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## GOOD MORNING

### WEATHER

Today: Much more tranquil - mostly cloudy with a high of 42. A chance of rain or snow tonight. Low 32.

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**New equipment:** Twin Falls firefighters will be working with some new, high-tech helmets.

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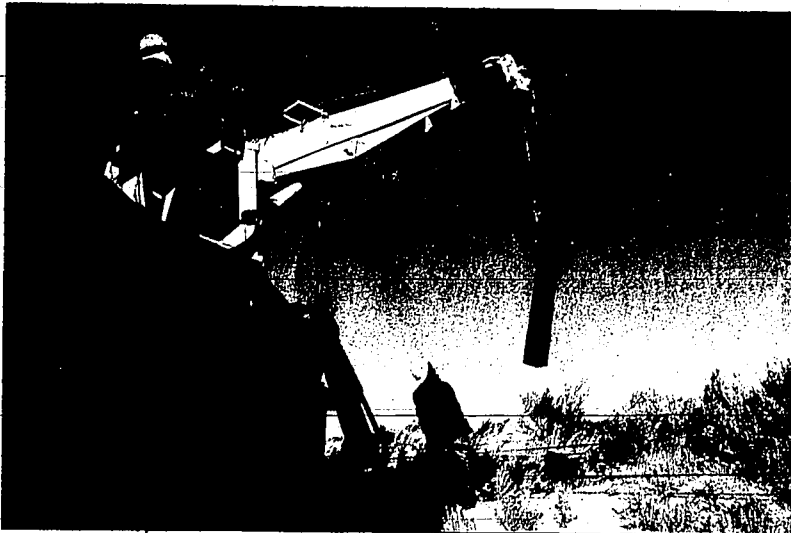
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# Big winds blow



Ethan Morgan and Vance Tuneville of Idaho Power work on one of 16 power lines that were blown over Friday morning in a windstorm north of Jerome.

## Surprising MV storm causes mass power outages

By John T. Hudry and Aaron Brock  
Times-News writers

**TWIN FALLS**—A winter storm rocked the Magic Valley early Friday morning, cutting off power to more than 2,500 residents. The storm - which meteorologists called unusual for December - hit just after midnight Friday.

Reported wind gusts of 50 to 70 mph carried snow, froze electrical lines and leveled power poles. For instance, 16 power poles were knocked down in Jerome County.

"It was like a domino effect," Idaho Power spokeswoman Lynette Berriochoa said Friday. "When one went down, the rest followed."

The utility suffered \$100,000 in damage to equipment and power poles, but customers in Jerome and Twin Falls kept their power during the windy mayhem. Mini-Cassia customers weren't so



DOWN STREET, THE TREE WAS

lucky. Several Mini-Cassia schools - Burley's White Pine and Mountain View elementary schools, and the Newcomer Center - were closed for the day, when the outage left the schools without heat, water and lights.

"We just decided that it was in the best interests of the kids to let it out today," Cassia County School District Superintendent Jerry Doggett said.

Fierce Friday morning winds blew a tree onto this home on the 1500 block of Conant Avenue in Burley. A neighbor said the former resident moved a few days ago and the home was vacant.

Power in Burley started going off from just before 2 a.m., but most of the area had electricity restored by 10 a.m., said Elaine Friedrich, a secretary with Burley's city electric department. The wind damaged several power lines.

"In Declo, about 50 houses were without electricity from about 2:30 to 7 a.m. Friday, said Dan Kelsey, a Southside Electric lineman.

### When the lights go out...

- Keep a battery-operated clock radio handy
- Turn off most lights and appliances in your home to reduce electrical load when the power returns.
- Keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed, to keep cold air inside and avoid food spoilage.
- Stay away from downed power lines.

Magic Valley residents who want to check on outages locally or report one in their area can call Idaho Power at 800-632-0800.

Source: Idaho Power

"The wind had ripped a roof off of a building and sent it through the line," Kelsey said. Still, many Mini-Cassia businesses experienced only minor setbacks.

Emergency generators kicked in at Smith's Food King in

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## Twin Falls judge prepares for life after retirement

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - After 22 years of making pivotal decisions, Melvin Edwards can't quite decide what to do next.

But the Twin Falls native, who dreamed in his youth of being a professional skier or a pilot, has no second thoughts about his career in the law.

"I enjoyed trial work. I enjoyed working in the courtroom," said Edwards, who will leave his position as a 5th Judicial District magistrate judge on Jan. 8, 2001. "I'm pushing

60 years of age, sitting on the bench and dealing with the emotions that are involved in courtroom life. I'm willing to step aside and let somebody younger deal with that level of stress."

Cassia County deputy prosecutor Howard Smyser, 47, will succeed Edwards, 57. After Edwards wraps up his tenure as a Twin Falls magistrate - which began in 1978 - he plans to relax and take stock of his life before deciding what to do next.

Taking Edwards' place will be no small task, said Twin Falls attorney

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## Judge demands plan for disabled kids

The Associated Press

**BOISE** - A federal judge, tired of almost 20 years of state foot-dragging on its agreement to improve conditions for thousands of Idaho children with severe emotional disorders, is demanding a detailed action plan by Jan. 31.

U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winnill said the plan must include how much it will cost to implement and from where state officials expect to get the money. He cited a 1999 consultant's report indicating that, for starters, the state should at least double the \$3 million a year it

now spends. "Over the year, this court has entered decrees that have more time to provide the care promised to a class of its neediest citizens," Winnill wrote in a stinging rebuke of state inaction. "The court has no desire to hold the defendants representing the state of Idaho in contempt. Yet the court is growing weary."

He cited the Kempthorne administration's failure during the past year even to ask the Legislature for enough money to comply with court orders to establish a statewide system of community-based care for seriously troubled children.

Yet Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who champions what he has called the "Generation of the Child," got the benefit of the doubt from the judge on a motion from the plaintiffs asking that he and his administration be held in contempt of court.

The so-called "Jeff D." class-action lawsuit was filed on behalf of children with severe emotional disorders two decades ago, during the administration of Democratic Gov. John Evans. The case has remained unresolved through the subsequent administrations of Democrat Cecil Andrus and Republican Phil Batt.

## Federal panel recommends adding estrogen to cancer list

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** - While stressing the value of estrogen treatments for women, a government scientific advisory panel recommended Friday that chemical be added to the nation's list of cancer-causing agents. Maybe, one scientist said, this step might encourage doctors to talk with their patients about both the risks and the benefits.

"Physicians never discuss any of these risks when they are prescribing hormone therapy," Michelle Medinsky, a toxicologist from

## Bush taps Cheney

Gulf War hero will be secretary of state

Chicago Tribune

**AUSTIN, Texas** - As George W. Bush tried to bridge the court's partisan divide by meeting with a moderate Democratic senator, the president-elect prepared Friday to name retired Gen. Colin Powell as secretary of state.

The selection of Powell, who was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Bush's father's administration, will be formalized Saturday in Crawford, Texas, near the president-elect's ranch, where he and Powell had a highly publicized meeting last month.

Bush planned to name Powell as national security adviser on Sunday, GOP officials said. He then will depart for Washington to meet with congressional leaders, President Clinton and Vice President Gore.

On Friday, Bush met with Sen. John Breaux, D-La., who said he was not interested in leaving the Senate - divided 50-50 - for the Cabinet. Then Bush all but confirmed his decision to add Powell to his team, one of the worst-kept secrets of a tightly controlled Republican presidential campaign operation.

"I would hope people would give me the benefit of allowing me to name the person on our own timetable," Bush said, sounding irked that congressional sources had leaked Powell's name and the timing of the Powell announcement.

Bush also said he had decided to tap his friend and former gubernatorial legal counsel, Texas Supreme Court Justice Alberto Gonzales, as White House counsel.

By making Powell, 63, the first of his Cabinet appointments, Bush looks to help reassure a public that during the campaign was skeptical of the candidate's knowledge of foreign affairs and his ability to handle crises overseas.

Moreover, Powell, who has headed America's Post-Communist volunteerism organization, is arguably one of the nation's most popular and well-respected Republicans in the nation, some one who had frequently been urged to run for the presidency.

Powell has rejected Bush's attempt to have him serve as his running mate. But he was a frequent fixture on the Bush campaign stage as the Republican argued for restoring morale and improving funding for the nation's military while redefining the military's role from peacekeeper to peacemaker. On the campaign trail, Bush told audiences of his desire to lure Powell back into government service.

Powell traveled to Bush's ranch on Nov. 30, more than three

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Colin Powell

# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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## IDAHO ALMANAC

Idaho Extremes Yesterday:  
 High 48°  
 Parma 48°  
 Low 10°  
 Kootenai 28/28

Twins Falls through 8 p.m. yesterday  
 Temperature  
 High/Low 40°/29°  
 Normal high/low 37°/19°  
 Highest low year 42°/22°  
 Record high 53° in 1977  
 Record low -9° in 1972

24-hour precipitation  
 Dec 16 ending 8 p.m. year: trace  
 Month to date: trace  
 Normal month to date: 0.60"  
 Year to date: 7.47"  
 Normal year to date: 9.97"

Humidity Yesterday at 8 p.m.: 60%  
 Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 8 p.m.: 30.07 in.  
 Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls:  
 Grass: Absent  
 Woods: Absent  
 Absent Mold: Absent  
 Trees: Absent  
 Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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City	Today	Sun.	City	Today	Sun.
Boise	42/32	38/24	McCall	28/24	28/12
Bozeman	42/32	38/24	Idaho Falls	30/25	30/25
Butte	42/32	38/24	Pocatello	36/28	36/28
Coeur d'Alene	42/32	38/24	Twin Falls	42/32	42/32
Elko	42/32	38/24	Yellowstone, MT	20/14	28/6
Emeryville	42/32	38/24			
Highway	42/32	38/24			
Idaho Falls	42/32	38/24			
Kamela	42/32	38/24			
Lawton	42/32	38/24			
Moham	42/32	38/24			
Mullan	42/32	38/24			

## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Much more tranquil; clouds.	Some rain, mixed with snow for a time.	Turning windy; rain or snow early.	Clouds and patchy fog, then some sunshine.	Clouds and patchy fog, then some sunshine.	Clouds and patchy fog, then some sunshine.
42°	32°	38°	22°	38°	22°

## REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** Clouds and breaks of sunshine today; a few spots across the north might have a snow shower. Mostly cloudy and turning windy tonight with rain and snow. Some rain or snow tomorrow morning.

**Boise:** Clouds and occasional sunshine today; much more tranquil than yesterday. Cloudy tonight with rain and snow developing. Mostly cloudy and turning very windy tomorrow; rain and snow early.

**Northern Nevada:** An area of high pressure will settle across the region today bringing more tranquil weather than yesterday with a mixture of clouds and sunshine. Some rain and snow will move in tonight.

**Northern Utah:** Although yesterday was very windy, high pressure returning to the region will promote tranquil weather and some sunshine today. Becoming cloudy in the west today with rain and snow late.

**Northern Idaho:** Mostly cloudy today; several inches of snow across the north, while a light snow changes to a bit of rain in the lowest valleys across the south. Cloudy tonight with areas of rain and snow.

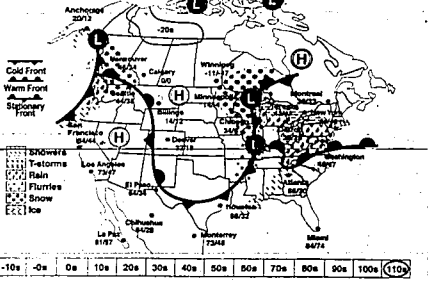
**NATIONAL EXTREMES**

High 66° in Fort Myers, FL  
 Low -26° in Plentywood, MT

Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)

## NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the region. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



## CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Sun.	City	Today	Sun.
Calgary	0/0	2/0	Edmonton	14/13	20/11
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## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 8:01 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight: 5:06 p.m.  
 Moonrise today: 11:33 p.m.  
 Moonset tonight: 12:30 p.m.

Last New First Full  
 Dec 17 Dec 25 Jan 2 Jan 9

## UV INDEX TODAY

0-1: Minimal; 2-3: Low; 4-6: Moderate; 7-9: High; 10+: Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sun.	City	Today	Sun.
Atlanta	56/30	49/23	Memphis	48/24	34/30
Baltimore	48/44	49/23	Minneapolis	48/30	48/30
Birmingham	58/28	49/23	Moscow	39/25	27/15
Boston	48/37	55/30	Murphy	43/34	45/37
Charlotte, NC	70/52	55/30	Nashville	53/26	32/25
Chicago	34/8	20/18	New Orleans	70/32	49/35
Cleveland	48/32	34/22	New York	44/30	41/31
Denver	32/18	51/12	Oakland	45/10	38/32
Detroit	38/28	31/21	Omaha	20/2	28/18
El Paso	64/34	59/36	Portland, ME	35/34	43/32
Houston	68/32	54/41	Raleigh	52/50	52/24
Indianapolis	48/30	41/29	Rapid City	13/-1	32/9
Jacksonville	68/40	60/30	Reno	36/30	36/15
Kansas City	28/-4	28/22	Sacramento	60/39	60/39
Las Vegas	62/38	59/34	St. Louis	36/14	27/23
Little Rock	48/22	40/29	St. Paul	15/-4	12/7
Los Angeles	73/47	73/47	St. Petersburg	68/53	68/53
Los Angeles	73/47	73/47	San Diego	69/47	70/48
Los Angeles	73/47	73/47	San Francisco	64/44	61/41
Los Angeles	73/47	73/47	Seattle	48/38	48/38
Los Angeles	73/47	73/47	Tucson	71/40	74/37
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## Cabinet

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 weeks into the election impasse, as Bush tried to portray himself as the presidential elect despite Gore's legal challenges. At the time, Powell said Bush had not offered him a job. But even then, Powell indicated he would eventually be part of a Bush administration, saying that it was necessary "to get to work now so that we don't lose too much time during the transition period."

Word of Powell's formal appointment came as Bush was being turned down by Breux, the leader of a group of centrist senators, for a job as energy secretary. Democratic leaders were confident Breux would not accept a Cabinet post because doing so could tilt the Senate to the Republicans. Breux would have been replaced in the upper chamber by an appointee of a GOP governor.

"John Breux has got the attitude that I have - that when you put your country ahead of partisanship, when you put your country ahead of party politics, it's amazing what can get done," Bush said.

Breux led a bipartisan effort to improve the solvency of Medicare, and was cited by Bush during the campaign as an example of a Democrat willing to work with Republicans on finding a solution to a major issue.

"I think we certainly share the concept that we have to build coalitions in order to get anything done," Breux said of Bush. "And we look forward to you coming to

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Washington and meeting with our leadership and trying to find some ways we can make a permanent way for everybody."

Despite the rejection by Breux, Bush said he is still considering a number of past or present Democratic lawmakers for positions in the Cabinet, though he did not reveal any names.

But Bush moved closer to announcing his White House staff, which is expected to include his chief political strategist, Karl Rove; his communications director, Karen Hughes; political strategist Joshua Bolton; economic adviser Larry Lindsey, and his latest addition, Gonzales, as White House counsel.

Gonzales, 45, served as Bush's general counsel in the Texas governor's office for three years

## before Bush tapped him for secretary of state and then appointed him to the Texas Supreme Court.

In his book, "A Charge to Keep," Bush called Gonzales ascension to the Texas court an example of "what can happen when you dare to set high goals and dream big."

Bush wrote that when he was giving the oath of office to Gonzales, his speechwriter watched as some Hispanic teens on a sightseeing tour of the state Capitol "seemed spellbound by what they were seeing and hearing: A guy who looked just like them, who started out like them, was putting on the robes of a Texas Supreme Court justice. And he and the governor who appointed him were hugging each other."

In what might have been his most famous odds, Edwards made national headlines in 1991, when he sentenced two brothers, aged 19 and 20, to six months in jail after they set a cat on fire and tossed it off the Perrine Bridge.

"I realize in this day and age we kill animals and things like that, but why would you want to torture one?" Edwards asked the men.

Edwards left an indelible impression on the local justice system. Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb said, "He had a unique style in the courtroom. He was a man of few words and he had no tolerance for repeat offenders," Loeb said. "He left his mark on the community."

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## Final switch is thrown at Chernobyl

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) - Chernobyl was shut down forever with the flip of a switch Friday, shifting attention to new reactors on the sarcophagus covering the nuclear plant's ruined reactor, which is leaking radiation 14 years after the world's worst nuclear accident.

The closing of Chernobyl's last working reactor was intended to prevent disasters like the one that sent a radioactive cloud across Europe, affecting millions of people and leaving a poisoned zone in this former Soviet republic.

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NATION

# Bush will depend on cautious veterans

## President-elect needs help in foreign affairs

WASHINGTON (AP) — From Iraq to Russia, the Balkans to Middle East, a troubled world waits for President-elect Bush, whose inexperience in foreign affairs makes him heavily dependent on a veteran team of Washington troubleshooters.

Bush, eager to calm concerns and to move beyond questions about the legitimacy of his election, is expected to name his top advisers quickly — as early as today — beginning with Colin Powell as secretary of state.

But to lead the world's only superpower, Bush already has rattled allies and adversaries alike with promises to bring American troops home from the Balkans and build a national missile defense system. World capitals are looking for reassurance from the new leadership once Bush takes office Jan. 20.

"It's terribly important for a president to take charge of his foreign policy early on," said Lee Hamilton, the former Indiana congressman who was chairman of the House International Relations Committee.

"I think it may be especially true of Bush because there is this perception out there that he's kind of a hands-off president, delegates a lot," said Hamilton, head of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. "I think he's got to let people know he's in charge, that he understands his leadership is the most important ingredient for his success."

The names of Bush's foreign policy leaders are Washington's worst kept secret: Powell to lead the State Department and Condoleezza Rice to be the White House national security adviser. They are respected as skillful administrators with pragmatic views. There are questions about both.

Powell, onetime chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has been criticized as too cautious in the Persian Gulf War, stopping short of a knockout blow that would have destroyed Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard and driven the Iraqi leader from power.

Doubts also have been raised about the so-called Powell doctrine that prescribes dealing with trouble by setting clear political goals and using overwhelming

## FBI might start digging for tapes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI and other agencies have determined 10 computer tapes dug out of a New Mexico landfill do not contain a fired scientist's downloaded nuclear secrets, so agents might resume digging, federal law enforcement officials said Friday.

The government has been trying to confirm the story told by nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee after he pleaded guilty Sept. 13 to mishandling secret data at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. FBI agents were hoping to find up to 17 pocket-size computer tapes he said he threw into a trash bin at the weapons laboratory in 1999.

Their options for finding the tapes and corroborating Lee's account are dwindling as more than one batch of tapes thus far dug from the landfill have turned out not to contain the secrets Lee illegally downloaded, federal law enforcement officials said, requesting anonymity.



George W. Bush

force to achieve victory. Critics say Powell's formula is an over-reaction to the Vietnam war and sharply limits when the military can be used.

Rice, a Russian specialist on the National Security Council under Bush's father, was the chief foreign policy adviser for the new president during his campaign. She calls herself a "Europeanist," acknowledging, however, that she needs a stronger grasp on the rest of the world.

Bush's vice president, Dick Cheney, whose experience ranges from being a congressman and White House chief of staff to serving as secretary of defense during the Gulf War, is expected to provide a steady hand to the administration. Some people say he will be, in effect, Bush's prime minister.

That idea is challenged by some Cheney watchers. "I think Dick Cheney will know when to stop, that he will want to have

real influence rather than an appearance of excessive power," said Dimitri Simas, president of the Washington-based Nixon Center for Peace and Security. "Cheney is a very secure person. I don't think he will want constantly to remind people how important he is."

With little in his background to guide him, Bush himself has to set the strategic direction of his foreign policy and determine what his priorities are. Powell and Rice and Cheney are "very seasoned people and will give him solid advice," said Hamilton.

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NATION

# FBI agents protest clemency request

WASHINGTON (AP) — Marching two-by-two and wearing blue memorial ribbons, hundreds of FBI agents staged an unprecedented demonstration at the White House on Friday, protesting any presidential clemency for an American Indian activist convicted of killing two FBI men in 1975.

The emotional procession of 500 current and former FBI employees and family members marched in a loop around the White House, led by two agents carrying a banner with the red-lettered slogan "Never Forget." A few agents blinked back tears as they displayed pictures of their slain colleagues, agents Ron Williams and Jack Koler.

The agents hauled a bulky petition for President Clinton signed by 8,000 current and former agents protesting any easing of punishment for Leonard Peltier, 56, who is serving two consecutive life sentences in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan.

Secret Service agents refused to take the petition, however, telling their fellow federal officers White House security forbids acceptance of any documents or packages. The agents planned to mail it. "There are situations in

puts him outside of the reach of any presidential pardon," said John Sennett, a New York-based agent and president of the FBI Agents Association, which has about 9,000 active and 1,000 retired members.

The protest supported FBI Director Louis Freeh's recommendation to Clinton not to give Peltier clemency, saying such an act would "signal disrespect" for law enforcement.

The White House has declined comment on any Clinton plans for pardons but has said the president would review pending requests for executive clemency, including Peltier's, before he leaves office in January.



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NATION

# Planning an inauguration in half the time

**Fighting the clock, Bush's entertainment planners reuse, revise**

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Need an American flag? An American eagle? How about some yellow roses of Texas? Earl Hargrove, who has helped stage inaugurations in this town since Harry Truman's, has just the thing for a president-elect in a hurry.

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Bill Clinton commissioned eight new floats from scratch for his first inaugural parade, but George W. Bush doesn't have time for that, Hargrove said.

"With floats, the issue is what's available on such short notice," he said, suggesting that some of his company's floats could be recycled. "If they try to go from the ground up, they're not going to get but a couple of new units."

That was one idea Thursday for how the president-elect and his inauguration planners can cut corners as they rush to organize the entertainment gala, parade and balls that will celebrate his Jan. 20 swearing-in ceremony at the U.S. Capitol. With five weeks instead of the normal 10 to prepare, veterans of previous inaugurations say the yet-to-be-named Presidential Inaugural Committee will have to scramble to catch up.

At this time four years ago, the people planning President Clinton's second inauguration already had outlined the scope of three days' worth of festivities, set ticket prices for bleacher seats along the parade route and mailed out more than 450,000 official invitations to inaugural events.

Those involved in earlier inaugurations time will cause the biggest crunch for any work that has to be contracted out — and could affect private fundraising and the ability to do a more ambitious program of activities. Some inaugural tasks —

reviewing possible sites for the balls and building the stage at the Capitol, bleachers for parade seating and a reviewing stand in front of the White House — have been completed or are underway. Yet without an official Presidential Inaugural Committee, there have been no decisions on such specifics as the number of balls, the parade participants and the

headliners for the presidential gala.

Hargrove's ready-made parade floats — made of wire mesh, fabric, plastic, hard foam and other materials — are on display near Mount Jackson, Va., where he has opened an "American Celebration on Parade" exhibit at the Shenandoah Caverns. A few have been featured in past inaugural celebrations.

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# Congress approves new budget deal

WASHINGTON - The boisterous, lame-duck 106th Congress neared adjournment on Friday as lawmakers voted to clear more than \$450 billion for hiring teachers, health research, Medicare and other programs.

The House approved the huge measure by 292-60 and the Senate passed it by voice vote as last-gasp skirmishes over Alaskan sea lions and aid for Amtrak melted away. The votes meant that 2.5 months late, the battle between President Clinton and Republicans over this year's \$1.8 trillion budget had reached its belated finale.

The package also included provisions to help about 1 million immigrants who want to remain in the United States; hundreds of projects for lawmakers' home districts; and a \$25.8 billion, 10-year mix of tax cuts aimed at creating jobs, spurring investment and cleaning up dozens of poor communities.

Both chambers remained in session this year later than any time since 1982. Since fiscal 2001 began on Oct. 1, Congress has had to pass 20 temporary bills to keep agencies from shutting down.

### White House says crime cartels threaten nation

WASHINGTON - Foreign criminal organizations, with their increasing use of computers, have become a direct threat to the nation's security, White House officials said Friday.

"If the stereotype of a typical criminal is a godfather-type who breaks bones, now you have a

### Nation in brief

more sophisticated criminal figure who can hack your computer, who can influence financial markets around the world and can destabilize countries or regions of the world that are important to the United States," said P.J. Crowley, President Clinton's national security spokesman.

The cartels dabble in anything that can make money, including "counterfeiting of money, counterfeiting of CDs and software, smuggling of people, smuggling of arms, smuggling of precious gems," said Richard A. Clarke, counterterrorism coordinator on the National Security Council.

### Researchers say they have cloned disease-resistant bull

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Researchers at Texas A&M University say they have cloned a disease-resistant bull.

After testing hundreds of cattle since the 1970s, scientists at A&M found a bull that was naturally resistant to brucellosis, which in cattle causes abortions, lessens fertility and reduces milk production. The bull also was found to be resistant to tuberculosis and salmonellosis, a bacterial infection that can also kill cattle.

### 34-cent stamps now on sale, for use in January

WASHINGTON - The new 34-cent stamps went on sale in post offices across the country Friday.

The rate increase takes effect Jan. 7, but postal of ficials said the stamps were being made available now so people could get them in advance. In the meantime the 33-cent first-class rate remains in effect.

### Officials release Palestinian jailed on secret evidence

BRADENTON, Fla. - A Palestinian was released from jail and walked into the arms of his weeping family Friday, after being locked up for three years on secret government evidence without being charged with a crime.

"It's a great day for justice and a sad day for arrogance and oppression," Mazen Al-Najjar told a crowd outside the Manatee County Detention Center.

The government has maintained that Al-Najjar had links to Middle East terrorists and was a threat to national security.

Al-Najjar denied the allegations. Not even his lawyers have seen the evidence against him.

### Woman falls from corporate plane, body found

SAN JOSE, Calif. - A Hewlett-Packard employee jumped or fell out the door of a company plane at 2,000 feet, despite an attempt by another passenger to restrain her, the FBI said.

The 15-seat de Havilland Twin Otter, which was operated as a commuter service for HP employees, was carrying five passengers and two pilots when it set out on its regular Thursday night flight from the Sacramento area to San Jose.

Sacramento police said late Friday afternoon they had found what they believed was the woman's body in a field. The woman, whose name was not immediately released, was an employee in the high-tech company's purchasing department.

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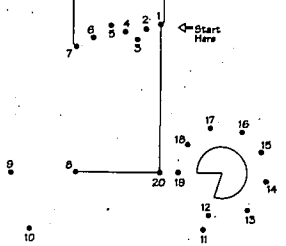
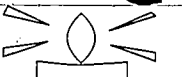
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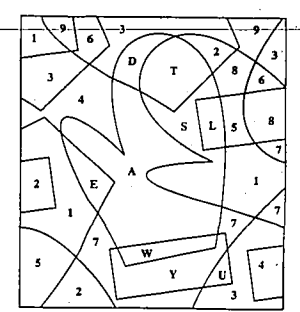
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Back in the 16th century, German families

decorated fir trees with fruits, sweets and colored paper. That tradition spread throughout Europe, and German settlers and soldiers brought the tradition to the United States.

The Christmas tree's popularity grew fast in the United States. In 1851, the first Christmas tree lot opened in New York.

The White House Christmas tree traditions started with President Franklin Pierce. Then President Calvin Coolidge started the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

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## What Do You Know About Christmas Trees?

See how many questions you can answer about Christmas trees. Some of the answers may be in the above article. All the answers are at the bottom, but don't look until you've tried!

1. Where was the first Christmas tree lot in the United States?
2. How many states grow Christmas trees?
3. How many Christmas tree growers are there in the United States?
4. Can you name three types of Christmas trees?
5. How were the first Christmas trees decorated?

**True or False?**

6. When a tree is cut, one seedling is planted in its place.
7. It takes three years for a new Christmas tree to grow.
8. The United States was the first country to have Christmas trees.
9. Alaska and Texas are the top Christmas tree-growing states.
10. President Harry S. Truman put up the first White House tree.

**Answers:**

1. New York.
2. About 15,000.
3. 36.
4. Fir, Spruce and colored paper.
5. True.
6. False.
7. True.
8. False.
9. True.
10. False.

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## Political carols enhance season

### Katherine the Red-Lipped Harris (To "Rudolph")

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Had a very powdered nose  
And if you heard her logic  
You would even say it grows.  
All of the other players  
Used to act with some finesse  
They wouldn't let the public  
Blame them for this awful mess.  
Then one Tallahassee day  
Jeb Bush came to say:  
"Katherine with your rouge so thick  
Won't you stop this recount quick?"  
Then all the Bush League loved her  
As they shouted out with glee:  
"Katherine the Red-Lipped Harris  
You can pick your embassy!"

LENORE SKENAZY

### He Put the "W" In "DWI" (To "Angels We Have Heard on High")

Dubya, we have heard, gets high  
Then drives swiftly through the night  
And the cops in their reply  
Slap on handcuffs oh so tight.  
Ooooooh Old Milwaukee Beer  
In excess of three point oh.

### The First Poll (To "The First Noel")

The first exit poll the networks did say:  
It was Gore who had won the election that day.  
Then that cousin of George Bush down at Fox said, "No way!"  
And he called it for George on that strange autumn day  
Exit poll, exit poll, just what did you show?  
Born is the sense that we never will know.

### Nader's Spin (To "I Have a Little Dreidel")

I am a little Nader  
I made Al lose the race  
And when I'm good and ready  
I'll punch him in the face!

### Cheney's Song (To "Oh Come All Ye Faithful")

Oh come, party faithful  
Just barely triumphant  
Oh come ye Republicans to Washington  
See, he's just like us,  
Born the son of millionaires  
Oh come let us adore him  
Thank God he's no Al Gore, him  
Let's go and govern for him  
Gore, our man.

Lenore Skenazy is a columnist for the New York Daily News, 450 West 33rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10001.

### The Ballad of the Ballot (To "O Little Town of Bethlehem")

O little town of Palm Beach, Flor.  
How still we wonder why  
That Democrat, Terry LePore  
Approved the butterfly.  
Though bobbies and their hubbies  
Shipped to vote for nice boy Joe,  
They poked their ballots and then went  
For their votes did blow.  
They meant to vote for Lieberman  
But somehow got misled  
And voted for the very man  
They'd like to see drop dead.  
So now you hear the hubbies weep:  
"I feel like such a dork!  
When will we get another veep  
Who just says no to pork?"

### What Chad Is This? (To "What Child Is This")

What chad is this, that fell too late  
From the punch card while Dems lay weeping  
A chad they'd greet with anthems  
Sweet but too late. Now the janitor's sweeping.  
This, this small chad, good grief  
Whom some would guard, and some discard  
This chad gives us our new chief,  
'Tis Gore the son of Barbara.



## A growing world will require biotech food

DENNIS T. AVERY

A few days ago, a panel of science advisers for the Environmental Protection Agency refused to recommend human-use approval for StarLink corn—not because it would cause allergies, but because they couldn't prove it wouldn't.

StarLink is the genetically engineered biotech corn approved for livestock feed only, and which recently "contaminated" the U.S. food system.

Under this EPA panel's safety standard, even if StarLink were tested safely on all 280 million Americans, it wouldn't be sufficient. Someone in Albania might still get an allergic reaction.

At almost the same moment, a Hudson Institute conference on StarLink safety in Washington heard scientists testify StarLink corn is at least 70 times safer than peanuts and highly unlikely to be more allergenic than ordinary corn.

Larry Bohlen of Friends of the Earth, the group that started the StarLink scare, told the Hudson conference that science was moving too fast in genetic engineering in the fields of food and medicine. He urged society to adopt organic farming, despite sharply lower yields that would take more land from wildlife for food production.

Bur Bruce Chassy, assistant dean of agricultural research at the University of Illinois, expressed the view that "EPA science advisers are setting a bizarre new safety standard for a food product, and one that few natural foods could meet. I'll eat all the StarLink tater tots you can give me." He labeled the StarLink problem a regulatory failure, not a food safety lapse.

Ruth Kava, of the American Council on Science and Health, noted that more than 200 natural, non-biotech foods frequently cause allergies. Moreover, a

small number of people are allergic to ordinary corn. (My nephew, in his youth, was allergic to corn and virtually every other food except white rice flour.)

Kava noted the purportedly all-ergenic protein in StarLink makes up such a tiny proportion of the corn's total proteins (0.0013 percent) that even if it was as allergenic as peanut protein, consumers would run only a small allergy risk.

Dan Lynn, president of Artega Milling, which recalled millions of pounds of corn flour products, told the conference the levels of StarLink in Artega flour were so low that two different testing labs often got opposite results from the same samples.

I pointed out to the conferees, as I do to many audiences, that the world will need three times as much farm output in 2050, and we're already farming 37 percent of the planet's land area.

Unless we use biotechnology to help triple the yields again, we're faced with either letting a billion people starve or herding the last generation of wild animals into the planet's wildlife. Shouldn't that problem concern our environmental protection agency?

C.S. Prakash, a biotech plant researcher at Alabama's Tuskegee University, noted that the biotech version of rice, first engineered by the Chinese, will fend off enough rice stem borers to raise yields by more than 25 percent. That would protect an amount of wildland equal to the land area of France.

Prakash also pointed to biotech papayas that fend off the ringspot virus and thus protect another staple food of the tropics.

A native of India, he is enthusiastic about "golden rice," which could save millions of children in poor rice-eating cultures from the blindness and even death brought on by severe Vitamin A deficiency.

Tom Dorr, an Iowa farmer and seed merchant, told the conferees that farmers were caught in the middle. Biotech corn has eased farmers' pest problems and lowered their costs.

Dorr said biotech corn would also help prevent the loss of farmers' fingers and hands in corn harvester accidents, many of which occur while they try to clear jams caused by fallen cornstalks damaged by corn borers.

He warned, however, that none of the farmer advantages from StarLink were big enough to make up for a potential loss of major crop markets in Europe and Japan.

Karl Kochenderfer of the Grocery Manufacturers Association told the conference her members hope biotechnology results in safety, quality and desirable products for consumers but the food processing industry must ultimately produce what consumers want.

A recent New York Times editorial rejected the precautionary principle—the idea that we must prove any new technology is completely safe beyond any doubt—because it would prevent us from adopting powerful ways to conserve nature, such as low-till farming, which saves topsoil using chemical weedkillers. The Times said we must continue balancing potential benefits and risks.

The StarLink panelists agreed with that viewpoint, except for Friends of the Earth's Larry Bohlen.

Dennis T. Avery is based in Churchville, Va., and is director of global food issues for the Hudson Institute of Indianapolis.

## LETTERS

### 'Pillar' doesn't support community

I had to laugh at your editorial efforts to defend the Twin Falls County commissioners and the cow factories that have ruined our groundwater and air (Nov. 29). You call the proposal by Chisholm and Hiller to clean up the dairy mess "bizarre." What is so "bizarre" about wanting clean air and water and to stop new sources of pollution? Why is it "bizarre" to check for permit compliance?

You also call the dairy industry a "pillar of the Magic Valley, which feeds, clothes, and houses thousands of families." Too bad their agenda does not seem to include education (i.e., Jerome's) and Wendell's school bond troubles). After all, with education might come recognition of the need for environmental responsibility.

When this newspaper clings to its political Republican partisanship, like politicians clinging to their wealthy contributors, all claims to objective journalism become an insult to honest reporters and thinking people. The reality is that these polluters, who are driven by greed to ruin the environment and way of life that Idahoans love, are indefensible. You so-called journalists, who defend that kind of blatant poor citizenship, are no better, maybe worse.

Too bad the rest of us have to prop up your "pillar" while we wallow in cow manure. Visitors here from Los Angeles tell us their stinking air and poisoned water are worse than they endure in southern

California. Thanks for nothing, "pillar of Magic Valley!"  
MERRI NEIWERT  
Twin Falls

### Wolves hurt fish and game

I love the way Don Oman starts out with an issue of significance such as government land grab and tries to change it to a less important issue such as cattle grazing. Don is right. The government does own the ground that it is changing into monuments and parks, but what he forgot to say is that this land is now multiple use for hunting, fishing, hiking. Once it becomes monuments and parks, you will once again get to pay to enter and don't get off the trail.

I dare say cattle grazing on public ground has done more good for fish and game than the introduction of the wolf. I know the sight of killer cows standing in the middle of a river, hunting and killing fish is a horrifying sight, or a cow chasing down some young dog and devouring it is more than most Sun Valley people can take.

The fact is hunting has gone downhill since the government has gotten involved. I'm surprised to see Don so vocal now that he can't hide behind the government for protection against old ranchers. Enjoy your retirement, Don. We all will benefit from it.  
TERRY HALL  
Jerome

### City pound kills too soon

It seems that twice a year The Times-News has a story on the bloodletting that takes place at Laurie Simons' dungeon of death (Twin Falls city pound). I would love to see a story on fund-raising events or maybe donations from corporate sponsors to benefit the pound.

I do not live in the Magic Valley area anymore but my heart does. The only bad memory my family has of Twin is the death of our two dogs 20 minutes after the Twin Falls city pound received them from the Kimberly pound. That day even our phone call explaining we had just arrived home from a funeral and understood our dogs would be arriving could not keep them from death.

My point, Laurie: If you really cared, you would form fund-raising efforts. Until then, I cannot fee; your pain; you snuff out life way to soon for someone who claims they don't like to kill.  
DAVID WOODMANSEE  
Bountiful, Utah

### Don't vote drunk

On Election Day, liquor stores are

closed, bars can't sell mixed drinks or

any kind of alcohol. Anyone with an ounce of brains just goes and stocks up on booze! Does closing the liquor stores and eliminating hard drinks in the bars influence the way people vote?

Beer and wine are still available. You can catch a buzz just as easy on beer or wine as you can on the hard stuff.

Why don't they just set up a Breathalyzer before you vote? If you're drunk, you can't vote! Then people could see who they're voting for. Go figure. People didn't know if they were voting for Bush, Gore or what's his name. Let's just have a (hic...) recount or maybe a (hic...) re-election.

Could it be possible to have a tie? How about two presidents? Not with the electoral votes. What? Go baby—whatever, who cares?

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### Gore's book reveals Intentions

It is interesting to note that "Mein Kampf," written by Adolf Hitler, was well-read. He was going to make Germany the Third Reich, a great and powerful nation. Well, I guess he did.

Al Gore wrote a book, "Earth in the Balance." He told the American people what he was going to do and how he was going to do it, just like Hitler. If you read his book, you can see how the economy of this country would be drastically throttled. Our standard of living would be reduced so as to bring up the standard of living for all other nations. An international authority called the United Nations would control us. Additional bureaucracies would limit our ability to climb the ladder of success and reduce a lot of freedoms to control the citizens of the United States.  
JACK STREETER  
Mountain Home

### Try the European Deli at the mall

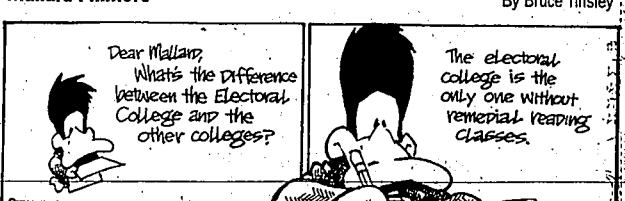
While you're out and about in Twin Falls, try eating at the European Deli in Centennial Mall. It is locally owned and

## Doonesbury



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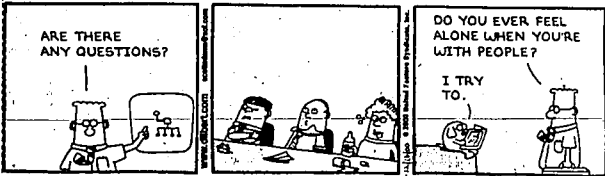
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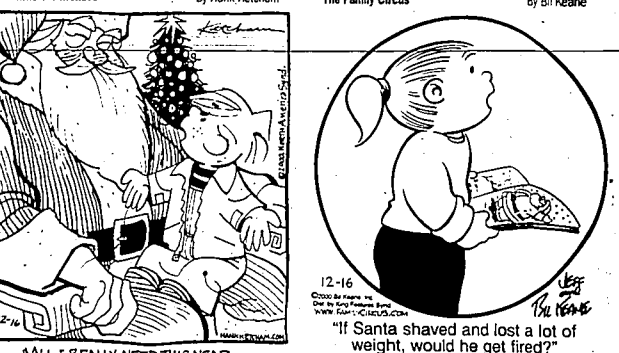


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Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey

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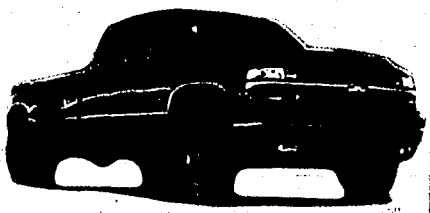
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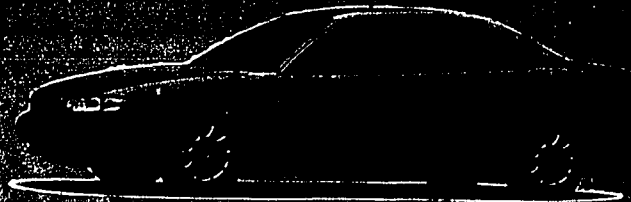
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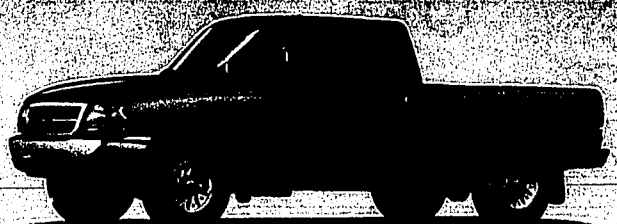
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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“It puts a stamp on me as an educated man.”

—Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal, who received his bachelor's degree from LSU Friday, eight years after leaving the school for NBA stardom

### TRIVIA

#### QUESTION:

Other than Pete Carroll and Paul Hackett, who is the only man who had NFL coaching experience before becoming USC's football coach?

Answer below

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

#### Boys' high school basketball

Twin Falls at Highland, 1 p.m.  
Shoshone at Kimberly, 4:15 p.m.  
Wendell at Gooding, 4:15 p.m.  
Grace at Valley, 4:15 p.m.  
Buhl at Middleton, 4:15 p.m.  
Glenns Ferry at Declo, 4:30 p.m.  
Minico at Burley, 6 p.m.  
Richfield at Raft River, 7:30 p.m.  
Jerome at Pocatello, 7:30 p.m.

#### High school wrestling

BearCat Tournament, at Twin Falls and Jerome, 9 a.m.

#### Girls' high school basketball

Buhl at American Falls, 4:15 p.m.  
Glenns Ferry at Malba, 4:30 p.m.  
Burley at Filer, 6 p.m.  
Hagerman at Camas, 7:30 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### Vick won't make himself eligible for NFL draft

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Michael Vick is coming back for another season. The Virginia Tech quarterback wants to work on a few things before heading to the NFL.

"I just want to get better as a person and as a player," he said Friday at a news conference to discuss the Gator Bowl. "And when it's time for me to go to the next level, I'll definitely be ready."

Vick had a disappointing season after injuring his right ankle Oct. 28 against Pittsburgh. He saw limited action against Miami, Virginia Tech's biggest game of the year, and sat out the next game against Central Florida. A 41-21 loss to Miami knocked the Hokies out of the championship race.

#### Lady Bengals take on hobbled Cowgirls today

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Wyoming will continue trying to adjust without its No. 2 scorer, Carly Stucky, when the Cowgirls play Idaho State today. The Cowgirls (4-3) lost the sophomore guard to a season-ending knee injury during a 71-56 win over Weber State on Dec. 6. Stucky was hit hard by an opposing player in the second half.

Three days later, Wyoming lost at Northern Arizona 77-55.

Idaho State (4-2), is coming off a 72-61 win over Cal Riverside last Saturday. The Bengals' junior forward Mandi Carver is averaging 12.7 points and 8.7 rebounds, followed by sophomore Ashley Toner (11.5, 4.2), a 1999 Burley High grad.

Compiled from wire reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

John Robinson, who was an assistant with the Oakland Raiders in 1975.

# BEAR-CAT BROUHHAHA

## Spartans wrestle into early lead

By Kevin Hall  
Times-News writer

JEROME — The champs stood their ground. Four-time defending varsity champion Minico nussed its way into the lead after the first day of competition Friday at the fifth annual Bear-Cat Invitational Wrestling Tournament at Jerome High School.

The Spartans hold a three-point advantage, 59.5-56.5, over Class A-2 power American Falls going into today's championships. Pocatello (52.0) is third, Mountain Home (49.5) is fourth and Highland and Declo are tied for fifth with 43.5 points.

Seventeen teams representing four state classes are taking part in the early-season meet. Twenty-two junior varsity teams are competing concurrently at Twin Falls High through today.

With eight wrestlers — the most of any squad — heading into today's varsity semifinals, Minico head coach Brad Cooper said he was pleased with the team's performance.

"Not bad," the tactician Cooper said. "We're in a very good spot."

But Cooper wasn't as happy with his own son, Cody, who got pinned by Highland's Jake Ferrin at 215 pounds.

"He was leading, then he got spun and pinned," Cooper said.

Kimberly senior Kaid Gambrel had no such problems at the 160-pound level. Though the Bulldogs were back on the mats after a brutal tri-match Thursday at Buhl, last year's third-place state finisher at 152 pounds scored a pair of pins Friday.

"Just keeping loose," the muscular Gambrel said. "I'm a little sore (from Thursday), but this is a real good tournament. You get to see a lot of A-1 guys that you don't usually get to see a lot."

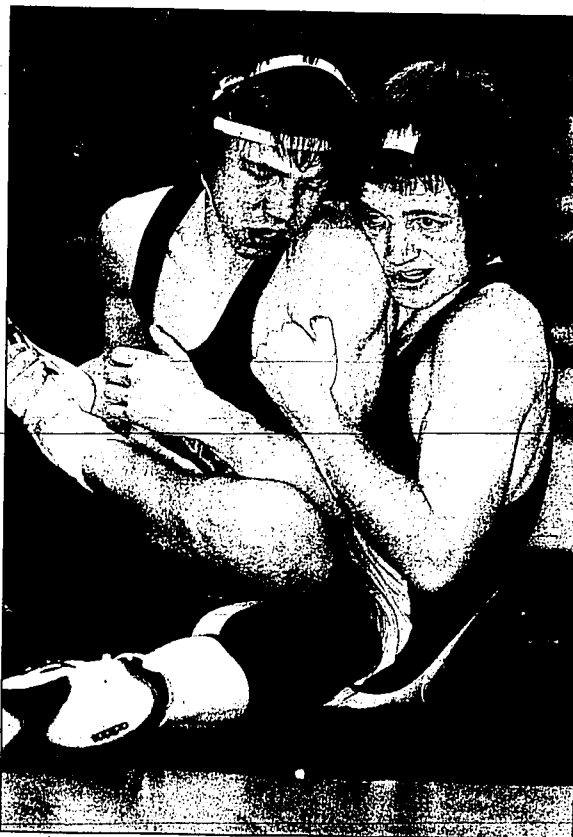
Gambrel ran his record to 6-0 this season, scoring his fifth pin against an overmatched Jason Nida of Mountain Home.

Wood River wrestler Cory Goicoechea remained undefeated at 171 pounds after demolishing Wendell rival Mark Dimond 16-0 to advance to the semifinal round.

"He's a tough kid," said Goicoechea, who faces Emmett's Mike Rowley in the semifinals.

David Roy and Armando Salinas are Twin Falls' lone hopefuls for Bear-Cat individual titles. Roy, weighing in at a scrappy 119 pounds, persevered 10:5 in his quarterfinal match against a lanky Colt Bloxham of

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Twin Falls High's David Roy, right, grapples with Colt Bloxham of Highland during a semifinal match at the Bear-Cat Invitational in Jerome on Friday night. Roy won the match with a 10:5 decision.

BRUCE SHIELDS/The Times-News

## Bruin boys rule All-Region

The Times-News

The Twin Falls High School Bruins garnered recognition befitting a state-tournament qualifier, claiming six of 12 first-team spots on the Class A-1, Div. I All-Region III soccer squads announced this week.

Also honored was Twin Falls boys' coach Trent Felton, who returned to the head coaching job this fall after a season away and guided the Bruins to a first-round win at the Boise tourney. Felton earned boys' coach of the year recognition.

Pocatello junior Dave Bunzow was the boys' player of the year.

One Minico player — midfielder Yohei Mori — made the boys' first team, while one Spartan — Clare Bodensteiner — made the girls' first team. Mori was the only sophomore boy named to the first team.

Joining the junior Bodensteiner on the girls' first team was Twin Falls midfielder Debbie Dodds, a senior.

Twin Falls boys named to the first team included junior forward Brock Cooper, senior for-

ward Joey Machala, sophomore midfielder Cory Sayre, senior keeper Darren Van Hofwegen and junior defender Nicholas Waters and Charles Meade.

Fellow junior defender Dylan Sinclair earned honorable mention, as did Minico senior forward Jorge Alvarez.

Pocatello and Highland girls dominated the first team, with the Indians earning six spots.

Minico senior defender Amy Neibaer earned honorable men-

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## Montana: It's (Drew) Miller time

The Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Montana returns to the Division I-AA championship game after three years of playoff disappointment — something unfamiliar to Georgia Southern.

The two teams play today at Max Finley Stadium for the I-AA title, which defending champion Georgia Southern has won a record five times. This is the third straight year the Eagles (12-2) have reached the championship game.

Playoff success has not come as easily for the top-ranked Grizzlies (13-1). They've been bounced in the first round of the past three seasons after reaching the title game in 1996. Montana lost that one 49-29 to Marshall.

So it's understandable Montana does not quite feel like a No. 1 team.

"We're the underdog," coach Joe Glenn said. "They won the national championship last year. They bombed Hofstra and Hofstra beat us. But I kind of like the underdog."

While Georgia Southern features the rush — the Eagles threw the ball only five times in last week's 27-18 semifinal win over Delaware — the Grizzlies gain



Div. I-AA championship Today, 1 p.m. (ESP-N)



Drew Miller

most of their yards through the air.

Quarterback Drew Miller, another first-team All-American, averages 303 yards per game passing and spreads the ball out among three receivers who all have over 60 catches on the season.

Georgia Southern lost the 1998 championship game, but easily handled Youngstown State 59-26 the following year behind full-back Adrian Peterson's 247 yards rushing and three touchdowns.

Aside from Peterson, a junior, this isn't the same team that won the 1999 title.

The Eagles lost 15 starters from that team, and even coach Paul Johnson admits they have

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## Southern Cal is Carroll's

### Former Patriots coach will lead Trojans

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Pete Carroll, who took over the Southern California coaching job three years ago because of the timing, accepted the position Friday, saying he believes the fit is ideal.

"I believe I am tailored for this, it's quite clear," he said. "I'm very energetic, I'm very enthusiastic, I



Pete Carroll

Trojans completed a 57 campaign. It was their first losing season since 1991 and just their third in 39 years. The Trojans have won eight national championships, but none

just think this is right.

"I'm going to a place where there are great expectations. That's where I want to be."

The 49-year-old Carroll succeeds Paul Hackett, fired Nov. 27 — two days after the Trojans' season-opening game.

The Trojans have won eight national championships, but none

since 1978, and 20 of the 28 Rose Bowls in which they've played. But they've appeared in only one in the last 11 years.

Carroll has no past ties to USC, although his daughter, Jaime, is a freshman on the school's women's volleyball team. However, he said having grown up in the San Francisco area, he's well aware of the Trojans' tradition.

USC went 19-18 in Hackett's three seasons, and has a 31-29 record in the last five years. Fired with two years remaining on his contract, Hackett became the Trojans' coach after Carroll, coaching the Patriots at the time, turned down the offer.

## Gruden's Raiders have their eyes on the playoff prize

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — In the playoffs for the first time since 1993, the Oakland Raiders still have a lot riding on their trip to Seattle.

Among other things, Oakland (11-3) could take an important step toward wrapping up the AFC West with a victory over the Seahawks (5-9) today.

"We're in a must-win situation," free safety Anthony Dorsett said. "We want home-field advantage. We want a first-round bye. We have to play the same way we did last week."

The Raiders clinched a playoff berth last Sunday night with a 31-7 victory over the New York Jets. They promised not to let up against the Seahawks, a team

### Western tilt

Raiders at Seahawks Today, 2 p.m. (CBS) MORE NFL, Page B4

they beat 31-3 at Oakland Oct. 22. The Raiders also need some help this weekend. And it's com-

plicated.

In addition to beating Seattle, Oakland would need a loss or a tie by Denver (10-4) at Kansas City Sunday to clinch the division title.

The Raiders also could secure a first-round playoff bye with a victory over the Seahawks, a loss or tie by Denver and either a loss by Miami to Indianapolis

Sunday, a defeat by Tennessee against Cleveland Sunday and a loss or a tie by Baltimore against Arizona Sunday.

Oakland could also clinch home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a win against Seattle, and losses or ties by Denver, Miami and Baltimore, and a loss by Tennessee.

SPORTS

Bulldogs beat Senators in opener

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Local sports

GOODING - The Kimberly Bulldogs recorded a 10-point win over Gooding in both teams' seventh Central Idaho Conference basketball opener Friday, overcoming the Senators' 13-8 first quarter in a 43-33 decision.

Junior Cody Gibbons led the Bulldogs with 14 points. "Our kids played hard," said Gooding coach Joe Messick. "They just missed too many easy shots and some crucial free throws."

Senior Sean Smith and Steve Anderson led the Senators with 13 and 11 points, respectively. Gooding (1-3 overall, 0-1 in SCIC play) hosts Wendell tonight, while Kimberly (3-1, 1-0) hosts Shoshone.

Twin Falls, 50

TWIN FALLS - Senior Jarvis Flowers led the Huskies with 17 points to help Hansen defeat TCFA Friday night.

"It was a very physical game," said TCFA coach Brent Walker. "The difference was in free throws." The Huskies shot 27 free throws, making 14. The Warriors made two of five.

Sophomore Ray Miller led the Warriors off the bench with 17 points. TCFA (4-3) travel to Hansen next Thursday.

Madison 67, Flax 32

Madison 67, Flax 32. The Wildcats trailed 33-15 at intermission. Flax made adjustments at the break, resulting in a second half that went barely in Middleton's favor, 24-21, but it was not enough.

"We have a real young ballclub. I'm proud of the way we hung in there and played them even in the second half," said Flax coach Bruce Lenington. The Wildcats travel to Wendell on Wednesday.

74-72, Wood River 42

HAYLEN - Rob Buck tossed in 22 points as the Valley Vikings ran away in the second half and defeated Wood River in boys non-conference basketball Friday.

Valley, which improved to 7-0, led 31-14 at the break and built a 17-point cushion in the third before dominating the final period. The Vikings were off for four scorers in double figures.

"We did a good job of being patient and hitting their shots," was happy with our shot selection, we just didn't hit them. We made two more mistakes," said Wood River coach Jeff Larson. The Wolverines, who fall to 1-4, have two weeks off before playing in the McCall tournament Dec. 29th.

Super Mario could play as soon as Dec. 27

PITTSBURGH - Mario Lemieux plans to return to practice Tuesday and could possibly begin his comeback with the Pittsburgh Penguins on Dec. 27 against Toronto.

The 35-year-old Lemieux, the team's owner and a Hall of Famer, has been working out privately for six weeks and skating on his own since late November. The Penguins leave Wednesday to play Florida and Tampa Bay on a two-game, two-night road trip. Lemieux is not expected to play in either game. He has not played since a playoff series against Philadelphia in 1997.

Avon scores with tennis-champion sister act

NEW YORK - Avon Products Inc. is calling on tennis champions Venus and Serena Williams to appear in national TV spots and print advertisements, starting next spring.

Under the exclusive three-year global agreement, the Williams sisters will appear in the company's "Let's Talk" campaign, launched earlier this year. Financial terms were not disclosed.

Alling Nelson returns to coaching Mavericks

PHILADELPHIA - Don Nelson was back coaching the Dallas Mavericks on Friday night, after missing three games while consulting with doctors on how to treat his prostate cancer.

Nelson, also the team's general manager, said before the game against the Philadelphia 76ers that he will have surgery Jan. 4, and rejoin the Mavericks after missing 6-to-8 weeks. "It's been hard to be away and I really miss the guys," Nelson said. "It's been good to come back and coach in a competitive game against the best team in the East."

Swedes swing into doubles tennis semis

BANGALORE, India - Sweden's Simon Aspelin and Johann Lambertz reached the semifinals of the World Doubles Championship Friday, defeating Jamie Ockley and Daniel Orsanic of Argentina 6-2, 6-4.

Their victory also enabled top-seeds Rick Leach and Ellis Ferreira to make the semifinals. They squeezed through as the second team from the Red Group, after winning their first match earlier in the day. Leach and Ferreira, who had lost their first two matches, beat the Australian pair of Joshua Krieger and Andrew Florent 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (2), but that was not going to be enough. They needed Aspelin and Landsberg not only to beat the South Americans, but to do it without dropping a set to make it on a higher percentage of sets won. The Swedes cooperated.

Wendell 58, Hagerman 53

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Girls' basketball

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Women's game

Tennessee 98, Memphis 60

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Gwen Jackson scored 18 points and Famika Catchings added 14 as Tennessee beat Memphis 98-60 to improve to 8-0 on Friday.

Ashley Robinson, Semeka Randall, Michelle Snow and LaToya Davis added 10 points apiece in the Lady Vols' 18th straight victory over Memphis (6-3). Malissa Bush led Memphis with 15 points.

Women's game

CSU 100, Montana 75

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CSU 100, Montana 75

Twin Falls at Hillcrest

No score reported.

Bengals roar routing Montana Tech

POCATELLO (AP) - Led by Tim Erickson's 17 points, Idaho State beat Montana Tech 78-31 Friday night in Pocatello.

The 31 points allowed were the fewest by an Idaho State team since the advent of the shot clock in 1985. It was the first of two schools first meeting since 1940.

ISU (2-4) was playing their first game in nine days but got off to a good start going on an 11-0 run while holding the Orediggers (5-7) without a point for eight minutes. During that stretch, Montana Tech missed ten consecutive shots.

Erickson hit his third three-pointer of the first half with thirty seconds left to give the

Bengals a 27-15 lead. ISU made nine of three free throws on the evening and led by fourteen at the break.

ISU put the game away early in the second half going on a 27-6 run to stretch the lead to 56-21. They emptied the bench for much of the remaining time.

Tenn. 99, Mid. Tenn. St. 83

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Isaiah Victor and Terrence Woods each scored 21 points as No. 4 Tennessee survived a slow start before beating Middle Tennessee State 99-83 on Friday night.

It was the first game for the Vols (9-0) in a week, and their

first since moving up Monday to the national ranking since being ranked fourth in January 1998.

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CSI Basketball

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Miller

Continued from B1. Montana won 45-0 in the quarterfinals. But it also was before Peterson arrived at Georgia Southern. Peterson has rushed for over 100 yards in 42 straight games, scoring 18 touchdowns this year and rushing for 1,908 yards despite missing two full games because of injuries.

He is the top back in Georgia Southern's option offense that averaged 352 yards per game on the ground this season. And the Eagles have four other players who have rushed for over 600 yards. That was in 1995, when

They'll face a Montana defense that allowed just 77 rushing yards a game - second best in the country. "They're definitely the fastest team in the nation. We're not going to shut them down completely but we need to at least hold them so our offense can put some points on the board," said Montana defensive end Andy Petek, a first-team All-American. Montana, which plays in the past-honored Big Sky Conference, lost its first game of the season 10-9 to Hofstra before winning 13 games in a row.

Soccer

Continued from B1. As a mid senior forward Rachel Welch, sophomore midfielder Megan Wonderlich and junior defender Amber Diehl, all of Twin Falls.

Portland's Jenna Jones was player of the year, while her coach, Farsi Farshid, earned coach of the year.

2000 Region III Soccer. Player of the Year: Dana Brown, Portland. Coach of the Year: Farsi Farshid, Portland. Forward: Chelsea Taylor, Portland. Midfielder: Jenna Jones, Portland. Defender: Amber Diehl, Portland. Goalkeeper: Jenna Jones, Portland.

SPORTS

Starks leads Utah to historic rout

Francis piles up points

NEW YORK (AP) — John Starks... New York managed only 13 points in the first quarter...

NBA... Hornets 103, Wizards 89... WASHINGTON — Labeled "a disgrace" by Michael Jordan...



New York's Allan Houston is closely guarded by the Jazz's John Starks during Friday's game in New York.

Ilgaukas and Andre Miller scored 16 of Cleveland's final 19 points as the Cavs won their fifth straight game.

Hawks 85, Bulls 74... CHICAGO — Jason Terry had 17 points and 13 assists...

Clippers 98, Suns 88... PHOENIX — Jeff McInnis scored 21 of his 24 points in the second half...

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Ron Francis had a goal and two assists as the Carolina Hurricanes beat the surging Buffalo Sabres with a 5-3 victory Friday night.

Blues 6, Thrashers 3... ATLANTA — Pierre Turgeon scored three goals as St. Louis beat Atlanta for a club-record eighth consecutive victory.

Panthers 4, Penguins 1... PITTSBURGH — Trevor Kidd made 35 saves as Florida beat Pittsburgh for its first victory since Nov. 25.

Red Wings 5, Avalanche 3... DENVER — Tomas Holmstrom and Darren McCarty scored less than three minutes apart in the third period as Detroit beat Colorado.

Devils 2, Canadiens 1... EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Randy McKay scored the go-ahead goal early in the third period to lead New Jersey past Montreal.

Islanders 3, Maple Leafs 2... UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Bill Muckalki's power-play goal snapped a three-period tie as the New York Islanders beat Toronto.

Stars 4, Blackhawks 1... DALLAS — Brett Hull came within 3:43 of his eighth shutout of the season as Dallas beat Chicago.

Red Wings 5, Avalanche 3... DENVER — Tomas Holmstrom and Darren McCarty scored less than three minutes apart in the third period as Detroit beat Colorado.

Wolves 99, Pistons 90... AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Kevin Garnet had 26 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists.

Mavericks 112, 76ers 94... PHILADELPHIA — Dirk Nowitzki had a career-high 36 points as Dallas welcomed back head coach Don Nelson...

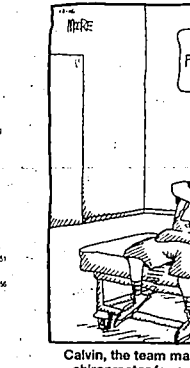
Knicks 104, Raptors 97... MILWAUKEE — Glenn Robinson scored 31 points Friday night as the Milwaukee Bucks held on for a 104-97 victory over the Toronto Raptors...

SCORES AND STATS

NBA Standings table with columns for Eastern Conference and Western Conference, listing teams and their records.

Baseball Standings table with columns for American League and National League, listing teams and their records.

IN-THE-BLEACHERS



Calvin, the team malcontent, is sent to the chiropractor for an attitude adjustment.

ON THE AIR

Television schedule table listing sports events and their broadcast times on various channels.

TELEVISION

Television schedule table listing sports events and their broadcast times on various channels.

TENNIS

Tennis tournament schedule table listing events and their broadcast times.

TRANSACTIONS

Table listing sports transactions, including trades, signings, and releases.

Friday's NBA Boxes

Table listing NBA game results, scores, and key statistics for Friday's games.

Friday's College Scores

Table listing college basketball game results and scores.

FOOTBALL

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NFL WEEKEND BLITZ



# Week 15 matchups

**TODAY'S GAMES**

**10:30 a.m. (FOX)**  
Redskins (7-7)  
at  
Steelers (7-7)

Keys to the game: Jeff George vs. the blitz. Count on Pittsburgh to throw everything at George, who has a history of becoming rattled when hit. Jerome Bettis vs. the Redskins' front seven. Jerome Bettis should have success against a demoralized Redskin defense.

The Pick: Pittsburgh. George has yet to win a big NFL game.

**2 p.m. (CBS)**  
Raiders (11-3)  
at  
Seahawks (5-9)

Keys to the game: Seattle QBs vs. the Raider pass rush. Oakland knocked out Seattle's Jim Kirtz and Damon Hubbard with head shots in their first meeting.

The Pick: Oakland. While the Raiders are ripe for an upset, the Seahawks are hardly up to the challenge.

**SUNDAY'S GAMES**

**11 a.m.**  
Lions (8-6)  
at  
Jets (8-6)

Hobbling down the stretch, the Lions are so devastated by injuries that their director of pro scouting, Sheldon White, quipped, "I'm working myself out." Sheldon, if you are good for more than three yards a carry, you're starting in place of James Stewart.

The Pick: Jets. Testaverde at less than 100 percent is better than Charlie Batch at less than 100 percent.

**11 a.m. (CBS)**  
Broncos (10-4)  
at  
Chiefs (6-8)

Like most NFL coaches, Kansas City's Gunther Cunningham keeps a card that advises when to try a two-point conversion. Debating the merits of a failed two-point attempt last week against Carolina, Cunningham told a Kansas City talk-show host that he went against the card in that instance. "Yeah, we did," Cunningham said heatedly. "Would you like to take my place and do it?" Um, nope.

The Pick: Denver. Chiefs' advantage at Arrowhead Stadium isn't that strong with a 4-3 record at home.

**11 a.m.**  
Chargers (1-13)  
at  
Panthers (6-8)

Elsewhere on frayed-out coach from the Chargers' flagship television station, KFMB Channel 8, took TV journalism to a new low by playing someone to a caller identifying himself as Charger player personnel director Billy Devaney an amusing his "screw up" on a play that Devaney was about to fire Coach Mike Riley and replace him with Joe Bugel. Complete and utter hoax. Unlike the Chargers' season, which, sorry to say, San Diego, is grounded in harsh reality. The Pick: Carolina. Turnover alert: Chargers lead the league in lost fumbles; Carolina is second to Baltimore in recoveries.

**11 a.m.**  
Falcons (3-11)  
at  
Saints (9-5)

Needing to win their last two games, both of them at home, Saint Coach Jim Haslett joked this week that he would put his players on a plane and have it circle New Orleans a few times to simulate the feel of a road game. But that idea was vetoed when the offensive linemen found out it was a no-mal flight.

The Pick: New Orleans. Falcons are straggling to the finish and Saints clinch a playoff berth with a victory as long as St. Louis-Tampa Bay doesn't end in a tie.

**11 a.m.**  
Patriots (4-10)  
at  
Bills (7-7)

Why, industry analysts are asking, would Internet company developer CMGI agree to spend \$14 million over 15 years for the naming rights to the Patriots' new stadium? CMGI suffered \$664 million in losses during the last quarter, saw its stock price drop more than 50 percent in 2000 and has been forced to lay off employees. Why, pro football analysts agree, it's the perfect marriage.

The Pick: Buffalo. At this point, the Bills are awful. Patriots are worse.

**11 a.m.**  
Jaguars (7-7)  
at  
Bengals (3-11)

The Bengals, averaging 11.5 points a game, are on track to score the fewest points in the 33-year history of the franchise, which is saying something about a franchise that has previously employed David Klingler, Jack Thompson and Virgil Carter at quarterback. "Now that's hard," said veteran tackle John Jackson, in his first season as a Bengal. "I'm surprised some of these guys aren't insane. Some of these guys have been here their whole career... I wonder why half the team's not going to a psychologist."

The Pick: Jacksonville. At 7-7, Jaguars can't make playoffs but they're playing well enough to win a postseason game.

**11 a.m.**  
Titans (11-3)  
at  
Browns (3-12)

With four quarterbacks on injured reserve and down to using wide receivers behind center last Sunday, the Browns swallowed their pride and dug even deeper Wednesday, raising the NFL. Jeff Brumm, former Charger and 49er and most recently with the NFL's Orlando Rage, was signed by the Browns as a backup quarterback for one game before being sent back into Vince McMahon's twelfth circle of hell.

The Pick: Tennessee. After scoring 35 points last week against the Bengals, Titans can further fine-tune the offense.

**11 a.m. (FOX)**  
Packers (7-7)  
at  
Vikes (11-3)

So, is Green Bay safety LeRoy Butler guilty of treason, too many shots to the head, or the shameless buttering up of a favored opponent? "We feel the Vikings will be in the Super Bowl," Butler told reporters this week. "No one is going to stop them." The Packers' Butler: "We're hungry, we're starving."

The Pick: Minnesota. Vikings should bounce back from loss to St. Louis and exact revenge on Antonio Freeman's miracle catch in Packers' Monday night victory.

**2 p.m.**  
Bears (4-10)  
at  
49ers (5-9)

Jerry Rice, Oakland Raider? That's a rumor going around the Bay Area as Rice prepares to play his last home game with the 49ers, having agreed with the team to part ways after this season. San Francisco Coach Steve Mariucci said he "almost ran into a wall" when he first heard the rumor on the radio while driving to work.

The Pick: San Francisco. Era ends with Rice's last home game, but 49ers are rebuilding in a hurry.

**2 p.m.**  
Ravens (10-4)  
at  
Cards (3-11)

Baltimore Owner Art Modell told the New York Times he believes the 2000 Raven defense is the best he's ever seen. "I admire them," he said. "I marvel over them. We went through the worst period in my entire football career, what I call the Dust Bowl, when we went through five games without scoring an offensive touchdown. But that defense never pointed a finger at the offense."

The Pick: Baltimore. Rookie RB Jamal Lewis is far real...

**2 p.m. (CBS)**  
Colts (8-6)  
at  
Dolphins (10-4)

Dolphin defensive tackle Dary Gardner predicts a shutout of Peyton Manning, Edgerin James and the Colts. "I think we can shut these boys out," he said. "That's my personal feeling... We're hungry. This Sunday is going to be special for us."

The Pick: Miami. Hard to believe quarterback Jay Fiedler will make as many mistakes as he did in loss to Tampa Bay.

**6:30 p.m. (ESPN)**  
Giants (10-4)  
at  
Cowboys (5-9)

In something of a departure for the Giants, Coach Jim Fassel suspended rookie wide receiver Ron Dixon for one game for oversleeping and failing to show on time for a team meeting. Fassel learned of Dixon's indiscretion by dispatching an assistant to the youngster's apartment, where Dixon was still asleep. This is unusual for the Giants, who normally fall asleep while Fassel is talking to them.

The Pick: Giants, over No. 3 Dallas QB Anthony Wright.

**MONDAY NIGHT'S GAME**

**7 p.m. (ABC)**  
Rams (9-5)  
at  
Bucs (9-5)

If the Rams find a way into the Buccaneer end zone, it will be impressive as well as expensive. Last Sunday against the Vikings, the Rams brought back their banned touchdown celebration, the "H Wave," at the risk of league fines quarterback Kurt Warner promised to try.

The Pick: St. Louis. No team defends the Ram attack better than the Buccaneers, but it's too much to expect to hold down the resurgent Rams as well as they did in 11-6 loss in NFC title game.

## Three Rivers farewell

PITTSBURGH (AP) - They are winding down disappointing seasons that began with so much promise. The Washington Redskins and their \$100 million roster promised great things to their fans, while the Pittsburgh Steelers promised to atone for the mistakes of the past.

They are 7-7 in seasons that could have been so much better, their playoff hopes so infinitesimal it would require one of the supercomputers at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University to calculate them.

Rather than playing for a favorable playoff seeding or home-field advantage, they probably are playing out the string, finishing seasons they once couldn't wait to start, but now can't wait to end.

No wonder it seems peculiar that on the final day of Three Rivers Stadium's 30-year lifespan as the site of so many games that mattered, the Redskins and Steelers must play a game today that otherwise won't mean much.

It will be a day for Jeff George and Kordell Stewart, Dion Sanders and LeVon Kirkland, LaVar Arrington and Jerome Bettis. But the names that will be in the minds of the crowd on Three Rivers' final day will be Franco and Rocky, Mean Joe and Lambert, Swann and Stallworth.

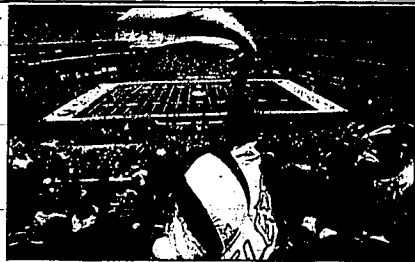
To Pittsburgh, which not only was building a stadium when Three Rivers rose from the site of an abandoned junkyard in 1970, but was building an NFL dynasty, this game does matter. A lot.

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A Steelers fan slings a "Terrible Towel" prior to the start of the Steelers AFC Playoff game against the New England Patriots in Pittsburgh, Pa., in Jan 3, 1998 file photo. Three Rivers Stadium's run ends today as the Steelers entertain the Redskins.

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## Denver's Davis is done for the year

DENVER (AP) - If the Denver Broncos are going to make another Super Bowl run, it looks like they'll do so sans Terrell Davis.

Davis, sidelined by the onset of a stress fracture in his lower left leg, will miss the final two games of the regular season and could be out for the playoffs after tests Friday revealed no change in his condition.

"He's obviously frustrated," Davis' agent, Neil Schwartz said. In a statement issued Friday, the Broncos said Davis would continue to wear a protective boot on his lower leg. He will be re-evaluated in three weeks.

With two games remaining, Denver (10-4) still has a chance to win the AFC West and earn a bye in the first round of the playoffs. But if

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The Broncos are a wild-card team, they would have to play at least one playoff game without Davis.

**Jake Plummer will start for Arizona on Sunday**

TEMPE, Ariz. - Quarterback Jake Plummer, sidelined two of the last three games with sore ribs, will start for the Arizona Cardinals against Baltimore on Sunday.

Plummer, who didn't play in last weekend's 44-10 loss to Jacksonville, practiced for the second consecutive day Friday and got the go-ahead from interim coach Dave McGinnis.

## Titans lineman will pass brother's games record

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Bruce Matthews' latest milestone cannot be his toughest.

Not because the Tennessee Titans offensive lineman is slowing down at 39.

No, when he takes the field Sunday against the Cleveland Browns, he finally passes his favorite player on the NFL's career games-played list: No. 279.

That player? Older brother Clay, a former linebacker for the Browns. "It's kind of weird. I can't believe it, that I'm doing something that he actually did. He played a long time and played really well," Bruce said.

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SPORTS

# Red Sox's holiday spree rolls on

NEW YORK (AP) — The Boston Red Sox keep on spending. The latest acquisition was pitcher Hideo Nomo, who agreed today to a \$4.5 million, one-year contract as Boston seeks to get its act together at the World Series champion New York Yankees.

Nomo, 32, was released by Detroit on Nov. 2 when the Tigers declined his \$5.5 million option and gave him a \$250,000 buyout.

"I believe you're looking at the core of the Red Sox going into the season right now," said general manager Dan Duquette, who declared this his last big offseason move.

Nomo, a right-hander who won the 1995 NL Rookie of the Year award — with the Los Angeles Dodgers, was 8-12 with a 4.74 ERA for the Tigers last season and led the team with 103 strikeouts, the sixth-most in the AL. He joins a rotation headed by AL Cy Young Award winner Pedro Martinez.

"We thought he was the best starting pitcher available to us," Duquette said.

Boston's big move was signing Manny Ramirez to a \$160 million, eight-year contract this week. The Red Sox also signed Frank Castillo to a \$4.5 million, two-year contract, re-signed knuckleballer Tim Lincecum to a \$6.5 million, two-year deal and re-signed Pete Schourek to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract.

Also Friday, right-hander Mark Wohlers re-signed with Cincinnati, agreeing to a \$1.5 million, one-year deal; Philadelphia announced its \$1.5 million, one-year contract



The Boston Red Sox signed free agent pitcher Hideo Nomo to a \$4.5 million one-year deal Friday, keeping up a holiday season shopping spree that's shaken up the lineup and starting rotation.

with right-hander Ricky Bottalico, a deal agreed to at the winter meetings; and the Tigers acquired left-hander Matt Perisho from Texas for minor league pitchers Kevin Mobley and Brandon Villafrae.

Five players eligible for salary arbitration agreed to one-year contracts: Chicago Cubs right-hander Todd Van Poppel (\$850,000); New York Mets infielder Desi Relaford (\$475,000); Philadelphia right-

hander Amaury Telemaco (\$375,000); Arizona outfielder Midre Cummings; and Cubs right-hander Jeremi Gonzalez.

Gregg Jefferies, just 33, announced his retirement rather than find a new team. Earlier in the month, Detroit declined to offer the free agent infielder salary arbitration.

"It's something my wife and I have been talking about for a while," he said. "I made a nice living. I met a lot of great people."

# Old Man Winter smiles on U.S. resorts:

LAKEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Ski resorts across the United States are enjoying great early season snow conditions, while those in Europe and Canada have below-normal conditions.

The National Ski Areas Association, which represents 332 resorts across the country, said U.S. resorts have the best conditions in the last three to four years, with mostly "powder" and "packed powder."

Locally, resorts from Sun Valley to Pomerelle are enjoying the trend.

"The recent storm that blasted across the country may have been bad for commuters and travelers, but it was a wonderful early Christmas present for skiers and snowboarders," said association president Michael Berry.

Many Colorado resorts, including Aspen, Crested Butte, Steamboat and Telluride, Vail and Winter Park, have received nearly 2 feet of snow in the last week and more is in the forecast.

Resorts surrounding Salt Lake City in Utah, the site of the 2002 Winter Olympics, are reporting as much as a 5-foot settled base on runs. Most California resorts are reporting between 2 to 4.5 feet of snow.

In the Midwest, some ski resorts are opening ahead of schedule.

And in the Northeast,

temperatures "have been perfect for snowmaking, and with the natural snowfall that we've received, everyone is opening new trails daily," said Skip King, American Ski Company vice president of communications.

Unlike previous years, much of Europe is suffering from unseasonably warm temperatures and a lack of snow. While Canadian ski resorts have fared slightly better, conditions are still below average.



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# Freud businessman plans to write book

LANDSTUHL, Germany — Edmund Pope counted his paces in the cramped Moscow jail cell, wrote down how many push-ups he did and kept a diary to lift his spirits during 253 days in captivity.



Edmund Pope

Now the Pennsylvania businessman — the first American convicted spying in Russia in 40 years — plans to write a book about his experience within the next few months.

"I am innocent," Pope, 54, told reporters at a U.S. military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany on Friday. There have been concerns about Pope's health — he has suffered from a rare form of bone cancer in the past — but he was clearly elated to be free.

"I'm living on adrenaline right now," Pope said, his wife Cheri at his side.

### Putin offers friendship to Cuba, but no money

HAVANA — Short of money to subsidize an old communist ally, Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday called for the revival of past ties between Russia and Cuba but reminded Havana it should pay its Soviet-era debt.

After two days of talks with Fidel Castro, Putin said Russia and Cuba must decide the fate of unfinished Soviet-era projects, in particular the Jurguina nuclear plant whose construction was frozen after subsidies from Moscow were all but cut off 10 years ago.

"Our Cuban friends are no longer interested in continuing construction of the nuclear plant, and we don't insist on that," Putin told reporters. He added that Russia has spent \$30 million just to conserve the construction site and the two countries must decide what to do with the facility.

### Israeli, Palestinian talks fail to end violence

JERUSALEM — Six Palestinians were killed in an episode of violence that erupted before dawn and carried on after Muslim midday prayers Friday. The violence came despite exploratory talks between Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli negotiators seeking to revive peace negotiations.

The talks were the most serious in more than a month and may have been inspired by looming deadlines. However, the bitterness and mistrust generated by 1 1/2 weeks of fighting were powerful forces working against efforts to forge a breakthrough.

President Clinton — a major force behind the peace efforts — leaves office Jan. 20, and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak faces a tough re-election battle in a Feb. 6 election and needs a peace agreement to boost his chances.

Arafat and several top aides met Israeli Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami at the Erez crossing point between Israel and the Gaza Strip into the early hours of Friday.

### Serbs lift road blockade near border with Kosovo

BUJANOVAC, Yugoslavia — Responding to an appeal by President Vojislav Kostunica, Serbs on Friday lifted road blockades they erected to demand the government expel ethnic Albanian rebels from a buffer zone along the boundary with Kosovo.

The move came despite efforts by allies of ousted President Slobodan Milosevic to continue the protest near the zone, where ethnic Albanian militants captured several strategic points in an offensive last month.

The people at the barricades, many of them Serbs unable to return to their homes in NATO-controlled Kosovo because of the fighting, had demanded authorities drive ethnic Albanian rebels from the area.

### U.N. says refugees are fleeing violence in Guinea

GENEVA — Thousands of refugees from Sierra Leone and Liberia are fleeing hostilities in Guinea that have killed civilians and forced aid workers to suspend relief operations, the United Nations said Friday.

Fighting has driven as many as 8,000 refugees into the southern town of Kissidougou, with more heading to the southeastern town of Nzerekore, said Delphine Marie, a spokeswoman for the

### World in brief

U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. Hundreds more have crowded Sierra Leone's embassy in the Guinean capital of Conakry, trying to get home. Guinea has one of Africa's largest-refugee populations, including 130,000 Liberians from that country's civil war, which ended in 1996, and 330,000 Sierra Leoneans.

Guinea claims the refugees are supporting rebel attacks on Guinea border villages, and in recent weeks attacks have been reported deeper inside the country.

### Doctor says surviving twin continues progressing nicely

MANCHESTER, England — A baby girl recently separated from her weaker conjoined twin sister after a 20-hour operation has made considerable progress, one of the doctors who performed the surgery said Friday.

The 4-month-old girl, Jodie, is behaving like a "bright, alert and interested child," and at times appears twice her age, Adrian Bianchi said at an inquest into the death of her weaker sister, Mary, who never was expected to survive the operation in September.

"We expect her to lead a rela-

tively normal and hopefully good quality life with her family," Bianchi said.

### Cuba cuts direct lines with United States

HAVANA — Cuba made good on its threat to cut direct telephone lines between the United States and the communist island Friday to protest U.S. companies' failure to pay a new 10 percent tax.

Callers in Cuba were able to phone the United States but people in the United States could not get through to Cuba. — compiled from wire reports

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## YOUR WEEKEND



### Herrett Center holidays

**What:** "Steamrolling Through the Holidays" continues today

**Where:** Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences, on the College of Southern Idaho campus

**When:** 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**How much:** \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for children and \$9 for families

### Head to Honker's

**What:** Cobalt Blue will play at Honker's Place tonight

**Where:** 121 Fourth Ave. in Twin Falls

**When:** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. tonight

**How much:** \$3 cover charge

### Christmas in the Park

**What:** Lights and entertainment continue at the Twin Falls City Park

**Where:** Twin Falls City Park

**When:** 5 p.m. Sunday

**How much:** Free

### Holiday basketball

**What:** A basketball open gym will be held Sunday

**Where:** Robert Stuart Junior High School, Twin Falls

**When:** Noon to 3 p.m. for adults and 3 to 4 p.m. for children

**How much:** Free

### Santa delivers candy

**What:** West End Fire Department and Santa Claus will deliver sacks of candy to Paul residents

**Where:** Begins at the fire station

**When:** Noon

**How much:** Free

### Falala

**What:** The West End Christmas Cantata begins Sunday

**Where:** Clover Trinity Lutheran Church at 3552 N. 4825 E. in Buhl

**When:** 3 p.m. Sunday

For more information, call Gary Heidel at 537-6513.

### Night bowling

**What:** The Jerome Bowling Alley holds Cosmic Bowling tonight

**Where:** 159 Ave. A

**When:** 9:30 p.m. to midnight

**How much:** \$8 per person

Compiled from staff reports

## WANTED

in the Magic Valley

**Name:** Nicolas Bastida Ortega  
**Age:** 28  
**Description:** 5 feet 4 inches tall, 135 pounds, brown eyes and black hair.  
**Charged with:** attempted homicide.  
 The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information to call 735-4100 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387 where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward.



# Jury awards \$2.3 million for fatal crash

By Brandon Flala  
Times-News writer

**GOODING** - A jury has awarded \$2.3 million to five plaintiffs in a case resulting from a fatal game of chicken.

After seven hours of deliberation, jurors on Thursday awarded most of the money to Martin and Frances Lejardi of Gooding, whose son Martin Javier Lejardi died when two pickups smashed head-on near Bliss. Three other plaintiffs were awarded smaller

amounts. "We had a good jury, a good judge and everything came our way," Francis Lejardi said. "We are satisfied, and this verdict sent a message."

Their lawyer, Ken Pedersen of Twin Falls, said the ruling "demonstrates that Idaho courts won't tolerate reckless driving on the highways. Some young people drive without respect for

others, and Idaho juries won't stand for that."

The attorney for defendant Michael C. Mathews said he plans to appeal.

"We believe the jury verdict to have been improvidently considered, and I will file post-trial motions and appeal to the Idaho Supreme Court, promptly," Pocatello lawyer Gary Dance said.

Mathews is in the Idaho State Penitentiary in Boise, Dance said. He declined to specify the crimes for which Mathews was imprisoned, but Pedersen said they were unrelated to the Lejardi case.

The Lejardis were awarded \$1.5 million. Fellow plaintiff Ellis Boyer of Bliss was awarded \$250,000, Pedersen said. Lisa and Julie Darling of Hagerman

were awarded \$45,000, and the five plaintiffs will share \$500,000 in punitive damages.

The case stems from a July 28, 1998, game of chicken on Hill City Road near Bliss. Mathews, then 19, was driving a pickup when he apparently swerved at a pickup driven by Ellis Boyer, 20.

The two pickups hit head-on. Lejardi, 29, was a passenger in Boyer's pickup. Boyer suffered severe facial injuries, and Lejardi was killed.

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## Verdict results from deadly game of chicken

# SEEING THE LIGHT



Rob Wade, driver operator for the Twin Falls Fire Department, trains with a device on Friday that lets him see in the dark and shows hot spots.

## Thermal imaging devices help firefighters

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - When firefighters in Twin Falls go into a burning home or building, they are usually blinded by the smoke.

Not anymore. The Twin Falls Fire Department and Fire District firefighters will see the light - or infrared, if you will - thanks to three new Thermal Imaging Devices.

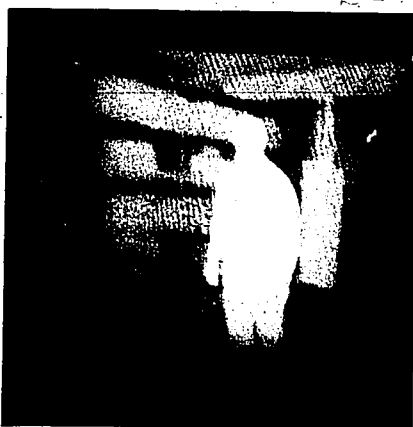
At \$20,000 a pop, the devices allow firefighters to see through blinding, and choking smoke, showing not only images in a room, but also any hot spots.

Here's how it works: Weighing about five pounds, the yellow U-shaped device hooks onto the firefighter's helmet. The firefighter can then adjust it to see both peripherally and through the device's viewfinder.

Through the viewfinder, images are black and white. Objects that don't emit any heat are dark, and objects that emit heat are white. If a person puts their hand on the wall, the handprint will be visible with the device for several minutes.

Looking through the device Friday, firefighters were able to check out their own footprints on the floor, and the temperature of objects in the room.

When the device was being tested Friday, a chair where someone recently sat still showed



This is what an image looks like when looking through the device. Firefighter Matt Owen is the model in the storage room used as a training room.

the image left by the person's body heat.

Firefighters and city officials also tested the thermal image device in a pitch-black, smoke-filled room. Using the device, tables and a dummy in the corner were visible.

The Twin Falls Fire District bought the devices for \$65,000, and they will be ready for use today. But not all conditions will call for the helmets use.

Dick Capps, a battalion chief with the fire department, said the device will make his and

other firefighters job a lot easier.

"The hardest thing to tell people about fire fighting is that when you go into a home that is on fire or full of smoke, you can't see," he said. "They think it's like a light fog. But it's not. It's totally black."

Ron Clark, Twin Falls Fire Department and Fire District chief, said usually the first person to go into a smoking building or home would use the device. And that is usually the engine company officer, he said.

Other fire departments have been using the same or similar devices, including Nampa and Caldwell's fire departments.

"Some of the biggest benefits we've had is if we get a call to a building with a smoke call we can go into a building and look for hot spots," said Dave May, a battalion chief for the Nampa Fire Department. "We use them to identify bad ballast in lights. We've also used them to search doing smoky buildings."

Nampa has three devices and bought the first one about two years ago for about \$25,000.

May said the devices do have their drawbacks.

It can limit visibility. And some firefighters are put off by its weight. For a firefighter that is already weighed down with equipment, this just makes the job a bit harder, May said.

But all things considered, the devices are better to have than not to have, officials agree.

## District releases catalog

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

**SUN VALLEY** - The Blaine County Recreation District has released its 1999 gift catalog and it has some unique gift ideas that can't be found at the shopping mall.

Like an outdoor restroom, for instance. Or a horse ramp. Or even a barrier to prevent motorized traffic onto the new Harriman Trail that stretches from Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters north to Galena Lodge.

Gifts to the trail are honored with commemorative plaques. A bench costs between \$3,000 and \$5,000; a bike rack, \$500, and a distance marker \$220. Bridges cost between \$32,000 and \$61,000 and interpretive signs \$4,000 each.

One interpretive site is already in the hopper - a mountain goat viewing site with a permanent spotting scope. Eleven other interpretive sites have been identified on such topics as sculpin, Russel's John and mining history of the area.

A hundred dollars goes to buy native grass, wildflower seeds and shrubs for the 18-mile trail. The idea was conceived to give the public chance to purchase amenities for the world-class bicycle and cross-country skiing trail, said Harriman Trail Coordinator Cathy Baer. Forty percent of the proceeds from the purchases of the benches and

Interested? For more information about the Blaine County Recreation District's Hamman Trail project, call 788-2117.

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County could start transit move

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

**HAMLEY** - Light rail transit is at least 10 years away. But there is a lot of things Blaine County residents can do in the meantime to alleviate gridlock along Idaho Highway 75, a traffic consultant told county planners and commuters Friday.

The county could start a ski bus from Hailey to Ketchum, or a variation on a car pool where motorists pick up "hitchhikers." It could experiment with using the third and fourth lanes on a four-lane highway to give priority to car poolers. And that could provide a limited schedule bus for commuters to Ketchum.

The county could also start lobbying the Legislature for a law to enable it to ask residents whether they're willing to increase their sales tax to pay for mass transit, said Roger Miller of Otak, a Carbondale, Colo., consulting firm that has been conducting workshops this week to gauge enthusiasm for regional transportation.

Transit has drawn considerable interest, but also divergent opinions, Miller said during a wrapup session Friday.

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## Pomerelle offers free lessons to novice skiers

By Aaron Brock  
Times-News writer

### More Information

**When:** 10 a.m. today  
**What:** Free lessons and rental equipment (all snowboards have already been reserved)  
**Where:** Pomerelle Ski Area  
**Who:** People who have never been skiing or snowboarding.

**ALBION** - Never been on skis or a snowboard before? No problem.

A program for inexperienced skiers and boarders will take place this morning at Pomerelle Ski Area. Lessons and rental equipment are free for beginning skiers.

owner Woody Anderson said.

The registration deadline was Thursday, but Anderson said his crew will find room to accommodate any beginners who show up at the mountain and are in the main lodge by 10 a.m.

Pomerelle has held this program for about the past five years, Anderson said. But this is the first year snowboarding has been part of the package.

Would-be snowboarders have

been clamoring for a chance to take part in the program. The resort set aside more than 50 boards for use by beginners. The last one was reserved a week ago, said Jody Burrows, the resort's area manager.

The program is still open to unregistered snowboarders, but they will have to bring their own board, Anderson said.

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# MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

## Judge rejects effort to halt Tribune sale

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A federal judge on Friday refused to halt the sale of The Salt Lake Tribune to Denver-based MediaNews Group Inc.

In her 33-page ruling, Judge Tena Campbell denied all of the Tribune's claims that MediaNews and AT&T Corp., the paper's current owner, broke or intended to break contracts that would allow Tribune managers to buy the newspaper back in 2002 and manage it in the interim.

She said that there was no indication, as the Tribune managers claimed, that the sale would squelch the paper's freedom of speech.

"Although (Tribune management) contends that, under (MediaNews) ownership, the newspaper would lose its independent voice and unique characteristics, the record does not support such a conclusion," Campbell wrote.

## SERVICES

**M. Ruth Andrews Shuler** Drown of Buhl, services at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Friends may call one hour before services today at White Mortuary.

**Lila Fern Miller** of Jerome, services at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome United Methodist Church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

**J. Glen "Bud" Anderson** of Wendell, services at noon today at the Wendell Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Military graveside services will be at the Wendell Cemetery.

Family and friends may call from 11 a.m. until the time of services today at the church (Dermally's Wendell Chapel).

**Arnell H. Dayley** of Burley, services at 2 p.m. today at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Church, 2200 Oakley Ave. in Burley. Interment will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery.

Friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

**Nancy Faye Dunlap** of Kimberly, services at 11 a.m. today at the Kimberly LDS C. of M.

Friends may call one hour before services at the church. Interment will follow at the Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Wood River Chapel in Hailey).

**Blach "Dutch" Harder** of King Hill, graveside services at 1 p.m. today at the Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glenns Ferry (Summers Funeral Homes, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain View).

**Bette** Home. **Eric Louise Kraus** of Kimberly, services at 10:30 a.m. today at Community Christian Church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

**Phoebe Kathleen Henderson** "Kathy" McCoil, of Phoenix, Ariz. and formerly of Twin Falls, a gathering to celebrate her life will be held at 3 p.m. today at Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Drive in Twin Falls.

**Jacqueline L. Seagraves**

**Babcock** of Portland, Ore., casual gathering of family and friends from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the home of Justin and Colleen Seagraves, 321 Meiruse in the Chantrelle subdivision (behind Valley Market) in Bellevue.

**Mildred May Benson** Matthews of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

**Mieklia Delgado**, infant daughter of Julene and David Delgado of Burley, viewing from 3-6 p.m. Monday; graveside services at 1 p.m. Friday in Boise.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Kurt Moss** GRUNKRAUT, GERMANY — Kurt Moss, 87, of Grunkraut, Germany and formerly of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2000.

A celebration of his life will be held in February 2001 at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Emma Thompson** BUIH — Emma Thompson, 84, of Buhl, died at her home Friday, Dec. 15, 2000.

Services are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel.

**Rowena Beitz** PAUL — Rowena Beitz, 84, of Paul, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2000, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery.

Family and friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before services Tuesday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

**Nelma "Sunny" Rappleye** BUNLEY — Nelma Rose "Sunny" Rappleye, 72, of Burley, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2000, at the Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1530 E. 16th St. in Burley.

**Gertrude Leora Maughan** BOISE — Gertrude Leora Maughan, 84, of Boise, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000, at a local hospital.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, 2000, at Morris Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes Boise Chapel.

## School construction gets delayed

By Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — Site engineer John Bridgeta gave the School Board an update Thursday on construction of the new high school and gymnasium.

He said the work schedule had been delayed due to the late arrival of steel for the gymnasium roof. He said the two main girders are the largest ever manufactured by the Spokane plant and weigh 26 tons.

Contractors will begin closing the opening in the west end of the gym that was used for crane access for the roof, Bridgeta said.

The board approved a change order for the gymnasium bleachers.

Representatives of Kimberly schools will travel to South Carolina in January to join other educators from around the nation for a "Schools at Work" conference.

Among those attending the conference will be Superintendent John Garner, Kimberly High School Principal John Miller, board member Derald Glenn and faculty members Debbie Klug and Kathleen Nob.

The program is being funded by the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition.

Other School Board business: • Fifth-grade teacher Sue Griffith received national recognition which includes a \$2,000-a-year award for five years from the State Board of Education.

• The board discussed the 2001-2002 school calendar which will be similar to the calendars of other school districts.

Times-News correspondent Margaret Jones can be reached in Kimberly at 733-4340.

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**TWIN FALLS**

**Janice Seagraves Robinson**

Janice Seagraves Robinson, age 60, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000, at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise, Idaho, of complications from multiple myeloma and kidney failure.

She was born Oct. 23, 1940, in Hailey, Idaho, to James and Emogene Davis Seagraves. She graduated from Hailey High School in 1958 and from Steven Horner Business School in Salt Lake City, Utah. Janice married Hugh Robinson May 27, 1961, in Hailey, Idaho. She worked at the University of Utah library from 1967 to 1969. They moved to DeSoto, Texas, in 1966; then to Nampa, Idaho, in 1968. From Nampa they moved to Hailey, Idaho. She was employed at Anderson's Market in Ketchum from 1991 to 1997.

She is survived by her daughter Cindy (Barry) Crow of Hailey, her grandchildren, Emory, James and Barry Jr. of Hailey, her brother Jack (Judy) Seagraves of Hailey, nephew Justin (Colleen) Seagraves of Bellevue and by several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and just recently by her

since, Jacqueline Seagraves Babcock.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2000, at the Community Baptist Church in the Amazing Grace Fellowship of Twin Falls. Interment will follow in the Hailey Cemetery. Friends are invited to a reception afterwards at the Amazing Grace Senior Center.

Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey, Idaho.

**JEROME**

**Lewis Carlton Bellinger**

Lewis Carlton Bellinger passed away Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000, at the home of his daughter, Dolores Henderson.

Born Aug. 28, 1916, in Lamolle, Nev., to Lewis Bellinger and Jane Hankins Bellinger. Lewis spent his early years as a cowboy and rancher on his family's homestead. On Oct. 4, 1938, he married Emily Margaret Billet Hess and became father to her stepson, Melvin Hess, and her children, Nora Leaning (Tom), Bob Hess (Gloria), Joel Hess (Avis), Mary Mawson (Coe) and Marshall Fox (Tom). Mr. Bellinger continued to ranch with his new family in Lamolle and also worked for the Forest Service in Nevada. In 1969, he and his wife sold their ranch and moved to a smaller operation south of Jerome, Idaho. While in Jerome, Lewis also worked for the Idaho State Potato Inspection Service as a Sample Taker. Lewis became a beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather to a family of nearly 90 individuals.

Mr. Bellinger was preceded in death by his wife, Emily, one stepson, Melvin Hess, a son, Bob Hess, one daughter, Mary Mawson, one great-granddaughter, Bobbie Jean Hess, and one son-in-law Jack Henderson.

Memorial services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000, at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel with Rev. Baldwin Camm officiating. No visitation is planned. The family suggests contributions be made to Idaho Home Health and Hospice and/or to The Make A Wish Foundation.

**LONGVIEW, WASH.**

**Verneta May Appley-Kee**

Verneta May Appley-Kee of Longview, Wash., formerly of Twin Falls, Idaho, moved from Twin Falls one and a half years ago to Longview, Wash., passed away in Longview, Wash. on Dec. 12, 2000, at the age of 88 years.

She was born in Burley, Idaho, on Oct. 4, 1921 to Archie T. and Emma M. (Decker) Anderson and graduated from Twin Falls around 1929.

Verneta married Alfred Appley in 1936 and moved to Reardan, Wash. Mr. Appley passed away April 25, 1968. She returned to Twin Falls in 1963 and married William Kee on May 7, 1967. Mr. Kee died on May 3, 1993 in Twin Falls. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Twin Falls. Verneta enjoyed playing the organ and card games.

She is survived by one son, Alfred "Bud" Appley, Jr., of Longview, Wash., one daughter, Barbara Dawkins of Castle Rock, Wash. and one step-daughter, Mary Hinstley of Parker, Colo.; one brother, Kenneth Anderson of Menlo Park, Calif. and a very good friend, Ruth Sears of Twin Falls, Idaho.

She was preceded in death by six brothers and one twin sister. She has 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held on Monday, Dec. 18, 2000, at 11 a.m. at the Hagkinn-Grook Mortuary, 215 C St. E. in Rainier, Ore., with the Rev. Don D. of the Rainier Community Church, God officiating. Interment will follow at the Green Mountain Cemetery in Rainier, Ore.

Hagkinn-Grook Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

# Jackpot seeks more emergency medical technicians

**By Sam Feldman**  
**Times-News correspondent**

**JACKPOT, Nev.**—The city has a shortage of emergency medical technicians. Elko County Ambulance Director Bill Webb told the Advisory Board Thursday.

"The backup system right now is to call Magic Valley," Webb said.

Instructor Shelly Hester has offered an EMT class twice in the last couple of years. She said 14 people finished the class and became certified but none of them applied for an EMT license or volunteered to work on the Jackpot ambulance.

"It is not a lack of people taking the class," Hester said.

This leaves the department short of help and forced to rely on the same, few licensed volunteers all the time.

Webb said part of the problem is the number of hours required of volunteers. Volunteers do get a stipend for their time and service, earning \$8 per 12-hour shift if no emergencies arise. He said the city could find more help if people could volunteer eight to 12 hours a month.

Cactus Petes Security Chief Joe Robinson said many of his employees completed the EMT classes and that some of them couldn't volunteer for the ambulance because of long hours and scheduling conflicts. He said some of his employees might be willing to volunteer for the ambulance if they could plan their own schedule.

Also Thursday, Advisory Board Chairman Beth Winans said new shelves and furniture had not yet been ordered for the new library so the opening, originally scheduled for January, has been postponed to February. The new library is a joint effort of Elko County commissioners, Elko County School District and the Elko-Lander-Eureka Library District. Jackpot Combined School has packed up its library, and is ready to move to the new building. One option would be to use the old furniture until the new furniture arrives but it would have to be approved by all three entities.

In other action Thursday, Advisory Board member Gene Frank said the city is in need of more street lights. He said poles

are already in place and Idaho Power will put lights in at no charge. Locations that will get new lights include the Baptist Church and the Head Start building.

Other Advisory Board business:

- Jackpot parks will get some needed improvements through a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. Jackpot Recreation Director Ken Blake said the matching fund grants are for major improvements costing \$250,000 or more. Jackpot has some funds set aside and match-

ing funds can also come from in-kind work. Elko County Community Director Charles Voos said his department would provide a park planner which is a condition of the grant.

- The Twin Falls Joslin Field Magic Valley Regional Airport has offered Jackpot its retired 1974 Walters crash truck for use at the Jackpot Airport and as backup equipment for fires.

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meeting summary, the district reported that Leon Hubsmith suggested selling excess district land to help pay for a new school building. The school district said it thinks that the idea has merit and will be explored.

School Board Chairman Jarret Porter suggested the district also consider the new Idaho Safe Schools Facilities Fund as an alternative means of funding. It's a state loan fund.

In other business, the board approved a driver's education class on condition at least 12 students enroll in it; the board approved an amendment to the "Issuance of Teacher Contracts" policy to change the dates for notifying teachers to conform to current state law; and the board discussed sixth-grade participation in junior high athletics, which will be determined annually based on the number of junior high students in each sport.

The board met Dec. 12.

—compiled from staff reports

**WestFarm Foods renews land options**

**JEROME** — Jerome County might be closer to a new cheese plant.

WestFarm Foods recently renewed options to acquire land adjacent to Crossroads Ranch, said Bill Aronson, WestFarm Foods vice-president of legal and public affairs.

Anderson said he didn't know when a plant might be built.

Crossroads is located at the junction of U.S. Highway 93 and Interstate 84 north of Twin Falls.

The land isn't owned by Crossroads, Crossroads manager Steve Thorson said.

WestFarm had considered building on Crossroads property, then decided to build on adjacent land, Thorson said.

"There has been no transaction with them, and we haven't heard from them for quite a while," he said.

In an earlier Times-News interview, Crossroads owner Arlen Croucht said he didn't think WestFarm would build on his property.

## School superintendent to step down

**By Aaron Brock**  
**Times-News writer**

**BURLEY** — The Cassia County School District will accept applications for superintendent until Jan. 8, 2001, after superintendent Jerry Doggett turned in his resignation.

"After almost 30 years of working in Mini-Cassia schools, Doggett said he is ready to pursue other options. Doggett will finish out this school year, with his resignation taking effect on July 1, 2001.

"The time is right," he said. "I don't have any second thoughts."

Doggett is excited about the prospect of spending more time with family.

"I've gotten so nuts about my grandkids," Doggett said. "So that's the primary thing."

He has other goals for his

future. He said he will pursue a part-time career in insurance, and might fulfill a lifelong dream of farming.

"I want to get rid of my tie and put on my jeans," he said.

Doggett, 59, became superintendent in early 1999, and wants to leave while the experience is positive, he said.

The School Board began advertising Friday within the district, said board chairman Bruce Bowen.

"We'll review the applications we have, set up interviews, and hopefully pick a new superintendent," said Bowen, who added that if the board considers it necessary, it will open the application process to outside applicants.

Doggett is receiving \$83,000 this school year.

Those who work closely with Doggett said his departure will leave a void.

"I'm sad, because I really like Jerry," said district secretary Helen Gochour. "But I'm happy for him, because he wants to play with his grandchildren and do other things."

Doggett always had time to listen to anyone about any problem, said his secretary, Kathy Payton.

"He is as friendly to a bus driver coming in here as he would with (state schools superintendent) Marilyn Howard," she said.

In 1970, Doggett began his educational career in Mini-Cassia, teaching music at Heyburn for one year.



Jerry Doggett

## Ski

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This is an ideal time to hold this program, Burrows said, because the instructor training course is just coming to an end. Many of the first-time skiers and snowboarders are being taught by instructors who are just getting their teaching feet wet.

Numbers from last year were not available, but the resort generally has a good turnout, Anderson said.

"It's been well-received," he said. "And it just gets bigger every year."

Many of those who first experience these sports return for years to come.

"I get a lot of feedback," said Burrows, who added that she repeatedly hears people say they learned to ski or snowboard at Pomerelle.



Burley resident Wes Depew, 22, launches himself off a jump this season at Pomerelle Ski Area, near Albion. Depew said he first learned to snowboard at Pomerelle.

Because of its small size and relatively low prices, Pomerelle is an ideal place for beginners, she said.

## Transit

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"The biggest differences of opinion center on what to do with Highway 75, and how fast to shift to light rail, he added.

Orak helped develop a master plan for a 40-mile corridor leading to Aspen, Colo., and encountered a similar four-lane versus two-lane controversy.

"For 30 years they didn't do anything but yell at each other," Miller said.

Finally, planners and citizens reached a compromise. But faced with more than 12,000 cars driving into town each day, Aspen residents drew the line. Come 2015, the number of vehicles entering Aspen must be no greater than the average number in 1994.

To do that they provided incentives and disincentives not to drive. They started charging for parking, allowing free parking for car poolers and neighborhood residents. Money raised from parking

**What's the next?**

**O**rak, tapped by Blaine County commissioners to conduct a regional transportation feasibility study, will do a technical analysis of the information gathered this week.

It plans to present a preliminary report the first of the year, and hopes to wrap up its part of the project by mid-February.

The feasibility study will be incorporated into the Idaho Transportation Department's environmental analysis of the Idaho Highway 75 corridor.

building contractors and landscapers to car pool.

In Blaine County, though, the sheriff's office estimates only about one in 13 cars carry more than one passenger during the morning commute.

A few of the more than 150 people who participated in Orak's discussions this week had ideas of their own about what would make mass transit viable and convenient. Among their ideas: allowing dogs on buses; providing regular service to Galena Lodge and points in between; and airport service for visitors.

Idaho Transportation Department engineer Chuck Carmonah liked what he heard.

"This has been a very bright spot in the process so far. I can see some progress and a change of attitude," he said. "They've brought some really good ideas up and, more importantly, there's discussion of these ideas."

is used to help pay for programs such as discounted employee bus passes.

Aspen officials set aside the outside lane on the highway for buses and car poolers during commute time. This step, among others, cut a half hour off the commute time for car poolers, prompting even

## Award

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Mathews' pregnant girlfriend, Lisa Darling, then 18, and her sister, Julie Darling, then 14, were riding with Mathews. Mathews said Julie Darling escaped with minor injuries, but the crash caused Lisa Darling to give birth prematurely.

"No one was wearing a seat belt, and state police found beer in Mathews' truck."

The jury found Mathews 87 percent responsible for the accident, and Boyer 13 percent. Boyer's share of the fault was a result of his driving partially in

the opposite lane as he approached Mathews, Pedersen said.

Boyer was listed as a defendant in the Darling sisters' portion of the case.

Pedersen said the verdict was probably the largest in Gooding County history. Mathews had insurance, Pedersen said.

"It has been said Gooding County doesn't award large verdicts, but this disproves that, if a good case comes along," he said.

"Gooding juries appreciate the value of life."

Fifth District Judge Monte

Carlson, who presided over the case, said he expects a flurry of motions.

"There are motions still to be decided by me, and lots of arguments still to be heard," he said.

"My guess is that there will be a motion for a new trial, to knock the verdict down and others."

Boyer's attorney was Samuel Hoagland of Boise, and Lisa and Julie Darling's attorney was Keith Hutchinson of Twin Falls.

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## Gift

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other amenities are put in an endowment to generate funds for maintenance. Baer estimates replacing weathered signs, equipment, restrooms and maintaining the trail will cost about \$1 million over a 10-year period.

The alternative would have been to hold annual fund-raisers.

Dick Hare's family purchased a

landscape bench north of Prairie Creek and his son wrote a poem to be etched on the bench.

"It's an absolutely, completely good idea," said Hare. "It's an investment in a trail that we bike and ski along a lot. It's a lifelong living legacy."

Strapped for cash? No problem. You can adopt part of the trail, picking up litter, helping

with revegetation and keeping an eye on trail conditions. One group of volunteers, for instance, inspect the bridges along the trail on a regular basis. Volunteers receive T-shirts for their efforts.

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**Sugar company flirts with bankruptcy**

**Knight Ridder News Service**

Imperial Sugar Co., the nation's largest processor and marketer of refined sugar, Thursday raised the possibility of a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing to deal with its financial problems.

A Chapter 11 filing is one scenario in a restructuring that is planned for fiscal 2001, said President and Chief Executive Officer James C. Kemper.

The action is being triggered by the failure to make a \$12.2 million interest payment, due today, on \$250 million in senior subordinated notes.

Since January, the Sugar Land-based company has been struggling with plunging prices in a market awash with too much sugar.

The problem is industrywide and has placed the federal government in the unhappy position of owning more than 1 million tons of sugar, for the purpose of holding it off the market until there is a better balance between supply and demand, or until the sugar can be moved into foreign aid programs.

*The board met Dec. 12.*

—compiled from staff reports

MAGIC VALLEY

FOR THE RECORD

JEROME - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Arrests and appearances

Brent Jay Ashby, 34, 246 S. 500 W., Heyburn, driving without privileges; possession of controlled substance; possession of firearm; pretrial conference Monday, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Kathy Duane Beady, 34, 376 Second St. W., Jerome, domestic battery; malicious injury to property; sentencing Monday, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Noble L. Bromberg, 16, 514 12th Ave. E., Jerome, false alarm to 911; pretrial conference Monday, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Keith R. Bush, 36, 554 Grant St., American Falls, driving under the influence; sentencing Monday, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Darlaine R. Byram, 24, 210 Seventh Ave. E., Jerome, driving under the influence; no proof of insurance; sentencing Monday, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Gabriel Cisneros, 18, 1060 N. 600 E., Acopisa, driving under the influence; failure to purchase, invalid driver's license; failure to appear at hearing; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Dennis McBride Farr, 53, 254 W. 200 S., 86-1 Hurricane, Utah, driving without privileges; failure to appear at hearing; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Isaac C. Frenthell, 23, 2915 Sunset, Boise, inattentive, careless driving; no proof of insurance; failure to appear at hearing; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Blossana A. Haak, 22, 814 Fourths Ave. E., Twin Falls, driving without privileges; pretrial conference Monday, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Cristal Mae Hedeman, 3343 N. 4525 E., Murtagh, frequenting place controlled substance is used; jury trial Jan. 16, 2001, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Scott V. Henderson, 38, 1200 S. Davis, No. 8, Jerome, battery; pretrial conference Monday, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Vicki J. Howard, 15, 629E. Ave. H, Jerome, failure to give immediate notice of accident; pretrial conference Monday, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Thomas Jackson, 62, 11345 McCree Road, Idaho, driving without privileges; pretrial conference Monday, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Brandon Kane Jordan, 21, 1902 E. 1600 S. Gooding, driving without privileges; no proof of insurance; failure to appear at hearing; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Martin Ambroz Juarez, 37, 2390 F. 3100 S., Jerome; failure to stop at the scene of an accident; pretrial conference Monday, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Michael C. Keelin, 19, 113 E. Ave. C, Jerome, reckless driving; failure to appear at hearing; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
James Ray Kibbee, 20, 1285 S. Lincoln, No. 84, Jerome, driving without privileges; no

proof of insurance; pretrial conference Monday, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Daniel Phillip Kremenki, 41, 1285 S. Lincoln, No. 87, Jerome, possession of controlled substance, obtained controlled substance by fraud; pretrial conference Jan. 8, 2001, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Gabriel Adam Laraway, 22, 809 19th Ave. E., Jerome, reckless driving; pretrial conference Monday, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Gregory Robert Lavertu, 23, 218 W. Ave. I, No. 18, Jerome, providing shelter to runaway children; resisting, obstructing police officer; possession of firearm; pretrial conference Monday, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Juan M. Lopez-Olivares, 30, 1719 River Road, Buhl, driving under the influence; injury to child; pretrial conference Monday, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Rolando Mata, 22, 352 N. 100 E., Jerome; grand theft, request for discovery and alibi; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Oliver R. Meja, 21, 218 W. Ave. I, No. 104, Jerome, driving without privileges; no proof of insurance; pretrial conference Monday, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Donna Mae O'Brien, 59, 801 W. Ave. B, Jerome, battery; jury trial Feb. 20, 2001, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Lynn E. Peterson, 46, 804 Ninth Ave. E., Jerome, driving without privileges; pretrial conference Monday, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
William Glenn Phillips, 40, 500 W. Ave. E., Jerome, domestic battery; status hearing Jan. 8, 2001, Separate case: driving under the influence; driving without privileges; possession of marijuana, altered, revoked driver's license; no proof of insurance; sentencing Jan. 8, 2001, Separate case: driving under the influence; sentencing Jan. 8, 2001, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Daniel Vern Sheepskin, 30, Route 6, P. O. Box 325, Pocono, battery; jury trial Jan. 16, 2001, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Dennis Aaron Strain, 25, 322 N. 200 S., Jerome, driving without privileges; pretrial conference Monday, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Robert D. William, 41, 254 S. 100 W., Jerome, battery; sentencing Wednesday, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Benna Kim Yarwood, 48, 200 W., 276 N.,

Jerome, malicious injury to property amended to disturbing the peace; jury trial Jan. 16, 2001, Separate case: domestic battery; jury trial Jan. 16, 2001; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Sentencings

Joseph D. Aussem, 20, 2120 W. Applewood Lane, Glendale, Wis., possession of controlled substance; dismissed; possession of firearm; no proof of insurance; 335 probation fee; 90 days' jail, suspended; must attend six drug awareness classes; speeding; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Michael D. Beckley, 23, 401 W. Main, No. 226, possession of controlled substance; 330 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, 335 probation fee, \$30 public defender fee; 90 days' jail, 88 suspended; 12 months' unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Glenn Alan Beebe, 41, 527 E. 18th St., Jerome, driving under the influence; possession of open container; \$750 fine, suspension of license; 180 days' work release; 24 months' supervised probation; 180-day driver's license suspension; treatment program. Separate case: driving under the influence; \$750 fine, suspended, 180 days' jail, 90 suspended, 24 months' supervised probation; 180-day driver's license suspension treatment program; fee or attempt to fine police officer; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
David E. Funk, 24, 3333 S. Wolf Lodge Road, Cour D'Alene, inattentive, careless driving amended to following too closely; 553 fine; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Crystal May Hildebrand, 21, 3343 N. 4525 E., Murtagh, failure to purchase, invalid driver's license, 150 fine, \$100 suspended,

\$630 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$30 public defender fee; no proof of insurance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Johnus J. Hughes, 19, 312 N. Fillmore, Jerome, driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase, invalid driver's license; \$150 fine, \$125 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$30 public defender fee; five days' jail, suspended; six months' unsupervised probation; failure to stop; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
David J. Givokak, 21, 2019 Goss, Boulder, Colo., possession of firearm to use drug paraphernalia; \$300 fine, \$150 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; 90 days' jail, suspended; 12 months' unsupervised probation; must attend six alcohol awareness classes; possession of controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Anulio Gricelino Hernandez, 22, 340 E. 400 N., Jerome, driving under the influence amended to inattentive, careless driving; \$300 fine, \$300 suspended, 12 months' supervised probation; 90 days' jail, 88 suspended; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase, invalid driver's license; \$150 fine, \$125 suspended, \$88.50 court costs. Separate case: possession of open container; \$200 fine, \$175 suspended, \$35 probation fee; five days' jail, suspended; 12 months' supervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Daniel D. Mortimer, 19, 719 E. 660 N.,

Orem, Utah; inattentive, careless driving; \$150 fine, \$100 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; five days' jail, suspended; six months' unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Richard Romeo Myers, 54, P.O. Box 804, Wendell; driving under the influence (excessive) amended to driving under the influence; \$750 fine, \$550 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; 180 days' jail, 150 suspended, 24 months' supervised probation; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Ricky Lee Ring, 41, 1228 N. Fillmore, Jerome, frequenting place controlled substance is used; \$300 fine, suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; 20 days' jail, 15 suspended, five days credited; six months' unsupervised probation; resisting, obstructing police officer; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Robert Harold Taylor Jr., 39, 515 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome, false personation amended to disturbing the peace; \$300 fine, \$200 court costs, \$35 probation fee; 20 days' jail, 15 suspended, five days credited; six months' unsupervised probation; resisting, obstructing police officer; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Robert Harold Taylor Jr., 39, 515 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome, false personation amended to disturbing the peace; \$300 fine, \$200 court costs, \$35 probation fee; 20 days' jail, 15 suspended, five days credited; six months' unsupervised probation; resisting, obstructing police officer; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Dwane L. Wiese, 45, 403 Quincey, Twin Falls, driving under the influence; \$750 fine, suspended; 180 days' jail, 175 suspended;

180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Larry C. Wolf, 16, 289 E. 200 S., Jerome, failure to stop at the scene of an accident amended to failure to notify upon obtaining unattended vehicle; \$100 fine, suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 public defender fee; 12 months' unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Dismissals

Patrick A. Douglas, 22, 4222 N. Llewellyn Lane, Boise; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor.
Thomas Jack Hutchinson, 17, 498 S. 200 W., Jerome; failure to give immediate notice of accident; state to dismiss.
Joseph Carl Radeck Jr., 46, 544 N. 9th, Pocono, driving without privileges; state to dismiss.
Ricky Lee Ring, 41, 1228 N. Fillmore, Jerome; possession of firearm to use drug paraphernalia; dismissed by prosecutor.
David Lloyd St. Jean (Kronon), 218 W. Ave. I, No. 18, Jerome; possession of firearm to use drug paraphernalia; providing shelter to runaway children; resisting, obstructing police officer; dismissed by prosecutor.
Andy J. Vega, 22, 637 W. 16th, Buhl; failure to purchase, invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor.

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## Try paying it forward

"Go ahead. Look up the word "curmudgeon" in the dictionary. You'll see. There's no definition there. Just a picture of Dan. Dan isn't a bad guy. Not at all. He's a good guy, actually. His benevolence and generosity are well-known. Professionally, he has a great reputation in a field where reputation is everything. He's a pro's pro, and has been for many years. But he's sort of ... well, crusty. And choleric. And cantankerous.

You know - curmudgeony. That's why Lindsey hesitated a moment before taking the seat next to him at the shoeshine stand. She and Dan have worked together often on various projects, and they always get along just fine. Still, he intimidates her - partly because she respects him so much, and partly because of ... well, you know ... the c-word.

But an early winter storm had taken its toll on her shoes, and she had a big presentation to

**VALUESPEAK**  
Joseph Walker

make - the kind that makes you grasp for any edge you can find, including clean, shiny shoes. So she climbed into the chair next to Dan, and for the next few minutes they chatted. No, that's not quite right - for the next few minutes Lindsey chatted self-consciously and Dan grunted every now and then. He wasn't being rude or anything. He was just being Dan.

You know - curmudgeony. When Dan's shoes were done, he inspected them carefully and spoke quietly but firmly to the shoe shine proprietor as he paid his bill. Then he bid Lindsey a terse good-bye and was gone, much to Lindsey's relief. She relaxed while the rest of her shoeshine was completed, and tried to gather her thoughts for her presentation. When her shine was finished, she stepped down from the chair and reached into her purse for her wallet.

No need for that, ma'am, the shoeshiner said, smiling. That gentleman who was here before, he already paid for your shoeshine.

He what? Lindsey was dumbfounded.

He paid for yours when he paid for his. Nice guy, huh? The kindness of Dan's gesture led to a smile on Lindsey's face and to her heart. She went to her presentation feeling happy, buoyant and full of confidence. Not surprisingly, it went remarkably well. In fact, everything seemed to go better for her that day and not just because she had such nice, shiny shoes.

A few days later, Lindsey was standing in line at a mall eatery when she noticed a ruckus in the line in front of her. A young mother with several restless children had come up short of change and was rummaging through her purse hoping to find money to pay for the food she had ordered. Her children were crying, and she appeared to be near tears herself until Lindsey stepped forward, paid the missing balance (interestingly, almost exactly the same amount as her shoe shine would have cost) and helped the woman and her family get their meal to a table. When the grateful woman asked for her name and address so she could pay her back the money, Lindsey told her not to worry about it.

By helping you, I'm paying back someone who did something nice for me, she said. If you want to pay me back, you're going to have to find someone else to help.

And she almost looked ... you know, curmudgeony, when she said it.

Joseph Walker is a freelance writer from American Fork, Utah.

## Pastors bring churches to your living room

By Denise Turner  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - They are sitting on the steps of the stage in front of a big Christmas tree at Amazing Grace Fellowship. All three of them. Facing the camera.

"As you are giving gifts this year, be reminded of God's greatest gift of all," says Lynn Schaal. Then he turns to Jerry Kester and Brian Vriesman and asks,

"Hey guys, what did you get your wives for Christmas this year?"

At once, all three of the Twin Falls pastors' eyes open wide and every-one darts off, calling out, "Got to go now!"

That's what TV viewers will see when they tune into the latest Christian Churches of the Magic Valley commercial, which will begin airing on NBC-38 this weekend. What viewers won't see are the outtakes from Wednesday's filming ...

Kester to cameraman: "How's our head height?"

Cameraman: "Fine. Lynn is just a little bit higher than you other two."

Vriesman: "That's the way he likes it."

Cameraman to all three: "Let's try it again - without the script you've got hidden there."

All three ministers: "Oops!"

Cameraman: "All right, let's cue the charm." (The ministerial version of junior high laughter erupts.)

Filming the 30-second commercial took more than an hour. Because when you get these three guys together, real-life becomes an outtake.

Kester, of the Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene; Vriesman, of the Twin Falls Reformed Church; and Schaal, of Amazing Grace, were already friends when they hooked up with Channel 38 sales manager Jill Boyd and producer, Pete Hillman to buy a few 30-second



Ready on the set, as NBC-38 producer Pete Hillman films the Christian Churches of the Magic Valley Christmas commercial with three Twin Falls pastors. They are, from left, Jerry Kester, of the Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene; Lynn Schaal, of Amazing Grace Fellowship; and Brian Vriesman, of the Twin Falls Reformed Church.



Kester, Schaal and Vriesman say they trust and respect each other, and are working together to help break down walls among area churches.

TV spots - to tell people that today's church is relevant and caring. The general assumption is that the pastors of three large churches (of three different denominations) would not likely strike up a friendship. But these men say that their personalities have clicked and that they have come

to trust each other and even pray for each other's churches. Their first commercial for Channel 38, shot on the golf course, shows them "using different clubs," but still driving the ball in the same direction. The ad has become one of the station's most popular, and Schaal said hardly a week goes by when

someone doesn't mention it. "We are not theologically immature, and we know we don't agree on everything," Kester explained. "We are also three competitive people, and three people who are passionate about our beliefs."

"But we have a common cause," Vriesman interjected. "This is not about raising your hands or not raising your hands or singing hymns or choruses," added Schaal. "Those things are important to us, but the cause of Christ is more important."

All three men agree that people are better off when they don't allow doctrinal distinctions to become divisive.

To use the theological "ms ... Vriesman's church is Calvinist. The doctrine includes belief in the absolute sovereignty of God and the doctrine of justification by faith alone.

Kester's church is Arminian, which declares that human free will can exist without limiting God's power or contradicting the Bible.

Schaal's church is charismatic - a revivalistic movement that emphasizes direct divine inspira-

tion as manifested in spiritual gifts such as healing and speaking in tongues.

In years past, people have considered these to be BIG differences.

"But all three (of us) are going to end up in the same spot," Schaal said.

Vriesman-began-to-smile: "It's just going to take some of us longer than others."

Then Kester chimed in, "And some of us may get there easier."

Such good-natured banter was evident when the three men spoke to the Twin Falls Lions Club earlier this month.

"I'm the one with the most hair," Schaal told the group.

"That's because Brian and I were youth ministers longer," Kester quipped.

"We have a lot of fun with these guys," Boyd said at the commercial taping Wednesday.

"Originally, I spoke to a number of ministers with the idea of church people becoming more active in the community and helping children, and these three were the ones who decided to (sign on)."

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# Christmas music speaks its own language

By Helen T. Gray  
The Kansas City Star

Attending Christmas night services with an elderly relative was something that Toni Valdez and her three sisters looked forward to all year. For her, a Christmas song was a message of hope in otherwise dismal circumstances.

Valdez, who grew up in poverty, said: "As I listened to 'O Holy Night,' I wished that I could sing that beautiful song and contemplated it as I ate my candy while walking home in the snow to our little home (on the west side of Kansas City) with cardboard for windows and dirt floors for sleeping."

For many people such as Valdez, listening to a favorite sacred Christmas song evokes happy memories. Memories of midnight Masses. School programs. Family

gatherings. And for a brief moment, as the sounds waft through the crisp night air or a warm candle-lit sanctuary, the mind joins the heart in a holy place.

"What makes Christmas music so special is that we often do relate it to family," said John Schaefer, organist/choir master at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City. "Our memories have to do with those times when we were together as family."

Clay Kapona of Lawson, Mo., was 9 years old when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. Christmas arrived at his home in Honolulu during a time of apprehension, food rationing, an electricity blackout and no Christmas tree or other signs of the holiday season.

"Here we were, sitting on the floor in Grandma's parlor not knowing what to do or say ... At the proper time, Grandma dusted

everyone. In the voice of a true matriarch, she assured the family that regardless of the circumstances, God was still very much in control. After the customary reading of the Christmas story, she picked up her ukulele and began singing 'Po la'i 'e, po ka ma ha'o.' One by one everyone joined in. Now, 59 years later, I still remember Dec. 24, 1941, and Grandma in the glow of that single lighted candle, singing 'Po la'i 'e, po ka ma ha'o' 'Silent Night, Holy Night.' It shall always be my favorite."

William Baker of Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kan., admitted that sometimes church music directors like himself go through a period when they think that if they hear "Joy to the World" one more time they'll "jump off a bridge."

He said: "What changed me is that we have a 3-year-old son, and teaching him 'Joy to the World' makes it all new."

Christmas songs that are "reasonably memorable and reasonably easy to sing are the ones we like best. The ones we've sung all our lives," according to Schaefer.

Language that is elegant and biblical and that speaks to the heart is also important, Baker said.

It is not just the melodies, but the words that stir many people. Often the words express their faith, reaffirm the biblical truths they hold dear and bring hope.

Laura Heyer of Kansas City, Kan., sees "the great mystery" at the heart of Christianity in "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

She said, "In its words is a succinct, yet beautiful and poetic, synopsis of the meaning of Christmas: the intervention of God in history as he himself is clothed with humanity and comes among us in the form of a tiny, dependent and vulnerable child."

# Give gifts of a spiritual nature this Christmas

By Mark Oppenheimer  
The Hartford Courant

Celebrating the holidays without expensive gifts is a little like taking television out of the house: good for your children in the long run, but probably not worth their immediate disappointment. But so long as you're giving gifts, you can devote one

stocking to something more spiritual than Sega or scooters.

Some ideas: • Religious experience is hard to capture on the page, and nobody has done it better than James Baldwin, wayward stepson of a Harlem Pentecost preacher. "Go Tell It on the Mountain" is his thinly veiled memoir of being a boy preacher in Daddy's church.

• Religious magazines are more polished now and would make fine gift subscriptions. Christianity Today is the glossy magazine for evangelical Christians.

• For music, it's hard to beat the old religious classics. Besides the obvious Handel's "Messiah," some of the great religion-themed music is Jacques Haliv'y's

1835 opera "La Juive" ("The Jewess"); Bach's "Christmas Oratorio"; and Mozart's "Requiem." If you want to go 20th century, invest in contralto Marian Anderson's "Spirituals" or Mahalia Jackson's "Christmas With Mahalia."

• Standard seasonal movies include "Miracle on 34th Street" and "A Christmas Carol." For

comedy, check out "Keeping the Faith" with Ben Stiller and Edward Norton; "Christmas Vacation" with Chevy Chase; the English film "Priest"; Woody Allen's "Annie Hall," if only for the Christmas in Los Angeles scene.

• Bibliofind.com and abcbooks.com list inventories of stores that sell used books.

RELIGION

MISSIONARIES

Several Magic Valley-area residents have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Called to serve:

• Sister Sophia Lea Sheen, daughter of Lynn and Ernest Sheen of Twin Falls, will serve in the California San Fernando Mission. She will speak at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 2nd Ward chapel, 229 Park Ave.



Sophia Sheen  
Ward chapel, 229 Park Ave.

• Sister Jacy June Lyden, daughter of Mark and Debbie Lyden of Twin Falls, will serve in the Spain Las Palmas Mission in the Canary Islands. She will speak at 12:50 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 8th Ward chapel, 667 Harrison.



Jacy Lyden  
the Twin Falls 8th Ward chapel, 667 Harrison.

• Elder Dustin Wells King, son of Cory and Vicky King of Burley, will serve in the Brazil Sao Paulo East Mission. He will speak at 12:50 p.m. Sunday at the View 2nd Ward chapel, 554 S.



Dustin King  
490 E. in Burley.

• Elder Matthew Watson Lee will serve in the New York Rochester Church. He will speak at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Kimberly 1st Ward chapel, 3857 N. Elizabeth Blvd. An open house is



Matthew Lee

set for 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Lee residence, 3494 E. 3180 N., Kimberly.

Lee graduated from Kimberly High School, where he was active in basketball, and attended the College of Southern Idaho. His parents are LaVere and Susan Lee of Kimberly.

• Elder Seth Christensen, son of Val and Karen Christensen of Rupert, will serve in the Illinois Chicago Mission. He will speak at 2:40 p.m. Sunday at the Acequia 1st Ward chapel, 20403 Fifth St.



Seth Christensen

Christensen, son of Paul and Karen Christensen of Burley, will serve in the College in Rosario, Boston Mission. He will speak at 12:50 p.m. Sunday at the Star 1st Ward chapel, 96 S. 200 W. in Burley.



Blake Christensen

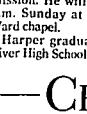
• Elder Seth Lowell Robins will serve in the Japan Fukuoka Mission. He will speak at 2:45 p.m. Sunday at the Pella 2nd Ward chapel, 400 S. 152 W. in Burley.



Seth Robins

Robins graduated from Burley High School, where he played football and baseball, and attended Ricks College. He earned an Eagle Scout Award with gold palm for extra merit badges. His parents are Gary and Karen Robins of Burley.

• Elder Nolan Harper will serve in the Alabama Birmingham Mission. He will speak at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the Malta 2nd Ward chapel.



Nolan Harper

Harper graduated from Raft River High School, where he was a



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Jared Koyle

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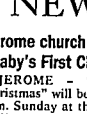
Brigham Young University. His parents are Gary and Deborah Jones of Burley.



Paul Ross

valued lecturer, and attended Brigham Young University at Nauvoo. He is an Eagle Scout and the son of Gary and Susy Harper of Malin.

• Elder Jared Koyle, son of Jerry and Julie Koyle of Rupert, will serve in the Ohio Columbus Mission. He will speak at 2:45 p.m. Sunday at the Rupert 5th Ward chapel, 324 E. 18th St.

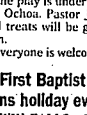


Jared Koyle

• Elder Justin W. Horting served in the Ohio Columbus Mission. He will speak at 12:45 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 12th Ward chapel, 824 Caswell Ave. W. Horting is the son of Jim and Luanne Platt Horting of Twin Falls and a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

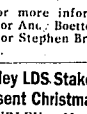


Justin Horting



Christa Okelberry

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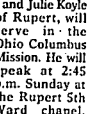
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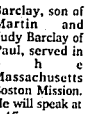
Paul Ross is a 1997 graduate of Minico High School and is the son of Milo Ross of Hazelton. He has received an Eagle Scout Award and numerous music scholarships.

• Elder Jordan Scott Allen served in the Philippine Cebu Mission. He will speak at 11:45 a.m. Sunday at the Raft River Ward chapel.



Jordan Allen

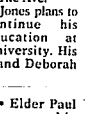
Allen plans to continue his education at the College of Southern Idaho. He is the son of Kent P. and Kristine Allen of Declo.



Justin Horting

Returned

• Elder Jared Barclay, son of Martin and Judy Barclay of Paul, served in the Massachusetts Boston Mission. He will speak at 2:45 p.m. Sunday at the Paul 1st Ward chapel, 424 W.



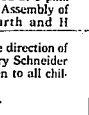
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• Elder Paul Ross served in the England Manchester Mission. He will speak at 2:50 p.m. Sunday at the Emerson 1st Ward chapel, 127 S. 950 W. in



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Christmas is a tough story to sell, but it's worth a try

By Lauren R. Stanley  
Knight Rider News Service

Commentary

How do you explain the inexplicable to someone? No, I'm not talking about our presidential election. The inexplicable to which I refer is Christmas - that wonderful day that soon is upon us, and soon will pass us by, if we don't take the time to stop and not only enjoy it, but also to live it.

How am I, who believe in Christmas for what it really is - the celebration of the birth of God in our world - to explain this highly unusual story to someone who knows Christmas only for what society says it is, a massive shopping spree?

I move through a time in which everyone seems to be in a great rush, struggling to fit in all the parties and shopping, and I wonder: Is there something wrong with me, who isn't in a great rush? Or am I just one of those folks who says, "Hey, Christmas ain't about those kind of gifts, folks! Christmas is about this incredible story of how God, looking down on his poor, benighted children who had lost their way in the darkness of life, chose to give up everything high and mighty to become a poor child, born in a dark and dirty stable, completely dependent upon two people who hadn't even gotten married yet."

It's a tough story to tell. I know, because once upon a time in my own life, I wasn't certain I bought it either.

When I was a child, Christmas was about gifts - mainly about getting gifts. Coming down on Christmas morning to find the living room floor covered in presents was what made Christmas Christmas.

Something funny happened to me on the way to adulthood. Somewhere on that long journey, which I know continues daily, God reached down into my life, grabbed me by the scruff of the neck and said, "Hey, you! You've already received the greatest gift I have ever there! See that little child lying in a manger? That's my gift to you, silly!"

You've got to admit, this isn't exactly a story that makes a lot of sense. An angel appears to a young girl, telling her she's going to have a baby - specifically, God's baby - and that this crying child would grow up to be the savior of the world. And if you think that part of the story doesn't make sense, check out the rest of it: How on the night this child was born, the angels appeared in the heavens and told a bunch of freezing shepherds to abandon their sheep and hightail it over to Bethlehem to check out the infant lying in a manger in a dirty, dark and cold stable.

Yet - I believe it's true. So true I want to tell that story - and live that story for the rest of my days. But in a society that believes Christmas to be some sort of competition over shopping and parties and Santa Claus, this isn't a story that goes over well.

So, how do we believe that God chose to come live among us as one of us tell this story in such a way that it not only makes some sense, but that it becomes explicable to those who haven't believed it? How, exactly, do we convince the world, which is broken and fraught with danger and hatred and poverty and illness, that God is with us?

Today, as I struggle with traffic and try to arrange my grocery shopping to fall at times when the holiday revelers are not out in force, all I can do is smile and shrug my shoulders and say, "Heck if I know how to explain this inexplicable mystery."

So I just attempt to live out the love of God in my life. And I try to tell the story to the best of my limited ability.

"The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you'..."

The Rev. Lauren R. Stanley is the rector at Grace Episcopal Church in Allentown, Pa.

Superhighway to heaven

By Kristen A. Graham  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

HADDONFIELD, Pa. - Think of Christ the King Church as a pro-magnum of progress, the Rev. Daniel Rocco says.

Rocco, who stepped in ancient rituals and said practices, the hermit's Catholic church is embracing the Internet age by presenting Masses and other events live over the World Wide Web.

According to the Diocese of Philadelphia and the U.S. Catholic Conference, Christ the King is perhaps the only parish of its kind in the country.

"I'm very happy to see a church actually taking in technology," said parishioner Coby Ries, whose daughter's baptism was the first christening put on the Web. "It seems almost like an oxymoron, but I think it's a great way to get out into the community a little bit more."

The live Web cast is the brainchild of Rocco, Christ the King's pastor, who has been eyeing how the church can use technology to reach out to current and prospective members. He had been hoping Mass for shut-ins to view but realized that "it was possible to go one step better."

Enter the Rieses, owners of a small Internet company, Emano.net. They donated Internet access and e-mail access for a parish office and the use of a direct subscriber line and Internet video software to the church.

Carol McLaughlin maintains the church's Web site at www.csk.org. All three Sunday Masses and the Saturday night vigil are shown live. Users go to the Web site and click on the Web cast link to see them.

Parish officials recognize that some shut-ins may not have computer access, but the parish is working on a program that would lend laptop computers to those who need them.

Coby Ries dismissed the idea that people might go to church less frequently because of this alternative way to view Mass.

"The reality of it is that there are some things you just can't get when you do this," he said. "But I was sick this weekend, and it was better that I attended virtually than not to get at all."

The Dallas Morning News

SAUNDERS

SUNDAY

Great Preachers: The Rev. Dr. John R. Claypool, (5 a.m., Odyssey, 30 min., PBS, 30 min., 177)

The Field Aids: AIDS in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya. (1 p.m., Odyssey, 30 min., 5879340)

Christy: The Second Millennium community becomes the driving force of Western culture. Concludes on Monday. (Part 1 of 2) (6 p.m., A&E, 2 hr., 4693699)

The Miracle of the First Christmas: A two-hour visit to the Holy Land retraces the steps of Mary and Joseph preceding the birth of Jesus, then follows the family's passage to Egypt and their

FRONTLINE: Two-part report on the birthplace and life of Jesus, the rise of Christianity after Jesus' death, and the siege of Jerusalem. (Part 1 of 2) (9 p.m., PBS, 2 hr., 605648)

THURSDAY

24 Hours: Stories of forgiveness. (9 p.m., CBS, 1 hr., 73841)

CHURCH NEWS

Jerome church to present 'Baby's First Christmas'

JEROME - "Baby's First Christmas" will be presented at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Jerome First Baptist Church, 810 S. Cleveland.

The holiday musical features children and adults from the church and is designed to help everyone get into the true spirit of Christmas.

Rupert Assembly of God presents holiday music, play

RUPERT - Christmas music and a play will be presented at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Rupert Assembly of God Church on Fourth and H streets.

The play is under the direction of L.J. Ochoa. Pastor Jerry Schneider said treats will be given to all children. Everyone is welcome.

TF First Baptist Church plans holiday events

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls First Baptist Church has planned several holiday events.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will be presented by the children at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the church, 910 Shoshone St. A churr cantina, "Adoro Him, the Celebration of Christmas in Worship and Praise," will be performed at 11 a.m. Dec. 24. A candlelight service is set for 7 p.m. Dec. 24.

For more information, call Pastor Ann. Boettcher or youth pastor Stephen Bratton at 733-2936.

Burley LDS Stake to present Christmas musical

BURLEY - Members of the Burley LDS Stake will present a Christmas musical, "The Cradles of Christmas," at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Burley Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.

Episcopallans plan annual greening of the church

TWIN FALLS - Ascension Episcopal Church will celebrate its annual greening of the church at 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

A caroling party will begin at 5 p.m. Sunday. Please gather at the church parking lot buses will transport cars. A hot meal will be served in the parish hall after caroling. Everyone is welcome.

Westermanns to speak at Lutheran church

TWIN FALLS - Scott and Annette Westermann will speak at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the Immanuel Lutheran Christian Life Center.

Scott Westermann is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church. It is an honor from the Lutheran Bible Translators USA from Cameroon, West Africa. Annette Westermann is a member of the L.B.I. Canada and is from Ottawa, Ontario. The Westermanns' assignment is at the Eglise Evangelique Lutherieenne du Cameroon.

The public is invited.

Boise minister to speak at TF Universalist meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Rev. Elizabeth Greene, a minister of the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, will speak with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Twin Falls meets at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd.

"Postmodern, Schmodmodern!" will be the topic. Greene says it's easy to get annoyed at references to postmodernism, which seems to mean that "nothing is ever true in any large sense." She will explore postmodernism and life.

Religious education is provided for children preschool through teens. For more information, call 734-6652.

TF First Assembly of God to present children's musical

TWIN FALLS - The children's Christmas musical, "The 5 Files - Uncovering the True Meaning of Christmas," will be presented at 10:35 a.m. Sunday at the First Assembly of God Church, 189 N. Locust.

Hansen Assembly of God plans Christmas programs

HANSEN - Two Christmas pro-

grams will be presented Sunday at the Hansen Assembly of God Church, 319 Second St. E.

The 10:45 a.m. program will feature children's church and youth groups. There will be crafts for all children. A play, "The Cobbler's Shop," will be presented at 6 p.m. The play features Gary Bourn and is directed by Val Warden.

Pastor Wes Johnson said everyone is invited.

King's Kids to present Christmas musical

BURLEY - The King's Kids will present the musical, "The Plane Truth About Christmas," at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave.

Scantlin to give sermon at Buhl First Assembly of God

BUHL - A Christmas message will be the topic of a sermon by Pastor Sylvia Scantlin at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Buhl First Assembly of God Church at Seventh Avenue North and Locust Street.

Treats will be given to all children in attendance.

Baha'i Faith to hold interfaith devotional

TWIN FALLS - The Baha'i Faith will sponsor an interfaith devotional at 11 a.m. Sunday at the home of Glen and Judy Silcock, 3254 Falls Ave. E.

For more information, call 736-8343.

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RELIGION LETTERS

Scholars can be totally ignorant of Bible

"Theologians debate where God fits in" (Times-News, Dec. 9): I'm amazed at the biblical ignorance of "so-called" scholars from universities.

Joshua thanked God that "he" had hidden the truth from the wise and prudent and revealed it to babes (Matthew 11:25). I am thankful, also. Today's churches have a "form" of godliness but deny his power, "word," I Timothy 3:5 and we are "ever learning and never able to come to the

knowledge of the truth" (verse 7). Here is but one example that "is" prudent for this time of year. Speaking to the churches in II Timothy 4:3, the Word of God says: "For the time will come when they (churches) will not endure sound doctrine (verse 4) and shall turn away" their ears from the truth and shall be turned to fables. The dictionary's definition of "fables" is "lies; second false stories." I summed up in one word: "Christians."

If your church teaches Christmas "fables," then that is unsound doctrine, to say the very least. The Word of God will destroy many

more people than he will save because of disobedience to his Word. Shocked? Best if you read in Hebrews 4:12 and Revelations 19:15.

Merry Christmas? Bah, humbug! HENRY ASCHENBRENNER  
Rupert

There is historical evidence of Jesus Christ if you look

To Bert Eames (Dec. 2 letter): Bert, there is historical evidence for Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Check out the writings of Josephus, a secular historian of the day. Also

"Evidence that Demands a Verdict" and "More than a Carpenter," by Josh McDowell. Like gold nuggets, the truth concerning Jesus Christ is there if you're willing to look for it. I hope you find it.

DUANE LUCHSINGER  
Twin Falls

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# Should carolers sing 'O Little Town of Nazareth?'

By Richard N. Ostling  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — The Christmas Eve sermon at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Barrytown, N.Y., was no routine celebration of the savior's birth. Bruce Chilton, who is both an Episcopal priest there and a religion professor at nearby Bard College, used the holy night last year to present an unusual theological theory. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke report that Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea. Right name, wrong location, Chilton told his flock. It's most likely, he said, that the Nativity actually occurred in a Galilean town, also named Bethlehem, located seven miles north-

west of Nazareth where Jesus grew up. The urbane Barrytown parishioners took this in stride, reports Chilton, who develops the idea in "Rabbi Jesus: An Intimate Biography," published last month by Doubleday. Some of his fellow professors will be less receptive because they prefer a third spot for the Nativity: Nazareth. This perennial scholarly discussion has gained new public attention lately. Besides Chilton's book, there were the doubts cast in Peter Jennings' June ABC TV documentary, "The Search for Jesus," and a lively debate in Bible Review magazine. Christianity doesn't rise or fall on such matters, says the Rev. Jerome Murphy-

O'Connor, a Roman Catholic, of Jerusalem's Ecole Biblique (pro-Bethlehem of Judea). "Faith focuses on essentials." These, he maintains, are issues such as "who Jesus is and what he did for humanity." Matthew and Luke are explicit about the location and provide the only documentary evidence, the debate is a clear example of the way many modern academics deconstruct the Scriptures. Today's Bible scholars, says Donald A. Hagner of Fuller Theological Seminary, an evangelical Protestant school in California, either "doubt everything, and the text has to prove itself," or "take the text for what it says unless there's reason not to."

Hagner's own weighty commentary on Matthew accepts Bethlehem of Judea, though he recognizes the birth stories were not written as "strict history." Where did the material about Jesus' birth come from? Hagner reasons that Mary "surely told the story again and again before she died, and it would have been ingrained on peoples' minds." The Nazareth theory is widely held among academics. One influential Catholic proponent is John P. Meier of the University of Notre Dame, who notes that Bethlehem of Judea is mentioned only in Matthew 2 and Luke 2, after which those Gospels always speak about "Jesus of Nazareth." As Meier interprets this passage, the people were correct

about the Nazareth birth but didn't understand that Jesus actually came from heaven. Meier thinks that Matthew assumed Joseph and Mary lived in Bethlehem of Judea and "has to explain how they ended up in Nazareth," that contradicts Luke, who starts in Nazareth and brings the couple to Bethlehem for an imperial census. Skeptics say the pregnant Mary's 100-mile journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem was neither necessary nor plausible, and question the census, which Meier deems "suspect at best." There are similar arguments over every other detail in Matthew and Luke. On the Net: Bible Review articles: <http://www.bib-arch.org/bf0007.html>

## Christian author bares soul to heal others

By Berta Delgado  
The Dallas Morning News

**DALLAS** — To read "The Wounded Spirit" is to know Frank Peretti's heart. Only something that runs deep could lead the man many call "the father of the Christian fiction" to produce his first work of non-fiction.



Frank Peretti

"The Wounded Spirit" is a real-life, non-fiction book that deftly chronicles the author's suffering as a youth in the grip of a rare medical condition and at the hands of violent school bullies. The book seeks to help people who have suffered similar wounds of the spirit and tries to help bullies understand the effect their actions can have. "I guess I never would have expected to write about the topic," Peretti says in a recent telephone interview. "But God moves in wondrous ways, and here it is." In a nutshell, Peretti's message is this: "Jesus said to love your neighbor, and to love your neighbor means don't let your neighbor or violate your neighbor."

That's what I would say to those who wound," he says. "For the wounded, I'd say, 'Here, hold here's your book. This is my way of giving you permission to talk about it and deal with it and come to grips with the injustices dealt to you.'"

Peretti, who has sold more than 9 million books and is known for suspense novels such as "This Present Darkness" and "The Visitation," says that "The Wounded Spirit" was painful to write. At the same time, it came easily. "I just hit the play button and let it go," he says. "The smells, the sounds, it was all there. I did a lot of crying when I wrote this book. I was digging deep. It was a tough book." Peretti suffered from a condition called cyclic hydrops. The lump grew to the size of a baseball, and when he was 2 months old, he had the first of seven operations. Complications from the condition caused his tongue to swell so badly it hung out of his mouth and oozed a fluid that left a bloody residue. His tongue had to be carved down, and as he grew older it caused a speech impediment. People were disgusted by his tongue and children made fun of his slurred speech. His condition

also kept his body from growing normally, so his stature was slight for his age. That led to more taunting in junior high school physical education class. "The boy hesitated, looking furtively about," writes Peretti in the book, which is told in third person. "He'd never been naked in front of strangers before, but even worse, he'd never been naked in front of enemies. It took only one class hour for the others to select him, to label him, and to put him in his place. He was now officially the smallest one, the scrawny one, the weakling, the one without friends. That made him fair game." Peretti says he hated going to school. He liked to be at home, safe with his loving parents and siblings, and with his friends—monsters from movies, comic books and trading cards. "I think part of me wanted to be one, at least the monster who wins," he says. When the shootings occurred at Columbine High School in Colorado in April 1999, Peretti says he started to think about "wounded spirits" carrying pain deep inside. "Everyone has his or her own theory," he writes. "Here is mine: Simply put, I believe that what happened at Columbine was the result of a wounded spirit."

## Little woman did big things overseas for Gospel

By Eugene Stockstill  
Knight Ridder News Service

**BLOXI, Miss.** — Missionary Lottie Moon, namesake of a multi-million-dollar Southern Baptist missions offering, is said to have once put her 4-foot-3-inch body between a group of Chinese believers and an anti-Christian mob, saying, "You will have to kill me first." That story may best sum up the life of Moon, a missionary in China from 1873 to 1912, a time when the denomination rarely allowed single women to do that work. Every winter, Southern Baptists worldwide raise money for missions in her honor. Born to a wealthy Virginia family, Charlotte Diggs Moon gave up everything she had to become a missionary — she turned down a marriage proposal because of her commitment. "Years ago, I very much desired to be a missionary, but it was not then the policy of the board to send out single ladies," Moon wrote in a letter to a Baptist official Jan. 13, 1873. "The (Civil War) came about the time I completed my education, and I could not have gone, even if there had been a change in view of the Board which has since taken place." On Sept. 1 that year, Moon left for China. "Devil old woman" was her nickname for many years, as much for her western looks as her strange religion, so she cooked tea cakes to earn the trust of natives, and children started to call her "the cookie lady," instead. "We've lost track in our collective memory of who Lottie Moon was, said Keith Harper, associate professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, who is working on a book about Moon. "We lost track of what it was about her that caused someone like Annie Armstrong to say, 'Don't you think we need a regular offering for our missionaries dedicated to this woman's life?' (A separate SBC fund-raiser for North American missions is named for Armstrong, another Baptist missionary.)" In Moon's later years, famine swept China, so she withdrew her savings to pay for a relief effort and regularly used her salary to pay for food when the Baptist mission board couldn't send funds. She also refused to eat while Chinese were starving. Moon died on Christmas Eve, 1912, on a boat off the coast of Kobe, Japan, en route home. She was cremated under Japanese law, her ashes were sent to America and she was buried in a small cemetery in Crewe, Va.

## China shuts down churches in crackdown

By Henry Chu  
Los Angeles Times

**BEIJING** — Scores, perhaps hundreds, of churches and temples in the southern Chinese city of Wenzhou have been shut or destroyed in a religious crackdown that residents say has been intensifying over the past several weeks. Officials in Wenzhou confirmed Thursday that a number of houses of worship had been closed down, but they denied reports of as many as 1,200 temples and churches being shuttered. The officials did not say how many had been targeted but insisted that "only illegal temples were destroyed."

Especially hard hit in Wenzhou, residents say, have been the so-called "house churches," groups of Christians who have not registered their fellowships with the government, as Chinese law requires. Though sometimes called "underground churches," such groups in Wenzhou often operate openly, with hundreds of people gathering in buildings clearly identifiable as Christian churches, residents say. State-run media have reported that as many as 100 religious centers have been shut. One newspaper in Wenzhou published a small photo of a man taking a sledgehammer to an "illegal" church. The U.S. Embassy in Beijing

officially registered its concern with the Chinese government Wednesday after reports of the crackdown surfaced last weekend. The incidents coincide with a general tightening of control by the Beijing regime over religion in China, but the destruction in Wenzhou, as in other parts of China, appears to be orchestrated by local officials. Zhai Qiyue, a Chinese government spokeswoman, said Thursday that she had no specific information about the incidents in Wenzhou, but insisted that overall, "China has been carrying out a policy of protecting religious freedom." The crackdown has been escalating over the last several weeks, say church members in Wenzhou, who estimate the number of Christians in just one small district of the city to be about 200,000. More than 7 million people live in Wenzhou and districts under its control. The local authorities there, and indeed the central government in Beijing, have been alarmed by the rapid revival of religion in a nation that officially atheistic. As Communist ideology has faded, millions of Chinese have returned to practicing the five-state-sanctioned religions — Buddhism, Taoism, Catholicism, Protestantism and Islam — as well as an enormous variety of folk religions.

### Magic Valley Places Of Worship

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e-mail: [agf@agf.org](mailto:agf@agf.org)

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Minister Harold Sneed  
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Evergreen Bldg. Room A-08  
Class - 9:45 am  
Worship - 10:30 am & 5:30 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study  
Place: Old District Health Bldg.  
324 2nd St. E.  
Twin Falls, ID  
Time: 7:00 P.M.  
Free Bible Correspondence Course  
733-8940 or 423-6170

## Couple sues town for barring home prayer meetings

NEW MILFORD, Conn. — A couple is suing the town zoning commission in federal court over a Nov. 29 order to halt weekly prayer meetings at their home. Robert and Mary Murphy say the town is violating their constitutional rights to freedom of religion and peaceful assembly. The Murphys have invited family and friends to their home Sundays since 1995 for religious fellowship. They say typically 25 people at most attend, but a zoning enforcement officer counted more than 30 cars parked at the house.

"This is clearly a case where the zoning authorities have overstepped their authority," said Vincent McCarthy, a lawyer for the American Center for Law and Justice who represents the couple. But the town says zoning regulations do not allow large, regular gatherings in residential neighborhoods.

Court of Appeals, which also heard arguments against Ohio's state motto, "With God All Things Are Possible." In the Christmas case, Richard Ganulin, a city attorney filing as a private citizen, contended the national holiday violates the constitutional separation of church and state by giving government approval to a "sectarian celebration."

Ohio's attorney general says 15,000 citizens have called or written urging the state to vigorously defend the motto. — compiled from wire reports

**Federal judges null Christmas as a holiday**  
CINCINNATI — Christmas as a legal holiday was challenged at a hearing in the 6th U.S. Circuit

in case anyone doubts number three, here's a sneak peek at the trio's next commercial, which was also filmed Wednesday. The three men are dressed in swimsuits, sitting at a snow-covered patio table in front of Baskin-Robbins. They are eating ice cream — and inadvertently stopping traffic on Blue Lakes.

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## Pastors

The idea grew out of the Enough is Enough (international substance-abuse prevention program) that drew 3,300 people to presentations in Twin Falls in March 1998, Boyd explained. People from many churches worked together to plan the events. Today, the three ministers say

their purpose for filming their commercials is threefold: 1. To break down walls, real or imagined, among churches. 2. To encourage people to attend church. 3. To show that pastors are people, too. In case anyone doubts number three, here's a sneak peek at the trio's next commercial, which was also filmed Wednesday. The three men are dressed in

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

#### Community Christian Church

303 Grandview Drive, Twin Falls  
Bob Adams, Pastor 733-2886  
Sunday Bible School - 9:30 AM  
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 AM  
Christmas Program  
Full the silent stars - Dec 1-2  
Dec 12 - 10:30 pm  
Congregation Singing  
Refreshments

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# COMMUNITY

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## HOMECOMING ROYALTY

The Minico High School homecoming court for 2000 included the following seniors: from left, seated: Stephanie Augsburg, princess; Paige Merrigan, queen; and Rebekah Mattson, duchess; back: Austin Weeks, prince; Andy Coats, king; and Lauren Fitterman, duke.



TRICIA TEGAN/The Times-News

## ASSET BUILDERS

This month's Asset focuses on Personal Power.

In a survey of students in the region, some 45 percent say they had this asset in their lives.

Josh Senf, 10th-grader at Magic Valley Christian High School

I believe that power isn't something you put in your wallet, drive down the road or flash in the streets, such as gangs' knives and guns. Rather, it's something that you earn. To gain power you have to apply yourself. You have to be efficient in whatever you do. Personal power also

Josh Senf



comes in goodness and godliness.

Jed Hurt, 10th-grader at Magic Valley Christian High School

As violence encroaches into the heart of our society, I've noted that not all power is healthy. That doesn't mean I don't want power - I'm just not on a power trip.

As a Christian student, I've uncovered one of life's paradoxes: power is perfected in weakness.

When I am humble, willing to defer to others, admit my faults and let God do in me what I can't myself, then I have personal power.

Jed Hurt



The Times-News presents "Asset Builders" in cooperation with HealthNet, a community partnership that aims at improving health in the community.

National research shows there are 40 positive "assets" that help teenagers succeed and avoid risky behaviors.

Each month we'll focus on a different asset with comments from local teens.

For more information on HealthNet, call South Central District Health Department at 734-5900, Ext. 281.

## SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

**Hospital bed** - A man is in need of a hospital bed. Charity Anywhere Foundation will pick it up. Call 734-8041.

**Washing machines** - Two low-income families need washing machines. Call Dee at 539-9477 or 837-4777.

**Storage shed** - Large family is need of a storage shed. They can pay a maximum of \$75. Call Dee at 539-9477 or 837-4777.

**Washer and dryer** - A disabled man in Gooding is in need of a washer, dryer and kitchen range. Call David at 934-9623.

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

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

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

**Tax volunteers** - Volunteers are needed to help the elderly prepare their taxes. Tax training days are Jan. 3, 5, 8, 10 and 12 in the Obenchain Community Room. Tax prep software training will be Jan. 16-19 at the College of Southern Idaho. Call

837-9178.

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

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

**Winter clothing** - The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs men's, women's and children's winter clothing, blankets, Christmas items, bikes and toys. Drop off items from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:43 p.m. at 1043 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. Call Michelle at 736-2166.

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

**Volunteer drivers** - Volunteer drivers are needed in the Magic Valley area for the Seniors Assisted Services pro-

gram. This program offers assisted transportation to people 60 years and older. There is a small reimbursement for mileage. Call Judy or Carlene at the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program at the Office on Aging at 736-2122.

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

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

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

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CSI music honor students performs in concert today

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Music Department honor students recital will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Admission is a \$3 donation to the scholarship fund.

Performers Amanda Atwood, Josh Wiley, Laura Kerr, Dan McMahon, Jerusha Cox, Heather Angel and Summer Cook.

### American Mothers holds potluck luncheon

TWIN FALLS - The American Mothers local chapter will hold a salad potluck luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the home of Lorraine B. Smith at 916 Blue Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls.

Those interested are welcome to attend. For more information, call 733-3521.

### Twin Falls boy receives Eagle Scout award

TWIN FALLS - Alex Arrington, son of Glenn and Kenna Arrington of Twin Falls, will receive his Eagle Scout award at 7 p.m. today at the LDS 9th Ward in Twin Falls on E. I z a b e t h Boulevard.

Arrington has completed 23 merit badges.

For his Eagle Scout project, Arrington built picnic tables and arrington bench frames for the Twin Falls Conny Fair.

He is a member of Troop 159 and Dan Hunt is his Troop leader.

Arrington is a sophomore at Twin Falls High School where he plays the trumpet in band.

He is also active in church activities and works at a pheasant breeding business.

### Zonta International inducts new members at meeting

TWIN FALLS - Zonta International will hold its monthly meeting at noon Tuesday at Crossroads Restaurant in Twin Falls.

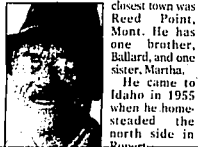
New members will be inducted at the meeting. For more information, call Eileen at 735-8812.

### Declo resident celebrates 80th birthday

DECLO - Phillip R. Bare will celebrate his 80th birthday on Sunday. Friends and family are invited to call from 2-5 p.m. at his residence, 17 E. 2nd St., Declo.

The open house is being hosted by his wife, Rusty, and daughter, Ruth.

He was born Dec. 16, 1920 on the banks of the Yellowstone River. The



Phillip Bare

closest town was Reed Point, Mont. He has one brother, Ballard, and one sister, Martha.

He came to Idaho in 1955 when he homesteaded the north side in a quarter section.

He married Rusty Mae Peterson Bare on May 27, 1990.

Bare is active in Democratic politics. He attended the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1968 as a delegate and worked on the farm platform. He worked on the Idaho Potato Growers Organization for many years and was appointed to the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation committee by President Kennedy for many years.

### Scout earns Eagle award for fencing project

ELBA - Matthew Anderson, 18, son of Wayne and Susan Anderson of Elba, will receive his Eagle Scout award at a court of honor to be held at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Elba Ward building.

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For his Eagle project, he put in new fencing and a new gate at the Elba Cemetery.

Anderson is a member of Troop 126 sponsored by the Elba LDS Ward.

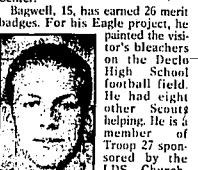
His troop leader is Eric Boden.

Anderson graduated from Declo High School where he played football. He also enjoys skiing, snowmobiling and hunting.

### Scout receives Eagle honor for painting job

DECLO - Jordan Bagwell, son of Wayne and Lecanna Bagwell of Declo, will receive his Eagle Scout award at a court of honor held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Declo Stake Center.

Bagwell, 15, has earned 26 merit badges. For his Eagle project, he painted the visible bleachers on the Declo High School football field. He had eight other Scouts helping. He is a member of Troop 27 sponsored by the LDS Church.



Jordan Bagwell

His troop leader is Mark Stoker.

Bagwell attends Declo High School where he is a sophomore. He is involved in sports and a member of the Declo High School Trendsetters. He is active in the Declo First Ward of the LDS Church.

### Filer Middle School holds Christmas concert

The Filer Middle School will hold a Christmas concert and fund-raiser at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The evening will include vocal and instrumental performances by the school's choir and four bands.

Admission will be one canned food item.

There will also be a silent dessert auction and compact-disc sale.

All proceeds from the auction and sale will go toward the purchase of a new sound system. Canned goods will be donated to The Filer Ministerial Association.

For more information, call the Filer Middle School at 326-5906.

### Burley High School Band performs concert

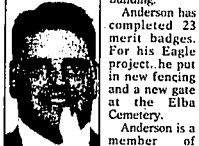
BURLEY - The Burley High School Band will have a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave.

The public is invited to come to a night of musical favorites, Christmas songs and jazz of the 1930s and 40s.

Admission is \$5 for families, \$2 for adults, \$1 for students and preschool children are free.

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### Children can have pictures taken with Santa Claus

RUPERT - Santa Claus is coming to Rupert from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at 906 S. Oneida St., across from Magic Valley Food.

Santa will also appear from 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Pictures with Santa are 50¢ per person, with family rates available.

### Service officer conducts outreach Monday

TWIN FALLS - Service officer Walt Jackson will conduct an outreach from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday at the Veterans Service Office at 260 Fourth Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 733-7610, Ext. 21.

### South Central Idaho Stamp Club meets Monday

TWIN FALLS - South Central Idaho Stamp Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday at 451 Second Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Anyone interested in collecting stamps is welcome.

## Read Comunidad on Thursday. News for and about Latinos

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Potato industry sets meeting on new plan

**IDAHO FALLS** - A huge oversupply problem has the North American potato industry in a choke hold, says Blackfoot-based Potato Growers of Idaho, which plans a meeting next week on its idea to combat the problem.

A company called Potato Management Co. has been formed "that can manage this oversupply in order to generate a market with positive fundamentals," PGI spokesman John Thompson said.

The program will be presented to growers and industry representatives at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the University Plaza Auditorium in Idaho Falls.

Fresh and process growers, and shippers from all states are invited to join the program, PGI said.

Here's how it works, according to PGI: Growers with noncontracted potatoes will be asked to pay a fee and sell a portion of their crops in order to create a market for the balance of the crops. Unmanageable surplus will be removed from the market. The program is designed to improve both fresh market prices and to ensure the oversupply doesn't hang over next year's market.

### Foods business offers free Internet training session

**TWIN FALLS** - A Twin Falls foods business is sponsoring a free, two-hour Internet training session given by Clark Gilbert, a website creator from Salt Lake City.

Make A Difference Foods said the 7 p.m. training session Monday at its 1414 Heyburn Ave. E. location in Twin Falls will address e-commerce for businesses and others. The session's second hour is reserved for questions.

For more information, call the foods company's Gay Davis at 734-6516.

### Bon Marche will try new kind of store

**HELENA, Mont.** - There's something new at The Bon.

Federated Department Stores Inc. said it plans to construct a new concept - Bon Marche store at The Northside Center in Helena, Mont., in 2001.

The store will be the first of its kind in the country built by Federated. Designed to create an efficient shopping environment, the new full-line department store format includes a single-level, single-story design and centered customer service stations. The 65,000-square-foot facility will offer upscale apparel, accessories and home merchandise, excluding furniture, and will emphasize customer convenience throughout. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring, with a store opening planned for fall 2001.

"The unique design of our new Helena store represents a range of opportunities for The Bon Marche" and other Federated divisions to service small- and medium-sized communities where larger store formats would not make sense," said Dan Edelman, chairman of The Bon Marche, which already has a department store in Twin Falls.

### Penney's former CEO gets \$3M to ease transition

**PLANO, Texas** - J.C. Penney Co. agreed to pay its former chief executive a lump sum of \$3 million as part of an agreement that he assist in running the company until his successor was in place.

According to a filing this week with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Plano-based department store company with a couple of Magic Valley stores agreed to pay James Oesterreicher to help run the company after his announcement in the spring that he planned to retire.

"This agreement is consistent with the board's objective during a time of transition, which is to have a seamless transition period," company spokeswoman Stephanie Brown said. As part of the deal, Oesterreicher agreed to a three-year confidentiality and non-compete provision that will prevent him from working for or consulting for a company included in the S&P 500 Retail Index for department stores.

During that time, Oesterreicher will act in an advisory role to Penney, Brown said.

Margaret Gilliam, president of the Gilliam & Co. investment firm in New York, said the payment was "not at all unusual. You'd expect just that."

Last year, Penney paid Oesterreicher slightly more than \$1 million and a \$300,000 bonus.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Natural gas prices to rise

## Utility regulators approve 20-percent rate increase

**BOISE** - Idaho utility regulators Friday approved a 20-percent rate increase effective Jan. 15 for Intermountain Gas Co., which had asked for an immediate 27-percent hike to compensate for higher whole-

sale natural gas prices. Combined with a July increase averaging 28 percent for residential consumers, about 200,000 Intermountain Gas customers across southern Idaho will see their rates increase almost 50 percent in six months.

Whole sale natural gas prices have soared since last winter, spiking to between \$9 and \$20 per thousand cubic feet recently at major markets around the country. That's compared with a little over \$2 per thousand cubic feet at the same time last year.

Friday's Idaho Public Utilities Commission action reflected a staff recommendation for approving most of the rate

hike request but deferring recovery of an estimated \$9.3 million in costs and interest that the company already had incurred as supply prices rose.

In addition, regulators delayed implementation of the new increase until Jan. 15. Intermountain Gas had wanted the hike effective Dec. 1.

"It is the commission's hope that this delay will minimize rate shock, as well as afford ratepayers an opportunity to meet other year-end obligations prior to implementing this rate increase," the commission's order said.

Commissioners noted that many of

those testifying at five public hearings across southern Idaho asked them to reduce or delay the increase.

The commission also ordered implementation of an "anniversary-based" level-pay plan that will allow customers to begin level pay at any time. Intermountain Gas currently allows customers to enroll in a level-pay program each April.

"For some, this would defer their current winter natural gas bill as they pay a level amount calculated to cover the winter heating season over the next 12-month period," according to the commission's order.

# Wells Fargo will consolidate branches

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Downtown has wondered for months about the fate of two bank branches on adjacent corners of historic Twin Falls' central intersection.

The answer came Friday. Recent merger partners Wells Fargo & Co. and First Security Corp. will consolidate their respective branches on the corners of Main Avenue and Shoshone Street, keeping the 90-year-old First Security building to do the jobs of both.

"A lot of us have been committed to the community for a long time. Some of us, most of our lives," said Curtis H. Eaton, First Security's division president, south central Idaho community banking. "And that building has some historic and some personal, even nostalgic, value."

Construction began in 1908 and finished in 1910 on the bank that became home to Twin Falls Bank & Trust Co. - led by several of Eaton's ancestors - before First Security bought Twin Falls Bank & Trust a decade ago. Over the years, portions of the downtown landmark housed other businesses before the bank operation took over the entire structure, said Eaton, who has an office there.

Now the state's First Security branch will take on the bank accounts and many of the employees of its smaller Wells Fargo neighbor.

The banks Friday announced a similar scenario for Jerome, where Wells Fargo and First Security are same-street neighbors as well. In the heart of downtown Jerome, the First Security branch on East Main Street will absorb the Wells Fargo branch on West Main.

The First Security operation in Jerome has been around for about 45 years - never as a Twin Falls Bank & Trust branch - occupying a building erected in the 1920s by First National Bank of Jerome, Eaton said.

First Security owns both of the branch buildings it will vacate in

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This Wells Fargo bank branch in the center of historic Twin Falls will consolidate with its First Security sister across the street after a recent merger. Jerome's downtown will see a similar scenario, the combined company announced Friday.

## Judge refuses to dismiss suit over Wells Fargo-First Security merger

The Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY** - A judge has refused to dismiss a shareholder lawsuit that alleges First Security Corp. board members did not act in the best interest of stockholders when they agreed to the company being purchased by Wells Fargo & Co.

"There are many questions to be pursued and answered before the court can dismiss this case," 3rd District Judge Homer Wilkinson said Thursday.

Leland Stenovich of Elko, Nev., filed the proposed class-action suit before Wells Fargo completed its acquisition of First Security Oct. 26. Both banks have branches in the Magic Valley.

Former First Security board chairman Spencer Eccles and other directors failed to get the best deal they could for shareholders, the suit contends.

First Security attorneys argued Thursday that Eccles and other board members did not have a legal obligation to get the highest

price for First Security.

Eccles agreed to sell First Security to Wells Fargo in April, just days after shareholders of Zions Bancorporation rejected their company's proposed acquisition of his company.

Zions shareholders voted down the deal after First Security announced it would have a disappointing first quarter and its stock price plummeted by a third.

The First Security board quickly approved the sale to Wells Fargo "not because it was in the

best interest of First Security shareholders but because Eccles was personally angry and humiliated and wanted to punish Zions and its management because Zions shareholders had voted down a proposed merger of Zions and First Security," the lawsuit alleges.

Eccles will serve as a Wells Fargo board member and as chairman of banking activities for Wells Fargo's Intermountain Region until he retires in 2004 at age 70.

## BANKRUPTCIES

The Times-News

**BOISE** - Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

### Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Bryce Sauer and Rose Sauer, 211 S. Elm, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 00-42028.

Jesus Maria Urquidí and Lucille Maria Urquidí, 806 Second St., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 00-42050.

### Chapter 7, business, under \$50,000

Robert D. Whitby and Beverly A. Whitby, also known as W-W Land & Livestock, 314 Austin, Carey, joint, business farming, Chapter 7, no creditors listed, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 00-42059.

### Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Shane Stevens, 937 Oregon St., Gooding, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets

under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 00-42029.

### Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Trent W. Kulin and Lori Kulin, also known as Kulin's Pro Finish Auto Body and Kulin's Pro Finish Coatings, 700 W. Ave. F, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 00-42030.

Bruce Zundel and Emille Zundel, 3488 E. 1195 N., Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 00-42041.

John Schoales and Karen Schoales, 2202 E. 4000 N., Filer, joint, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 00-42047.

Stanley D. Fairchild, 147 S. 400 E., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 00-42048.

William Goertzen, also known as Bill Goertzen, and Lynette M. Goertzen, 637 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 00-42057.

## Governor launches Family Farm Security Task Force, names ag director as leader

The Associated Press

**BOISE** - Pat Takasugi, director of Idaho's Department of Agriculture, has been appointed head of the newly-formed Family Farm Security Task Force, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne announced Friday.

"I am committed to revitalizing those areas of Idaho that are not prospering under the current strong statewide economy," Kempthorne said. "This task force is just one of the efforts my administration is making to help rural communities as a whole, not

in a piecemeal fashion."

The goal of the task force is to provide a better business climate for Idaho producers. The 32-member task force will focus on reviewing lien laws, bonding requirements, growing contracts and the Commodity Indemnity Account Program - a \$5 million self-insurance program.

The task force is broken up into three groups. Those who will review the Commodity Indemnity Account Program are: Jim Dega, Todd Flick, Duane Grant, Rep. Doug Jones, Skip Kellogg, Dave Mosman, Mike

Nichols, Sen. Joe Stegner and Jim Whitte.

Those to serve in the liens and bonds group are: Jim Bell, Jim Briggs, Sen. Bart Davis, Paul Firth, Ray Gross, Jerry Inouye, Dave Kingston, Jim Little, Rep. Mike Mayle and Gerald Trebesch.

Those who will be looking into producer contracts are: Adrian Boer, Sen. Ric Branch, Ron Buatte, Russ Dapsauski, Bill Flory, John Gibson, Glenn Jacklin, Kevin Jones, Dale Mickelson, Rep. Bart Stevenson, Ed Strong, Dar Symms and Blair Wilson.

## Zions will buy California banks

The Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY** - Zions Bancorp. has agreed to buy Eldorado Banshares Inc. for about \$190 million in stock in an attempt to expand its business in southern California.

Under the terms of the merger announced Thursday, each Eldorado share would be worth 23 percent of a Zions share, a value of about \$13.38 based on Zions' Nasdaq closing price of \$58.16

Thursday. Eldorado Bank and Antelope Valley Bank, subsidiaries of the Laguna Hills, Calif.-based bank, will be merged into Zions' subsidiary, California Bank & Trust. CB&T expects to cut costs by 20 percent in the transaction.

Pending regulatory approval, the deal is expected to close in second quarter 2001. Eldorado's shareholders and directors have agreed to vote for the merger.

Salt Lake City-based Zions

expects the deal to add to earnings immediately. Eldorado Bank has 16 full-service banks in southern California and the Sacramento area. Antelope Valley Bank operates eight full-service banks in Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Kern Counties. Zions operates over 350 full-service banks in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Washington, including some in the Magic Valley.



MONEY

Price of consumer goods rises modestly

WASHINGTON (AP) - Consumer inflation rose modestly in November as a jump in tobacco prices was tempered by a drop in clothing costs. With prices largely unchanged, the report from the Federal Reserve next week will shift its focus away from fighting inflation to guarding against a sluggish economy.

For the second month in a row, the Consumer Price Index, the government's most closely watched inflation gauge, rose a seasonally adjusted 0.2 percent, the Labor Department reported Friday.

"The inflation trend clearly seems to be fading as the economy cools," said Oscar Gonzalez, economist for John Hancock Financial Services.

Even energy prices, which have risen sharply this year because of producing nations limited production and U.S. supplies shrank, posted a tiny increase of 0.1 percent last month. But that may provide little solace to consumers facing hefty heating bills this winter.

Worried analysts expect the economy would spark out-of-control inflation, the Fed between June 1999 and May 2000 raised interest rates six times. Higher rates boosted borrowing costs, thus slowing the economy and reducing the pace of an upward spiral in prices, economists said.

Some economists and Wall Street investors now are worried that the economy, which grew at an annual rate of 2.4 percent in the third quarter - the weakest pace in four years - may be slowing too much and too quickly.

The Dow Jones industrial average plunged 240.03 points on Friday to close at 10,434.96, a 2.3 percent loss. Highlighting con-

cerns about the slowing economy, the Federal Reserve reported Friday that industrial production fell 0.2 percent in November, the second straight monthly decline. Many analysts expect output to rise slightly.

Factory production dropped by 0.5 percent, the sharpest decrease since June 1998. Car and light truck assemblies slipped to an annual rate of 11.9 million, the lowest since July 1998. Operating capacity for the entire industrial sector fell to 81.6 percent in November, the lowest in a year.

"The pace of growth is slowing significantly, even dangerously, while inflation stays essentially dormant," said National Association of Manufacturers President Jerry Jasnowski. He said he wanted the Fed to cut interest rates by a quarter-point at its meeting Tuesday.

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In late March or April, Wells Fargo expects to start integrating the First Security systems with its own. After all First Security stores are converted, the bank can begin the planned consolidations.

"We expect to be completed with all of them by June," McDevitt said.

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J.C. Penney to close 10 to 50 stores next year, says CEO

Knight Ridder News Service

Saleslates for the holiday season aren't even in yet, but J.C. Penney, which has stores in Magic Valley, wants to close 10 to 50 stores next year.

Allen Questrom, J.C. Penney's new chief executive officer, told Women's Wear Daily of the closings but did not say where. Analysts think the company will close stores at smaller or older malls.

Last year the Plano, Texas-based company closed 45 stores, including one in metro Atlanta. J.C. Penney is the parent of Eckerd drugstores, which closed 279 locations, including 21 in metro Atlanta. It has more than a dozen department stores and catalog outlets and 100 Eckerd locations in metro Atlanta.

lower-quality malls," said Rose Nussbaum, an analyst with Salomon Smith Barney.

The news comes amid a lackluster holiday shopping season for retailers, some of which have suffered from sluggish sales and earnings.

J.C. Penney, plagued by sales and earnings woes, last summer hired Questrom, a former chief of Rich's parent Federated Department Stores.

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The Standard & Poor's 500 index slid 28.70 to 1,342.15, almost a 2.2 percent decline, giving it a drop of 57.74 or 4.2 percent for the week.

It was the heaviest trading day ever on the New York Stock Exchange. The expiration of option contracts and futures contracts Friday, in what is called a "triple-whisker," intensified the selling, but analysts said earnings concerns were responsible for most of Friday's losses.

Stocks slide on Microsoft warning

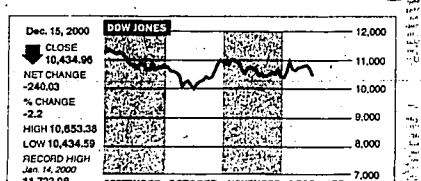
NEW YORK (AP) - Spooked by an earnings warning from Microsoft, investors Friday dumped high-tech stocks in a sell-off that quickly spread across the market.

A bearish forecast from Household products company Clorox added to Wall Street's fears that the economy is slowing too much, and that earnings might not have been as good as expected.

"It's not just tech companies warning any more, now you're into consumer products. It was building earlier this month, this week UPS said business wasn't that good and now you have Clorox," said Larry Wachtel, market analyst at Prudential Securities. "It's an overall economic malaise and each time one of these announcements comes out, it undermines the market."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 240.03 at 10,434.96, a 2.3 percent loss. For the week the Dow was off 277.55 or 2.6 percent.

The Nasdaq composite index dropped nearly 2.8 percent, falling 75.24 to 2,653.27 on



Friday - bringing its weekly decline to nearly 9.1 percent or 264.11.

Microsoft's warning late Thursday that a worldwide slowdown in computer sales would hurt its second-quarter results. Within the latest series of announcements by major companies suggesting the slowing economy is hurting their results.

Investors have been selling stocks, particularly technology issues, on those concerns since Labor Day. But recent warnings from non-technology companies, which were thought to be less vulnerable to a slowdown, are taking a toll on already anxious investors.

Consolidate

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The Jerome and Twin Falls consolidations. The bank and its merger-and-acquisition predecessors have called both locations home since the late-1960s, said Amy McDevitt, Idaho spokeswoman for the newly combined bank.

Wells Fargo hasn't decided what to do with those two buildings or with the eight First Security and Wells Fargo branches elsewhere in Idaho to be consolidated with nearby ones. In general, she added, vacated structures actually owned by the bank are likely to be put up for sale.

In choosing which branch to keep in each pair, the bank considered size, physical condition, ease of access and capacity to serve customers and house safe-deposit boxes.

The result might look like less choices for customers, but the McDevitt said. "Our customers will have more branches here in Idaho than they've ever had before," she said. "Most employees at a consolidated location will move to the absorbing branch, and a few to a rural branch," McDevitt said. "All of our employees are going to be retained," she said. Job titles may change, but everyone gets a job at the same pay and skill levels as before.

McDevitt said Friday the bank isn't ready to make local personal announcements but promised: "Everybody has a comparable job, and it's nearby." Some local workers have said they prefer to take positions at locations other than the branch absorbing them. Customers affected by the Idaho

consolidations will be notified in writing. "I don't want to be in a class, a Wells Fargo statement. They won't, however, have to take any action regarding their accounts. McDevitt said he didn't yet know whether some account numbers will change.

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New York Stock Exchange

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California's utility bankruptcy scenario alarms investors

Wall Street will be looking over the shoulders of state officials as they attempt to craft a solution to California's energy crisis.

Analysts at several investment houses said Thursday they were alarmed about the possibility that PG&E Corp. could slip into bankruptcy if state regulators do not allow utilities to raise their rates to offset the soaring cost of buying power to distribute to California electricity and natural gas customers.

"The threat of bankruptcy is about as bad as it gets for a utility," said Herbert Hart, an analyst with San Francisco-based Redwood Securities Group. PG&E and Southern California Edison say they have paid \$6 billion more for wholesale electricity than they have been able to pass along to their customers.

"The idea of these companies going bankrupt would be unacceptable from a public policy standpoint," said C. S. Patterson, analyst with C.S. First Boston New York. "There has been no mismanagement of these companies, which are doing the best they can under the deregulation rules. Letting them go bankrupt would be socially responsible. It would snuff out the California economy faster than a candle in the wind."

Big investors, analysts said, are looking for solid signs that California is putting together short- and long-term remedies for the state's electricity ailment. The first such sign could come next week, when the state Public Utilities Commission meets to approve what's expected to be separate rate increases for PG&E and Edison.

"This could ease the cash crunch for the two companies. In turn, PG&E could obtain financing to cover its ongoing shortfall in what it pays for wholesale electricity and what it can pass along to customers. "Once that rate increase is in place, then the lenders can plan their reasonable expectation they will be paid back," Hart said. "Then they can arrange financing on somewhat reasonable terms."

Skill, rate hikes might not be enough to satisfy Wall Street for the long term. These and other moves won't fix the underlying problem, according to Carol Coale, an analyst at Prudential Securities in Houston. The long-term solution, Coale said, is to completely deregulate California's electricity market, which would mean lifting the rate freeze. Higher electricity prices, in turn, would encourage companies to construct new power plants in the state, thereby easing the supply squeeze and bringing prices back down.

An construction of additional power-generating capacity could be a dicey proposition in California, which analysts described as having a "not-in-my-backyard" outlook. "The problem with the NIMBY issue is it goes from not in my backyard to nobody's backyard," Patterson said. "Despite that attitude, the state of California will have to expedite the approval and construction of power plants and transmission power lines. Something has to be done."

Some industry watchers believe the state may have to return to something akin to the old model of heavily regulated utilities, if that's what it takes to solve the electricity crisis. That result also might please Wall Street, because it would return PG&E, Edison and Sempra Energy-California's three main utilities-to a category of companies that grow slowly but steadily and pay regular dividends to investors. "It used to be that utilities were the epitome of stability," said Douglas Christopher, an analyst with Crowell, Weedon & Co. in Los Angeles. "The Street rewards consistency and predictable growth. The companies that are happy, the shareholders will be happy, and the employees would be happy."

If regulators preserve some version of the current deregulated market, investors shouldn't expect any stability if they have the shares of the parent companies of California's three major utilities, including PG&E. "This is not your grandma's utility," Patterson said. "It's a totally different environment."

For more information, contact Ramona Jones at 733-0831, Ext. 262.

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Don't equate delay with defeat, Cancer

IF DECEMBER 16 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are sensitive, creative, at times temperamental. You refuse to become prisoner of mediocrity. You have musical talent, even if hidden. Pisces, Virgo persons play important roles in your life, could have these roles, initials in names: G, P, Y. Social contacts made during year will prove valuable, could lead to travel. April outstanding for you next year. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't neglect details, be sensitive to subtle hints. Rewrite, review, rebuild. Check for correct measurements. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio play roles. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You experience greater freedom of thought, action. Virgo moon in your Fifth House stirs creative

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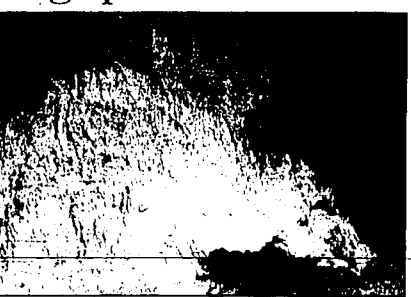
Virgo. Your voice, music requires you. Sing freely. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If single, you could encounter future mate. Emphasis on home, persona, environment, possible change of residence, marital status. Libra involved. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Define terms, don't equate delay with defeat. Relative makes surprise appearance, be gracious. Maintain aura of mystery, intrigue. Pisces represented. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Financial success featured. Focus on power play, upsetting the odds. Older individual expresses

faith in you. Cancer, Capricorn persons play memorable roles. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Cycle is crucial that you are in right place at right time. Take initiative; don't follow others. Utilize your extra-sensory perception. Aries is in picture. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make fresh start, don't pull punches. Wear shades of blue; don't neglect yellow and gold. A new, exciting love is on horizon. Avoid heavy lifting if possible. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Spotlight on comfortable living. Question of marital status looms large. Protect self at close quarters - don't give up something of value. Capricorn represented. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your kind of day. Spotlight on versatility, humor, and exper-

imentation. Try on new wardrobe. You look great and will be told so. Shake off emotional lethargy. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): People say you are full of surprises. You will be dealing with ambitious Scorpio, be careful but polite. Taurus also involved. You'll rebuild, rewrite, and review. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): What you have been waiting for arrives by tonight. Manuscript once rejected will be accepted. Take note of dreams. Write impressions of places and people. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your voice sounds different; better. Focus on cooperative efforts, partnership, and marriage. You will find more comfortable living quarters. Taurus plays role.

Atlantic oceanographers find stunning formation

The Associated Press Oceanographers patrolling the mid-Atlantic in a miniature research submarine have stumbled onto a spectacular deep-sea garden of hot springs and towering spires they nicknamed the "Lost City." "It's like you're on land," Duke University geologist Jeff Karson said, "it would be a national park." The scientists spotted the formations on Dec. 4 more than 3,200 feet below the frigid, stormy Atlantic during a month-long expedition to explore a submerged mountain. The scientists have posted their findings on a Web site but have had little contact with onshore colleagues. They are scheduled to return to Woods Hole, Mass., on Saturday aboard the research ship Atlantis. Understanding the peculiarities of the Lost City formations may shed light on Earth's geological development and the origins of simple life, as well as condi-

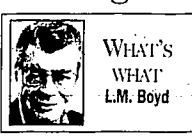


This is an undated photo of a ledge, or flange, made out of carbonate, that jut out of a 160-foot chimney in a hydrothermal vent field in the Atlantic

The formations have risen over eons as the result of the accumulation of minerals dissolved in hot water bubbling up through fissures known as thermal vents. They occur where plates in the Earth's crust collide and grind. Gleaming against the pitch-black ocean depths, some of the chimneys resemble the stalagmites in a cave, while others look like dribble-sand castles on the beach. Ledges, or flanges, of the crusty, feathery crystals jut from the spires like mushrooms. "They rival redwood trees in height," said Debbie Kelley of the University of Washington, an expert on hydrothermal vents. "Above your head, the flanges trap reflecting pools of water. They make perfect mirror planes and look like upside-down waterfalls." Until now, ocean scientists believed they had seen all that seafloor vents had to offer in previous expeditions. But the Lost City contains scientific surprises, besides a stunning appearance.

Hibernating bear's body temperature is 91 degrees

Q. What's the body temperature of a hibernating bear? A. 91 degrees F. So learned courageous man. When I said, "You can't drown a tick," a tick drowner of considerable experience said, "You can if there's a little soap in the water. The same goes for your fleas." Pablo Picasso said, "I'm just a public entertainer who has understood his time." Q. How far back do dentures go? A. Too far to track. It's known some Egyptian mummies had been fitted with dentures before death. In that century between A.D. 1150 and 1250, countless Europeans became obsessed with cathedrals. The French devoted a fourth of their Gross National Product to such monumental construction. Not just royalty. Everybody. They were fanatical.



WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd They put up cathedrals all over the country. A century later, few were interested anymore. Albert Einstein loved to sail. Q. Why are so many buildings in the Caribbean and Mediterranean painted in pastels? A. Dark paint absorbs too much heat. White paint creates too much glare. The quaking aspens quiver not just during a storm, but before. A naturalist says the trees know. They feel the barometric pressures.

Shoppers buy Playstations despite sold-out stores, scams

State Road 436 in Altamonte Springs. Sony Corp.'s PS2 is near the top of a lot of wish lists this season, but because of a shortage of computer chips, Sony hasn't been able to make nearly enough PS2s to keep up with demand. So, people such as Teixeira are lining up early outside stores like Target and Best Buy. Retailers sell get small shipments of the \$299 consoles every so often, but deliveries can be unpredictable. "People line up every morning at 5 a.m. at some of our stores,"

said Laurie Bauer, a spokeswoman for Best Buy in Eden Prairie, Minn. Some people are so desperate that they are renting PS2s at video stores - and then keeping them. "It's happened on an isolated basis," said Blake Lughass, a spokesman for Blockbuster Inc. in Dallas. He wouldn't say whether it has happened in Central Florida. Blockbuster charges \$19.99 to rent the console for five nights. People who don't return the machine lose a \$400 security deposit.

"I've feel that's a pretty substantial penalty," Lughass said. But a \$100 premium may not seem bad compared with what some people are paying at online auction sites, such as eBay. Teixeira, for example, said the machine he got Thursday was actually his third. He sold the first two online for \$540 each. "I paid about \$320, with tax so a \$220 profit isn't bad," he said. Parents' desperation to find PS2s for their children has led to some questionable business practices.

TWIN FALLS COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Building Permit Fees Thurs., Dec. 28, 2000 - 10:00 a.m. County Commissioners Chambers 425 Shoshone Street North - Twin Falls, Idaho For the purpose of hearing public comments regarding proposed increase in user fees beyond the limits prescribed by Idaho Code Section 63-1311A Some proposed fees exceed 105% of the fees last collected

50 LEGAL UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA Case No. BK-NV-00-0090 Chapter 7 ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO ESTABLISH BAR DATE FOR FILING CHAPTER 11 ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMS Hearing Date: 11/15-00 Hearing Time: 10:00 a.m. Time Req'd: 5 minutes In Re: BEAL MOUNTAIN MINING, INC. Debtor This matter came before the court on the duly noticed Motion to Establish Bar Date for filing Chapter 11 Administrative Claims (the "Motion"), filed by Cecilia L. Rosenauer, Esq. Kurn & Rosenauer, Ltd., on behalf of Kevlin Buchanan, Chapter 7 trustee of these twelve jointly administered chapter 7 bankruptcy estates. Cecilia L. Rosenauer, Esq. appeared on behalf of Mr. Buchanan. No other appearances were made. No opposition to the Motion was filed and approved - or made at the hearing. The Court has considered the verified Motion and the papers and pleadings on file. The Court finds that notice of the Motion was properly given to creditors and parties in interest. The court finds that cause exists to grant the Motion, for the reasons and on the grounds stated therein.

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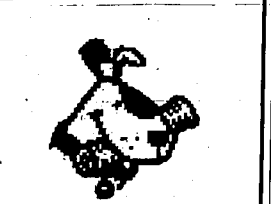
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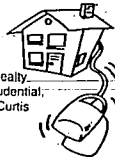
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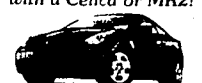


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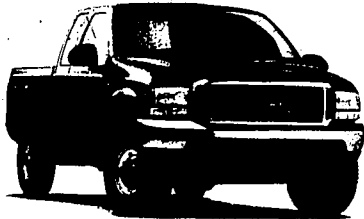
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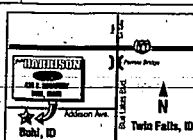
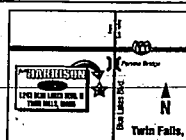
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