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Transition gets into high gear

George W. moves into his own

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The Bush transition is kicking into high gear as the president-elect's team takes over two floors of government-furnished office space set aside for the transition and lays claim to \$5.3 million in federal funds to pay for expenses.

But offices and money aren't the obstacles - the record amount of transition funding and the high-tech, turnkey office space with sophisticated computer networks should be of great assistance.

The problem now is time. The protracted election battle has cut the transition period virtually in half, with the inaugural just five weeks from Saturday and formidable tasks to be accomplished.

The largest undertaking will

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Vice President-elect Dick Cheney peers into a crowded press room before taking part in a ceremony where the keys (actually an electronic access card) to the General Services Administration building were presented to the Bush transition team Thursday in McLean, Va.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - On George W. Bush's 29th birthday, his father wondered privately what would become of his eldest son.

"If he gets his teeth into something semi-permanent or permanent, he will do just fine," the man who would be America's 41st president wrote hopefully but uncertainly in his diary about the son who would become the 43rd.

Twenty-five years later, the older Bush has his answer. In a go-for-broke presidential race, George Walker Bush proved himself a tenacious competitor, audacious enough to seek the presidency after just six years in public office and confident enough to stand fast during five wrenching weeks of postelection



President-elect George W. Bush

limbo. "I know you can't win unless you run," the future president likes to say. It is a phrase he first coined in his 1994 surprise ouster of Texas Gov. Ann Richards, a race even his mother doubted he could win.

During the peaks and valleys of the last five weeks, Bush "had an absolute peace" about him, says longtime friend Nancy Weiss, who recalls Bush playfully coming

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Private prison impresses lawmakers



State legislators walk by an inmate who is being searched during a tour of the Idaho Correctional Center, the state's first privately managed prison.

Jumping in the water

New adjudication judge begins work

By N.S. Nokkvented Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The state water court gets a new judge today - the third to preside over the court.

District Judge Roger Burdick officially takes the helm today. Unofficially, though, he's still packing and moving from the Twin Falls County courthouse to the Snake River Basin Adjudication court a couple of blocks away.

The state Supreme Court earlier this year decided to remove presiding Judge R. Barry Wood from the case because of his relationship to Supreme Court Justice Dan Eismann.

Burdick said his job will be easier because his predecessors have done such a good job organizing and moving along the massive case - the legal settling of 150,000 water rights claims in 38 of Idaho's 44 counties.

Unofficially, though, he's still packing and moving from the Twin Falls County courthouse to the Snake River Basin Adjudication court a couple of blocks away.

"All I'm going to do is try to keep that ship going in the right direction," Burdick said. Thursday was the last day on the case for Wood, a 5th Judicial District judge, who has gone back to running district courts in Gooding, Jerome and Lincoln counties. Ted Booth, Wood's clerk on adjudication for the past 1 1/2 years, will go back to Gooding with Wood.

The adjudication court staff members have tried to provide Burdick with "a good road map," said Booth, who has agreed to come down and help out if necessary.

Burdick praised Wood and his staff for their efforts to make the transition smooth. He still is transferring stuff to his new office, but come Monday morning he'll be in a suit and tie, ready to hold court.

The main thing on his mind

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Legislators see need to address corrections issues

By Michael Jorume Times-News writer

KUNA - Privately run prisons have a bad reputation for piling the bottom line above all else.

Stories of preventable escapes, inmate abuse, and guard corruption - not to mention the newly blurred line between law enforcement, the justice system and private prisons - have been hot-button topics in the corrections industry since states began turning their inmates over to corporations on contract.

But Warden Glen Turner of the Idaho Correctional Center just south of Boise thinks his 1,250-bed prison, which opened this summer, has so far avoided the problems facing other privately owned prisons.

Turner Thursday showed off the prison to a group of lawmakers, reporters and corrections officials.

Operated by Corrections Corporation of America, the nation's largest provider of deten-

tion and corrections services to governmental agencies, the medium- and maximum-security prison was Idaho's answer to overcrowding in state-owned maximum security operations.

And more of the same might be coming soon. By the time the 2001 Legislature convenes on Jan. 8, Turner said, all of his beds will be full. He is expecting to expand with another 250 slots by the end of the year.

Fueled by the state's crackdown on drug-related crimes, especially those involving methamphetamine, the state's increasingly expensive prison population has become a concern for lawmakers. What to do about it could be one of the hottest issues at the 2001 session.

"I hope it's just huge," said Sen. Cecil Ingram, R-Boise, a member of the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee, which oversees the state's correctional operations.

Ingram wants the state to start investing more money in educa-

tion, prevention, and drug rehabilitation to nip the mushrooming inmate population before it happens.

"It's time for somebody to make a decision," Ingram said. "I'm ready to make a decision. We need to start putting money in on the front end and stop putting it in the back end."

Ingram and Sen. Shelia Sorensen, R-Boise, who also sits on the Judiciary and Rules Committee, both said they have a lot more questions than answers about the problem, but they like what they see at the new prison.

The prison's fledgling voluntary drug rehabilitation and vocational programs impressed the two senators. Ingram said it could become a model for future Idaho prisons.

Of the prison's current 1,089 inmates, fewer than 80 are involved in its "peer community" treatment programs, that not only deals with addictions, but also "life skills" such as courtesy and how to talk to the opposite sex. Officials hope to expand the

program, which has capacity for only 88 inmates. The program, which has capacity for only 88 inmates with basic adult education, and vocational programs that teach skills such as electronics and carpentry, the lawmakers see an opportunity stop the cycle of building more prison beds.

And the best part may be its economy. The new prison provides these programs using its per diem from the state, about \$35 per inmate per day.

Sorensen insisted that new programs should not soften a prisoner's stay behind bars. But like Ingram, Sorensen said the state has to choose how to deal with a swelling prison population.

"People might not like it, but money will have to be spent one way or another."

"We have this big surplus, but no one wants any part of it to go to corrections," Sorensen said. "I think it really comes down to what this society wants. If they want their streets safer, they pay - as much as they'll complain about it."

Decline of crack, gangs turns back juvenile crime wave

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A six-year decline in murders by teen-agers brought the 1999 homicide arrest rate for juveniles down 68 percent from its 1993 peak to the lowest level since 1966, the Justice Department reported Thursday.

The arrest rate of juveniles for four major violent crimes - murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault - plunged 36 percent from its 1994 peak to 1999, reaching the lowest point since 1988,

according to FBI statistics cited in a report by Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Experts say the decline of crack cocaine and the violent gangs that peddled it, combined with big city police crackdowns on illegal guns and expanded after-school crime prevention programs, have turned around the juvenile crime wave that pushed murder arrest rates for youths, age 10 to 17, up from 1987 to a peak in 1993.

That violent youth-crime wave

of the late 1980s and early 1990s was overwhelmingly concentrated among black teen-agers in the nation's largest cities, and the murder declines have been greatest among them.

But there also were sharp declines in murders by white, male teen-agers, said James Alan Fox, a Northeastern University criminal justice professor who has combined several data sets to produce more detailed reports than the Justice study.

Fox's data estimating actual offense rates rather than merely

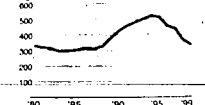
arrest rates showed that the rate of murders committed by blacks age 14-17 fell from 244.1 per 100,000 youths in 1993 to 67.3 in 1999. The white teen-age murder rate fell from 21.8 per 100,000 in 1993 to 10.2 in 1999, Fox said.

"The reduced level of violent crime shows how the power of prevention, when combined with constructive intervention and strengthened juvenile justice systems that hold every offender accountable, makes our communities safer," Attorney General Janet Reno said.

Youth crime drops

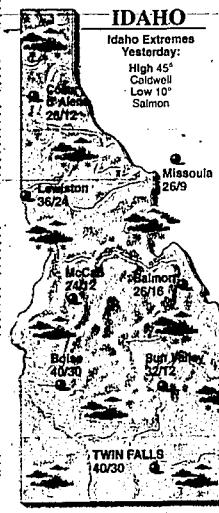
The juvenile violent crime index, a measure of nationwide arrest rates for four major violent crimes - murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault - fell in 1999 to its lowest level since 1988.

Juvenile violent crime index Arrests per 100,000 juvenile ages 10-17



Source: Department of Justice AP

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Windy, a rain or snow shower	Partly to mostly cloudy	Chance of a little snow and rain.	A few showers of snow and rain.	Clouds and partly fog, then some sunshine.	Clouds and partly fog, then some sunshine.
▲ 40°	▼ 30°	▲ 40° ▼ 32°	▲ 38° ▼ 24°	▲ 38° ▼ 24°	▲ 38° ▼ 24°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Windy at times today; a couple of rain and snow showers will move across the region this morning, then clouds and occasional sunshine this afternoon. Partly cloudy, brisk and cold tonight.

Boise: A couple of rain and snow showers will cross the area early this morning, then occasional sunshine and a gusty wind today. Mostly cloudy tonight with a little rain and snow possible late.

Northern Nevada: A rain or snow shower in a few spots early this morning; otherwise, windy today with clouds and occasional sun. Mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow with the chance for a few rain and snow showers.

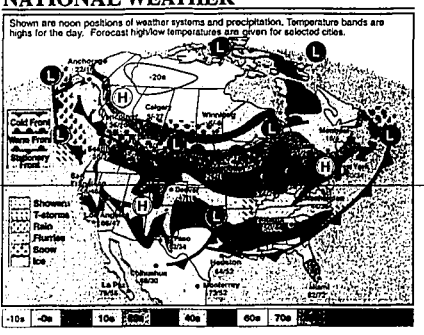
Northern Utah: Mostly cloudy and windy today; a few showers of rain and snow, mainly this morning. Partly to mostly cloudy and cold tonight with a mountain snow shower. Clouds and limited sunshine tomorrow.

Northern Idaho: Windy today with clouds and occasional sunshine; also some snow showers, most of which will come this morning. Partly cloudy tonight with a stray snow shower. Mostly cloudy tomorrow with snow.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

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NATIONAL WEATHER



CANADIAN CITIES

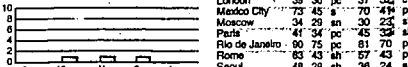
City	Today	Sat.
Calgary	5-27	11-10
Edmonton	-2-20	-9-16
Halifax	1-3	35-31
Regina	-10-17	-7-5
Saskatoon	-8-22	-10-12
Vancouver	36-28	44-38
Victoria	36-28	44-38
Winnipeg	-5-8	0-12

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 8:01 a.m.
 Sunset tonight: 5:05 p.m.
 Moonset tonight: 1:54 a.m.

Phase	Date
First	Jan 2
Full	Jan 9

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WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Sat.
Acapulco	80-73	80-72
Athens	68-57	68-45
Bangkok	80-69	80-70
Beijing	38-18	34-26
Buenos Aires	77-61	77-64
Calcutta	65-52	67-54
Hong Kong	75-70	77-62
Jakarta	51-43	57-44
Johnsburg	85-60	80-59
London	41-34	41-30
Madrid	73-45	70-43
Moscow	34-29	30-23
Paris	47-30	47-30
Rio de Janeiro	83-43	81-30
Sao Paulo	83-43	87-43
Seoul	48-28	38-24
Sydney	75-60	77-62
Tokyo	52-42	57-39
Warsaw	45-34	37-32
Zurich	37-25	35-29

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sat.
Boise	40-30	42-32
Bonanza Ferry	29-12	27-20
Burley	40-29	36-28
Coeur d'Alene	26-12	26-24
Elgin	42-23	41-15
Eugene, OR	48-44	50-40
Hagerman	40-28	38-23
Idaho Falls	35-16	35-10
Kelowna, BC	23-2	15-10
Lewiston	36-24	34-22
Maldid	38-27	34-20
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City	Today	Sat.
McCall	28-12	26-12
Missoula, MT	26-9	16-12
Pocatello	36-26	34-28
Portland, OR	42-38	44-40
Richland, WY	37-26	33-31
Salmon	26-16	28-24
Salt Lake City, UT	42-27	39-26
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Profile

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 back with his own banter when she teasingly dubbed him "Mr. Almost-President Bushie."
 "George is able to accept life," she said. "He just thought this would work out for the best."
 As Bush himself said in a summertime interview, "I'm comfortable with my fate," reflecting an open-to-possibilities outlook that was instilled from the start.
 When the Bushes of Midland, Texas, sat down to supper, two future presidents scooting up to the table, politics was rarely on the menu.
 "There wasn't anybody who sat around and acted presidential," recalled Doro Koch, kid sister to George W. Bush. "We were always just a family."
 America's next president is a product of privilege and breeding with a strong streak of the ordinary in him as well, a quality that friends find disarming and critics disconcerting. The Ivy League-educated son of a president and grandson of a senator, is a plain-spoken "guy's guy," in the view of friends.
 Adjectives to describe the next president: energetic, loyal, blunt, impatient.
 "He's a very high-energy, frenetic type of a person," says Clay

Johnson, his chief of staff in the Texas Statehouse and a longtime friend. "There's a lot of activity."
 As governor, Johnson says, Bush changed the top of the list. He'd have three or four meetings on different subjects in one hour. No dawdling or lingering over decisions. Staffers who ramble or showed up unprepared were abruptly cut off.
 "He's saucy; he's got an edge to him," said Mike Wood, a Washington businessman whose son, George W. Bush, is a high school and college. "It makes him seem real and it makes him seem interesting."
 Critics look at the same person and see a man who fails to take serious things seriously enough and who lacks gravitas. They cite reports, for example, that he mocked pickax murderer Carla Faye Tucker after her execution. Bush denied making light of the execution and says he simply knows how to keep things in perspective, maintain a sense of humor and get the most out of life, all part of his free-spirited West Texas upbringing.
 "When it is all said and done," he once said, "I want somebody to say, the man's dance card was full."
 Ever was it so. When Bush was

2, his dad wrote that young George "greets me and talks a blue streak, sentences disjointed of course but enthusiasm and spirit in his boundless."
 As a young man, Bush had a front-row seat for the historic events of his time, courtesy of his father's high-profile jobs culminating at the White House.
 George W. squared Tricia Nixon to dinner on a blind date lined up by his dad. (He drove the family's purple Cadillac, right up to the White House.) He hung out in China for six weeks during his dad's tenure as ambassador. (Had his teeth drilled and turned 29 while there.) He emceed himself at campaign headquarters during his father's 1988 presidential bid. (As self-styled "loyalty enforcer.")
 And yet, he remains oddly unaffected — an admirable quality to his friends, a worrisome sign to his detractors.
 "He has a genuine simplicity," said Kenneth Cohen, an Atlanta dentist who went to Yale with Bush and still counts him as a friend.
 Bush says he never felt a nudge to enter the family business of politics, or indeed any parental pressure to achieve greatness.
 Bush wrestles with the

inevitable questions about how to be his famous father's son and yet his own man.
 In a rare moment of public self-analysis, he once admitted he had to make "a fairly big splash" to gain recognition. "My pool has been expanded so much because of who my dad is," he explained.
 Bush took his time finding his direction in life. A 50-student at Yale and Harvard, he went through a self-described "young and irresponsible" stage after school, drank too much and got a newly revealed arrest for drunken driving.
 Tracing his father's footsteps, Bush set out to make it big in the Texas oil business. He gave up drinking, settled down as a family man, made a losing run for Congress. But when the oil business went bust, he packed up with his wife and twin daughters and headed to Washington to help run his father's 1988 presidential campaign.
 Bush brought his Texas bravado right into the campaign, dressing down those he felt weren't giving their all for his dad. His brother, Marvin, remembered him "barking orders and yelling and trying to figure out what was going on."

Feds crack down on drug gang

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government offered a \$2 million reward Thursday for a Mexican drug kingpin known as "the friend-killer" as agents in three states began arresting more than 100 members of his gang.
 "I am confident that we will find him and bring him to justice," DEA Administrator Donnie Marshall said at a press conference to announce the move

Bush

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 to be put in place hundreds of senior White House and administration officials, an effort that, even under the best of circumstances, can take several months.
 The 1980 Reagan transition, held as the model of successful effort, had hoped to be able to submit to the Senate the names of hundreds of sub-Cabinet officials shortly after Inauguration Day. But even with a clear Election Day mandate free from chads and butterflies, the incoming Reagan team found itself behind the eight ball as late as Jan. 8, 1981, when personnel chief Jendleton James told the Wall Street Journal, "We are running well behind schedule."
 In addition, Reagan came in with an overwhelming mandate and a clear Senate majority, making confirmation of his top picks a much easier and quicker proposition.
 So the Bush transition team must push nominees to quickly finish the lengthy paperwork required, then hope that the FBI and other vetting agencies will complete background checks at record speed and that the Senate's 50 Democrats will refrain from guerrilla warfare on nominations.
 Bush transition officials, though mindful of the problems, are confident they can be adequately prepared by Jan. 20.
 "We have been able to quietly make plans as quickly as possible,"

Water

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 Thursday, as he packed up his old office in the county courthouse, was the people he was leaving, he said.
 "Tomorrow I jump in the water," he said.
 Wood took over the case — reluctantly at first — in January 1999, after District Judge Daniel

Hurlbutt stepped down at the end of 1998. Hurlbutt had presided over the case since its inception.
 Wood leaves the adjudication running smoothly but with some big issues still to be decided. One is the unsettled question of how to manage conflicting uses of ground and surface water

known as conjunctive management. The other is a motion by the Nez Perce Indian tribe to disqualify Wood and vacate his denial of the tribe's claims to Snake River water.
 The state Department of Water Resources reports that its adjudication efforts are well over halfway to completion. The department has issued 112,316 recommendations for water rights, and has another 30,000 yet to file. The department expects to complete its part in the case by 2005.
 The court has approved recommendations for 72,515 water

rights.
 The state Supreme Court earlier this year decided to remove Wood from the case because Eismann is married to Wood's sister, and because the two are former law partners and law school classmates.
 But some of Wood's rulings may still come before the Supreme Court after Eismann takes the bench in January 2001.

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NATION

Bush works to heal country

His promise to 'unite' is put to the test

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — President-elect at long last, George W. Bush labored on his transition to power on Thursday as Democratic leaders of Congress professed their willingness to work across party lines.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, Gore's running mate, resumed his duties in the Senate and delivered a concession-style speech of his own. Bush and Vice President-elect Dick Cheney "are in my prayers," said the Connecticut Democrat, who made history as the country's first Jewish candidate for national office.

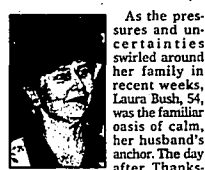
Bush was in Austin, where he attended church services on the morning after Al Gore officially ended the nation's overtime election with a nationally televised concession speech. The Texas governor "decided that he wants to start this on a message of prayer and healing," said aide Karen Hughes.

in some Florida voting precincts, the aide said. "It was not elected to serve one party. But to serve one nation," Bush said Wednesday night in his first speech to the nation as president-elect.

First lady-elect has soothing influence

New York Daily News

"First Lady, First Mom. Along with the traditional duties of a president's wife, Laura Bush's equally demanding role when she moves into the White House will be to keep a watchful eye and check on her husband's inner and sometimes outer child."



Laura Bush

Losers outnumber winners in the Florida recount saga

WASHINGTON (AP) — The disputed presidential election had plenty of winners — including lawyers for both presidential candidates, the Florida Democratic Party and civics teachers across America — as well as more than its share of losers.

for the 2002 governor's race. Lawyers Barry Richard for Bush and David Boies for Gore both combined legal and diplomatic skills during a frantic series of court hearings.

Calming the restless and impatient Dubya is the key role of the family and the president-elect himself say she has played in their 23-year-marriage, and the one that will be much in demand with the newfound stresses of his presidency.

As the pressures and uncertainties swirled around her family in recent weeks, Laura Bush, 54, was the familiar oasis of calm, her husband's anchor. The day after Thanksgiving with the presidency still hanging by a thread, she played host to her formidable in-laws for dinner and a sleepover at their ranch in Crawford, Texas.

Political analysts suggested some of the most prominent losers in this five-week melodrama were:

- Both presidential candidates, Al Gore and George W. Bush, who struggled with limited success to appear presidential during the chaos;
- Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who couldn't decisively deliver his state for his brother and the Republicans, then infuriated Democrats during the recount;
- Secretary of State Katherine Harris, who incurred wrath as she tried several times to wrap up the election with Bush winning;
- Palm Beach County elections supervisor Theresa LePore, who developed the disastrous "butterfly ballot";
- The state of Florida, which underwent more than a month of ridicule in the national news;
- Punch-card ballots, which have likely proven their time has passed;
- The Florida Democratic Party was a winner because the 2000 elections helped bring it back to near parity with the Republicans after a disastrous 1998 election, and has fired the Democrats up

"When George gets too full of himself, Laura brings him back to Earth," said a friend. She has been heard to tell him in the heat of the campaign: "You're not president yet."

Welch, who lives alone, said her daughter called to tell her she was planning to make her in-laws "a squash casserole, some potatoes that sounded real nice and little fillers that George W. would grill." "She's a very good cook," Welch said, "and she cooks healthily."

Agency says employers can't deny coverage

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It is against federal law for employers to exclude contraceptives from their health insurance plans if they cover other types of preventative products or services, such as weight loss drugs or blood pressure medicine, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission said.

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NATION

Trade Commission approves AOL-Time Warner merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission unanimously approved the merger between America Online and Time Warner — the largest proposed in U.S. history — after the companies pledged to protect consumer choice for the next generation of Internet services and content.

Thursday's decision clears the way for the Federal Communication Commission to complete its review — the final hurdle before the companies can consummate the \$11 billion deal. But FTC approval moves the companies far along in their quest to complete a merger they announced in January.

The FTC accepted a five-year consent decree that addresses a range of likely anti-competitive effects posed by the deal. They include safeguards to prevent the company from shutting out other Internet providers from its high-speed service and from discriminating against the content of other companies delivered over its Internet or interactive television service.

The order "is intended to ensure that this new medium, characterized by openness, diversity and freedom, will not be closed down as a result of this merger," said FTC Chairman Robert Pitofsky.

That agreement also could set important precedents for how the government will oversee the development of new Web services still in their infancy — Pitofsky expressed

Top mergers

The merger between America Online and Time Warner won unanimous approval from the Federal Trade Commission on Thursday. Here is a look at the top 10 worldwide mergers.

Acquirer and target	Date completed or pending	Value
1 Vodafone AirTouch PLC-Mannosmann AG	Completed April 12, 2000	\$161 billion
2 Pfizer Inc.-Warner-Lambert Co.	Completed June 19, 2000	\$116 billion
3 America Online-Time Warner	Pending Dec. 14, 2000	\$111 billion
4 Exxon Corp.-Mobil Corp.	Completed Nov. 30, 1999	\$81 billion
5 Glaxo Wellcome PLC-SmithKline Beecham PLC	Pending Dec. 14, 2000	\$72 billion
6 SBC Communications Inc.-Ameritech Corp.	Completed Oct. 8, 1999	\$72 billion
7 Vodafone Group PLC-Airtouch Communications Inc.	Completed June 30, 1999	\$69 billion
8 Bell Atlantic Corp.-GTE Corp. (Now Verizon)	Completed May 30, 2000	\$60 billion
9 Total Fina-Elf Aquitaine (Now Total Fina Elf S.A.)	Completed Feb. 9, 2000	\$54 billion
10 Viacom Inc.-CBS Corp.	Completed May 4, 2000	\$50 billion

Sources: Thompson Financial Securities Data; compiled from AP wire reports

hope that the FTC conditions would set a blueprint for other providers of high-speed Internet

access to follow, but he defended the decision of the government to intervene in the nascent industry.

Researchers find gene mutation that may lead to longer life span

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mutation of a gene whimsically named "I'm not dead yet" can double the life span of fruit flies, a laboratory discovery that researchers said may lead to drugs to help people live longer and, perhaps, even lose weight.

Researchers at the University of Connecticut Health Center have found that the life span of an fruit flies was extended from an average of 37 days to 70 days when a gene was modified on a single chromosome. Some flies in the study lived 110 days.

The same long-life gene exists in humans, said Dr. Stephen L. Helfand, senior author of the study, and "offers a target for future drug therapies aimed at extending life."

In human terms, a doubled life span would be about 150 years. Helfand said the gene mutation appears to work by restricting caloric absorption on a cellular level — in effect, putting the

cells on a diet. This raises the possibility, he said, of one day developing a pill that would both extend life and control weight.

"From what we know about this gene, that makes perfect sense," he said.

Helfand said a key finding of the study, which was appearing Friday in the journal *Science*, is that not only did the fruit flies live longer, but they also seemed to maintain a high quality of life. "It is not an empty or hollow increase in life span. It prolongs active adult life, and I think, delays the onset of aging," he said.

Some life-extension studies showed that animals tended to trade vigor and energy for a longer life, he said.

But the mutant flies "do well throughout their longer life," Helfand said. "By the time that 80 to 90 percent of normal flies are dead, these mutants are still doing just fine."

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Judge fines reporters \$100 per minute


PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Testimony ended Thursday in a murder trial without reporters from two newspapers turning over their interview notes with the defendant despite a \$100-per-minute fine imposed by the judge. Common Pleas Judge Jane Cutler Greenspan ordered the fines to begin at noon Wednesday and continue until the end of testi-

mony. Closing arguments were scheduled for Thursday afternoon. Prosecutor Emily Zimmerman told the judge she had understood that the fine would accrue overnight. But on Thursday, Greenspan said it would add up only while the reporters were in court. By the time testimony ended, each fine amounted to

\$64,000. The Philadelphia Inquirer and Philadelphia Tribune, a twice-weekly black newspaper, said they would pay the fines and appeal the contempt finding.

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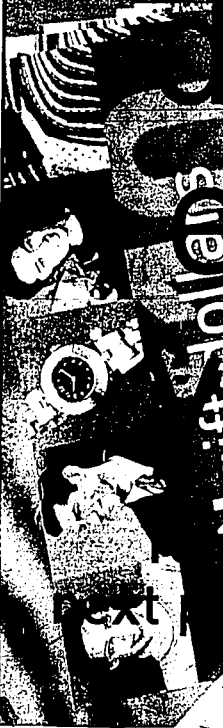
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EDITORIAL

North rim park idea is wise for the future

It's a great place to drive around and shoot off guns, but land on the north side of the Snake River and east of U.S. Highway 93 is worthy of something better. Toward that end, we applaud plans to convert some of the area into a park.

There's been plenty of dreaming and scheming over that land in recent years, but it's been mostly talk and little action. Meanwhile, the areas have earned a reputation as a swell place to dump garbage.

Yes, it's public land that is open for public use - but it needn't be reduced to a dump. Thoughtlessness is the main culprit, but thoughtlessness is inevitable until the area is recognized as a park. As things stand, it is nothing-special federal land - and people treat it as such.

Better to designate some of the area for certain uses, with places for all activities. Off-road vehicle enthusiasts could do their thing in one area, horses and riders could use another area, and families could take a nature walk in yet another area.

There's plenty of room, because the

site measures about 8,000 acres. It is roughly bounded by the canyon, U.S. 93, Intertrance 84 and Kimberly Road after it passes over the Hansen Bridge.

That's a lot of land, so it would be awfully presumptuous to proclaim all of it as a park. Better to develop it in phases, starting with the nicest areas, and leave some land available for future, possibly private, development.

Again, there's plenty of land to work with - so a park isn't an all-or-nothing proposition.

To the casual eye, the terrain is dominated by rocks, cheatgrass and wizened sagebrush. But there are sparkling oases hidden away in wrinkles of the landscape - places such as Devil's Corral and Vinyard Lake. There, cool water springs from the base of ragged cliffs, creating streams, ponds and even a small lake. The water is crystal clear. Trout fin lazily Crawdads lurk in the watercrevices.

These are wonderful places, and they are just a few miles from town. As Twin Falls and Jerome grow, they could profit from having a nice recreation area just down the road.

Speak your mind

Public comments on a north rim park proposal will be accepted by the Bureau of Land Management until Jan. 12. Mail your comments to Debbie Kovar or Bill Baker at the BLM's Shoshone office, P.O. Box 28, Shoshone, ID, 83352.

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LETTERS

Weigh all the options, Twin Falls

I have some concerns about the Twin Falls Aquifer Recharge project. I hope that for once Twin Falls will weigh all the options and look in depth as to why is the aquifer being depleted.

There is the Idaho Department of Water Resources supposed to keep track of all the water transfers, wells, etc. in order to prevent lack of water in the aquifer? If so, IDWR must have failed. Why should Twin Falls now have to pay for such a major project to get back something that someone else has depleted through poor management? Did the IDWR grant water where they shouldn't have? There is a moratorium on the deep water wells; maybe it's time to start to limit the commercial wells also that don't naturally recharge to the aquifer.

Then there is Charles Brockway - I have served on numerous water transfer hearings in which he has testified for the applicant that all the commercial well transfers would not be harmful to our aquifers. So which is it - something is causing our aquifer to be low? I don't think I can put a lot of faith in Mr. Brockway now he obviously is not looked at the cumulative effect of drawdown of the numerous commercial well transfers. He was testifying as an expert witness in the area of hydrology at these hearings, and "drawdown" is one way that the aquifer can be affected. When questioned about "drawdown effect," he stated that he only looks at the one particular well in the transfer.

What happens when you add them all up? Just what is he looking at now? If Mr. Brockway only has single vision, I hope Twin Falls will look at the whole picture to find where the problem is and find an affordable solution. Maybe Twin Falls County should not allow any more transfers for commercial wells.

I still don't know if I agree with this project or not, but I do know that I sure hope Twin Falls does its homework's project such as this one at the advice of Brockway and JUB or even IDWR. They, after all, will be the ones getting paid for their advice; won't they? If nothing else always get a second or even a third opinion. It's worth my being someone

from outside of Idaho to get that second or third opinion.

DIANNA MIKETA Bliss

Goodbye, Jim Munn, we miss you

On Dec. 9, my best friend, Jim Munn Sr., went back home to God. In his typical style, he fought the battle with lung cancer with everything he had. Jim fought all his battles that way so, win or setback, he left behind nothing of which to be ashamed.

I think Jim and I became good friends because we are both so opinionated and spoke so freely that we respected each other for that reason. Jim seemed amused by the idea that he left a lot of people thinking that he was gruff and tough, but I know better. He was always there for me in the sad times and the happy times.

If you got to know Jim Munn deep down inside, you found a cuddly teddy bear who would do anything for you as long as you were an upstanding, decent and honest human being. He was a loving and dedicated husband, father and grandfather and enjoying nothing more than being with his family.

I never really knew Jim Munn the sheriff. Although we were friends during his years of service, he never liked to talk about police business at home.

Ask him a question about it and, if he gave an answer at all, it would be short and quick. I don't know how other people feel about Jim, but if it was any less than I feel, then I would say they didn't really know him.

Fare thee well, Jim. You will always be in my heart.

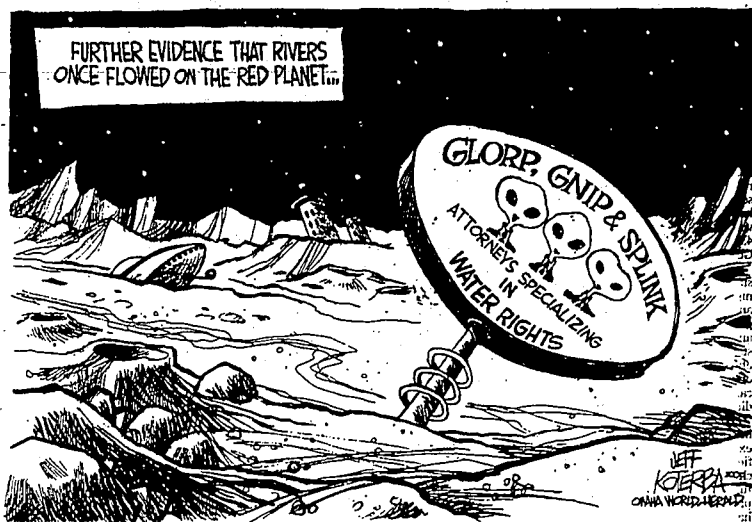
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Treat babies as well as animals

Congratulations to the writer Duane Luchsinger on his letter to the editor on Dec. 9.

It is so true that we winace at the thought of having to put to death a beautiful animal and yet refuse to see what has happened to the millions of unborn babies in this country, not to mention the whole world.

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America needs a tax cut now

DANIEL J. MITCHELL

President-elect Bush is being advised by his political foes to abandon tax cuts. This step, they tell him, is the only way to heal the wounds caused by weeks of legal wrangling and partisan rhetoric.

Yet abandoning tax cuts would be a big mistake, both politically and economically.

From a political perspective, Bush should regard this "healing" solution with suspicion. His opponents, for the most part, either have ideological objections to tax cuts or hope to drive a wedge between him and his conservative supporters.

It seems unlikely Bush will fall for this siren song. He surely remembers how his father's administration was sabotaged. Back in 1990, President George H. W. Bush was urged by his opponents to abandon his no-new-taxes pledge as a sign of bipartisanship. In exchange, liberal lawmakers promised to reduce spending.

What really happened? President Bush was lured into a bad deal. The tax burden rose, but spending increased even faster. The deficit climbed, and the economy shrank. When the dust settled, Bush lost his 1992 re-election battle - a result some people clearly have not forgotten.

But the tax issue is about much more than political posturing and election battles. It reflects fundamental judgments about the role of government. It demonstrates whether we intend to keep America competitive in a world economy. And it reveals whether we will finally

take an important step on the road to fundamental tax reform.

Politicians are awash in a sea of surplus tax revenue. They are collecting an extra \$200-plus billion in taxes this year.

Unfortunately, one side-effect of these surpluses is that politicians have lost the will to say no to special-interest groups. With so much extra money floating around, politicians have doubled the inflation-adjusted growth of federal spending.

There can be little doubt that failure to enact broad-based tax relief will undermine fiscal discipline in Washington. Put bluntly, it is unrealistic and foolish to assume politicians can resist the temptation to use the extra money, as shown by this year's bipartisan rush to increase spending.

Yet while cutting taxes is a good strategy to control spending, it also is the right way to keep our economy strong. The world economy today is much more competitive than it was 20 years ago. This means it is critically important for countries to enact pro-growth tax policies.

Those that reduce tax rates will attract savings and investment from around the world.

The good news is that America generally has lower tax rates than many of our competitors. This has enabled us to become more prosperous in the past two decades. But the bad news is that other nations are beginning to catch up.

Germany and Japan have reduced tax rates, and other countries are looking to follow that example. This means that we will have to lower our tax rates if we want to remain the No. 1 economy in the world.

Lower tax rates also would be a good insurance policy for the economy. Some economic analysts fear that our economy is beginning to slip into recession. To be sure, economists (and I am one) are often no better at forecasting the economy than gypsies and fortune-tellers, but it is possible that we are facing a downturn.

And if that is the case, all the more reason to lower tax rates so that people have a greater incentive to work, save and invest.

Last but not least, we should cut taxes as part of a long-term strategy to junk the internal revenue code and replace it with a simple and fair flat tax. The two main elements of the Bush tax plan - death-tax repeal and tax-rate reductions - are important steps in the right direction. This debate, after all, is not only about the tax burden. It also is about whether we can replace a loophole-riddled, corrupt tax code with a system that treats all taxpayers equally and gets the IRS out of our daily lives.

George W. Bush was right to embrace sweeping tax cuts during the campaign. Let's hope he remembers the lessons of recent history - and sticks to his promise.

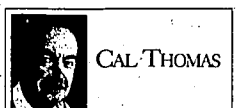
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The Democrats still preach division

In what may have been the most gracious speech of his life, Vice President Al Gore conceded to George W. Bush of Texas Wednesday night and acknowledged that Bush is the president-elect. It was likely Gore's valedictory speech in 2004, despite his relative youth (he's 52). Gore's fellow Democrats believe that if he couldn't win an election in which an incumbent president had personal approval ratings of more than 60 percent and a good economy, he is unlikely to do better after four or eight years of a President Bush.

For all the rhetoric about unity, the humor, the mention of God five times, the talk of how partisan feelings must yield to patriotism and how we must honor the new President-elect by bringing the country together, Gore's fellow Democrats won't buy much of it. They were too close to winning all three branches of government and are not about to lie down with the lamb. They smell the red meat. After a brief period of superficial unity, they will dedicate themselves to insuring, with the help of their big media friends, that Bush the second will suffer the same fate as Bush the first.

Jesse Jackson will continue to foment racial and political division. He's not about to unite behind anybody. His own political self-interest and financial future rests on sowing taxes among the wheat



CAL THOMAS

and keeping his face on television. Jackson should be ignored in a Bush administration, which must reach out to younger blacks whose future is not in the past of the civil rights movement but in the promise of better education, stronger families and economic empowerment that flows from hard work and initiative, not from grievance and government.

Incredibly, Gore made no mention of Bill Clinton, to whom he owes much from whom he received little. Don't expect liberal congressional Democrats to buy into "harmony and understanding, sympathy and trust abounding." Their god is government and their primary sacrament is power.

In his beautifully crafted and flawlessly delivered address, Bush sounded and looked presidential. He touched on some of the same themes Gore did, acknowledging with humility that Republicans and Democrats want the best for the nation.

Bush laid out his agenda: improving public schools, broad tax relief, strength-

ening Medicare and Social Security, and a stronger military which has been weakened under Clinton-Gore.

In the best lines of the night, Bush said "I was not elected to serve one party but to serve one nation. The President of the United States is the president of every single American, of every race and of every background. Whether you voted me or not, I will do my best to serve your interests and I will work to earn your respect."

George W. Bush is a good and decent man but he's entering an arena where good and decent men (and women) are rare for breakfast. His father is a good and decent man, who though his character qualities would encourage others to be like him and serve their better natures. Bush II should have learned from his father's false hope.

His adversaries, of whom there are many, are more likely to accuse him of evil motives and ugly policies. Will goodness and mercy overcome this? Maybe. But the votes are likely to remain out on that question for longer than the 36 days it took to declare an election winner. To change the culture of Washington will take more than the prayers Bush received of the American people. It will literally take divine intervention.

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OPINION

A Bush steps into the spotlight

President George Bush. But which one? George W. Bush, the man who has emerged as the 43rd president, is likely to be remembered in history as "Bush the Younger" or even "Bush II."

For the time being, of course, his enemies will be calling him "Bush the Older," but that will fade. Bush may indeed come to regard that "junior" status as something of a curse, and yet it's hard to imagine that he'd be where he is today — almost the 43rd president — if he were merely George Walker.

In his address from the Texas state Legislature Wednesday night, Bush was somewhat wordy and wonky, but the basic message got across: He will show modesty and generosity, because he understands that "junior" status rises above a house divided." He offered encouraging signs that he can make the transition from candidate to president.

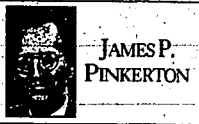
The paradox of this Bush is that in terms of practical political experience, he is as lightly qualified for the presidency as any chief executive since the 19th century. But like that other son of a president, John Quincy Adams, he has been at the right hand of power for most of his life. As such, he grew up comfortably surrounded by men and women of accomplishment. If Dick Cheney, James Baker, Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice can serve his father, they can serve him, too.

Interestingly, these well-known names are mostly associated with foreign policy. Yet, the top domestic aides from the Bush Sr. regime — John Sununu, Nicholas Brady, Richard Darman — have been discredited, and Bush Jr. has wisely kept them away. Still, the likely prominent domestic advisers for the next presidential term — Lawrence Lindsey, Andrew Card, Joshua Bolten — are also Bush I alums.

To the broad majority of Americans in both political parties, who are basically content with the status quo, the Bush Restoration offers little cause for alarm. The Texas foreign policy makers will strive to stay within the bipartisan tradition that has shaped U.S. external affairs since the 1940s. And, since Bush himself has no pretensions of independent expertise in any area except possibly U.S. relations, he will most likely be content to check off options as presented to him by non-boat-rocking advisers.

As for domestic policy, Bush does have ideas of his own, ranging from tax-rate cuts to "charitable choice" to partly privatizing Social Security. But friends and foes of those proposals needn't get too worked up. Presidents usually have far less latitude on domestic policy, and with Congress as closely divided as it is, any domestic policy initiatives that emerge will be the result of split-the-difference compromise.

Fortunately for him, Bush is well-suited by temperament for that sort of pork-slicing and credit-sharing. Indeed, he could well have more to fear from his own advisers. After eight years of sitting in Clinton's motorcade, truck types will inevitably get hired into the Bush-Cheney administration, where their passion for ideology — or revenge — will blind them to the central goal of getting their boss re-elected.



JAMES P. PINKERTON

One of Bush's biggest tests will come when a Supreme Court vacancy opens up. The new president will have to choose between stroking his conservative base, which will want a pro-life replacement, and maintaining his larger center-right coalition. The pragmatists in his White House will prefer an uncontroversial nominee rather than a candidate who might provoke a difficult confirmation fight, a la Robert Bork in

1987 and Clarence Thomas in 1991.

In the meantime, Bush will have to rebuild his relationship with the country. To observe, in his defense, that he came through the last five weeks of Florida with a better image than Al Gore is not to observe much. The new president will be ribbed unmercifully by comedians. Jay Leno joked Tuesday night, "Actually, I can understand why Bush is calm. This is the first time he has been in court where there is no Breathalyzer involved."

So is Bush destined to be a Dan Quayle-like figure of fun? Probably not. As president, he will automatically get more respect than a vice president. Moreover, he is smarter than he looks right

now. Within a year or two, he'll have figured out how to co-opt the comics. If Bill Clinton can turn every one of his foibles into a joke by the end of his successful presidency, so can Bush. And Bush is likely to have a shorter list of foibles.

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Teachers deserve respect

Surprise, surprise! The Times-News editor in the Dec. 7 edition takes another scathing swipe at public school teachers. As usual, his negative attitude toward education is expressed toward teachers as underworked, overpaid and unaccountable leeches of the taxpayers.

I do not necessarily agree with the striking Utah teachers; however, they might not have felt as compelled to strike if the newspapers had supported them in a more positive manner. The Times-News' constant harassment toward school teachers certainly does not make them feel appreciated.

In the same edition, there was an article regarding four Twin Falls teachers who completed a very rigorous national certification process and were rewarded (?) with a can of cool-aid.

In our current economy with excessive tax surpluses, not once has The Times-News suggested that some of the surpluses go toward upgrading the quality of education in Idaho. Only suggestions that the money be returned to the taxpayers.

Legislature put another Band-Aid on our ailing school system.

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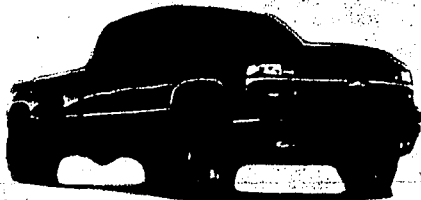
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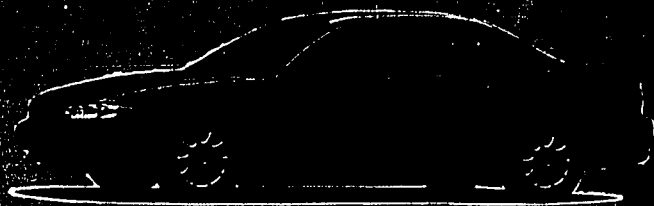
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Firefighters rescue pets from house fire

SHOSHONE - No people were in a Shoshone home when it caught fire early Thursday, but firefighters rescued a dog and a cat before the house was all but ruined, Fire Chief Steve Stock said.

The fire apparently started at about 10 a.m. on the main floor of a two-story house at 726 W. Fifth St., Stock said.

Investigators late Thursday were still trying to trace the exact cause of the blaze, but arson was not suspected, he said.

Flames were coming out of a main floor window on the home's west side by the time firefighters arrived, Stock said.

The house had most of its contents were apparently a total loss, he said. No dollar-figure damage estimate was available late Thursday.

Trust awards \$27,400 for historical projects

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Heritage Trust has awarded 43 grants totaling \$167,600 throughout Idaho. Trustees also approved \$45,000 in architectural, research, engineering and conservation assistance to grant recipients.

Grants in southern Idaho totaled \$27,400. Grants include:

- In Mountain Home, the Euskal Lagunak Basque Association will get \$3,000 to continue conservation of the Fronton.
- In Ketchum, \$4,000 will go to the Old Church, formerly Louis's, for work on the bell tower and to restore historic siding.
- In Halley, \$9,400 will go to the Ezra Pound-Roberta McKercher House to continue work on the porch and bay window.
- Another \$1,000 will go to Halley's Blaine County Historical Society, to help preserve the historic adobe wall on the museum.
- In Albion, \$3,000 will go for the original Cassia County Courthouse, and-to help restore the site of the Diamondfield Jack Trail.
- In Heyburn, \$7,000 will go for the Mini-Cassia Museum of Art, to help fund a study of the preservation of the historic Western art collection.

Partners provided \$10,000 from the National Park Service to help write National Landmark Nominations for the Albion Normal School site.

The National Park Service also provided additional architectural funding for cost estimates for Albion Normal School restoration.

Blaine County puts together food baskets

HAILEY - To help people in need throughout the Wood River Valley, Blaine County School District's day-care centers, Kidshops, are putting together 35 food and gift baskets for holiday giving.

Social workers in the Blaine County School District have a list of families in need who will become the recipients of the baskets. Items are still needed to fill the baskets. If you have new toys, coats, boots or other items to contribute, call Diane Hassall at the Bellevue Kidshop at 788-0931.

Community study group starts up again

KIMBERLY - The reorganized Gem Community planning committee is seeking residents for their ideas on how to improve the city of Kimberly.

The Idaho Department of Commerce recommends Gem Community cities periodically update their plans.

The new committee hopes to have a new ordinance short- and long-term fund-raising goals for the city.

A copy of the original plan is available for public viewing at City Hall.

Comments can be sent to the city clerk's office or to committee members David Overacre, John Thompson, Kim Martin, Jack Altomero or Todd Claiborn.

The next committee meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 22 at Mader's Pizza. The public is invited to attend.

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Employees sue Petro 2

Company denies age, sex discrimination

By Mark Holcz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Eight women who are working or have worked for the Petro 2 truck stop north of Twin Falls have filed numerous civil charges against the company, saying they were victims of sex and age discrimination and other mistreatment.

But the truck stop's supervisor, named as one of the primary defendants in the suit, said he and

the company have done nothing wrong.

"In a 25-year career, I've never experienced any claims or allegations like this," Petro 2 manager Joseph Kirchner said. "We think this is isolated to one specific group of people."

The plaintiffs include Twin Falls residents Diana Engmark

and Lisa Krear, as well as Margaret Madison, Gayle Bolish, Heidi Craythorn, Linda Mills, Lisa Burton and Venetta Spencer of Jerome. Craythorn, Mills and Spencer still work for the company, court documents say.

Their suit makes 18 claims against Kirchner, his wife, Patti Kirchner, Petro 2 and the truck

stop's parent companies, Petro Corp. of Texas and Crossroads of Idaho Inc.

The claims include allegations of violations of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, instances of age and sex discrimination, discrimination on the basis of religion and sexual harassment. Most of the violations can be

traced back to Joseph Kirchner, said the women's attorney, Cynthia Woolley of Sun Valley.

In his capacity as on-site supervisor at the Petro 2 truck stop near the U.S. Highway 93-Interstate 84 interchange, Joseph Kirchner for years behaved like "an autocrat," Woolley said.

"There was a continuous pattern of this for several years and it affects a lot more people than

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SIGNING A SONG



Rose Trimmer, a teacher at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, leads a sign-language choir during a performance at Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls Thursday. The choir performed several holiday standards, including "White Christmas" and "Silent Night." One more performance is scheduled at the ISDB's Gooding campus for parents and relatives.

Report offers account of warning shot

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - County investigators are recommending no disciplinary action against the Cassia County sheriff's officers who fired a warning shot during a July 1998 arrest, but they admonished the sheriff for putting himself in a position that clouded his judgment.

"This is a classic case of poor training," the sheriff's department said in a report on the shooting, released Thursday. The report recommended that all department personnel be sufficiently trained in firearms use and tactics and department policy.

The report, ordered only last month, stems from the July 1998 arrest of murder suspect Martin Fernandez. It offers a different account of the incident.

According to the report, at least two warning shots were fired when deputies apprehended Fernandez, and a third shot might have been fired. Initial reports indicated only a single shot was fired.

A third shot was reported, but could not be confirmed by every officer involved in the arrest.

Department policy prohibits firing any warning shots, under any circumstances. But disciplinary action would "accomplish little" because so much time has elapsed since the incident, the report said.

The report also admonished now-outgoing Sheriff Billy Crystal for failing to "remove himself from the tactical aspect of a case." The sheriff must be able to "make an objective decision, (on) behalf of the sheriff's office and county policies, without the emotion and being in the heat of the battle," the report said.

Crystal acknowledged Thursday he should have stepped back when the situation escalated, but was caught up in the moment.

Department policy requires an investigation into every intentional gunshot. According to the report, Crystal never called for a review, because the incident seemed minor, in light of arrest-ing a murder suspect. Crystal had called this "a serious error in judgment."

An investigation was initiated at the request of county commissioners. Crystal appointed sheriff's Capt. Jim Higgins to lead a review team of five officers. The review team included Higgins, who defeated Crystal in the Nov. 7 election, and will take office next month.

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Legislators hear wish lists in town meeting

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - High school students would get financial assistance for taking college courses, and it would be a felony to assault a police officer under ideas proposed to District 21 legislators this week.

Those were a couple of ideas that State Sen. Clint Stennett and Reps. Wendy Jaquet and Tim Ridinger collected during a daylong town hall meeting Wednesday at the old county courthouse.

The three legislators entertained a steady stream of people ranging from Blaine County prosecuting attorney Jim Thomas to representatives of the Blaine

District 21 legislators will hold additional meetings at other locations throughout the district today.

They will meet from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Fairfield City Hall, from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. at the

County Senior Center. All brought a wish list of things they'd like the Idaho state legislature to do when it convenes in January.

"I call it the Knart approach," said Jaquet, who started the unique idea-gathering meeting several years ago. "One shop, one stop. No one has to get on the phone to make an appointment to come meet with us."

More information

Gooding City Hall, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Wendell City Hall, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Shoshone City Hall, from 3:30 to 4 p.m. at the Eagle's Nest restaurant in Dietrich and from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Richfield City Hall.

Mark Cook, who organizes the farmers' market in Hailey, suggested that the legislators include farmers' markets in the WIC program so low-income mothers could use food coupons at farmers' markets. The program would support farmers and allow the women to buy healthy fresh fruit and vegetables, he said.

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Superintendent Jim Lewis suggested that high school students who are taking courses for college credit be given financial assistance to help pay for the tuition charges. Utah already gives financial assistance to high school students involved in concurrent education programs, he said.

He also talked about getting more training for teachers and administrators.

Blaine County Sheriff Walt Felling proposed that inmates be charged \$5 for medical service, rather than the dollar they're currently being charged.

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Blaine County residents speak in favor of mass transit

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Bus service in Ketchum and Sun Valley could be expanded fairly easily, but Hailey and Bellevue could be several years away from a bus system.

But that didn't stop south valley residents from speaking out Thursday night in favor of bus or light rail service in the Wood River Valley.

"I have to leave by 6:45 in the morning to get to school by 8," said teen-ager Jessica Wamsley, alluding to morning traffic gridlock along the 11-mile stretch of Idaho Highway 75 between Hailey and Ketchum.

About 40 people came out on a slick, snowy night for a hearing conducted by Otak, a Carbondale, Colo., transportation and community design firm that has worked with Aspen and surrounding towns to solve gridlock even worse than the Wood River Valley's tie-ups.

Blaine County commissioners hired Otak to study the feasibility of mass transit in Blaine County.

South valley residents are probably looking at two to five years before they get a bus system, said Roger Millar, an Otak consultant. There's probably enough money available from different sources to expand Sun Valley and Ketchum's free

What's next?

Representatives of Blaine County's Regional Transportation Feasibility Study will conduct a wrap-up session today, to discuss the findings of community meetings. The meeting is slated for noon at the old county courthouse in Hailey.

KART bus system to the south. But some Wood River Valley residents, young and old, want service right away.

Teen-ager Jessie Woodyard told consultants that the Wood River Valley desperately needs a bus for youth to get to Mount Baldy for skiing, or to get to Ketchum to go to the movies. It

would get parents off the road, she said, and maybe adults would use it, too.

Nora Keefer, who teaches in Ketchum, says her family makes two to three trips a day to Ketchum. She tries - often unsuccessfully - to car pool, but a bus or light rail with a set schedule would probably be more workable, she said.

Hailey architect Dick Meyer said any commuter system will probably have to go all the way to Twin Falls to accommodate people who work in Sun Valley.

Several residents agreed a higher highway would lead to higher speeds and more serious accidents, and still not speed up commutes or relieve gridlock. It

would also gobble up land that could be used for light rail.

But a key to light rail or bus service - and a potential obstacle in its way - could be convincing the Legislature to allow county residents to tax themselves for transit service.

About 150 people - including commuters, law enforcement and Blaine County Recreation District and Blaine County School District representatives - have been meeting with Otak this week to share their ideas about transit alternatives.

Millar plans to present a preliminary report by the first of the year. By February, he hopes to wrap the entire study up, complete with suggestions.

Legislators see tax relief as priority

By Ruth Stroeter
Times-News writer



State Rep. John 'Bert' Stevenson, R-Rupert, left, and Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Ablon, speak Thursday at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce's monthly luncheon. Three legislators, including Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, talked about the upcoming legislative session.

RUPERT - A priority for the 2001 Legislature will be doling out millions of surplus dollars in tax relief, local lawmakers agree. Almost \$300 million is projected in the surplus, and the biggest challenge legislators face will be determining what gets the most money. Proposals include corporate income tax relief, reduced sales taxes on food, and property tax relief.

One Mini-Cassia lawmaker said the favors tax relief that rewards the individuals whose income taxes have bankrolled the surplus.

"The point is, no matter how good businesses have done, they're not the ones generating the revenue," Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Ablon, said at Thursday's Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, who will also chair the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, asked the group to be patient while legislators determine the best form of tax relief.

"Perhaps we ought to be slow and cautious," said Cameron, who agreed that relief should be a one-shot deal.

Chamber president Charlie Creason questioned whether a

portion of the surplus could be redistributed to a taxing district heavily reliant on property taxes. "A little one-time shot of money for them might make a difference," Creason said.

Cameron mentioned Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's idea of injecting between \$5 million and \$10 million into rural Idaho, "while the economy is apparently good in the rest of the state."

Legislators discussed other bills going before the Legislature. A health insurance task force is pushing to adjust provider costs, Cameron said. One problem comes when Medicare doesn't cover the entire cost of seeing a doctor. As a result, the state picks up remaining costs and passes them on to the taxpayers.

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School Board honors teacher, bus driver

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A teacher and a school bus driver were recognized Thursday for accomplishments in their respective fields.

Carolyn Hondo, a teacher at Burley Junior High School, recently earned National Board Certification. She is the only Cassia County educator to earn such certification.

Hondo brought her application to the board about a month ago. "I've been teaching a long time," she said. "And sometimes in this profession you feel you know it all."

Hondo is the fourth Mini-Cassia teacher to honor this year. Cindy Fulcher and Lavonne Peterson, teachers at Minico High School, and Kimberly Kidd, a teacher at Acequia Elementary School, earned the same certification in Minidoka County.

Peggy Knopp, a district school bus driver, was honored for her skills behind the wheel, averting a serious accident three weeks ago.

"This is probably the top award that we can give to our teachers," Superintendent Jerry Doggett said during Thursday's Cassia County School Board meeting.

Hondo earned the award for her dedication to her students and her commitment to her profession. She said she learned a lot during the process.

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Accepting her award, Knopp said she was honored to be recognized for her work. "I've been driving school buses for 15 years," she said. "I've had my share of incidents, but I've always stayed calm and kept the kids safe."

Knopp said she was particularly proud of her work during a recent incident where she avoided a collision with a car that had pulled out in front of her. "I was driving on a residential street and I saw a car pull out in front of me. I hit the brakes and the car stopped just in time. It was a very close call."

thanked the district for training and leadership.

"We couldn't do this without the supervision and the help that we have," she said.

In other action:

- The board will provide emergency help to the American Red Cross.
- Oliver Lusk, project coordinator for the Mini-Cassia branch of the American Red Cross, spoke to the board about using the schools if an emergency situation arises.
- "You never know when something's going to happen," he said. "If the facilities are available, we'd like to be able to use them."
- If a natural disaster, such as a massive earthquake, left many area residents homeless, then the schools would be a good place to house them, Lusk said. Schools are already set up to serve meals to many people, and have bathrooms and showers.
- Student drug-testing will remain on hold.
- Burley High School principal Doug Bailey addressed the board about several policies, including mandatory drug testing for students in extracurricular activities.
- The district has agreed not to institute any such policies without unanimous support from area principals, and at this stage they do not have universal approval, Bailey said, so drug-testing will be tabled.

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Fifth Judicial District holds open house to honor judge

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Fifth Judicial District will hold an open house today. The open house will honor Magistrate Judge Melvin C. Edwards for his

22 years of service to the judiciary. The open house will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. A special program is scheduled for 3 p.m. in the Theron Ward Judicial Building.

Sun Valley to open two lifts

The Times-News

SUN VALLEY - Sun Valley, which received seven inches of powder Wednesday night, will open its Seattle-Ridge and Mayday lifts for the season on Saturday.

Task force recommends downgrade

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - A multi-agency task force has recommended that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service downgrade the rare Gila trout's protected status from endangered to threatened.

The recommendation was made during a Gila Trout Recovery Team annual meeting here last week after the species was transplanted into new streams and began reproducing in them.

A change in protective status could help expand fishing privileges in the Gila Wilderness of southwestern New Mexico. Streams known to harbor Gila trout have been off-limits to fishing since 1958.

If the Fish and Wildlife Service accepts the task force recommendation, it likely would take 18 to 24 months to complete the downlisting process, said Ron Henderson, a representative from Grant County who attended the meeting.

Fish and Wildlife spokesman Tom Bauer said Thursday the agency has received the recommendation, "but we don't have a timetable."

Governor's budget favors education, state workers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Utah's schools and state employees were the big winners under Gov. Mike Leavitt's \$7.3 billion tentative budget released Thursday.

The public education system would get \$245 million, including nearly \$100 million to boost per-pupil spending and perhaps teacher salaries by 6 percent.

"This is the benefit of a great

Tom Bielen, executive director of the Utah Public Employees Association, a union, said his group was pleased that public employees would get the same pay raise as teachers.

Leavitt's budget includes two small tax cuts - one of \$1.5 million to reduce taxes for Utah's poor, and one of \$3.9 million associated with adjusting Utah's income tax brackets.

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Sinclair of Twin Falls. If Crossroads of Idaho's assets are sold, the new owners would not be affected by the suit, he said.

Sinclair said he and others have talked to numerous current and former employees, and have found no evidence supporting the plaintiffs' complaints.

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The dollar doesn't even cover the costs of paperwork, he said.

Femling also suggested that a child endangerment bill, which makes it a felony to drive drunk with children in the car, be expanded to make it a felony to operate a boat with children in it while drunk.

Other ideas included one charging a fee to developers who subdivide agricultural land. The money collected could then be used to

purchase conservation easements to keep more agricultural land. Many of those who visited with the legislators had ideas for ways to spend the state surplus, Stennett noted. "They don't want it back as a tax credit. They want to do something positive with it," he said.

Jaquet said a number of ideas brought up at past town hall meetings have become law. Among them, a bill on transfer development rights and legisla-

tion allowing counties to give financial assistance to domestic violence shelters.

"I do like the opportunity to meet with the legislators like this," Femling said. "I'm a legislative representative for the Idaho Sheriff's Association so it gives me a chance to pick their brains, too."

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Shot

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Officers cannot afford to violate the warning-shot policy under any circumstances, regardless of whether a warning shot leads to an arrest, Higns said.

"This situation turned out well. But we have to look at it in black and white... there are no exceptions to the policy," Higns said. "It's real hard for us to say, 'It worked out great this time.' What about next time?"

Crystal doesn't agree that the incident demonstrates a lapse in training. The officers who fired

the shots knew the policy, he said, but believed they made an appropriate and conscious decision to try to apprehend a murder suspect. Fernandez, of Declo, was later convicted in the 1997-shooting death-of-18-year-old Gustavo Tafolla of Rupert.

"I think the only thing that was wrong... was not letting it be known there were two shots fired," Crystal said.

Crystal said he didn't know about the second shot until recently.

He has said he didn't hear any shots at the time of the arrest.

He said his claim that he hadn't heard any shot - and his failure to conduct a review - might have led people to believe he wanted to cover up the incident.

He has admitted that in a conversation with Higns, his undersheriff, that he denied the shots were fired. Crystal has since said he has no explanation for this denial.

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Tribe wants landfills re-cleaned

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) - The Nez Perce Tribe wants the U.S. Department of Energy to more thoroughly clean two Cold War-era landfills, contending contaminants remain at the traditional root-gathering sites on the Hanford nuclear reservation.

The hazardous contaminants prevent people from safely gathering roots for food at those locations, the tribe said in its request for an investigation by Hanford's Natural Resources Trustee Council.

Before the arrival of white settlers, the area of south-central Washington that includes Hanford was crossroads in the migratory lives of several tribes that fished, hunted and gathered roots here.

The Nez Perce, the Yakama Nation and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, under 1855 treaties with the U.S. government, retained fishing, hunting and gathering rights for the land that became Hanford in 1943.

The 560-square-mile reservation was set up for the top-secret Manhattan Project. Plutonium for nuclear bombs was made here during World War II and

the Cold War, leaving Hanford the most-contaminated nuclear site in the country.

The Department of Energy is looking into the tribe's concerns after meeting with representatives last week, said Kevin Clarke, manager of the department's Indian nations program. The tribe contends that the pesticide DDT showed up in 1998 and 1999 samples from Horseshoe Landfill, which is about a half mile northwest of an old Nike missile bunker at the bottom of Rattlesnake Ridge, after the Energy Department had declared the site clean.

The Army used the landfill from 1950 to 1961. The tribe also contends the degrading chemical trichloroethylene is present in the groundwater at the Horn Rapids Landfill on Hanford's southern border.

The tribe believes the chemical has oozed from the old 1100 Area, but DOE has not found a source for the chemical in the 1100 Area, Clarke said. There has been some speculation it might come from Siemens Power Corp.'s plant across Horn Rapids Road from the landfill.

Siemens spokesman Wayne Baker said the company's studies were inconclusive.

The Horn Rapids Landfill also has officially been declared clean by the Energy Department. Under federal law, the Nez Perce requested an investigation into damages caused by the contaminants and could possibly force DOE to pay for doing more cleanup.

The tribe isn't looking for money from the Energy Department, it just wants DOE to pay for any needed work there, said Rob Smith, a policy analyst for the tribe in Lapwai, Idaho.

The seven-member Natural Resources Trustee Council will oversee the investigation. The board is composed of representatives of the Energy Department, the U.S. Department of the Interior, the states of Oregon and Washington and the three tribes. They provide information to DOE on cleanup matters involving plants, birds, animals, insects, water and habitat.

If the Nez Perce are dissatisfied with the way the situation is handled, federal law gives them the right to sue in federal court.

Governor asks for federal summit

SALEM, Ore. (AP) - Gov. John Kitzhaber asked federal officials on Thursday to hold a summit meeting in the West next week to deal with "the region's growing energy crisis."

Kitzhaber made the request in a letter to U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson after Richardson directed Northwest electricity generators to send power to California to avoid emergency shortages in that state.

Without region-wide action soon, Kitzhaber said, "the situation threatens to escalate such that the whole West may be short of power throughout a cold and dry winter."

"Events are overtaking us," he wrote in a statement. "We run the risk of becoming victims of a set of circumstances which are rapidly moving beyond our control."

The governor asked that Richardson and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to convene the summit meeting. Kitzhaber also joined Govs. Gary Locke of Washington and

Gray Davis of California in calling for short-term federal price caps on electricity in the region.

At a news conference Thursday, Kitzhaber said the Northwest faces possible power shortages of its own this winter because of a lack of rainfall and snowpack to produce hydroelectricity.

"This is December and we've got a whole winter ahead of us," he said, noting that snowpack is only 40 percent of normal.

Kitzhaber said Oregon utilities face extraordinarily high prices for wholesale power because of failed deregulation efforts in California. He said Oregon consumers could face power rate increases as a result.

"The current situation puts us in great jeopardy economically, environmentally and in terms of the future reliability of energy," Kitzhaber said.

The California shortage has prevented the usual flow of extra power from that state to the Northwest in the winter.

Northwest electricity, in turn, often is shipped to California in the summer to meet air conditioning needs there.

Meantime, a Bonneville Power Administration spokesman said Thursday the federal agency had reached an agreement with California officials by which power sent to that state now by BPA will be returned later on a two-for-one basis by California.

The advantage for BPA, spokesman Ed Mosey said, is getting California-generated electricity in the future, which would allow BPA to maintain water levels in its reservoirs for the benefit of salmon.

"We will not be pulling down the reservoirs," Mosey said.

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Report recommends gas hike

Officials might make decision this week

BOISE (AP) — An Idaho Public Utilities Commission staff report recommends that commissioners approve most of a large natural gas rate increase requested by Intermountain Gas Co.

However, the staff report asks the commission to require Intermountain Gas to continue deferring costs and interest the company already has incurred because of a rapid increase in wholesale natural gas prices.

A decision by regulators was expected by the end of the week.

The staff report said a 27-percent increase on top of a nearly identical rate hike approved in

July puts too great a burden on users. The combined increase, along with cold weather, could mean customers would have to pay about 60 percent more for natural gas this year than in the same months last year.

Commission staff said continuing to defer the additional costs and interest is a "token way" for Intermountain Gas to share some of the burden. But company officials contend continuing to defer the costs and interest would lead to higher prices for customers in the future.

Along with withholding the deferred costs and interest, the commission staff report recommends a review of the process Intermountain Gas uses to determine its annual rate increases to make sure all costs passed on to

the customers are "reasonable and prudent."

In a written response, Michael McGrath, director of market services and regulatory affairs for Intermountain Gas, said the company is agreeable to a review of the process, but still contends that the company's sound gas management techniques save customers money.

To help ease the burden of the rate increase on customers the staff report also recommends that Intermountain Gas revise its level pay program to allow customers to enroll any time rather than only in April of each year.

Another recommendation calls for implementing special payment arrangements on a case-by-case basis.

Official approves disaster declaration

BOISE (AP) — U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman on Thursday declared central Idaho's Custer County an agricultural disaster area.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne requested the designation in late September, citing the effects of extreme drought and wildfires during the growing season.

"Many irrigators have crop losses because river water levels were too low and lost out to earlier priority water rights," Kempthorne wrote to Glickman. "Ranchers have had to remove their cattle from their grazing allotments one month earlier than their permit dates."

The governor was acting on a request from the Custer County Commission for U.S. Department of Agriculture emergency assistance.

Bechtel receives good marks during INEEL evaluation

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory's new contractor received good marks overall and praise from its federal boss in an evaluation of its second year on the job.

The U.S. Department of Energy will pay Bechtel BWXT Idaho \$17.5 million for its work from April to September, about \$5 million more than former contractor Lockheed Martin got for the second half of its first year.

The award is based on the company's progress in meeting specific goals that range from moving waste into safer storage to improving safety programs to identifying gaps in scientific knowledge.

The contractor essentially earned perfect scores in 75 of the 3 areas that the Energy Department tracks. The company got 88.4 percent of the money it could have earned if its performance had been perfect.

"I am extremely pleased with Bechtel's performance over the past year," said Bev Cook, manager for the Department of Energy-Idaho. "They have in many, many ways met our expectations completely."

The contractor got high marks for operational excellence, which means doing day-to-day work safely, efficiently and without running afoul of environmental laws.

Bechtel also developed dozens of new technologies to help solve the INEEL's cleanup problems and made progress in building research programs in subsurface science and the next generation of nuclear reactors.

The contractor exceeded goals to apply technologies developed by researchers to actual cleanup problems. One technology alone is expected to save \$1.2 million over 10 years. The company also found potential cost savings by decontaminating buildings up front rather than bearing the added costs of conducting work in radioactive environments.

Bechtel lost the biggest chunk of its potential bonus — about \$1.1 million — for falling behind schedule in moving damaged spent fuel from Three Mile Island to a new, safer storage facility.

The company failed to make 17 scheduled shipments of the Three Mile Island fuel, which was sent to Idaho to be studied after the 1979 accident in Pennsylvania.

Twin Falls Canal Company NOTICE OF REGULAR ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

You are hereby notified that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on Tuesday, the 9th day of January, 2001. The meeting will be called to order by the Directors at 9:00 a.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

A Director from District 2 (Twin Falls & South of Kimberly) will be elected for a three-year term and a Director from District 4 (Buhl) will be elected for a three year term.

Petitions for candidacy for Director must have been filed by December 1, 2000.

Notice is given that a stock vote will be taken on a By-Law amendment concerning water transfers. An affirmative vote of 2/3 of the stock and proxies voted is required for passage. The full text of the proposed amendment is as follows:

TRANSFER OF SHARES: General TFCC Policy as to Water Transfers

TFCC water may only be used for irrigation, stockwater, and domestic purposes. Said water may be used to recharge groundwater aquifers under TFCC lands for subsequent diversion and use for irrigation purposes by said Stockholder or other TFCC Stockholders as part of an approved mitigation plan of IDWR so long as the proposed use does not result in injury to other TFCC Stockholders as determined by the TFCC Board of Directors. Transfers for other uses will generally be denied.

Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports concerning operation and maintenance efforts, 2001 water supplies, water quality issues, Snake Aquifer studies, the Endangered Species Act, the SRBA, and other matters of interest.

The corporate books will close for the transfer of stock on December 29, 2000.

The polls shall be open at the offices of the Company at 357 Sixth Ave. West, Twin Falls, Idaho, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. on January 9, 2001.

Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company office on or before January 5, 2001.

Dated this 13 day of November 2000.
Twin Falls Canal Company
Chris Simons, Assistant Secretary

College files suit alleging misappropriation

CALDWELL (AP) — Treasure Valley Community College has filed a civil lawsuit in Canyon County against a former employee from Nampa, alleging she stole \$40,000 over four years.

The 3rd District Court complaint names not only Susan C. Shaw as a defendant but her husband, Scott D. Shaw, as the co-owner of property allegedly bought with money from the Nampa, Ore., college.

Mrs. Shaw began working at Treasure Valley as a business office clerk in 1987, then became comptroller in 1990. She resigned in September after being placed on administrative leave following a report of suspicious bank deposits. That report prompted an audit that college officials allege disclosed the misappropriation.

"We have a responsibility to our community and the taxpayers to make sure we aggressively pursue all avenues to recover this money," Treasure Valley President Bert Glandon said. Unfortunately, because of the nature of the case, we cannot provide specific details at this time, but we plan to provide a full accounting to our community members and taxpayers as the process progresses."

Senator's widow: Gore will return

BOISE (AP) — Bethine Church is saddened by the outcome of the battle for president, but said she would be amazed if Vice President Al Gore does not return to public life.

The matriarch of Idaho Democrats and widow of former U.S. Sen. Frank Church said she has no idea if Gore will run for president again in four years. But she suspects losing the presidency to Republican George W. Bush will not keep Gore out of politics for long.

"He has to look at that with his family, with what he wants to accomplish," Mrs. Church said on Wednesday. "I can't imagine him not wanting to be a force in American political life."

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Utilities, regulators look to feds

Official promises to ease California's electricity woes

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - A federal regulator is promising strong action to ease California's electricity woes after the state's second brush with blackouts in a week.

"We believe in competitive markets," said James Hoecker, chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. "We believe we can make some work but they have to work responsibly and they have to produce reasonable prices."



Energy Secretary Bill Richardson

Gov. Gray Davis wants the commission to rein in skyrocketing wholesale electricity prices, in part by imposing a regional price cap. Washington state Gov.

The commission will take "strong action" and "be part of the solution and not part of the problem," he said Wednesday. Richardson is scheduled Friday to order changes to try to correct the state's power problems.

Gary Locke urged similar action in a letter to President Clinton, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, and Hoecker.

The state narrowly escaped rolling blackouts Wednesday after about a dozen suppliers demanded cash for electricity because of the shaky financial condition of two of California's power-strapped utilities, Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and Southern California Edison.

The two companies say they have lost about \$6 billion because of soaring wholesale prices and a retail rate freeze in place while they move to a deregulated market.

Officials at the California

Independent System Operator, which oversees the state's power grid, said action by Richardson was the decisive factor in avoiding outages Wednesday.

Richardson said he would order wholesalers to sell power to California at a price he deemed fair. He also asked two large Pacific Northwest power generating associations to send more power to California.

Corporation's power sales upset energy secretary

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - Energy Secretary Bill Richardson is trying to block Kaiser Aluminum Co. from selling its federally subsidized cheap electricity for huge profits as the West tries to deal with an acute energy shortage.

Kaiser said Sunday it would close its Spokane-area smelter for the first time since 1946 because the company can make more money by selling the electricity that would have powered the plant. Four hundred workers were idled by the decision.

Richardson on Tuesday said that the electricity from federal dams that the Bonneville Power Administration sells to industry.

"While Kaiser will make millions from the use of a federal resource, I am concerned that the money coming at the expense of employees that will be out of work and that may not be fully compensated," Richardson said.

"I have instructed Bonneville to explore all necessary actions to prevent Kaiser from remarketing this power," he said.

The BPA signs multiyear contracts with big electricity users that guarantees them federally produced power at set rates. Kaiser is one of only a handful of aluminum companies that has the contractual right to resell that power on the open market.

"We're disappointed with Secretary Richardson's position on this," Kaiser spokeswoman Susan Ashe said Wednesday.

Kaiser will pay full benefits and up to 70 percent of wages to workers during the shutdown. It plans to reopen the smelter next October.

Earlier this week, Washington Gov. Gary Locke hailed Kaiser's plan to compensate employees while the plant was closed. He changed his tune Thursday after hearing about Richardson's objections, saying Kaiser should pay 100 percent of wages to workers during the shutdown.

Locke also said Kaiser should simply return some of the power to the BPA since the aluminum industry's electricity rates are subsidized by all other ratepayers.

Teen drug use holds steady for fourth year

WASHINGTON (AP) - Teenage drug use held steady in 2000, the fourth straight year it has either fallen or stayed the same, the federal government reported Thursday. Smoking dropped significantly but use of the club drug ecstasy climbed for the second year in a row.

The annual "Monitoring the Future" survey, a study of teen drug, alcohol and tobacco use, had mostly good news, with drops among eighth-, 10th- and 12th-graders. But it also found the number of high school seniors using heroin hit its highest point since the survey began in 1975, and more 10th-graders are using steroids.

The survey of 45,000 students in 435 randomly chosen schools nationwide found that use of cocaine and hallucinogens such as LSD dropped, with marijuana use unchanged from 1999.

Inmates escape from Texas prison

KENEDY, Texas (AP) - More than 200 searchers using helicopters, horses and tracking dogs unsuccessfully sought seven inmates Thursday, including two murderers, who broke out of prison with an arsenal of weapons taken from a guard tower.

The men escaped from the Connelly Unit state prison on Wednesday after tying up guards and other prison employees, stealing their street clothes and bluffing their way out the rear gate in a pickup truck.

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Report gauges terrorist defense

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - A federal panel warned Thursday that the United States is extremely vulnerable to terrorists wielding weapons of mass destruction and called for creation of a new national counterterrorism agency and the loosening of restrictions on CIA agents to give them more freedom to recruit confidential informants.

In a lengthy report, the panel, chaired by Virginia Gov. James S. Gilmore III, said responsibility for countering terrorism is too diffuse and needs to be consolidated in a new "National Office for Combating Terrorism." The new agency, with a director who would be appointed by the president, would give Congress a single point of contact on terrorism issues and would focus anti-terrorism planning but would not have operational control over the FBI, the Department of Defense, the CIA, the National Security Agency and other federal entities engaged in fighting terrorism.

In that language, the report says the United States has no coherent strategy for combating terrorism and recommends that president-elect George W. Bush develop and present a counterterrorism program to Congress in his first year in office.

The study also says Congress needs to create a new "Special Committee for Combating Terrorism." The report comes as

FBI agents and others continue efforts to solve the deadly bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen this fall and ongoing efforts to apprehend Osama bin Laden, the Saudi fugitive who has been indicted for masterminding attacks on U.S. embassies in East Africa several years ago and who is believed to live in Afghanistan under the protection of the ruling Taliban militia.

"We are impelled by the stark realization that a terrorist attack on some level inside our borders is inevitable and the United States must be ready," Gilmore said.

The report said "human intelligence" must be beefed up by rescinding the portion of the 1995 guidelines issued by the CIA that prohibits the "engagement of certain foreign intelligence informants who may have previously been involved in human rights violations." The study said technology isn't sufficient to keep U.S. officials informed about terrorist threats.

While emphasizing the need to protect privacy, the report also calls for other changes in policies and procedures to enhance U.S. counterterrorism efforts. For example, the study says the Justice Department should establish mandatory reporting requirements on the domestic sale and purchase of certain equipment used to make and deliver cyber, chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear weapons.

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Old-fashioned table manners should still apply

DEAR ABBY: Oh, my gosh—the letter from Bob Buckles' mom listing the rules for good table manners was the best! What a great woman. She included everything you need to survive a social dinner anywhere. I am a social phobic — there, I've said it out loud. And those rules will help me remember what to do. In case I missed a rule or two while raising my girls, I'll pass that list along. You can be sure I'll be posted on my fridge. Thank you, Bob — and thanks to you, Mom. And thank you too, Abby.

—CHERI
IN GIG HARBOR, WASH.

DEAR CHERI: Thank YOU. Mrs. Buckles' list of table manners generated still more of them. It's a subject people can sink their teeth into. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: People chomping on their food with open mouths is a pet peeve of mine. It is disgusting.

May I add a 21st suggestion to Mrs. Buckles' 20? "Keep your mouth closed when chewing your food, lest you resemble a cow chewing its cud."

—WESLEY WOOD,
MELBOURNE, FLA.

DEAR WESLEY: Your pet peeve is shared by many others. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The list of table manners was great! I'd like to add a few of my own bugaboos:

- (1) Wash your hands before you're asked to sit down at the table.
- (2) Be sure your hosts know about any dietary requirements and **BEFORE** the meal.
- (3) Spoon up and out of a serving dish instead of shoveling the food over the edge to the plate.
- (4) Don't feed the dog under the table.

—ANOTHER MOTHER,
PHOENIX

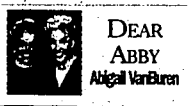
DEAR A.M.: Excellent suggestions. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Mrs. Buckles' rules were the same ones my parents raised me with in the 1950s and '70s. I would like to add one other: Eat whatever the host has prepared, **NO MATTER WHAT.** If you're not sure you'll like it, take only a small portion. That way no food will be wasted. Because of that rule, I have tasted many foods I might have refused to try — and my opinions are based on experience, not ignorance.

—KERRY MERRILL,
MIKANA, WIS.

DEAR KERRY: Very sensible! Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Reading the letter from Bob Buckles, I thought how much I would enjoy spending Thanksgiving with my children and their families. I wouldn't care where or how we ate, as long as we could be together. We were "transplanted" away



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

easy. Ask anyone whose job has taken them to other places, and I'll bet they would trade all of Helen's "rules" for a loving family dinner.

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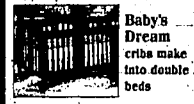


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Firefall, a Colorado band that mixed acoustic guitars, high harmonies and pop-flavored country rock and stirred up a string of hits in the late '70s, plays Cactus Petes in Jackpot this weekend.

Joys of the season

The Burley-based Magic Valley Philharmonic plans a mixture of classical and pop Christmas music at its annual Christmas concert Monday night at the King Center.

Wind song

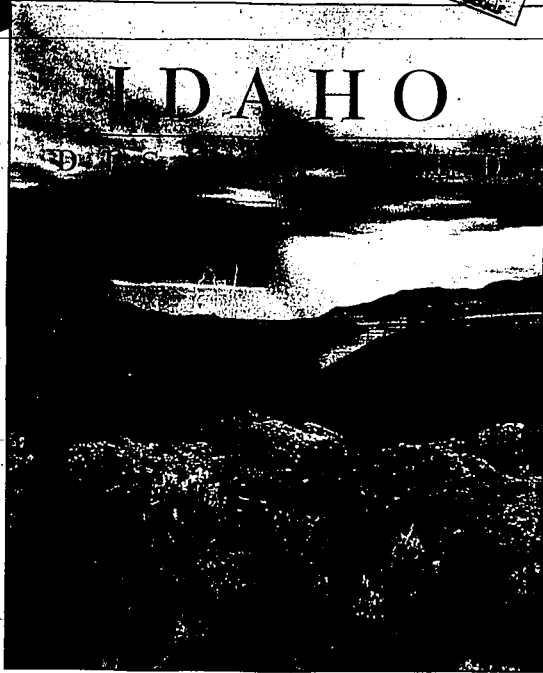
The College of Southern Idaho's Wind Ensemble, under the direction of George Halsell, plans its second concert of the season in the Fine Arts auditorium Sunday afternoon, featuring the Tutti-Flutte Flute Quartet.

A Blaine Country tradition

For the 19th December, the Wood River Community Chorale will sing Handel's "Messiah," tonight at Hailey's St. Charles Catholic Church and Sunday at Ketchum's Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlights on Page C2-3

FOR THE



NEW, LOCAL

HOLIDAY SEASON

Improbably, southern Idaho sprouts a fresh crop of lively books

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

The holidays are the high season for book publishing - even in Idaho - and improbably, that's beginning to include more and more local authors and subjects. Three are notable for the current season:

• "Idaho and the Magic Circle," by Betty M. Bever (self-published), \$19.95 (available locally at Made in Idaho USA in the Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls). This is the most fascinating of the current crop, a self-made history about a little-known subject. "The Magic Circle" refers to an arbitrary circle drawn on a map around Magic Dam by Bever, a former Magic Valley resident and one-time Idaho Statesman stringer. There's a surprisingly rich his-

tory to this hard land, bounded by Sun Valley on the north, Shoshone on the south, Hill City on the west and Carey on the east.

Episodic in structure, Bever trades on anecdotes - many of them original and some of them fascinating. Before it was Shoshone, for example, the Magic Valley's 19th Century hub was called Big Bottoms. The Panic of 1907 came within an eyelash of wiping out irrigated agriculture north of the Snake River. And one of the great entrepreneurs of early south-central Idaho was a Shoshone druggist named Tom Starrh, who opened a factory in 1908 to manufacture hair-growing tonic made of sagebrush.

These are stories of ordinary people made extraordinary by an almost unimaginably remote place and an era when the words "risk" and "reward" were syn-

onyms. The place nurtured character - and attracted characters.

Bever's book belongs on the shelf of anybody seriously - or unseriously - interested in south-central Idaho's legacy.

• "Idaho Discovered," by Kirk Anderson (Stoecklein Publishing, \$50), available in most Magic and Wood River Valley bookstores.

This is the latest of the gorgeous coffee table books published by Ketchum's David Stoecklein - a collection of dozens of striking images by Anderson, another Blaine County photographer.

Anderson's lens covers the whole of Idaho, but the local pictures are the prettiest: An explosion of wildflowers in a meadow near Hill City; a ghostly mid-winter morning on the Salmon River above Stanley; a sunset over black-and-gold photo of the 1992 RO Fire near Hailey.

"Idaho is in a constant state of change: the seasons, the weather, the light - always the light," Anderson says. "Often times I found myself in very moody, subtle situations that caused me to explore subjects from completely new perspectives."

The text, by Hailey environmental compliance manager Frank Rowland and Fairfield farmer Clarence Stillwill, is completely overshadowed by the photos, and rightly so. It's a compelling picture book, and one that will surprise even longtime Idahoans.

• "Idaho Wild and Beautiful," by Steve Bly and Leland Howard (Fairmount Press, \$29.95), available in most Magic and Wood River Valley bookstores.

This is a less ambitious book above Stanley, as a sunset over black-and-gold photo of the 1992 RO Fire near Hailey.

who's from Shelley, are freelance photographers with extensive magazine and nature photography credits. Their cameras view Idaho through an Anselton Society lens, with lots of shadow and light and shadings and brilliant color.

Some of their images are breathtaking: A spring mosaic of yellow, green and purple on the Camas Prairie; a solitary climber sitting upon an otherworldly rock outcrop at twilight at City of Rocks National Reserve; a thunderstorm rolling over an eastern Idaho wheat field.

"If you photograph what you care about, it will show in your images," Howard says.

He's right. Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at crump@magvalley.com

Christmas
next week on KMYT
A special holiday musical will be featured on KMYT next week, sponsored by the First Federal Savings Bank and television station KMYT. The program, produced by Marc Berk, will be broadcast on KMYT on Thursday at 8 p.m., Dec. 22 at 11 p.m., Dec. 23 at 5 p.m., on Christmas Eve at 4 and 10 p.m., and on Christmas Day at 11 a.m. Called "A Magical Valley Christmas," the special will feature the Magic Valley High School Reflections of Rupert singing "Run to the Manager," the Burley High

School Belcortas performing "O Holy Night," the Burley Middle School Choir singing "O Come Let Us Adore Him," La Panilla de Cristo performing "Feliz Navidad," the College of Southern Idaho Madrigals singing "Still, Still, Still," the Oregon Trail Elementary School of Twin Falls fourth, fifth and sixth grade choir performing "O Come Little Children," Night Fire playing Suzanne Jussel's "Something Money Can't Buy," and Janie Taletten and Pete Espill and the Horizon Elementary School Choir of Jerome singing "Let's Come Together and Celebrate."
In addition, four third-graders from Dault, Twin Falls, Burley and Rupert will read their own poetry.

Enter T-N holiday photo contest
December is the entry deadline for the fifth annual Times-News holiday photo contest. We're looking for snapshots or slides of holiday-themed photos; no Polaroids or digital camera images, please. First-place winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate. The runner-up and third-place winner will get \$25 and \$15, respectively. This contest is strictly for amateur photographers; no professionals please - and no photos that

have been published elsewhere. Photos must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Dec. 19. Mail them, Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, or e-mail them to crump@magvalley.com, or drop them by The Times-News/Twin Falls office. Winning photos will be published on Christmas Eve. And if you'd like the pictures returned, please indicate that on your entry and we'll get them back to you after the first of the year. The contest will be judged by The Times-News features staff.

WEEKEND

Music will fill the air at City Park concert

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Sunday
The fourth and final Christmas in City Park concert of the Advent season will be held in Twin Falls City Park at 5 p.m. Free.

Monday
The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra will present its annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. in the King Fine Arts Center. Tickets, which are \$3 for adults, \$1 for students, \$7 for families and \$2 for seniors, available at the door, at Welch Music or by calling 678-3893.

Dec. 31 - Boise
Kool Year's Eve 2001 celebration will be held at 8 p.m. at the Boise Centre on the Grove, 850 W. Front St. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat (208) 426-1766.



shown at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays and 4 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for children or \$9 for families. For more information, call the Herrett Center at 733-9554, Ext. 2655.

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Firefall

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday
Firefall will play Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Dinner show prices for the 8 p.m. show start at \$14.99 tonight and Sunday and \$19.99. Cover charge is \$7.50 tonight and Sunday and \$10 on Saturday. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Tonight
Crossroads with Kevin, Billie, Frank and Dave, will have a band reunion from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mr. Bill's, 101 N. Alder, Jerome. No cover charge.

Tonight and Saturday
Cobalt Blue will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.

Tonight and Saturday
Marcus Eaton and the Lobby will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$2.

Thursday
Armageddon will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place,

121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Jan. 27 - Pocatello
Banyan will play at 8 p.m. at Newberry's, 150 N. Main, Old Town Pocatello. Tickets, which are \$15 in advance or \$18 the day of show, can be purchased at Music Exchange in Twin Falls or reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tonight
Jan Olsen will play from 6-8 p.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Tonight
Bob Nora Band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Tonight and Saturday
The Echos will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. in the Lantern Lounge at Weston Plaza, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

Saturday
The Old Time Fiddlers will play from 2-4 p.m. in Center Court at the Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls.
Other entertainment at the Magic Valley Mall will include the movie "Me, Myself and Irene" at midnight at the Odyssey Theater. Admission to the show is \$5 plus an empty Coca-Cola can or a Magic Valley Mall receipt dated after Dec. 1. For more information, call Celina Bell at 734-2402 or 736-8369.

Saturday
Randy Egner will play from 7 to 9 p.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue. Please see EVENTS, Page C3

PLANETARIUM



Chip Davis of The Mannheim Steamrollers

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WEEKEND

'El Dorado' reaches local video stores

- The Washington Post

New videos in Twin Falls-area stores this week:

'The Road to El Dorado'

This PG-rated animated feature from DreamWorks would be perfect for all ages, if not for some pointlessly sexual innuendo in later scenes, and a scary monster that threatens to destroy our two mischievous heroes. They are Tulio and Miguel (voiced by Kevin Kline and Kenneth Branagh, respectively), a couple of two-bit thieves living hand-to-mouth in 16th century Spain, who journey to El Dorado, treasure map in hand.

Otherwise, the movie's an exciting, visually dazzling experience. There are brilliant images of the fabulous city, spectacular waterfalls and sea storms, thanks to an ingenious combination of traditional and 3-D computer-generated animation. And if the tension proves too much for the really young, it'll make for greater interest among older children - I'd say 8 years old and above. Contains sexual suggestiveness and a scary monster.

'Scary Movie'

Try 'Stupid Movie.' Written by brothers Marlon and Shawn Wayans (along with Four Guys You Never Heard Of), and directed by sibling Keenen Ivory Wayans, 'Scary Movie' tries to make fun of the conventions of both horror films and teen comedies but the two just don't mix.

Toss in stale jokes about Riverdance and movies that came out five years ago (not to mention gross and constant sight gags about sex organs) and you've got a recipe for lowbrow disaster. Marlon and Shawn Wayans star with Jon Abrahams, Carmen Electra, Shannon Elizabeth, Anna Faris, Regina Hall and Lochlyn Munro as a bunch of high-schoolers getting picked off by a hook-wielding psychopath. But the blade is dull and the aim is wide in this satirical mishmash. Contains all manner of objectionable material including (but not limited to) obscenity, drug use, violence, nudity and sex. Rated R.

'Shaft'

Director/co-writer John Singleton (who made 'Boyz n the Hood') assembles the perfect, blaxploitation tribute to the 1971 Gordon Parks classic. And as the new John Shaft, Samuel L. Jackson's a head-busting charmer, his manner as cool as the ridged soul parting in his chin and the Armani-designed black coat that any horseman of the apocalypse would die for.

With fellow cop Carmen (Vanessa Williams) and street ally Roscoe (Busta Rhymes) in tow, Shaft takes care of business his own way. The Shaft-team's targets: a rich white bigot, Walter Wade Jr. (Christian Bale), who just killed a good-natured black student; and Peoples Hernandez (Jeffrey Wright), a preening, Dominican druglord, whose minions peddle narcotics all over town. Wright, who played Jean-Michel Basquiat in 'Basquiat' and won a Tony for his role in 'Angels in America,' turns the drug dealer into an endearing, often-hilarious rogue. And Richard Roundtree, who played Shaft three times in the 1970s, plays Shaft's uncle and mentor. Contains violence, obscenity, racial epithets and sexual moments. Rated R.

'Kikujiro'

In Takeshi Kitano's film, 9-year-old Masao (Yusuke Sekiguchi) gets a sudden desire to visit the mother he's never known. A curmudgeonly shyster



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▽ So-so									
● A bomb									
Gladiator (R)		■	▽	■	■	■	■	■	★
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Scary Movie (PG-13)	●	●	●	▽	■	■	■	■	▽
Shaft (PG-13)	■	▽	■	▽	▽	▽	▽	■	■
Whipped (PG-13)	▽	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
X-Men (PG-13)	●	★	▽	■	■	■	■	■	■

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Dec. 19: The Cell, Loser

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Tulio and Miguel, voiced by Kevin Kline and Kenneth Branagh, respectively, create havoc and laughs in DreamWorks' 'The Road to El Dorado.'

named Kikujiro (Ben Takeshi) agrees to take him on the trip.

This is the beginning of a truly strange adventure for Masao - not to mention the audience - as the two characters experience a variety of increasingly odd episodes. Really, this is a quirky, shaggy-dog tale that's a catchall of things Kitano. At times, you get the feeling Kitano, who wrote, directed, edited and starred (he's Ben Takeshi), just made this up as he went along.

But Kitano's compositions are often fantastic. He's an assured colorist and set designer. And

he has a great sense of visual humor. Contains violence, child-molestation situations and some strong language. In Japanese with English subtitles. Rated PG-13.

'Shower'

In Beijing, an old-fashioned bathroom becomes the central meeting place for its owner, Master Liu (Zhu Xu), his retarded son, Er Ming (Jiang Wu), and their aging clients. This is a refuge from world and family, where they can gamble on cockroach fights, play dominoes and talk about their prob-

lems. But their way of life is threatened by local authorities, who want to raze the building for a shopping development.

When Master Liu's prodigal son, Da Ming (Pu Cun Xin), returns to help run the place, it isn't long before the yuppie-professional falls in love with the bathhouse.

The movie is a delicate, lyrical case for the importance of holding on to small traditions, and reconnecting with your family roots. Contains nudity.

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Disney's 'The Emperor's New Groove' drips with humor for all

Combined wire services

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

'Billy Elliot'

The most fierce performance of the year may be that of Jamie Bell as the 11-year-old title character in what may be the grittiest movie ever made about ballet. Set in a crumbling northern English town during the 1994 miner's strike, it sees Billy standing up against his dad, his bully-boy big brother and whomever else shows up when he realizes the joy he receives from physical movement. When Bell is exploding to the T. Rex and punk tunes on the soundtrack, things get seriously exhilarating. Rated R; language, violence. 1 hour, 51 minutes.

'Bootmen'

A young man decides he doesn't want to spend the rest of his life in a hardware store/tilt mill. Against the wishes of his friends his father, he turns to his first love, dancing. With no one else believing in his dreams, he must win the contest/pull off the big show to become a local hero. Have we seen this picture before? The answer is yes. Hoping to capitalize on all things Aussie, Fox Searchlight presents 'Bootmen,' the story of Sean Okden (Adam Garcia), a young Australian who is determined to escape the gritty blue-collar life that has swallowed up his widowed father.

'Bounce'

A failed romantic weepie, starring Ben Affleck and Gwyneth Paltrow, about a cold-hearted advertising guy working through tragedy to learn the meaning of life. The two stars exhibit little chemistry playing two people brought together by a plane crash that only one of them knows is a factor in their relationship. To be fair, they're straight-jacketed by the standard, cliched nature of a script by director Don Roos. (142 PG, for some language and sensuality.)

'Charlie's Angels'

Who would have figured 'Charlie's Angels,' the silly '70s series about three curvy crime-fighters, would someday be considered a forerunner of 'Girl Power?' The movie version, produced by Drew Barrymore, who stars with Lucy Liu and Cameron Diaz, argues that women should be able to shake butt and kick it, too, but the film itself, written and directed by men, seems unlikely to inspire much female pride. Diaz has some funny moments as a brainy dit (and is better than Farrah Fawcett ever was) and all the imitation 'Matrix' flying and flipping is diverting, but a dig-my-butt shot is still a butt shot, no matter how she's signing the checks. Rated PG-13; rampant sexual innuendo, language, violence. 1 hour, 32 minutes.

'Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas'

This is one overstuffed movie, but it's by no means a turkey. The film's frenetic attempts to create a full-length feature film out of a slender, albeit beloved, 1957 children's book can be exhausting, however, the lively and amiable spirit of the endeavor converts our inner curmudgeon just as the spirit of Christmas eventually overpowered that largerous Grinch. Making that stretch possible is Ron Howard's balanced direction, a cheerful and inviting look guided by production designer Michael Corenblith and visual effects supervisor Kevin Mack, Jeffrey Price & Peter S. Seaman's clever script ideas and, in part, he seems almost predestined to play, Jim Carrey as the Grinch. (142 PG, for some crude humor.)

'Dude, Where's My Car?'

Whiston Kutcher, Seann William Scott encounter otherworldly adventure while piecing together their blurry night before.

'Dungeons and Dragons'

Strictly for the obsessed. And open then... Movie version of the celebrated/honorable role-playing game is high on sorcery and noise, low on coherence. Plenty of bad acting, though. With

Justin Whalin, Marlon Wayans, Zoe McLellan, Thora Birch, Bruce Payne... and... Jeremy Irons. Screenplay by Topper Lilien and Carroll Cartwright. Directed by Courtney Solomon. (133 PG-13, for fantasy action violence.)

'The Emperor's New Groove'

Powered by the voice of ever snide David Spade, this Disney cartoon drips from beginning to end with bratty, sometimes annoying attitude. But 'The Emperor's New Groove' is also a reasonably diverting bit of animated puffery that children will enjoy for its goofiness and adults can tolerate for its occasional wit - and brevity. Spade is the voice of Kuzco, the smarmy ruler of a grand pre-Columbian empire. He is turned into a whiny, babbling llama by an evil sorcerer (Eartha Kitt) and her comic henchman (Patrick Warburton). Kuzco teams up with a goodhearted peasant (John Goodman), who skeptically tries to stir up some

humanity in the selfish emperor. Their adventures make for a fairly amusing, decent-enough family flick. G. 80 min.

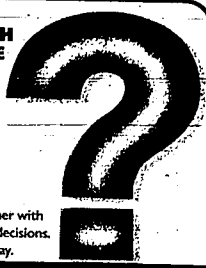
'Little Nicky'

Anyone who said movies would go to hell when someone like

Adam Sandler could be a superstar becomes a prophet with the release of this lukewarm comedy,

with Sandler as the disfigured son of a likable Devil. (Harvey Please see MOVIES, Page C7)

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ACROSS

- 1 Quiet flyer
- 4 Caster and Plummer
- 11 Winged mammal
- 14 Fly or dozer?
- 15 Reddish rash
- 16 Fruit beverage
- 17 "The Ruling Class" co-star
- 19 Neither's partner?
- 20 Wolf
- 21 Female rabbit
- 22 Alert
- 24 Preoccupy
- 27 Ruse
- 28 Auberger
- 31 U.S. neighbor
- 32 Bush and Maury
- 36 Bynner of "Westworld"
- 37 Concepts
- 39 Jay follower
- 41 Started a comeback
- 46 Additional levy
- 48 Alcan antelope
- 49 Shaq of Saturn
- 50 Black current liqueur
- 53 Emotional oldsmans
- 54 Toward the stem
- 55 Son of Mark
- 59 Swallow
- 60 Florida's capital
- 64 Crill
- 65 Catholic community members
- 66 Siano book
- 67 Nobel Koppel
- 68 Tides
- 69 Hot tub

DOWN

- 1 Translucent gem
- 2 E. Coyote
- 3 Table extension
- 4 Knack
- 5 Extinct bird
- 6 Snake whisperer
- 7 Peifer and Franco
- 8 Medicinal quantities
- 9 Muhammad
- 10 Maple fruit
- 11 Snipper's pool?
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- 13 Actresses Wright
- 16 Baby bird?
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- 52 Situation
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- 61 "Hotnot" president
- 62 Coop layer
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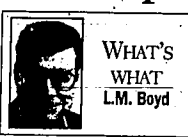
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The great horned owl has a sorry sense of smell. That's what lets it catch skunks no doubt. Under one such owl's nest were found the remains of 57 skunks.

The night before a soldier was to be elevated to knighthood - in the Middle Ages, this - he was given a public bath.

Q. Ancient Romans crucified people. Who put a stop to it?

A. Constantine I, first Christian emperor of Rome.



Kahena, a Berber in Northwest Africa, was one. She kept 400 male athletes in her lockup.

Q. Who coined the term "McCarthyism"?

A. Political cartoonist Herblock.

How fast should a jogger jog? According to a sports medical specialist: "Slow enough to talk, but too fast to sing."

Q. Has there ever been a king or queen who was a twin?

A. Know of none. Unless "The Man in the Iron Mask" really was the twin brother of Louis XIV. But that remains a mystery.

The Netherlands town of Edam - where those redheaded cheese balls come from - has a coat of arms a cow with three stars.

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It's a matter of record that Friedrich Buschman invented one sort of accordion in 1822, but e-aped prosecution.

Q. Do all fish have stomachs?

A. No, but all have intestines.

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Researchers say people now in their 50s saw one TV actor more than any other - James Arness of the run and run "Gunsmoke."

Q. You've talked about kings with harems of women, but how about queens with harems of men?

A. There've been a few. Queen

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LEARN	EDEN	LAURA
LEARN	ROB	LAPEL
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Sydney Omar

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sent to Earth to thwart his two bad brothers (Tommy Lister and Rhys Ifans) in their effort to end Dad's reign. In its attempt to be a goofier, dirtier "shooters," the movie smoothes its only asset, Sandler's goof-ball charm, in special effects, and there are at least five crony cameos (Kevin Nealon and Dana Carvey among them) too many. The pitchfork occasionally hits the funnybone, but mostly it just seems hot and bothersome. Rated PG-13; language, violence, drug use. 1 hour, 30 minutes.

'Meet the Parents'

Ben Stiller is a nice Jewish male nurse who wants to marry his nice WASP girlfriend, but there's an intimidating obstacle: her domineering dad, Robert De Niro. Just the idea of the unpleasable De Niro and the anything-to-please Stiller in Freudian conflict is funny, but this comedy from Jay Roach, who directed "Austin Powers," takes that idea to hilarious lengths. It's the first mainstream comedy in a long time to remain funny from beginning to end. Moreover, it does it without resorting to vulgar shocks, unless you count an exploding septic tank, a sprayed rat and teeny-bop "Speedies." Rated PG-13; language. 1 hour, 48 minutes.

'Men of Honor'

The life of Carl Brashear, the first black Navy diver, has been turned into socially critical pop psychology at its most potent. You may be left wondering what Brashear's real life was really like, but this is nonetheless a mousing cheer-the-superhero, hiss-the-supervillain entertainment, with Cuba Gooding Jr.'s Brashear pitted against Robert De Niro, a fictionalized composite of all the racist Brashear endured along the way. The trouble is that the picture winds up almost as much the story of the fictional character as it is an actual hero. With Charlize Theron and Anjanette Mills. (Z08. R for language.)

'102 Dalmatians'

Diehard fans of '101 Dalmatians' may be pleased by this sequel, which is actually more a reworking of the 1996 release, with Glenn Close's ferocious Cruella De Vil up to her old tricks, eager as ever, despite temporary reform, to create a cloak made of the skins of Dalmatian



Trapped at the bottom of a gorge with crocodiles circling, a good-natured peasant named Pacha, left, and the hapless Emperor Kuzco, who has been changed into a llama by his scheming advisor, Yzma, realize that they must work together in order to survive in Walt Disney's Pictures' hilarious new animated feature, 'The Emperor's New Groove.' Read about the movie on Page C5.

lies in Paris, how they got there, and who the new character are. For all the machinations and theme-park attractions, the plot doesn't cover much ground. All is nearly forgiven, however, for the short but memorable scene of Sumo wrestlers singing a karaoke version of 'Bad Girls.' (120. G.)

'Proof of Life' The real-life romance that developed between stars Meg Ryan and Russell Crowe is the most involving aspect of this tale of a romance that develops between a crack kidnaper and rescue operative and the wife of the man he's trying to save. Talk about a conflict. Directed by Taylor Hackford. (216. R, for violence, language and some drug material.)

'Remember the Titans'

It runs every play in the sports movie book, but nearly all of them work. Based on the true story of a high school football team thrown together by court-ordered integration in 1971 Virginia, it has stubborn, old-school disciplinarian Denzel Washington taking over a championship team from a beloved white coach (Will Patton) and forcing its old and new members to see beyond skin color to the goalposts. It will be a hard man-or-woman—who isn't cheering and tearing at the end. Rated PG; violence. 2 hours, 3 minutes.

'Rugrats in Paris'—The Movie'

This sequel to the 1998 hit feels like a half-hour TV show inflated into a feature film. About half the running time is spent setting up why the Rugrats and their fami-

ters are. For all the machinations and theme-park attractions, the plot doesn't cover much ground. All is nearly forgiven, however, for the short but memorable scene of Sumo wrestlers singing a karaoke version of 'Bad Girls.' (120. G.)

'Unbreakable'

It's unreasonable and unfair to expect any film to have the special impact 'The Sixth Sense' had on audiences, but M. Night Shyamalan (who wrote, directed, produced both films) has recycled so many of the same elements here that he seems to be inviting comparisons. The real problem is the story line, which starts out implausible and gets increasingly more difficult to take seriously as it unfolds. It's a

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"The Emperor's New Groove," Twin Cinema
"Godzilla 2000," Odyssey Theater
"Little Nicky," Odyssey Theater
"How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Twin Cinema
"Men of Honor," Twin Cinema
"102 Dalmatians," Twin Cinema
"Proof of Life," Odyssey Theater
"Remember the Titans," Odyssey Theater
"The Rugrats in Paris," Twin Cinema
"Unbreakable," Twin Cinema
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"What Women Want," Twin Cinema

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"How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Century Cinema
"Proof of Life," Century Cinema
"What Women Want," Century Cinema
"Vertical Limit," Century Cinema
"Dungeons and Dragons," Jerome Cinema
"The Emperor's New Groove," Jerome Cinema
"How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Jerome Cinema
"102 Dalmatians," Jerome Cinema
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comic-book idea in the worst sense. Bruce Willis, Samuel L. Jackson and Robin Wright Pennstar. (1.47. PG-13, for mature themes, some disturbing violent content and a sexual reference.)

'Vertical Limit'

Nail-biting sequences of mountaintop peril characterize this old-fashioned tale of high altitude derring-do. Though the plot and the dialogue are strictly by the numbers, its rare to see those digits whipped into this kind of shape. Directed by Martin Campbell. Chris O'Donnell, Bill Paxton and Robin Tunney star. (2.06. PG-13, for intense life/death situations and brief strong language.)

'What Women Want'

Mel Gibson charms his way

through 'What Women Want,' a confident romantic comedy about a chauvinist stricken with the gift to read women's minds. With a swirring soundtrack of Frank Sinatra and other Rat Packish music, director Nancy Meyers sets a nice pace for Gibson to do his stuff. Like Cary Grant, he reveals a comic mind inside a leading man's body - and becomes all the more attractive for it. 'What Women Want' is a well-timed film of double takes and pratfalls. PG-13 for sexual content and language. 127 min.

'Wonder Boys'

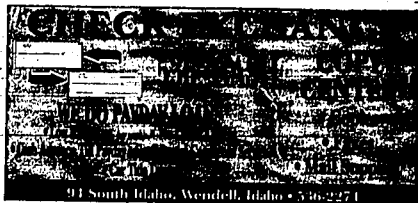
This smart, literate, very funny film follows failing novelist and writing professor Grady Tripp (a wonderfully amusing Michael Douglas) as he muddles through the worst weekend of his life.



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accompanied by, among others, his satyr-like editor (Robert Downey Jr.), a death-obsessed student (Tobey Maguire) and his understandably confused mistress (Frances McDormand).

The Dude, Sean William Scott, left, and Ashton Kutcher react to one of the many strange developments as they search for their missing car. Read more about the movie on Page C5.



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—St. Louis Post-Dispatch writer Jeff Gordon on sack-prone Buffalo QB

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who holds the Laker record for free throw percentage in a season?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Men's college basketball
Montana Tech at ISU, 7:05 p.m.

Girls' high school basketball

Bliss at Richfield, 4:30 p.m.
Twin Falls at Hillcrest, 6 p.m.
Murfreesboro at Oakley, 6 p.m.
Castelford at Wendell, 6 p.m.
Dietrich at Ketchum, 6 p.m.
Carey at Camas, 6 p.m.
Rigby at Minico, 6:15 p.m.

High school wrestling

Bear-Cat Tournery, at Twin Falls, Jerome

Boys' high school basketball

Kimberly at Gooding, 4:15 p.m.
Middleton at IFCA, 4:30 p.m.
Hagerman at Wendell, 6 p.m.
Valley at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.
Bliss at Richfield, 7:30 p.m.
Carey at Camas, 7:30 p.m.
Dietrich at Ketchum, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Cards' Plummer surprises with strong practice

TEMPE, Ariz. — Boise native Mike Plummer, who sat out last week's game with sore ribs, surprised Arizona interim coach Dave McGinnis with a strong performance in practice Thursday and may be able to start Sunday against Baltimore.

"Jake is back in the mix," McGinnis said. "It's going to be interesting to see how he does in the game. He's a lot better today than he was yesterday."

Plummer said he's pushing himself to get back into the action for a Cardinals team that has lost five in a row and will be playing its final home game.

"I've been wanting to get back out there, kind of telling my body to quit being a wimp, to toughen up," he said, "because I want to play bad."

This Saturday is deadline for Jerome Rec hoops

JEROME — The last day to register for the Jerome Recreation District's youth basketball program is this Saturday. Sign-ups will be taken at the Rec office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, or any time before that during regular business hours. Call 324-5389 for more details.

Coaches: Please return those b-ball stat forms

TWIN FALLS — Area high school boys' basketball coaches are reminded to complete and return their stat forms for inclusion in *The Times-News*'s ongoing state roundup for the winter season. Leading individual player stats will run weekly in the sports section. Forms may be faxed to 734-6338 or e-mailed to jeff@magicvalley.com. Coaches who have not returned stat forms may call 325-3229 for replacements.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:
Magic Johnson, 91.1 percent in 1987-88

McNabb gets McSnubbed

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donovan McNabb may be one of the leading candidates for the NFL's MVP award. But the fans, players and coaches who vote for the Pro Bowl consider him only the fourth-best quarterback in the NFL.

The Philadelphia QB, who has been a one-man offense for a team that is 10-5 and has clinched a playoff berth after going 8-24 the past two seasons, was the most conspicuous absentee in the Pro Bowl voting, announced Thursday.

He finished as the first alternate behind Minnesota's Daunte Culpepper. San Francisco's Jeff Garcia and St. Louis' Kurt Warner, Warner missed 5.5 games with an



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injury and threw four interceptions in his first game back, while Garcia, who's had a breakout year, plays for a team that is 5-9.

"I think Donovan is the best quarterback in the league," said Chad Lewis, the Eagles' little-known tight end, who made the NFC team. "There's nobody I'd rather have playing. The other quarterbacks had big numbers so I guess that held Donovan back, but there's no doubt in my mind Donovan deserves to go."

Warner, the league and Super Bowl MVP last season, didn't seem to have strong feelings.

"It was one of those things where I felt I played well when I played," he said. "But if I didn't make it, I could understand that as well."

McNabb's absence was one of several quirks in the Pro Bowl voting, which annually has strange selections and absences.

This time: — Mike Alstott, among an NFC-high eight Tampa Bay Buccaneers selected (Tennessee led the AFC with eight), was chosen as the fullback, even though he plays running back. Alstott also was benched after a series of fumbles and



Despite an outstanding year, Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb won't be making the trip to Hawaii.

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Bulldogs, Buhl bully SCIC

Filer falls flat at conference tri-meet

By Joe Sumner
Times-News writer

BUHL — One thing was obvious after the season's first Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference wrestling tri-meet.

Nothing will come easy for any SCIC school this season.

Kimberly High wrestled to a 35-35 draw with Buhl, fighting back from 29-13 down to preserve a tie when senior Reggie Jarvis a tie when senior Reggie Jarvis pinned Esteban Serrano in the 215 pound weight class, then easily defeated the Wildcats 38-31 in the second contest.

The Indians looked sharp in the lighter weights of their first match, before stumbling to a tie with Kimberly. The Bulldogs came back strong to down Filer, 54-22, collecting eight pins along the way.

Filer showed glimpses of a program on the rise, though, getting a two-pin performance from senior standout and defending district champion Donovan Wiser at 215 and two more wins, at 140, from senior Josh Peterson.

"My hats off to Buhl," Filer coach Gordy Schroeder. "Buhl is a well-coached team and I think they're back on track. Right now I think Buhl could beat Snake River and I've seen them both. Kimberly is same type of team — the SCIC is no longer everybody's stomping grounds."

Leading the SCIC's campaign for respect around the state is Kimberly's Kaid Gambrel. The 160-pound senior is coming off a third-place state finish last season and was impressive in his two wins Thursday night. He took a 12-5 decision over Buhl's Nate Heck and pinned Filer's Brad Dockstader in the first minute of their match.

"I felt pretty good," Gambrel said. "I need to get into a little better shape, but it's nice to see the competition in the conference and see where you're standing. Heck was a strong kid and he pushed me a little bit, but I just kept my head in it and I stayed tough."

Gambrel's decision over Heck started a Bulldog comeback that saw Kimberly win the next three matches by pins. The last pin, by Jarvis, a basketball player the last two years, ended the match even after Buhl took a forfeit at



Kimberly senior Kaid Gambrel takes down Filer's Brad Dockstader during a 160-pound wrestling match at Buhl High School on Thursday night. Gambrel pinned Dockstader in 1 minute flat to win the match.

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heavyweight.

"Those were two pretty well-balanced teams," Buhl coach Stacy Wilson said. "We ran into the middle weights and some of Kimberly's heavier weights and things got tough. As far as the conference goes, I don't think there is going to be a real stand-out team."

Buhl freshman R.C. Sisson made a fast name for himself, collecting two pins at 125, and

senior Jason Rippee and junior Josh Sirucek were also impressive, each coming away with two wins.

"Filer and Buhl are both pretty tough teams," Kimberly coach Troy Palmer said. "Buhl has some good young kids. We had some pretty exciting matches."

Filer junior Todd Billington was the only favorite to struggle, losing first to rival David Egersdorf by decision at 112 and

then by pin to Buhl's Dave Alvas at 119. Billington led by as many as 10 points, 13-3, in the second round before getting turned on by his back for the loss.

He also suffered a broken nose during the second defeat.

"I can't make any excuses for Billington," Schroeder said. "He just didn't have it tonight. After I put his nose back in, I thought he'd be there, but he wasn't. It's a long season and I wouldn't count him out."

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Other Texas shortstop joins ChiSox

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Royce Clayton and Fernando Tatis were traded for each other 2.5 years ago. On Thursday, they were dealt separately in swaps announced 5 minutes apart.

Clearing room at shortstop for Alex Rodriguez, the Texas Rangers sent Clayton to the Chicago White Sox for right-handed pitchers Ben Schrock and Aaron Myette, whose younger brother Andy suits up as a freshman pitcher/infielder for the College of Southern Idaho this spring. "Aaron Myette is a 23-year-old



Fernando Tatis Royce Clayton who went 5-5 with a 4.35 ERA this year in 19 games, all but one as a starter, for Triple-A Charlotte. The 27-year-old Schrock has spent six years in the minors. He was 11-7 with a

2.78 ERA and one save in 51 relief appearances last season at Charlotte.

St. Louis dealt Tatis and right-hander Britt Reames to the Montreal Expos, who sent right-hander Dustin Hermanson and left-hander Steve Kline to the Cardinals.

"Once I found out I was traded to the White Sox, I was basically overwhelmed," Clayton said. "I was very positive about going to a place where I could win. That was my first and foremost concern."

The Rangers, who sent Tatis, pitcher Darzen Oliver and outfielder Mark Little to St. Louis. Please see TRADES, Page D2

Miller makes All-America

Next up: National championship title

The Associated Press

Drew Miller, the Montana quarterback who overcame injuries to lead the Grizzlies into the national championship game, highlighted The Associated Press' I-AA All-America Team announced Thursday.

Miller, who missed two games with a shoulder injury and another with a concussion, has thrown for 3,330 yards and 19 touchdowns in guiding Montana (13-1) into Saturday's I-AA title game

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against Georgia Southern (12-2). In eight regular-season games, the 6-foot-1, 195-pound senior threw for 2,439 yards and 13 TDs and has another 891 yards and six TDs in three playoff games. Montana and Furman led the way with three players apiece on the 26-man team, which features 18 seniors, five juniors and three sophomores. Miller's teammates on the I-AA squad released Thursday were defensive end Andy Petek and

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SPORTS

Bobcats' long-range barrage buries Tigers

The Times-News

JEROME — It rained 3s at the Jerome High gym Thursday. And unfortunately for the Tigers, the long-range strikes belonged to the visiting Burley Bobcats.

Burley made good on six 3-pointers — all in the first half — as the Mini-Cassia boys' basketball team raced out to an 18-3 lead en route to a 58-49, Class A-1, Div. II conference win.

"We tried to play a zone on them, and they just buried us," said Jerome coach Larry Walker. "We played a little better defense tonight, though, and the shooting was pretty even."

Kam Redder led all scorers, pouring in 15 points for Burley. He had two 3s. Jonathan Barker had nine points, all on 3-pointers.

Brand Stokes had 12 points leading a trio of Jerome players in double figures. Travis Hiatt added 11 and Brent Stokes 10.

Jerome (0-4, 0-2) plays at Pocatello Saturday night.

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with 11 rebounds and Mark with eight assists.

"Mark Christensen took over leading the team pretty well," said Declo assistant coach Val Christensen.

Declo, 5-0 overall and 1-0 in conference, hosts Glenn Friday Saturday.

Wood River (14-10) defeated 11-10 Declo 35-27 in a 1st round game. Wood River (14-10) defeated 11-10 Declo 35-27 in a 1st round game.

Raft River 58, Rockland 50

RAFT RIVER — The Raft River Trojans recovered from a 12-8 first-quarter deficit to win a 58-50 victory against Rockland.

Rockland's McKay Ralph had five 3-pointers and 21 points to keep the game close.

Jacob Nelson led Raft River's offense with 19 points.

The Trojans (5-1) host Richfield Saturday.

Filer (2-3) hosts Middleton today.

Both teams are scheduled to play today. Filer (2-3) hosts Middleton today.

Century 50, Twin Falls 41

POCATELLO — Twin Falls had a 21-20 lead at the end of the first half of play, but the Century Diamondbacks were the hotter team after the break in defeating the Bruins 50-41.

Twin Falls struggled from the field, shooting only 34 percent. Brandon Nielsen was the team's leading scorer with 12 points. The Bruins' defense managed to keep the game close, with Leigh Castillo grabbing seven rebounds.

Twin Falls (2-2 overall, 0-1 in conference) plays at Highland Saturday.

MADONIA (15-1) defeated 11-10 Declo 35-27 in a 1st round game. Wood River (14-10) defeated 11-10 Declo 35-27 in a 1st round game.

Richfield 47, TFCA 19

TWIN FALLS — The Richfield Tigers easily handled the Twin Falls Christian Academy Warriors Thursday with a 28-point win.

"We played hard, but just came up short," said TFCA coach Amanda Weaver. "I'm proud of them for playing hard."

The TFCA Warriors, 0-11 overall, host Magic Valley Christian Academy today.

Richfield (17-1) defeated 11-10 Declo 35-27 in a 1st round game. Wood River (14-10) defeated 11-10 Declo 35-27 in a 1st round game.

Gooding 33, Wood River 31

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Buhl 61, Kimberly 39

BUHL — In what stood as an even contest early, Sherry King had eight points in the first quarter and Katie Williamson hit a 3-point midway through the second to key a 35-21 halftime advantage in the Indians' SCIC win over the Bulldogs.

"That was when we started pulling away," said Buhl coach Joe Shepard. Buhl's Sherry King and Mattie Hiatt had 12 points each, while Katie Williamson added 10.

Buhl (6-2 overall, 3-0 in conference) plays at American Falls Saturday.

Decl 57, Wendell 41

No details reported.

Idaho Falls 69, Minico 56

IDAHO FALLS — The Spartans trailed by just four points at the break, but a sluggish start to the third quarter — and a 22-8 run for Idaho Falls — was too much to overcome Thursday.

"We played well," said first-year Minico coach Mike Graefe. "But we came out flat after half-time. We just could not catch them."

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Declo, 5-0 overall and 1-0 in conference, hosts Glenn Friday Saturday.

Raft River 58, Rockland 50

RAFT RIVER — The Raft River Trojans recovered from a 12-8 first-quarter deficit to win a 58-50 victory against Rockland.

Rockland's McKay Ralph had five 3-pointers and 21 points to keep the game close.

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Capitals calm Wild, rise above .500

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Recovering from their second straight awful start, the Capitals moved above .500 for the first time this season with Thursday night's 2-1 victory over the Minnesota Wild.

Last season, the Capitals didn't have a winning record until Jan. 16, but they went on to win their first division title in 11 years. This season, the Caps started even slower — losing to expansion and recent expansion teams such as Columbus, Nashville and Atlanta — but they've rallied to win eight of 10 to move atop the weak Southeast Division.

Sergei Gonchar and Peter Bondra scored second-period goals, and Kolzig improved to 8-1 over his last nine starts.

Senators 4, Flames 2

KANATA, Ontario — Martin Havlat returned after missing eight games with a separated shoulder and had his first career two-goal game.

The Senators won their third straight and sixth in seven games to move into a tie with idle Toronto for the Eastern Conference lead. Both teams have 40 points in 30 games.

Olbers 6, Predators 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Doug Weight scored a goal and set up two others.

Trades

Continued from D1 for Clayton and pitcher Todd Stottlemyre on July 31, 1998, agreed Monday to give Rodriguez a record \$52 million, 10-year contract. It took Melvin three more days to take care of the displaced Clayton.

"I know I have a lot of good years left at shortstop," Clayton said. "I know I can help. Doug extended me the courtesy of trading me to the White Sox to secure their infield and do just that."

"We're better served by dealing in trades than with free agents," Cardinals general manager Walt Jocketty said. "We've had better success with that. I think we gave up some value here, but I think the return that we get is significant."

Also Thursday, right-hander Curt Schilling and Arizona agreed to a \$32 million, three-year extension through 2004. The Chicago Cubs announced their \$5 million, two-year contract with closer Tom Gordon, reliever Mike Jackson agreed to a \$250,000, one-year contract with the Houston Astros, right-hander



The club's leading scorer with 39 points, Weight had a key goal in the Oilers' two first-period goals. He assisted on Tom Foti's power play tally 5:39 into the game and scored his ninth goal with just under four minutes left in the period.

Weight also assisted on Janne Niinimäki's goal in the third period, when the Oilers scored three times in a 2:50 span to open a commanding 6-1 advantage.

Brian Boehringer agreed to a new league contract with the New York Yankees, and left-hander Matt Whisenand agreed to a minor league contract with Los Angeles.

Colorado designated Bunch Huskey for assignment to open roster space for Ron Gant, signed last weekend to a \$2.05 million, one-year deal.

Ducks deep-six Hartsburg

Craig Hartsburg was fired as coach of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks on Thursday and replaced by assistant Guy Charron.

Hartsburg, 41, became the Ducks coach in July, 1998, and compiled an 80-88-28 record in 2.5 seasons after replacing Pierre Page.

He also coached the Chicago Blackhawks from 1995-98. This season, the Ducks are a 3-13-3 in their last 21 games. Anaheim is in last place in the Pacific Division, nine points behind first-place San Jose.

Hot Hands

Boys' high school basketball leaders through games of last week. Note: Individual player stats will run weekly throughout season. Coaches should file stats weekly by noon Tuesday to 734-5308, AHS Sports.

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SPORTS

Carter, Raptors kick Knicks Lakers look like Team Turmoil

TORONTO (AP) — Vince Carter scored 24 points, including three free throws in the last minute, to give the Toronto Raptors a 70-68 come-from-behind victory over the New York Knicks on Thursday night.

Carter was 8-of-22 with 11 rebounds in New York's first visit to Toronto since last year's playoffs.

New York shot 38 percent and Toronto only 32 percent. The Raptors, who were swept in the first round of the playoffs, have beaten New York in five straight regular-season games.

With 4.2 seconds to go, Chris Childs made a long jumper with 4.2 seconds remaining. Carter collected the rebound and was fouled. He converted one of two free throws to make it 70-68.

Houston missed a tough 3-point attempt over Carter at the buzzer.

Corliss Williamson had 16 points and nine rebounds for the Raptors. Charles Oakley added 14 points and 11 rebounds and Antonio Davis had 10 rebounds.

Latrell Sprewell had 10 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists.



Toronto Raptors guard Vince Carter celebrates near the end of the Raptors' 70-68 win over the New York Knicks in Toronto on Thursday.

Kurt Thomas added 12 points and 10 rebounds and Glen Rice had 10 points.

as the Nuggets came together for a 102-96 victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

An 0-for-7, five-of-five performance caused Issel to verbally lambast LaFrentz after Sunday's 104-102 loss at Boston.

The Nuggets were upset that the 6-11, 240-pound forward was singled out for his poor play and the team did not show up for Monday's practice.

On Tuesday, the Nuggets apologized to Issel but suffered a 96-85 setback against Miami and LaFrentz again was stone cold, missing on all four of his shots.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal says it's time for a little soul-searching.

Kobe Bryant acknowledges there's reason for concern.

Indeed, the defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers are having a difficult time these days despite the presence of O'Neal and Bryant, two of the league's best players.

The defense, so terrific last season, appears to be the biggest culprit, but that's mainly due to quick shots on the offensive end that open the way for transition baskets by the opposition.

"I think it just means we have a lot of room for improvement," Bryant said after the Lakers were beaten 96-86 at Portland on Wednesday night for their fourth loss in five games.

The loss dropped the Lakers into fourth place in the Pacific Division, but with a 15-9 record, they trail first-place Phoenix by only 1.5 games.

The Lakers were 19-5 at this time last year despite the fact that Bryant missed the first 15 games because of a broken right hand.

"The upside is there for this team," Bryant said. "People are going to be concerned, but we're going to keep working."

"It makes it interesting, doesn't it?" Whether the Lakers are going through a lull or a slump remains to be seen, starting tonight when they entertain Vancouver.

They will be without O'Neal, who's taking a one-game leave to receive his college diploma at LSU.

Should the Lakers lose, it would be their first losing streak since Phil Jackson took over as coach before last season.

Nuggets 102, Spurs 96

SAN ANTONIO — Raef LaFrentz's poor shooting nearly caused a mutiny. But tonight at the Alamodome, he got embattled Denver Nuggets coach Dan Issel and his team a much-needed win.

LaFrentz bounced back from two scoreless performances with a season-high 28 points, 13 rebounds and the winning 3-point with 48 seconds to play

Grizzlies ran too much for Vandals

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Dan Tramm scored 15 points and grabbed 12 rebounds and Montana used a 42-8 run Thursday to pull away to a 79-56 victory over Idaho.

Montana (4-5) scored 16 unanswered points near the end of the first half and started the second half with a 15-0 run to take a 55-27 lead with 15:51 remaining on a 3-pointer by Jared Buckmaster.

Idaho (2-6) never got closer than 17 points after that, the last time at 60-43 with 10:52 remaining. Montana pulled away again with a 10-0 run.

Xavier 69, No. 17 Cincl. 67

CINCINNATI — David West scored 23 points as Xavier ditched its uptempo game and pounded the ball inside to beat Cincinnati.

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Maurice McAfee was fouled and made one of his two shots for a 69-67 lead with 12 seconds left.

The Bearcats set up another play for McAfee, who got off another short off-target jumper as the clock ran out.

No. 16 Wisc. 66, Temple 58

PHILADELPHIA — The 16th-ranked Badgers shredded Temple's matchup zone with 14 three-pointers Thursday night and senior point guard Mike Kottel kept the down the stretch in a 66-58 victory.

The loss was the sixth straight for the Owls, the longest losing streak in Chaney's 15 seasons at Temple.

BASEBALL

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Table listing remaining free agents for various MLB teams, including names like Mike Piazza, Jeff Kent, and others.

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SPORTS

Redskins are headed down for the count

By Dave Goldberg
AP football writer

Despite three straight losses to division opponents and the dismissal of coach Norv Turner two weeks ago, the Washington Redskins still are technically alive for the playoffs. They probably won't be after they go to Pittsburgh Saturday to face another 7-7 team that's just about eliminated.

The Redskins failed to get the usual boost from a coaching change - Terry Robiskie for Turner. Instead, they lost 32-13 in Dallas, in part because they ran the offense that owner Daniel Snyder preferred - throwing deep against one of the poorest run defenses in the NFL.

Pittsburgh has one of the best run defenses. But it did allow Kerry Collins to throw for 333 yards last week in a 30-10 loss to the Giants.

"Jeff George have Collins' patience?"

NFL picks

Did Dan the Fan look at the Giants' tape and spot Pittsburgh's vulnerability? Do the Redskins care?

The odds makers still "like" the Washington personnel - and the Redskins are favored by one.

But it's the last game at Three Rivers, Bill Cowher is a much better coach than Snyder and emotion favors Pittsburgh.

STEELES, 20-17

St. Louis (minus 1) at Tampa Bay (Monday night)

A huge game for the teams that met in the NFC title game last January.

St. Louis' offense against Tampa's defense is a classic. The Bucs got the Rams to play their game last season but it wasn't enough - St. Louis won 11-6.

The Rams' offense came alive last week against Minnesota. But it did the

same the week before it played Tampa last season, then fizzled.

Still, Bud Carson has improved the St. Louis defense.

RAMS, 20-16

Indianapolis (off) at Miami

The Colts have been outscored 59-0 in the first half of their last three road games. Not this week. But ...

DOLPHINS, 19-18

New York Giants (minus 3.5) at Dallas

Giants momentum clinches the division.

GIANTS, 31-10

Detroit (off) at New York Jets

Two bruised quarterbacks.

JETS, 22-20

Oakland (minus 6) at Seattle

The Raiders have momentum, too.

RAIDERS, 27-7

Green Bay (plus 7.5) at Minnesota

The Vikings get their legs back in their home.

VIKINGS, 39-29

Atlanta (plus 10) at New Orleans

The Saints can lose this game and still win the West.

But they won't.

SAINTS, 23-3

Denver (minus 3) at Kansas City

The Broncos keep the pressure on Oakland.

BRONCOS 31-26

Tennessee (minus 15) at Cleveland

Mercifully, the last game for the Browns.

TITANS, 31-3

New England (plus 5) at Buffalo

Two disappointing teams playing out

the string.

PATRIOTS, 16-13

Jacksonville (minus 10.5) at Cincinnati

The Jaguars got started too late

JAGUARS, 40-10

Chicago (plus 5.5) at San Francisco

The 49ers are progressing faster than the Bears.

49ERS, 27-20

Baltimore (minus 15) at Arizona

Name your score.

RAVENS, 41-3

San Diego (plus 8) at Carolina

Still a soap opera in San Diego

PANTHERS, 24-6

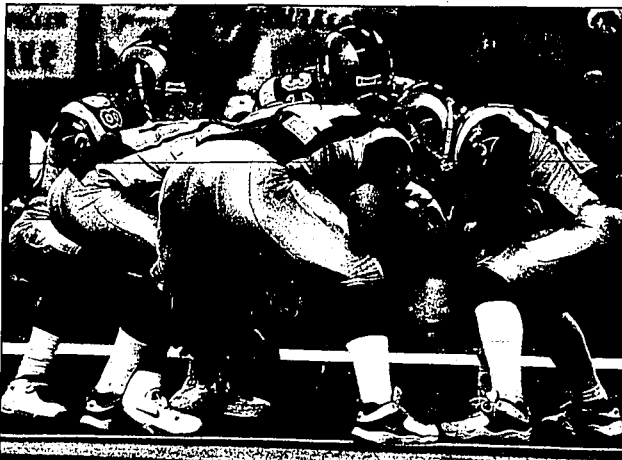
Last week: 8-7 (spread); 11-4 (straight up)

Season: 100-114-4 (spread); 135-93 (straight up)

Excessive celebrations yield fines

ST. LOUIS (AP) - The "Bob N Weave" was an expensive celebration dance for eight St. Louis Rams players, fined a total of \$90,000 by the NFL on Thursday.

Wide receivers Isaac Bruce and Torry Holt, both repeat offenders this season, were fined \$20,000 each for violating the rule against "prolonged, excessive or premeditated demonstrations" during the Rams' 40-29 victory over Minnesota last Sunday. Tight end Roland Williams, also a repeater, was fined \$15,000.



Members of the St. Louis Rams do the 'Bob N Weave' after Marshall Faulk's second touchdown against the Minnesota Vikings Sunday. The 'Bob N Weave' was banned by the NFL after the team's Super Bowl season.

Running back Marshall Faulk and tight end Ernie Conwell were fined \$10,000 each, and offensive guard Tom Nutter and running backs Justin Watson and James Hodgins were fined \$5,000 apiece.

The league also fined three Indianapolis players \$5,000 each for excessive celebrations during Monday night's victory over Buffalo.

Mustafah Muhammad, Jeff Burris and Jason Belser were each fined for their action in the 44-20 victory, which kept the Colts' playoff hopes alive. The celebration was led by Muhammad intercepted a Rob Johnson pass and returned it 40 yards for a touchdown to make it 37-20.

NFL hits attendance mark for a record third week

NEW YORK - The NFL went over the million mark in attendance last week, marking the first time in its history that it surpassed one million three times in a season.

Last year, when the new Cleveland Browns gave the NFL 31 teams, the league was over a million twice, the first time in its history it had ever reached that figure.

NFL partnership forces Yahoo! to move ads

SAN JOSE, Calif. - The world's biggest Internet portal has learned an important lesson: Sports and gambling can make a

volatile mix.

Yahoo! Inc. said Thursday it was taking advertisements for gambling-related sites off its football Web pages in order to preserve its coveted relationship with the NFL.

Yahoo! presents radio broadcasts of games and auctions of NFL merchandise, part of a partnership that began in October. At the time, Yahoo founder Jerry Yang and NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue met in the company's headquarters in Santa Clara and beamed as they discussed the business opportunities the other could offer.

The ads in question, for online casinos and sites that offer tips to sports bettors, were not up when the partnership was announced, NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said. He said league officials found out about the ads last week.

Seahawks get snubbed in Pro Bowl voting

KIRKLAND, Wash. - For the first time in 20 years, the Seattle Seahawks were shut out in the Pro Bowl voting.

When the NFL released the 84 names of players invited to the postseason all-star game, Seattle was one of five teams not represented, joining Chicago, Atlanta, New England and Cleveland.

Defensive tackle Cortez Kennedy, who has been to eight Pro Bowls in 10 NFL seasons, was the most high-profile player to miss out.

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"It's the best guys who have had the best seasons, and I

respect that," Kennedy said. "I'm not disappointed. I'm just disappointed in where our season's gone."

Davis saga continues:

The boot may come off

DENVER - Terrell Davis is ready to give his boot the boot.

Davis, resigned to wearing a plastic boot to protect his injured left shin, hopes to receive good news today when he has another MRI exam that could allow him to return to practice with the Denver Broncos.

"I am excited. I'm only looking forward to one result, and hopefully they will tell me that I'm cleared to play," he said Thursday. "I look forward to it. I'm tired of wearing this boot. I'm ready to go out there and play."

Panthers paint Carruth as part of team's plans

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - Rae Carruth was making more than \$650,000 and had no reason to worry about the cost of supporting a other son, Carolina Panthers officials testified Thursday.

Carruth, a former Panthers wide receiver, is charged with plotting to kill his pregnant girlfriend, Cherica Adams, who died exactly one year ago.

A makeshift memorial with a lighted candle was placed outside the courthouse, along with flowers and a small ceramic angel holding a young child. On a piece of purple paper were the words: "Remembering Cherica Adams. The Charlotte Community."

"It is a bittersweet day," said her mother, Sandra Adams, who has remained silent while attending the eight-week trial. "We really, really miss our daughter

so much. We know she's in heaven."

Court ended early Thursday because a juror had a doctor's appointment.

That prompted Judge Charles Lamm to summon the attorneys for co-defendant Van Brett Watkins, who has pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in a plea bargain with the state. However, prosecutors did not call him as a witness.

Lamm said he had received a message from Watkins' attorney, Jean Lawson, which he interpreted as a request for a hearing to determine if the defense planned to call Watkins as a witness.

"I assume if he is called... it's my understanding he might exert in a blanket fashion his Fifth Amendment rights (against self-incrimination)," the judge said. "I may be wrong."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

St. Moritz street is 44th in practice

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland - Preparing for her first World Cup downhill race since a crash two years ago, Olympic and world champion Picabo Street placed 44th at 1:44.96 Wednesday in a women's training run for two weekend downhill.

Switzerland's Corinne Rey-Bellet posted the fastest time. Rey-Bellet, who placed third in a downhill in Canada and third in a super-G at Aspen, Colo., covered the 2,780-meter Corviglia II course in 1 minute, 38.46 seconds.

Fired UNLV coach strikes back at school

LAS VEGAS - Fired UNLV basketball coach Bill Bayno isn't going quietly.

An attorney for Bayno said the coach could go to court to try and clear his name and force the university to pay him for the final two-plus years remaining on his contract.

"All options are open," attorney Steve Owens said.

Bayno is upset that the university pinned him with all the blame on the NCAA probation handed down Tuesday, and likely will challenge UNLV's assertion that the NCAA violations were his fault.

"I wasn't charged with anything," Bayno told The Associated Press after being fired. "The NCAA gave UNLV four years' probation and a one-year postseason tournament ban for violations stemming from the recruitment of Lamar Odom in 1996 and 1997."

All to help ring in new year in Times Square

NEW YORK - Muhammad Ali will help ring in the new year by lowering the ceremonial crystal ball over Times Square.

"I will be very nice and make sure he doesn't get mad at me," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said jokingly at a press conference Thursday to announce details of Times Square's New Year's Eve celebration.

Giuliani will assist Ali in lowering the crystal ball.

Gardner, baseball team earn USOC honors

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Two gold medalists, ex-Ricks College wrestler Rulon Gardner and sprinter Marion Jones, and the Olympic baseball team are the USOC's Sportsman, Sportswoman and Team of the Year award winners.

Gardner's gold medal in Greco-Roman wrestling was a shocker. He beat Russia's Alexandr Kareline 1-0 in overtime at 286 pounds. Kareline had not lost an international match since his career began in 1985. Track and field star Jones competed in five events at the Sydney Olympics, earning three gold medals and two bronze.

Managed by Tommy Lasorda, under whom the Los Angeles Dodgers won two World Series titles, the U.S. baseball team came up with a stunner of its own, beating international powerhouse Cuba 4-0 for the gold medal.

Southern-Cal football team is still searching

LOS ANGELES - Southern California remained without a coach Thursday, although Pete Carroll, believed to be the leading candidate, was scheduled to meet with university officials.

"No press conference was called, no press conference will be called, and no press release will be issued today," USC sports information director Tim Teasdale said late in the afternoon. "We're living day-to-day on this. As soon as we're ready to call a press conference to name a new coach, we will alert the proper media."

Carroll, the former head coach of the NFL's New York Jets and New England Patriots, said after arriving from Boston on Wednesday night he was scheduled to talk with USC officials before the weekend.

Meanwhile, San Diego Chargers coach Mike Riley, another candidate for the job, also said Thursday there was nothing new to report.

Rice is the last to know, but he is cooked

The best ones are almost always the last ones to know when their time is up.

So it comes as no surprise that 38-year-old Jerry Rice, the best receiver at his position, insists he still has the fire.

Burn, Jerry, burn.

But, please, consider channeling that desire into something other than doing it anywhere besides the football field when this season is over.

The fast-fading star who finishes his career in another team's uniform has become a cliché. The place where he flourished no longer wants him. The front office makes that clear. That duty fell to San Francisco general manager Bill Walsh days before Rice's final home game Sunday against the Chicago Bears.

The greatest player in our era fit football will no longer wear a 49er uniform, in all likelihood," Walsh said.

That was the cold businessman saying goodbye. But the old coach wanted more. He remembered how a quiet kid from a small school in Mississippi turned himself into the toughest big-play receiver in football. And so, Walsh implored 49er fans to show more emotion than his "job allowed him."

"I'm hoping," Walsh said, "that everyone acknowledges it, on



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their feet, chanting 'Jerry, Jerry, Jerry.'"

But it appears the fierce pride that propelled Rice back to greatness from several operations, will not allow him that graceful exit.

"I still enjoy the excitement of the game," he said. "I still have that fire."

What he doesn't have anymore is a guaranteed spot on the 49ers roster. A handful of young receivers and an uncontracted disagreement made Rice a victim of San Francisco's efforts to ease salary-cap pressure building for years. The NFL already punished former 49er executives Carmen Policy and Dwight Clark for sins of the past. Walsh releasing Rice to talk to other teams was just the latest retribution. Maybe knowing that makes it harder for Rice.

Yet he knows too well about ballplayers finishing their careers in exile. As the last standing piece of one of the NFL's classic dynasties, he has seen it happen

to those who left town ahead of him.

"It will be a shock," Rice conceded, "but I've seen guys like Joe Montana and Ronnie Lott ... go through it. I know how to deal with it."

The rest of us should be so lucky.

For every Jackie Robinson, who retired at 37 rather than be traded from the Brooklyn Dodgers to the crosstown rival Giants, there are too many others who tried to extend a career past the expiration date.

That's what yielded the jarring image of Babe Ruth bowing out in a Boston Braves uniform. Or Johnny Unitas, carrying a clipboard in his final days as a San Diego Charger. Or Bobby Orr as a coddled Chicago Blackhawk, Bob Costas as an overmatched Cincinnati Royal and Willie Mays, maybe the saddest of all, staggering under him every now and then in his final days as the New York Mets.

Rice is not there - yet. And the memories of all those times he proved his critics wrong makes the decision harder still. But there are other, fresher reminders around him even now.

Reggie White, a certain first-ballot Hall of Famer, came out of retirement after one year for what he thought would be the chance at another Super Bowl.

Now, a week shy of his 39th birthday, he's having second thoughts.

Bruce Smith should be doing the same. Drafted the same year as Rice, he risked the memories of all those years of excellence in Buffalo for a title shot with Washington. Now he's stuck playing out the string on a bickering, bumbling, backsliding team certain to get worse before it gets better.

A similar fate could await Rice if he makes good on his vow to play somewhere else. With his role on the 49ers dwindling, he's already suffered through the very public flap that followed his wife's call to a San Francisco radio show several weeks ago to defend him.

Fans laughed it off, but the fallout caused Rice problems as recently as midweek, when he reportedly got into a shouting match with offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg.

Whether fans and teammates at Rice's next stop will be forgiving remains to be seen. They won't have the memories or the goodwill to fall back on. He's hardly the ballplayer he once was and for all Rice's professionalism, he never will be again.

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SPORTS

Tiger adds writers award to shelf

HOUSTON (AP) - Tiger Woods, Karrie Webb and Larry Nelson were landslide winners Thursday as players of the year by the Golf Writers Association of America.

Woods, who completed one of the greatest seasons ever in golf, previously was chosen player of the year by the PGA Tour and the PGA of America.

Webb and Nelson also were voted player of the year by the LPGA Tour and the Senior Tour, respectively.

They will be honored at the GWA's awards dinner April 4 at Augusta, Ga.

Woods won nine PGA Tour events, the most since Sam Snead won 11 in 1950. He completed the Grand Slam by winning the British Open at St. Andrews, and became the first player since Ben Hogan in 1953 to win three straight majors by claiming the PGA.

Webb was just as dominant on the LPGA Tour in the first seven months of the season. She won two majors, including the Nabisco Dinah Shore by 10 strokes, and the U.S. Open. The Australian finished the season with seven victories and just missed becoming the first woman to win \$2 million in a season.

Two share early lead

In Hong Kong Open

HONG KONG - England's



Tiger Woods and caddy Steve Williams study a putt on the seventh green during the last round of the World Cup of Golf Dec. 10, at Buenos Aires Golf Club in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Woods, along with Karrie Webb and Larry Nelson, was chosen Thursday as player of the year by the Golf Writers Association of America.

Simon Dyson and Taiwan's Hsieh Yu-shu shot 7-under 64s Thursday to share the first-round lead in the Hong Kong Open.

Dyson had a flawless round of seven birdies and no bogeys over the 7,069-yard course at the Hong Kong Golf Club. He has won the Macau Open and the Volvo China Open this year.

Hsieh, who has played in Hong Kong since 1983, needed only 23 puts.

Four players were two strokes back at 66 - defending champion Patrik Sjoland of Sweden, his compatriot Stephen Lindskog, Yeh Chang-ting of Taiwan, and Yang Yong-eun of South Korea. Ian Woosnam of Wales, the tournament winner in 1987, shot a 67, while Paul Lawrie of Scotland and last Sunday's Singapore Open winner, Jyoti Randhawa of India, both had 69s.

Faldo returns to Europe's Ryder Cup lineup

LONDON - Nick Faldo, at the center of a Ryder Cup personnel dispute last year, will be welcomed back to the European team in 2001 if he is in the top 12 on the qualifying list.

Sam Torrance, the new European Ryder Cup captain, said Thursday that he would pick Faldo despite the English star's run-ins with Mark James, his predecessor.

"I love his keenness," Torrance told Golf Weekly magazine. "He definitely wants to make the team and I'd definitely like to have him there. But he has to be on his game. I won't pick him because of who he is.

"Eleventh or 12th, then I would pick him, no question."



Figure skater Scott Hamilton, center, took gold at the Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia in 1984. Hamilton, a world champion and Olympic gold medalist, has announced he'll retire from skating in April 2001.

Olympic skater Hamilton hangs up skates

NEW YORK (AP) - Scott Hamilton doesn't look at it as retirement. He's merely shifting gears.

Skating's master showman knows the show must go on. As he prepares for life without his very own creation, the Stars on Ice tour, Hamilton is comfortable in the knowledge there are other stars available to take his place.

"It will be cool, great to see the show without me," Hamilton said Thursday as he contemplated a future away from the tour he began 15 years ago with appearances in a handful of small towns. He built it into a six-month international series, but will leave the show in April.

"I can step aside and allow these really ambitious, young, talented people the opportunity to shine in their own spotlight without making room for me," he said. "This has been a phenomenal success, but to grow, it has to do so without me. The show will not be diminished with my absence. It will take on a new identity."

Hamilton's identity was established at the 1980 Olympics, when the young skater who overcame a paralyzed intestine as a child carried the U.S. flag into the opening ceremony.

A year later, he was the national and world champion. Hamilton

won each of those titles four times, and took gold at the 1984 Olympics.

He then turned professional and, despite some early setbacks, built one of the strongest followings of any skater. He wasn't merely an athlete, but an entertainer, a comic on ice, and even a friend to those in the stands. Hamilton touched audiences in ways few figure skaters ever have.

"I feel like I was honored to be able to tour with him," said 1998 Olympic champion Tara Lipinski. "I think every skater who has ever been in contact with Scott has learned from him."

Hamilton, 42, certainly hopes that is true. "I try not to get involved with what impact I've had," he said, "but how I have been touched. All the great skaters I've had the privilege to skate with and know

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SPORTS

Leach, Ferreira drop out of hunt

BANGALORE, India (AP) — Top-seeds Rick Leach and Ellis Ferreira lost their second consecutive match at the \$750,000 World Doubles Championship Thursday, virtually knocking them out of contention.

The pair, ranked No. 2 in the world, were beaten by Jamie Ojeda of Brazil and Daniel Orsanic of Argentina 1-6, 7-5. The result probably means that Leach and Ferreira won't make it to the final four in the Red Group.

Meanwhile, the second-seeded pair of Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands and Sandon Stolle of Australia defeated No. 3 seeds

Alex O'Brien and Jared Palmer of the United States 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.

With two straight defeats, O'Brien and Palmer are virtually out of the race for a semifinal berth.

O'Brien and Palmer started well and were tied 4-4 in the opening set. They then broke Haarhuis, making it 5-4, before winning the set on an ace by Palmer.

However, the Americans ran into trouble early in the second set. Down 15-40 in the first game, Stolle recovered to take the game to deuce and eventually held serve.

Then, O'Brien lost serve and

Haarhuis held serve, making it 3-0. The Americans were broken again in the eighth game, ending the set.

In the third set, O'Brien and Palmer had break points in the fifth and seventh games, but wasted the opportunities. Haarhuis and Stolle were quick to capitalize on one break point that came their way in the 10th game to win the match.

Simon Aspelin and Johann Landsberg of Sweden, who beat Leach and Ferreira on Wednesday, posted another upset, defeating fourth-seeds Joshua Eagle and Andrew Florent of Australia 7-5, 7-6 (4).

Investigators find drugs in association with Kentucky Derby winner's death

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Chris Antley had cuts and bruises when he was found dead in his home, and drugs were discovered in another room, according to police reports released Thursday.

The two-time Kentucky Derby winner was found dead Dec. 2 with severe head trauma, triggering a homicide investigation that so far police have said little about. An autopsy on the 34-year-old jockey was inconclusive. Further tests are expected to be available in January. The head trauma has yet to be explained by police or the coroner.

The 5-foot-3-inch Antley had a cut to the left side of his forehead, abrasions to his right forearm, and bruises on his left forearm, according to the reports.

Police found .55 grams of a white substance they believed to be crystal methamphetamine, a small black plastic bag containing the same substance, and .01



Cris Antley

grams of an off-white substance that resembled methamphetamine in the dining room of his upscale home.

Antley had problems with drugs and alcohol, which had led to two arrests in the five months before his death.

Detectives investigating the scene also found drops of blood near a door on the northwest side of the house.

Kathy Park, a friend who sold Antley his million-dollar home, last saw the jockey alive the afternoon of Dec. 2 when she and her daughter brought him lunch.

When they arrived, Park later told police, they found Timothy Wyman Tyler Jr. in the driveway

using a crowbar to pry open a toolbox in the bed of his truck.

Tyler, a 24-year-old from Pasadena, was arrested Dec. 2 on three drug warrants. Police describe him as an associate of Antley's, but have not named him as a suspect in the homicide.

Park told police she believed "Tim is possibly supplying (Antley) with methamphetamine and other illegal drugs," the report said.

USOC president takes shot at Salt Lake head

The Associated Press

On the eve of the deadline for U.S. cities to bid on the 2012 Summer Olympics, a top U.S. Olympic official tried to reassure the eight cities vying for the event that their bids aren't a waste of time.

In doing so, U.S. Olympic Committee president Sandra Baldwin took a swipe at the head of the Salt Lake City Olympics for suggesting no U.S. city stood a chance of getting the 2012 Games.

"I assure you that the USOC would not be devoting its limited resources to the bid process if it were not absolutely confident that the U.S. candidate city would be a leading contender to host the 2012 Olympic Games," Baldwin said in a letter faxed Wednesday to the eight bid cities.

The letter was sent following recent comments by Mitt Romney, chief executive officer of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, that he believes the games will not be back in the United States for another 20 years.

"While Mr. Romney obviously is entitled to his opinion, he neither speaks for nor represents the view

of the USOC," Baldwin said in the letter, a copy of which was obtained Thursday by The Associated Press.

Friday is the deadline for U.S. cities to bid for the games. The USOC will pick its nominee in the fall of 2002. The International Olympic Committee will pick the host city in 2005.

The eight bid cities are Dallas, Houston, New York, San Francisco-San Jose, Tampa, Washington-Baltimore, Cincinnati and Los Angeles.

The top organizer of the Dallas bid, Richard Greene, said he was always convinced the United States had a chance at landing the games, but was glad Baldwin sent the letter anyway.

"I didn't need to know it, but it's nice for the public to know the winning city has the unequivocal support of the new USOC chairman," he said.

Romney could not be reached for comment, but SLOC spokeswoman Caroline Shaw reiterated his view that it was unlikely the United States would get another games so soon after hosting the 1996 Summer Olympics and the 2002 Winter Olympics.

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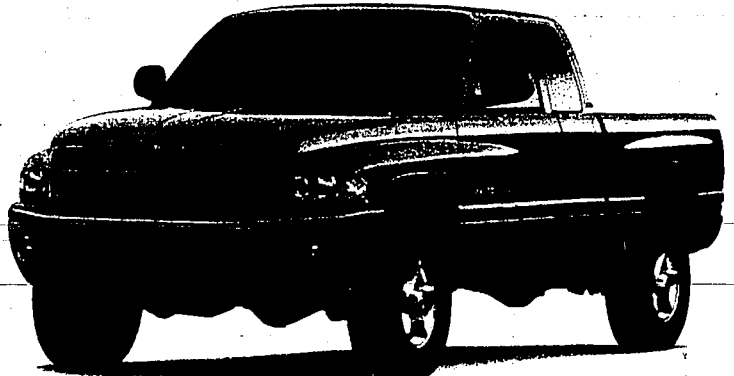
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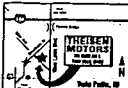
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Paralympic team to return medals

Committee finds basketball players lacked 'deficiencies'

MADRID, Spain (AP) - Spain's Paralympic basketball team is returning gold medals from the Sydney Games because nearly all of its players had no mental handicaps. The Spanish Paralympic Committee said Thursday that 10 of 12 players were not handi-

capped. The accusations of fraud led to the resignation Nov. 30 of Fernando Martin Vicente, vice president of the committee and president of the Sports Federation for the Intellectually Handicapped.

Last month, basketball player Carlos Ribagorda said he and other medal winners were not mentally deficient.

Ribagorda made the allegations in Capital magazine, for which he writes. He said up to 15 members of Spain's Paralympic team, in categories such as track and field,

table tennis and swimming, were not handicapped.

Rafael de Lorenzo, vice president of the committee, said the investigation will continue to determine the eligibility of four other athletes who participated in the games in October.

"Of the 200 Spanish athletes at Sydney, 186 are handicapped. All the sham was in the mentally handicapped," de Lorenzo said, adding that in the future they will ask the sportsmen to pass medical and psychological tests when entering international competitions.

Major League Soccer takes over D.C. United

WASHINGTON (AP) - D.C. United, the most successful franchise in Major League Soccer's brief history, has been taken over by the league.

United's payroll and overall operations have been gradually taken over by the league because of the inability to find new

investors, according to a league source, speaking on condition of anonymity. Three other MLS teams - Tampa Bay, Dallas and San Jose - also operate without an investor-operator.

The league's single-entity structure means the teams are not separately owned. Instead, groups and individuals invest in the league

as a whole in exchange for the right to operate a team.

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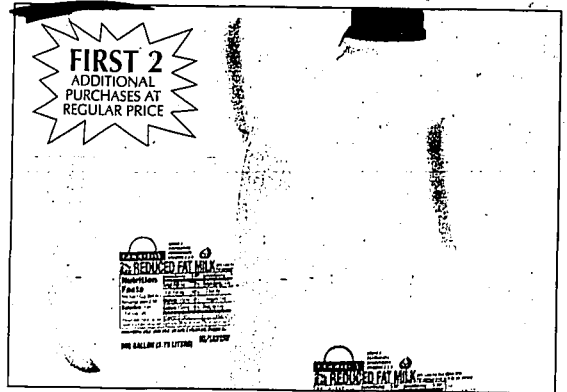
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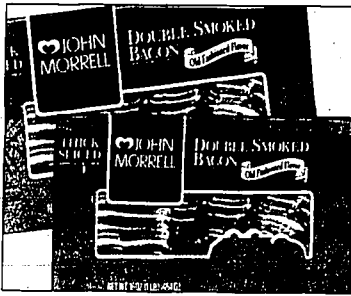


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Both package and parcel delivery companies — which both do business in Magic Valley — admitted that the slowdown will hurt their earnings.

"Although the busiest days of the peak season still are ahead, domestic volume levels for the two-week period ended Dec. 8 were flat compared to 1999 due to slowing customer shipments," UPS said. In October and November, shipments were 4 percent higher than a year earlier. That represented a slowdown from the 5.5 percent growth reported in the first nine months of the year.

Earnings per share will rise 7-10 percent in the fourth quarter, the Atlanta company said. The Atlanta company said that the roughly 14 percent gain analysts expected.

The Wall Street consensus estimate for 2000 is for earnings of \$2.71 per share.

FedEx said it earned 67 cents per share in the three months ended Nov. 30, the second quarter of FedEx's fiscal year. The total was 3 cents more than analysts expected.

"For the third quarter, which started in December, FedEx is experiencing a softening in volumes due to the slowdown of the U.S. economy and recent severe weather conditions," the Memphis, Tenn.-based company said. "As a result, U.S. domestic growth rates at FedEx Express and FedEx Ground are expected to be flat to slightly down for December 2000."

FedEx, which is to release a full earnings report Wednesday, said it will defer some capital spending until business conditions improve.

"As for fiscal 2001 earnings estimates, we now believe that earnings per share will be in the range of \$2.50 to \$2.60," said Alan B. Graf Jr., FedEx's chief financial officer. "This scenario depends on a soft economic landing."

Potato machinery

maker cuts work force

BLACKFOOT — Depressed potato prices squeezing eastern Idaho farmers' pocketbooks have forced Spudnik Equipment to cut its work force for the first time since 1935.

The farm machinery manufacturer laid off 21 of its more than 200 employees Wednesday, general manager Kent Banner said.

Those layoffs came at the Blackfoot facility, where a majority of the company's employees work. Spudnik also has a small number of employees in other parts of Idaho as well as in Oregon and Washington.

"It's no secret the farmers are having a tough time. Probably the hardest in history," Banner said. "It's hard for us, too. We're adjusting because we need to keep our company strong. We look forward to better times ahead."

The company offered all of the idled workers a severance package. Banner said they will be sent back if conditions improve. In the meantime, he worries that a half dozen competing machinery manufacturers could take over Spudnik's market.

Avista abandons

Rathdrum expansion plan

COEUR D'ALENE — Expansion plans for Avista Utilities' Rathdrum Power Plant were taken off the table this week after the company instead decided to build a natural gas combined generation plant in Boardman, Ore.

"That site is already licensed and the costs are established," said Avista spokeswoman Catherine Parochetti.

Parochetti said state regulators required Avista's application to replace about 300 megawatts of electricity generation that was lost in the sale of its coal-fired power plant in Centralia, Wash.

One option for doing that was to upgrade the generators or add new ones to the Rathdrum Power Plant.

Along with the new plant in Oregon, Parochetti said Avista has identified another 13 megawatts of power that can be gained by implementing energy-saving programs within its commercial customer base.

Compiled from wire reports

Tech company eyes MV

Jobs campaign leader says circuit board manufacturer met with local leaders

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — An electronics technology company has made inquiries and met with local economic-development leaders about a possible Magic Valley location, Business Plus II Chairman Lee Wagner said this week.

The company, which Wagner declined to

name, manufactures circuit boards destined to become components in larger electronic products, he said.

Company leaders came to town and heard locals' pitch about the community, educational opportunities, likely job-creation incentives and potentially suitable sites, Wagner said.

That all happened behind closed doors,

which is typical of Magic Valley's economic development efforts. The valley's business recruiters usually don't want to scare off an employment prospect by publicizing it.

"We know that we are facing stiff competition from other communities," Wagner said, adding that the Treasure Valley probably is an attractive choice for a new location

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FIREWOOD FEVER



Danny Gilliard splits logs for firewood in New Albany, Ga., Wednesday. Gilliard, a firewood dealer, says he expects sales to increase this winter because of high oil and natural gas prices. Gilliard, who has been selling firewood for 20 years, said he's already having trouble keeping up with the demand as Christmas approaches.

Employers to receive new withholding guide

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Idaho employers will receive a new income-tax withholding guide in the mail over the next week or two, the State Tax Commission said.

The commission is sending out 50,000 of the booklets, which include tables telling employers how much income tax should be withheld from employee paychecks to meet

state guidelines. Also, the publication answers some of the most frequently asked questions about withholding.

This version of the guide is effective Jan. 1 and reflects changes in the Idaho Legislature made last year, said Steve Miller, revenue operations administrator for the commission. "The Legislature increased

the standard deduction to eliminate the marriage penalty," he said. Also, Idaho income brackets were adjusted for inflation.

The amount of income tax employers withhold is based on the number of exemptions claimed on an employee's W-4 form.

The new guide is available on the tax commission's website at www2.state.id.us/tax; click on "Publications." For a paper copy, call 1-800-972-7660.

7-Eleven says it's ho, ho, home for last-minute gifts

Knight Ridder News Service

DALLAS — It's going to be tough to match December 1999.

Ever since the threat of chaos from year 2000 computer glitches ended up being the world's most expensive publicity stunt, the folks at 7-Eleven Inc.'s Dallas headquarters have been trying to top that "incredible December," said Nancy Smith, 7-Eleven's vice president of marketing.

Soon after Dec. 25, the new company cheer may be "Oh thank heaven for Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers."

Last year, the retailer was a big beneficiary of the last-minute rush to buy survival and party supplies as hundreds of thousands of Y2K-frenzied shoppers showed up at 5,700 7-Eleven stores nationwide, which include a store in Twin Falls.

December sales rose 8.6 per-

cent, its biggest monthly increase last year. December also moved up in the rankings for total sales — from eighth in 1998 to third, right behind the chain's permanent top two months of July and August.

Monthly sales increases and decreases are the retail industry's report card, and sometimes a good month can come back to haunt you a year later.

So the nation's biggest convenience store chain is trying to cover your holiday needs along with its own December sales goals. Need a 5-inch black-and-white TV with that coffee and doughnut? How about a miniature boombox with that fill-up? No problem.

"Coming up against those numbers is why we spent so much time as an organization on December," Smith said. "We have spent a tremendous amount of time getting ready for this month."

The chain is hoping to make up

the difference by offering its shoppers a bigger selection of stocking stuffers. From trendy bracelets for teens starting at \$1.99 to more expensive items, including a \$69.99 prepaid AT&T phone card. The \$39.99 five-inch TV and American Express gift cards in any denomination up to \$1,000 dominate the high end, Smith said.

Other gifts include music CDs and cassettes, fragrances priced at \$11.99, light-up handlebar ends for scooters at \$5.99, and premium wines and champagnes that cost from \$9.99 to \$15.99. Most of the items are grouped together in a holiday gift display.

7-Eleven tested the higher price range last summer when it put \$79.99 scooters in its stores. "We sold 20,000 scooters, which told us our customers were willing to buy higher-priced items from us," Smith said.

For some time, 7-Eleven has

owned Christmas Day, its biggest sales day of the year, since it's always one of the few stores open.

"We've always had little stocking stuffer gifts and wrapping paper, but this year we made a concerted effort to not just have what you expect us to have," Smith said.

Last summer, 7-Eleven also introduced its own brand of hosiery, packaged in easy-to-stash mini-tubes, plus nail polish, makeup and jewelry for teens.

Those product lines are part of 7-Eleven's effort to broaden its customer base, which for years has been mostly male. Merchandise sales are also still dominated by traditional categories: Tobacco products, beverages, beer and wine, candy and snacks, and other food products represented almost 85 percent of sales, excluding gasoline, last year.

Idaho Falls braces for

loss of U.S. Forest Service

The Associated Press

ST. ANTHONY — The U.S. Forest Service plans to leave town at the end of the month and move into more spacious offices in Idaho Falls.

The change forces St. Anthony residents to adjust once again, as much as they had to when the timber company moved out of town. Chuck Newbold, a bartender at The Trail's End restaurant, fears the loss of the Forest Service will affect all kinds of businesses.

"It's just the idea of everyone pulling out of here," he said. "They're all pulling out — the stud mill pulled out, three or four logging companies have pulled out, they're banning snowmobiles in Yellowstone and now the Forest Service is leaving."

At full force, the Forest Service office in the town of 3,200 housed the Targhee National Forest supervisor and close to 90 employees. By the end of the December, however, a crew of only 15 will remain permanently.

Farm cooperatives court consumers

Tim Todd
BridgeNews

KANSAS CITY — The nation's two largest agricultural cooperatives, wrestling with a lackluster farm economy, are taking bold steps into the arena of branded foods in a move to give their farmers a piece of the consumer food dollar.

It could be a good move for both Farmland Industries and Cenex Harvest States — which both have member locations in the Magic Valley — as the cooperatives look to bolster disappointing bottom lines.

Commentary

"Farmland is on its way to becoming a leading food brand," Chief Executive Bob Hones told some 2,600 members attending the annual meeting of the nation's largest farm cooperative last week.

With its case-ready meats already being sold by such retailers as Wal-Mart, Farmland is introducing precooked meat products including bacon. Next, the cooperative will roll out its own bread lines.

To support the initiative,

Cold, wet weather cuts Sonic sales

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — An Oklahoma City-based drive-in restaurant chain poised to enter the Magic Valley market said this week that cold, wet weather has cut its markets since November sales.

But Sonic Corp. said it sees first-quarter performance on target and boosted store openings that were ahead of schedule despite weather challenges.

A trio of Enid, Okla., business people last month announced plans to bring a Sonic Drive-In restaurant, featuring carhops and made-to-order fast food, to Magic Valley.

The chain awarded an area development agreement to the three franchise partners, who will open their first Sonic, at 2392 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, by mid-April. The franchisees contracted with Sonic to build three restaurants by Oct. 1, 2003, then have an option to open three more in the valley.

The chain's drivers offer sandwiches and signature items such as Extra-Lone Cheese Concessions, hand-battered onion rings and tater tots and frozen and fountain items. Typically, Sonic said, the customer drives into a covered parking space and orders through an intercom.

Franchisees, by far, serve most of the food. The company is expanding its area of operations and recently opened the Idaho market for its franchisees.

Sonic this week said it remains comfortable with market expectations for earnings growth in the first fiscal quarter — a consensus estimate of 31 cents per diluted share. In the first quarter last year, Sonic reported revenues of \$66 million and net income of \$7.5 million, or 26 cents per diluted share, adjusted for the three-for-two stock split in November 2000.

The restaurant chain expects to report results for the first quarter, which ended Nov. 30, during the first week of January.

But news wasn't so good on the sales front.

Sonic said estimated growth in systems same-store sales during November was well below the planned range of 2 to 4 percent, so same-store results will be below plan for the quarter.

"Sales during the latter part of the month were held back by unseasonably cold and wet weather in many of our markets," said Clifford Hudson, Sonic's chairman and chief executive. "The average temperature in our top 20 markets last month was 15 degrees below the average temperature of November 1999, and the amount of precipitation was more than three times the same period the year before."

"As weather conditions in early December have improved, sales have strengthened," Hudson said. "We remain confident in our initiatives to drive same-store sales, which include increased media spending, new product lines — and we continue to target 2 to 4 percent same-store sales growth for the balance of the fiscal year."

The company also said it opened 46 new drive-ins during the first six months of the fiscal year, compared with 37 a year earlier.

"The accelerated pace of new drive-in openings in the first quarter keeps us firmly on track to meet our goal of opening a record 200 restaurants during the full fiscal year," Hudson said in a statement.

Farm cooperatives court consumers

Farmland, which had fiscal 2000 revenues of \$13.5 billion, will double its advertising budget in 2001 and, if successful, could double the spending again in fiscal 2002.

For 2001, the advertising tab is expected to top \$10 million in a campaign that will focus largely on the eastern United States and some areas of the West as Farmland looks to grow from a regional to national presence.

Meanwhile, Minneapolis-based Cenex Harvest States, which now prefers to call itself the more user-friendly "H.S.," recently

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MARKETS

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Engineer will talk dairy issues at Jerome meeting

JEROME - The Green Forest, Ark., office of Heusser Co. said the company's field engineer Tom Watson will address a Jerome gathering of dairy farm owners and managers today.

Microsoft will miss expectations

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) - Microsoft Corp. warned Thursday that its second-quarter revenue and profits will be 5 percent to 6 percent lower than previous estimates because of a worldwide slowdown in computer sales.

Cooperatives

Continued from E1 said it would buy Mexican food maker Rodriguez Foods. The pending purchase of the Texas company comes six months after the cooperative's \$14.5 million buy of St. Paul, Minn.-based tortilla maker Sparta Foods.

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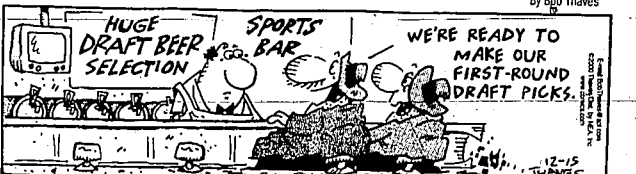
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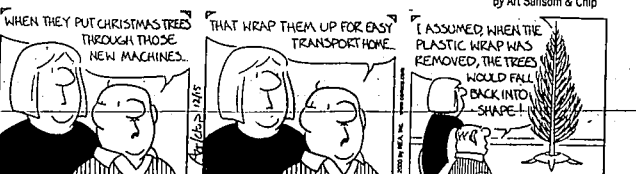
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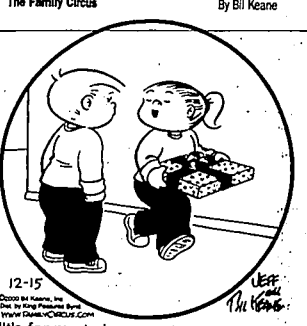
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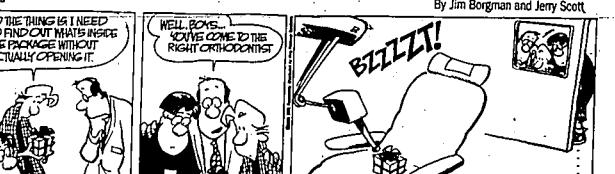
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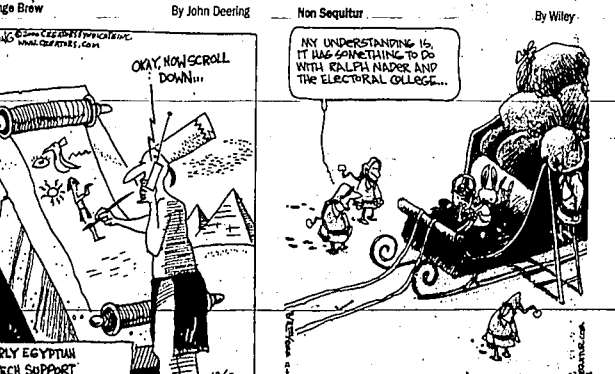
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WORLD

Businessman sees freedom

Pope says it's good to be back in 'real world'

LANDSTUHL, Germany (AP) - Pardoned by Russia after being convicted of espionage, U.S. businessman Edmond Pope flew to freedom in Germany on Thursday and declared, "It's great to be back in the real world."

Looking tired, Pope clutched an American flag and held his wife tightly as he showed to reporters from a balcony at the U.S. military's Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

Pope, 54, the first American convicted of espionage in Russia in 40 years, arrived at Ramstein Air Base in Germany hours after Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered him released from Moscow's Lefortovo prison. Last last week, he had been sentenced to 20 years in jail.

Since his April 3 arrest, he has steadfastly maintained his innocence on charges that he illegally obtained plans for a Russian navy torpedo, saying what he purchased was not secret because the technology already had been sold abroad.

Pope sent a letter to Putin asking for clemency on the eve of his conviction, his wife said.

Denied visits with her husband since the Dec. 6 verdict, Cheryl Pope went to the prison Thursday morning only hoping to see him, said Jennifer Bennett, spokeswoman for Rep. John Peterson of Pennsylvania. But two hours later, she and her husband were leaving the country on a chartered plane.

The Russian Security Service said Pope was given his personal belongings and a chance to ask questions about the pardon. He had none, the service said.

Pope was quoted by Russia's state-controlled ORT television as being concerned about the diplomatic implications of his ordeal.

"On the one hand, I'm glad, on the other, I regret that it happened like this. I wouldn't want to damage Russian-American relations."

His release came hours after George W. Bush accepted victory in the presidential election; some experts suggested Russia made the move in the hopes of garnering the president's favor.

A Putin spokesman told The Associated Press the Russian leader pardoned Pope for humanitarian reasons, and to preserve good relations with Washington. The pardon cited "the health condition of the convict and his personal appeal, and also... the high level of ties between the Russian Federation and the United States of America."

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Clinton said globalization has created unprecedented prosperity in countries such as Britain and the United States, but has shown fewer benefits for developing nations. "While some of us walk on the cutting edge of the global economy, still, amazing numbers of people live on the bare razor's edge of survival," Clinton said.

He pointed to estimates that show half the world's population struggling to survive on less than \$2 a day and 1 billion people who cannot read. Global poverty, he said, is "a powder keg ignitable by our indifference." Open borders and widespread flow of people, information and ideas have also brought new threats from terrorism, nuclear, biological and chemical weapons and drug trafficking and organized crime, Clinton said.

The president, tired after speaking up much of the night to give the speeches of president-elect George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore, gave his address at Warwick University.

Earlier in the day, he paid a social call on Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace.

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Russian leader starts historic trip to Cuba

HAVANA - Vladimir Putin, the first Russian president to visit Cuba since the collapse of the Soviet Union, held talks with Fidel Castro on Thursday as he started a trip aimed at warming ties between the former Cold War allies.

Putin, in a dark suit and tie, and Castro, in his customary olive green uniform and cap, stood at attention as a Cuban military band played the national anthems of both countries outside the Palace of the Revolution.

After greeting a Russian delegation and members of Cuba's top leadership, the two presidents held formal talks inside the palace and signed a series of accords.

Russian officials have said documents were prepared for the summit, including agreements on cooperation in legal affairs and health.

The two presidents appeared to be chatting amiably through an interpreter on Wednesday, shortly before Castro greeted Putin at the Havana airport.

They posed for photographs and sped away in a Russian-made limousine without talking with reporters.

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World in brief

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American detainee in Saudi Arabia linked to bombing

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia - Saudi police have linked a detained U.S. citizen to an explosion that killed a British man, a Saudi Cabinet minister said in remarks published Thursday.

Michael Sedlak was arrested last week in the Saudi capital, Riyadh. He has not been charged with any crime, but the Saudi newspaper Al-Watan has reported he is being questioned about two car bombings that killed a British man and wounded four other people last month.

SilkAir crash final report says cause unknown

SINGAPORE - Investigators on Thursday ruled out pilot suicide in the 1997 crash of a SilkAir jet in Indonesia but said they were unsure of the disaster's cause.

Singapore police and Indonesia's National Transportation Safety Committee issued separate statements saying Singapore pilot Tsu Way Ming showed no suicidal tendencies despite speculation in local media.

The nearly new Boeing 737-300 went down in the Sumatran jungle on Dec. 19, 1997, killing all 104 people aboard. The Singapore-bound flight plunged to the ground from 35,000 feet shortly after leaving Jakarta.

EU health ministers decline tougher cigarette warnings

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Ukrainian president pledges shutdown of Chernobyl nuclear power facility

CHERNOBYL, Ukraine (AP) - Ukraine pressed ahead Thursday with preparations to close the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, despite angry protests by plant workers and last-minute parliamentary calls to postpone Friday's shutdown.

"For the entire world, Chernobyl stands as negative symbol that should have no place upon the Earth," President Leonid Kuchma said.

Kuchma, speaking to reporters Thursday in Slavutych, the town that houses plant workers, called it "the only right decision, from all points of view and first of all moral."

Earlier, Kuchma took foreign dignitaries, including the prime ministers of Russia, Belarus and Georgia, on a tour of the plant, where reactor No. 3 has been kept running just enough to give authorities something to ceremonially bring to a stop.

Rainy weather gave an even more ominous look to the gray concrete sarcophagus encasing Chernobyl's ruined reactor No. 1 - the one that exploded 14 years ago in the world's worst nuclear accident.

In nearby Pripyat, a town evacuated after the disaster, rained-rattled on an empty apartment high rises with gaping holes opened to the sky instead of windows.



A demonstrator holds a portrait of a relative as she wipes away tears during a protest in Kiev, Ukraine, Thursday to mark the closure of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant. On the left is a monument to those who died as a result of the April 26, 1986, nuclear accident.

The faces of Chernobyl workers reflected the gloom: many of the 6,000 employees will lose their jobs when the plant shuts down.

At Slavutych, dozens of people silently held placards reading: "Dec. 15 is a tragedy for Slavutych" and "No to tomorrow's pity in Ukraine."

"I don't pity myself. But I have two small children and I worry

about their future," said Yevhen Laptsov, a Chernobyl electrician who was among the protesters. "That is what I fear."

A weary-looking Kuchma later said he heard "many bitter and mostly just words about myself and the government."

"The energy workers were absolutely right - I had almost nothing to tell them."

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Lot 7 in Block 2 of Suburban Park Addition, according to the plat that bears the title of Block 2 of Plats at Page 12 of Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho of a 1996 Parkview, 400-foot by 265-foot manufactured home, Serial No. 16-56-106-3953; EXCEPT the North 100 foot of said lot.

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Depending upon availability of funds, South Central Community Action Agency is seeking for two Outreach Specialists for the Mini-Cassia and North-Cassia area of Magic Valley. We are seeking an outgoing, well-organized, highly motivated individual to perform outreach into our rural areas. Must have experience working with the public and project management, and be able to work independently. Must be able to lift 50 lbs., have reliable transportation. Applications and job offers are available at 725 Shoshone St., W. Twin Falls, Jerome, CAS, Courthouse basement, Mini-Cassia office, 800 J. St., Heyburn. EOE Drug Free Workplace

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ROUTE 560
100-400 Borah Blvd 100-300 Wiseman

ROUTE 872
900 Blk. Blake St. North 200-300 Blk. Elaine Ave. 200-400 Blk. Falls Ave. Wagon

ROUTE 887
100-400 Blk. Robbins Ave. 700-800 Blk. Sparks St. Park Meadows Circle 1000-1100 Park Meadows Drive Parkway Circle 1000-1100 Twin Falls Park Dr.

ROUTE 889
100-400 Crestview 300 Blk. Sparks

ROUTE 890
400-500 Park Terrace 1100-1200 Parkview 1100-1200 Sparks N. 1000-1200 Sparks N.

ROUTE 402
Park Ave. Burton Ave. West 21st -St.-W. 16th

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The Times-News is currently looking for Independent Walking Route Carriers in the BUHL area.

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ROUTE 701
200-250 3rd Ave. East 500-1100 Cypress Way 600-800 O'Leary Way

ROUTE 770
600-1100 Aspenwood Lane 700-800 Greenbrae Way 600-800 O'Leary Way

ROUTE 852
700-800 Meadows Dr. 700 Blk. Washington N.

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100-400 Borah Blvd 100-300 Wiseman

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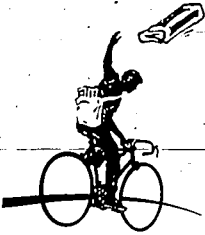
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ROUTE 552

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ROUTE 559

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TWIN FALLS (7)

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THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER ROUTES ON THE EAST SIDE OF TWIN FALLS

ROUTE 722

2600-2800 9th Ave. E 200-500 Blk of Madonna 900 Gallup Drive 700-900 Hankins 800-1100 Trotter Drive

ROUTE 728

1100 Blk 4th Ave. E 1100-1400 Blk 5th Ave. East 1100-1400 Blk 6th Ave. East 100-600 Blk of Ash 400-700 Blk of Blue Lakes

ROUTE 746

1800 Blk of 4th Ave E 400-500 Blk of Madonna 200-400 Morningside Dr 400 Blk of Wakefield

ROUTE 752

1300-1400 4th Ave. E 100-400 Blk Elm St. 100-500 Blk Locust 100-400 Blk Walnut

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ROUTE 828

100-400 Adams

ROUTE 829

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"With another dummy entry, I could have used your heart suit," explained South. "Without it, I had to take a trump finesse."

"Look again," answered North. "Rising only an extra undertrick, you could have used my heart suit to make the game."

West cashed two high diamonds and switched to his club nine. This trapped dummy's queen, creating a third minor-suit loser for South. Thinking his only chance lay with avoiding a trump loser, South cashed his trump ace and crossed to dummy's heart king. Dummy's trump led brought a discard from East, and South had to concede two diamonds, a trump and two clubs to two down.

To improve his chances, South should cash both his top trumps, hoping for the queen to fall. If it does, he has an easy claim. When it remains at large, South cashes his heart ace and finessees to dummy's jack. When it wins, he discards a club on dummy's heart king. The 3-2 heart break brings more good news, allowing South to discard his last club while West ruffs. This limits South's losses to two diamonds and a trump, giving him 10 tricks and a touchy game.

West did well to shift to clubs instead of continuing in diamonds. With a third diamond led, South could cash his trump ace, cash the top hearts, and ruff out West's queen. Then a careful low trump toward dummy guarantees a trump entry. It's too late for West's club shift, and South enjoys two club discards to make his game.

NORTH 12-15-A
 ♠ J 10 3
 ♥ K J 10 3 2
 ♦ A 4 3
 ♣ Q 4

WEST
 ♠ Q 6 5
 ♥ Q 8 4
 ♦ A K J 10 5
 ♣ 9 8

EAST
 ♠ 9 6 5
 ♥ Q 9 2
 ♦ K J 10 6 5 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A K 9 8 4 2
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ 7 6
 ♣ A 7 3

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East
 1♠ 2♦ 2♠ 3♠
 4♠ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ Q 6 5
 ♥ Q 8 4
 ♦ A K J 10 5
 ♣ 9 8

South North
 1♠ 2♦

ANSWER: Two no-trump. Two diamonds is an alternative (100 honors); however, it may be important to play no-trumps from the South side.

Send bridge questions to The Aces, P.O. Box 81344, Richardson TX 75081, enclosing a No. 10 self-addressed stamped envelope for reply.
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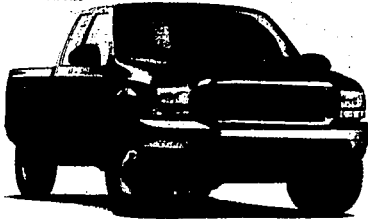
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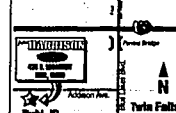
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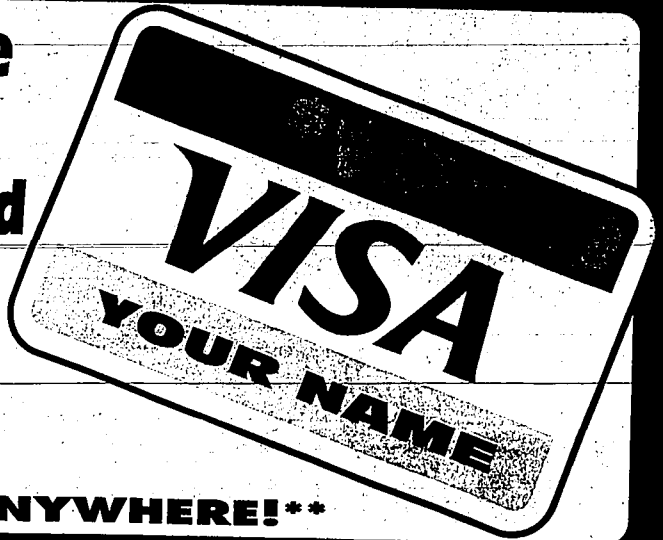
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