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Court boosts Gore's chances

Justices order hand recount

Knight Ridder News Service

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - The Florida Supreme Court breathed new life into Democrat Al Gore's quest for the presidency Friday, awarding him hundreds of votes and ordering a new manual recount that could propel him to victory over Republican George W. Bush.

The 4-3 decision reopened the battle over how to count dimples

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An observer leaves the Florida Supreme Court building Friday in Tallahassee with a copy of the decision.

Ruling sends nation into uncharted territory

By David S. Broder The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Politicians, presidential scholars and constitutional lawyers agreed Friday night that the Florida Supreme Court's 4-3 decision to order a hand recount of more disputed presidential ballots has thrown this nation into an uncharted and potentially dangerous quandary about the legitimate way to decide the next occupant of the White House.

With fresh doubts about who will emerge with a stronger hold

An up-and-down day for Gov. Bush - A9

on Florida's decisive 25 electoral votes, the greater uncertainty is which governmental institution has the best claim to settle that question. The rivals now include the Florida courts, the Florida legislature, the U.S. Supreme Court and Congress.

"We are really headed toward a crisis now," said Vin Weber, a former Republican representa-

from it. I have not used that kind of language, but unfortunately it is now appropriate."

Weber was one of many political veterans who joined students of the presidency in expressing alarm that the unfolding drama, which has kept the nation and the world guessing about the identity of the next president for more than a month since Election Day, will remove the mantle of legitimacy from whichever man ultimately claims the prize.

A number of observers also

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Chills head this way

Forecasters expect temps to plummet starting Monday

By Aaron Brock Times-News writer

BURLEY - A cold snap is still on its way to the Magic Valley, but the temperatures won't be quite as bitter as originally expected.

At least that's the latest prediction. Forecasters Friday were expecting lows next week to hit zero, or slightly below zero, from Burley to Idaho Falls. Those lows are likely from Monday through Wednesday.

In the Jerome and Twin Falls areas, lows will be around zero on

Monday, and might drop to 10 below zero on Tuesday and Wednesday,

said Jim Shadwick, a spokesman with the National Weather Service in Boise.

"It's still going to be cold," Shadwick said. "But not as cold as we'd originally thought."

The Thursday forecast from Pocatello called for temperatures dropping to as low as 30 degrees below zero in mountain locations such as Stanley.

"That has since been brought up," said Dawn Harmon, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Pocatello.

But, she added, temperatures still might plummet to 20 below zero in the mountain valley areas. "We do have a system coming in this week," she said. "It may drag in some arctic air from Canada."

The Burley Highway District is adding alcohol to the brake lines of district vehicles to prevent freezing, said district superintendent Kent Wetzelstein.

But not much else can be done to the roads until the cold weather actually arrives, he said.

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DAY CARE BURNS



Fire Capt. Rick Frantz looks at damages Friday afternoon at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Filer Avenue East in Twin Falls.

Officials suspect arson in blaze

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Arson is suspected in a Friday fire that ruined the day-care center attached to a Twin Falls church, and caused extensive damage in other parts of the church.

Police and firefighters responded to a fire call at 2:41 a.m. at

Call the police; services moved - A2

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filer Ave. E., according to a police report. Nobody was in the building at the time.

"We're going to have to break up the heating system and abandon

parts of the building to keep the pipes from freezing," said Pastor Lawrence Vedder.

Investigators late Friday still hadn't isolated the exact point of ignition or cause of the fire, but they strongly suspected arson, sa Twin Falls police Sgt. Mike Copington. Investigators also

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Simplot sues city over ties to energy

Company wants ability to buy power elsewhere

By Michael Joomie Times-News writer

BOISE - It was the very thing they were afraid would happen.

As lawmakers gathered for a special session to debate how to protect Idaho's electricity consumers and providers from the uncertainty of a deregulation, one of the state's agribusiness giants moved to free itself from a state law restricting its ability to shop for power.

J.R. Simplot Co. filed a complaint in the 4th Judicial District in Boise Friday morning, saying it wants to

stop using Heyburn's municipal power supply for its potato processing plant just outside Heyburn city limits.

Simplot moved quickly to file its complaint, because it was worried about the measure lawmakers wound up passing Friday. That bill repealed the Idaho Code section that was the basis of Simplot's complaint.

"We went ahead and filed so we would be grandfathered," said David Hawk, director of energy and natural resources for Simplot.

Lawmakers overwhelmingly approved the so-called bill Friday just a few hours after Simplot filed its complaint, a few hundred yards from the Statehouse in the Ada County Courthouse. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne Friday afternoon signed the bill, which state leaders have characterized as a "monument" designed to head off a deregulated electric industry.

It was not immediately clear Friday how much money Simplot pays to Heyburn. Auburn City Attorney Steven Tait said he had no estimate of Simplot's bills, and Hawk refused to discuss

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REMEMBERING THE MESSAGE

Fans gather Friday at the memorial mosaic in New York's Central Park on the 20th anniversary of John Lennon's death. For more, please see page B10.



Clinton emphasizes globalization during speech in U.S. heartland

The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON - Speaking to Americans in one of several farewell addresses he will deliver before leaving office next month, President Clinton warned the nation against complacency and urged free trade, the expansion of alliances, payment of hundreds of millions in back dues to the United Nations and the continued risk of money and military might in the world's trouble spots.

The president, speaking at the University of Nebraska, asserted that his foreign policy has bolstered world stability and freedom, and offered a challenge for

the coming years.

"What do we intend to make of this moment?" Clinton demanded after noting unparalleled U.S. wealth and global supremacy.

"Will we be grateful but basically complacent, being the political equivalent of couch potatoes? Will we assume that in this era of the Internet, freedom, peace and prosperity will just spread - that all we have to do is kind of sit back, hook the world up to AOL and wait for people to beat their swords into shares on the NASDAQ?"

The world will require more than that, the president said, if it is to become freer, richer and more peaceful.

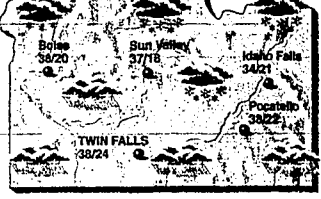
FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Idaho Extremes
Yesterday: High 41, Low 3, Salmon

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday
Temperature: High 30, Normal high 30, High low last year 34, Record low 2, Record low 2

Precipitation
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yest. 0.00, Normal month to date 0.32, Year to date 7.47, Normal year to date 9.69, Humidity Yesterday at noon 100%, Barometric pressure Yesterday at 8 p.m. 29.08 in.
Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
Grass Absent, Weeds Absent, Trees Absent, Mold Absent
Trees Source: Allergies and Allergy of Idaho



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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

Table with 5 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Mostly cloudy today; some snow, and valley rain, ice and snow, will develop across the west this morning and spread into the east by the end of the day. Mostly cloudy tonight with a couple of snow showers.
Boise: Patchy fog early, otherwise; cloudy today with some rain and snow developing during the midday and continuing through this afternoon. Mostly cloudy tonight with a couple of snow flurries.
Northern Nevada: Some sunshine in the east this morning, while clouds and a few showers of rain and snow develop in the west. Rain and snow showers will spread into the east this afternoon.

SUN AND MOON

Table with columns for Sun and Moon phases (Full, Last, New, First) and dates for December 11, 17, 25, and Jan 2.

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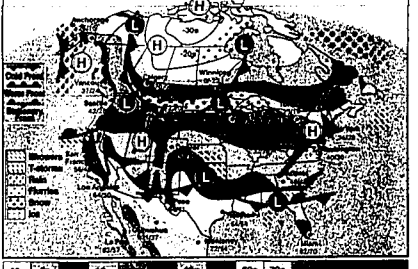
High 83° in Fort Myers, FL. Low -22° in Saranac Lake, NY.

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Court

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and chads, emboldened the Republican majority in the Florida legislature to intervene and increased the likelihood that the election dispute will spill into Congress early next year.

Even closer now

The Florida Supreme Court on Friday ordered manual recounts to begin in Gore's election districts and added 383 votes to his total.

The Florida ruling pulled Gore back from the brink of defeat just four days before the deadline for states to name their presidential electors. But rather than settle the issue, the court inflamed partisan passions and left the election more muddled than ever.

Idaho lawmakers close utility loophole

BOISE (AP) — The Legislature on Friday quickly closed a legal loophole identified in a federal appeals court ruling that left Idaho without regulatory authority over jurisdictional disputes between electric utilities.

Simplet

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Simplet's power rates.
However, Hawk said negotiations with the city over rates broke down in mid-October, just about the time a U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling effectively deregulated Idaho's electric industry.

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Fire

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didn't know of any possible movie for arson, he said.

Service moved
Because of smoke and fire damage services at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls will not be held in the church building.

Got a lead?
Anyone with information about the fire early Friday at the church should call the Twin Falls Police Department at 735-7282.

Call
Times-News reporter Mark Hank can be reached at 733-0931, ext. 238 or by e-mail at mhank@magicvalley.com

Correction

Friday's movie listings reported the wrong film playing for the next week at Twin Falls Lamphouse Theater. It's "Two Family House."

Information Call 734-6326
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WILD CARD, Wednesday, December 6, numbers 12 16 19 24 28
Rolldown, Thursday, December 7, numbers 6 16 23 44 51
Pick3 Idaho, Friday, December 8, numbers 8 7 2



Alpha cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev, left, and shuttle commander Brent Jett Jr. take pictures in the Unity module on Friday.

Alpha, Endeavour crews finally meet

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The crew of space station Alpha finally welcomed space shuttle Endeavour's astronauts aboard on Friday, after six days of flying in locked formation.

The commanders of the two spacecraft, both Navy officers, followed the etiquette of the high seas.

"The crew requests permission to come aboard," shuttle skipper

Brent Jett Jr. called out as soon as the space station hatch swung open.

"Permission granted," replied station skipper Bill Shepherd.

As Jett floated inside followed by his crew, Shepherd rang a ship's bell and announced in a singsong voice: "Endeavour, arriving."

It was a jumble of blue and red as the two crews hugged, shook

hands and slapped each other on the back. The three space station crewmen wore blue athletic suits; the five shuttle men were in red golf shirts and blue pants.

Endeavour's astronauts were the first visitors Shepherd and Russian cosmonauts Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalev have had since they moved into the international space station on Nov. 2.

Conservatives press case to House speaker

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservative toll House Speaker Dennis Hastert on Friday that they want any budget deal between the lame-duck Congress and President Clinton to include victories for their side.

"What we don't want to see is a shutdown," Rep. Mark Souder, R-Ind., told reporters after about two dozen conservatives met with Hastert, R-Ill., in his office.

"We want our leadership to know ... there are certain lines we don't want to cross," said another conservative, Rep. Dave Weidner, R-Fla.

Participants did not say that the conservatives, who requested the meeting, had threatened to vote against an agreement that is not to their liking. Even so, the session underscored the restiveness in the GOP's right-wing as Clinton administration officials and congressional leaders move toward a year-end budget pact.

Hastert told reporters that he listened to the conservatives and predicted that whatever deal emerges from negotiations would get strong GOP support.

"I think when the time comes we'll pull everybody together to get it done," he said.

Negotiations between White House and congressional officials were under way Friday by telephone. An agreement on school spending, immigration, some expanded Medicare payments and other issues could finally close the books on the overdue fiscal 2001 budget and the 106th Congress as early as next week.

Advocates praise Clinton's decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — Civil rights leaders and lawyers groups praised President Clinton on Friday for postponing the first federal execution in 37 years, but pressed for a moratorium on all federal death sentences.

"It's a good opening hymn, but it's not the sermon," said the Rev. Joseph Lowery, chairman of the Black Leadership Forum.

Thursday, Clinton postponed until June 2001 the execution of convicted murderer Juan Raul

Garza — to give the Justice Department more time to analyze information about racial and geographic disparities in the federal death penalty system.

"If that data is needed to evaluate Garza's case, then it is needed for all death row defendants," Lowery said after he and other members of Citizens for a Moratorium on Federal Executions met for an hour Friday with Attorney General Janet Reno and her deputy, Eric Holder.

MALL HOURS THIS WEEK

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Hackers hit Pentagon system thousands of times last year

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department suffered more than 22,000 electronic attacks on its computer systems in 1999 and about 14,000 in the first seven months of this year, the Pentagon's chief information officer said.

The vast majority of those attacks were either harmless or caused only petty harassment, but in a few cases, hackers believed to be working for foreign countries have broken into unclassified computer systems and downloaded large amounts of information, said Arthur Money, the assistant secretary of defense for command, control, communications and intelligence.

So far this year, officials said, number of attacks is up approximately 10 percent, and the percentage that have caused damage or resulted in intrusions is about the same.

In an interview, Money predicted that the number of attacks is only "will increase" in the future.

"A majority of the attacks (that cause damage) come through vulnerabilities in existing software, most of it from commercial companies" such as Microsoft, Netscape and Lotus, he said.

Pentagon officials said that, to the best of their knowledge, the Department of Defense's classified computer systems have not been breached.

The Pentagon was able to make an accurate count of the number of attacks for the first time last year, because at the end of 1998 it installed devices to monitor attempts by hackers to penetrate its computers.

In 1999, the Pentagon detected 22,144 attempts to probe, scan, hack into, infect with viruses or disable its computers. About 3 percent of those incidents caused temporary shutdowns or other damage. About 1 percent were intrusions by hackers who managed to break into unclassified computer systems.

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Reindeer Rumble Fun Run/Walk
 Saturday, Dec. 9th
 Registration begins at 10:30 am. Sponsored by Key Bank. CSI Gymnasium. Choose from a 2-mile walk, 2-mile run or 4-mile run. \$20.00 registration includes T-shirt, snacks and Festival admission.

Entertainment Main Stage
 Sponsored by First Federal Savings Bank. Continuous entertainment performed by talented local singing groups, choirs, bands, dance groups and musicians.

Festival Snack Shoppe & See's Candy Cart
 Trees and gifts for the whole family.
Holiday Gift Shop
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Children's Breakfast with Santa
 Saturday, Dec. 9th
 8:30 am
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YOUR WEEKEND



Hamlet comes alive

What: CSI Theater Department presents William Shakespeare's Hamlet tonight

Where: Room 119 of the Fine Arts Center in Twin Falls
When: 8 p.m.
How much: \$5 for general admission; \$3 for students and seniors

'Visions of Christmas'

What: Festival of Trees continues today and Sunday

Where: 241 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls
When: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday
How much: \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and \$1 for children 12 and under

Scrooge visits the Liberty

What: Company of Fools presents "A Christmas Carol" tonight and Sunday

Where: Liberty Theatre in Hailey
When: 7 p.m. tonight and 3 p.m. Sunday
How much: \$10 for general admission; \$7 for those ages 4-12

Winter wonderland

What: The "Christmas Memories" light parade will be held today in Buhl

Where: Starts at the Buhl Visitor Center
When: 7 p.m.
How much: Free

Seniors serve breakfast

What: Minidoka County Senior Center will hold a pancake breakfast and craft fair today

Where: 702 11th St. in Rupert
When: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
How much: \$4.25 for adults, \$3.50 for children under 10 or \$17.50 for a family of five

Christmas in the park

What: Twin Falls City Park will have lights and entertainment Sunday

Where: Twin Falls City Park
When: 5 p.m.
How much: Free

Rock around the tree

What: "Mistletoe Madness" dance will be held tonight for those 21 and over

Where: 241 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls
When: 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.
How much: \$15 per person by calling 737-2481

Gather at The Oasis

What: Raising Cain will play at The Oasis tonight

Where: 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
How much: Free

Compiled from staff reports

Democrats open caucus doors

Idaho House members let public, press into meetings

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

BOISE - Democrats in the Idaho House of Representatives announced Friday their caucus meetings for the 2001 Legislature would be open to the press and public.

Since their numbers were reduced to nine during November's election, the Democrats have discussed the

move in an attempt to foster more open state government, in light of Republicans' overwhelming dominance in the Legislature. The Democrats voted unanimously to open their caucus doors Thursday afternoon during the group's first caucus meeting after the November election.

"It is time to end the practice

of conducting the public's business in caucuses behind closed doors," said Rep. Ken Robison, D-Boise, in a news release prepared by the Democrats. "A closed caucus system serves the interests of political parties, not the interests of the people."

Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, said this year's project

of \$300 million budget surplus makes it even more important that the public and the press have access to meetings where the money is discussed.

"Everyone wants a piece of the pie," Jaquet said. "I think it is critical that Idaho residents know exactly where the surplus money is spent."

State Democratic Chairman Carolyn Bruce supports the lawmakers' move.

"Our elected officials should be applauded for taking such a bold step toward creating an open environment," she said.

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Author rises above livestock fracas

Writer pushes book, talks issues in Sun Valley

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Writer Gretel Ehrlich cherishes open spaces, elbow room, the big empty. She's even written a book called "The Solace of Open Spaces" about life on a Wyoming sheep ranch in the middle of nowhere.

But she found a lake that was a little too open for even her tastes on her most recent writing adventure in Iceland. Ehrlich was riding in a dog sled across the ice 20 miles from the nearest piece of land in late spring when she suddenly heard the sound of glass shattering. Horrified, she watched as the 20 dogs pulling the sled began to drop from sight one by one through a cavernous hole that had opened up in the ice.

The musher yelled at her to get low in the sled as he slammed a metal pole in the ice stopping the sled dead in its tracks.

Next thing she knew, Ehrlich said, he was on his stomach pulling one dog after another out of the water. Himself up to his knees in water, he picked up the front of the sleigh, which carried about a thousand pounds, and moved it to a more solid piece of ice.

"We've talked about calling the book 'Ice Capades,'" quipped Ehrlich. Ehrlich, who has been a featured writer at Sun Valley Writer's conferences in the past, was in Sun Valley Thursday to help push the book "Gathering Remnants: A Tribute to the Working Cowboy." The rancher-poet-sheep-herder-author read excerpts from the introduction she wrote for the book and discussed Western issues Thursday night at the Community School.

Among them, her belief that ranchers and environmentalists must rise above the polarizing fracas that wants to get rid of livestock on public lands. Environmentalists and ranchers actually share a common



Gretel Ehrlich was in Sun Valley Thursday to help push the book "Gathering Remnants: A Tribute to the Working Cowboy." The rancher-poet-sheep-herder-author read excerpts from the introduction she wrote for the book.

goal of keeping the land subdivided - a place where they can hike or ride their horses and not be encumbered by fences and houses. Environmentalists and good ranchers also want to keep the land healthy, she added.

"If the land is overgrazed, it's not the animals' fault, it's the human's fault. And it can be easily fixed," she said in an

interview before her talk.

But she cautioned, "People in this country are addicted to conflict. Sit down and talk about solutions and they get bored and get in their SUVs and drive home."

Ehrlich also pushed for maintaining local flavor and traditions - the things that bring diversity to the world. There were 15,000 languages

spoken in the world not too long ago. Today there are only 6,000. Similarly, we're losing the diversity of the rainforest, she pointed out.

Every valley should have its own collection of oral histories, she said.

"It's important to hang on to who we are, how local society shaped us. And celebrate our differences."

MV reps retain top House committee roles

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

BOISE - Aside from a Jerome lawmakers' expected promotion to head a budget-writing panel, most Magic Valley lawmakers will generally stay put during the 2001 legislative session.

When House committee assignments were announced

Friday, Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, was promoted to lead the House Appropriations Committee.

This means Bell will be co-chairperson of the powerful House-Senate budget committee. Senate leadership Thursday selected Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, to head the Senate's Finance Committee.

A JFAC co-chairmanship is considered the plum committee chairmanship, because of its control over the Legislature's purse strings.

Aside from the budget committee, three other Magic Valley lawmakers retained committee chairmanships.

Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, will again head the Agriculture

Committee, with Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, serving as vice chairman.

Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, was assigned chairperson of the Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee.

And Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Albion, will again head the House Transportation Committee.

Where they sit

Magic Valley assignments to Idaho House of Representatives committees:

Agriculture Committee
• Doug Jones, R-Filer (chairman)
• Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert (vice chairman)

Appropriations Committee
• Maxine Bell, R-Jerome (chairwoman)

Commerce and Human Resources Committee

• Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone
• George Swan, R-Twin Falls

Education Committee
• Doug Jones, R-Filer
• George Swan, R-Twin Falls

Health and Welfare Committee
• George Swan, R-Twin Falls
• Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum

Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee

• Celia Gould, R-Buhl (chairwoman)
• Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls

Resources and Conservation Committee
• Doug Jones, R-Filer
• Maxine Bell, R-Jerome
• Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert

Revenue and Taxation Committee
• Celia Gould, R-Buhl
• Jim Kempton, R-Albion
• Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone

• Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls

State Affairs Committee
• Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert
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Idaho Power urges energy reduction

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - As an arctic air mass approaches the Northwest, Idaho Power Co. is asking its customers to prepare to adjust their energy use in order to lower their future electric costs - and flows in the Snake River were increased overnight as the company prepares to meet the demand.

The company is among utilities throughout the western United States preparing for extraordinarily cold weather during the first part of next week.

"We don't expect this arctic air mass to affect our system's reliability, but we do know it has economic implications for our customers," said Jan Fackwood, Idaho Power president and chief executive. "We're confident that we can avoid a situation like that being experienced in California."

Meanwhile the utility has asked the Bureau of Reclamation to release some of the company's stored water to generate additional power over the weekend. During Friday night, the flows in the Snake River were to increase from about 500 cubic feet per second up to 4,200 cfs at Milner Dam. Friday afternoon the Bureau increased flows from about 350 cfs to about 4,000 cfs at American Falls Dam.

California is having almost daily power emergencies marked by both planned and unplanned outages as well as high prices and calls for industrial customers to curtail operations.

Temperatures in Idaho Please see POWER, Page A6

More information

Conservation measures
The cost of market-purchased power usually reaches its highest level during the peak hours of 6 to 8 a.m. and 5 to 7 a.m. Idaho Power said. Customers' efforts to use less electricity, especially during those times, will help lower costs and rates, the company said. Here's what you can do.

Residential customers

- Reduce space-heating thermostat to 65 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Reduce lighting - either number of lights or wattage of bulbs.
- Reduce or eliminate holiday lighting.
- Keep drapes closed.
- Increase refrigerator and freezer thermostat settings.
- Restrict washing machine, clothes dryer and dishwasher use.
- Turn off computers and televisions when not in use.
- Cook with microwaves rather than electric resistance ovens and stoves.

Commercial customers

- Take all above steps that apply.
- Set back temperatures during non-business hours.
- Eliminate or reduce advertising and parking lot lighting other than security lights.
- Turn off computers during non-business hours.

More information about energy conservation is available at www.idahopower.com. The customer service section includes energy-saving tips about appliances, heating and cooling, water heaters, lighting and weatherization. Or visit the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance's site at www.nwenergy.org.

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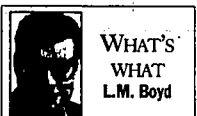
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Friday's Puzzle Solved

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Humpback whales eat a ton a day

A ton a day, that's how much humpback whales eat. Hollywood never pays any attention to the fact that the real Doc Holiday stood 5 foot 2 and weighed 115 pounds. No, water never burns. Item 6388 in our Love and War man's file has to be credited to Anonymous: "A woman marries hoping he will change, but he doesn't. A man marries hoping she won't change, but she does." It was President William Howard Taft who in 1910 reported that cocaine posed America's all-time most serious drug problem. There are philosophies that suggest you should never shovel snow. That it was put here for a purpose. To melt in the Spring. And you ought not mess with it. A frozen ant covered with ice crystals is not necessarily a dead ant. Many spend the winter in that brittle condition, then shake it off in the Spring. Brazil has black beaches, and pink, and gold, and white. About 4,000 of them. Why we see so little about them I don't know.



WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

Understand they're magnificent. Q. Italians come in No. 1 as pasta eaters. Who come in No. 2? A. The Swiss. No. 3, the French. A spider can't focus its eyes. If what it sees isn't exactly in range, it has to move closer or farther away to get a better look. Certain sailors a century ago believed you couldn't drown if you had a tattoo of a pig on one foot and of a rooster on the other. Q. How long does it take a plucked eyebrow to grow back? A. About 52 days. An opossum of appropriate gender has two wombs. Listed in my computer's notebook is a British ballerina named Mary Hale who for years wore T-shirts monogrammed: "Hale, Mary-Full of Grace."

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• VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus on cooperative efforts, politics, marital status. You will find what was lost. Cancer, Capricorn persons confide their love, loyalty.
• LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Social Affairs dominate. You will entertain and be entertained. Accounting procedures require review.
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Democrats would do well to back tax cut

Remember "It's the economy, stupid"? The reality that a U.S. president is judged, first and foremost, by the performance of the economy hasn't changed. But as the presidency changes hands, the identity of the cheerleaders and the naysayers is about to change, too. Most likely, it will be George W. Bush who will be inaugurated and tasked with keeping the good times rolling. If he can't, he must avoid the mistake his father made a decade ago.

Today's economy appears to be slowing. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan warned last week, "The pace of economic activity has moderated appreciably." Indeed, growth slowed from 5.6 percent in the second quarter to 2.4 percent in the third. Other indicators, such as consumer spending, business investment and new orders to factories, showed weakness as well.

Four decades ago, amid a slow economy, Democratic Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson pushed



JAMES P. PINKERTON

tax cuts as a way to "get the economy moving again." Republicans, kneejerkly opposed to anything Democratic, voted no. Happily, they were overrudden; the economy boomed for the rest of the '60s. Two decades ago, Republican Ronald Reagan pushed the same expansionary policy, this time overcoming Democratic opposition. The result was another boom.

So it was reasonable for Vice President-elect (almost) Dick Cheney to note the slowdown in a NBC weekend interview: "We may well be on the front edge of a recession here." And, especially in light of the enormous surpluses piling up, it was predictable that Cheney

would cite Bush's tax cut plan as an appropriate counter-cyclical response. Just as predictable, of course, was the shrill protest from the left.

Writing in The New York Times, economist Paul Krugman denounced "big, irresponsible tax cuts." The Washington Post allowed that "a recession remains possible," but insisted, "the best tool for managing the economic cycle is usually not fiscal policy but interest rates." In other words, no tax cut.

Congressional Democrats, who would have to vote yes or nay on any such cut, have been mostly silent. Part of the reason, of course, is that they have been preoccupied with the Florida recount. But another consideration is simple prudence: Democrats want to see if the Bush-Cheney team really means business, specifically, whether Bush Jr. in 2001 will make the same mistake that Bush Sr. made in 1989.

The elder Bush, of course, had campaigned on the "read my lips, no new taxes" pledge in his 1988 campaign.

Indeed, he had gone further, advocating a cut in the capital-gains tax rate to spur savings and investment. Bush pushed for that cut in 1989, but was blocked by the Democrats in Congress. His proper response, of course, should have been to mount the bully pulpit. He should have blamed the Democrats for their intransigence and declared them henceforth to be responsible for the fate of the economy.

Instead, Bush attempted a new track: he tried to negotiate with congressional Democrats from a position of weakness. In 1990, even as the economy was softening, he renounced his no-tax-increase pledge in a humiliating pursuit of a budget agreement that a) increased taxes, b) increased spending, c) increased the deficit as tax hikes offset the economy further, d) absolved the Democrats of any responsibility for the slowdown (since they could say they just did what President Bush wanted them to do) and e) shattered his own anti-tax, limited-government political coalition.

Given that Bush political tradition, the Democrats would be wise to stall, proclaiming to a sympathetic media, their fears about "risky tax schemes" and hoping that this Bush will back down, too.

On the other hand, if the new President Bush pushes forward, damning the media torpedoes, declaring that if his plan isn't enacted, working Americans could lose their jobs, then the Democrats will face a stark choice. If they block Bush's tax cut - and given the partisan numbers in the next Congress, they could probably do so - they risk getting blamed for any recession that follows. If they go along, they lose face with the Friends of Big Government, but stand to share the credit for post-tax-cut good times.

Put in those terms, the Democrats - enough, anyway - would have little choice but to go along. So the question is whether this Bush can make the case and close the tax-cut deal.

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Free speech phonies erode basic Constitutional rights

The First Amendment has many defenders in theory but few defenders in fact. Liberal groups that used to support free speech strongly have abandoned their advocacy of this right in favor of using government to silence their opposition and thus move the culture to their point of view.

Those who would sacrifice the First Amendment to silence their ideological foes won a pyrrhic victory last year in South Carolina. The state supreme court ruled in Gynecology Clinic Inc. v. Cleo that clergy members who engage in peaceful pro-life protests could be held liable for creating a "private nuisance" and "civil conspiracy" - not for blocking the entrance to the clinic or committing some other illegal offense, but because the clergymen's goal was "to discourage women from patronizing (the clinic) with the goal of making abortion unavailable."

According to the court, lawful actions become a civil conspiracy "when the object is to ruin or damage the business of another."

What type of lawful, peaceful protest would this not encompass? Unions exercise their right to picket in order to clamor for a better deal. It is the point where giving in to the union's demands is more acceptable than allowing the strike to continue. Environmentalists protest to end logging and mining operations. The NAACP successfully boycotted tourism in South Carolina, with the goal of pressuring the state legislature to remove the Confederate flag from atop the state capitol.



MIRIAM R. MOORE

McNally. That letter states that "members of the public can decide for themselves whether to see the play, and what to think about it if they do," and that "no one sensibly should dictate what all may see."

When asked why McNally was entitled to a playhouse but Schlessinger isn't entitled to a television program, GLAAD responds that Dr. Laura is an exception because her views are "inaccurate."

Apparently, the call for tolerance and diversity ends when the speech isn't what homosexual activists want to hear.

The same trend is seen over and over again wherever Americans fight cultural battles. Colleges that used to be hotbeds of liberal activism now have politically correct speech codes and "free-speech zones" that limit protests to small, remote sections of campus. Many college administrators who engaged in campus protests as students are not willing to allow today's students to have the same freedom. The ACLU, People for the American Way, NOW, and homosexual activist groups argued in the U.S. Supreme Court against the First Amendment rights of the Boy Scouts to determine their core beliefs and membership without government interference. The ACLU has even contemplated suing the state of Louisiana for its approval of a new "Choose Life" license plate because it is "an intrusion on women's rights." Speech chosen by the individual driver is a threat to "women's rights" that needs to be shut down by court order?



But enforcing their laws to protect all citizens from crime.

But wouldn't it be useful to have a law that made it illegal to state that homosexuality is unnatural or immoral? It's a lot easier to persuade the audience when you're the only one allowed to speak.

Whether urging public funding for "art" that celebrates vulgarity or desecrates religion, or trumpeting the right to remind the public that free speech doesn't just mean the speech the public likes. What the free speech phonies mean is freedom for the speech they like.

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Now, however, sued to have the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), a law designed to fight organized crime, applied to pro-life organizations. In the 70s, when Congress first considered RICO, liberal organizations opposed it because it might have been used against anti-Vietnam war protesters. And they were right to worry - had RICO been around at the time, Martin Luther King Jr. would have been a "racketeer" as would others who sat in at segregated lunch counters to protest racial discrimination.

On yet another front, homosexual activists are crusading against Dr. Laura Schlessinger off the airwaves because she doesn't parrot their views on the morality and "science" of homosexuality. In 1998, when Terrence McNally's controversial "pro-homosexuality play" "Corpus Christi" was protested, liberal civil rights and gay activist groups ran to the rescue with free speech rallies. No such rescues are in the works for Dr. Laura. In fact, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation states that Dr. Laura can say what she wants but she is not entitled to "entertainment television program" to broadcast her views - a position at odds with the 1998 letter they signed in support of

Abortions shed human blood

The Times-News article, "A case for life," especially the accompanying photo of the Labrador retriever being taken to its death, was certainly heart-rending. I couldn't look at that picture without thinking how tragic it is that this dog received a much kinder and compassionate demise than many unborn human babies receive at the hands of abortionists behind the closed doors of so-called women's health clinics. The barbaric procedure kept legal single-handedly by Bill Clinton called "partial-birth abortion" makes the procedure used at the Twin Falls Human Society on domestic dogs and cats seem like a picnic in comparison. I commend Laurie Simonds and her co-workers for their labor of love and compassion for pets left homeless. However, I'm reminded how out of focus our society's values become when people whose moral compass is out of alignment prevail at the highest level of judicial decision-making in our land (Roe vs Wade).

While Bill Clinton is attempting to burn a legacy worth remembering, I'm afraid the human blood that's been shed in partial-birth abortions during his administration will cry out against him and this country for a long time after he leaves office.

DUANE LUCHSINGER
Twin Falls

Millions of cats and dogs are euthanized annually in the United States, and the majority of them are bright-eyed and healthy, with no physical or mental deformities. Most of the so-called "stray" dogs and cats were once owned by irresponsible humans.

It's so sad to see these abandoned little animals in misery and pain and usually half-starved.

Wake up, people! Please fulfill your obligation as a caring and responsible human being - and have your pets spayed or neutered.

It's a shame that there are so many people in our society who have so little regard for life and death.

Also, I'd think our community could work together to raise the needed money to assist with the needed expansion of the animal shelter. Most of us seem to have the money to spend on such less important things than the lives of our special little pets. They deserve a chance and their chance starts with you!

SANDY MCLEOD
Gooding

Goodbye, Jim Trogia

I met Jim Trogia in 1994 when his wife mentioned he was looking for a golf partner. Jim and I seemed to bond immediately and, for the next few years, we frequented the golf courses of the Magic Valley. We were equal in talent (that is not to say we were good) and had many laughs on and off the course. Serious illnesses hit us both and our golf days diminished. We kept in contact, and his concern for me was reciprocated.

Our warped sense of humor somehow eased the pain we were feeling on certain days. I will miss his calls. I will miss his friendship. Jim is now at the next level. He is doing fine. He is OK.

Goodbye, my friend.
RON D'ARBNEY
Twin Falls

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Owners should take responsibility

I'm writing this letter in response to the Dec. 4 Times-News article about the "no kill" policy for the Twin Falls Animal Shelter.

It angers me that so many people do not take the responsibility of being a pet owner seriously. Why are these cats and dogs being killed? Because their caretakers, the ones who are supposed to love and protect these animals, are not doing so, and these senseless people are not spaying and neutering their animals.

Let every vote count

Which is more important, your vote being counted or a dimeable? When the electoral college lets the power-hungry radical and the so-called Christian right establish their power hold, and like sheep following a wolf with a bell, all opposition will soon say, "It is more expedient that democracy and human rights of the small citizen die than our nation perish."

Who can deny that history doesn't repeat itself?

Have we forgotten how Nazism in Germany and communism in Russia gained total control of their peoples? Slavery and total control files under many kinds of flags, but the flag doesn't change the substance!

EDNA BYERS
Rupert

Did 'huge' crowd cause injuries?

I'm curious, did anyone in that "huge" crowd of demonstrators suffer body injuries while appearing recently on steps of the Twin Falls County Courthouse with the Hempelmanns?

GLORIA HANN
Twin Falls

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By Garry Trudeau



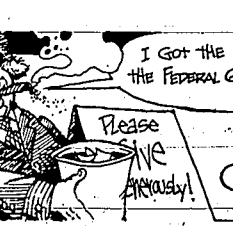
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expressed concern about the impact of the partisan infighting on the courts and legislative bodies that have been drawn into the battle—and even on the international standing of the United States.

In Congress, which could find itself forced to choose next month between states of electors pledged to Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush, partisans of the rival candidates took up the expected positions of supporting their own nominees.

But even there, many expressed apprehension about the conflict that looms ahead.

Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., said, "My concerns have been heightened. We are exploring areas that have not been explored before, sailing in murky waters we do not know. We're looking at one unprecedented action after another and the reverberations could be very serious." Hagel, about to leave on a Middle East trip, said he had heard from many ambassadors and foreign ministers "who are confused and concerned about what is happening. This cuts to our credibility in the world, because they are wondering if a president who survives this gauntlet can actually govern."

Many Democrats said the dangers were exaggerated and echoed the statement from Gore's campaign chairman, William Daley, that the court-ordered hand count would provide the necessary assurance that the right man will win.

There is still more than enough time to count thousands of ballots that were cast but never counted," said House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt (Mo.) and Senate Minority Leader Thomas A. Daschle (S.D.), in a joint statement. "The state of Florida has in place a system for moving full speed ahead with the manual

recount. We should respect the decision of the state's highest court and continue to support the principle that in democracies there are few more noble goals than counting every vote and honoring the will of the people."

But with the Florida legislature now poised next week to name its own slate of electors, even experts on the Constitution and veterans of government said they could foresee a growing possibility of conflicts between the legislative and judicial branches in both Tallahassee and Washington.

The last time a presidential election created such uncertainty was in 1876. The device adopted then — an

ad hoc commission — was disgraced by scandal, and the laws being cited in the current controversy were enacted in hopes of preventing another such fiasco. But now those laws have been found to have their own ambiguity.

"We are spinning around inside our system of checks and balances," said former Clinton White House chief of staff Leon Panetta, "and whether it works or not has become an open question."

"The longer this continues to play out," he said, "the less legitimacy the winning candidate will have."

Panetta suggested that President Clinton and Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., as heads of the executive and legislative branch might "have an opportunity" to suggest to both candidates a method for resolving the conflict without endless conflict. "Someone, somewhere has to say how we are going to bring this to closure," he said. "Everyone can't just sit in the trenches and watch it play out."

Princeton presidential scholar Fred Greenstein said that was a possible avenue, but added that if Clinton were not such damaged goods, it would be more obvious.

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— Leon Panetta, former Clinton chief of staff

Ruling gives Bush's White House ride a jolt

Los Angeles Times

AUSTIN, Texas — The day began with whoops and exclamations of joy when one set of Florida rulings went their way.

It ended with long faces and outrage here — the speculation about when and where to hold George W. Bush victory rally replaced with a renewed uncertainty about the election's outcome.

Bush staffers seemed stunned by the Florida Supreme Court's ruling in favor of Vice President Al Gore, some smashing their fists on desks at Bush headquarters, others stalking away from the television in disgust.

Karen Hughes, Bush's campaign spokeswoman and a shoe-in for a top White House position should her candidate prevail, walked briskly to the back of the office. Office in hand, a young son by her side, Hughes looked

straight ahead as she passed reporters clustered outside the room's glass doors.

She was quickly followed by aides headed to the Bush camp's war room in the marble and glass skyscraper just blocks from the Texas Capitol. Suddenly, staffers who had only minutes earlier been cheerfully chatting about transition prospects closed ranks behind locked doors.

There was no official response from Austin headquarters to the legal setback Friday night. "All reaction is coming from Florida," said an aide in the media office.

The decision earlier Friday by two Florida judges not to throw out thousands of absentee votes in Seminole and Martin counties had brought the chance of a decisive victory tantalizingly close.

With a final legal hurdle to go before the state Supreme Court, many in the Bush campaign were ebullient. The more cautious said

the ups and downs of the past month made them reluctant to get too excited. "I'm mentally prepared for this to go into January," said Bush spokes-

woman Mindy Tucker. Bush had indicated Friday morning that he was optimistic Gore might soon throw in the towel.

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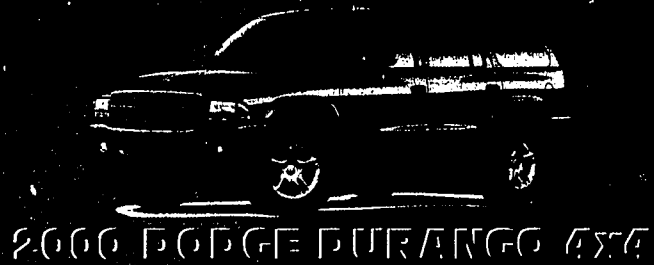
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SPORTSQUOTE

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—Pittsburgh Penguin star Jaromir Jagr on the comeback of NHL legend Mario Lemieux

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who holds the NBA record for most personal fouls in a season? ...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school wrestling

Mt. Home Frosh/Soph Tourney
Burley/Rigby/Mad at Minico, 4 p.m.
Gooding/American Falls, Jerome at Declo, 2 p.m.

Women's college basketball

UVSC at CSI, 6 p.m. (1450AM)

Men's college basketball

UVSC at CSI, 8 p.m. (1310AM)

Girls' high school basketball

Buhl at Middleton, 4:15 p.m.
Raft River at Dietrich, 4:30 p.m.
Century at Twin Falls, 5 p.m.
Filer at Valley, 6 p.m.
Shoshone at Gooding, 6 p.m.
Minico at Pocatello, 6 p.m.
Bonnevile at Jerome, 6 p.m.
Hansen at Camas, 6 p.m.
Minico at Highland, 7:30 p.m.
Carey Tournament

Boys' high school basketball

Valley at Malad, 4:15 p.m.
Declo at Glenns Ferry, 4:30 p.m.
Raft River at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.
Hansen at Camas, 7:30 p.m.
Carey Tournament

IN BRIEF

Golf tournament sets new record

SUN VALLEY - The 24th Annual Danny Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament, held in Sun Valley last August, set a new tournament record this year by raising \$550,000 for cancer and leukemia research.

The Mountain States Tumor Institute in Boise and the University of Minnesota Cancer Research Center will share the proceeds. The \$275,000 earmarked for the Mountain State Tumor Institute, a subsidiary of St. Luke's Medical Center, is the largest single contribution the center has received.

Boxes will be presented to both organizations in a ceremony Dec. 16 at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum.

Twin Falls fruit can be picked up today

TWIN FALLS - People who ordered fruit from the Twin Falls High baseball and softball teams can pick up their boxes today at First Federal Bank on the corner of Blue Lakes and Falls Avenue from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Those who have not pre-ordered boxes may do so today as well. Boxes of oranges or grapefruit are \$15 each or two for \$26. Call Nick Baumert at 732-4978 or 420-4978 for more information.

Minico fruit will also be distributed today

MINICO - The Minico High School baseball team will be distributing fruit today to those people who ordered items.

Players will be at the MHS fieldhouse from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to help fill orders. Extra boxes of oranges and grapefruit will also be available for purchase. The cost is \$14 for oranges, \$15 for grapefruit or \$24 for one of each. For more information or to reserve fruit boxes, contact Russ Wright at 436-4721, Ext. 134 or 436-6975.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

New Jersey's Darryl Dawkins, 386 in 1983-84.

SPLIT DECISION

Eagle men hold off Salt Lake

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Normally, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team puts up 50 points by halftime.

Friday night, the third-ranked Golden Eagles needed an extra 11:26 into the second half before topping the half-century mark.

Fortunately it was enough, as CSI pulled away late for a 75-54 win over Salt Lake Community College. The win successfully opened the Scenic West Athletic Conference season for the Eagles, who improved to 11-1 overall, 1-0 in the conference.

Blandon Ferguson scored a game-high 14 to lead five Southern Idaho players in double figures. Jason Brazier provided 13 points off the bench on 4-of-5 shooting. Tra Arnold chipped in 11 and Cardell Butler and Zack White each posted 10.

The Oklafor added six blocks to go along with 14 rebounds. Four of the 7-footer's swats came in a brief five-minute span that sparked an 11-4 CSI run midway through the second half. White capped the run with a back-breaking 3-pointer from the corner to take a 56-44 lead with 5:03 left.

Garland Perry tallied 12 to lead the Bruins.

The win didn't come easy as CSI opened the game shooting a dismal 29 percent (10-of-35). The Eagles finished strong, however, connecting on 15-of-32 attempts for 47 percent. CSI finished the night at 37 percent.

The Bruins didn't fare much better, ending at 35 percent on 20-of-57.

The poor shooting led to CSI's 27-point half, something CSI head coach Derek Zeck cringed to a pesky, disruptive SLCC 2-3 zone.

"They took us out of our rhythm," he said. "We didn't shoot well but we just didn't execute at all."

After battling from behind the entire game, the chie finally caught up with Salt Lake as CSI closed with a 19-10 run to put it away.

"I think our talent just prevailed," Zeck said.

White said the team lifted its game to meet the challenge.

"We just picked up our effort," the freshman said. "Our defensive intensity picked up and we got some easy shots because of it."

Notes:

Other men's scores Friday night saw Utah Valley State beat Treasure Valley Community College 82-76 and Colorado Northwestern and North Idaho College 44-32 at the half. In SWAC women's games, it was UVSC 76, TVCC 60 and CNCC 71, NIC 62. Marko Popovic didn't fare because of a badly sprained toe. Zeck said Popovic injured the toe when teammate Ben Eze stepped on it in practice. The win was the program's 1,006th.

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Southern Idaho's Jason Brazier sinks a lay-up for two points against a Salt Lake Community College defender during Friday night's Golden Eagle win. Brazier was fouled on the play and connected on his free-throw attempt.

BRUCE SWELLES/The Times-News

Women's perfect season comes to halt

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Salt Lake Community College women's basketball team should stockpile Windex.

The Bruins' ability to clean the glass Friday night against second-ranked College of Southern Idaho lifted visiting Salt Lake to a 57-55 Scenic West Athletic Conference season-opening shocker.

It was the Golden Eagles' first defeat of the season.

Four straight offensive rebounds in a critical 1:35 span late turned into five chances to score by the Bruins, and they capitalized with a pair of free throws

for a 56-54 lead with 37 seconds left.

After a CSI timeout, Holly Armstrong found Gardiner in the paint for a nifty turn-around bank shot and the 56-54 tie with a mere 19 seconds remaining.

But an Armstrong foul put Kim Hemenway on the line and the sophomore hit the second of two free throws to give Salt Lake the lead.

With time winding down, Elisbu Booth kicked out a pass to a wide-open Jinga Goschalk on the baseline, but the sophomore short-armed a 12-foot jumper and the ball rimmed out as the buzzer sounded.

Salt Lake coach Betsy Speckter said the Bruins' ability to hang in the game after falling behind by 10 with 8:10 left made the difference.

"It's unbelievably huge to win here," she said.

Candace Dow led a trio of Lady Bruins in double figures with 15 points and five rebounds. Mata Tukuafu scored 12 and Brooke Hansen 11 for Salt Lake.

(10-SWAC, 8-1 overall). Gardiner tallied a game-high 18 points on 9-of-9 shooting for the Golden Eagles (0-1, 8-1). Booth added 14 points and six rebounds.

But it was CSI's inability to cor-

ral the loose ball in the final minute that allowed Salt Lake to snag the win. Overall, the Bruins outrebounced CSI 35-25.

"We have to have somebody step up and that didn't happen," said CSI coach Kendall Grant.

"And when you get outrebounced, you're going to be a beat." With CSI seemingly in control, Tukuafu buried a huge 3-pointer from the top of the arc to tie it at 54-54 with 2:12 left. The shot turned the momentum, and ultimately the game, in the Bruins' favor.

The game continued a back-and-forth affair into the second half when the teams exchanged the lead four times, three on our

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Seniority snubbed?



The show
The Heisman Trophy presentation will be broadcast live today at 6 p.m. on ESPN.

even stronger chance to win the trophy given by the Downtown Athletic Club. "It would be a travesty if he doesn't win because age was a factor," Florida-State coach Bobby Bowden said. "That shouldn't be a factor."

But because it's there, age has become an issue. Some argue Weinke has an unfair advantage because of his maturity and his experience as a pro baseball player, and won't even consider him a candidate. Others argue that Weinke should be admired for having the "audacity," as Bowden calls it, to come back and think he could excel after playing minor league baseball for six years.

Balls were due Friday, but no matter who wins and for what reason, this Heisman race might end up as one of the closest in history.

Humanitarian Bowl promises high scores

By Melanie Carroll
Associated Press writer

BOISE - At first, Boise State coach-in-waiting Dan Hawkins wasn't sure what to think about his team's Humanitarian Bowl matchup with Texas-EI Paso. Then he saw the Miners on film. "I was a lot more excited about the game until I pulled out the tape to watch them," Hawkins said Thursday. "It's going to be great. We have similar offenses and defenses. It's going to be a basketball game."

UTEP coach Gary Nord agreed. "I would be surprised if it was a low-scoring game," said Nord, who in his first season has taken

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Thursday, Dec. 28
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the Miners (8-3) to their first bowl appearance since 1988. Hawkins, an assistant who was promoted after Dirk Koester accepted the Arizona State job, was joined by Nord at a news conference to discuss the Dec. 28 game. Boise State (9-2) has the country's top scoring offense, averaging 38.5 points per game.

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Sanderson answers for Jackets in OT

LETTER

Way to go, tennis pro... Last weekend, I was fortunate to attend a special tennis presentation and clinic at the YFCA in Twin Falls.

that he's dedicated to our winning season... I understand that bringing Jim Rich to Twin Falls to put on this clinic was an expense, too, and a commitment for Doug.

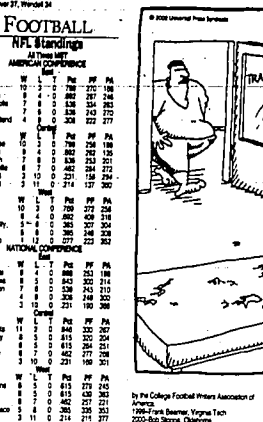
BASEBALL

Free Agent Signings... MACKENZIE, Carlos... FREE AGENT SIGNINGS... MACKENZIE, Carlos; MACHADO, Orlando...

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings... EASTERN CONFERENCE: Boston 13, New York 12, Orlando 11, Washington 10, Philadelphia 9, Detroit 8, Charlotte 7, Cleveland 6, Milwaukee 5, Chicago 4, Indiana 3, Memphis 2, Atlanta 1.

IN THE BLEACHERS



By Steve Moore

FOOTBALL NFL Standings... AFC: Pittsburgh 11, Baltimore 10, Cleveland 9, Cincinnati 8, Denver 7, Houston 6, Indianapolis 5, Jacksonville 4, Kansas City 3, Miami 2, Oakland 1, Tennessee 0.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE... Dallas 11, Green Bay 10, New England 9, San Francisco 8, St. Louis 7, Tampa Bay 6, Carolina 5, Cincinnati 4, Cincinnati 3, Cincinnati 2, Cincinnati 1.

NHL

Verdovsky's power-play goal in overtime lifted the Anaheim Mighty Ducks to a 1-0 victory Friday night over the Minnesota Wild.

Rangers 5, Sabres 2

NEW YORK - Theo Fleury scored a pair of goals as the Rangers snapped the Sabres' three-game winning streak.

Mighty Ducks 1, Wild 0

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Oleg Tverdovsky's power-play goal in overtime lifted the Anaheim Mighty Ducks to a 1-0 victory Friday night over the Minnesota Wild.

Rangers, was unbeaten in 12 of his last 13 decisions against New York.

Senators 1, Canadiens 0

KANATA, Ontario - Andrew Dickell scored with less than three minutes left in the third as the Mighty Ducks had their second shutout in four games.

Avalanche 2, Lightning 0

TAMPA, Fla. - Rookie David Bekish made a goal and an assist. Anshikov, the backup to Patrick Roy, had two shutouts in seven games, robbed Alexander Kharitonov on a breakaway and Pavel Kubina during a 2-on-1 in the second period.

Red Wings 6, Flyers 1

DETROIT - Steve Yzerman scored his first goal of the season and added two assists to lead the Detroit Red Wings.

Thrashers 4, Panthers 3

ATLANTA - Red-hot Ray Ferraro scored a penalty goal 22 seconds into overtime, giving the Atlanta Thrashers a 4-3 victory over the hapless Florida Panthers.

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS

FOOTBALL NFL Standings... AFC: Pittsburgh 11, Baltimore 10, Cleveland 9, Cincinnati 8, Denver 7, Houston 6, Indianapolis 5, Jacksonville 4, Kansas City 3, Miami 2, Oakland 1, Tennessee 0.

NCAA DIV I-AA PLAYOFFS

Georgia Southern (11-0) at Montana State (11-0) 12 p.m. Champlin; Sam Houston State (10-2) at Montana (11-0) 12 p.m. Champlin.

NCAA DIV III PLAYOFFS

Albany State at Montana State 11-0; Bowling Green at Montana State 11-0; Ferris State at Montana State 11-0.

HARRAH'S ODDS

AKAZO, New York - Updated odds on college football line bets are available at Harrah's Sports Club & Bookies.

TOURNAMENT

American Bullfight Classic... Double Walker Award... Women's of the Year... Awards and honors for various sports categories.

ON THE AIR

RADIO: Women's basketball, CSI vs. UVSC 4:50PM-5:30 p.m.; Men's basketball, CSI vs. UVSC 7:30 p.m. TELEVISION: College basketball, Kentucky at Ga. Tech ESPN 10 a.m.

THRESHOLD 4, PATNERS 3

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Jackets 5, Bruins 2: M. Oksanen (1), J. Oksanen (2), K. Oksanen (3), L. Oksanen (4), P. Oksanen (5).

TELEVISION

College basketball, Kentucky at Ga. Tech ESPN 10 a.m.; Figure skating, World Championships NBC noon.

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TRANSACTIONS

SPORTS

Hampton heads for the hills

Hampton likely going to Colorado

DALLAS (AP) — Mike Hampton, the most coveted left-hander on the free-agent market, reached a preliminary agreement Friday on a \$121 million, eight-year deal with the Colorado Rockies, the largest contract in baseball history.

The deal is contingent on Hampton passing a physical and other minor details, according to two baseball officials who spoke on the condition they not be identified.

Hampton, who went 15-10 for the New York Mets last season, would be the second prominent left-hander to sign with Colorado this week. Denny Neagle agreed to a \$51.5 million, five-year deal on Monday.

In total dollars, the deal surpasses the previous high of \$105 million, a seven-year contract Kevin Brown agreed to with the Los Angeles Dodgers at the 1998 winter meetings.

"It's not a done deal," Rockies spokesman Jay Alves said. "Serious negotiations are taking place, but it looks good."

The Denver Rocky Mountain News, which first reported the eight-year agreement earlier Friday on its Web site, said the deal includes an option for 2009. It



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is the longest contract for a pitcher since Wayne Garland signed a 10-year deal with Cleveland in 1977. Hampton has had moderate success at Coors Field, going 4-1 with a 4.0 ERA in five starts. He pitched into the seventh in four of those starts.

Other teams that were trying to lure Hampton were St. Louis, Atlanta, Texas and the Chicago Cubs.

Cubs sign two to bolster porous pen

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs got some much-needed help for their shaky bullpen Friday, reaching a tentative agreement with

closer Tom Gordon and agreeing to terms with Jeff Fassero.

The deal with Gordon, who missed all of last season recuperating from ligament replacement surgery, is pending medical tests next week, according to a source close to the negotiations, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Terms of the deal were not immediately available.

Fassero agreed to a two-year contract, with a mutual option for 2003.

Journeyman Dunston returns to Giants

SAN FRANCISCO — Third baseman Dunston has signed ve-

eran utilityman Shawn Dunston to a one-year deal. The contract includes a player option for 2002.

Dunston, 37, will be making his third tour with the team — he played for the Giants in 1996 and 1998. He spent last year with the St. Louis Cardinals, where in 98 games he batted .250 with 12 home runs and 43 RBIs. He played all three outfield positions, as well as every infield position but second base.

Dunston, the first player chosen in the 1982 draft, was a two-time All-Star with the Chicago Cubs. He has played in 16 seasons for six teams.

Grace goes to Arizona for \$6 million

CHICAGO — After 13 years with the Chicago Cubs, Mark Grace is an Arizona Diamondback.

The first baseman agreed to a two-year, \$6 million deal with the Diamondbacks on Friday, less than 24 hours after the Cubs declined to offer him arbitration. The deal also includes a mutual \$3 million option for a third year.

Despite his long-standing love affair with the team and the Wrigley Field fans, the Cubs' decision to let Grace go was hardly a surprising one. After 90 losses in three of the last four seasons, Cubs president and general manager Andy MacPhail has to make some tough choices.

The Cubs have two strong up-and-comers at first base with Julio Zuleta and Ixti Sosa. Chul, and one — if not both — will be ready to play next season. At some point, Grace would have to make way for the younger players, and MacPhail didn't want to do that to him.

Davis injury jinx bites Rafter

Tennis

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — The Davis Cup final looks like a jinx for Pat Rafter.

The former world No. 1 player, missed Australia's winning final last year against France because of surgery a few weeks earlier on his right shoulder.

He made it to this year's final, but cramps forced him to retire Friday in the fourth set against Juan Carlos Ferrero as Spain gained a 1-1 split after the opening day's singles.

Ferrero, a surprise choice to play instead of Spain's top player, Alex Corretja, won 6-7 (4), 7-6 (2), 6-2, 3-1 with a sellout crowd of 14,000 festering and willing on a team chasing its first Davis Cup title. Australia has won the prestigious international team tennis trophy 27 times.

In the first singles match, Lleyton Hewitt defeated Albert Costa 6-3, 6-1, 6-0 in a 4-hour, 10-minute marathon that had the Australian ripping the crowd as the "worst" he'd ever played before.

"I don't mind whistling, but you're not playing soccer game, you're playing tennis," he has been criticized for his chest-thumping, fist-waving on-court tactics.

Rafter apparently suffered back and hip injuries in the eighth game of the third set, but he leaped high into the air for an overhead and came down off balance.

He completed that game to end the set, then lasted four more games before signaling he'd had enough.

Newcombe said Rafter retired as a precaution, but the Australian captain expected him to play Sunday's reverse singles.

Newcombe said Rafter was cramping in his forearm, thigh and hip, so he pulled him when it seemed unlikely he'd beat the young Spaniard.

"He'll be OK to play on Sunday," Newcombe said. "We're a bit puzzled. I think he was tired or maybe he was tense after watching the Hewitt match in the locker room."

McEnroe tops Borg — but they could meet again

LONDON — Two decades after their thrilling Wimbledon finals, John McEnroe and Bjorn Borg put on another show Friday.

McEnroe beat Borg 7-6 (4), 6-3 in the round-robin stage of the Honda Challenge Seniors indoor tennis tournament — and both qualified for the semifinals.

Their match at the Royal Albert Hall was delayed for five hours because Borg had food poisoning.

Once they got on court, the two tennis greats treated a big crowd to 68 minutes of standout tennis. Borg opened with three aces in the first game of the match.

McEnroe broke serve in the first game of the second set and eventually served out at 5-3, needing five match points to put the Swede away.

"I finished first and second in their group, and McEnroe faces Henri Leconte today for a place in Sunday's final. Borg meets Pat Cash in the other semifinal.

That means there could well be another McEnroe-Borg match to come.

Duval and Woods gain strokes at World Cup



BELLA VISTA, Argentina (AP) — A rejuvenated Tiger Woods and partner David Duval used four straight birdies Friday to climb into third place at the World Cup of Golf, two strokes behind leaders Argentina and New Zealand.

The U.S. duo started the day trailing the co-leaders by five strokes, but finished with a 7-under-par 65 on the day to reach 18-under 126 for the tournament at the Buenos Aires Golf Club.

"I thought we played beautifully today," Woods said. "The shots that we hit poorly, each bailed the other person out. And I actually hit the ball a little bit better today, which was nice."

After struggling through the opening round of best-ball, Woods appeared to regain his form in the alternate shot format. He hit some tough shots, smiled broadly and often joked with Duval — a sharp contrast with Thursday.

"David made a lot of putts, which was great to see," Woods said. "All I needed to do was just hit the ball on the flat surface, and he made the putt. Wasn't too hard."

Argentina's Angel Cabrera and Eduardo Romero were tied with New Zealand's Frank Nobilo and Greg Turner at 20 under. Both pairs followed Thursday's 57s with 67s.

Australia's Peter O'Malley and Lucas Parsons were fourth at 16 under after carding a 70 Friday. Paraguay's Carlos Franco and Esteban Isasi and Ireland's Padraig Harrington and Paul Mc Ginley were tied for fifth, another two strokes back.

United States golfer Tiger Woods studies a putt on the 17th green as teammate David Duval looks on during the second round of the World Cup of Golf at Buenos Aires Golf Club.

Today, play returns to a best-ball format, followed Sunday by a final alternate-shot round. Twenty-four teams are competing for the top prize of \$1 million.

Last year, Woods and Mark O'Meara teamed for a 5-stroke victory over Spain. Woods won the individual title by nine strokes with a 21-under 63 total, both tournament records. There is no longer an individual portion of the tournament.

He appealed the fine and the outcome is pending. Tagliabue said the league had expanded its off-field programs initiative in May with pre-employment screening of incoming players and the hiring by each team of a full-time security director.

"We want you to know that everyone involved in the NFL — team owners, coaches, club officials, and league officials — recognizes our collective responsibility to encourage and support proper player conduct on and off the field," Tagliabue said. "We are just as disappointed as you when players do not live up to their responsibilities and to the expectations we all have for athletes."

NFL commish addresses image woes

NEW YORK (AP) — Commissioner Paul Tagliabue wrote an e-mail to 600,000 fans this week and said the misdeeds of a few players "can taint the image of an entire league."

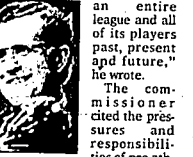
Concerned about the perception that the NFL is not addressing the issue of player behavior, Tagliabue outlined the league's policies in the e-mail.

Tagliabue's office received a number of letters from concerned fans after Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis and former Carolina Panthers wide receiver Rae Carruth were charged with murder. The murder charge against Lewis was dropped and he pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of obstructing justice. Carruth's trial began last month.

"People out there were not aware of all the things we do to protect the NFL's image," Tagliabue said. "This was a convenient vehicle to reach them."

In the e-mail to the subscribers to the NFL.com newsletter, Tagliabue said the NFL shares the concern of fans "when the misconduct of a player victimizes other individuals."

"The wrongs of a small number of players can taint the image of



Paul Tagliabue

"In the NFL, we are confronting it aggressively through education, counseling, and disciplinary action," Tagliabue wrote.

"If arrested for or charged with a crime involving the use or threat of violence to another person, an NFL player is required to undergo an immediate, mandatory clinical evaluation by professional experts and, if directed, appropriate counseling," Tagliabue said. "If the court ultimately determines that he violated the law, the player then faces mandatory discipline in the form of fines or suspensions without pay."

Lewis was fined \$250,000 after pleading guilty to the misdemeanor charge of obstructing jus-

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Beaver, LaJunesse shine at National Finals
LAS VEGAS — Joe Beaver, one of only two cowboys to qualify for more than one event in the National Finals Rodeo, jumped from 12th to second place in the all-around rode on Thursday night.

Polynice busted for impersonating cop again
SALT LAKE CITY — For the second time in two months, Utah Jazz center Olden Polynice was charged Friday with impersonating a police officer stemming from a conflict with another motorist.

Lemieux makes his comeback bid official
PITTSBURGH — Mario Lemieux was the first NHL player to become a free agent. Now he's the first owner to become a player. Lemieux, who made it look easy during a 13-year career that saw him score points at a faster pace than any player ever, will attempt something exceedingly hard, even for one as skilled as he is.

Texas Christian makes head-coaching hire
FORT WORTH, Texas — Gary Patterson, a college assistant for 18 years, is Texas Christian's new football coach.

Schottenheimer one of two N.C. candidates
RALEIGH, N.C. — Florida State assistant Mark Richt and former NFL coach Marty Schottenheimer have interviewed for the coaching job at North Carolina, a university official said.

Injury-plagued Montreal enforcer retires
MONTREAL — Enrico Ciccone of the Montreal Canadiens, once one of the NHL's top enforcers, retired Friday because of injuries that have slowed him since training camp.

N.D. State AD steps down in shame
FARGO, N.D. — North Dakota State University athletics director Bob Entzon resigned Friday, two weeks after being arrested on a lewd conduct charge in an Omaha, Neb., park.

Tickets still available for CSI-Stampede
TWIN FALLS — It's not too late to purchase tickets to see the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team take on the Idaho Stampede Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the CSI Gymnasium.

Clear Lake golf ladies plan style show
BUHL — The Clear Lake Ladies Golf Association will hold a style show for members and guests, put on by Black Rock Clothiers, on Thursday, Dec. 14.

Vallivue's Carson named Gatorade player
CALDWELL — Vallivue High's Luke Carson has been named the Gatorade High School Football Player of the Year.

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Estimated use of credit cards this holiday season

Charges by U.S. consumers to major credit cards

MasterCard	\$17.7 billion
Discover	\$11.1 billion
Visa	\$10.5 billion
American Express	\$1.5 billion
Other	\$1.1 billion

Source: Commerce Dept. (1999)

Expert to address Jerome waste plant

JEROME - The Green Forest, Ark., office of Heussner Co. said the company's field engineer Tom Watson will address a Jerome gathering of dairy farm owners and managers and wastewater treatment plant managers next week.

Watson has been involved in water purification for the past 15 years and has worked in wastewater management for nuclear power generation, industrial, commercial and municipal plants, Heussner said.

He will give a practical demonstration on odor control and sludge reduction at the Jerome meeting, and he'll address compliance with required "biological oxygen demand" levels in wastewater runoff and lagoons. He'll also address whether it's cost-feasible to comply with the enforcement of regulations, pay the penalties or surcharges, downsize or move a farm.

Heussner said it is opening a branch office in Jerome to help dairymen control odor and meet wastewater purity regulations. The wastewater company names a list of big-name customers using its services, in addition to more than 500 municipal wastewater treatment plants.

The company will hold its forum at 6 p.m. Friday at the China Village restaurant in Jerome. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 1-877-313-7279.

Idaho Smith's stores accept food donations

TWIN FALLS - Smith's Food & Drug Stores in Idaho will accept nonperishable food donations today.

This is the second year that Smith's has matched donations, pound for pound, to benefit local food agencies who will provide emergency boxes and meals to many in need during the holiday season, the grocery chain said.

Customers are invited to bring canned fruits, vegetables, tuna, peanut butter, jelly or other non-perishables such as baby foods, macaroni and cheese, beans, pastas and sauces to the local stores.

Pier 1 Imports posts 50 percent jump in earnings

FORT WORTH, Texas - Pier 1 Imports' third-quarter earnings per share were up 50 percent from the same quarter last year, beating analysts' average estimate by 2 cents a share.

The Fort Worth home-furnishings company with a Twin Falls store reported earnings of nearly \$23.6 million, or 24 cents a share, for the quarter ended Nov. 25, compared with earnings of about \$16.2 million, or 16 cents a share, in the year-ago quarter.

Labor market sees winners, losers

Magic Valley sees continued, but slowing job growth

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Concerns about the health of agriculture haven't manifested themselves in the employment levels of other sectors of Magic Valley's economy.

"We're a lot more diversified than we were five years ago," said Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's Magic Valley labor market analyst. Especially in Mini-Cassia, the

Magic Valley's unemployment rates

County	Nov. '00	Oct. '00	Nov. '99
Blairstown	3.3	3.4	3.3
Camas	4.5	3.5	1.8
Carate	5.6	4.4	5.8
Elmore	6.5	5.9	5.9
Gooding	3.4	3.7	2.9
Jerome	4.0	3.9	3.6
Lincoln	4.0	3.5	4.7
Malheur	6.0	6.1	5.9
Owyhee	3.9	4.0	4.0

valley isn't seeing the same fluctuations in jobless rates that it used to.

These days in Magic Valley, Rogers said, "what we see is continued growth in jobs, but the growth is slowing."

There were local winners and losers - but no big movements - in the seasonally adjusted November unemployment rates

forecast Friday by the Labor Department.

In Twin Falls County, a regularly scheduled layoff for maintenance at the Lamb Weston Inc. potato-processing plant temporarily put about three-fourths of the plant's staff out of work - or about 700 people laid off - and raised the county's jobless rate, Rogers said. Those folks are back on the job now, he added.

This time around, that regular layoff fell during the Labor Department's November data sampling used to compile unemployment rates. Last year it didn't, so last year's Lamb Weston layoff didn't raise the county's jobless rate for November 1999.

The plant's management indicated it probably won't have its

Unemployment rises as cold weather stymies outdoor activities

The Associated Press

BOISE - Idaho's seasonally adjusted unemployment in November climbed to its highest rate this year as cold weather chilled tourism-related sectors and agriculture.

But retail jobs should rise in December with extra hires needed to serve holiday shoppers.

The state Labor Department on Friday estimated the November jobless rate at 4.8 percent, an increase of one-tenth of a percentage point from 4.7 percent in October. It was the fifth month in the past six it has risen a tenth of a point.

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The current level is the highest the state has experienced in 2000.

Idaho's unemployment mark has ranged from a low of 4 percent in March to its current state. The national jobless figure also increased one-tenth of a point to 4 percent. It has oscillated from 3.9 percent to 4.1 percent this year.

The state agency said the job Please see UNEMPLOYMENT, Page B6

Minnie Mouse embodies diplomacy

Consulting firms navigate foreign corporate cultures

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - American business executives beware: One cultural blunder can cost you the foreign contract.

"Don't blow your nose in Japan, but generally it's OK to spit and snore."

Whistling outside is offensive in India, while Russians consider it vulgar to whistle indoors.

You can kiss your Arab host on the cheek, but as a stranger, don't inquire about his family - that's personal.

Navigating the idiosyncrasies of each country can be perilous in the era of globalization, and dozens of new consulting firms have formed to teach U.S. companies the basics in worldwide business diplomacy.

"When you have (foreign) staff and partners in every country, managing those relationships becomes as difficult as managing the business itself," said Bill De Kruif, vice president of U.S. operations at San Diego-based NetCel360.com.

The company supplies advice about foreign business laws, offers courses in international protocol and provides other services for businesses with operations abroad.

The need for intercultural consulting has grown in recent years as an increasing number of moderate-sized American companies began expanding overseas.

Few businesses today can be identified with only a single country, according to international business experts.

The survival of a business can depend on how well they are prepared to deal with other cultures, whether as a supplier, buyer or employer, said Kathleen Reardon, an international business professor at the University of Southern California.

Reardon tells her students that learning the customs of a foreign business partner is the first step toward building trust.

Some say, "Why must (Americans) always make the adjustment?" Reardon said. "But when there's bound to be some



Kathleen Reardon, an international business professor at the University of Southern California, holds a Minnie Mouse doll that she says would be an appropriate regional gift to be given to an international business partner for that person's child.

conflict during negotiations, why start out with a mistake that makes someone uneasy with you?"

Even a simple matter of presenting a gift can hurt a deal, she said.

"If you give a clock in China, it is associated with death or the termination of a relationship," she said. "By giving someone a watch, you demonstrate your own ignorance."

Such faux pas may seem trivial to Americans, she said, but business executives in the United States can have similar anxieties about the way business partners dress, their behavior and the gifts

succeeds or fails.

For instance, shades of red and yellow are traditional symbols of death in South Korea, De Kruif said, and could repel customers there.

Numerous Internet sites offer free advice about the customs of various countries, including when to compliment someone, how low to bow and when to make eye-contact.

Cornelius Gray, a New York-based international business consultant whose clients include Johnson & Johnson and Bell Atlantic, said he offers more than "etiquette training."

"We look at the basic values

and assumptions of a culture," he said. "What makes Chinese people tick? What makes American people tick? What makes a Hungarian tick?"

That enables American business officials to understand the motivations of people in another culture, their habits and their needs - all of which supply an edge in negotiations.

His firm also helps salvage deals plagued by cultural misunderstanding. He said many clients come to him only after suffering "a big, big problem."

"It's much more efficient and cost effective to come to us first," he said.

Albertson's seeks buyer for Salt Lake building

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - Albertson's Inc. is once again looking for a buyer for the American Stores tower in downtown Salt Lake City.

The Boise company with a few Magic Valley grocery stores signed a contract in October to sell the 25-story Salt Lake building by the end of the year. But a Dec. 1 deadline to finalize the deal with the prospective buyer, Thomas Real Estate Advisors of San Francisco, passed without an agreement.

"Because a sales contract is no longer in place, the building is back on the market," Albertson's spokeswoman Jeannette Duwe said. "We're aggressively and actively marketing the building."

The problem came down to Albertson's asking more for the building, than lenders were willing to give, said Randy Freeman of Collins Commerce CRG, which represents Thomas.

Lease rates for space in the building would be higher than current market value, but convincing lenders that tenants would pay those rates has been difficult, Freeman said.

Other commercial real-estate projects, such as Hamilton Partners-LLC's plan to develop a high-rise across the street from the American Stores tower, are on hold pending the tower's sale.

Freeman would not divulge what Albertson is asking for the building, nor what his client was offering, but he said the building was appraised for \$95 million when Albertson's put it on the market.

American Stores opened the 620,000-square-foot tower in 1998 to consolidate its headquarters in Salt Lake City. A couple of months after the building opened, Albertson's bought American Stores and got the building as part of the deal.

Government offers no-interest loans after AgriBio Tech bankruptcy

The Associated Press

CALDWELL - The federal government is providing no-interest loans to area farmers who were not paid after AgriBio Tech filed for bankruptcy last January.

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 will offer about \$35 million in loans, Canyon County Farm Service Agency Executive Director Larry Silver said Thursday.

Seed producers have suffered economic hardships as a result of the bankruptcy filing of AgriBio Tech, Henderson, Nev., one of the world's largest single turf, forage and alfalfa seed companies.

The decision affected more than 1,200 growers in 39 states, including some in the Magic Valley.

Silver said the no-interest loans will allow farmers to pay off other debts.

Growers still must repay the government loans, but the money gives them time to regroup.

The loans are available to farmers who produced a 1999 crop of grass, forage, vegetable or sorghum seed under contract to sell to AgriBio Tech and who filed a timely proof of claim in bankruptcy proceedings.

Eligible farmers can receive up to 65 percent of the amount of their proof of claim against AgriBio Tech, minus any proceeds received for seed sold since the claim was filed.

Applications for the program will be accepted until all loan funds have been exhausted or AgriBio Tech's bankruptcy is completed and a discharge of the debt in bankruptcy is entered. There is no deadline for applications, but farmers who apply first will receive primary consideration.

MONEY

Unemployment rate rises; job growth remains weak in November

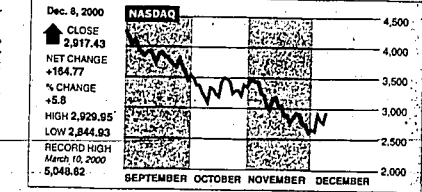
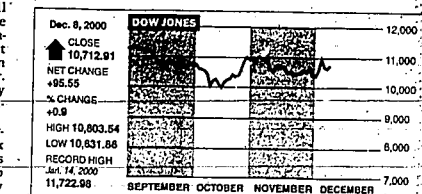
WASHINGTON (AP) - The nation's unemployment rate, after being at a three-decade low for two months, edged up to 4 percent in November...

slowed abruptly over the past two months with just 94,000 jobs created in November, an increase that was held back by a big drop in government jobs.

Alexis Herman, who has been a key campaign adviser for Vice President Al Gore. Many economists, however, viewed the November jobless report as further evidence that the Federal Reserve will have to act soon...

Stocks rally on job data

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street went on a buying spree Friday, encouraged by a government employment report that could bolster the case for an interest rate cut early next year.



Labor

Continued from B5. Typical Christmas layoffs, Rogers said. Healthy retail hiring partially offset the effect of the spud plant's maintenance on last month's Twin Falls County rate.

help. That hiring did pick up after the data-sampling period, he added. Rogers attributed Blaine County's improvement from October's jobless level to Sun Valley resort operations gearing up for the ski season opening by hiring lift operators, ski patrollers, instructors and alike.

Interstate 84 brought fewer tourists to the county's roadside services. Gooding County in November had a lower jobless rate than the rest of the state because of hiring at cheese factories here.

Unemployment

Continued from B5. less rise occurred in tourist service sectors, including hotel and motel lodging, amusement and recreation, and eating and drinking establishments.

limbo and the after-hours decline in stocks shouldn't detract from what otherwise was a strong day. Wall Street started the day with a lift from a Labor Department report showing weak job growth in November.

helped the unemployment rate edge up to 4.0 percent. It was the first increase in the jobless rate since August. The growth is modest, and a possible reason for the Fed to reduce interest rates.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Table of closing futures prices for various fossil fuel contracts including heating oil, gasoline, and natural gas. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

Customers begin to feel brunt of airline disputes

Los Angeles Times. Only months after last summer's air-travel debacle inflicted hundreds of thousands of passengers, the flying public once again feels the prospect of widespread "jet-lag" delays. That's because labor unrest — a key factor in the summer mess due to a pilots flap at the United Airlines — is breaking out all over the airline industry. Passengers are again feeling the pinch, as the disputes spark another round of canceled or late flights that threatens to escalate during the Christmas season.

Consumers also could eventually see higher fares, because pilots, mechanics and flight attendants are demanding lucrative new contracts in response to fat pay hikes won by United's pilots when they finally inked a new agreement with the airline in October. All of which comes with passengers still fuming over the summer foul-ups: Ever more labor-related havoc could further fuel the consumer revolt that has led to calls for a "passenger bill of rights" in Congress.

"We're looking at Bastille Day," said Michael Boyd, an aviation consulting firm in Evergreen, Colo. "People are tired of these planes, they're fed up, and it doesn't help to give me 10,000 free frequent flier miles for my trouble. My vacation is ruined." To be sure, other factors caused the summer nightmare for air travel, including bad weather, a much of the nation's aging air-traffic-control equipment, a record number of passengers and airports in many big cities that are bursting at the seams. The airlines are also battling for booking more flights using the system can handle.

Indirectly, the Clinton on Thursday formed a new coalition with the Federal Aviation Administration to improve the government's role in cutting delays. "The FAA" has not been able to keep pace with either the emergence of new technology or the growth and demand for air travel. Passengers are again feeling the pinch, as the disputes spark another round of canceled or late flights that threatens to escalate during the Christmas season.

But Clinton's move won't solve the labor issue. Delta, fighting a contract battle with its 8,400 pilots, canceled more than 8,400 flights in late November and early this month — affecting more than 80,000 passengers — because many of its pilots actually refused to fly normal overtime hours that Delta relies on when planning its schedule. Delta also will trim its operations by up to 130 of its normal 2,700 daily flights, to match its schedule with its fewer available pilots. The reduction is "so we can give customers with a schedule that they can rely on," said Delta spokeswoman Peggy Estes.

But United also slashed schedules last spring as its pilots began cutting their overtime hours, only to see its service cut back as it refused to give up and kept refusing to give. That helped force United to cancel more than 25,000 flights in the summer, many at the last moment.

The airlines and the unions know they're playing with fire in terms of further alienating customers with their contract spats, despite being beholden to reach deals that satisfy both sides.

Official reports Boise residents convicted in tax fraud scheme

BOISE (AP) — Three people were convicted of promoting a tax fraud scheme that involved children in six states, Idaho's U.S. Attorney Robert Richardson, reported this week. Boise-area residents Gary Arthur DeMott, 62; Ava Gambler, 46; and Terry Raok, 57 were convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States. DeMott and Gambler were convicted of aiding and assisting the preparation of false tax returns. In addition, DeMott was convicted of failing to file tax returns from 1996 to 1999.

According to Richardson, founded the Idaho Sovereignty Association and its spin-offs in other Western states, Gambler and Raok worked for him. The company advertised "land patents," apparently to protect property from taxing authorities. It also promoted "common law trusts," designed to shield clients' assets from the IRS and state tax commissions.

The attorney general also said that the company alienated tax returns for the IRS, resulting in over \$1 million in false claims for refunds. Clients included residents in Idaho, — Colorado, — Utah, Wyoming, Oregon and Alaska.

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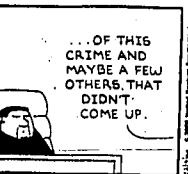
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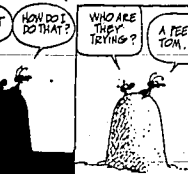
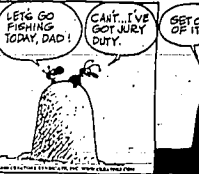
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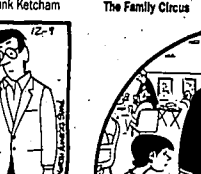
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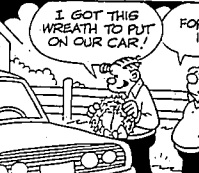
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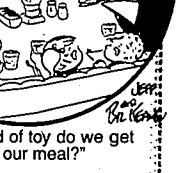
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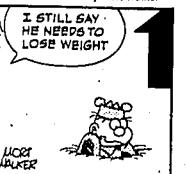
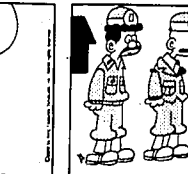
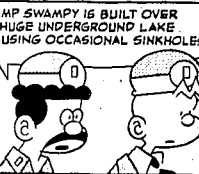
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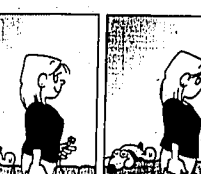
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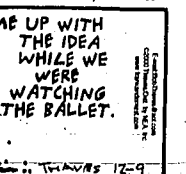
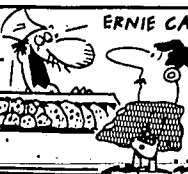
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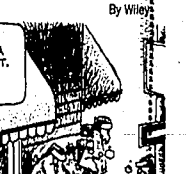
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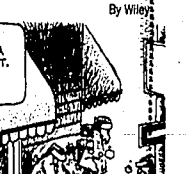
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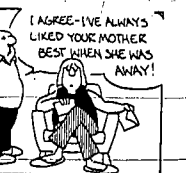
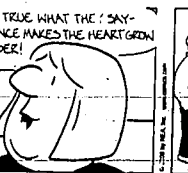
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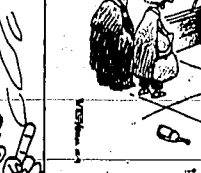
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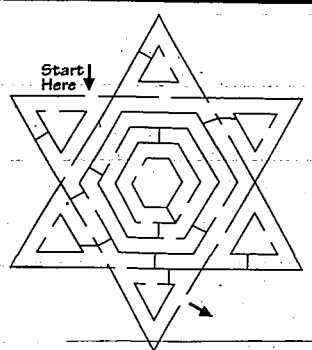
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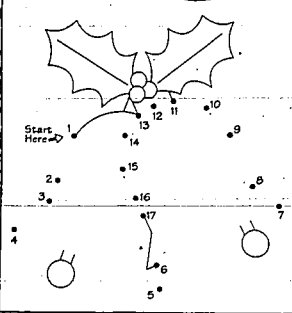
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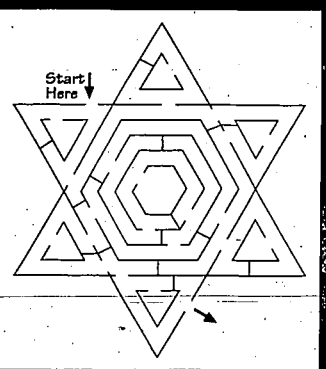
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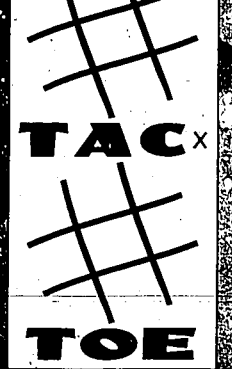
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U.S. orders security upgrade on carrier after Russian fighters fly by

WASHINGTON - After Russian fighters buzzed the USS Kitty Hawk in the Sea of Japan on Oct. 17, the aircraft carrier took steps to enable a quicker response if it happened again, Pentagon officials said.

The officials insisted that the incident did not pose a security threat to the Kitty Hawk, although the carrier has since raised its "alert posture." The officials refused to elaborate on the heightened security.

A week ago, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon told reporters the Russian planes stayed a "suitable distance away" from the Kitty Hawk. On Thursday, however, he said he had misspoken and that the planes actually flew directly over the carrier, at an altitude of several hundred feet, and that U.S. interceptor planes could not immediately launch because the carrier was moving too slowly while refueling.

"This is very similar to events that happened routinely during the Cold War, but have not happened very often, if at all, since," Bacon said, adding that U.S. planes generally do not buzz Russian ships.

US and South Korea reach 'understanding' on events

WASHINGTON - U.S. and South Korean negotiators have reached a "mutual understanding" that American soldiers killed South Korean civilian refugees in the early weeks of the Korean War, but they left unresolved the question of how many died, a Clinton administration official said Friday.

The talks, which ended Thursday in Seoul with no publicly announced result, produced agreement from both sides that U.S. soldiers shot at the refugees near the hamlet of No Gun Ri in July 1950, and that there is insufficient evidence to conclude whether the soldiers acted on direct orders from superiors, the official said. The official discussed the matter on condition of anonymity.

The South Koreans had argued there was enough evidence to say the killings were ordered, but the

Nation in brief

American side prevailed in describing the circumstances at No Gun Ri as chaotic and unclear, the U.S. official said.

Third resident dies from oxygen, nitrogen mix-up

DAYTON, Ohio - A third nursing home resident died Friday in what authorities suspect was a mix-up that allowed nitrogen to be hooked up to an in-house oxygen system.

At least two women remained in the hospital on Friday among seven taken there the day before from the carriage by the Lake nursing home in the Dayton suburb of Bellbrook, fire officials said.

A nitrogen tank may have been mistaken for an oxygen tank, said Bob Miles, an assistant fire chief from nearby Washington Township.

GOP convention protesters will not face charges

PHILADELPHIA - Prosecutors dropped charges this week against 32 people arrested during last summer's Republican National Convention after police failed to link the suspects to any crimes.

Four state troopers infiltrated a warehouse that was a staging area for protests during the convention. During a raid on Aug. 2,

police arrested 75 people, all for misdemeanors, but the cases have fallen apart.

Charges may be dropped against 30 more people next week. The remainder accepted plea agreements earlier.

Fans recall on anniversary of Lennon's murder

NEW YORK - Hundreds of John Lennon devotees made their annual pilgrimage to Central Park on Friday to sing and reminisce about the former Beatle 20 years after he was shot to death by an obsessed fan.

By early afternoon, more than 200 fans were listening to his music in Strawberry Fields, a section of the park that was renamed for the Beatles hit after Lennon was gunned down by Mark David Chapman outside his apartment building on the night of Dec. 8, 1980.

Some of those in the park were not born when Lennon was murdered. Others were baby boomers who had watched the Beatles on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

Lennon's music wafted through Strawberry Fields. Around a mosaic with the word "IMAGINE," some fans left handwritten notes, while others took turns keeping candles lit in the wet snow and wind. Some of the candles were arranged to spell "J-O-H-N."

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In fight to be first, who cares for last?

Christmas is almost here, but I am so bummed out by national politics that I can barely muster any spiritual thoughts. I was watching TV when George W. Bush made his claim as the next president of the United States. I wondered if anyone could do that. What if I walked into a TV station in Florida and told the receptionist I wanted to announce that I had been elected president.

Of course, I would be arrested. Candidates Bush - despite some uncertainty about the legitimacy of his claim at the time - made the announcement, and nobody tried to incarcerate him. What's the deal?

What's to say he's the best person for the job? After all, we know some things that Al Gore and George W. don't, things that are a lot more important than anything either of these guys have to offer.

For instance, have these candidates ever thought about how lonely Christmas gets for many people? For some, their world of work, socializing and good citizenship doesn't change this time of year. They are the kind of people who make good neighbors, but at Christmas, they pretty much sit alone and wait for tomorrow. My guess would be that Bush and Gore don't know people like that.

They also don't know the older people who have lost all ability to care for themselves. Presidential candidates pretty much ignore the elderly because they don't swing voters to think about depressing situations, especially about death.

We also don't hear much from our candidates about immigrants and how lonely they are as they find their way in a new world. In St. Paul, Minn., a young Hmong woman was murdered over a recent weekend, allegedly by three acquaintances, one her common law husband. Her 2-year-old daughter was nearby by one of the men shot her at close range. I don't know if the woman, in her early 20s, was an immigrant, but if she was, perhaps she didn't have a chance growing up in a new and confusing society. We didn't hear much about immigrants during the election race.

That's why politics has become such a fantasy in this nation. We have Gore playing the part of Don Quixote - charging windmills and trying to bring down a formidable foe - and Bush playing the part of the artful dodger, jumping high as a salvo zooms beneath him and anyone else as a verbal sword tries to connect with his neck. On weekends, Gore and Bush took religious breaks.

They may talk about Christmas, but that doesn't mean they experience Christmas. They live in a world of limousines and high-level meetings, of wealthy people who want a seat next to the big boys in Federal government.

Oh, their holiday about a donkey that carried a pregnant woman across a miserable desert. It's about a bewildered husband who tried to bring dignity to a birth in a barn. It's about desperate people who have absolutely nothing about the spiritual dimensions of this event - ignorant players in a drama that eventually had an impact on the entire world.

Of course, one would say that we must embrace both of these concepts: the servant who operates from weakness and the politician who is bathed in power. They both belong to us. We are servant and master at the same time.

So where will we find Christmas this year? Certainly not in the halls of power. And perhaps not even in our churches. But I believe we can always find Christmas when we connect with the least, the last and the lost. When we find those people and sit with them, listening to their tales of tears, we know that God dwells in their weakness and need.

Clark Morpew is an ordained clergyman and is religion writer for the Saint Paul Pioneer Press.

Window of the soul

Congregation's tribute honors man's 101 birthday

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - What could a church congregation do to celebrate the 101st birthday of one of its members? Dedicating a stained glass window in his name would be nice.

That's what the parishioners at Christ Episcopal Church in Shoshone are going to do for Elwood Werry on Sunday. Deacon Shaylor Luntsford said the 3-by-7-foot window will honor Werry's years of membership and service to the church.

The window is not a surprise for Werry, because he was told about it when he turned 100, a year ago in July. He said he is delighted.

"I don't suppose very many people have it," he said. "Not when you're still alive, at least."

Werry was born near Hailey and was a postmaster for 10 years and mayor of Shoshone for three terms. His church has always been an important part of his life.

"I've been an Episcopalian all my life," he said. "I was born Episcopalian."

The window has radiant blue and gold coloring. The design has mountains in the background. In the foreground, there is a lamb, which Luntsford said is a symbol of Christ. A cross with a beveled glass star stands in the center, and rays of gold emanate from it.

The window was constructed by Hermann Lirk of Ketchum. Austrian born, the artist has had a studio in Ketchum since 1974.

Lirk said for larger projects.



like this one, the design is created for him by Ralph Harris, a Ketchum-area artist.

"He's really good and I work with him and I change what I need to change," Lirk said.

The window will be dedicated during Sunday's 11 a.m. church service.

Members of Christ Episcopal Church in Shoshone are dedicating this new stained glass window to honor church member Elwood Werry.

Ministry builds sanctuary for 26,000

By Susan Parrott
The Associated Press

DALLAS - High-tech gadgetry meets high-impact worship at Bishop T.D. Jakes' mammoth, \$32 million sanctuary in southwest Dallas.

Built to accommodate a congregation of more than 26,000, the Potter's House sanctuary seems more like a state-of-the-art convention center than a traditional place of worship. But Jakes has never been one to downplay his dynamic style of evangelism, which draws millionaire football players, gang members and the homeless, among others.

Speakers at the October dedication of the new building include the denominational church's diverse outreach.

"A church is not measured by the beauty of the architecture but by the deeds of the congregation," said Coretta Scott King, the widow of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

About 7,000 people attended the dedication service, which also featured remarks from Vice President Al Gore and television evangelist Pat Robertson.

About 200 seats in the sanctuary have designated spots for worshippers can download PowerPoint presentations on laptop computers. Attendees use handheld computers to input new member data and prayer needs. The service is translated into six languages and broadcast to audience members wearing wireless headphones. Huge video screens flank the stage, which features a lighting and sound system rivaling that of major concert venues.

Services also are broadcast over the Internet, and Jakes hosts a cable television show seen around the globe.

God is not afraid of the latest technology," he says. "Jesus was the great communicator."

The Potter's House church started with 50 families who moved four years ago to Dallas from a storefront church in West Virginia. Jakes, 62, and his wife, 19 years, Serita, bought the land for the Potter's House from the ministry of W.W. Grant, who was sentenced to prison for tax evasion.

The name of the church comes from a passage in the Bible's book of Jeremiah: "Like the clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand."

The Potter's House offers mentoring programs for young people, provides food, blankets and clothing to the homeless and operates a prison chaplain program. Church members visit crime-infested sections of Dallas and try to inspire gang members to attend church. Jakes has plans for developing a 12-bed shelter for abused women, a retirement community, a performing arts center and business incubators on hundreds of acres near the new sanctuary.

Jakes, 43, was recently ranked among the "Top 10 People to Watch" in religion, by the PBS program Religion & Ethics Newsweekly. Celebrity baptisms - he has baptized National Football League players Deion Sanders and Emmitt Smith - have brought him attention, and he has written best-sellers and been nominated for a Grammy award.

Although most parishioners are black, people of various races line the pews during services.

On the Net: www.tdjakes.org

Sharing faith

Mormons hope to change ideas about church during Olympics

By Vanlia Grand
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - Mormon church leaders know misconceptions persist about their religion and want to seize on the 2002 Winter Games as a way to educate hundreds of thousands of visitors.

Will the church known for sending out missionaries abroad try to proselytize when the world comes to its headquarters city?

"We don't want to bang anyone over the head with the Book of Mormon," said Marjorie Draper Conder, curator of Salt Lake City's LDS Museum of Church History and Art. "But we ought to at least tell them about it and then let them make up their own minds."

Conder says she's met outsiders who thought it was impossible to buy coffee in Utah or believed Mormons still dressed like the 19th-century pioneers who settled Utah. While members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are taught to shun caffeine, there's no shortage of java in Utah. Mormons also have no particular style of dress, although they wear special undergarments bestowed during temple rituals.

State officials also eased some of Utah's arcane liquor laws in anticipation of the Olympics, a decision the church did not oppose.

Touring the museum, which hosts a permanent Mormon exhibit and is preparing several others for the Olympics, will help visitors get a feel for what the church is about. The Mormon Tabernacle Choir will be staging

concerts throughout the games, and church President Gordon B. Hinckley has promised to throw an "extravaganza."

But Hinckley has instructed his flock not to bank on the Olympics as a way to boost proselytizing. The only place where missionaries will continue to hand out pamphlets and other church material during the games is in the Salt Lake City's biggest tourist attraction.

In an effort to educate non-Mormons before they converge in Salt Lake City, the church has launched a media campaign on its Web site.

The Salt Lake Organizing Committee is bracing for 9,000 journalists and several hundred thousand spectators. The Internet information, which will be translated into at least 12 languages, includes the section "Myth-Conceptions About The Church."

The Web site also highlights how the thousands of spectators the Olympics. Among the efforts: a \$210,938 contribution from church-owned businesses to the Salt Lake Bid Committee to try to secure the games, and loans and donations of land for parking, road access to venues, even the downtown spot where medals will be awarded.

Utah is 70 percent Mormon and the church claims 11 million members worldwide.

On the Net: Mormon church: <http://www.lds.org> and Salt Lake City Olympic Organizing Committee: <http://www.sl2002.org/>



Marjorie Draper Conder, curator of the Museum of Church History and Art in Salt Lake City, is designing new exhibits for the museum aimed at educating tourists about Mormon history. This is preparation for the hundreds of thousands of visitors who will travel to Utah for the 2002 Winter Games, and may arrive with a load of misconceptions about the area's dominant church.

Christmas in the balance

Families try to put holiday's commercialism behind them

By Brian Lewis
The Wichita Eagle

WICHITA, Kan. — Leigh Cox plans to focus on the spiritual side of Christmas this year. Marv Swinton won't be giving gifts to celebrate the holiday. Allison Peck and her family will observe the season of Advent, which started Sunday, as well as other holy days. Each feels that Christmas should be about more than crowded shopping malls, the latest toys and hot gifts. Cox's approach to Christmas is an early part of the empty nest syndrome, she said, as two of her three children have grown up,

left home and don't want as many presents. "I have been thinking about that a lot lately," said Cox, who attends University Congregational Church. "I'm sure other people my age are, too. When you no longer need to buy all the gifts, you still have money to spend." Cox found a solution at last month's Alternative Christmas Market at East Heights United Methodist Church. Several charities were on hand for people to learn about their work and make donations in someone's name as a gift. Cox made donations to four different organizations and plans to support more charities before

Christmas. Swinton, who attends the First Church of God in Christ, stopped giving gifts at Christmas five years ago. Instead, she and her daughter pick a name off the Salvation Army's Angel Tree of needy children. Peck, her husband, Scott, and their four children, who attend the Church of the Resurrection, follow several traditions. Each night during Advent, which begins four weeks before Christmas and focuses on preparing for the birth of Christ, Peck's family lights a candle on an Advent wreath and says a prayer. They also celebrate the feast day of St. Nicholas on Dec. 6, when

the children wake to find candy in their shoes, and the family puts up Christmas decorations. The Pecks also place several manger scenes in different locations around the house, but without Jesus and the wise men. "It reminds us that Christmas isn't here yet and that we are supposed to be preparing for the coming of Christ." On Christmas Eve, the family decorates each Nativity with a model of Jesus. They wait until the feast of the Epiphany, which commemorates the visit of the three wise men, to place them in the manger scenes. But on Christmas, the family throws a birthday party for Jesus.

Membership woes hit Baptist convention

By John Rivera
The Baltimore Sun

Is the Southern Baptist Convention, the United States second-largest religious body, headed for schism? A recent confluence of events suggests that the trickle of congregations leaving the 15.8 million member denomination will soon become a torrent, in reaction to a two-decade shift that has made it more conservative and more fundamentalist. First, in October, former President Carter renounced his lifelong affiliation with the Southern Baptists, saying its doctrine had become "increasingly rigid" and "exclusionary of accommodating those who differ from them." Days later, the Texas state Baptist convention voted to withhold \$5.3 million from six Southern Baptist seminaries and two other denominational agencies (particularly significant because Texas accounts for nearly one in five Southern Baptists). And though Texas Baptists deny it is their intention, they took steps that could result in the formation of a new Baptist denomination by voting to open leadership roles in the state convention to representatives of out-of-state churches.

The Baptist confession was born in the caldron of the Reformation, when Christians were struggling to define what it meant to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ against the centrality of the Roman Catholic Church. Baptists grew out of British Puritanism — rejecting the notion of a state church, of infant baptism and of authoritarian clerical governance. They affirmed the superiority of Jesus Christ and the Bible over religious dogma. What also emerged was a conviction that the individual believer, with the help of the Holy Spirit, was an autonomous spiritual being. They affirmed that it is called "the priesthood of all believers" — and that the individual congregation, not the national leadership, should be the locus of church life and authority. "That goes back to the Protestant Reformation in which Martin Luther, in opposition to the Catholic Church, said that each Christian was free to speak directly to God and to follow God's leadership," says the Rev. Robert Parham, executive director of the Baptist Center for Ethics in Nashville, Tenn. Beginning in 1979, the Southern Baptists were taken over by leaders who emphasized a literal interpretation of the Bible, a conservative social agenda and a more centralized doctrinal message. There are provocative recent actions of the national convention, such as the boycott against the Walt Disney Corp., the proselytization of other religious groups such as Mormons and Jews, the encouragement of wives to follow the biblical prescription to be submissive to their husbands and the ban on female pastors. But what really sets the moderates off is the notion that the conservative leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention has, with its revisions to the Baptist Faith and Message, established a creed that is being forced on other Baptists.

Inspirational books offer peaceful reassurance

By David Crumm
Detroit Free Press

In a season when bills pile up higher than Christmas trees and stress is as common as colored lights, people on your holiday list may appreciate a gift of peaceful reassurance. "That's why sales of inspirational books have boomed in recent years. For serious Christian meditation, the publishing event of the year was Doubleday's release of the first two volumes of "The Divine Hours" (\$27.50 each). The third and last volume will be published early in 2001, then the trilogy of prayer books will take readers through a complete 365

days of guided reflection. The guides are geared toward people who want to reclaim the ancient tradition of pausing briefly in a busy day to read scriptures and prayers. The trilogy is the project of Publishers Weekly magazine religion editor Phyllis Tickle. "If you're already feeling spiritually saturated, give yourself a break with the year's most biting satire of inspirational books: "What Would Machiavelli Do? The Ends Justify the Means" (Harper Business, \$21). Written by Fortune magazine's Stanley Bing, this tiny volume is a hoot. If you're looking for a stocking-stuffer for someone just about to burst from the stress of the holiday season, Bing's over-the-top humor might just bring a

healthy laugh. One chapter title: "What Would Machiavelli Do? He Would Do What He Feels Like Doing, You Idiot!" Oxford University Bible scholar Robin Griffith-Jones has written a refreshing, helpful overview of the importance of the four gospel accounts of Jesus' life. "The Four Witnesses: Why the Gospels Present Strikingly Different Visions of Jesus" (HarperSanFrancisco, \$25) reflects modern biblical scholarship but doesn't hit readers over the head with it. Instead, the author is more interested in helping readers think about the many different ways Jesus' followers envisioned him. Griffith-Jones encapsulates the four gospel writers' viewpoints as: "the rebel, the

rabbi, the chronicler and the mystic." Since spirituality has moved into cyberspace, many people are looking for faith in the online world — and often are hitting dead ends. A helpful new companion is Steven Sadleir's "Looking for God: A Seeker's Guide to Religious and Spiritual Groups of the World" (Perigee, \$15.95). "Reaching for the Invisible God" (Harper Collins, \$21.99), by Christianity Today magazine's editor at large, Philip Yancy, is a remarkably honest account of this popular evangelical writer's search for a real sense of God's presence. He offers advice from sages including Henri Nouwen, Thomas Merton and even Woody Allen.

Study singles out best churches in U.S.

By Leticia Gonzalez
Saint Paul Pioneer Press

Sister Clara Stang always knew the Catholic Area Parishes in west-central Minnesota were unique. Facing declining membership and finances, the five rural parishes consolidated many essential services but managed to maintain separate, thriving facilities. The system evolved over the course of 20 years, and its collaborative nature has become so commonplace that Stang and her fellow parishioners had begun to see it as rather ordinary. Then Paul Wilkes called. The religious writer decided to feature the organization prominently in a book he was compiling. His study names 300 of the best Protestant and 300 of the best Catholic churches in the country. Wilkes, who teaches at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, started the Parish/Congregation Study in 1996. While leading a revival that year in Upper Saddle River, N.J., Wilkes stumbled upon the

Church of the Presentation: "They were just real people who had something in their eyes. It was just fun." Wilkes wondered why his church at home wasn't like that one. He set about trying to find out what made a great church, through the junklike mess of plants and kitschy shops to lecture halls. There they sat in 2 1/2-hour shifts listening to academicians read long, technical research papers. This is what the top theologians and religion scholars in the country do for fun every year the weekend before Thanksgiving. The annual gathering of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature is to the crowd what the Sundance Film Festival is to independent filmmakers. In short, everybody who's anybody comes, and then some. Up-and-coming scholars out their theological teeth presenting papers critiqued by the best of the ivory tower. Professors from Podunk U. banter theologians with those from Harvard, Princeton and Yale universities. Job candidates circulate polished resumes and schmooze with department heads. This year, nearly 8,000 scholars were on hand for more than 400 presentations on so-called weighty academic issues such as "Promises in Categorization of Hebrew Particles." (One participant described that talk as more mentally taxing than an episode of "Survivor," but every bit the thriller.) Newcomers quickly learn there's an etiquette at play in this crowd. Pure scholars of religion

Theologians debate where God fits in

By Susan Hogan/Albach
The Dallas Morning News

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don't want to be confused with theologians, whom they see as muddying academics with faith. The theologians, on the other hand, aren't of one mind as to the purpose of their scholarship, or even their audience. Some Muslims and Buddhists debate about whether "theological" is strictly a Christian term. The Christians haggle over whether the academic study of theology is an end unto itself, or whether it should be grounded in a faith community. While almost all the Christian theologians identify with a denomination, many gulp and "swallow" hard when asked whether they regularly attend a church. This, of course, leads to questions about the role of theologians, not only in relation to churches, but to the world. Are their glory days long gone or are their prophetic voices crying for recognition in a vast academic wilderness? Dr. John Willard, an Old Testament scholar at Abilene Christian University, said he tries to serve as a bridge between scholarly and faith communities. At the conference, he presented a technical paper on symbolic names in the Book of Isaiah. But at home, he reaches out to people in the pews in the language they understand. The Protestant scholars almost all said that the heyday for theologians was during the Reformation in the 16th century. Back then, people looked to theologians to shape and interpret the events of the day in the way that they tune into CNN today.

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Plug into the holidays

It's time for The Times-News holiday lighting contest. We're giving away a decorated home sign falling in the address of the home. Submit entries to Denise Turner, The Times-News, P. O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0548 or to denise@magicalvalley.com or go to www.magicalvalley.com and follow the instructions. Please include your name and phone number. Voting deadline is Dec. 13.

The winner will be featured in The Times-News and will receive a \$25 gift certificate from a gift wrapping service.

RELIGION WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

By Tim Funk
The Charlotte Observer

<http://www.textweek.com/advn.htm>

On Sunday, Christians began the season of Advent, a time of preparation for the anniversary of Jesus' birth. Here's a link-rich Web site for preachers, teachers, students and anybody else who wants to explore the deeper meanings of this first season in the church's liturgical calendar.

What you can read: A liturgy for candle lighting; online ser-

mons; articles on Advent wreaths and the Jesse Tree; a Catholic Encyclopedia entry on the season's origins, symbolism and history; and Scripture readings for each Sunday from the Lutheran, United Methodist, Mennonite and Roman Catholic lectionaries.

What you can do: Click on daily devotionals; check out the Advent calendar from the British Museum; and print and celebrate "Blue Christmas," a worship service for those who miss at Christmastime.

Critics say church is settling Internet suit

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Two Mormon church critics who posted excerpts from the denomination's confidential policy handbook on the Internet said they have agreed on terms for settling a church lawsuit against them.

Although the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said

no final agreement had been reached, one seems to be pending.

The church held that Jerald and Sandra Tanner of Utah illegally published copyrighted material from the "Church Handbook of Instructions," which is available only to selected Mormon officials.

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New Shipments Just Arrived! By Don H. Stabell

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New Store Hours: 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.

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Magic Valley Regional Medical Center auxiliary volunteers Eleanor Tyler, Elaine Mason, Louise Perry, Lynda Laird, Joan Tanner and Cathy Høgenesen spent more than 45 hours working on three trees donated to the hospital foundation for the Festival of Trees. They also made the ornaments. Not pictured is Ginny Riffle. The women also make floral arrangements at the hospital gift shop. The Festival of Trees will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. today and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at 241 Main St. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and \$1 for children under 12. For information, call 737-2480.

Woman competes in senior pageant

TWIN FALLS - Retha Anderson, Ms. Idaho Senior, of Twin Falls was named a top 10 finalist at the recent Ms. America Pageant in Reno, Nev. Women from all over the United States, including Washington D.C. and the Virgin Islands, competed. The talent of these senior women included opera singers, tap dancers, ballet dancers, actresses, singers, seamstresses and comedy.



Retha Anderson and six of her 25 grandchildren. She was a top 10 finalist in the recent Ms. America Pageant in Reno.

The judging is based on talent, philosophy of life, gown competition, stage presence, self confidence, interviews and inner beauty. "Being a role model of dignity and elegance, how we feel about ourselves after the age of 60 and the example we can be to others to help them feel better about themselves is the goal of Ms. Idaho Senior and the Ms. America Senior Pageants," Anderson stated. "This is the world's first and foremost pageant to emphasize and give honor to women who have reached the age of elegance."

Interested?
Women interested in participating in the Ms. Idaho Senior competition are asked to call Retha Anderson at 734-7686 or the state director, Fay Bischoe at 365-2228.

Women who best exemplify the dignity, maturity and inner beauty of all senior Americans. The

philosophy is based upon the belief that seniors are the foundation of America and the country's most valuable treasure, she said. Anderson will be speaking and performing throughout the state until the next Ms. Idaho Senior Pageant, which will be held at the College of Southern Idaho in June 2001.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Volunteer readers

Volunteers are needed at Gooding Elementary School to read with children during school hours. Volunteers can work everyday or just for a half-hour once a week. Call Sally Walker at 934-4941.

Clothes dressers needed

An elderly man in the Jerome area is in need of two clothes dressers. Call Lindsay at 736-2122, Ext. 319.

Sewing machine and computer needed

South Central Community Action Agency in Jerome is in need of a sewing machine and computer for a client recuperating from a car accident. Call Chris at 324-8856.

Bereavement volunteers

Hospice Visions is in need of bereavement, fund-raiser and miscellaneous volunteers. Call Flo Slatter at 735-0121.

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Grab bars and rails

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers is in need of grab bars for the bath tub and toilet and railings for hallways and stairways for the homes of the elderly, chronically ill and disabled. Call the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-NEED (6333).

Companionship

An elderly man in Hollister is in need of companionship. Call the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-NEED (6333).

Tax volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help the elderly

prepare their taxes. Tax training days are Jan. 3, 5, 8, 10 and 12 at the Obchain Community Room. Tax prep software training will be Jan. 16-19 at the College of Southern Idaho. Call 837-9178.

Guardian ad Litem volunteers

Energetic volunteers are needed to safeguard the interests of abused and neglected children. Guardian ad Litem volunteers represent children going through the court system. Call Jennifer Diehl at 324-6890 or visit the offices at 137 E. Main St. in Jerome.

Hospice volunteers

Magic Valley Staffing Service Hospice Division is in need of volunteers to assist with duties such as a supporter to the patient or caregiver, newsletter preparation, copying, mailings and assistance with fundraising activities. Volunteers are needed in the eight county area, especially in Rupert, Jerome and Twin Falls. Hospice and OSHA training are offered each month. Volunteers are also needed for the new bereavement program. Call Susan Harris at 734-0600 or 1-800-303-0602.

Mentors

Volunteers age 55 and older are needed to mentor at-risk 11th- and 12th-grade students. All volunteers must consent to a background search and fingerprinting. Call Carlene at the Office on Aging at 736-2122, Ext. 320 or Kitty at 436-0727 for those in the Mini-Cassia area.

Winter clothing, blankets, toys

The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs men's, women's and children's winter clothing, blankets, Christmas items, bikes and toys. Drop off items from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 1043 Blue

Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. Call Michelle at 736-2166.

Caregiver helpers

The "Dial-A-Break" Respite Program is in need of volunteers who will sit with 24-hour clients in their homes. This allows the caregiver a chance to take a much-needed break. This program is offered in the Magic Valley and volunteers are needed in all areas. Call Judy or Carlene at the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program at the Office on Aging at 736-2122.

Volunteer drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed in the Magic Valley area for the Seniors Assisted Services program. This program offers assisted transportation to people age 60 years and older. There is a small reimbursement for mileage. Call Judy or Carlene at the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program at the Office on Aging at 736-2122.

Volunteer reader

Volunteers ages 55 and older are needed to work with the "America Reads Program." Volunteers will work with kindergarten through third-grade students four hours per week. Volunteers are needed for Twin Falls, Jerome, Buhl, Filer and Hagerman schools. Call Mindy at 736-2122, Ext. 325.

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call Judy Tipton, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 312. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency of the College of Southern Idaho. To have your request appear in this column, please submit it before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Please call weekly to retain request.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TFHS Christmas concert takes stage Monday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School Christmas concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Rupert Auditorium at the high school. The program will feature the school choirs.

Astronomical society raffles prizes, views skies

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Astronomical Society will raffle gifts at 7 p.m. today in the Frost classroom in the Dietert Center on the College of Southern Idaho Campus. The raffie will be conducted by Jay Sneddon. Gifts from local businesses will be raffled by answering various astronomy questions. Tickets can be purchased at the event and members will receive some tickets free.

Retired sugar workers set lunch meeting

TWIN FALLS - The retired sugar workers will meet at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at North's Chuck Wagon on Kimberly Road. Senior discounts will be honored.

North Side Head Start offers families for adoption

JEROME - The North Side Head Start in Jerome has families for adoption this holiday season. For more information, call Judy Crist at 324-2385.

Clover Trinity School presents live nativity

BUHL - The students of Clover Trinity Lutheran School will present their annual live outdoor nativity at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the Clover Trinity Lutheran School at 3552 N. 1825 in Buhl. The event will include scripture readings and carols reenacted by students in an outdoor setting featuring live animals.

Order of the Eastern Star serves-up potluck dinner

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Chapter 25, Order of the Eastern Star will hold a Christmas potluck dinner at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls Masonic Temple. Members are asked to bring a salad or a dessert and the main course and table settings will be provided.

Buhl High School offers financial aid workshop

BUHL - Buhl High School will offer a financial aid workshop at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Buhl High School Library. High school seniors and parents who are interested in learning how to fill out financial aid forms are welcome to attend. A representative from the College of Southern Idaho will conduct the workshop. For more information, call Doreen Richter at 543-8262.

Wood River Middle School performs holiday concert

HAILEY - The Wood River Middle School will hold a holiday concert featuring the seventh- and eighth-grade band and the intermediate and advanced band at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the school gym.

BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announces Dec. 5 winners

RUPERT - Results for the BJ Duplicate Bridge Club for Dec. 5 are north/south first, Lois Stephenson and Beth Thomas; second, Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland; third, Ralph Holmes and Barbara Balkston; fourth, Harry and Lorena Warnke; East/West first, Norma Goodman and Dot Creason; second, Peggie Payne and Donna Knaus; third, Maggie Knight and Bill Novasel; Nancy Gibson and Trudy Carver. Play continues at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the Rupert Elks. The public is invited.

Retired federal employees hears about library

TWIN FALLS - The National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1959 will hold its monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Cancer support groups hold Christmas party

TWIN FALLS - A Christmas party will be held for all cancer support groups at 7 p.m. Monday in the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center reception area. Those attending are asked to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament to exchange. There is a \$7.50 spending limit. For more information, call Char Basilia at 737-2800 or Dennis Maughan at 737-3700, Ext. 1231.

Minidoka Hospital Auxiliary Guild honors nurse

RUPERT - Minidoka Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Guild has chosen Delores Erickson as Nurse of the Year for 2000. She works in the extended care facility and has been a nurse for 26 years. She will be honored at a tea at 2 p.m. Monday in the Fireplace Room at the hospital.

Christmas event awaits children at Magic Mountain

HANSEN - A magical Christmas event for children will be held today at Magic Mountain in the South Hills, south of Hansen. Marty and Sherry Jacobs invite children 12 years old or younger to ski free today. At noon, writer Bev Stone will tell a story and artist Gary Stone will sketch scenes from her story. The Stones will also have a book signing and will hold drawings for free Santa books, sketches and posters.

Santa Claus comes to visit at Rupert Square

RUPERT - Santa Claus will be in his house on the Rupert Square from 1-4 p.m. each Saturday through Christmas. Children are also invited to place their letters to Santa in the mailbox on the house. All letters should include the child's full name and address if they wish to receive a reply from Santa.

Minidoka Hospital Auxiliary Guild meets Monday

RUPERT - The next meeting of the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Guild is scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday in the Fireplace Room.

Library district is subject of special monthly meetings

BUURLEY - The Burley Public and DeFuria Memorial Library Board of Trustees, along with various community members, will hold special monthly meetings for the purpose of integrating policies and establishing guidelines for the demonstration library district, anticipated in March 2001. The meetings will be held at 5 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce building, 1777 7th St., Heyburn. The next meeting on Tuesday will discuss Internet Use policies. The public is welcome. The Burley Public Library will change its regular monthly meeting

Teachers association program features music

BUURLEY - The Mini-Cassia Retired Teachers Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave., Burley. The program will feature Christmas music. Galle Beck and Melanie Smith will play cello. The Singing Babes, directed Jacque Lee, will sing, and soloist Rebecca Harris will also perform. Anyone interested in education is invited to the meeting.

Photographer signs copies of new book today

TWIN FALLS - Photographer Kirk Anderson will sign copies of his newly-released book, "Idaho Discovered," at noon today at Barnes & Noble Bookellers, 12350 Pole Line Road, Twin Falls. "The collection represents every region of the state. Anderson of Ketchum has been photographing Idaho landscapes since 1974.

Got a club? Let us know

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to Pat Marzantonio, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301. Or call 733-0931, Ext. 288 for more information.

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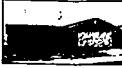








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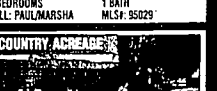



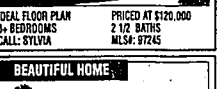
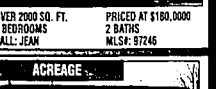

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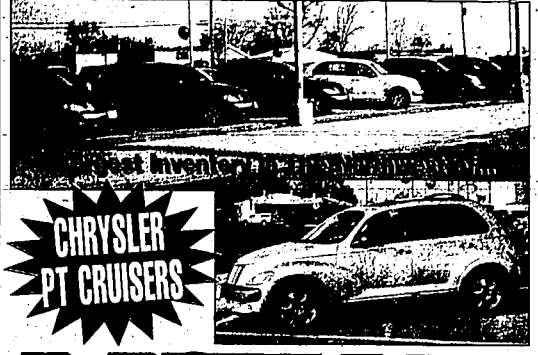
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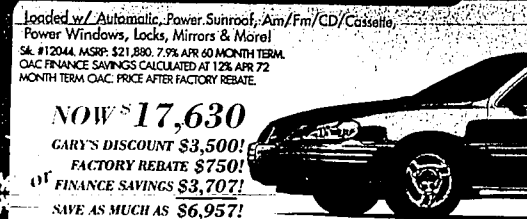
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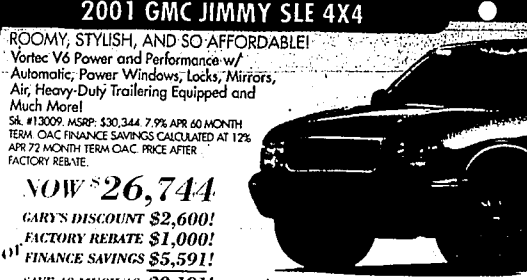
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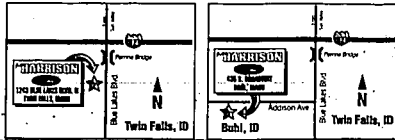
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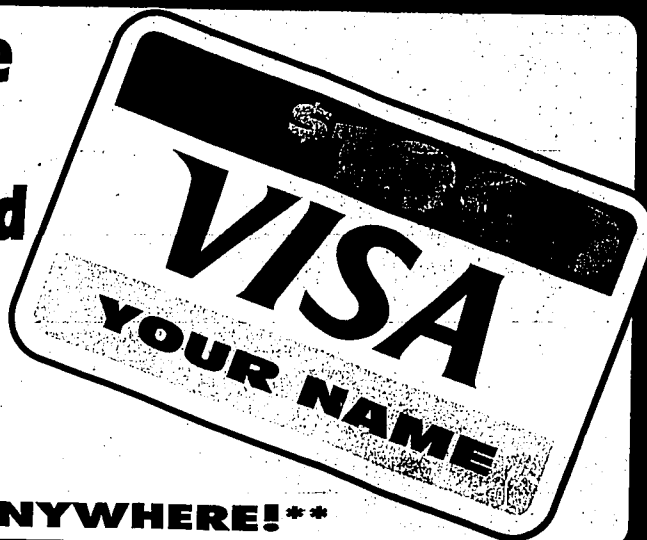
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