 workers besides Dragt and her husband.

Now, she said, she wants to keep a top-notch crew. Dragt Dairy

Construction already picks its hires carefully, and it will encourage the guys not to cuss on the job site. Cussing is a bad habit in the construction industry, Dragt said, and it turns away some good, clean-cut hired help.

"If you're a clean construction company, you can get the best guys," she said.

The Filer company has another goal for 2000: Build an entire dairy from the ground up.

Dragt Dairy Construction already has built all the parts of a typical dairy, but never all at once, Dragt said.

But the crew's top men have been training so each will be able to take charge of a separate crew in order to tackle a whole new dairy, which is a huge job.

In Callen's line of work — commercial refrigeration, plus residential heating and air conditioning — equipment design is slowly becoming more computer-controlled, especially the top-line heating and cooling equipment he installs. Compressor upgrades have hiked efficiency, and a host of chemicals have replaced the few standard freons the industry relied on.

The chemical proliferation of a few years ago drastically complicated Callen's life. He no longer can stock all the options on his truck, and he has more decisions to make about what to use in specific situations — or to supply a customer's pet chemical.

Callen, who has been in the industry for more than 30 years, said he would like to see standard chemicals adopted to replace the old standard freons.

His prediction on that scene in 2000? "Oh, probably chaos," he said.

Depending on interest rates, Magic Valley's new construction could cool this year, Callen said.

"I think we're due for a little bit of a slowdown in the building trades in the area," he said, predicting, however, more activity in remodeling and in upgrades of aging heating and cooling systems.

Above all, Callen knows he can't go to sleep in this game.

"To me, it's an exciting time."

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Century's trend of home ownership shows no sign of slowing

Knight Ridder News Service

CHICAGO — If there is a story of the century in American housing, it is probably the country's turnaround from a nation of renters 100 years ago to a nation of homeowners at the end of 1999.

The latest statistics — from the Department of Housing and Urban Development found 67 percent of Americans owning a home at the end of the third quarter, an all-time high that was fueled largely by homeownership

gains among minorities. The percentages mean 70.5 million families in this country own their homes.

One hundred years ago, it was just the opposite, with only about one-third of Americans owning a home. But all that changed following World War II, when government-backed mortgages and more liberal tax and lending policies combined to make it far easier for average people to buy houses.

In some parts of the country, renters have actually become an endangered

species. In Chicago, for instance, a spate of condominium conversions coupled with a suburban distaste for approval of the rental housing stock to the point where, in some portions of the metro area, apartment vacancies are less than 2 percent, according to a recent analysis by Marcus & Millichap Real Estate Investment Brokerage's Chicago office.

Why have we felt compelled to create a nation of homeowners? The long-expoused belief is that homeowners

make better citizens. If you own a home, the thinking goes, you have a stake in the community — you are more willing to put down roots in that spot, more likely to be involved in your neighborhood, more inclined to vote and, in general, more active in the welfare of society as a whole.

Apartment industry trade groups have challenged that logic in the past, and just recently the National Multi Housing

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS — Residential/Commercial Services presented the Director Award in its President's Recognition program to Rick and Wendy Tegan, owners of ServiceMaster of Magic Valley, at a recent national convention in Memphis, Tenn. The Tegans were recognized for achievements in residential services.

Recipients honored at the convention represent the top-performing franchise owners from more than 3,500 businesses nationwide, a press release said.

HEYBURN — Mingo Transportation honored its top drivers at its annual Christmas party in Burley.

Jay and Evelyn Adams were heralded as the drivers of the year.

Rick Noriega earned the "High Miller" award for the distance he drove in 1999.

Mingo Transportation, at 1150 W. 300 S. of Heyburn, delivers dry products nationwide with a fleet driven by individual and team drivers.

JEROME — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce's ambassadors

voted to pick **LeAnn Sullivan** as the ambassador of the quarter.

The honor recognizes her constant commitment to the Jerome chamber, a news release said. Sullivan was instrumental in bringing the Corvette Caravan to Jerome in August. Corvette Caravan participants voted Jerome second best of their many stops.

Sullivan also helped in Holiday Home Tour planning, working many lunch hours and after work to meet deadlines for the project.

TWIN FALLS — Prudential Idaho Homes & Properties said Suzie Richardson has received the Certified designation from Prudential Real Estate Affiliates Inc.

Suzie Richardson The designation is awarded to Prudential sales associates who meet extensive criteria and complete a certified program training, a press release said. Training and certification are designed to deliver real estate professionals who possess the technological and business skills necessary to serve the emerging market needs of the online consumer.

As an e-Certified agent, Richardson is required to have knowledge of leading Internet marketing solutions available to market consumer properties, office automation products and popular graphic file types, the release said.

Jay Adams

Rick Noriega

Evelyn Adams

Rick Noriega

State to require new test

The Times-News

BOISE — Starting Jan. 1, new investment advisers will have to take a competency exam to show they know what they're talking about, the Idaho Department of Finance said.

New advisers will have to take a 130-question state exam that tests their knowledge of economics, investment vehicles, investment strategies and ethics. The new exam replaces the 75-question Series 65 exam, which focused mainly on securities law.

Forty-two states, including Idaho, and the District of Columbia—all U.S. jurisdictions that register or qualify investment adviser representatives—are expected to adopt the grandfathers and waiver provisions in a model rule proposed by the North American

Securities Administrators Association.

"Our primary goal in adopting this exam in Idaho is to achieve a higher level of investor protection," said Gavin Gee, Finance Department director.

Gee said investment advisers are one of the fastest growing segments of the financial services industry. In Idaho, there are about 300 investment adviser representatives compared with more than 53,000 stockbrokers licensed with the department.

"With the increased numbers of Idahoans investing their own retirement and other investment portfolios, we believe those who turn to investment advisers deserve a high level of competency," Gee said.

The new, more comprehensive Series 65 investment adviser exam was developed by NASAA with input from more than 60 financial industry experts and in consultation with the Princeton, N.J.-based Chauncey Group, a leader in test development, he said.

The new exam will be administered by the regulatory arm of the National Association of Securities Dealers at testing centers nationwide. Applicants will have 180 minutes to complete the exam, which will cost \$110.

Idaho has adopted, along with most states, provisions that would exempt from the test requirement practicing investment advisers with professional certifications such as certified financial planner and chartered financial analyst.

CONTRIBUTIONS

First Security Bank is giving \$2,000 in scholarships and a \$300 library grant to the College of Southern Idaho this year through the First Security Foundation, said Curtis Eaton, area president for south-central Idaho community banking.

This year, the foundation will contribute more than \$150,000 in scholarships and grants to 26 colleges and universities.

"By contributing to higher education, we are helping lay the foundation for a successful and productive work force in the future," said Spencer F. Eccles, chairman and chief executive of First Security Corp. "That's why for 47 years, the First Security Foundation has been supporting education with contributions in excess of \$1.7 million to colleges and universities in Utah, Idaho, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon and Wyoming."

IPT to air career guidance series

The Times-News

BOISE — Idaho Public Television will air a career-placement telecourse this month on its overnight instructional block.

Career Advantage is a 26-part telecourse that offers job-hunting tips from professionals and gives guidance on making basic career decisions. It takes viewers on tours of successful companies, listens in on firsthand experiences from recent job seekers, and offers a profession-

also guide-to evaluate one's skills and determining suitable career options.

Series host Rebecca Haddock is a licensed career counselor who has provided employment and educational counseling to the military, high schools, community colleges and social service agencies. Haddock teaches career management courses for the University of San Diego and the University of California at

San Diego.

In the Magic Valley, IPTV can be viewed on AT&T Cable Channel 4; Project Mable 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.

Episodes 101-105 will air from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Jan. 8; Episodes 106-111 air from 7 to 10 a.m. Jan. 15, and Episodes 112-126 will air from 1 to 8:30 a.m. Jan. 22.

U of I extension system sponsors potato workshops

The Times-News

POCATELLO — The University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System is sponsoring the 2000 Potato Conference and Ag Expo Jan. 19-20 at the Idaho State University campus.

Workshops include foliar and field diseases, irrigation management, potato variety display, improving planter performance and composting. Seminars include the historical impact of technology on potato production, precision agriculture and storage disinfection principles.

Recertification credits are available.

For more information, call Steve Salisbury at the Twin Falls County Extension office at 734-9590.

MILESTONES

Retail brokerage firm cites Fortune magazine honor

TWIN FALLS — A.G. Edwards said it again has been named one of the "100 Best Companies to Work for in America" by Fortune magazine.

The firm is one of only five companies nationwide to appear on all five versions of the list originally published in 1984 by best-selling authors Robert Levering and Milton Moskowitz. The magazine began publishing the annual survey in 1998, said an A.G. Edwards press release.

A.G. Edwards, one of only

three retail brokerage firms to make Fortune's 1999 list, ranked 37th overall. This year's list, which attracts a record number of candidates competing for the recognition, is published in the magazine's Jan. 10 edition.

Among the reasons Fortune chose A.G. Edwards for its 1999 list is the firm's "great 401(k) plan that matches employee contributions 100 percent up to 3 percent of pay, plus profit sharing."

Fortune compiled this year's list by surveying 33,457 randomly selected employees at numerous companies throughout the country and reviewing materials submitted by companies, the release said.

It is especially gratifying to be one of only five firms in the entire country to have been included on this respected list each time it has been published," said Fred Nelson, financial consultant at A.G. Edwards' Twin Falls branch. "It means a lot that the selections are mostly based on the opinions of those who work in the company."

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

Your business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley.

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Job-seekers should be aware of interview styles

Knight Ridder News Service

DALLAS — "Tell me about yourself."

The standard '80s-style interview question has quietly become outdated. If you do hear the question in an interview, it will likely be followed by more probing questions, a case study to solve on the spot, or even a group interview by the folks you may be supervising.

Chalk it up to retention worries in a tight job market. Employers are becoming more sophisticated in their interviewing techniques making sure line managers are trained to elicit more than a satisfactory resume and a vague "good feeling" about the candidate, job search experts say.

"There's very widespread agreement... that you can have the credentials, but if you aren't going to fit (the culture), it doesn't matter. Before long, you'll be out of there," said Russell Yacinto, who coaches management job-seekers for national firm Right Management Consultants in Dallas.

Interviewers may also be reacting to job-seekers who've become more savvy after decades of downsizing, said Karyl Innis, chief executive of the Innis Co., a Dallas-based outplacement and consulting firm.

"This is a counter trend to those of us who've been in outplacement, advising (job-seekers). Make a friend. Create the chemistry," she said.

Whatever the reasons, the outcome is that job-seekers need to be familiar with a variety of interview styles. Here are a few that recruiters, coaches and job-seekers say are becoming more widespread.

Behavioral interviews. The technique has been around for years, but it's now cropping up everywhere from college campuses to executive ranks.

The premise is that past behavior is the best predictor of future behavior. Expect a recruiter skilled in this type of interviewing to ask very detailed questions about situations you've faced.

"If you're questioning someone about the details of a phone conversation, a presentation, a decision they made, more than likely you can tell if they're making it up," said Joe Sommers, who teaches the technique to interviewers as a principal in HRAlliance, a Plano, Texas, consulting firm.

How to prepare? "We encourage people to think about different types of situations they've encountered in the past — how they've dealt with stress, with rejection, managed through a

tight deadline," said Steve Pollock, a president of WetFeet.com, a publisher of guides for job-seekers. Details matter, and so does the point of the story.

Fit interviews. Given the heightened concern about "fit," job candidates say they're being quizzed by the people they will work with.

It's a good time to demonstrate listening abilities and also the ability to clarify an issue by asking the right questions, said the executive, who asked not to be identified.

Less-experienced job-seekers may make the mistake of thinking they're just being made to feel at home, Innis said. "They're not just talking you to lunch. They're going to report back."

Some employers will ask that you perform a task whether it's a writing sample, a marketing plan or a programming fix. WetFeet.com, for instance, auditions for sales jobs, said Pollock, the president.

"We ask them to prepare a sales presentation on one of our products. You can gauge a lot by seeing whether a person goes to extra effort, is able to respond to situations you throw at them," he said.

How to prepare? If it's a job you really want, now's the time to go all out. "You have to invest a

lot of time in thinking and preparing. But the great fact is... if you've decided this is where you want to go — it's a great chance to show your stuff," Innis said.

Case studies. Consulting firms pioneered this style of interviewing on college campuses. Sometimes technical personnel, too, are asked to solve hypothetical problems.

Jim McBride, who heads career placement for the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, recalls a complex case study involving a diamond cartel. "The question was whether it would make good business sense for one of the independent groups to pull out of the cartel."

The best overall advice: Be prepared, because you never know when you'll be interviewed formally or otherwise. Consider Barbara Payne, a former program analyst with Alcatel Inc., who dropped in on a job fair just to case out prospective employers.

She didn't expect an interview. "I really was terrified. But I was able to pull out key words and ideas." She'd also taped mock interviews during outplacement at... Right Management Consultants. "The repetition and training in the classes just came to mind," Payne said.

She left with a job offer — in writing.

Homes

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Council produced a new research study that it says refutes those homeowners myths.

The study, conducted for the Council by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, found that renters really are more socially engaged, equally involved in community groups and similarly attached to their communities

and religious institutions when compared with their homeowners counterparts.

"Apartment residents should get much more credit for being good neighbors and active participants in their local communities," said Jonathan Kemper, president of the National Multi Housing Council. "The differences between house owners and apartment residents have clearly

been overstated."

Still, there is probably no stopping the march toward increased homeownership in the coming century.

The thing that you can't argue with is that homeownership has created enormous wealth for many Americans who invested in a house since World War II. By some estimates, we hold more than \$1 trillion in equity in our

homes. For most older Americans, that means their house is their single biggest asset.

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Give New Year's resolutions a financial flavor

By Pamela Yip. The Dallas Morning News. Some experts believe that making New Year's resolutions is futile because their novelty eventually wears off. But when it comes to personal finances, there's no better time than the beginning of the year to get your financial house in order.

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financial diet that binge spending becomes a temptation," said Mark Schupbach, president of the Center for Personal Finance in Dallas, a financial planning firm.

Pay off those cards. Credit card payments can quickly suck away your ability to save if you don't have a plan to pay them off.

Be realistic. Don't feel you have to achieve all your financial goals at once. If you're just beginning each month, put at least one financial item or goal you are going to do

or achieve that month on the refrigerator," Ms. Luker said. "Don't remove it until it is done."

On average, people will spend approximately one-third more with credit cards than they would if the same purchase were made with cash," Mr. Schupbach said.

Don't bypass 401(k). If your employer matches your contribution to a 401(k) plan and you're not participating, you're leaving free money on the table. The plan enables you to accumulate money tax-deferred, allowing more money to build up over time.

Save and invest. Saving and investing are habits that must be created. Pay yourself first. Even if you can afford only \$25 a month, start doing it.

Write it down. This may sound overly simplistic, but there's something about seeing your targets in writing. It makes you realize that it's time to get serious about your future. Be as specific as possible about what you want to accomplish.

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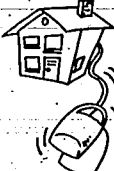
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Why do we drink eggnog at Christmas and dye eggs at Easter? Why not Christmas eggs and Easter eggnog?

This New Year's weekend, I find myself wondering why I am eating ham and black-eyed peas, once again, another year. Is it because my mother, and my grandmother and great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother before her, served ham and black-eyed peas for New Year's good luck?

Probably. I mean, I was raised by a Southern mom who swore on her cornbread and collard greens that Great Aunt Mildred swallowed a sewing needle and died of a ruptured liver the only year she didn't eat her black-eyed peas on New Year's.

But the origin of the tradition, or so I've read, actually rests with some settlers who brought the idea from England to Virginia at a time when black-eyed-peas were considered a delicacy.

Other holiday food traditions can be traced back to other times and places.

Various sites on the Internet tell us that the practice of coloring Easter eggs can be traced back to ancient China, Greece and Rome - and to the belief that eggs symbolize life and joy, with religious overtones.

And eggnog came to us by way of Germany's Christmas egg punch and England's hot holiday "sackposset," with the American version being named after an English drinking mug called a "noggin."

There even are those stories about the pilgrims taming and raising turkeys for food, as inspiration for our Thanksgiving celebrations.

Several years ago, when I was living in Ohio, I local newspaper editor asked its third- and fourth-graders to pretend they were reporters on the scene and to describe the first Thanksgiving dinner.

One boy at Plymouth Rock for the first Thanksgiving dinner and soccer game," one little boy wrote.

Another added, "They had turkey, ham and Spam."

Actually, historians tell us that the origin of the turkey as the likely featured venison as the main dish - and the celebration lasted until all the food ran out.

At least some things never change. During my growing-up years, I think the goal was to get everyone to say, "I ate too much," before we were allowed to leave a holiday table.

I still remember one of the best cooks in my neighborhood, bustling around her kitchen instructing her guests, "Go back for seconds; I don't want to be buried with these mashed potatoes."

A book titled "Traditional Holiday Recipes," edited by Letitia D. Hale Sr., depicts what was known as a "grogging board" (dinner for a typical middle-class family of 14 celebrating Christmas Day in 1885. The menu was originally published in "December 25th - The Joys of Christmas Past," by Phillip Snyder.

Christmas dinner consisted of four kinds of soup (oyster, chicken, gumbo, mutton broth), 11 roasts (beef, pork, mutton, turkey, venison, three chickens, three geese), potatoes, carrots, turnips, parsley, onions, trifles, suet puddings, a huge plum pudding, four kinds of cake, three kinds of wine and sweetmeats such as lozenges, fruit drops, sugared almonds, licorice sticks and barley sugar rings.

The Christmas Day breakfast and supper menus were nearly as extensive.

Why did those people eat so much on Christmas Day? Probably because they always had.

It's amazing how important holiday rituals become.

I have a friend in the Midwest whose 20-year-old son threw a giant fit one Thanksgiving when he came home from college to oyster, instead of the traditional cornbread, stuffing. My friend was amazed. She was sure that her son had never even noticed what he was eating.

Rituals are powerful, psychologists say. "If you do anything, you do it to anything, just use ritual. It becomes a part of you. It transcends the conscious mind."

Add in the food part, and you've got some converts for life.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.



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POTTERMANIA

If your kids aren't wild about Harry, chances are they will be soon

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - For Even Jackson, Harry Potter is the best news she's read in a long while.

"I first read about Harry Potter in the Wall Street Journal," said the mother of a sixth-grader. "I thought..."

...that the books would be something that Chet would be interested in reading. He started slow as a reader and was always on the lookout for a book that would interest him.

"Chet started the first book last summer and completed it shortly after starting sixth grade. It was..."

...the biggest book he had ever read and in intimidated him at first. He got several students in his sixth grade class hooked on Harry. He is working on the second book now. He (got) his third one for Christmas."

That's right: The words "book," "hooked" and "sixth-grader" in the same sentence. And it's happening all over America.

The three Harry Potter children's novels by British author J. K. Rowling have sold more than 7 million copies in the United States, and all three have been on all the major best-seller lists since the third title was released last year.

In the world of hardback non-fiction, that's Stephen King with an exclamation point.

"It doesn't really surprise me that they're so popular," said Annie-Laurie Burton, children's librarian at Twin Falls Public Library. "They're just good stories, well-written and well-told."

What is surprising is that for most people, Harry Potter is an acquired taste.

"When I started reading the first one, I thought it was kind of hard to get into the story," said Andrea Pierce, a sixth-grade teacher at Twin Falls Harrison Elementary School. "I wondered if my students would be interested."

"They were. Pierce read chapters aloud in class at the end of the day, and the kids were enthralled. "I tell them they can put their heads down on their desks during..."

Please see POTTER, Page E2

Harryspeak

Every society has its own language; here are some words of WizardSpeak:

- **Muggle** - Nonmagical people
- **Witch** - The popular wizard sport in which teams mounted on flying brooms chase after four balls, including the Golden Snitch, which usually wins the game for the team that captures it
- **Seeker** - The fastest member on a Quidditch team; Harry's position
- **Nimbus Two Thousand, Firebolt** - Brand names of pricey, high-performance brooms
- **The Sorting Hat** - A cap that chooses its wearers' school house
- **Paraselmouths** - Wizards who can talk to snakes
- **Every Flavor Beans** - A candy that can taste like everything from chocolate to tripe

-Source: Time magazine

Reading aloud to kids can be beneficial to grown-ups

The Dallas Morning News

Reading to your kids is a cherished activity for both parents and kids alike. Here are some suggestions to get the most out of that special time:

- **Repetition is good:** So maybe reading that dog-eared copy of Goodnight Moon has gotten old. But not to the child.

Jennifer Anglin, owner of Dallas' The Enchanted

Forest - Books for Children, says: "The best part about reading is interacting with your child."

If the kids want Goodnight Moon, give it to them. Just remember, she says, talking about a book is as important as reading it aloud. Ask your child to "read" that favorite story back to you; the new versions may astonish you.

- **Dealing with interruptions:** One of the things that frustrates an adult the most is interruptions,

and reading to small children is full of them. Anglin suggests making places to answer questions, such as the bottom of the page, and taking too many interruptions as a hint to cut the story short.

- **Strategies for different ages:** Don't be afraid to mix your audience. Many stories can be enjoyed by older and younger children alike, though younger

Please see READ, Page E2

Plan ahead and ease young people into dating

Like tantrums or potty-training, dating is another of those child development stages that demands reckoning with. It's just more complicated. But it can turn out just fine with some effort. Here are some tips from parents and experts:

- **Be clear about your values and communicate them through ongoing dialogues.**
- **Stay involved in your child's lives and don't assume that, because they are almost grown, they are capable of making all their own decisions.** Provide guidance.
- **Get to know the boy or girl your child is steadily dating.** Get to know the boy or girl's parents, too, if possible.
- **Consider a one-year or two-year rule, restricting adolescents to going out with someone who is no more than two years**

apart in age. Girls especially like to go out with older boys, but a 13-year-old girl is usually not mature enough to be involved with a 16-year-old boy.

• **Talk to your child about issues such as sex and date rape.** Make sure they know how to handle themselves in situations that make them feel uncomfortable.

• **Set rules about who is allowed to visit when a parent isn't at home.** Keep close tabs on unsupervised time and consider hiring an adult to supervise if parents are working or gone for long periods of time.

• **Keep tabs on your child's behavior.** Adolescents who seem overengaged about the opposite sex may be suffering from low self-esteem.

-Source: Dallas Morning News

Etc...

Rec district plans jazz dances

Tuesday

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District will hold tumbling and jazz dance classes at the Jerome Recreation District building, located at 2032 S. Lincoln.

Ashley and Brookney Borron will instruct beginning, intermediate, and advanced tumbling for individuals age 3 and up, from Wednesday until Feb. 9, at the Rec District building in Jerome. In-district participant fees are \$10; out-of-district participant fees are \$13.

A jazz dance class for girls and boys ages 5-12 will be from Tuesday until Feb. 8. The six-week course will instruct participants in basic jazz dance moves, and various routines and techniques. Participants ages 5-8 are invited to the 4 p.m. session, and dancers ages 9-12 are invited to the 4:45 p.m. session. Fees for in-district individuals will be \$10, and out-of-district participant fees are \$13.

For more information on classes, call the Jerome Recreation District at 324-3389.

To do for families

Ongoing

TWIN FALLS - The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrert Center of Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho will start its winter schedule on Tuesday.

"Where in the Universe is Carmen Sandiego" will be shown Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 2 p.m. "How to Build a Planet" will be featured at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and "More Than Meets the Eye" at 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

A new program, entitled "The Search for Life in the Universe," starts Feb. 1. Adult admission is \$4, students \$2, seniors \$3 and families get in for \$9. Children under 4 are not admitted.

Every week, To Do For Families lists family oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303. Deadline is noon Wednesdays.

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Justin Dodd of Paradise Valley, Ariz., takes a tumble during the U'I Buckaroo Rodeo Wednesday in Phoenix, Ariz.

Parents can help girls gain interest in computers

Knight Ridder News Service

The new pink Barbie computer just hit the market and "Barbie Fashion Designer" and Purple Moon's "The Rockett," featuring junior high scenarios, have been on the shelves of software game aisles for nearly two years.

But boys outnumber girls in computer science classes. Girls are more likely to take clerical data-entry classes while boys take advanced programming and graphics courses. Girls consistently rate themselves lower than boys on computer ability and self-confidence with technology. And girls use computers less often than boys outside of school, according to researchers for the American Association of University Women.

The statistic that counts, however, said AALW researchers, is that men far outnumber women in higher-paying science and technology jobs. In 1998, two out of three minimum-wage jobs - generally low- or no-tech jobs - were held by women, according to AALW.

Parents can help turn that around, Janese Swanson, creator of the Girl Tech technology company, by introducing girls to technology as early as 4, providing opportunities and encouraging them to use the computer regularly, playing with them on the computer and learning about technology themselves. Mothers especially can help by letting their daughters see them using technology in fun ways as well as at work, Swanson said.

Part of the problem, said Dorothy Bennett of the Center for Children and Technology, is that girls and boys use technology differently. For 100 Long schools have been using masculine models in their computer classes, she said.

The nonprofit New York center has been studying technology education for 15 years. "We found the masculine model was fascinated with the technology itself, how it worked, how fast it was. Women like technology that was about collaboration and communication," Bennett said.

It's like computers. It's about what you offer them to do

on computers," she added.

Howard Pidler, principal of Brooks Middle School in Wichita, Kan. and former principal of L'Ouverture Computer Technology Magnet Elementary, agreed. "In my experience girls do better than boys with computers orke they get on." But he says girls and boys do use technology differently.

"Boys will gravitate towards games. Girls want to do artistic stuff and chat-rooms," Pidler said. "I've had a number of girls who will get me online at night when I'm on the computer. I've yet to have a boy contact me."

Wichita State University professor Lori Norton-Meier found while talking to teens in Internet chat rooms that girls who didn't consider themselves proficient in computers or writing at school were writing quite eloquent when they were describing their favorite music groups or Leonardo DiCaprio to the chat room. Norton-Meier, has just launched an online study of how girls use language on the Internet with the hope of developing a curriculum model for teachers.

"Technology can't be something we do from 3 to 3:30 p.m. We have to use it along with language, math and science," Norton-Meier said. "My daughter Jill hates math but she was doing a report on Christa McAuliffe and while she was at a web site about the Challenger disaster she was figuring out how long (McAuliffe) lived after the space shuttle took off. I said 'Hey, that's math.'"

Norton-Meier said computers need to be introduced to girls as a tool to do things that interest them.

"Very often educators start with how things work, rather than, 'Let's think about purpose and context and then let's figure out how it works,'" agreed Bennett.

"Girls who hate chemistry and math learn how vital it is and how it can be fun when they use it to make cookies," said Margaret Johnson, the Wichita Area Girl Scout Council's assistant executive director of programs and training.

Put the 'play' back in playtime

The Gazette

Do's and don'ts

- If you want to encourage your children to engage in creative play, here are some do's and don'ts from Teachers Resisting Unhealthy Children's Entertainment:
- Skip toys with movie, television and other media tie-ins: Example: Jar Jar Binks Monster Mouth.
- Try to cut out toys that emphasize technology. Example: Elmo Talking Doll Stroller.
- Pass over toys that take the creative play out of classic toys. Example: WGW Mold and Mash Wrestlers, an art set containing four wrestler molds.
- If you can't afford expensive toys, create a "Shoe Box for Creative Play." Decorate an empty shoe box and lid - use gift wrap, stickers or colored paper. Choose a theme and

- put a picture and word describing the theme. For an office theme, fill the box with a stapler, hole puncher, tape and similar products. For a restaurant theme, include cloth napkins, pretend food and the like.
- TRUCE recommends these toys:
- Funland Farm (T.C. Timber), 28 colored wooden pieces, barn, silo, fence, animals and people for ages 2 and older.
- Wonderboard (Dovling Magnets) variety sets of magnetic pieces, such as Junior Architect, Build a Bug and Zany Zoo, Ages 3 and older.
- End E. Bird (Early Years), multisenary toy made with all kinds of fabric, teething rings and crinkles, Ages birth and older.

- Source: The Gazette

says Diane Levine, professor at Wheelock College, a teachers college in Somerville, Mass., and founder of Teachers Resisting Unhealthy Children's

Entertainment. She says new studies show that creative play is critical to a child's development. It helps reading, writing and math skills.

Around the holiday season, Levine is usually a lone voice that cries out against the toy industry, protesting what she calls their blatant manipulation of parents and children. This year, however, she has an unlikely ally: toy manufacturers.

The American Toy Institute, the nonprofit, educational and charitable arm of the Toy Manufacturers of America, has jumped into the fray, promising a multi-year nationwide campaign to publicize the importance of play.

"It's effort is not completely altruistic. The ATI commissioned a study and found that academic activities, organized sports and electronic imagery has squeezed out creative-play time for children. For their stakeholders - Mattel, Fisher-Price and Hasbro, among others - the trend could mean a loss in revenue. But the ATI also says there's concern in the industry for burnout among children.

Spanking a bed-wetter will only make it worse

Q. Our son will be 3 in one week. He has been dry and night potty trained for several months. He started wetting his bed last week. A month or so ago, before starting school, he wet the bed a couple of times. A friend with older children advised us to spank, and one spanking stopped it.

After the start of school, he started wetting us up again at 2 a.m. I told him if he wet up again he would get a spanking. He didn't get up, but he wet the bed. Now he has started school full time and wetting the bed nearly every night.

We want to nip this in the bud. We have a nephew who is almost 4 who wets the bed every night. His parents were told by a therapist that it was a way of controlling the child. Could our son be wetting the bed as a way of controlling us? I would like a solution that will keep him dry and in the bed all night without causing him to act out in some other way.

A: The friend who told you to spank gave you very bad advice. And the therapist who told your nephew's parents that bed-wetting is a control issue is wrong. Your son may be in control of the parent-child relationship (most kids are these days), but bed-wetting is not one of his weapons.

Wetting the bed at 36 months of age is no cause for any concern. The mere fact that your son was dry at night for a few months after he was toilet trained doesn't mean he can control his bed-wetting now. No one knows why, but boys have more of a struggle with this than girls. By age 5, for every child who is still wetting the bed, there are four boys. And it's not unusual for a child - a boy, usually - to be dry at night until age 5 and suddenly, inexplicably, begin wetting the bed.

Punishing the problem will not correct it, and may well make matters worse - much worse, in fact - over time.

Bed-wetting is linked to deep



PARENTING
John Rosemond

sleep. The best explanation is the child simply isn't so deeply he can't sense that his bladder is full. Consequently, instead of "holding" or getting up and using the bathroom, the child wets the bed. And he may not even wake up even though he's asleep through the night on sheets that are soaked.

A change in routine often precedes the start of bed-wetting. My son Eric wet the bed for a short time after we moved from Illinois to North Carolina when he was 5. And your son started wetting, not coincidentally, shortly after he started school.

Being in school during the day may also play a role. On the one hand, that's his god. On the other, he sleeps more deeply than before and has started wetting the bed as a consequence.

If you let time take its course, this little glitch will probably resolve itself within a year. On the other hand, if you want to help a solution along, you can purchase a "Wet Stop" system from the Sears Home Health Care Catalog Store (800-375-750). The device is clear and simple, although they don't tell you that the child usually sleeps so deeply that he doesn't hear the alarm (signaling he's wetting) as first. For a few nights, at least, when the alarm goes off, the parents need to wake the child.

Your pediatrician may also have access to a similar system which he'd rather you use, so check with him first.

In any case, the least show of frustration or anger on your part and you may as well just dig yourself in for the long haul, because a long haul it's probably going to be.

Potter

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the stories if they want to," Pierce said. "But only a couple do."

The books' appeal is something between the Hardy Boys and J.R.R. Tolkien. It's the saga of junior wizards who go to boarding schools in England and manage to get themselves in the damndest fiascos.

Their stories are full of magic, literal and figurative, and that's drawn ire from the Christian right in America.

"The grandmother of one of the students in my class doesn't want her to hear the stories because of the sorcery," Pierce said. "I think more teachers would use them, but they're kind of wary of the reaction."

"There was an article in The

Times-News about how some parents were concerned about the influence the books would have on kids, because of

their content," Jackson said. "I read the article. I'm not sure if it's the sorcery and magic or the witchcraft and sorcery are not real."

Whatever the potion, it's got more kids reading.

"Mostly boys, I think, but there are girls and some grown-ups who ask for it," Burton said. "It's an adventure, and adventure stories that are told as well as these will attract readers."

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Read

Continued from E1

children need visual aids to engage their shorter attention spans. Give them crayons and paper and ask them to illustrate the story they're hearing. This works particularly well during the holidays when families are together.

From the time that children cuddle up with their first board books, visual and verbal stimulation fascinates them, pulling them ahead of the adult reading.

says Tim Moses, director of publicity for children's books at Penguin Putnam in New York. A child becomes completely involved in pictures, making illustrations magical for them, says Moses.

Use that magic as a multipurpose tool, Anglin suggests. Older children can glean science, math, logic and art from picture books. It just takes imagination.

Vary the venue and voice: Imagination also comes into play as to where and when to read.

Anglin reads to her 2-year-old while the child is playing with toys in the tub. Right now they are working on "The Secret Garden." Baskets of books are placed throughout the rest of the house, and Anglin tears articles from magazines such as

Highlights for Children and folds them in her purse to read aloud during waits in line and in restaurants. Books on tape are perfect for the car. Even the youngest of children can hold a book and realize there is a book with words

that goes with the story they are hearing.

Moses suggests that parents who feel uncomfortable reading aloud contact a local library and take their child in for story time. Listen to others read and develop a rhythm of your own.

Don't read in a monotone or high-pitched voice, but vary the voices of the characters, Anglin says.

"Most importantly," she adds, "remember, your goal is to be with your child."

FAMILY LIFE

People want canine pets that are small

The Orange County Register

ORANGE, Calif. — The little fuzzi-ball in cage No. 350 wagged and panted at the adoring passers-by.

She licked the wiggling fingers thrust into her cage and seemed to crack a doggy smile as Jim Baker approached.

Baker walked by larger dogs at the Orange County Animal Shelter without giving so much as a glance.

He has three young daughters at home and no desire for a big dog. Neither did most of the other folks lined up outside the shelter in Orange before he got to 10 a.m. on a recent Monday.

More than 200 dogs sat in cages at the pound. Of those, most were Rottweilers and German shepherds. No one stopped to stick their fingers in those dogs' cages.

"I've been to three pet stores and different shelters, but every one has big dogs," said Baker, of Laguna Niguel, petting the West Highland white terrier that captured his heart.

"I want a little dog that will be in the house and sleep in the girls' beds."

As it turns out, so does most of Orange County. Everyone from local dog groomers-to housing developers said as our taste for large homes has grown, so too has our predilection for puny pets.

"I bred Australian Shepherds in Oregon, but I can't sell them here," said Martin Senat, an advocate of the Huntington Beach dog beach. "A large dog needs a place to run. Here if you see a piece of grass, the city will put a house on it."

In the county's no-kill shelters, small dogs are adopted within 30 days, while large pooches can linger for a year before someone adopts them.

Local pet-store owners said lap dogs make up 80 percent of their canine sales. The Orange County Animal Shelter does not keep statistics on the size of dogs it destroys annually, but officials there said the smaller the dog, the more likely it is to find a home.

"It's a product of the culture, that most of us are living in, where most people have yards with big, fenced-in back yards," said Mary Elizabeth Thurston, a Texas anthropologist. "We want smaller dogs."

In fact, Baker had to lead to the shelter's donation line only to learn that he was fourth on a list for the shaggy 2-year-old. He was told he could come back at 4:30 p.m. If the other potential pet owners don't show, the pooch would be his.

He sighed, but vowed to return. So cramped are our back yards and so long are our work days, that some dog lovers are even turning to the furry paws of others, lower-maintenance animals. As a child, Dan Stetson and his eight siblings played in their large Torrance back yard with two golden retrievers and their pups.

"But now I live in Irvine and there's not enough room," Stetson said. "So we have cats."

He has three of them, in fact. And they're cute and fluffy, but it's just not the same. "As much as you may like cats, if you're a dog person, you're a dog person."

So get a dog, said Kathy Skibicki, vice president of the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) in San Clemente. Skibicki said humans simply misunderstand dogs' spatial needs.

"People come in all the time and say, 'I have a small space, I need just the same.' As much as you'd like to explain to people that there is no correlation between the size of the dog and how much energy it has."

Jack Russell terriers need lots of exercise and lots of things to keep them busy. A Saint Bernard can live in a condo.

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Marketing professionals try to define frugality

The Washington Post

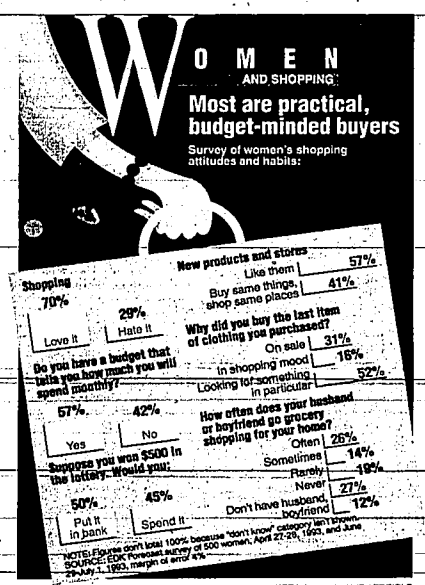
A couple of marketing professors set out to define frugality. It seems that thrift is so alien a concept to the average merchandiser that the authors had to make it sound profound-for-it-to-sound real.

"Frugality is a unidimensional consumer lifestyle trait characterized by the desire to which consumers are both restrained in acquiring and in resourcefully using economic goods and services to achieve longer-term goals," wrote John L. Lastovicka and Lance A. Bettencourt in a recent Journal of Consumer Research.

In other words, as your grandmother might say, "Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without."

But your grandmother probably cared more about frugality, and knew better what it was, than anyone you know now. In fact, Lastovicka and Bettencourt found that only 10 percent to 15 percent of the population is frugal.

"We're living in the lap of materialism," says Lastovicka. "What makes a lot of our current culture go is buying. Not that they distinguish between being frugal — a tarnished but still unassailable virtue — and being cheap, which is not admired by anyone but Scrooge McDuck.



In this season of excessive non-frugality, it behooves us to take this subject as seriously as Lastovicka and Bettencourt have, but expand the canvas. Let's take a common situation between a frugal and a cheap spouse. The frugal spouse

doesn't fill the gas-tank-of-the-family car until it's empty — a more efficient use of time, she thinks. But then she finds herself with the gas gauge at totally empty, with her sweetie at the wheel. He sees the gas station, "\$13.1 a gallon!" he says. "But ..." she says. Then he ignores \$1.29 and \$1.28. Finally, just when she's about to have a nervous breakdown, he spies \$1.27 and slides into the bay, satisfied.

"This is a cheap person, because he's willing to risk life and limb for less than 50 cents. Some people think they're frugal until they meet the real pros. I am convinced it's a gene," says Bette Land of Tenleytown, Md., who buys everything on sale. Her eco-frugal son, Andrew, 24, lives with her to save money so he can see the world.

But Land can be quickly out-gunned. "Do you reuse your Ziploc plastic bags by washing them?" she is asked.

"WHAAT?" Land says. "I've never heard of that."

"Oh yes. And some people sew them up when they start to rip."

"Oh, God," she says. She tries to recoup, "I do reuse shopping bags."

Perhaps it's time to refine the definitions.

Frugal is buying a dress on sale.

Eco-frugal is buying a dress made of natural fiber grown without pesticides, on sale, only if peasants in Guatemala aren't harmed in the process.

Cheap is buying a dress, wearing it once, and returning it to the store for a refund.

Frugal is buying the cheapest

paper-towels-because basically they're all the same, or not buying them at all.

Eco-frugal is using cloth instead.

Cheap is drying out paper towels and reusing them.

Frugal people are a little more rational," said Lastovicka, who bicycles to work, 40 minutes each way, and sees himself as frugal. "Cheapness can reflect a social intransigency to others."

In their studies, Lastovicka and Bettencourt found that frugal people are less likely to be influenced by peer pressure, are careful with their possessions, are not always "coupon-prone" and tend to be goal-oriented.

They also found that a husband's evaluation of his wife's frugality tends to differ from her appraisal of herself and vice versa. (They had to study this?) Other studies by Freudians have found that frugal people tend to have orderly-and-anal personalities and be somewhat more authoritarian.

Frugal is not eating in restaurants.

Eco-frugal is eating only in restaurants that serve pesticide-free food and recycle leftovers to soup kitchens.

Cheap is eating in a restaurant but tipping only 5 percent, and stealing the sugar packets when you leave.

"Here you have somebody working as a waiter for less than minimum wage," says Lastovicka. "Your savings is at someone else's expense. Cheap suggests that you may be harming your relationships with other people."

Family Circus creator draws on his own experiences

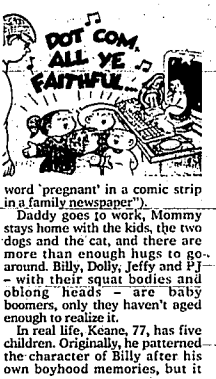
The Dallas Morning News

Bil Keane compares his job to that of an animator. He creates the characters, I cast the scene, I write the script, I do the costumes and decide who's going to do what and what angle it's best to be shot from."

And the finished product is always rated G.

Keane is the creator of the single-panel cartoon The Family Circus, where the humor is gentle, a domestic crisis is usually no more serious than having to play indoors on a rainy day, and Billy, the oldest of the four kids, never goes anywhere in a straight line.

The cartoon will mark its 40th anniversary in February, and while Keane includes the occasional contemporary reference, not much has changed since the arrival of P.J., the youngest, in 1962 ("a very ticklish thing" at the time; Keane says, because "you couldn't" even mention the



word 'pregnant' in a comic strip in a family newspaper").

Daddy goes to work, Mommy stays home with the kids, the two dogs and the cat, and there are more than enough hugs to go around. Billy, Dolly, Jeffy and P.J. — with their squat bodies and oblong heads — are baby boomers, only they haven't aged enough to realize it.

In real life, Keane, 77, has five children. Originally, he patterned the character of Billy after his own boyhood memories, but it

was probably inevitable that his oldest son, Glen, would come to personify The Family Circus' most rambunctious — by comparison — sibling.

Daughter Gayle became the model for Dolly (her mother's nickname for her). Youngest son Jeff is the only one to have a child in the cartoon named for him, but sons Christopher and Neal also contributed to the mix of composite characters.

"I didn't really try to draw our children in there," Keane says. "They didn't know it, and I didn't know for sure that I was drawing them. But when you're sitting there drawing cartoons day after day about kids and you're looking in the back yard (at children playing), as I did in my studio, you are drawing your own children and your own experiences."

Keane's childhood was spent in his native Philadelphia. Many cartoonists try their early draw-

ing habits by copying characters from comic books and newspaper comic strips. But Keane had a different kind of inspiration: The New Yorker. He was captivated by the work of Peter Arno, George Price and the magazine's other regular cartoonists.

"I never really had ambition to do a comic strip," he says. "I liked the idea of the single-panel cartoons. The stuff that I saw in The New Yorker was so great because they would jump on anything that was current and very topical and do a cartoon that wasn't really a joke as much as it was illustrating a recognizable phrase or incident or scene that would make a satirical comment on that particular phenomenon."

While working on a humor magazine as a teen-ager with a group of friends, he shortened the spelling of his first name to Bill. "I thought it was a little more distinguished, and started sign-

Recent poll indicates educated people fake illness more often

The Hartford Courant

The next time you need a break from work, try this on for size: You can fake a case of 48-hour projectile leprosy. When it's clear, I'll be in.

That excuse might sound outlandish, but a fake illness is a common excuse, and it appears to occur more often among better-educated, higher-paid employees than any one else. A recent Louis Harris & Associates poll said

employees in the United States take an accumulated 200 million sick days a year. Of the employees taking off sick, about 42 percent earning more than \$50,000 a year admit to faking it, said a study by American Demographics magazine.

The employee least likely to fake it makes less than \$20,000 — perhaps because those workers, who compose 22.7 percent of the fakers, often don't have benefits that cover them when they're out.

For them, a sick day is a day of lost pay. "You'd think that the employees who have a degree, they're trustworthy, you can depend on them, but not necessarily," said Gary Blau, a human resources professor at Temple University who studies workplace issues.

In fact, the magazine survey reports that besides better-paid workers, employees with some college experience are more likely to blow off work, and the most

popular reason is "sore throat."

Blau says many fake absences are spurred by employee dissatisfaction. He calls that momentary "theory of motivation."

"If you were my boss and I didn't get the pay raise or bonus I thought I would get, in order to fight with me, I would just go to work to go to take off a day or two from work," Blau said.

"It makes a lot of sense (to the employees) that employees right the wrong that they feel they've

been dealt by taking a day off, under the cover of they're sick."

"If the employees feel the boss is not going to listen to what they say, they will act out. People maintain a psychological balance between what they give and what they get. I guess it is that way with the wage performance and we put up with hassles and restrictions at work, and in return we sometimes get a little job security and some reward."

Time to liquidate? Use The Times-News Marketplace classifieds to turn possessions into cash.

COMMUNITY

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Local students named honors at a Music Teachers National Association competition. The young musicians are, from left to right, back row: Randall Brown, Vince Gerrish and Jeff Crandall, front row: Sarah Lincoln, Nyle Matsuoaka and Thomas Watson.

Musicians earn honors

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley students earned first place honors at the 1999 Music Teachers National Association state competition Nov. 13 for junior-high, senior high and college music students.

Sarah Lincoln, daughter of Doug and Mary Ann Lincoln of Twin Falls, won the high school woodwind division on saxophone. She advanced to the national level in the competition last year and is a student of Linda Aufderheide of Twin Falls.

Upcoming performance

The young musicians will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday at O'Leary Junior High School. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted to help with travel expenses to competition. For more information, call 734-4108.

Vince Gerrish, son of Phil and Jo Gerrish of Filer, was the high school brass winner on trumpet.

Nyle Matsuoaka, son of Bryan and Jayne Matsuoaka of Twin Falls, earned top honors on piano in the junior high division.

Saxophonist Randall Brown, son of Dennis and Valerie Brown, took first in the junior high woodwind division.

Matsuoaka and Brown also are students of Aufderheide.

Area residents who placed at the competition were Jeff Crandall, son of Monte and Ann Crandall of Twin Falls, who was

named first alternate in the junior high woodwind division. Thomas Watson, son of Barry and Janelle Watson of Kimberly, was awarded honorable mention in the junior high woodwind division, Aufderheide says.

In the high school woodwind division, Carren-Hamilton, daughter of Barry and Jacques Hamilton of Twin Falls, earned an honorable mention on clarinet. Austin Kralch of Twin Falls and Elizabeth Thompson of Wendell, competed in the junior high piano category.

First place winners advance to a regional competition in Portland, Ore., with a chance to go on to the national Music Teachers National Association competition in March 25.

CSI offers free ESL classes

TWIN FALLS — English as a Second Language courses will be offered beginning Jan. 24 at the G. R. Meyerhoffer Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

Registration for classes will be held from:

- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Jan. 18.
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and from 6:30-9:30 p.m., Jan. 19.
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and from 6:30-9:30 p.m., Jan. 20.

Registration takes place in the literature/math development center in the Meyerhoffer Building. Community English as a Second Language courses are available at no cost to the student, CSI says.

For more information, call Judy Ruprecht at 733-9554, Ext. 254. To inquire about College Level English as a Second Language classes for credit, call Brent Jensen at 733-9554, Ext. 2535.

Jerome rec starts classes Tuesday

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District will hold tumbling and jazz dance classes starting Tuesday at the Jerome Recreation District building, located at 2032 S. Lincoln, in Jerome.

Ashley and Brookney Borron will instruct beginning, intermediate, and advanced tumbling for people age three and up. The class will run from Wednesday to Feb. 9 at the Rec. District building in Jerome. In-district participant fees are \$10 and out-of-district participant fees are \$13.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wilson Theater feasibility study will be presented Wednesday

RUPERT — The completed feasibility study of the historic Wilson Theater will be presented at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Red Cross building, 707 F St.

The meeting is sponsored by the Rupert Renaissance Initiative. Jerry Myers, architect from Myers/Anderson of Pocatello, and John Bertram, planning designer from Planmakers of Boise, will answer questions and present information on renovation and maintenance of the theater.

The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call Chris Jackson at 436-5707.

Minidoka seniors are taking a trip to Jackpot Jan. 10

RUPERT — The Minidoka County Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to Jackpot, Nev. on Jan. 10.

The bus will leave the center at 10 a.m. For more information, call 436-9107.

Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club holds dance class

JEROME — The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will host a dance class at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the St. Jerome's Church Recreation annex at 216 Second Ave. E., in Jerome.

Finger foods and clean-up will be the responsibility of participants with last names starting K-P.

For more information, call 734-5689.

Twin Falls American Legion Auxiliary meets Thursday

TWIN FALLS — Members of Unit 7 of

Jerome chamber seeks donations of office furniture

JEROME — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce is seeking donations of office furniture for its new office.

For more information or to donate, call the chamber at 324-2711.

Donations have started with a sophisticated copy machine from Bill and Kelly Emerson of the Jerome Print Shop.

Dietch schools announces schedule for January

DIETRICH — Dietrich School recently announced events for the first two weeks of January.

A student council meeting will be held on Monday and a class meeting will be held on Wednesday.

The FFA Record Book Review will be at 4 p.m., Jan. 8.

A school board meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 10, and first semester tests will be held on Jan. 12, Jan. 13, and Jan. 14.

SCHOOL LUNCH

All schools serve milk with meals.

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast: Juice and fruit served every day.
 Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup or sandwich bar every day.
 Monday: Hamburger or burrito or cheeseburger, tater tots, orange half, chocolate milk; salad bar, crispito.
 Tuesday: Pig-in-a-blanket or sea burger, french fries, peaches, trail mix, chocolate milk; salad, french steaks, roll.
 Wednesday: Chick niks, roll, fruit cup, chocolate milk, crinkle fries, chocolate cake; salad, hot pockets.
 Thursday: Macho nachos, corn, pears, chocolate milk; salad, corn dogs.
 Friday: Beef stew, corn bread, cheese sticks, applesauce, chocolate milk salad, chicken fried steak, roll.

CASTLEFORD

Breakfast: Milk served every day.
 Monday: No school.
 Tuesday: Ham-and-cheese pocket.
 Wednesday: Scones.
 Thursday: Sweet roll.
 Friday: Eggs and toast.
 Lunch: Self-serve salad bar every day.
 Monday: No school.
 Tuesday: Pizza.
 Wednesday: French dip sandwich.
 Thursday: Tacos.
 Friday: Baja chicken.

FILER

Monday: Hamburgers.
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets.
 Wednesday: Pizza.
 Thursday: Chef's salad.
 Friday: Chili dogs.

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal, muffin, juice.
 Tuesday: French toast sticks, syrup, applesauce.
 Wednesday: Maple bar, string cheese, banana.
 Thursday: Breakfast burrito, peaches.
 Friday: Cereal bar, pineapple.
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Crispito, lettuce and tomato, trail mix, pineapple.
 Tuesday: Chili, crackers, vegetable sticks, fruited Jell-O, maple bar.
 Wednesday: Pork choppie, potatoes and gravy, peas, roll, pears.
 Thursday: Chicken burger, lettuce-and-pickles, mixed fruit, no bake cookie.
 Friday: Turkey and noodle, vegetable sticks, rolls, peach cobbler with whipped topping.

MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Breakfast served every day.
 Monday: Cereal, muffin, fruit mix.
 Tuesday: Hot cereal, toast, applesauce.
 Wednesday: Cereal, muffin, peaches.
 Thursday: Egg and biscuit, fresh fruit.
 Friday: Cereal, cinnamon toast, pears.
 Lunch: Choice of white or chocolate milk every day.
 Monday: Burrito, corn, pears, chocolate cake.
 Tuesday: Combination pizza, green beans, peaches, chevy chocolate cookie.
 Wednesday: Chicken sandwich, tater tots, carrot sticks, fruit mix.
 Thursday: Hard shell taco, green peas, applesauce, peanut butter bar.
 Friday: Baked potato, toppings, veggie sticks, fresh fruit, dinner roll.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Lunch: Choice of white or chocolate milk each day.
 Monday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, potato planks, catsup, half an orange, oatmeal cookie.
 Tuesday: Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, jelly, "prize".
 Wednesday: Veggie beef soup, focaccia bread, apple crisp with whipped topping.
 Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, french salad, assorted dressings, garlic bread, peaches.
 Friday: Dippy day, chicken dippers, barbecue sauce, veggies and dip, whole wheat breadsticks, spaghetti sauce, apples and caramel dip.

KIMBERLY SCHOOLS

Elementary school will be served main line each school day. Grades 5-6 will be offered salad bar on Tuesdays and grade 6 will be offered salad bar on Thursdays. Middle school and high school will be offered a choice of main line menu or chef salad each school day.
 Lunch: Milk served every day.
 Monday: No school.
 Tuesday: Chicken filet, french fries, pickle spear, pudding.
 Wednesday: Pizza, tossed salad, green beans, peaches.
 Thursday: Ham and cheese pocket, tater tots, crispie treat, half an orange.
 Friday: Chili, crackers, applesauce, cinnamon rolls.

ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Baked potato bar.
 Tuesday: Chili.
 Wednesday: Tacos.
 Thursday: Soup and sandwich.
 Friday: Cheeseburgers.

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch: Choice of milk offered every day.
 Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich, Campbell's soup, celery sticks, peanut butter, chili, peaches.
 Tuesday: Finger steaks, mashed potatoes and gravy, strawberries and bananas, biscuits with honey.
 Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, tossed green salad, diced pears, breadsticks with pizza sauce.
 Thursday: Chili corn dogs.

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal, orange slices, toast and jelly.
 Tuesday: French toast, syrup, sausage patty, peaches.
 Wednesday: Cereal, strawberries, cereal bar.
 Thursday: Biscuits and sausage gravy, pears.
 Friday: Cereal, banana, warm bread.
 Lunch: Junior highs have a choice of main line or second line menu. Salad bar, taco bar and potato bar available on alternate days.
 Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, veggie dipper, chilled peach pie, taco bell burrito, salad bar.
 Tuesday: Finger steaks, mashed potatoes and gravy, strawberries and bananas, angel biscuit, o'cheese sandwich, potato bar.
 Wednesday: Pizza, green salad, diced pears, breadsticks, pizza sauce dip; taco bar.
 Thursday: Chili corn dogs, mustard and ketchup, crispy potato wedges, banana, pudding; cheeseburger; soup and sandwich bar.
 Friday: Deli sandwich bar, mini pretzels, almond apricot, lemon cookies, barbecue beef sandwich, salad bar.

HANSEN

Breakfast: Milk served every day.
 Monday: Cereal, toast, juice.
 Tuesday: Pancakes, ham, juice.
 Wednesday: Bagels, fruit, juice.
 Thursday: French toast, sausage, juice.
 Friday: Long johns, cereal, juice.
 Lunch: Chicken nuggets, hot roll, cooked carrots, fruit, juice.
 Tuesday: Corn dogs, french fries, fruit.
 Wednesday: French toast, hot sauce, fruit.
 Thursday: Stromboli, potato wedges, pudding.
 Friday: Chicken-patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot rolls, green beans, fruit.

BLAINE COUNTY

Self-serve bar option is at Hailey Elementary.
 Monday: Cheeseburger or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, shoestring french fries, apple wedges, crispy marshmallow treat; top a potato with chili.
 Tuesday: Pepperoni hot, Pocket or yogurt or roll, garden salad, orange wedges, animal-crackers; sandwich bar.
 Wednesday: Chicken-little with yogurt, hard boiled egg and roll, tater tots, chilled peaches, muffin squares; nachos.
 Thursday: Corn dog or meat and cheese plate, mixed vegetables, cinnamon roll, banana half, salad bar.
 Friday: O'Pizza or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, crackers, chilled pears, carrot cake; brunch bar.

BLISS

Monday: Chicken sandwich.
 Tuesday: Fish sticks.
 Wednesday: Corn dogs.
 Thursday: Pork chops.
 Friday: Pizza.

DIETRICH

Monday: Ham and potato soup.
 Tuesday: Chili and cinnamon rolls.
 Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese.
 Thursday: Biscuits and sausage gravy.
 Friday: Pizza.

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day.
 Monday: Burrito.
 Tuesday: Ham and cheese on roll.
 Wednesday: Pizza.
 Thursday: Corn dog.
 Friday: Chicken on a bun.

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Breakfast menu
 Monday: No school.
 Tuesday: Choice of cereal, biscuits and gravy, jam.
 Thursday: Choice of cereal, banana, choice of cereal, yogurt, cinnamon toast.

Friday: Choice of juice, fruit, rice, bacon, french toast.

Lunch menu
 Monday: No school.
 Tuesday: No school.
 Wednesday: French bread pizza, cauliflower and carrot sticks and dip, peaches, white calzone.
 Thursday: Sweet and sour pork or meat balls, fried rice, pineapple chunks. Jell-O; salad bar.
 Friday: Baked potato bar, chow mein, spiced apple sauce, wheat roll, jelly; salad bar.

JEROME

Monday: No school.
 Tuesday: Poor boy sandwich or hamburger, seasoned potato wedges, mandarin oranges or pineapple tidbits.
 Wednesday: Pork patty on a bun or finger steaks, french fries with catsup, fruit Jell-O; fruitables.
 Thursday: Burrito with salsa or hot ham and cheese sandwich, chuck wagon corn, cinnamon-sliced apples or oranges, churros.
 Friday: Oven fried chicken or chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, muffin-with jam, grapes or peaches.

RICHFIELD

Breakfast menu. Juice and milk served every day with breakfast.
 Monday: Cereal, pies.
 Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, sausage.
 Wednesday: Cereal and muffins.
 Thursday: Pancakes, scrambled eggs.
 Friday: Cereal, pop-tarts.
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Chicken nuggets, potatoes and gravy, lunch roll, peaches, chocolate milk.
 Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza, col., chocolate chip cookies, pears.
 Wednesday: Cheeseburger, baked fries, white cake, orange smiles, chocolate milk.
 Thursday: Hard shell taco, lettuce, cheese, salsa, green beans, maple bar, mixed fruit.
 Friday: Chili with crackers, cheese slice, cinnamon roll, applesauce, chocolate milk.

VALLEY-HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast served every day.
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Crisp burrito, salsa, french fries, breadsticks, fruit.
 Tuesday: Chicken burger on a bun, lettuce and pickles, tater tots, veggie and dip, fruit.
 Wednesday: Pizza; breadsticks, sauce, green salad, fresh fruit.
 Thursday: Pork fingers, tater rounds, green beans, hot roll, chocolate chip cookie.
 Friday: Vegetable soup, crackers, turkey sandwich, chocolate brownie, fruit.

WENDELL SCHOOLS

The middle school and high school also have a choice of submarine sandwich plate or chef salad plate every day.
 Monday: Ham and potato soup, peanut butter sandwich, tossed salad with ranch dressing, applesauce, choice of milk.
 Tuesday: Ham and cheese sub sandwich, potato wedges, catsup, carrot sticks, chocolate pudding, choice of milk.
 Wednesday: Nachos-with cheese sauce, green onions, salsa, refried beans, cinnamon and sugar breadsticks, power gelatin, choice of milk.
 Thursday: Chicken patty on a bun, catsup, potato puffs, carrot sticks, banana half, choice of milk.
 Friday: Lasagna, tossed salad, ranch dressing, Italian bread, jam, fruit cocktail, choice of milk.

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menus in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax it to 734-5513, attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

WEDDINGS

ENGAGEMENTS

Remarrying with kids means special problems

FOOTITT-FRANTZ

TWIN FALLS - Alison Jean Footitt and David Zakari Frantz were married July 24, 1999, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Peter and Jasia Footitt, from Ottawa, Ontario. The groom is the son of David and Raedine Frantz of Twin Falls. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Lawrence Vedder, of Immanuel Lutheran Church. A dinner and dance followed at the Turf Club in Twin Falls. Stephanie Lambert, friend of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Alexandra Thom, Jaime Aason and Bina Shah, friends of the bride. Ashley Starry and Bailee McLeod, friends of the bride and groom, served as flower girls. Jeremy McLeod, friend of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen included Justin Baey, Les Anderson and Justin Andrews, friends of the groom. Jacob Starry, friend of the bride and groom, served as ring bearer. Ushers were Paul Footitt, brother of the bride, Brandon Baimonte, brother-in-law of the groom, and Brad Poe, friend of the groom.



Alison and David Frantz

Special guests attended from the provinces of Ontario and British Columbia, including Alexandra Kuzniak, the bride's grandmother, and John and Patricia Footitt and Josephine Riepella, uncle and aunts of the bride. Other guests attended from North Dakota, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and Utah.

The couple will reside in Boise, where they will continue their education at Boise State University. Zak is employed by Film Finders of Boise, and is a professional saxophonist, performing with the Riverside Jazz Band, Soul Purpose and sometimes.

ADAMS-GRACIDA

HEYBURN - Mr. and Mrs. Keith L. Adams of Heyburn announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerri A. Adams, to Jason Gracida, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry McNew of Twin Falls. Adams graduated from Minico High School in 1996.

She attended the College of Southern Idaho for two years, before transferring to Boise State University, where she is majoring in nursing.

Gracida graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1991 and served four years in the United States Marines. He graduated from CSI in 1998. He is majoring in political science at BSU and is employed at Spectrum Environmental in Caldwell.



Jason Gracida and Kerri Adams

The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday at the Weston Plaza in Twin Falls. A reception to honor the couple will be held immediately following the ceremony.

The couple will reside in Boise with their son.

HESS-HENRY

TWIN FALLS - Sierra and Tevin Hess of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their mother, Tracey Lynn Hess, to David Aaron Henry, son of Don and Kay Henry of Filer. Hess is the daughter of Barbara and Dan Moon of Jerome, and Joe Hess of Filer.

Hess is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho and Twin Falls High School. Henry is a graduate of Filer High School.

The wedding is planned for Jan. 9, 2000.



Tracey Hess and David Henry

LLOYD-PRESTON

OAKLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lloyd of Oakley announce the engagement of their daughter, Jaclyn Lloyd to Jeff Preston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Preston of Filer.

Lloyd graduated from Oakley High School in 1997. She is continuing her elementary education major at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Preston is a 1996 graduate of Filer High School. He recently returned from serving a two-year New Jersey Morristown Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He will major in business management at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Jan. 7, 2000, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple in Idaho Falls.



Jeff Preston and Jaclyn Lloyd

A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 2000, at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, 301 N. Center. An open house to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Jan. 14 at the Filer Stake Center. The newlyweds will make their home in Twin Falls.

KUKAL-BLAMIREES

TWIN FALLS - Tara Kukal and Brent Blamirees were married Oct. 2, 1999, at the First Baptist Church in Twin Falls. Officiating was Dan Walker, uncle of the bride. Matt Boettcher was music technician.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Beckie Kukal of Jerome. Parents of the groom are Jim and Jane Blamirees of Jerome. Jill Barton, sister of the bride, served as the matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Nichole Ganque, cousin of the bride. Jennifer and Ann Arthurs, friends of the bride, and junior bridesmaid Kristina Lindsley, niece of the groom. Addison Perry, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl.

Special guests included the grandparents of the bride, Nathan and Jeanne Brooks, and Joe and Ruth Kukal, of Jerome, and grandparents of the bride, Bob and Ruth Blamirees, of Jerome, and Bob and Agnes Martin of Twin Falls. A reception was held following the ceremony at Blue Lakes Country Club.



Brent and Tara Blamirees

A reception was held following the ceremony at Blue Lakes Country Club.

If you're getting married, it's all in the details

The Associated Press

Books for brides

- Your wedding photographs don't have to be those flash-camera group shots. Get inspiration for more creative treatment from *Forever-and-a-Day: Wedding Moments™* (Abbeville Press/ Edition Stemme, \$49.95), a showcase of Philippe Cheng photographs with text by Carley Roney.

- "Of title for each: "For the Bride: A Guide to Style and Gracious Living" and "For the Groom: A Blueprint for a Gentleman's Lifestyle" (in January, Delacorte Press, each \$24.95 hardcover) by Colin Coie.

- "Going to the Chapel Planner" (Berkeley, \$14 paperback), by the editors of Signature Bride magazine, is a practical guide for the couple with African heritage. Included are suggestions to help the couple plan a wedding in their particular style: an Afrocentric ceremony that includes cultural traditions from Africa, an African-American celebration with elements from both continents, or a traditional European-type wedding.

- Two useful titles from the chatty "The Complete Idiot's Guide" series are "Creative Weddings" (Macmillan/Alpha Books, \$16.95) and "Weddings by Anton van der Meer and 'Bridal Showers'" (Macmillan/Alpha Books, \$16.95 paperback), by Jennifer R. Barr.

- Hang onto the latter book after the honeymoon, because it also includes advice about baby showers.

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monetary investment tied up in your wedding dress.

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Planner

"The Designer Bride" (\$59.95), by Janell Berte, is a wedding planner-cum-software organizer for the bridal couple and their families who prefer keeping track of things with their PCs. The loose-leaf binder has the usual countdown calendars and pockets for keeping track of receipts and samples, but it also includes advice and ideas from Berte, a wedding expert and designer. The Software Companion CD-ROM is useful for guest lists, budgets and schedules. Find it at designerbride.com.

Your own stationery

Add the Wedding Ensemble (\$49.99) from Geographic to your PC setup, and save a bundle on your wedding printing bill. Each ensemble packet has invitations, response cards, note cards, blank all-purpose cards and stationery, with matching envelopes in a layout that includes guide for 50 complete invitations. Download free software, Geodesigner 101, from geographic.com.

Kissing in public? Try some tact

The Orlando Sentinel

First comes love, then comes marriage (well, maybe), and somewhere in the middle comes kissing. And when you take it public, it can either be viewed as anything from a sweet passing of affection between two obviously smitten people to a gross-out episode of sucking face fit only for mature adults.

So, gentle readers, some rules: • Keep it tasteful. We're talking short and sweet. A gentle peck on the cheek with an affectionate squeeze of the hand, a sweet pressing of lips; a full-mouth, lips-slightly-parted smooch with a hug. But never, EVER an all-out spit-swallowing, open-mouth, tongue-lashing free-for-all.

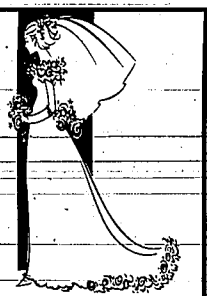
• Location, location, location. Let's face it: Some locations are better than others for a big show of affection. Some places are just so darn romantic that, well, you won't be able to help yourselves. Go ahead... dig in! But, dear readers, use good sense. A crowded restaurant, no matter how dimly lit, is not a good make-out place. Neither is Disney World's Main Street USA. Try, instead, a palm-shrouded lakeside spot, a secluded area on the beach.

• Lose the grope. Such moves are best left behind closed doors. There's nothing worse than having to witness a contorted, oops-like union between two people so engrossed in a saliva exchange that they are unconscious of the uncomfortable stares of those around them.

Magic Valley Wedding Planning Directory

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THE Sunday Crossword
 Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

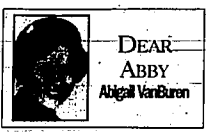
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Sorry - lover's promise of marriage won't hold in court

DEAR ABBY: Please help. I fell in love with a married man. He claimed he loved me. My husband caught us. He hates me now and has filed for divorce. My lover called it quits and ran back to his wife.

Can I sue my lover for breach of promise because he promised to get a divorce and marry me?

-DESTROYED IN THE U.S.A.



DEAR ABBY
 Abigail VanBuren

nice restaurant as I stood up when my dinner partner would leave the table. With a bewildered and condescending look, she said, "Do you have to stand up every time I do?"

I have read with interest how many of your readers appreciate well-mannered men; unfortunately, and I mean no disrespect to your readers, I haven't seen a single letter from someone close to my age.

I am beginning to believe that it's better to be rude and inconsiderate on dates. However, I have no intention of changing my ways. My standards are set and anything less would be embarrassing for me.

Are there any young women who appreciate "old-fashioned" manners?

-DISILLUSIONED
DEAR DISILLUSIONED: Any young woman who believes that

someone who displays consideration and respect is disrespectful, needs her priorities reorganized. Good manners are an instant tip-off that a young man is disciplined, thoughtful and well brought up in other areas of his life.

Lack of good manners usually indicates a lack of education in that area, or complete self-centeredness.

Not all young women believe as the ones you have encountered do. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: As a feminist graduate engineer, I'd like to give a logical reason why women should appreciate having doors opened for them.

The amount of energy it takes to open a door is a smaller percentage of a man's available energy than it is of a woman's. Multiply this difference by the number of doors opened during the day, and the average woman will see that it's better to accept the courtesy and smile - which also uses less energy than does a frown!

- FAITH LEE

DEAR FAITH: I hope your argument will prove persuasive. It's a basic law of physics.

Arranging benefits for disabled sibling requires legal planning

Q. My parents were always very secretive individuals when it came to their property and money, even though my disabled brother (age 55) and I (age 52) are the only children. My parents always took care of my brother, who lived with them, but when my father died, his will left everything to my mother who, at his death, had already been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and was in a nursing home. Dad had been paying her bills and, needless to say, she has no power of attorney.

I therefore forced to apply to our local probate court for conservatorship and guardianship over my mother, and I learned very quickly that at nearly \$5,000 per month to have nursing home care, her money would run out in short order and my brother would not be protected. I went to the probate court to inquire about ways in which funds could be set aside for my brother, but was told this could not be done. Without some planning, my brother will become a public charge. Any ideas?

A. People with capacity - or their spouses and agents acting under durable powers of attorney with appropriate language - are free to change beneficiary designations, to transfer assets, and to use various estate planning and Medicaid planning techniques without court approval.

However, when dealing with incapacitated persons, courts are often asked to determine if, how, and when an incapacitated person can transfer assets to qualify for Medicaid.

There may be limited ways in which conservators can do so without court approval. For example, since conservators are charged with making prudent investments for their wards, should there be a Medicaid planning technique that can be classified as a "prudent investment," such might be accomplished without judicial approval.

Additionally, since some state laws allow a fiduciary to make purchases for the benefit of a charge without prior judicial approval, a conservator might be able to make a purchase that would also enhance a Medicaid planning strategy.

But, by and large, Medicaid planning requires prior judicial approval before implementation. Some courts have been creative and helpful. For example, one California court authorized gifts by the guardian of an incapacitated person to family members in order to reduce estate taxes.

And a New York court



NEXT STEPS
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allowed the guardian to make gifts on behalf of an incapacitated institutionalized spouse to the community spouse in order to make the spouse in the nursing home eligible for Medicaid.

We believe incapacitated individuals should have the same rights as persons with capacity to take advantage of not only basic estate planning opportunities, but also Medicaid planning through a fiduciary, especially where, as here, your mother and father had been

taking care of your disabled brother and such a transfer would have been made by a reasonably prudent person with capacity to understand the situation.

Taking the NextStep: We suggest that you contact an experienced elder law attorney who can explain your case to the court, because this is a time for effective lawyering. And for our readers who have not yet faced this situation, we urge you to make sure you have appropriate durable powers of attorney that will be trusted agents to make these decisions for you if you become incapacitated without the necessity of court intervention.

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'Today is a gift - that's why we call it the present'

Now that we have entered the year 2000 I think of how quickly the year has passed, and it made me think about time in general and what it means.

How long it seems to take for the time to pass when you are waiting for something you have looked forward to, and how short time it has been since I was a little girl with pigtails, looking out the window at a robin sitting on the windowsill of our three-room country school.

When I think about time it never ceases to amaze me that, though time is divided into segments, and each minute is exactly as long as the next, some of those minutes fly by, while others seem to take forever.

I think of when my children were small - how I couldn't wait for them to roll over, sit up, speak their first word, get over the terrible twos and threes, then on to school - and on, and on, and now - all of a sudden, here they are with children of their own, and where did that time go?

Was I in too much of a hurry? Did I miss anything? Was I there at the right times? Did I say and do what was important



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to help them as they struggled toward adulthood? Did I spend enough time with them? Did I waste important time, or did I use it wisely? Did I appreciate my husband enough, and did I take the proper amount of time to show him that appreciation?

Suddenly I'm old - but how can that be? Don't feel old - surely not enough time has passed for me to be old. When I hear people my age referred to as old I look around and think "maybe THEY'RE old, but I'm not - that surely can't include ME." And time continues to slip away.

But time is a funny thing, isn't it? When I was younger it seems like I was always in a hurry - didn't have the time to accomplish everything I needed to accomplish - didn't have time to waste - got to go here, got to go there, got to get that done and be finished by this time.

Hurry, hurry, hurry, and time passed quickly and was soon gone, and the years rolled along and so soon - too soon - they were more years behind than were ahead.

Now that my husband and I are retired I'm finally beginning to appreciate time more.

Though I am compulsive about being "on time," I now take the time to appreciate all the blessings that I enjoy every day. I think more about time and how much it means and how quickly it can be gone.

Though I look forward to tomorrow I think of how fortunate I am to be here today, healthy and happy and loving life. And I wish that with all of us all of our lives. I think of a quote my niece sent me the other day.

"Yesterday is history; tomorrow is a mystery; today is a gift - that's why we call it the PRESENT."

Pretty fitting - don't you think?

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- Any available medical records from your doctors, therapists, hospitals, clinics and caseworkers;
- Laboratory and test results;

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- Names, addresses, phone and fax numbers of your doctors, clinics and hospitals;
- Names of all your medications; and
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A. Yes. Generally, the cost will

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