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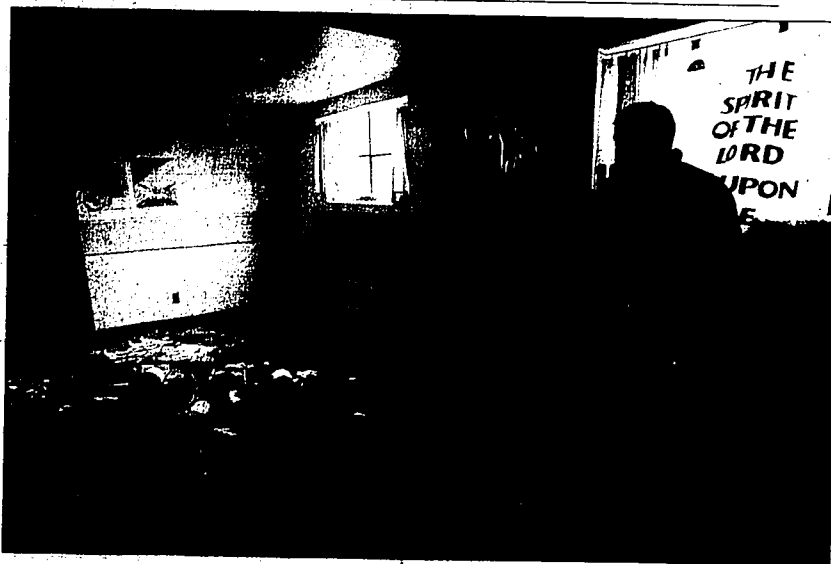
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# PULLING TOGETHER



The Rev. Lawrence Vedder said the timing, so close to Christmas, of the fire that burned a wing of Immanuel Lutheran Church has been a challenge. Insurance will cover the cost of rebuilding the church but all of the day care, school functions and church services have to be held in the school building.

## Church fire uncovers Christmas spirit

By Mark Helz  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — A Twin Falls congregation will head into Christmas without its house of worship.

But not without its spirit. A crowd of preschool children this week had turned the Immanuel Lutheran school's gymnasium into an echo chamber. The children were there because the church's day-care center was destroyed in an Dec. 8 fire, which investigators say was the result of arson.

And the church's pastor and congregation members said they still feel richly blessed.

In addition to the destroyed day-care center, the church's main sanctuary and attached offices suffered severe smoke damage. It could be February before worship services can be held there again, said Immanuel Lutheran Pastor Lawrence

### Services

All worship services have been moved from Immanuel Lutheran Church to the Immanuel Lutheran School gymnasium — about 75 yards from the church — at least until early February 2001. The church will hold regular Sunday worship services at 9:30 a.m. and

10:30 a.m. Two Christmas Eve services are scheduled for Sunday evening. A service featuring contemporary music will be held at 8:30 a.m. A service featuring traditional music and verse will be held at 10 a.m. Christmas service is slated for 10 a.m. Monday.

Vedder. Twin Falls residents Travis G. Estep and David Allen Albert LaBrie, both 18, face charges of first-degree arson and burglary in connection with the fire. A preliminary hearing for Estep and LaBrie, scheduled for Friday, was postponed until Jan. 5, 2001.

The fire caused an estimated \$750,000 to \$1 million in damages, Vedder said. The church's insurance should cover rebuilding and repairs, he said.

A prefabricated building should be ready to serve as a temporary day care by the end of the

holidays, Vedder said. It could take until late summer 2001 to finish building a new day-care center, he said.

Meanwhile, the gym has served as a makeshift day-care center and sanctuary, and the site of regular school activities and church league sporting events.

"I walked in there late Wednesday and we had every kid from age 18 months to five in there at once," said Immanuel Lutheran School Principal Marvin Mumm. "I don't see how anybody got anything done."

But things are getting done —

and some hidden blessings are being revealed in the process, Vedder said.

Most of the church's Christmas decorations were ruined. But several members of the congregation pitched in to track down or make new decorations, and turned the gym's stage — directly behind Vedder's temporary altar — into an impressive holiday display.

Church member Mary Ann Beikman, who owns The Homestead in Twin Falls, was one of the donors. She said the congregation's Christmas spirit hasn't been affected by the fire or its aftermath.

"I don't think it's going to change the spirit of the Christmas celebration or the focus on the birth of Jesus Christ," she said.

In fact, the fire has brought the congregation, school and church staff closer together.

"It put us all in one little space, now we have to share," she said.

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## Idaho: No to power requests

State fights order to help California

The Associated Press and States News Service

**BOISE** — Idaho leaders are fighting back against an order requiring Western power suppliers to sell electricity to power-strapped California.

Utilities producing electricity for Idaho consumers have been prohibited from drafting water from the state's reservoirs to generate excess power, state leaders announced Friday.

And the order could deplete Idaho's power reserves and result in blackouts and higher energy costs throughout the state, Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, warned Friday.

"These orders could precipitate a larger crisis than the situation you are trying to avert," Craig said in a letter to Energy Secretary Bill Richardson. "Northwest ratepayers should not, and will not, pay for the mistakes made by California policy makers."

On Dec. 14, Richardson issued a six-day emergency order requiring 75 Western power suppliers to sell electricity to California. He has since extended that period to next Wednesday.

But the Idaho Public Utilities Commission Friday banned Avista, Idaho Power Co. and PacifiCorp from drafting additional water from reservoirs through hydro plants to create excess electricity for needs outside the local system.

The order came in the wake of letters to Richardson from Craig and other lawmakers.

Kempthorne said the water and the hydroelectricity it creates from dams such as Idaho Power's Hells Canyon complex are allocated over the entire year.

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## Candidates seek to fill vacancy left by Kempton

By Michael Journee  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — Cassia County Republicans, moving quickly to fill the vacancy left by an Albion lawmaker, will have a list of candidates to choose from.

Within a day after his appointment to the Northwest Power Planning Council was announced, five people had stepped forward as possible candidates to succeed Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Albion, in the Legislature next month.

Mark Peterson, chairman of the GOP executive committee for Kempton's legislative District 25, said the five candidates so far are:

- Scott Bedke, president of the Idaho Cattle Association.
- Earl Christensen, a former

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## President Clinton pulls out the pardon pen

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — President Clinton freed three federal prisoners Friday and granted Christmas-time pardons to 59 others, including a once-powerful congressman indicted for misusing taxpayer money and a presidential friend ensnared in the corruption probe of a former Cabinet member.

Those pardoned in what the White House described as the first batch of clemency decisions

by the president as he prepares to leave office, included:

• Dan Rostenkowski, a former Democratic chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, while a congressman from Illinois.

• Archie Schaffer III, a chicken company executive convicted as a result of the investigation of former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy.

• Dorothy Gaines, 42, of Mobile, Ala., who received 19 years, seven months for her low-level role in a

local drug ring. The men who ran the ring received more lenient sentences. Gaines is one of the three federal prisoners; two of whom were women who got entangled in the drug crimes of others, and ended up being subjects of a national campaign by women's groups and opponents of mandatory minimum prison sentences.

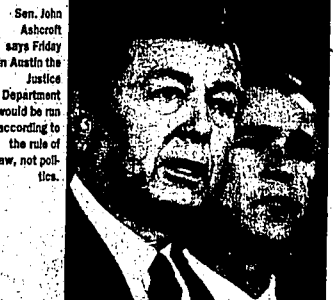
• Rick Hendrick III, a NASCAR team owner, banished from the sport for a year after being sentenced for bribery and mail fraud.

The president commuted the sentences of three prisoners to time served: former Missouri House Speaker Bob F. Griffin, who was serving time for bribery and mail fraud; and two women who received long terms under federal drug sentencing guidelines.

Clinton's pardon of Rostenkowski was unexpected. "I'm greatly appreciative," Rostenkowski, 72, told a group of reporters outside his Chicago home Friday.

## Bush nominates conservative, moderate to key posts

### President-elect looks to fill attorney general, EPA positions



Sen. John Ashcroft says Friday in Austin the Justice Department would be run according to the rule of law, not politics.

The Associated Press

**AUSTIN, Texas** — President-elect Bush, promising a Justice Department "guided by principle, not by politics," on Friday nominated Sen. John Ashcroft, a staunch conservative, to be attorney general. In a delicate balance, Bush also tapped moderate New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman as environmental chief.

In announcing Ashcroft, defeated last month as Missouri senator, Bush said, "He will be faithful to the law, pursuing justice without favor. He will enforce the law and he will follow the truth."

Several hours later, Bush promoted Whitman, once a rising GOP star, saying, "She has been able to balance the demands for economic growth and at



N.J. Gov. Christie Whitman Would run the EPA

the same time she supported environmental protection measures."

Ashcroft, 58, is a former governor and attorney general of Missouri. He was elected to the Senate in 1994, and served on the Judiciary Committee. He lost re-election this year to Gov. Mel Carnahan, who died in a plane crash some three weeks before Election Day. Carnahan's widow, Jean, has been named to succeed Ashcroft.

Ashcroft said at a news conference that political defeat "brings more than emotion and pain, it brings perspective."

A favorite of GOP conservatives who had momentum against more moderate choices for the Justice Department, Ashcroft said he would "strive to be a guardian of liberty and equal justice." Ashcroft, an ardent foe of abortion, said the rule of law "knows no class, sees no color and bows to no creed," and that will be his guideline.

"I will administer the Department of Justice with integrity, I will advise your administration with integrity and I will enforce the laws ... with integrity," he promised Bush.

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# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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**IDAHO Extremes**  
 Yesterday: High 43° Low 6°  
 Coldest: -10°  
 Warmest: 52°  
 Craziest: 22° in 1900

**Precipitation**  
 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: trace  
 Month to date: 0.82"  
 Normal month to date: 0.82"  
 Year to date: 7.47"  
 Normal year to date: 10.19"

**Humidity**  
 Yesterday at noon: 84%  
 Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.07 in.

**Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls**  
 Grass: Absent Weeds: Absent  
 Trees: Absent Mold: 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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## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

| TODAY                        | TONIGHT                             | SUNDAY                             | MONDAY                                  | TUESDAY                                    | WEDNESDAY                                  |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|--|
|                              |                                     |                                    |   |  |  |
| A stray rain or snow shower. | Rain and snow changing to all snow. | Snow, a couple of inches possible. | A snow shower possible early, some sun. | Patchy fog early, otherwise, partly sunny. | Patchy fog early, otherwise, partly sunny. |
| ▲ 38°                        | ▼ 28°                               | ▲ 36° ▼ 22°                        | ▲ 34° ▼ 14°                             | ▲ 30° ▼ 16°                                | ▲ 34° ▼ 18°                                |

## REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** Mostly cloudy today with a couple of spotty showers of snow and rain. Snow and rain will increase from west to east late this afternoon and tonight.

**Boise:** Mostly cloudy through early this afternoon with no more than passing shower of rain or snow; snow and rain will increase late this afternoon with precipitation changing to all snow tonight.

**Northern Nevada:** Clouds and a little sunshine at times today; a few spots could have a rain or snow shower this afternoon, mainly in the west. Mostly cloudy tonight with areas of snow developing.

**Northern Utah:** Clouds and occasional sunshine today with no more than a stray sprinkle or flurry. Mostly cloudy tonight with snow showers developing; some of the snow will be heavy in the mountains.

**Northern Idaho:** Cloudy today with occasional snow and rain, also pockets of ice. Snow ice and rain will increase tonight with precipitation changing over, but to all snow on the lowest elevations.

## NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 77° in Organ Pipe Cactus, AZ Low 33° in Tower, MN

## NATIONAL WEATHER

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

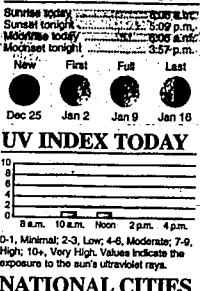


## SUN AND MOON

**Sunrise today:** 7:59 a.m.  
**Sunset tonight:** 5:09 p.m.  
**Midnight today:** 12:00 a.m.  
**Moonset tonight:** 3:57 p.m.

**New First Full Last**  
 Dec 25 Jan 2 Jan 9 Jan 16

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## CANADIAN CITIES

| City      | Today | Sun.  |
|-----------|-------|-------|
| Calgary   | 18 10 | 18 10 |
| Edmonton  | 26 17 | 26 13 |
| Regina    | 17 11 | 17 11 |
| Saskatoon | 25 17 | 25 17 |
| Winnipeg  | 4 -2  | 1 -1  |

## WORLD CITIES

| City           | Today | Sun.  |
|----------------|-------|-------|
| Atlanta        | 53 37 | 53 37 |
| Boston         | 45 37 | 45 37 |
| Chicago        | 34 21 | 34 21 |
| Denver         | 34 21 | 34 21 |
| Houston        | 77 68 | 77 68 |
| Los Angeles    | 63 44 | 63 44 |
| London         | 48 39 | 48 37 |
| Madrid         | 52 37 | 52 37 |
| Moscow         | 25 19 | 25 19 |
| New York       | 45 37 | 45 37 |
| Paris          | 50 37 | 50 37 |
| San Francisco  | 52 37 | 52 37 |
| Seattle        | 48 37 | 48 37 |
| Washington, DC | 48 37 | 48 37 |

## REGIONAL CITIES

| City          | Today | Sun.  |
|---------------|-------|-------|
| Boise         | 38 20 | 38 20 |
| Burley        | 39 27 | 39 12 |
| Coeur d'Alene | 32 26 | 32 20 |
| Elko          | 35 18 | 35 15 |
| Eugene, OR    | 50 38 | 49 30 |
| Hammerman     | 39 27 | 39 18 |
| Idaho Falls   | 32 19 | 35 14 |
| Kaisapoint    | 28 18 | 26 15 |
| Lewiston      | 38 32 | 38 28 |
| Malta         | 32 23 | 30 11 |
| Meridian      | 2 9   | 16 0  |

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## Seat

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Farm Bureau board member.

- Paul Christensen, a Cassia County commissioner.
- Tom Geary, former Farm Bureau president.
- Earl Warthen, an Albion farmer.

Here's what the five men said about their candidacies:

**Scott Bedke, 42, an Oakley-area rancher,** said his focus is on agriculture and local decision-making.

"It's very important that we have representation in Boise on those issues," Bedke said.

He said he would champion responsible agriculture and keeping the federal government out of water management decisions.

"We've got something special in the Magic Valley with our mix of agriculture and agriculture-related industry," Bedke said. He said he would use his position in the Legislature to promote that kind of development.

He recognizes, however, there's not much a state lawmaker can do to improve the current problems.

"Agriculture is sick at this point," he said. "If there were magic wands to be had they would've already waved them."

A former member of then-Gov. Phil Barbee's commission on public lands, Bedke said he is no stranger to Statehouse processes and is good at soliciting the opinions of others.

"I have a pretty good feel for the interests and concerns of this area," he said.

Earl Christensen, 63, a semi-retired farmer and rancher from Burley, has run twice in Republican primaries against Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Deer.

"I've just always had an interest in serving the people of the area," he said. "I really find it interesting to do that kind of stuff."

Currently chairman of the Lake Walcott Watershed Advisory group, Christensen is a precinct chairman for the Cassia County Republican Party, and a former county planning and zoning commissioner.

Christensen would like to see the state become more active in stimulating the economy in rural Idaho and developing more trade avenues with other countries.

"They've been working on that, but there's still some things the state could do in pursuing some agreements," he said.

Keeping "lawmakers" and bureaucrats from spending the state's anticipated tax surplus is another one of his priorities.

Christensen said in his previous campaigns for the Legislature he garnered at least one-third of the vote, so he knows there's a constituency that supports him.

Paul Christensen, 47, also a Burley farmer, said he wants to provide the Legislature with the perspective of someone who feels strongly about the rights of local government.

"I think I can be a real asset, strike the balance between state and local issues," Christensen said.

A big concern for him is that while the Magic Valley has good schools and a good two-year college, a dearth of jobs for youth prompts them to seek opportunity elsewhere.

"I'd like to see our youth have an opportunity here in the Magic Valley," Christensen said.

A legislative appointment

## Spirit

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Recovery has been a challenge, not an ordeal, said church member and Immanuel school trustee Ken Barth of Twin Falls.

"It brings us closer together, it makes the congregation stronger," he said.

And when the rebuilding is finished, the church will probably be better than ever.

"We could see right away after the fire that the Lord was probably leading us into a better building," he said.

Bedder also said the church's new closeness is a gift — one that sometimes comes in the form of a test of patience.

During an inspection of the sanctuary Thursday, he took a brief detour into his office.

The tang of ozone — used to remove the odor of smoke — mixed with the sharp smell of fresh varnish as a crew labored away at restoration.

"Sometimes it's a mad house over there (at the school)," he said. "I can't wait to get back over here, so I can be so quiet and do some wiring."

The biggest challenge of the cleanup will be the church's pipe organ, said John Collins Jr., general manager of Servicemaster of Magic Valley, which is working on the job. Only a few specialists around the country are qualified to do the job, and it took Servicemaster a while to track down a pipe organ specialist with available time.

"One guy we booked solid for six months out," Collins said.

A pipe organ specialist from Utah is expected to tackle the Immanuel Lutheran job sometime next month, he said.

That will delay the reopening of the sanctuary.

Even so, this could be the church's brightest Christmas.

"When the physical traditions are taken away, you start to see the real meaning of the holiday. The scripture, the gift of the Lord, rather than that ornament you loved so much in that place you were used to seeing it," he said.

see an increase in small business and maybe a return to the small farming communities we had in the past," he said.

No matter who ends up going to Boise, Peterson said District 25 would be well-represented. And he said Kempton's new position is a testament to his work in the Legislature.

He's been an outstanding legislator for several years," he said.

"We are fortunate to have had him serve here and at the same time to have had him appointed to the council."

Peterson and Kempton want to get the vacancy filled as soon as possible so the new legislator can be in place by the opening of the 2001 legislative session, on Jan. 8.

"Hopefully next week we will have a meeting," Peterson said. But it's unclear when Peterson could gather all the electors from District 25's voting precincts.

Each precinct chairman serves as a member of the district's executive committee and as an elector. Four of the district's 29 precincts — one in Murtaugh, one in Rupert and two in Heyburn — are located outside Cassia County.

By state law, the Republican committee in Kempton's legislative District 25 has 10 days after his resignation to submit three nominees to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. Kempthorne will then select one of the nominees to succeed Peterson.

Kempton picks up his new duties with the Northwest Power Planning Council in mid-January after accepting Kempthorne's appointment Thursday.

Kempton's job as chairman of the House Transportation and Defense Committee will also be up for grabs once the Legislature convenes next month.

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## Power

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"Just because there may be storm water that could generate energy greater than the average load for December, doesn't mean that we have excess water for generation," he wrote.

"The snow-pack for the next water year is now at 74 percent of normal with less than normal moisture projected for the next few months. This means that Idaho will most likely be in a deficit position during the winter months."

PUC staff said the three companies earlier asked them about appropriate responses to the emergency order.

Idaho Power told California officials it has no excess power, but officials continue to demand detailed information about the company's hydro and coal-fired generation, PUC staff said.

Craig said he recognizes California's problem, but does not believe that Idahoans should be forced to suffer by giving up its energy resources.

"California has created its own problems — and now their problems are being pushed onto other systems," Craig said.

Craig also said the order does not guarantee out-of-state suppliers will be paid adequately.

Richardson has said that the rates for out-of-state suppliers will be "just and reasonable."

If California or the federal government question the PUC's move, it likely becomes a matter for the courts to hash out, PUC member Paul Kjellander said Friday.

"California regulatory efforts have missed the mark; they're not sending appropriate price signals to their customers," he said.

"We're in a high-plains desert, not a tropical zone capable of supplying excess amounts of water."

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 8 12 22 35 50

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**NATION**



A man weaves his bike through traffic on Elwood Avenue during a brief lull in a lake-effect snowstorm in Buffalo, N.Y., Friday.

## Bad weather messes up holiday travel across U.S.

The Associated Press

Snow, fog, ice and cold air severe enough to freeze up trains and airport fuel tanks delayed holiday travelers around the country Friday at the start of the busy Christmas weekend.

"My two kids now are sick. This is a disaster," said Eric Rosenkrantz of Preston, Md., as he waited at Boston's Logan Airport to board a plane to Florida after the family's flight was canceled two days in a row.

The delays in Boston were caused by snow there and fog in Philadelphia, New York and Los Angeles.

The American Automobile Association predicted nearly 61

million people would travel by all means of transportation between the Christmas and New Year's weekends, up by about 2 million from last year.

Hundreds of passengers taking Amtrak's City of New Orleans waited more than 15 hours - six of them on board - for the train to leave Chicago on Thursday night after minus-9 cold froze up cars and locomotive fuel lines.

When the train finally left, it traveled only 20 miles to Homewood, Ill., where it stopped because the crew had worked the maximum shift.

Amtrak scrambled to get the passengers to their holiday destinations by bus, plane or other means.

## Appeals court overturns acclaimed man's sentence

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Wilbert Rideau, the crusading jailhouse journalist acclaimed for his unflinching exposes of brutality behind bars, got his murder conviction thrown out by a federal appeals court Friday after nearly 40 years in prison.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously ruled that blacks were improperly excluded from the grand jury that indicted Rideau, a black man, in the 1961 slaying of a white bank teller.

The court said Rideau, 58, must be retried in a reasonable amount of time or set free.

Prosecutors acknowledged that getting another conviction would be difficult, if not impossible, but said they will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The prison would not make Rideau available for comment. His lawyer, Julian Murray, said Rideau had already heard about the ruling by the time he talked to him at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola.

"This is one of the first times I've ever talked to him when he was at a loss for words," Murray said. "He was sorry it took 40 years to overturn a grand jury indictment that was the result of the apartheid system that existed in the '60s."

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## Cabinet

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Bush said, "John Ashcroft will perform his duties guided by principle, not by politics."

Many Republicans have accused Attorney General Janet Reno of playing politics for refusing to appoint an independent counsel to investigate President Clinton and Al Gore for alleged campaign fund-raising abuses.

Bush defended Ashcroft against complaints from civil rights groups that he helped defeat the nomination for a federal judgeship of Missouri Supreme Court Judge Ronnie White, the first black on the high court.

"He had his reasons of blocking a single nomination. And I thought about that, and I looked at the facts, and I listened to him. And there's no question in my mind that this is a person who believes in civil rights for all citizens," Bush said.

Julian Bond, NAACP board chairman, strongly criticized the Ashcroft pick. "Any pretense of unifying the nation has ended with this nomination," Bond said in an interview. "This confirms the correctness of blacks voting 9-to-1 against Governor Bush."

Conservatives rallied around Ashcroft.

"He has a solid conservative legal and judicial philosophy combined with a moderate personal persona which will help him get along with all the people he will need to deal with," said Republican Gary Bauer.

Ashcroft and other Cabinet picks require Senate confirmation.

In a bow to environmentalists, Bush emphasized in naming

Whitman that he intended to keep the EPA position at the Cabinet level, a change first made by Clinton that some Republicans opposed.

"This job will be a challenge," said Whitman, who grew up on a horse farm. She said it is possible to build a more prosperous America while meeting our environmental obligations to those who follow us.

Whitman, 54, a moderate who favors abortion rights, has angered social conservatives.

*Season's Greetings*

May you enjoy a wonderful holiday with family and friends. We're very grateful to you for your support and look forward to serving you again throughout the year to come.

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### Community

A page for you and your neighbors.

| MALL HOURS THIS WEEK |         |         |           |          |               |               |
|----------------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Sunday               | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday        | Saturday      |
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When: 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
How much: \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for children, \$9 for families



### Book signing today

What: Kirk Anderson will sign his new book, "Idaho Discovered"  
Where: Iconoclast Books, 100 First Ave., Ketchum  
When: 2 p.m. today  
How much: Free

### Holiday night bowling

What: Cedar Lanes holds Spectro Bowling  
Where: 405 Highway 30, Filer  
When: 7-9 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight  
How much: \$8

### Christmas Eve celebration

What: "A Family Christmas" will be held at Bethel Temple Apostolic Church Sunday  
Where: The corner of Hankins Road and Ninth Avenue East, Twin Falls  
When: Hot cider reception begins at 9:30 a.m.; program at 10 a.m.  
How much: Free

### Music at Muggers

What: EZ Leader will play at Muggers tonight  
Where: 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls  
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
How much: \$3 cover charge

### Skate at Skateland

What: Skating for all ages  
Where: 2100 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls  
When: 1-4 p.m.  
How much: \$4

- compiled from staff reports

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - Christmas is on Monday.  
Here's what's open and closed Monday and Tuesday.  
City, county, state and federal offices will be closed Monday, and will reopen Tuesday.  
The U.S. Postal Service will only deliver express mail Monday. Normal operation will resume Tuesday.  
Trash collection will be delayed one day. Trash regularly collected on Monday will be collected Tuesday.  
The Twin Falls Public Library will be closed Monday and open Tuesday.  
Most banks will open Tuesday.

# Study blasts Forest Service

## Watchdog group criticizes handling of Western fires

By Megan Scully  
States News Service

WASHINGTON - While the federal government has lauded the U.S. Forest Service on its success battling record wildfires in Idaho and across the West this year, a recent study by a conservative watchdog group said the agency wasted taxpayers' dollars.

Mismanagement within the Forest Service led to a record \$1.6 billion firefighting budget, nearly double the cost of extinguishing severe blazes in years past, according to a report released by Taxpayers for Common Sense.

The group points to the Forest Service's lack of fire prevention plans in all but 5 percent of national forests as a significant reason why it failed to prevent and control the outbreak of blazes.

Failure to establish fire prevention plans on all burnable areas, despite a 1995 pledge to do so, forces the service to "go

into fighting fires with blindfolded on," said Jonathan Oppenheimer, the study's director.

The plans serve as a "roadmap or game plan for the Forest Service to follow" and establish what firefighters should and should not do in the case of a fire, Oppenheimer said. The plans also should establish several firefighting priorities, including letting certain small fires burn if conditions are not likely to swell it into a large blaze.

While the agency pledged to institute plans across the country by 1996, Forest Service officials downplayed their importance in

preventing and controlling fires.

"Fire management plans don't cause fires, and fire management plans don't put out fires," said Harry Croft, deputy director for fire and aviation management at the Forest Service. "Fire season is going to do what it wants and it doesn't have anything to do with plans."

The record number of blazes fought this year, Croft said, was not attributable to mismanagement, but rather to a lengthy drought in the West, which made conditions ripe for wildfires.

In places such as Salmon, hilly terrain and dry lands fueled a

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## New Jerome residents hear annexation law

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The City Council explained some of the finer points of annexation law to about 200 newly annexed residents at a special meeting Thursday evening.

The city recently annexed about 160 acres north of the city into city limits.

The city has withdrawn the annexation of the land that includes the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center dispatch site and the South Central District Health Department. The city will wait to annex the Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church site until the city and the Rev. Randall Davis can work out details concerning city requirements on curbs and gutters and parking lots.

City Engineer Scott Bybee said the city has consulted with legal counsel as well as with the state attorney general's office. He discussed several ways in which the annexation would affect residents, including:

- The city will give newly annexed residents a one-year grace period to hook up to the city sewer system. During that grace period, the city will waive the \$1,500 hookup fee. The property owner would only have to cover the expense of installing the pipe from his residence to the property line.

- Any newly annexed resident who owns water shares with the Northside Canal Co. can either turn those water shares over to the city and pay the city for delivery of the water, or hold onto the water shares and have the canal company deliver the water with no additional city water assessment charged.

- If the property owner is in compliance with county codes at the time of the annexation (for instance rules governing the number of animals allowed on their property), the resident can continue with the same land use for 10 years.

Mayor Dennis Moore said Jerome is in a rural area and people are used to having their animals.

"As long as neighbors don't complain, the city will not get involved," Moore said.

At the end of 10 years, the resident can continue to apply for 10-year extensions. If the land is sold, the land use goes with the land.

- The city can legally annex five-acre or larger parcels without the owner's consent. The city plans to proceed with annexing the contested parcels located northwest of the city in January.

The city plans to pass a resolution clarifying the annexation's legal issues at the Jan. 2 City Council meeting. Copies of the resolution will be available at City Hall.

Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached in Jerome at 324-3670.

## A SUN VALLEY CHRISTMAS



MANE BORGES/The Times-News

The Sun Valley Carolers - never mind that they're from Utah State University - will perform Christmas Eve at the Sun Valley Ice Rink. The free show, presented by Sun Valley Resort, includes a short ice skating show, caroling by the Carolers who have added a reggae and rap number to their repertoire this year, a torchlight parade down Dollar Mountain, free cocoa and cookies and fireworks. It begins at 5 p.m.

## STACKS OF FUN



BARBARA BORGES/The Times-News

High school students Graham Watanabe and Jeff West built a 13-story gingerbread skyscraper at this year's gingerbread decorating party in Sun Valley. More than 600 children attended the event, pasting globs of icing and dozens of pounds of red hots, M&Ms, gumdrops and other foodstuffs on their creations.

## New economic developer sees potential in Mini-Cassia area

By Aaron Brock  
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Mini-Cassia has plenty of good attributes to attract businesses, the area's economic development coordinator told the Minidoka County commissioners on Friday.

"I see quite a bit of potential," Mechelle McFarland said. She called the area "really easy to market."

The assets of Mini-Cassia include good technical training with the Cassia Regional Technical Center and the College of Southern Idaho, she said. Also, the location and the people are bonuses for incoming businesses.

"It's a good place to work, to live and to play," she said. Even with the struggling economy, area residents are fortunate to live in Mini-Cassia, said Larry Harper, the commission chairman.

"We take a lot for granted, being able to live in this area," he said. "We are pretty blessed in a lot of ways."

High unemployment is rarely

"We've got an excellent work force to draw from."

- Mechelle McFarland, economic development coordinator

thought of as an asset, but it means there is more of a motivated work pool, McFarland said.

"We've got an excellent work force to draw from," she said.

The area's inventory of buildings, however, needs some work, she said. Most companies do not want to build their own buildings, and would prefer to rent office and retail space, which is in fairly short supply in Rupert.

Commissioner John Rensberg suggested that Rupert could approach corporations and offer to build a facility to the specifications of the company.

## DEQ delays hog farm plan review

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - People will have to wait another week to review and comment on the draft permit for a controversial hog farm proposal in the Raft River area.

The state Department of Environmental Quality issued a stay this week on a draft permit for Big Sky Farms LLC. The corporation has to reorganize portions of its application to make it easier for the public to review, said Steve Allred, the DEQ's state director.

"There's no critical flaw. I just feel it needed additional work," Allred said.  
Big Sky's head, Ron Achs, was traveling for the holidays this week, according to his secretary. Achs did not return a message left on his voice mail Thursday or Friday. Donald Knickrehm, Achs' Boise attorney, declined comment.

The application, which is a foot thick, needs to have its remediation plans consolidated into five separate plans, said Mike McMasters of the DEQ's Twin Falls office.

The draft plans cover issues such as odor management, the handling of dead animals and final site closure.

So the DEQ issued a stay while Big Sky consolidates that information. Allred predicted the DEQ would issue a draft permit within a week.

"Big Sky has been very cooperative," Allred said.

The DEQ had until today to issue a draft permit, 30 days after the agency deemed the operation environmentally suitable. The permit will describe the operating and management conditions for the 50,000-sow hog farm and would be subject to public comment.

The draft permit is the next major step for the permitting process, which began in October 1999. Once a public notice has been published, saying the draft permit has been issued, it will be available at various locations for public comment.

The DEQ can then hold a public hearing at anyone's written request, Allred said. The DEQ will take public comment into consideration when it issues a final permit.

Before the DEQ issues a final permit, the county Planning and Zoning Commission must have a public hearing and approve the operation, based on a review of the project's social and economic impacts. The planning commission's decision could be appealed to county commissioners, and ultimately to a district judge.

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But Commissioner Donald Handy said that most businesses want buildings in place before they even come to the area, so that they can take up residence without waiting for construction.

McFarland agreed: "I keep thinking, if we build it, they will come."

With the Rupert Square, Pomerelle Ski Area and the City of Rocks National Reserve, there are plenty of things in the area that need to be marketed. But there hasn't been much marketing, Rensberg said.

Thousands of people drive past Burley and Rupert, and there should be more than the few existing highway signs to tell them what features the area offers, he said.

"I marvel when I drive through and I see absolutely nothing about what's here," he said.

Times-News writer Aaron Brock can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, ext. 110.

# Filer School Board hears about awards

By John E. Swayze  
Times-News correspondent

**FILER** — The School Board heard about some of the district's achievements at Wednesday night's meeting.

The school's speech team brought home a first-place Class B Sweepstakes Award from a tournament earlier this month at Utah's Brigham Young University. Eleven of the 16 participants brought home medals or ribbons. Team captain Darcie Littler said the next competition will be held Jan. 17-18 in Rexburg.

Also Wednesday, High School Principal Leon Madsen voiced a

**Meeting**  
The Filer School Board will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Filer Elementary School library. The meeting is open to the public.

need to recruit more students into advanced math and science classes. He said only about 10 to 15 percent of the senior class is currently enrolled in the advanced classes.

In other action Wednesday, Filer Athletic Director LaReil Paterson gave the board an update on efforts to generate community support for a new 400-meter track. The all-weather

facility would be built on land west of the high school. The estimated cost of the project is \$130,000 to \$140,000.

Some people questioned whether it might be better to renovate the existing track. Generally, the board did not think that such an option would be any more cost effective. The School Board also discussed the possibility of starting a high school soccer program. Paterson and Jay Fort will schedule a parent meeting and circulate a sign-up sheet.

Times-News correspondent John Swayze can be reached in Filer at 326-4199.

# Jury finds defendant guilty in murder of ex-wife, her boyfriend

**MOSCOW (AP)** — A Latah County jury on Friday found Dale Carter Shackelford guilty of murdering his ex-wife and her boyfriend and burning their bodies.

Jurors decided Shackelford was responsible for the May 1999 shootings of Donna Fontaine and her boyfriend Fred Palahniuk at a remote apartment east of Kendrick.

Shackelford was found guilty on six counts: first-degree murder in Fontaine's death, first-degree murder in Palahniuk's death, first-degree arson for burning Fontaine's apartment where the couple's bodies were found, conspiracy to commit murder, and preparing evidence for the Latah County grand jury that investigated Fontaine's death.

For nearly 15 minutes, 2nd District Judge John Stegner's courtroom echoed with the refrain "guilty, guilty, guilty," as each of the 12 jurors was polled on their decision.

Shackelford, who smiled and mugged for photographs with his attorneys before the verdict came, remained expressionless throughout the readings. He



Dale Carter Shackelford, right, and defense attorney Steve Mahaffy wait for a verdict in Shackelford's trial Friday in Moscow.

could receive the death penalty during sentencing before Stegner on June 25.

Ray Barker, Shackelford's attorney, said he will appeal the verdict. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Robin Eckmann said she was pleased with the outcome of the case. "I feel like justice was done."

she said. After nearly two days of deliberations, jurors would not discuss their decision with reporters on Friday.

The bodies of Fontaine and Palahniuk were discovered May 29 in a burning building about 15 miles east of Kendrick. Each had been shot with a shotgun and a .32-caliber pistol.

# Prosecutor blames Massachusetts for releasing suspect in Montana

**GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP)** — A prosecutor here accused Massachusetts of dumping a sexual predator on Montana, when it was clear he was a serious threat to children.

Instead of locking Nathaniel Bar-Jonah up in 1991 after his third known attack on children, he was released after promising to move with his mother to Montana. Cascade County Attorney Brent Light said Friday.

Bar-Jonah now is suspected of cannibalism in the death of a 10-year-old.

"He was dumped on us," Light said. "And we are deeply offended by that."

Bar-Jonah, 43, was charged this week with murder and aggravated kidnapping in connection with the 1996 disappearance of Zachary Ramsay in Great Falls. Investigators say evidence suggests Bar-Jonah raped and murdered the boy, butchered him and disposed of the body in meals he served to unsuspecting neighbors.

Massachusetts Department of Mental Health spokesman John Widlison said Friday that two of the agency's psychiatrists urged Judge Walter E. Steele not to

release Bar-Jonah after 11 years in a mental hospital, because they believed he was still dangerous. Steele released him anyway.

Three months later, Bar-Jonah assaulted a child. Steele, who has since left the bench, could not be reached for comment Friday.

Light said investigators fear they have only scratched the surface of Bar-Jonah's heinous crimes. Evidence also shows Bar-Jonah traveled to Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, Washington and Wyoming.

The FBI and local authorities in those states and others are reviewing reports on missing children. Light said the Wyoming trip coincided with the disappearance of a young girl there.

Investigators searching Bar-Jonah's Great Falls garage this summer for evidence in Ramsay's disappearance found bone fragments belonging to a child. DNA tests determined they were not Ramsay's bones.

Light said Bar-Jonah's criminal history dating back two decades in Massachusetts should have been a "clear red flag" that he was too dangerous to be released.

In 1975, Bar-Jonah pleaded guilty to nearly choking an 8-year-old boy to death. He received probation. Two years later, he pleaded guilty to kidnapping and trying to kill two Shrewsbury, Mass., boys he abducted at a movie theater parking lot.

He spent less than two years in prison before being transferred to a state mental hospital, where he stayed for 11 years.

Steele, a Suffolk County superior court judge, ordered his release in 1991, despite concerns expressed by state psychiatrists that he was still dangerous. Shortly after his release, Bar-Jonah was arrested in Oxford, Mass., where he assaulted a boy sitting in a car outside a post office.

Under a plea agreement, Bar-Jonah received a suspended jail sentence, on condition he move to Montana with his mother.

"That's where the system really fell apart," Light said. "A guy who just gets out of a mental institution for assaulting boys, and then he assaults another, and you decide 'Let's give him probation and make him move to Montana.'"

## SERVICES

**Darwin Pfeifer Neibaur** of Paul, services at 2 p.m. today at the Paul LDS Stake Center. Friends and family may call one hour before services today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

**Walter Douglas Short** of Boise, services at 10 a.m. today at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel.

**Sven Merwin Petterson** of Filer, services at 2 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Rd. in Twin Falls.

**Ferrell John Chambers** of Hazelton, services at 2 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel. Friends and family may call one hour before services at the chapel.

**Mabel Bonnie Lee Austin** of Wendell, memorial services at 11 a.m. today at Demaray Funeral Chapel, 164 E. Main in Wendell.

**Robert A. Stevens** of Declo, services at 11 a.m. today at the Declo Stake Center.

**Friends and family** may call one hour before services at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

## DEATH NOTICES

**Perry A. Jones**  
RUPERT — Perry A. Jones, 87, of Rupert died Friday, Dec. 22, 2000, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Services are pending under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

**James Ives (Tennessee) Fortner**  
WHITEBIRD — James Ives (Tennessee) Fortner, 76, of Whitebird died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000, at his home in Whitebird. A private family memorial service will be held later next week in Whitebird. Local arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

**Evelyn Stanger**  
TWIN FALLS — Evelyn Stanger, 78, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary.

## HOSPITALS

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**MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
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Admitted: Kelly Franson of Buhl, Lawrence Johnson of Gooding, Alice Jones of Kimberly.  
Dismissed: Joan Bennett, Kaye Gussenhoven both of Buhl.

Admitted: Pauline Hofstetter of Rupert, Morgan Hodge of Burley.  
Dismissed: Morgan Hodge of Burley, Mark Dominguez of Rupert, Sandra Peul of Rupert.

## OBITUARY

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

**RUPERT**  
Dec. 21, 2000, at the Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.  
He was born Sept. 17, 1918, in American Falls, Idaho, the son of Thomas E. and Marjorie Rose Rodner Walton. He received his education in Shoshone and Twin Falls, graduating from Twin Falls High School. Following graduation, he attended and graduated from Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore., where he was a major in English and Spanish, and a minor in Geology. During college, he was captain of the tennis team. He married Ruth D. Neider on Aug. 5, 1941, in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Leo was an educator by profession, having taught in Rockland and Pocatello, Idaho, prior to moving to Rupert in 1949, where he taught at Rupert High School and later at Minico High School. He loved his profession teaching both English and Spanish and was the Service Club Advisor for many years.

Summer months were spent working for the Minidoka Irrigation District. He retired from teaching in 1980. He enjoyed reading, bridge, bowling, and more importantly, he loved golf, golf, and golfing. Survivors include his children, Maryellen Dawley of Island Park, Idaho, James D. Walton of Pocatello, Idaho, and Thomas H. Walton of Heyburn, Idaho, nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife Ruth on Feb. 2, 1996.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000, at Calvary Baptist Church, 515 W. 27th St., Burley, with Pastor John L. Ramsey, officiating. Inurnment will follow in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call at Restusness Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, on Tuesday, from 6-8 p.m. and on Wednesday, at the church, from 10-10:45 a.m.

## FOR THE RECORD

**The Times-News**  
**Cassia County**  
BURLEY — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:  
**Misdemeanor dismissals** — David Mark Hobbes, 48, 24 N. 700 W., Burley, failure to carry driver's license on person. Clarence Sparks, 44, P.O. Box 629, Paul, inattentive driving. Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.  
Javier Calderon, 25, 208 E. 14th, Burley; invalid driver's license; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

**Misdemeanor sentences**  
Lane T. Bodily, 18, 390 W. 100 S., Burley; making injury on suspended; pleaded guilty, \$30 fine, \$63.50 court costs, \$10 defer fee; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.  
Sarah Louise Bill, 34, 751 1/2 1st St., Heyburn; one count disturbing the peace, dismissed; one count battery, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days jail, 90 days suspended, one year probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Ros C. Holloway.  
Mark A. Goodley, 44, 451 N. 100 W., Burley; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, \$50 defender fees, 60 days jail, 90 days suspended, one year probation, 60 months driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Ros C. Holloway.  
Herrn Hansen, 52, General Delivery, Fifth; criminal contempt of court, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court costs, 120 days jail, 30 days suspended, one year probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Ros C. Holloway.  
Christopher Gene Greco, 23, P.O. Box 831, Heyburn; reckless driving, attempted to driving offense by person controlling the vehicle, found guilty, \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.  
Douglas William Martin, 42, 460 E. Poplar, Oakley; one count aggravated battery use of deadly weapon, amended to misdemeanor battery, pleaded guilty, \$250 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 60 days jail, 90 days suspended, one year probation, time credited; one count enhancement for use of deadly weapon, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.  
Noel Vega Juarez, 19, 535 W. 11th St., Burley; one count failure to appear for misdemeanor traffic citation, dismissed, one count invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$60 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.  
Daniel I. Reyes, 21, 742 Malva Ave., Burley; one count resisting officers, dismissed, one count possession of a controlled substance by a minor, pleaded guilty, \$50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 90 days driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Ros C. Holloway.  
Mony R. Jacobson, 25, 115 Seventh Ave. N., No. 8, Fargo, N.D.; illegal animal ownership, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

**Drunk-driving sentences**  
Morgan Hodge, 29, 1008 W. 450 N., Pharo, Utah; motor carrier safety violation, pleaded guilty, \$263.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.  
Larry Hamon, 34, 1521 S. 1st, Heyburn; violation of in-contact order, pleaded guilty, \$30 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 90 days jail, 30 days suspended, 12 months probation, 30 days suspended, 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.  
Joseph G. Hoover, 41, 401 Whitman, Albion; invalid driver's license, \$93.50 fine, \$38.50 court costs.

**Minidoka County**  
RUPERT — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Minidoka County included:  
**Misdemeanor dismissals**  
Laura Annette Benz, 28, 210 S. A. St., N. 14, Rupert; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; Magistrate Judge Ros C. Holloway.  
Jose Rios, 19, 1800 Albion Ave., Burley; one count criminal contempt of court; one count inattentive driving, accident involved; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.  
John Patrick Hiss, 27, 1011 Park Ave. A24, Burley; failure to carry driver's license on person.  
Saul C. Zaragoza, 27, 275 S. Meridian, Rupert; failure to stop at a stop sign; one count; Magistrate Judge Ros C. Holloway.  
Juan Jose Juarez, 18, 107 Center, Rupert; one count possession of alcohol/beverages by a minor, three counts criminal contempt of court; Magistrate Judge Ros C. Holloway.  
Hector E. Mendota, 25, 240 Collins, Juleta, Ill.; one count resisting officers, one count beer consumption in public place; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.  
Jose Luis Zapata Jr., 26, P.O. Box 821, Heyburn; criminal contempt of court; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.  
Shelly L. Jullietter, 17, 206 Linden, Burley; criminal contempt of court; Magistrate Judge Ros C. Holloway.

**Boise-area sentences**  
Hersa Maria Garcia, 17, 958 Third E., Twin Falls; invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$93.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.  
Larry Hamon, 34, 1521 S. 1st, Heyburn; violation of in-contact order, pleaded guilty, \$30 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 90 days jail, 30 days suspended, 12 months probation, 30 days suspended, 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.  
Joseph G. Hoover, 41, 401 Whitman, Albion; invalid driver's license, \$93.50 fine, \$38.50 court costs.

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# Tenant has plans for old Rupert bowling alley

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — Santa Claus has been making appearances at the old Rupert Bowl building.

Actually, Santa is Tom Williams, the alley's new tenant, who has a long wish list of plans for the building.

Williams has moved his second-hand store and auction business from the former Magic Valley Tire building on Scott Avenue to the alley's current location on Idaho Highway 24, where it intersects with Idaho Highway 25.

"More traffic drives by the bowling alley in one hour than drives down Scott Avenue in a week," Williams said.

Williams is hoping the new location will help him expand his business. Beginning next week, he plans to open a puppy, park and sell lot in front of the building, where people can bring used vehicles to sell. He would like to hold a flea market once a month, and also hopes to open a food wagon inside.

In the spring, Williams hopes to add dances, and turn a portion of the building into an events center, where weddings and parties can be held.

On Jan. 6, 2001, he is planning to hold his first auction at the new location. Recently, Williams had his first Spanish-speaking



Amber Widmer helps Santa Claus straighten his eyebrows. Tom Williams, who is playing Santa this week, has rented the old Rupert Bowl.

Williams had his first Spanish-speaking auction at the Scott Avenue building. He said it was a big hit and he plans to hold similar auc-

tions at his new location. Mike Brown, a Rupert City Council member and owner of

the Pancake House in Rupert, said he is happy to see the old bowling alley building with a new

**See Santa**  
Children can get their pictures taken with Santa Claus today from 1 to 4 p.m. at the old Rupert Bowl, 906 S. Oneida St. in Rupert. Cost is \$5 per child.

tenant. The Rupert Bowl was vacated after Wally Studer and Marty Holland opened Snake River Bowl in Burley.

Brown said the new location also could benefit Williams. "Location is half of running a business," Brown said. "That puts him out on the highway. It's bound to help him out."

Anything that will promote people coming into town and shopping is good for Rupert, Brown said.

But one thing could still hinder Williams.

"The farm economy is poor," Brown said. "Things are really tight. If a more diversified manufacturing industry came to town, it would help Williams and other small businesses, Brown said.

"Businesses like Tom's tend to flourish when a lot of people are put to work," Brown said. "The key to growth and success is to create a base of working people."

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## TF merchants look for winner in car giveaway

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — If you have ticket No. 8374205, your new car is waiting.

The Historic Old Towne Twin Falls Business Improvement District drew the winning ticket Friday night for its holiday promotional giveaway. The holder of the winning ticket wins a 2001 Toyota Corolla.

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For more information, call the BID office at 733-3434.

## Former deputy gets probation for reckless driving

The Times-News

RUPERT — A former Cassia County sheriff's deputy received a probation sentence earlier this month for a reckless driving incident that happened in May.

Joyce Green, 32, of Rupert, was sentenced Dec. 11 on an amended inattentive driving charge, to which she pleaded guilty, according to court records.

Fifth District Magistrate Judge John M. Melanson sentenced Green to one year probation and ordered her to pay \$200 in fines.

Green had been charged in May with reckless driving in the Wal-Mart parking lot in North Burley. She was off duty and driving her own vehicle at the time.

She was later fired from the sheriff's office due to an incident that Sheriff Billy Crystal said was unrelated to the reckless driving incident.

## Stolen decorations turn up, go back to owners in Pocatello

POCATELLO (AP) — In less than a week, residents along Myrl Street have lost and found their decorative candy canes.

More than seven of the lighted three-foot canes were taken from yards in front of homes last Friday and early this week.

But Thursday morning, the Christmas decorations were returned by police after a Deseret Industries employee recognized the plywood shapes in her company's drop bin.

The employee recognized the canes from media reports and called police.

Residents wasted no time putting their traditional decorations back in place.

For the past decade or so, residents along the street have each put up the candy canes replicas.

It's nice to have the traditional holiday finery back along Myrl Street, Reese said.

## Bid files show senator helped court VIPs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Whether he was helping arrange travel visas, U.S. educations or Washington tours for IOC members and their children, Sen. Orrin Hatch was a powerful supporter of Salt Lake's Olympic bid.

His name popped up several times in an avalanche of bid documents released last week by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

Hatch, R-Utah, refused to be interviewed about his role in helping secure the 2002 Winter Olympics for Salt Lake City. His spokesman, Christopher Resche, said Hatch offered the same help for the Salt Lake bid that he does for thousands of constituents.

"He has nothing to hide," said Resche. "He's been open in this about the fact that he tried to do everything he could ethically and legally to help bring the Winter Games to Salt Lake City."

Nearly 10,000 pages of bid correspondence released last week by Salt Lake's bid executives asked Hatch several times for favors for several International Olympic Committee members.

Hatch was asked to meet with the president of Howard University in Washington, D.C., on behalf of the son of Lamine Keita, the member from Mali.

In November 1993, Frank Joklik, chairman of the Salt Lake bid committee, wrote Hatch saying that Morihia Keita had applied to Howard University but had not learned if he would be accepted.

Joklik also asked Hatch if the senator could help Keita get a legitimate scholarship. The bid committee ended up paying more than \$97,000 for Keita to get a bachelor's degree in finance at Howard.

After his graduation, the bid committee arranged an internship for Keita at First Security Bank in Salt Lake City. Bank president Spence Eccles was a bid trustee and remains on the SLOC board.

Lamine Keita was expelled from the IOC because of his son's scholarship.

Hatch also was enlisted to help secure a visa for Bob Magvan, the son of Mongolian IOC delegate Shagdarjav Magvan, and the bid committee arranged a job for the son at First Security Bank.

There is no indication Hatch helped obtain the visa, although Resche said it would not be unusual for him to do that.

The elder Magvan was issued a "serious warning" by the IOC over a scholarship for his son at the University of Utah and the bank job.

In October 1994, Hatch met with Mohamed Mzali, the former prime minister of Tunisia. Bid president Tom Welch had asked Hatch to arrange special tours of the White House, Supreme Court, and the U.S. Capitol for Mzali.

Welch also asked the senator to set up a meeting for the IOC member with then Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kansas, a photo-opportunity with Vice President Al Gore and an interview with The Washington Post.

# Southern California utility announces layoffs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Southern California Edison Co., one of two huge investor-owned utilities shaken by California's electricity crisis, announced cutbacks impacting 400 jobs Friday — a day after state regulators favored customer rate hikes in January to rescue the utilities.

SoCal Edison, the electric utility subsidiary of Edison International, serves some of 4.2 million customers.

On Thursday, the Public Utilities Commission favored rate increases that would take effect next month that could affect millions of customers across the state.

The PUC said some form of increase was needed to rescue SoCal Edison and Pacific Gas and Electric Co., which like Edison has paid huge amounts for wholesale electricity but has been unable to pass those prices on to its customers because of a rate freeze. PG&E serves 4.7 million cus-

tomers.

Edison International also said it will eliminate its fourth quarter stock dividend, which is usually paid at the end of January.

"Cost-reduction measures affecting electric system operations, maintenance and new investments will result in a reduction of an initial \$100 million in SCE spending for 2001 and impact approximately 400 contract labor jobs," the company said.

The statement was not clear on whether it would be cutting existing spending or planned new expenditures. It was also unclear whether the 400 contract labor jobs it cited would be eliminated or whether these workers would lose overtime opportunities as a result of the spending cuts.

An Edison spokesperson did not immediately return calls.

The PUC's decision on Thursday means that the rate freeze is likely to be lifted on Jan. 4.

## Fires

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fire that swept through large parcels of forest and destroyed several homes.

"The smoke was so thick we could hardly see from house to house," said Croft, who traveled to Salmon during the blaze.

In fact, the fires were so strong that they tore over one patch of 2,000 acres burned two years earlier like it was only a small speed bump. No fire management plan, Croft said, could prepare the agency for such an unpredictable blaze.

The group also criticized federal

al policies that "encourage spending unlimited amounts of money attempting to put out every fire," including a recent \$1.8 billion allocated to the Forest Service to hire extra firefighters and boost forest thinning operations.

"Congress just threw a couple billion at the fire problem and left town," Oppenheimer said.

Rather than doling out money to fight fires, the study suggests that the Forest Service should "minimize costs, not fires" by letting controllable fires burn and prioritizing firefighter safety and

the protection of natural resources.

No firefighters were killed by this summer's blazes, but several were killed in related accidents.

Croft, who fought Western wildfires for 14 years, said the agency sets fires and lets fires burn to thin overgrown forests when officials believe a blaze can be limited to a certain area.

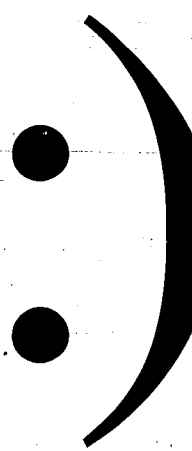
Croft, however, said he was always cautious about letting blazes burn.

"Fire is risky business," Croft said. "All it takes is one good

wind and you have a whole new situation."

While insisting that much of the group's report was "baloney," Croft said he agreed with the study's conclusion that homeowners near Western forests need to take more responsibility to fire-proof homes. Croft also agreed that local and state authorities must educate homeowners on the risk of wildfire and discourage the construction of new homes in fire-prone areas.


"Fires don't respect boundaries," Croft said. "They don't respect anything."



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# Latah County jury finds accused murderer guilty on all accounts

MOSCOW (AP) — A Latah County jury on Friday found Dale Carter Shackelford guilty of murdering his ex-wife and her boyfriend and burning their bodies.

Jurors decided Shackelford is responsible for the May 1999 shootings of Donna Fontaine and her boyfriend Fred Palahniuk at a remote apartment east of Kendrick.

Shackelford was found guilty on six counts: first-degree murder in Fontaine's death, first-degree murder in Palahniuk's death, first-degree arson for burning Fontaine's apartment where the couple's bodies were found, conspiracy to commit murder, conspiracy to commit arson and

preparing false evidence for the Latah County grand jury that investigated Fontaine's death.

For nearly 15 minutes, 2nd District Judge John Stegner's courtroom echoed with the refrain "guilty, guilty, guilty," as each of the 12 jurors were polled on their decision.

Shackelford, who smiled and nudged photographs with his attorneys before the verdict came, remained expressionless throughout the readings. He could receive the death penalty during sentencing by Stegner on June 25.

Ray Barker, Shackelford's attorney, said he will appeal the verdict.

But Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Robin Eckmann said she

was pleased with the outcome of the case.

"I feel like justice was done," she said.

After nearly two days of deliberations, jurors would not discuss their decision with reporters on Friday.

The bodies of Fontaine and Palahniuk were discovered May 29 in a burning building about 15 miles east of Kendrick. Each had been shot with a shotgun and a .32 caliber pistol.

Much of the physical evidence of the crime was destroyed in the fire, but in a lengthy investigation Latah prosecutors and sheriff's deputies uncovered evidence of Shackelford's obsessive hatred of his ex-wife.

# High court sends case back for gross negligence ruling

BOISE (AP) — A judge improperly dismissed a claim against a demolition company for allegedly damaging a downtown Lewiston building while tearing down other buildings destroyed by a 1994 fire, the Idaho Supreme Court said.

The high court's unanimous opinion on Friday reversed 2nd District Judge Ronald Schilling's decision granting summary judgment to A & R Construction Inc. of Lewiston in a lawsuit filed by the owners of the Adams Building.

Schilling found that A & R, along with the city of Lewiston and others, could not be held liable under the Idaho Disaster Preparedness Act, which provides immunity from damages caused in response to a disaster.

A & R was called in by city officials to demolish the walls of several buildings to prevent the risk of collapse in the wake of an early morning fire on March 1, 1994.

S. Griffin Construction Inc. and Sean G. Phillips contend A & R's wrecking ball, while destroying

the Beach Building, pulled a common wall with the Adams Building out of alignment and caused the extensive structural damage that ultimately led to the building being condemned by the city.

Schilling ruled that A & R was immune from liability because it was acting within its contract with the city and was not negligent.

But the Supreme Court, in an opinion written by Justice Wayne Kidwell, said the negligence issue had not been resolved.

Kidwell said it could be reasonable concluded that A & R was grossly negligent because it failed to inspect the buildings before starting demolition.

"The condition of the buildings after the fire, whether people were entering the building to gather personal belongings, and whether A & R should be known of the fact that the buildings were connected with metal straps are all genuine issues of material fact," the justice wrote.

The case was returned to the district court for fact finding.

# Commissioners create board to study wilderness areas

MURPHY (AP) — Owyhee County commissioners want to know more about conservationists' charges that off-road vehicles are ruining the land.

So they are creating a fact-finding board to investigate the charges of off-road vehicle damage in wilderness study areas.

The board will consist of representatives of various groups that use the public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

"We are concerned about the allegations made by the environmentalists groups," Commission Chairman Hal Tolmie said Thursday.

Environmental groups, including the Wilderness Society and American Lands, made charges this week that off-road vehicle use is "out of control," and that the bureau has failed to properly manage the lands.

The environmental groups formed the National Off-Road

Vehicle Coalition and want to see areas like the Owyhee Mountains protected from noise, pollution and damage to the land.

"The timing of these charges is very curious given the group's desire to obtain national monument designation before the end of the Clinton presidency," Commissioner Dick Reynolds said.

This year the Owyhee-Brunewe Canyonlands Coalition — comprised of several conservation groups — has been pushing for the creation of a 2.7 million-acre Owyhee-Brunewe Canyonlands national monument.

The conservationists want the Clinton administration to use the 1906 Antiquities Act to protect the expanse already overseen by the bureau from future development in a way that would not interfere with such traditional uses as hunting, fishing, rafting and regulated livestock grazing.

# Pocatello council votes to regulate pornography shops

POCATELLO (AP) — The Pocatello City Council has passed a controversial ordinance designed to regulate sexually oriented businesses.

"Those that don't like these businesses won't like this ordinance," and those that do won't like it either, said City Attorney Rick Carnaroli.

The ordinance imposes licensing fees on porn shops; forces them to locate at least 500 feet from residential districts, churches, schools, and establishments that sell alcohol, and subjects them to inspections.

Existing businesses will not be forced to relocate.

"It's a good balance," council member Bill Lynn said. "It doesn't go as far as some would wish and it goes further than other people would wish."

The ordinance also requires that

private booths designed for the viewing of pornographic materials have their doors removed. It mandates that the booths be redesigned, enabling employees to view the customers inside.

Carnaroli said courts have determined a sexually oriented business to be one that derives a substantial amount of its revenue from sexually oriented materials.

"We may need to clarify what constitutes a significant or substantial part of the business," Councilwoman Penny Pink said. "That could be an enforcement nightmare."

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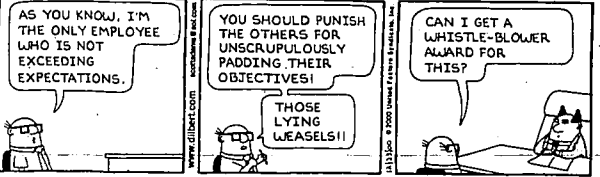
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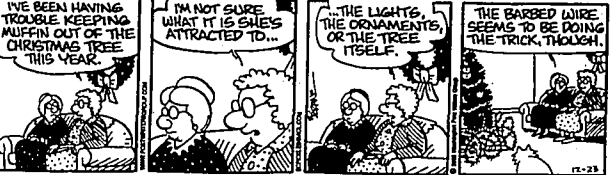
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## Which candidate handled himself better?

### Bush

#### He took it like a man

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It is in times of crisis when you can really judge a man's character. In 1981, Ronald Reagan calmed the nation and the world with his style and wit in the hours after the assassination attempt on his life. And conduct, especially under fire is why we give awards to people who perform above and beyond the call of duty.

Lesser men, like the current occupant of the White House, go into a fetal position or lash out at their real or imagined enemies when faced with a crisis. Such was the case when Mr. Clinton addressed the nation after appearing before a federal grand jury to answer charges of lying under oath, obstruction of justice and of high crimes against the American people. His defiant attitude and self-denial brought criticism from leaders of his own party.

In a lecture ironically given on the campus of Harvard University in 1837, Ralph Waldo Emerson boldly told the distinguished academic audience that "character is higher than intellect."

Emerson's contention was that an overemphasis on "book knowledge" would prevent students from learning the most important skills in life of being good, decent and responsible human beings.

This year, Americans got the chance to see up-close and personal the character of the two would-be leaders of this country. In the days after the election and during what arguably was not only one of the most wrenching but also unsettling times in our nation's history, the characters of these two men were clearly defined.

There was Vice President Al Gore, slithering after the presidency, screeching from media stop to media stop pleading his case - too often, too much and too hard.

On the other hand, there was Gov. George W. Bush, the model of understated class and dignity, clearly "his own man," reminding many of Ronald Reagan. Rather than talk to reporters every day, he talked to close friends and family. Unlike the rest of the political class, Mr.

Bush wasn't glued to the television to hear the latest reports from Broward County or the Florida Supreme Court. In fact, Bush doesn't even get cable at his Crawford, Texas, ranch.

How did he survive those trying 36 days without constant analysis by the legal experts at MSNBC, CNN and FOX?

Bush, like the Gary Cooper of "High Noon," showed the stoic, honor-bound

man facing opposition in the face of a quiet dignity and reassuring strength. While many in his party were

ready to run from the fact of adversity, he like the townspeople in the film, Bush held the team together and stood strong in the face of adversity.

It goes without saying that Bush, had he lost, would not have gone into seclusion and lost his self-identity. He knows who he is and, like his father, handles adversity like a man - and a leader.

We just might look back on those days after the election as somehow providential because we were able to see what kind of president each was going to be.

One can imagine Mr. Gore entering the White House on Jan. 20, 2001, as if it were some sort of entitlement. On the other hand, President Bush will enter with

awe and a deep sense of responsibility and obligation.

Polis clearly bore out that the overwhelming majority approved of how Bush handled himself while the same majority disapproved of Mr. Gore's behavior.

As another American statesman Henry Clay said, "Of all the properties which belong to honorable men, not one is as highly prized as that of character."

Clearly President-elect Bush knows the value of understatement and being underestimated. While liberal opponents are even now plotting their assault on the Bush administration, like Ronald Reagan, he might just surprise the Beltway establishment.

### Gore

#### He won more votes

DAVID KUSNET

Will history look kindly upon Al Gore's populist general election campaign and his persistent post-election efforts for a full count of the votes in Florida?

Yes, Gore is leaving a positive legacy - in spite of what most of the media elite have been saying.

And his fellow Democrats would do well to continue the fights that the Gore campaign fitfully embraced, from making sure that "every vote counts" to

had won the popular vote nationally, led among the Electoral College votes outside Florida, and trailed in the Sunshine State by fewer than a thousand ballots.

Soon stories emerged of irregularities that contributed to that minuscule margin. "Butterfly ballots" befuddled elderly Jews into voting for Pat Buchanan.

Antiquated voting machines failed to count valid votes. And, even more ominously, African-Americans were discouraged from voting by tactics ranging from police checkpoints near

polling places to election sites moved in the middle of the night.

All this made Gore's dilemma much different from those of other narrow losers in recent elections.

Richard Nixon in 1960, Hubert Humphrey in 1968, and Gerald Ford in 1976 all had lost the popular vote and would have needed to overturn the results in more than one state in order to carry the Electoral College.

But, even if Gore had chosen to concede shortly after Election

Florida. His persistence helped raise an urgent issue: the ways in which outmoded equipment as well as cruder tactics make it more difficult for African-Americans and low income people from every background to cast votes and to be sure that their votes count. And the issue will energize and mobilize many voters for years to come.

Similarly, Gore's populist general election campaign offers a model for future Democratic campaigns, particularly if the economy goes sour and a President George W. Bush is as ineffective as his father was during his recession.

For months before the Democratic National Convention, Gore had run a bland "yes and prosperity" campaign and fallen far behind Bush.

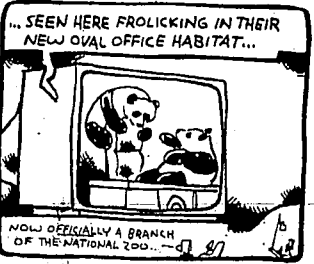
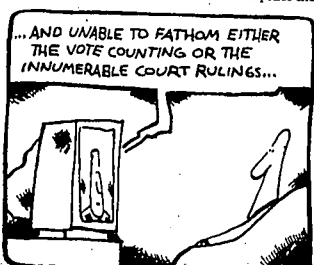
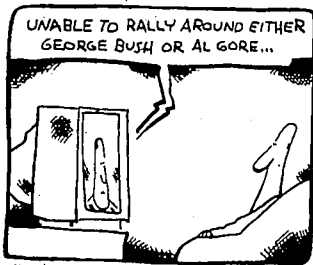
After a populist acceptance address that emphasized issues such as providing prescription drug coverage for older Americans and raising the minimum wage for low-income workers, Gore opened up a lead in the national electorate. The lead lasted until the debates and re-emerged when he returned to these themes in the final week of the campaign.

What beat Gore was his public persona - not his populist politics. Post-election polls showed that most voters preferred Bush on personality but agreed with Gore on policy, from his prescription drugs plan to his opposition to Social Security, voucherizing Medicare and tax cuts tilted toward wealthy Americans.

Now that Bush has prevailed, Democrats would do well to accept the legitimacy of his presidency but to challenge him on issues from Medicare to the minimum wage, and from education to election reform.

Just as Gore was in his best moments during this unusual campaign, Democrats should not be afraid to keep fighting longer and harder than the media elite approves.

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One thing is for sure. The better man won.

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defending "the people against the powerful."

Beginning the morning after Election Day, Gore found himself in a predicament unparalleled since the corrupt and closely contested elections of the Gilded Age more than a century ago. He

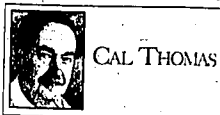
Night, civil rights advocates and other advocates might still have challenged the Florida results - and many Americans would have felt abandoned by a Democratic Party that did not defend them against disfranchisement. Instead, Gore did fight on in

## Those spendthrift Republicans squander more than money

Republicans have made some political hay in recent years by accusing Democrats of being the tax-and-spend party. Ronald Reagan rode into town - on a dual platform of cutting taxes and reducing spending, along with the size of government. He managed to reduce taxes but he failed to slay the spending beast.

The last Republican-dominated Congress behaved more like the party of FDR than the party of Ronald Reagan. The Department of Education, which Reagan pledged to eliminate, had its budget increased 17 percent by a Republican Congress, which added \$2 billion more than what President Clinton had requested. According to Stephen Moore, of the Cato Institute, the Department of Education budget increased faster since 1996 than any previous four-year period in its relatively brief history.

In addition, programs conservative



Cal Thomas

Republicans love to hate enjoyed budget increases. These included The National Endowment for the Arts, The Legal Services Corporation, corporate welfare and bilingual education. "You name a worthless liberal social program and chances are its budget went up," says an exasperated Moore.

Moore says the 106th Congress spent more money on social programs than any Congress since the late '70s when Jimmy Carter was president and Tip O'Neill was speaker of the House. Too many Republicans have joined Democrats as equal partners in a single government

party. Many of the more than 200 programs that Republicans promised to eliminate in the 1995 "Contract With America" now have larger budgets than before Republicans took control of Congress.

Congress has given reprieves to many programs condemned to political death row. These range from farm subsidies (up 162 percent) and AmeriCorps (up 248 percent) to bilingual education (up 40 percent) and the Goals 2000 education program (up 112 percent).

Apparently, Republicans never recovered from the government shutdowns engineered by the Clinton administration for which the GOP, and then-Speaker Newt Gingrich received blame. So, rather than reduce spending, they've increased it, in the false hope that this will give them cover from the "mean-spiritedness" charges Democrats and their media pals used with such great effectiveness.

No wonder there is so many doubters about President-elect Bush's tax cut plan.

Detractors seem credible when Bush talks of reducing taxes and they warn of the danger of new deficits. The response to this charge is to do what Democrats failed to do in the Reagan and Bush years. Having agreed to tax cuts under Reagan, congressional Democrats refused to live up to the other part of the deal and curtail or reduce spending. That's how deficits are created.

Bush needs to appoint the equivalent of another Grace Commission, which listed scores of wasteful, outmoded and unworkable federal programs that could be eliminated with little effect on anyone except the taxpayers, who would save money.

Democrats once rallied against wasteful spending when it suited their political needs. Former Wisconsin Democratic Sen. William Proxmire's "Golden Fleece" award was a devastating indictment of government waste which everybody understood. Democrats used expensive toilet seats to win debating points about

what they saw as a high Pentagon budget.

Since Republicans took over Congress in 1994, total nondefense domestic spending has steadily increased, with the exception of 1996 when it declined by a measly \$9 billion from \$259 billion the previous year, according to the Office of Management and Budget. During the campaign, President-elect Bush warned what happens when money is left in Washington. "It gets spent," he said. That is why he should make the lead not only in cutting taxes but also in targeting agencies and programs for budget reductions and elimination. This twin approach is the only way to maintain a healthy economy. But in the age of a supposed surplus, Republicans are reluctant to talk about spending cuts. They are squandering more than money. They are squandering our economic future.

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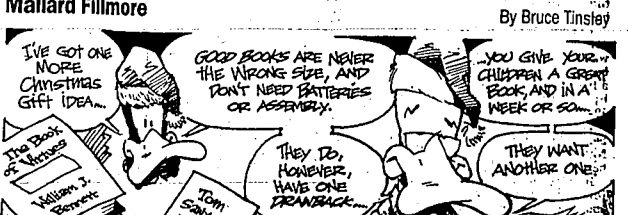
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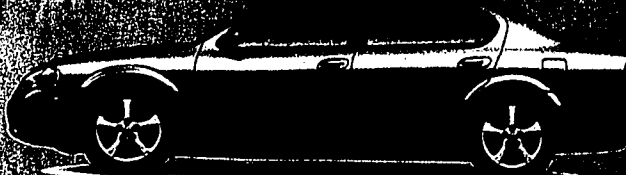
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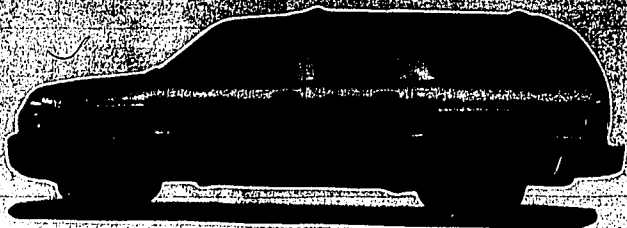
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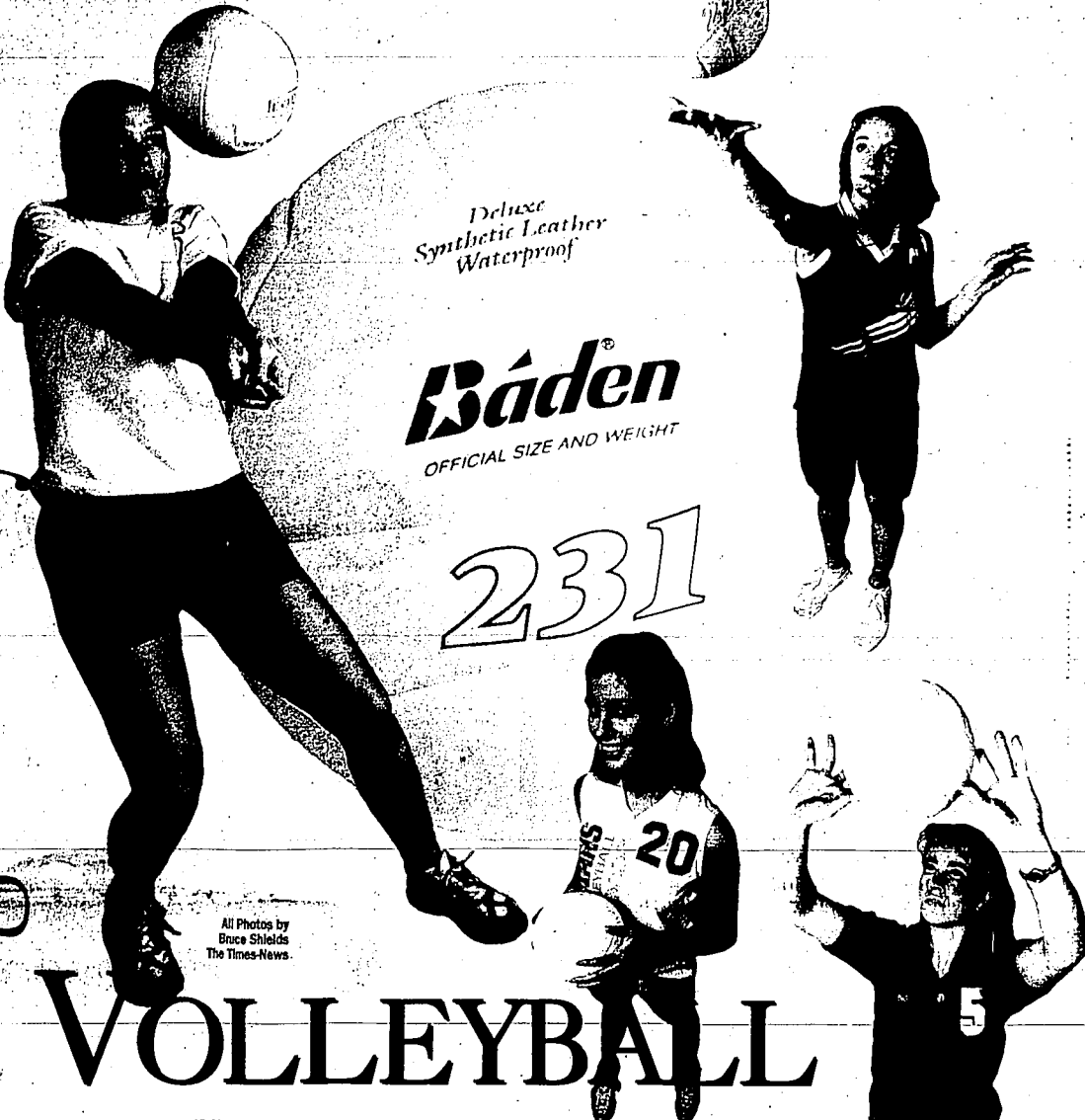
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# Magic Valley's Finest



# VOLLEYBALL

## The All-Times-News High School Volleyball Team

By Joe Sunnan  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Finding the 12 best high school volleyball players in the Magic Valley was no easy task. And narrowing that list down to six proved even more difficult. But in a region rife with talent, few had more impressive seasons than the individuals selected as this year's representatives on The All-Times-News High School Volleyball Team.

One Class A-2 player, one from A-3 and two from the A-1 and A-4

ranks were selected as outstanding players in their respective conferences. A second was chosen for second-team honors at each level as well. Individual performance, coaches' input and each player's importance to her team all factored into the selection process.

Four seniors, one junior and one freshman make up the first team, and only one of the six schools represented didn't reach the state playoffs.

Twin Falls' Keri Coats, the Class A-1, Div. I representative, and Shoshone's Monica Uhrig from the

A-4 Northside helped lead their teams into the postseason for the first time in five years.

Hagerman freshman Drew Choules dominated the A-4 Magic Valley Conference in her first year at the high school level. Burley's Alissa Sorensen, the A-1, Div. II selection, battled with second-team pick Kendra West of Jerome throughout the season. Each had their moments, but the Bobcats ultimately knocked the Tigers from playoff contention because of Sorensen's defense at the net. Two players stood out at the A-2

level - Wood River's Charlotte Duval and Filer's Jessie Lassen. Duval earned the nod after turning in consistent performance throughout the season. She was the Wolverines' team captain and their best passer, as well as an offensive weapon. Without Duval, it's unlikely Wood River would have won the District IV title this season.

The last member of the team is Times-News A-3 Player of the Year Jenn Collins. The Wendell setter helped the Trojans to an undefeated finish in Canyon Conference play.

**Gridiron Greats**  
Look for the All-Times-News football team on Sunday.

Many players throughout the valley were deserving, but in the end it was these 12 that the Times-News felt represented the best of the best.

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## Broncos meet 49ers in game of 'lasts'

The Associated Press

**DENVER** - Denver cornerback Terrell Buckley pondered the choices and shook his head in wonder.

"Asked if he would prefer to defend Terry Rice, Terrell Owens or J.J. Stokes - San Francisco's trio of prolific receivers - Buckley abstained.

"Man, whew, give me a run at the fullback," he said. "All those guys are looking great. I've just watched film of some of their games, and their quarterback spreads it around to everybody."

The streaking 49ers, who have won four of their last five, face the playoff-bound Broncos at Mile High Stadium today in a game of lasts.

"It will be the last regular-season game at Mile High Stadium and the last, period, if the Broncos don't earn a home playoff game. The Broncos will move into a \$364 million stadium next fall.

And it will possibly be the last



### 49ers at Broncos

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game played by Rice in a 49ers uniform.

The Hall of Fame-bound Rice, who holds 33 NFL records, including most career yards receiving and most total touchdowns, was honored by the 49ers last week in their final home game of the season.

Both Rice and 49ers general manager Bill Walsh expect the team to release him in June because of salary cap constraints, although Rice expects to play at least one more season in another city.

"It's amazing how things work out, with this being the last time the Broncos play in that stadium," Rice said. "You know they're going to want to come out and make a statement this

weekend. If they win this game, they can better position themselves in the playoffs."

Jeff Garcia needs just 81 yards passing to break the club single-season record of 4,170, set by Steve Young in 1998. And with two more TD throws, Garcia would eclipse Joe Montana's career-best of 31 in 1987.

The Broncos, who had their six-game winning streak snapped in last week's 20-7 loss to Kansas City, expect to get Brian Griese back today. Griese, the NFL's top-rated passer, has missed the last five games with a separated throwing shoulder.

Rookie Mike Anderson ranks fourth in the NFL in rushing with 1,415 yards and has scored 13 touchdowns.

## Tigers trip late

### Jerome squanders five-point lead

By John Der  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** - Up by five points with two minutes left, the Tigers were unable to get that elusive first victory.

Two big turnovers cost Jerome High School late, as the Tigers (0-6) fell to the Shelley Russets 57-54 in boys' non-conference basketball Saturday.

Shelley and Salmon, who defeated Filer 59-45 Friday, are in town to play a pair of games with Magic Valley foes. The teams trade opponents Saturday before taking a break for the holidays.

"The turnovers and missing free throws hurt us. Then we let them take the baseline and they nailed their shots," said Jerome coach Larry Walter.

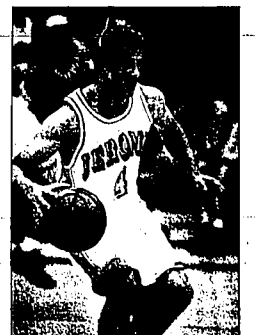
"We talked a lot about playing with heart, Tigers never die. I think we put out a little more heart tonight and had more energy."

Jerome started cold, missing seven of its first eight shots, but stayed close as Shelley too had trouble finding the basket. Ben Lammers, who came off the bench to lead the Tigers with 12 points, aided the cause by hitting two short jumpers off the glass.

"Ben really stepped up for us tonight," said Walter, who also praised his play in the paint.

Cole Lee, a senior transfer from Kama, added a bucket in the paint and Brad Stokes connected on the drive, and the teams were tied 10-10 at the break.

Jerome got its first lead of the night when Travis Hiatt hit a jumper then and Brad Stokes followed with a steal and layup. But it wouldn't last. Please see JEROME, Page B3



Jerome High's Blake Thompson works the ball down the court during Friday night's game against the Shelley Russets.

## ALL-TIMES-NEWS VOLLEYBALL

### Times-News Player of the Year

A-1 Division I

## Keri Coats

Middle blocker, sr.  
Twin Falls

Just how good was Twin Falls middle blocker Keri Coats this year? She spent nearly a month of the season off the court nursing a troublesome ankle injury and was still named the Region III Player of the Year.

An intimidating physical presence as well as a tremendous athlete, Coats used her natural gifts to add an extra dimension to an excellent Bruins team and helped the school return to the state tournament for the first time in five years.

"Coats was dominant," Minico coach Kelly Fossecce said. "She had that long reach, and when Twin Falls used a quick set with her it was hard to stop."

Burley High faced the Bruins with and without Coats in the lineup. The Bruins lost both matches, but never posed an upset in the team's first meeting.

The one that Coats sat out.

"What a difference she made," Burley coach Hal Strain said. "She didn't play in the first match, but we lost with Twin Falls and we lost in five games. The second time we met we went over to their place, Coats was back, it was Senior Night and we lost in two."

Coats stands 6-foot-4, with arms long enough to reach the ceiling. She is capable of changing the flow of a game whether on the attack or playing defense.

"When you're as tall as she is and have those long arms, it's just tough to deal with," Strain said.

Other area athletes have fashioned their game after Coats.

"I've always watched Coats on the news," said Shoshone's Monica Uhrig, the Times-News Northside Player of the Year. "She's about the only girl taller than I am and I really like the way she plays. She hits the ball really well and I've always admired her for that."

Against Highland in the Region III playoffs — with a state ticket on the line — Coats had eight blocks and 12 kills while altering numerous Ram shots at the

net. Highland was nearly helpless with Coats on the floor, and spent most of match playing catch-up while she was out of the front row.

"That's was our plan," Highland coach Cliff Rhoades said after the match. "When she's not there, they're definitely a weaker team and we've got to capitalize."

While the Bruins' success was largely because they played well as a team, Coats stood head and shoulders above the pack.



Keri Coats

### Times-News Player of the Year

A-3 Canyon Conference

## Jenn Collins

Setter, sr.  
Wendell



A co-captain and offensive catalyst for Wendell, senior setter Jenn Collins made sure the Trojans' big swingers always had a good look at the ball.

In the District IV title match against Valley, she recorded 35 assists and helped secure Wendell's ticket to the state tournament.

"I think the best feeling in the world is to know that you have a perfect set, and you know it's going to be a perfect hit, and then watch the ball hit the floor on the other side," Collins said. "I just get goose bumps when that ball hits the floor from a nice kill."

"You know you did your job. That's the best feeling."

In a position that can sometimes be overlooked for the instant gratification of a kill or a block,

Collins made a name for herself around the conference as a solid, disciplined student of the game.

She also incorporated an offensive attack when the situation called for it.

"Getting the last kill or a little tip to get the sidout is probably my favorite part of the job," Collins said. "I've learned to lead the middle blocker and the outside blocker, and if I see an opening I'll take it."

Reaching the state playoffs was Wendell's main goal this season. The Trojans put together a 15-7 record and swept conference rivals Glenns Ferry and Valley to make that a reality.

"She knew how to run the offense," said Valley coach Julian Escobedo. "She always seemed to know where her attackers were

and where and when she needed to get the ball to them. And it seemed like she knew who was on and who wasn't."

With Collins as floor general, the Trojans had three All-Conference performers at hitting positions; Birte Gill, Tiffany Davis and Kailea Hansing.

### Times-News Player of the Year

A-2 SCIC

## Charlotte Duval

Outside hitter, sr.  
Wood River



Few volleyball players are capable of recording 201 kills and 117 digs in a season as quietly as Wood River's Charlotte Duval.

She was the driving force in the Wolverines' quest for a state berth, and it's debatable whether anyone in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference meant more to the success or failure of her team.

"Of course this is a team sport, but she was a big difference in why we won the conference title," Wood River coach Reamy Goodwin said. "She was one of the best captains I've ever had."

Wood River earned an automatic state bid after putting on a clinic in the fundamentals at the SCIC tourney, rising

through the ranks as the No. 3 seed to beat both Buhl and Filer.

"We played the best we've ever played at districts," Duval said. "Everyone on the team was just giving the best they had."

In the Wolverines' first meeting with Buhl at the tourney, Duval tallied 14 kills. She baffled the Indians again in the championship, this time with nine kills in the second game alone.

"She has a good volleyball sense," Buhl coach Roger Shield said. "She passes well and always seems to make the right decisions."

Another team that won't be disappointed to see her graduate from the conference is Filer. The Wildcats split their regular-season matches with Wood River,

and witnessed first-hand what Duval can do in their first regular season meeting in September when she put down 14 kills.

"Duval was just really consistent," Filer coach Ed Richards said. "She didn't make errors and she could adjust her attack very well. It seemed like she had vision of what the back row was doing when she was going for a kill. And that's not a skill that you see a lot at the high school level."

### Times-News Player of the Year

A-4 North

## Monica Uhrig

Middle blocker, jr.  
Shoshone



Any doubts about who would play the role of terminator in this year's A-4 Northside were quickly laid to rest when Shoshone's Monica Uhrig racked up 31 kills at an early season tri-match with Hagerman and Castelford.

The win officially put the Indians on the team-to-beat list and showcased one of the most powerful players in the Magic Valley.

"She has really progressed in the last two years," said Hagerman coach Susie Choules. "She has become a very strong hitter and a good blocker. But she also seems like a real motivator on that team."

Uhrig was the focal point of Shoshone's offense and defense throughout the season. She finished with 294 kills and three

blocks per game while leading the Indians to a 22-7 regular-season record and berth in the state playoffs for the first time in five years.

Uhrig's play was instrumental in wins against Camas County and Keichum at the Northside tourney, where she delivered 29 kills and helped secure the conference title.

"She was definitely the backbone of our team," Shoshone coach Larry Messick said. "She did it all for us in the middle on offense and on defense."

Uhrig's best performance may have come against A-4 south champ Hagerman at the District IV title match. She gathered 10 kills, five blocks and four tips to steal the show and the title from the Lady Pirates. With Shoshone leading 9-8 in the second and

deciding game, Uhrig ran off four straight points to give the Indians a 13-8 edge.

Two Pirate errors later they earned the title.

"In that game she just hit right past our blockers," Choules said. "We should have capitalized when she was in the back row."

The Indians found out just how valuable the 6-foot-3 junior was to their success once they reached the state tourney. Uhrig left the first game of the first match with an ankle sprain, and with her on the bench Shoshone lost for only the eighth time all season. Shoshone was then eliminated in the next match.

Thankfully for the Indians, Uhrig still has one more year to lead Shoshone to a state championship.

### Times-News Player of the Year

A-4 South

## Drew Choules

Middle blocker, fr.  
Hagerman



Only a freshman, Hagerman's Drew Choules set the league on fire with a ferocious arm swing and the court savvy of a seasoned veteran.

A solid defensive player as well as an outstanding attacker, she racked up seven kills and six blocks per game while helping the Lady Pirates to a 15-2 regular-season record and the A-4 state quarterfinals.

"The first time we played Hagerman, all the girls were talking about Choules before the game," Murtaugh coach Amber Hadden said. "Then the first time she hit the ball, it's just smashed in front of the 10-foot line and everybody just kind of stopped and went, 'Whoa.'"

Hadden might know better than

anybody just what Choules is capable of. With an automatic trip to the state tournament on the line at the Magic Valley Conference tourney, Choules collected 11 kills and four blocks to down the Red Devils and wrap up Hagerman's bid.

"Choules is just an outstanding hitter and blocker," Hadden said.

Hadden isn't alone when it comes to A-4 coaches who have noticed Choules' ability.

"We spent more time getting ready for Choules than just about anybody," Castelford coach Randy Maves said. "I think we only won one game out of five matches against Hagerman, and part of that was because of all the attention we gave to her. She is awesome on the front row and awesome in the

back."

The knock on Choules is that her mental game isn't quite as mature as her physical game. But that should change with age and experience. She was prone to the occasional freshman moment, but had enough strength and quickness to put the ball on the floor whenever the Lady Pirates need a kill.

"She gave one of my blockers a bruise on her hand the size of a golf ball," Hansen coach Holly Hall said. "Anybody that has that kind of power is going to be able to get the ball down."

### Times-News Player of the Year

A-1 Division II

## Alissa Sorensen

Middle blocker, sr.  
Burley

In a land of giants, Burley had only one six-footer: Senior middle blocker Alissa Sorensen.

Sorensen and senior Jamie Chard formed the nucleus of a Bobcat team that entered the regional tourney as a fourth seed but missed the state playoffs by just one match.

As the tallest player on the team, Sorensen's biggest contribution was providing the block at the net. She was key in Burley's three victories over rival Jerome, and was a stalwart in the front row throughout the season.

"We knew that to beat Jerome we had to limit (middle blocker) Kendra West," said Burley coach Hal Strain.

"Without Sorensen, we don't shut West down, and without that, we would have been in trouble. In one of our games against Jerome at the regional tournament, she had four blocks in a row."

Of course, Sorensen didn't shine only while playing against Jerome. Though offense wasn't her forte, she led the team in kills in a home tournament, she collected three kills against Twin Falls with Keri Coats in the lineup.

Sorensen developed into a force as the season progressed — as she gained momentum, so did her team. She started the season 0-3 but wound up a much more respectable 11-19.

All-Times-News  
Second Team

- Amy Schofield, setter, sr., Castelford
- Lindsay Phillips, outside hitter, sr., Minico
- Jessie Lassen, middle blocker, sr., Filer
- Kendra West, middle blocker, sr., Jerome
- Sarah Vouch, middle blocker, jr., Camas County
- Michelle Waegleizer, outside hitter, sr., Valley



SPORTS

Giants go for the clinch

SPORTS IN BRIEF

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Top seed in the NFC First-round bye. Home relaxing for the holidays, readying for a Super Bowl drive.

It's all unexpectedly within the grasp of the New York Giants (11-4). All they have to do to grab it is beat the Jacksonville Jaguars (7-8) today at Giants Stadium.

"If you get home-field advantage everything is within your reach — everything," Giants veteran tackle Lomas Brown said. "You can almost touch it. That's what's so exciting about it."

Until a couple of weeks ago, the Giants weren't even thinking top seed. But Minnesota lost two in a row and New York stretched its winning streak to four in wrapping up the NFC East. Suddenly, the top spot was there for the taking.

Brown has never played for a top seed in 16 NFL seasons. The closest he came was in 1991 with Detroit. The Lions got a first-round bye, beat Dallas in the NFC semifinals and then were crushed in the conference championship by the eventual Super Bowl champion Redskins in Washington.

The lesson hasn't been lost on Brown, especially playing at home. He has not been to another conference final since '91.

"I keep telling people I want to get there," said Brown of the Super Bowl. "We have this opportunity and I keep telling the young guys we have to take advantage of it, because we may



New York Giants quarterback Kerry Collins runs with the ball against the Dallas Cowboys Dec. 17 as Cowboys defensive end Greg Ellis gives chase. Collins will lead the top-seeded Giants today against Jacksonville at Giants Stadium in New York.



Jaguars at Giants

Today, 10:30 (CBS)

never get it again. It's been a long drought for me."

Quarterback Kerry Collins also knows the feeling. He played in the 1996 NFC championship with

Carolina, losing to the Packers in Green Bay.

"Right now we have a unique opportunity," Collins said. "It doesn't come along often. I thought it was easier when I was in the league for two years. Now I realize how hard it is to get to that point. Right now, the message around here is we are appreciative of where we are and take full advantage of the opportunity."

Beating the Jaguars won't be easy now that they have over-

come the injuries that led to a 2-6 start.

Fred Taylor has rushed for 100 yards in nine straight games, and the Jaguars have won four of their last five. The streak would have been five straight wins had they not handed Cincinnati a game due to some late mistakes last week.

"I guess this is our chance to show people that we still got it in us and we still can compete," said Taylor, who annoyed the Giants early in the week by saying New York's defense didn't have the same talent level as some AFC teams.

Jacksonville will actually present a good pre-playoff test for the Giants, who returned around after coach Jim Fassel issued his playoff guarantee almost four weeks ago.

Not only can the Jaguars run the ball, they have excellent receivers in Jimmy Smith and Keenan McCardell, a productive tight end in Kyle Rousey and a defense that has given up about 13 points in its last five games.

Having a strong finish hasn't been lost on coach Tom Coughlin, whose team will be missing the playoffs for the first time since 1995, its inaugural season.

"It's a chance to be 500 in a season that certainly has had its disappointments," Coughlin said. "But we don't want to add this game to those disappointments, so I think it's an important game."

Filer High alumni games are set for Tuesday

FILER — Filer High's alumni basketball games will take place Tuesday night, Dec. 26, at the Filer High School gym.

A sports brief item in Friday's paper incorrectly listed the date of the games.

The girls will play at 6 p.m. Tuesday with the boys' game following. Admission is \$3 for everyone, players included, in a benefit for the FHS basketball program. For more details, call 736-8285 or 326-5944.

Players sought for women's basketball league

TWIN FALLS — A women's basketball league for players in Jerome and Twin Falls needs more participants, and boys' youth basketball teams are still forming in the Twin Falls area.

Ladies over 18 who enjoy playing basketball are invited to sign up by calling the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation office at 736-2265.

Boys looking to play are needed in the following youth leagues: Sixth grade at Morningstar; fifth grade at Ferrine; and fourth grade at Sawtooth, Perrine and Lincoln. To register, call the parks office at 736-2265. Late fees will be waived for those classes until the teams are filled out.

AIFL plans first season in Yakima

YAKIMA, Wash. — With several inches of new snow on the ground Friday, indoor football might sound pretty good here.

That's what the Washington Shockwave — part of the fledgling American Indoor Football League — is counting on, with a new contract to play at the SunDome.

"When the sun comes out, a lot of people don't want to go outside," said James Aterberry, president of High Five Marketing Group in Seattle, the league's operations and marketing arm.

The AIFL is low-budget, bus-league football, designed to create local and regional rivalries without breaking the franchise budget on airline tickets and big-city hotels.

Games will be announced next week, and organizers expect to develop the roster from among guys willing to play 50-yard-field football for \$200 a game.

"It's definitely made for local players," Aterberry said. "They will not have to travel."

The minimum age limit is 18 but there's no maximum. And who the Arena Football League?

High Five has agreements for Western Division teams in Yakima, San Francisco, Medford, Ore., Salt Lake City and still has some details to work out in Boise and Fresno, Calif.

Mountain Division teams are planned in Billings, Mont., Casper, Wyo., Rapid City and Sioux Falls, S.D., and Kearney, Neb.

Youth basketball coaches are needed now

TWIN FALLS — Adults that enjoy working with children and are interested in teaching the fundamentals of basketball and sound sportsmanship are invited to apply for volunteer coaching positions with the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Basketball Program.

The season begins in January. Coaches are needed for: Sixth grade at Oregon Trail, Lincoln and Miller's class at Sawtooth; fifth grade at Gunning's class at Sawtooth; fourth grade for Lincoln Sutton/Flyer classes.

Call the parks office at 736-2265 for more information.

Early run dooms Boise State in Hawaii

LATE, Hawaii — Matt Holman scored the first seven points of a 16-0 first half run that helped Troy State to a 63-42 victory over Boise State on Friday in the consolation round of the Yahoo! Sports Invitational.

The Trojans trailed by a point when Holman, who finished with 15 points, hit a pair of baskets and a 3-pointer. Jacova Jenkins contributed five points during the run.

The spurt gave Troy State a 31-18 halftime lead and the Broncos never recovered.

Boise State (6-4) shot 8-for-36 in the first 20 minutes, including a dismal 2-for-13 from 3-point range.

NCAA issues new rules on clock resets

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA took steps Friday to prevent basketball teams from drawing technical fouls in order to keep the ball longer than 35 seconds.

The NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Rules Committee interpreted rules that limit clock resets following technical fouls called against the team with the ball.

Under the interpretation, the clock should not be reset when a technical foul is called against the team that has the ball or is throwing the ball in bounds, or against the team's bench personnel or fans, the NCAA said. The interpretation would eliminate a team's ability to draw an intentional technical foul in order to keep the ball beyond 35 seconds.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

NFL STANDINGS

Table with NFL Standings for American and National Conferences, including columns for Team, W, L, T, Pct., and GB.

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Monday's Games

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National Football Conference Offense

Table with National Football Conference Offense statistics.

National Football Conference Defense

Table with National Football Conference Defense statistics.

Sun sets on Moon

Durable QB ends remarkable career

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — After passing for more than 70,000 yards, Warren Moon is ending his remarkable 23-year career.

Moon, 44, never played on a Super Bowl team — his biggest disappointment in an odyssey that spanned two countries and five franchises.

Moon's playing career will end Sunday, perhaps without him even getting into the game. The man known for his quick release and beautiful tight spirals will be the third-string quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs against the Falcons at Atlanta.

... Add his six years in the CFL, where he led Edmonton to five league championships, and Moon is the most productive passer in professional football history with more than 70,000 yards.

"I've been thinking about it all week," he said of his final game. "I think as I walk off the field Sunday is when it will hit me."

His greatest triumph? A tie, between leading Washington to a Rose Bowl victory over Michigan and quarterbacking the Oilers to their first playoff victory since 1979.

About a half-dozen young black quarterbacks in the league have a chance of being in the Super Bowl next month — and many have sought out Moon to thank him for showing the way.

Tampa Bay took Doug Williams of Grambling in the first round of the NFL draft in 1978, the year Moon graduated from Washington. Much skepticism remained, especially regarding black quarterbacks who scrambled and threw on the run, like Moon.

Brew Crew adds hard-hitting Hammonds

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jeffrey Hammonds, whose .335 average was the fourth-highest in the National League last season, agreed Friday to a \$17.5 million, three-year contract with the Milwaukee Brewers.

"Jeffrey adds a new dimension to our ball club," Brewers general manager Dean Taylor said. "He will become a key part of our offense as well as improve our defense."

Hammonds, 29, hit 20 home runs this year for the Colorado Rockies, drove in a career-high 106 runs and set career highs with a .529 slugging percentage and a .395 on-base percentage.

He played all three outfield positions and had a .991 fielding percentage with a career high of eight assists.

Hammonds, who has also played for the Baltimore Orioles and Cincinnati Reds, has a .282 career batting average.



Jeffrey Hammonds connects for a three-run home run in the Rockies' 10-7 victory over the Chicago Cubs on this May 23 photo. Hammonds agreed Friday to a three-year contract with the Milwaukee Brewers.

Mariners replace A-Rod with B-Boone

SEATTLE — Looking to add some pop to their lineup following the departure of Alex Rodriguez, the Seattle Mariners agreed Friday to a \$3.25 million, one-year contract with Bret Boone.

Boone, 29, was chosen by the Mariners in the fifth round of the 1990 amateur draft, then went on to play for Cincinnati, Atlanta and San Diego.

Pedro tells Boston to start dealing now

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — After seeing how millions of dollars have been showered on Alex Rodriguez and Manny Ramirez, Pedro Martinez

thinks it's time for the Boston Red Sox to talk about his deal

"It's advantageous to try to sign an extension with me now, because if they wait until I'm close to being a free agent, then offers could come from other teams — offers that maybe I couldn't refuse," Martinez said this week on Dominican television.

Martinez set a record for the highest average salary in November 1997 when he agreed on a \$7.5 million, six-year contract with the Red Sox. His \$12.5 million average is now tied for 16th in the major leagues, his total package dwarfed by Rodriguez's \$252 million, 10-year contract with Texas and Ramirez's \$160-million, eight-year contract with Boston.

Cards bolster outfield with Quinton McCracken

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Cardinals added outfield depth Friday, agreeing to a one-year contract with free agent Quinton McCracken.

McCracken, 30, had spent the last three years with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. He appeared in only 15 games last season, continuing a comeback from a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee sustained in May 1999.



**SPORTS**

# Double-doubling Duncan downs Golden State

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** - Tim Duncan registered his NBA-leading 21st double-double of the season Friday night with 18 points and 13 rebounds as the San Antonio Spurs defeated the Golden State Warriors 105-87.

San Antonio, which won its fourth straight game, placed four players in double figures as David Robinson added 15 points, Antonio Daniels 13 and Derek Anderson 12.

**Lakers 108, Mavericks 103**

**DALLAS** - Kobe Bryant scored 35 points and Shaquille O'Neal withstood being defended by six Dallas big men and a shirt-grabbing guard to score 28 as Los Angeles held off a late run to beat the Mavericks.

After the Lakers' 20-point half-time lead was cut to 100-98 with two minutes left, Bryant drilled a long jumper while off balance and facing tight coverage.

The Mavericks got back within three, 106-103 with 26.7 seconds left, but the Lakers tied their fifth straight win when Robert Horry rebounded a missed free throw by Ron Harper, was fouled, and made a foul shot for the game's final points with 18.8 seconds to play.

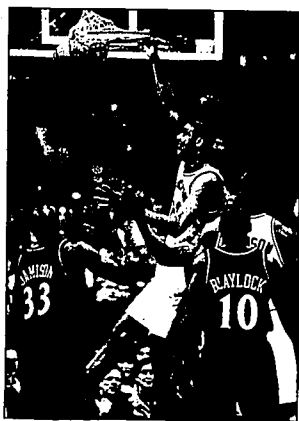
**Hornets 83, Timberwolves 74**

**MINNEAPOLIS** - David Wesley scored 25 points to lead Charlotte to its fifth straight victory.

P.J. Brown added 13 points and 12 rebounds for the Hornets, who two nights earlier moved into first place in the Central Division. The Timberwolves were led by Kevin Garnett, who scored 20 points.

**Heat 103, Cavaliers 95**

**MIAMI** - Eddie Jones scored a season-high 31 points, including a pair of free throws and a critical 3-point basket in the final 59 seconds.



San Antonio's Tim Duncan dunks over Golden State's Antawn Jamison, left, and Mookie Blaylock during the first half Friday in the Alamodome in San Antonio.

Cleveland, which trailed by as many as 13 points late in third quarter, narrowed the gap to 95-93 on a pair of free throws by Matt Harpring with one minute left. But Jones, who went 12-for-12 from the foul line, sank a 3-point basket with 39 seconds remaining.

**Knicks 91, 76ers 71**

**PHILADELPHIA** - Allan Houston scored 27 points and Latrell Sprewell added 20 as the Knicks snapped a two-game losing streak.

Allen Iverson had 19 points and eight assists after again finding himself at odds with coach Larry Brown. Iverson was visibly upset before the game because Brown cut his best friend on the team, Vernon Maxwell.

**Jazz 109, Pacers 101**

**INDIANAPOLIS** - Karl Malone scored 29 points, John Starks added 19 and John Stockton handed out a season-high 16 assists in a game marked by superb free throw shooting.

Utah shot 21-for-22 at the line and Indiana was 40-of-41. The teams shot a combined 96.8 percent, just off the NBA record of 97.3 percent.

**Hawks 78, Raptors 72**

**TORONTO** - Roshawn McLeod scored 11 of 19 points in the fourth quarter and Jason Terry had 19 as the Atlanta Hawks beat their old coach, Lenny Wilkens.

Dikembe Mutombo had 20 rebounds and eight blocked shots for the Hawks, who won consecutive games for the first time this season.

**Conn. 100, Fairfield 66**

**HARTFORD, Conn.** - The No. 11 Huskies, coming off a 10-day break, ran to a 102-66 victory over Fairfield on Friday night and extended their winning streak to nine games.

Fairfield, also coming off a 10-day layoff, was unable to keep pace with the athletic Huskies.

# Southern Utah stuns Utes

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** - Dan Beus scored 20 points and Fred House had four of his 17 points and added two steals in the final minute as Southern Utah beat Utah 72-70 on Friday night.

House made one two free throws to put the Thunderbirds ahead 72-70 with 47 seconds to play and then stole the ball from Nick Jacobson, who fouled out trying to get it back.

House then converted 3-of-4 free throws before sealing the win for the Thunderbirds (8-3) on another steal with 11 seconds remaining. Beus made 6-of-9 field goals and all seven of his foul shots while collecting eight rebounds. He also helped shut down Utah's inside game to give Southern Utah its first-ever win over the Utes (6-5).

It was another stunning home loss for Utah, which saw its national-best 54-game homecourt winning streak end earlier this month in a loss to in-state rival Weber State.

Despite a three-point height advantage, Utah could not solve the Thunderbirds' matchup zone. Instead of going inside, the Utes took 21 of their 43 shots came from beyond the arc.

Southern Utah trailed most of the game before Monaco and Beus made back-to-back 3-pointers for a 60-59 lead with 7:20 to play.

As Utah big men Nate Althoff and Chris Burgess missed the front ends of one-and-one situations, Monaco hit two foul shots and Justin Sant buried a 3-pointer to give Southern Utah a 65-63 lead.

**Cinci 77, Alabama 74**

**BAYAMON, Puerto Rico** - Kenny Satterfield had 23 points and No. 22 Cincinnati scored the first eight points of overtime Friday night in a 77-74 victory over No. 17 Alabama in the championship game of the Puerto Rico Holiday Classic.

The Bearcats (8-2) handed the Crimson Tide (9-1) their first loss of the season despite blowing a 13-point lead over the final four minutes of regulation.

**No. 4 Tenn. 83, Syracuse 70**

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** - Ron Slay had a career-high 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as Tennessee dealt Syracuse its first loss of the season and ended the Orangemen's nine-game winning streak.

Ishia Victor scored 17 points, and Tony Harris and Jenis Grindstaff each had 11 for Tennessee, which outrebounded Syracuse 52-26.

**Seton Hall 97, Wagner 82**

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** - Freshman Eddie Griffin matched

**College basketball**

his season-high with 26 points and added 17 rebounds, four blocks and four assists for the Pirates. Samuel Dalembert added 16 points for Seton Hall. Darius Lane and Ty Shine each had 13.

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**Female 'techies'**  
Women are becoming computer and technology jobs in the U.S. Some statistics



**BRIEFLY IN MONEY**

**Theisen Motors to give away television**

TWIN FALLS - Theisen Motors will give away a Samsun big-screen television Sunday at Magic Valley Mall.

The giveaway is meant to draw customers, to be a "traffic builder" at the Theisen Motors site at the mall, said Dean Dorland, manager of the mall site.

Entries will be available at noon Sunday in the mall's Center Court, and the drawing will be held at 5:30 p.m., also in Center Court. No purchase is necessary, there is no age restriction, and the winner does not need to be present at the drawing.

For more information, call Dorland at 735-1777.

**Twin Falls tire store purchases Morrison Tire**

TWIN FALLS - It can take a lot to stay competitive in today's tire industry, some say.

That's why Al Osborne, owner of Al's Tire American Car Care, purchased Morrison Tire in September.

The purchase is an expansion of the Kimberly Road Al's Tire because Morrison Tire, on Fourth Avenue West, also has tire services for big rig trucks - something Al's didn't have, Osborne said.

No changes are planned for Morrison Tire, which a local couple opened in 1939, Osborne said.

"We're going to leave it as a home-owned family-type business," he said.

"None of the personnel has changed; some of them have been here (with Morrison) for 20 years. The name will stay the same."

Osborne owns only the two locations in Twin Falls, and he currently doesn't plan on any more expansion, he said.

"This just kind of came about," Osborne said. "In order to compete years down the road we need to expand a bit."

**Wendy's agrees to ban smoking at restaurants**

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Wendy's International Inc. agreed Thursday with a shareholder group to ban smoking at all company-owned restaurants in the United States by March 31.

The company, based in Dublin, Ohio, also said in the agreement with the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility that it would encourage adoption of a non-smoking policy at franchised restaurants by that date.

Wendy's spokesman Denny Lynch said about 1,000 of the company's 5,000 restaurants in the U.S. are company-owned. Eighty-five percent of that number and one-third of franchises already are smoke-free, he said.

The Wendy's locations in Twin Falls, Burley and Jerome are franchisee-owned.

The Interfaith group represents about 275 Catholic, Protestant and Jewish organizations which have investments totaling \$80 billion in various corporations.

It coordinates resolutions member groups offer at corporate meetings on matters such as smoking, the environment, Third World debt and nuclear power.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

## Chilly market

### Magic Valley economy suffers as dairies face long winter

By Carol Ryan Dumas and Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS - Some Magic Valley dairymen are delaying tractor tradeoffs, foregoing new furniture and carpet or fine-tuning cows' rations to squeeze pennies out of their nutrition budgets, an agricultural expert said.

So the rest of the valley is feeling the prick of low milk prices and the resulting financial struggles in the dairy industry, which produces the No. 1 agricultural commodity in Idaho and in the Magic Valley.

Each \$1-per-hundredweight drop in milk prices costs the Magic Valley \$13.6 million in annual revenue, said Robert

Ohlenschlen, a Twin Falls County agricultural extension agent for the University of Idaho.

That's \$13.6 million less to circulate in the valley's economy. "Whenever a dollar of revenue is generated within the economy, it has a trickle effect," Ohlenschlen said.

He said he has observed dairymen's loss of discretionary

income trimming their purchases of farm equipment, major household items, Christmas gifts, professional services such as accounting and animal-health services such as veterinarians, immunizations and nutritional services.

Ohlenschlen's statistic came from the Idaho Department of Commerce, which used 1996 eco-

nomic data.

In 1993 the dairy industry already accounted for 14.5 percent of Magic Valley's economy, and areas of the valley have seen phenomenal dairy growth in the seven years since then, said Neil Meyer, a U of I extension economist on the university campus in Moscow.

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## Digging up business

### High-tech company turns to Idaho mining town to prospect for clients

The Associated Press

WALLACE - Wallace may be an old mining town, but when TightLink employees mention prospecting, they aren't talking picks and shovels.

Their kind of prospecting occurs on the Internet, and they're searching for new clients, not precious metals.

The dot-com world of the Silicon Valley intersects with the Silver Valley in a historic building in downtown Wallace.

TightLink, of Berkeley, Calif., located its sales office here.

All 17 employees are earning stock options - Gary Kraack's impetus to leave his job in Coeur d'Alene and come to work for TightLink.

"You can't pass up the opportunity to work for a dot-com startup," he said.

Dean Cooper is responsible for TightLink's presence in Wallace. Cooper, 32, sold Lookout Pass Ski Area last year, after managing operations there for eight years. During his job search, Cooper called Jim Fowler, a former partner at Lookout.

Fowler was working for TightLink, a 3-year-old company that provides customer service software for medium and large companies. The software kicks in when people wander over the Net hit the "Help" button.

TightLink needed a sales staff. Initially, Cooper planned to work solo out of his house. But

both he and Fowler saw the potential of the Silver Valley's 10 percent unemployment rate.

"Finding people in the Silver Valley is just brutal," said Fowler, TightLink's vice president of sales. "Everyone thinks the engineers are hard."

Fowler also needed someone to train salespeople in technology.

"The key thing was having someone I really trusted, and that was Coop," Fowler said.

In an interesting twist, Lookout's third partner, Don Walde, is also working for TightLink as a sales representative in Post Falls.

"The three amigos are glutted for punishment and have joined forces again," Cooper joked.

Cooper expects to hire another eight workers before the end of the year. Attracting tech-savvy workers hasn't been a



Dean Cooper sits in the TightLink office in Wallace. Wallace may be an old mining town, but when TightLink employees mention prospecting, they aren't talking picks and shovels. Their kind of prospecting occurs on the Internet, and they're searching for new clients.

challenge for him.

"We look for people who have an aptitude for technology, and we do a lot of training," he said.

Wages - a combination of commission and base pay - start at about \$13 per hour.

Tom Cooper, a self-taught computer hound, spent two years working at odd jobs in Wallace before he came to TightLink.

"I tried to make the commitment to work up here, and was struggling," said Cooper, who is not related to Dean Cooper.

He does program and computer support at TightLink. "I never expected to find a position like this here," he said.

Mary Miller of Kellogg worked 23 years in outdoor jobs before coming to TightLink. She wrangled horses, worked on survey crews and did ski patrol.

But since the purchase of a home computer a few years ago, she has been gravitating toward a tech job.

"I love this. It's very challenging," Miller said.

"When I started, I worked my eight to 10 hours per day; then studied three more hours

at night at home. ... It's the college education I never afforded in my early years."

The Wallace office focuses on "inside sales," which are over the phone or through the

Internet. TightLink has outside sales reps in San Diego, San Francisco, Detroit and Post Falls.

The state Department of Commerce wants to bring more companies like TightLink to rural Idaho, said David Godbout, an economic development specialist with the state. They can locate anywhere, but want to be in small communities because of cost and quality of life, he said.

"It's retaining a lot of people with college degrees," said Jacques Peak, who recently earned her bachelor's degree in business and communication. Without TightLink, Peak said, she'd probably be job searching in Boise.

"It gives us an opportunity to get in on the Internet start-up revolution without having to live in the rat-race of California," she said. "I like being able to ski after work."

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- TightLink employee  
Jacques Peak

## Kempthorne OKs development plan

### Lewiston receives \$500,000 grant to draw employers

The Associated Press

BOISE - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne approved a \$500,000 Idaho Community Development Block Grant on Friday for the city of Lewiston to use as it draws more employers to the town.

The grant money will go toward sidewalks, streets, lights and sewer and water systems.

The funds come as Convergys Corp. expects to become the first tenant of Lewiston's new office and technology park. The company will open a call center that will employ about 450

people.

"Starting with Convergys as the anchor tenant, this new complex will give Lewiston, Nez Perce County and surrounding communities a real shot in the arm," Kempthorne said.

The Idaho Department of Commerce administers the Idaho Community Development Block-Grant program. Lewiston city leaders had to demonstrate the project will create jobs for residents with low-to-moderate incomes.

A branch of the U.S. Department of Commerce also will provide \$1.3 million toward the project.

The Port of Lewiston is giving \$1.9 million and Valley Vision 2001 is contributing \$10,000.

## Consumer spending shows little growth in November

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Americans increased their spending in November by a smallest amount in six months, an indication they were less confident in the economy and rattled by the volatile stock market. More recently, retailers are reporting less-than-merry holiday sales.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that spending rose by 0.3 percent last month, compared with a 0.4 percent rise in October. It was the weakest pace since May's mark, also 0.3 percent.

"Spending at this pace doesn't seem to suggest a very merry Christmas for businesses," said Richard Yamarone, economist with Argus Research Corp.

After a strong start the day

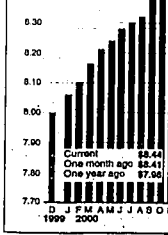
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**Personal Income**

Here is a look at Americans' personal income.

Seasonally adjusted

\$84.0 billion



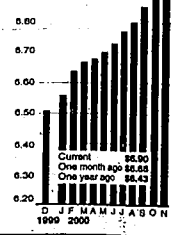
Source: Department of Commerce

**Personal spending**

Here is a look at the nation's personal spending.

Seasonally adjusted

\$69.0 billion



Source: Department of Commerce

MONEY

Holiday perks perk up Consumer

...Night Rider News Service
A day off with pay for Paul, a trip to the spa for Sharon, a surprise bonus for Barbara and a champagne and caviar Christmas party for the entire staff.

world of 60-hour work weeks and high-energy workplaces - where the low unemployment rate makes good employees the most valuable commodity - the old stand-bys just don't cut it. Employees now expect more than typical end-of-year gestures.

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After Thanksgiving, holiday sales have not dazzled.
Mall traffic is down sharply and key retailers such as Wal-Mart and Federated Department Stores have reported declining sales for the third week in a row.

ment has ended rapidly since this report," said Mark Zandi, chief economist for Economy.com, a consulting firm. "Christmas sales hit a low in December... I think the December numbers for both personal spending and income will look much bleaker in the next report."

June 1999 and May of this year in an effort to slow the economy and keep inflation under control.
But with the economy growing at a 2.2 percent rate in the third quarter, a four-year low, some economists are worried that economic is cooling off too rapidly.

Jan. 30-31 meeting and said Friday reports would provide some support for such a move.
In the other report, consumer spending on big-ticket manufactured items, such as cars, decreased for the second month in a row by 1.2 percent in November. Spending on nondurable goods such as food and fuel, was flat last month after a 0.4 percent gain.

Dairy

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"I'm sure that number has expanded again this time," Meyer said. You have had huge growth in that time.
But a year's worth of sour prices - with two ends in sight - is taking its toll on dairy producers, tapping their equity and threatening their operations, according to the story in today's edition of Ag World.

Farmers National Bank in Bull and a 42-year veteran in the farm loan business.
The bank is currently in a restructuring short-term debt to help get them through this period of extended low price. We have seen a couple of parties that have elected to eliminate the operation and sold out.

with Cooper Norman & Co., said generally banks won't allow a principal-only payment, wanting the interest up front.
For Hachs, that means another year of interest-only payment.
"If you're having a tough time, they're going to be watching that pretty close," he said.

"Everybody's weathered it pretty well," he said, "but you can only negative cash flow for so long."
Effects on allied industries
The cows have to eat, and labor and equipment upkeep are needed to milk them, but the businesses that supply those needs aren't insulated from the negative cash flow at dairies.

"It depends on their size," he said of a vendor's ability to front supplies. "They're going to be limited, too. They can't do much of it. It's too tight in the entire ag market."
John O'Connor, owner of Farm Management Inc. in Bull, said it's definitely a different atmosphere here this year.
"Every guy we've said 'hey, hey, hey' to, he said, "but there is still some money being spent. It's slower than it has been. We've

had to wait longer for our money."
And that didn't fit perfectly into a dairyman's demand or quality needs didn't get sold, he said.
"I have some hay that's sitting and more money would have been sold by the end of this year."
But while sales are down, O'Connor hasn't been burned with any nonpayments.
" They've been honest and said, 'I can't buy this right now, maybe after the first of the year.' But I don't think everybody's been more careful than they used to be. Farmers in general are more cautious. I also know there are some hay brokers that are getting a lot pickier with who they deal with," he said.

"Some have borrowed everything they can borrow," Hatch said. "We're in a scenario where everybody's been making it work the last eight months, but everyone's running out of equity. Once you use that up, you have nowhere to go."

Nonetheless, the bank is working with producers and trying to accommodate requests.
We have not taken any position overall on the dairy situation," Brown said. "We're dealing with this on a one-on-one basis."

"That's what he is hearing from his colleagues in the banking business, as well, he said. There are some options available - such as principal-only payments on long-term loans for a limited time, but it hinges on how low the downward market lasts, Brown said.
Mark Brady, certified public accountant

"I think there has to be some optimism out there, otherwise they wouldn't continue to do it."

Taking bad news to the bank

"I can attest to the fact that there is some trouble," said Ron Brown, president of

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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# COMMUNITY

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## HOLIDAY CHEER



As a project about sharing, students in Valerie Atkins' eighth-grade health classes at Burley Junior High School donated money they had saved to provide stockings filled with treats for the children at the Newcomer Center, where Spanish-speaking children are taught English. They collected \$152 between the three classes and presented stockings to each of the 45 center students. Dolores Mario's kindergarten class opens the gifts as the older students look on.

## SERVICE NEWS

### Anderson receives new rank while in California port

Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Carl E. Anderson, son of Davis W. Anderson of Burley, was promoted to his current rank while serving with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40 in Port Huamense, Calif.

Anderson was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Anderson is a 1981 graduate of Northwood High School of Shreveport, La. and joined the Navy in September 1981.

### Lewis has retired from 20 years of Marine service

Marine Corps Capt. Jason Lewis, son of Joan S. Burgess of Jerome, has retired from active duty after 20 years of service.

Lewis most recently served with Commander in Chief U.S. Pacific Command Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.

Lewis joined the Marine Corps in July of 1979.

## EVENTS

### BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announces Dec. 19 winners

RUPERT - Results from the BJ Duplicate Bridge Club for Dec. 19 were: north/south first, Faun and Warren McEntire; second, Francis Higgins and Virginia Martin; third, Lisa Buman and Marion Snow; fourth, Harry and Lorena Warnke.

Play continues at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the Rupert Elks. The public is invited.

### CSJ offers course to enhance speaking skills

TWIN FALLS - Business professionals and community members who want to enhance their public speaking skills are encouraged to sign up for an Advanced Public Speaking course (COMM 201) at the College of Southern Idaho.

Instructor Tiffany Seeley-Case says the usual Communications 101 prerequisite will be waived for community members and business professionals who want to take the three-credit class. Advanced Public Speaking will be taught from 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and is offered only during the spring semester, which begins Jan. 22.

For more information, call Seeley-Case at 733-9554, Ext. 2561.

### Buhl Chamber of Commerce names light parade winners

BUHL - The winners for the Buhl Christmas night light parade on Dec. 9 were: civic adult group, Buhl Arts Council; civic youth group, Castillon Sadale Shepherds, music group, Buhl Band of Indians and Buhl School Choir; private group, Proprietors of the Moonodog by Joseph Peterson and Tim Whited; and commercial category, Lamb Weston Inc.

## HANSEN HEROES



Super hero day was a theme at the Hansen High School homecoming celebration. Dressing up were Sandy Teeter, Valerie Croech, Sarah Pariah, Brenda Degner, Jamie Duke, Lynn Kincaid, Rachel Stanger, Cody Brooks and Ashley Reichel.

## SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

**Hospice Visions volunteers** - Hospice Visions Inc. is in need of volunteers to help with fund-raisers, bereavement mailings and correspondence, patient care and companionship and caregiver assistance. Orientations and in-services are available monthly. Call Flo or Tami at 735-0121.

**Washer tub** - A Head Start is in need of a large tub washer. Call 734-8041.

**Hospital bed** - A man is in need of a hospital bed. Charity Anywhere Foundation will pick it up. Call 734-8041.

**Volunteer readers** - Volunteers are needed at the Gooding Elementary School to read with children during school hours. Volunteers can work every day 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.

**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 country 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.

**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 or Kitty at 436-0727 for those in the Minnicassia area.

**Winter clothing, blankets, toys** - The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs men's, women's and children's winter clothing, blankets, Christmas items, bikes and toys. Drop off items from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 1043 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. Call Michelle at 736-2166.

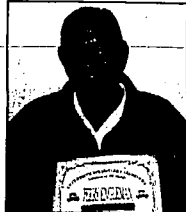
**Caregiver helpers** - The "Dial-A-Break" Respite Program is in need of volunteers who will sit with 24-hour clients in their homes. This allows the caregiver a chance to take a much-needed break. This program is offered in the Magic Valley and volunteers are needed in all areas. Call Judy or Carlene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

**Volunteer drivers** - Volunteer drivers are needed in the Magic Valley area for the Seniors Assisted Services program. This program offers assisted transportation to people 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.

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.

## VOLUNTEER HONOR



Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver - volunteer of the month for November is Jerry Engleman of Twin Falls. Engleman has been a volunteer for almost two years and has provided transportation of people to critical medical appointments, both local and long distance.

Photo courtesy of Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

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NATION/WORLD

# Palestinians say progress is stalled

WASHINGTON - Palestinians accused Israel of backtracking at peace talks Friday as the two sides weighed the future of Jerusalem's holy sites and Palestinian refugees. Each side looked to the other for critical concessions.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami told American Jewish leaders in a telephone report that the Temple Mount, revered by observant Jews as the site of the ancient Temple, was on the negotiating table.

"For all practical purposes, the Arabs are in control of the Haram," Morton A. Klein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, quoted Ben-Ami as saying. Haram as-Sharif, the Al-Aqsa mosque on the site, is holy to Muslims.

"There is a real will from (Yasser) Arafat to strike a deal," Ben-Ami said, according to Klein. The Palestinians, meanwhile, suggested the talks had hit a hump.

## Suicide bomber kills self, one Israeli and hurts three

JERUSALEM - A Palestinian harnessed with explosives walked into a roadside restaurant in a remote Jewish settlement on Friday and blew himself up, also killing an Israeli and wounding three others, police said, another spasm of violence in a three-month uprising that has now taken 342 lives.

The deadly attack came as a source in the Palestinian delegation to U.S.-brokered talks in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the negotiations had taken a difficult turn, involving shouting matches between the two sides. Israel and the Palestinians have been weighing peace proposals put to them by President Clinton.

There have been several bombing attacks by Palestinians against Israeli targets during the current outbreak of violence. Most of the victims have been Palestinians.

## Voting machines failed early test in Florida

MIAMI - A test conducted minutes before the polls opened on Election Day showed that 13

News in brief

of 20 voting machines were faulty at the two Miami-Dade County precincts with the highest rates of discarded ballots. The Miami Herald reported Friday. But poll workers did not take the machines out of service as rules required, perhaps causing more than 200 ballots to be improperly marked, according to the newspaper.

Supporters of Vice President Al Gore argued unsuccessfully after Nov. 7 election that thousands of ballots in Miami-Dade and statewide were improperly marked because of faulty voting machines, perhaps costing him the presidency. President-elect Bush won the state by 537 votes out of 6 million cast, and Florida's 25 electoral votes proved to be decisive.

County election officials said the machines were fine, and that the tests were flawed. They said the machines performed properly in earlier tests.

## Turner agrees to help pay U.S. share of U.N. budget

UNITED NATIONS - The United Nations reached a tentative agreement Friday to cut the U.S. share of the U.N. budget after media mogul Ted Turner came forward and offered to pay for a \$34 million shortfall the cut created, diplomats said.

"We have the contours of a deal," one U.S. official said early Friday on condition of anonymity. "Details need to be finalized."

If approved, the arrangement would reduce the U.S. share of the U.N. administrative budget from the current 25 percent to 22 percent - a savings for the United States of tens of millions of dollars a year. In addition, the U.S. share of the organization's peacekeeping budget would be cut from the current 31 percent to somewhere around 26 or 27 percent, diplomats from other countries said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The deal would end months of wrangling over U.S. payments to the world body.

## Thieves steal a Rembrandt and two Renoir paintings

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - Three armed robbers stormed into Stockholm's waterfront National Museum on Friday, made off with a Rembrandt self-portrait and two masterpieces by Renoir, then fled in a waiting boat.

One of the art thieves stood in the lobby with a machine gun while the other two grabbed the paintings in two different rooms, said police spokesman Bjoern Pihlblad said.

The boat the men used was found at Sodermalm, a neighborhood just south of Stockholm.

The Renoirs were titled "Young Parisian" and "Conversation with the Gardener," Pihlblad said. The title of the Rembrandt was not immediately clear, nor were the values of the paintings.

## Mexican army hands over base at Chiapas conflict

MEXICO CITY - Mexico's army closed a base at the center of the conflict in troubled Chiapas state on Friday, pulling out of a jungle town where it has faced daily confrontations with townspeople for more than a year.

The handover of the base - part of new President Vicente Fox's strategy to woo the Zapatista rebels back to the negotiating table - continued a pullback of troops in the troubled region.

"This is demonstrating with actions, not words, the will of the government to find a negotiated, peaceful solution to the Chiapas conflict," Foreign Secretary Jorge Castaneda told The Associated Press in announcing the move.

The rebels, whose peace talks with the government broke down in 1996 when the government balked at implementing the Indian rights bill, said they were encouraged by Fox's moves and would return to the negotiating table under certain conditions, including a more complete withdrawal of troops. - compiled from wire reports

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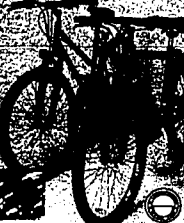
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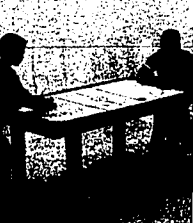
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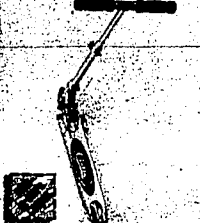
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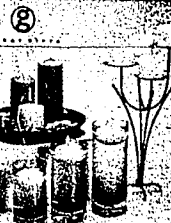
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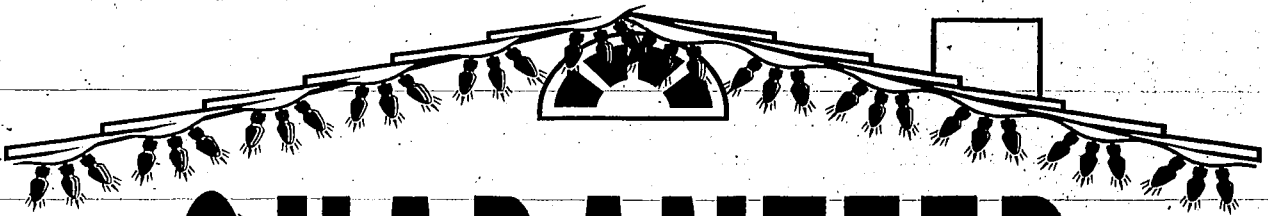


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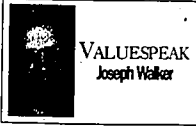
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VALUESPEAK  
Joseph Walker

Now, I know there are tens of thousands of births every day on this planet, and there was nothing that made our experience any more "miraculous" than any other. But for me, it was a magical moment of transformation. Before my very eyes, my son became a father, my wife became a grandmother, my daughters became aunts, my youngest son became an uncle and that basketball in my daughter-in-law's tummy became The World's Most Adorable Granddaughter.

Miraculously, there were some extraordinary moments during that one and well, almost sacred Christmas Eve. No, we didn't have herald angels harking in the heavens, or a new star overhead to light the way to baby Becky. But we did have a 3-year-old Jon, excitedly telling everyone, "I'm an uncle! I'm an uncle!" We had two grandmothers - one a veteran, one a first-timer - taking turns monitoring the hospital staff to make sure they were taking proper care of the new grandchild. And we had two families coming together at the nursery window to "ohh!" and "ahh!" at the little dark-haired bundle in the bassinet who represented their confluence.

For me, however, the most profound moments involved my son: the joy in his eyes as he held up his daughter for all the family to see; the tender concern etched on his face as he oversaw the poking and probing and assorted testing of little Becky; and the peaceful contentment that emanated from him as he sat in a hospital rocking chair holding in his sweet, slumbering child.

I had gone to get him some food - hey, a guy's gotta eat, even on Christmas Eve - and I brought it to the hospital room where the new little family was headquartered. New Mama Jenny was resting comfortably after her ordeal, and Joe was holding Becky. For a moment, I stood silently and watched my son gently cradle his baby in his long, powerful arms. At first, all I could see was the top of Joe's head, as he bent to her, examining her, studying her, kissing her little hands and cheeks. Then he looked up at me, and I could see the tears that were streaming down his face.

"I was wrong," he said as a tear dripped of his cheek and fell softly on Becky's hand.

I hesitated. I had lectured Joe about so many things through the years, I wasn't exactly sure which thing I had been right about.

"What?" I asked.

"He glanced down at Becky, then back at me.

"This ... this ... feeling," he said. "It's overwhelming. I've never felt anything like it. It's like ... love ... squared. To the 10th degree."

I understood. I was feeling that same feeling for the child and my grandchild. And it made me think that perhaps that is truly the essence of Christmas. It's not just about a child, and it's not just about parents - heavenly or otherwise. It's about love. Squared. Miraculously.

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

# A meaningful reminder

By Joan Bean  
Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** - The house is decorated, the cookies are baked, the cards are sent and the shopping's almost done. Has anything been overlooked?

With everything there is to do at this time of year, sometimes the real meaning of Christmas is all but forgotten.

As a reminder, the Buhl Council of the Knights of Columbus constructed a couple of 8-by-12-foot billboards. The colorful signs depict Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus. The message is, "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS."

One of the billboards is on the roof of a building on Highway 30 heading west at the Black Bear Corner. The other is in front of St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Hagerman.

Matt Machado, Grand Knight of the Buhl Council, said the group had been talking about doing this for a couple of years. It took eight members about three hours to build the frames and put the signs on them.

With the hustle and bustle of the holidays, Machado said, a lot of people just forget why they are celebrating Christmas.

"It seems like everybody is so busy this time of the year running around and trying to buy presents and everything else," he said. "We just want to give people a little reminder."



The Buhl Council of the Knights of Columbus built two billboards to try to help people remember the real meaning of Christmas.

## Knights of Columbus stay busy helping communities

By Joan Bean  
Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** - The Knights of Columbus organization was founded in 1882 by a priest named Michael McGivney, of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn.

The membership is composed of Catholic men committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism and defense of the priesthood. The

Buhl Council has about 80 members.

Francis Karel, church activity chairman, said Knights of the first three degrees - charity, unity, fraternity - pretty much work together. He said fourth-degree Knights (he is one of those) concentrate on patriotism. Among other things, they make flags available to schools and institutions that want them, and provide instructions on proper flag etiquette.

Karel said one of the things the Knights do is loan hospital beds, wheelchairs, and other equipment to bedridden or ill people. When such items are available, they are free of charge to anyone, regardless of religious affiliation.

For the last few years, the local Knights have held an auction each summer to raise money for a scholarship fund for youth from the Buhl Immaculate Conception Church and St. Catherine's

Church in Hagerman. This project is undertaken in conjunction with a community-wide parish picnic open to the public.

Early each year, the Knights sponsor a free throw competition, open to all boys and girls. Winners go on to district, state and national levels.

In February, three of the Buhl Council Knights help with the Hallisey Basketball Tournament, held in Boise for boys and girls of Idaho parishes. At Christmas,

one of the Knights dresses like Santa Claus and gives bags of candy to parish children.

There is also an annual crab dinner.

"We have our St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner every year and that's our main fund-raiser," said Matt Machado, Grand Knight of the Buhl Council. "The whole community is invited, and we serve from 11 in the morning till about 6 or 7 at night."

## Church is better known as a charity

By Caryle Murphy  
The Washington Post

**WASHINGTON** - Every Sunday, Patricia McConnell's family worships in a blue-shapeted Arlington, Va., chapel with a plain wooden cross on the wall. There are traditional hymns, a Gospel reading and a sermon. Only the brass band on stage and the dark blue uniforms worn by many in the congregation set the service apart.

If all this is familiar to the 15-year-old, so is the reaction when she tells friends that her family's religion is the Salvation Army.

"You go to church at the thrift store?" Patricia says in mock horror, mimicking the response she's heard more than once.

For many Americans, the Christmas season is incomplete without the Salvation Army's ubiquitous red kettles, tinkling bells and brass bands urging hard-of-hearing shoppers to remember the needy. Some know that its dependable track record of serving the poor and afflicted has led Americans for the last eight

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Richard McConnell and daughter Felicia share some family time at their church-provided home in Springfield, Va., after church services. Richard and his wife are officers, or ordained clergy members of the Salvation Army.

## For Salvationist family, 'Army' is a way of faith

The Washington Post

**WASHINGTON** - Joining the Salvation Army is not done "willy-nilly," Richard McConnell said. "It really is an entire commitment to serve the Lord."

The McConnells, who have four children, live on a quiet cul-de-sac in their church-provided home. Only the piano in the living room and a few other pieces of furniture belong to them; the rest is the Salvation Army's.

Janeen McConnell recalled that she had no idea the Salvation Army was a church when she met her future husband, a third-generation Salvationist: "I remember telling him I thought the Salvation Army was like Goodwill Industries." But after attending services, "I just fell in love with it," she said. One month before

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## Chats with priest inspire King's 'Desperation'

By Jim Jones  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The Rev. William Winston is one of the few Episcopal priests in the nation - probably the only one - who is recognized on the "acknowledgements" page of a book by bestselling fiction writer Stephen King.

In his study at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Fort Worth, Texas, the priest showed a handsomely bound special edition of King's book "Desperation." It is a story of mayhem in which a satanic highway patrolman reeks destruction in a Western town that bears the name of the book's title.

King offers a special acknowledgement to "William Winston, Episcopalian minist-



Stephen King

ter" along with three other acknowledged figures, including one to King's wife, Tabitha, whom the author calls his "keenest critic."

The priest's special copy of the book is signed by King with the cryptic wording: "This is the book, the book you helped me with. I hope I got most of it right and that your pneumonia, not to mention your soma and sarx is in good shape. God bless. Stephen King."

Winston met King when he was a priest in the early 1990s at St. John's Episcopal Church in Bangor, Maine, King's home town. The two were working out at a local health spa and were acquainted. Out of the blue, one day, King said, "William, tell me about the nature of evil."

What followed were meetings at a local bagel shop in Bangor and at Winston's home, which was on the same street as King's.

In the book there are sharp distinctions between good and evil.

One of the principal characters, 11-year-old David Carver, is mysteriously touched by God, and the evil patrolman immediately recognizes it. After killing one member of David's family, the patrolman asks

David, "Are you thinking about God? Don't bother ... There's no God in Desperation, baby boy."

King writes about spiritual conversion in connection with the character of David.

"Like most spiritual conversions, David Carver's was dramatic only on the outside; on the inside it was quiet, almost mundane. Not rational - perhaps matters of the spirit may never be strictly rational - but possessed of its own clarity and logic. And to David, at least, its genuineness was without question. He had found God, that was all. And (this he considered probably more important) God had found him."

King was fascinated by new words he learned from Winston - pneuma, meaning

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RELIGION

Muslim Eid festival has no set date

By Richard N. Ostling  
The Associated Press

While others are relaxing over the Christmas holiday, 1,000-plus employees of a vast arena near Chicago's O'Hare Airport will be standing by in case of a last-minute telephone summons to report to work early the next morning. The reason: 20,000 Muslims will gather for a festival at the arena, and nobody will know until the night before whether it will happen Dec. 26 or 27—all because of religious tradition.

"It's kind of a hassle," acknowledges Maureen Dieball of the Donald Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Ill., site of the biggest such festival ever organized by Chicago-area Muslims.

The Eid al-Fitr, or Feast of Fast Breaking, is a community gathering that combines prayer with elements of Thanksgiving (bannqueting) and Christmas (gift-giving). One of two obligatory festivals established by the Prophet Muhammad, the Eid celebrates the end of Ramadan, the holy month when adult believers renew their devotion to God and abstain from food and drink from sunset to sunrise.

That much is certain; what's always a last-minute affair is fixing the Eid date.

"The world laughs at Muslims. We cannot make a reliable calendar," laments a commentator on the Web site. North American Muslim leaders are determined to eventually change that and fit the needs of modern life, applying science to ancient tradition, and they made some progress toward that goal at a summit meeting last month.

Meanwhile... The date of the Eid is based on



Muslims pray to mark the end of the Ramadan fasting period on March 25, 1993, at the Islamic Center of Long Island, Westbury, N.Y. Worshipers gathered in the courtyard of the newly finished mosque for the first Eid al-Fitr ceremony at the facility.

Hadith, authoritative traditions about Muhammad's practices. The prophet taught that the Eid comes the morning after the end of Ramadan has been confirmed by nighttime sighting of the new moon. The crescent eventually became a universal symbol of Islam. Muslims traditionally follow that literally and recognize only actual visual sightings rather than astronomical calculations, so the date is not known in advance. To take the current North American example, the invisible new moon begins Dec. 25; so, Muslims will watch the skies that night, but astronomers

say the crescent won't be visible till the evening of Dec. 26, putting the Eid the morning of Dec. 27.

Islamic organizations launched a joint effort in 1988 to have all North American mosques follow a uniform date, and the system largely took hold by the mid-1990s. Believers are now encouraged to report their moon sightings to a single telephone hotline operated by the Islamic Society. Once Islamic jurists and scientists agree on an authentic sighting, mosques are alerted by Web postings, e-mails and phone calls that the

Eid will come the following morning.

Then, Khalid Shaoukat, the Islamic Society's scientific consultant and an astronomer and research physicist with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, operates the www.moon-sighting.com Web site to inform believers about the Muslim calendar. He thinks North American Muslims should use astronomical calculations to set dates well in advance, the way Jews and Christians do. He predicts this innovation will take hold within a decade and eventually spread worldwide.

Internet opens new frontier to churches

By Carrie Johnson  
The Washington Post

When a priest was killed in the rectory of Mother Seton Roman Catholic Church in Germantown, Md., last June, grieving church members turned to each other—and to the Internet—for support and the latest news about the investigation and funeral arrangements.

While the Maryland case is surely unusual, the notion of a religious community looking to the Web as a source of information is not. A new study finds more congregations are going online.

Churches and synagogues are developing Web sites and filling them with statements of faith, links to devotional material and e-mail lists for visitors, according to a survey by the Pew Internet & American Life Project.

"One of the missions of the project is to look at the impact of the Internet on communications," said Director Lee Rainie. "I was anxious to look at churches because they are always cited as among the most important

anchors for any community."

About 1,300 churches and synagogues from 49 states responded to an e-mail message soliciting data for the unscientific report, titled "Wired Churches, Wired Temples." Nearly 90 percent of respondents came from Christian denominations, with 7 percent of responses coming from Jewish congregations. There are about 336,000 places of worship in the country, according to the study.

Among the findings: • Most religious sites offer one-way means of communicating with parishioners, though many clergy members and church staffers use e-mail to keep in touch.

• Some churches use the Web to reach out to teenagers or to connect with people overseas.

• Eight to 10 sites encourage visitors to attend services, and more than 75 percent of sites post sermons, mission statements and links to other religious information.

• About half of the congregations that responded to the survey provide schedules, meeting minutes and other such internal news, the study found.

Church

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years to give it more money than any other private charity—\$1.4 billion in 1999 alone.

But few people realize that the Salvation Army is an evangelical Protestant denomination of more than a million members in 107 countries, with its own creed, ordained clergy, seminaries and spiritual mission: "To preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination."

The Salvation Army's military structure signals that it is "a fighting force, constantly at war with the powers of evil," according to a church manual. Thus, its London-based world leader is known as "the General," its clergy are "officers," its members "soldiers." The Salvation Army newspaper is the War Cry.

In this country, 10,000 people consider themselves Salvationists, said Lt. Col. Tom Jones, denominational spokesman at national headquarters in Alexandria, Va. But only 125,000 of them are soldiers who have signed the church's Articles of War, which require them to refrain from alcohol, tobacco, gambling, pornography and the occult.

A higher level of commitment is expected of Salvationist officers like Rick and Janeen McConnell of Springfield, Va., who are among the church's 5,000 U.S.-based ordained clergy members, recognized by the red-backed "S" on their lapels. Officers give up all outside income and live on a salary from the Salvation Army, which also provides them with a furnished "parsonage," a car, medical insurance

and pension. With benefits, an officer couple generally makes \$30,000 to \$50,000 annually, Jones said.

Officers may marry only other officers, and if they divorce, both lose their "commissions." On call 24 hours a day and regularly transferred to new locations, officers also follow detailed regulations on everything from how to win a soul to how to write a letter and court a prospective spouse.

Founded in 1865 in London by Methodists William and Catherine Booth, the Salvation Army has a simple theology of 11 doctrines. It does not have sacraments or communion and is nonliturgical, meaning there are no prescribed rules for its worship services.

The first Salvationists in this country arrived in New York in 1872. In their street theater and marching bands earned disdain from other Christians. Their original intent was to convert everyone they met to Christ, but Salvationists found that people most appreciated their social welfare programs.

Today, the Salvation Army runs a national social welfare network that assisted 33.5 million Americans in 1999 and employs more than 43,000 people, most of them nonmembers, according to Jones.

The Christmas "kettle tradition began in 1891 when Joseph McFee, a soldier in San Francisco, grabbed a big crab pot, hung it from a tripod and posted a sign: "Fill the Pot for the Poor—Free Dinner on Christmas Day."

Last year, Salvation Army kettles brought in \$84 million.

Family

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their 1976 marriage, she joined the church.

Today, the McConnell children reflect the balance that Salvationist families seek between the sacred and the secular. Despite the austere lifestyle chosen by their parents, the children say they appreciate life in the Salvation Army.

"I like how we move a lot. I like to go different places," said Felicia, 13, who has lived in five states.

Patricia, 15, and Alicia, 16, are full-fledged soldiers, having signed the Articles of War. Felicia and 10-year-old Trea, who loves to play Nintendo as much as his cornet, are junior soldiers.

Without prompting, Trea

retrieved a framed copy of his commitment from his room.

Titled "My Promise," it shows that he pledged on Feb. 1, 1998, among other things, "not to use intoxicating drink, harmful drugs and tobacco... (and) to lead a life that is clean in thought, word and deed."

The girls wear their uniforms to church services and official Salvation Army activities. But the idea of wearing them to school provoked three teenage howls of ridicule: "Oh no! Definitely not!" they cried in chorus.

Asked whether their religion makes them shun some things done by their peers, Patricia joked that she wished she could say, "I can't take math, I'm a Salvationist!"

King

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spirit; soma, meaning body, and sarx, meaning flesh—the words King referred to when he autographed the book for the priest.

In the book, the words are used in a conversation between the highway patrolman and another of the book's main characters, Johnny Marvinville, an author who, like King, is popular but has not attained high literary standing with critics.

"You have never written a truly spiritual book," the patrol-

man says. "It is your great unrecognized failing... You have no interest in your spiritual nature. You mock the God who created you, and by doing so you mortify your own 'pneuma' and glorify the mud which is your 'sars.'" The patrolman attacks the author for not fully understanding the concepts. "Sars is not the body. Soma is the body," he says. "The body is made of flesh—as the word was reputedly made from by the word of Jesus Christ—but the body is more than the flesh that makes it."

CHURCH NEWS

Ascension Episcopal Church to hold Christmas events

TWIN FALLS—Ascension Episcopal Church has planned several events for Christmas weekend.

The labyrinth will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to noon Sunday.

Christmas Eve Services will be held at 8 a.m., and at 5:30 and 10:30 p.m. Sunday, with Dennis Mackenry as the organ. The 5:30 p.m. service is for families and will feature the Christmas pageant. Parishioners and guests are invited to gather at 10:30 p.m. to sing hymns in preparation for the Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist, which begins at 11 p.m.

Christmas Vespers will be celebrated at 7 p.m. Christmas Day. Everyone is welcome.

Rupert Methodists plan "Seasoning for the Season"

RUPERT—The "Seasoning for the Season" theme continues Sunday at Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., with messages by Pastor Kerne Wise. Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m., and worship begins at 11 a.m. Candlelight communion ser-

vices are set for 6 and 11 p.m.

A prayer vigil will be held from 1 to 10:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to participate should call the church at 436-3354. All are welcome.

Rock Creek Community Church plans holiday events

TWIN FALLS—The church choir, directed by Amy Trail, will sing "What Child Is This?" during worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at Rock Creek Community Church, at the Seventh-day Adventist shared facility at 131 Grandview Drive.

Pastor Dale Metzger will speak on "Indifferent to Christmas?" during worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at Trinity Episcopal Church, 605 H St., which begins at 11 p.m.

The Seventh-day Adventist congregation will join Rock Creek for a traditional candlelight Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m. Sunday with area musicians, including the Stukenholtz Fiddlers, pianist Doug Wright and recording artist Jamie Thietten.

Trinity Episcopal Church to hold Christmas Eve service

GOODING—Trinity Episcopal

Church, 125 Seventh Ave. W., will hold its Fourth Sunday Advent Service at 11 a.m. Sunday. The Christmas Eve service begins at 8 p.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated, with the Rev. Marilyn Butler as celebrant.

The church will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Christmas Day for anyone who wants a place to go for quiet reflection.

Siblings to perform at Eastside Baptist Church

TWIN FALLS—Brother and sister Russ Clark and Roxanne Clark and Otman will present vocal music during the 11 a.m. service Sunday at the Eastside Baptist Church.

Roxanne's wife, Karen, will be the accompanist.

Otman, who lives in Hazelton, majored in English and journalism at Idaho State Uni-

versity. She has taught school in Jerome and Valley Middle School.

Clark, a teacher of choral music in Texas, is a graduate of Houston Baptist University, with degrees in music performance and music education. He sang with the Gilbert & Sullivan Guild in London last year. While living in Twin Falls, he was a guest soloist at many churches.

The public is invited.

Christian Center Four-square plans candlelight celebration

TWIN FALLS—A Christmas Eve candlelight celebration will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Christian Center Four-square Church, 181 Morrison St.

Delena and Jeannette Willis will perform an interpretive dance.

The Times-News welcomes news of church missions. Send information to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Trena Tegan, The Times-News Burley Bureau, 325 1/2 E. Fifth St. N., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

MISSIONARIES

Sunday at the Burley 5th Ward chapel, 2420 Parke Ave.

Elder David W. Dodds will serve in the Japan Kobe Mission.

He will speak at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 15th Ward chapel, 3857 N. 3500 E. (Kimberly Stake Center).

Dodds is the son of Terry and Catherine Dodds and an Eagle Scout. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in

2000 and attended Brigham Young University. During high school, he served as a class officer and was a member of the Madrigals and Jive performing groups and the Chamber Choir.

Returned from serving:

Elder Clint Washburn served in the Florida Tampa Mission.

He will speak at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the Oakley 1st Ward cha-

pel, 301 N. Center Ave.

Washburn is a 1998 graduate of Oakley High School and an Eagle Scout. His parents are Robert and Hollie Washburn of Oakley.

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

Called to serve:

Elder John Ringle, son of David and Diane Ringle of Burley, will serve at the Camerodia Phnom Penh Mission. He will speak at 10:45 a.m.

John Ringle

RELIGION LETTER

Watch out for the latest paradigm shift at church

Hold onto your pew, folks, yet another paradigm shift is taking place in a sanctuary near you. Many well-intentioned and sincere national and local pastors are using a new method to encourage church attendance, called the Church Growth Movement. It is a laudable goal, but because its methods are rooted in pragmatism and consensus, it is deadly to one's faith.

This shift of beliefs requires that absolute values of right and wrong give way to a new maturity which requires adaptability and compromise. Doctrine becomes a "wall" which must be broken down to achieve social harmony. The catch: No one can participate in this consensus of faith and keep their belief in the one true God who never changes. There is no going back to God's absolute position once it has been abandoned. Human relationship-building

and uniformity are the goals of this new movement. But let no man deceive you. It is a pseudounity. Foundational truths have been compromised to ensure that the diverse congregation can get along. If doctrine truly is disposable, a mega-church should be built for all faiths to attend. It could be called "Church of the One World Order." The watchman at the gate must be neutralized in order for this paradigm shift to succeed.

Watchman, how far gone is the night? KATHY THOMSON Twin Falls The Times-News welcomes letters on religious topics of 200 words or less from readers. Letters should include the writer's signature, mailing address and telephone number. Letters considered libelous, obscene or in bad taste will be rejected, and The Times-News reserves the right to edit all letters.

RELIGION

# Grahams fight on for their faith

By Ken Garfield  
The Charlotte Observer

The more they struggle to fend off the cruel advance of age, the more inspiring it is to watch them promote a crusade, create a Christmas card or instruct their PR people to help get their message across.

It's one thing to stand up for Christ when you're young and strong. It's something else when life's constant companions are pain and your Bible.

Often now, news about America's best-known evangelical couple combines the latest on their ministry and health.

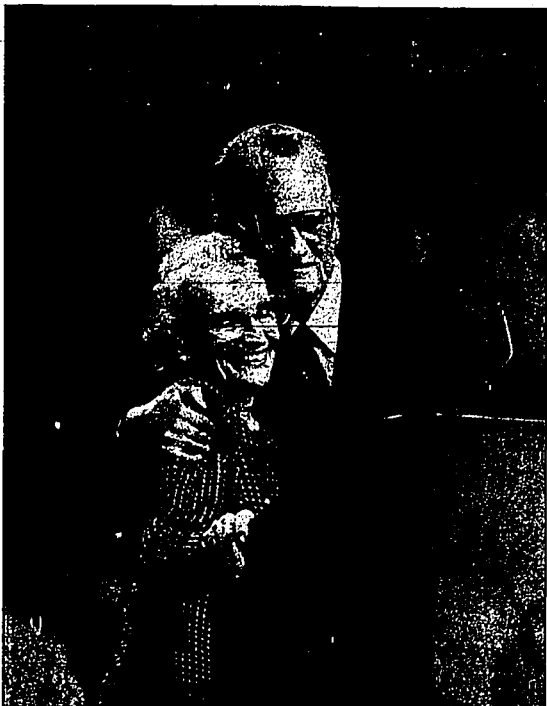
Billy Graham, 82, returned to the Mayo Clinic this month for more surgery for fluid on the brain. After updating his precarious health, the latest news release was quick to mention that Graham "is looking forward to ministry opportunities in 2001—including at least two crusades in cities to be announced early next year."

Ruth Graham, 80, is in a wheelchair at home in Montreat in the N.C. mountains after five hip-replacement procedures. Family and friends tell me she's in constant pain and sometimes gets a bit confused. Yet recently, a marketing group called on her behalf to promote a Christmas card she sketched this summer to raise money for the Ruth & Billy Graham Children's Health Center in Asheville.

This isn't a matter of two aging warriors desperately trying to cling to the spotlight, even if Billy Graham likes nothing better than to spend an hour on national TV with Larry King.

This is a matter of two aging warriors desperately trying to keep up the crusade that has defined their lives, and the lives of the millions of people they have touched.

I chatted by phone with Ruth Graham last week about the Christmas card, which was inspired by her sketch of a box under a tree that opens to reveal the true gift of the season.



Billy and Ruth Graham are still going strong despite age and illness.

She told me she has a "Don't ask, don't tell" policy about her poor health. She reads her Bible every day; it lay in her lap as we spoke. And she believes she'd go nuts if she didn't have something to do for God.

"If I didn't have a project," she said, "I think I'd die of boredom. I can't imagine anything more boring than sitting in discomfort and pain and doing nothing."

Her advice to those who

wake up to illness or anguish every morning: "Get your mind off yourself and on other people."

Years from now, the history books will talk about the fire that marked the prime of Billy Graham — how this electrifying preacher and his wife vowed the world for Christ.

I'll choose to remember the Grahams well past their prime — how a faltering preacher and his

ailing wife refused to let doctors and wheelchairs keep them from delivering a message that goes well beyond Christianity. This message is one that people of all faiths and even no faith can embrace. Never give up.

To order Ruth Graham's Christmas cards, call (828) 213-1020.

Ken Garfield is the religion editor at The Charlotte Observer.

# Book focuses on giving within limits

By Jeffrey Welas  
The Dallas Morning News

The title of a new book sounds like an attack on the year's most generous season: "The Ethics of Giving and Receiving: Am I My Foolish Brother's Keeper?"

The first essay, by University of Chicago philosophy professor Leon Kass, does read a little like "how the Grinch studied Aristotle." Kass' answer to the title question is a qualified "no."

Philanthropy, he asserts, should be linked with justice. And justice, he writes, creates standards for wise giving: People responsible for their own misfortune — drug addicts, for instance — should get bumped to the end of the line.

And help should generally be issued with strings attached, such as requiring someone on welfare to eventually get a job.

But the point of the book is really to find an intelligent way to answer the title question with a qualified "yes," said the book's co-editor, Southern Methodist University philosophy professor William May.

The book, published this week by Southern Methodist University Press, tries to make philosophy practical. Using academicians and philanthropy professionals, it brings the tools of philosophy and ethics to bear on the question of how to do good wisely.

The first section consists of competing essays by Kass and

three SMU ethics professors. While many of the essays are about large-scale giving, the discussion also applies to smaller donations. This is a season when most people's mailboxes are stuffed with requests for donations from a wide spectrum of seemingly worthwhile causes. So anyone but a complete Scrooge gets a daily pang wondering which — if any — causes are worth supporting.

So what kinds of answers does the book offer? Mostly, it suggests that we err on the side of basic benevolence, while admitting that there must be standards set to divide limited resources.

For instance, it's pretty hard to decide who is and is not deserving, suggests SMU ethics professor Steven Sverdlid. The classics would require an unwieldy, courtroom-like, adversarial system.

Robin Lovin, dean of the SMU theology school, is concerned about the physical and emotional distance between the wealthy and the needy in America. He fears more that potential donors will lose the empathy needed for compassion than that they will apply too-strict standards of justice to their charity.

And Charles Curran looks at giving through a Christian lens. The SMU ethics professor suggests that God's expansive compassion, as set forth in Christian Scriptures, offers a model for people to view their obligations to the poor.

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**SUNDAY**

"Great Preachers": Linda Loving. (5 a.m., ODY, 30 min., 1001163)

"Christopher Closeup": Derek Jacobi narrates a clay-animation version of Charles Dickens' *The Chimes*. (5:30 a.m., ODY, 30 min., 3352908)

"Christianity - The Second Millennium": The Protestant Reformation heralds the beginning of the modern age. (Part 2 of 2) (8 p.m., A, 2 hr., 999328)

**MONDAY**

"Christmas at Washington National Cathedral": The Rev. Nathan D. Baxter gives a Christmas message; the Choir of Men, Boys and Girls performs holiday songs. (7 a.m., ODY, 1 hr., 2276699)

"The Twelve Apostles - History's Great Revolutionaries": The story of the 12 men, united by Jesus of Nazareth, who revolutionize the world of faith. (8 a.m., HST, 2 hr., 4560125; repeats at 2 p.m.)

**THURSDAY**

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**Friday's Puzzle Solved**

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# Madonna's wedding day arrives

DORNOCH, Scotland (AP) — Reversing the formula that made her an international star, Madonna commanded maximum attention with the most minimal exposure on her wedding day.

Madonna was set to marry British film director Guy Ritchie on Friday in a strictly private ceremony, and it was only Friday morning that a waiting word got a first hint of the dress she would wear to the altar.

London Jeweler Susy Lauder disclosed that "in keeping with the gothic style wedding dress Madonna is going to wear," the singer had chosen an antique French bracelet studded with 19 carats of diamonds.

It wasn't clear whether the bracelet was something old or merely some thing borrowed from Moira, the Bond Street Jewellers.

But Lauder, who family runs the business, did disclose that the \$72,000 bracelet was actually selected by Stella McCartney.

McCartney, daughter of ex-Beatle Sir Paul McCartney and reportedly the designer of Madonna's wedding dress, accompanied Madonna on the shopping trip.

The Alfred Dunhill company announced that Ritchie would wear a lovat green jacket of Shetland tweed with matching tie and socks and a plain white cotton shirt with a 1930s-style straight collar.

The ensemble was expected to include a Mackintosh tartan kilt — the garment that has fascinated the tabloids and

caused fevered speculation about whether he would follow the Scots tradition of spurning underpants.

The wedding came a day after Madonna, 42, and Ritchie, 37, brought their 4-month-old son Rocco to Dornoch Cathedral to be baptized, to the delight of several hundred local people who joined the media crush outside.

Private security men were on hand to make sure no one got close to the happy couple or to celebrity guests, including Gwyneth Paltrow, Sting and Rupert Everett.

But something went awry with the security inside the church: Police said an unemployed 51-year-old man from southern

# London Bridge has never really fallen down

Q. Has London Bridge ever really fallen down?

A. Never. Several London Bridges have been built since the first in 1170. Wooden houses on them have burned down. Some of them have been torn down. But none ever have fallen.

Q. Which president had the middle name of "Finis"?

A. Will you accept the Confederacy's Jefferson Davis. If not, why not? He was the youngest of 10 children, and his father made a point of it in so naming him. His father much admired Thomas Jefferson, hence the first name.

High-flying birds can ice up.

**WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd**

If you elect to assemble your wisdom in collection of four-word sayings, start with these: "This, too, shall pass." "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." "Live and let live." "Still waters run deep." "Nothing succeeds like success." How many more can you come up with?

One of several professional types who tend to become immune to seasickness is the housepainter. Or so it's said. But it's not said why.

If your vision is average, it's 20 times better than the vision of a horse.

In a business office, women "smile better" than men do, says a corporation president. A man can smile all day without attracting attention. But when a woman smiles, she's noticed. "We're all the offspring of mothers," he says. "and we're pleased with ourselves when a woman smiles her approval."

Industrialist Andrew Carnegie declined to wed as long as his second wife. After she died, he finally got married. At age 57.

"The deepest principle in human nature," said the philosopher William James, "is the craving to be appreciated."

Many ancient Egyptian tombs contain beetles as well as human mummies. The scholarly diggers say the beetles seem to be a bit better preserved.

Q. Which is bigger - Colorado or New Zealand?

A. Colorado. Slightly.

When I said gorillas can't swim, a gorilla keeper wrote back. They can, too, they just don't like to.

# Donald Trump apologizes for ads against Indian casino

MONTICELLO, N.Y. — Donald Trump publicly apologized Friday for a series of advertisements last spring which claimed drug dealing and violence would follow if an Indian casino is built here.

"(We) apologize if anyone was misled concerning the production and funding of the lobbying effort led by Trump Hotels and Casino Resorts," Trump said in a follow-up ad placed in a local newspaper.

The ad campaign targeted the St. Regis Mohawks, who have proposed opening a Catskills casino that could draw New York City-area gamblers away from the Trump resort and other casinos in Atlantic City, N.J.

"It doesn't take away the pain

**People in the news**

or money we spent countering the ads," Tribal Chief Alma Ransom said. "They still hurt."

**Mother claims reconciliation with her actress daughter**

NEW YORK — Jaid Barrymore says she has reconciled with her famous daughter Drew.

Barrymore told New York's Daily News that she recently sent the "Charlie's Angels" star a book of spiritual guidance. She said Drew Barrymore was so touched by the gesture that she called.

— compiled from wire reports

# Leo — focus on earning power, marital status

IF DECEMBER 23RD IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You possess natural skills as a writer, actor. Find ways to express talents, don't suppress them. You are attractive, dynamic, have sex appeal. Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: E, N, W. Next year will feature proposals, business, career, marriage. June will be your most romantic, profitable month of 2001.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You might go far from home, but you'll return. Family member insists, "You belong here." Spotlight on partnership, marriage. Capricorn, Cancer natives involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Diversify, accent versatility with

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our scattering forces. Many will be drawn to you, hoping you can solve their problems. Know when, to say, "Enough!"

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Hold off on final decision. Legal matters take precedence. Many promises made, get them in writing. Subject of marriage is touchy. Lucky number 4.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Opportunity missed yesterday will be pounced on today. What begins as routine can conclude in exciting manner. Read, write, teach and learn. Virgo involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Focus on home beautiful, earning power,

marital status. Accent also on physical attraction, fulfillment of creative urge. Aries, Libra figure in scenario.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Many people talk about you, get promises in writing, avoid seeing people, relationships only as you wish they could be. Maintain aura of mystery, intrigue.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone wants to tell you something. Be willing to listen without being persuaded to abandon principles. Be familiar with engineering concepts. Capricorn involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Cycle high judgment, intuition honed to razor sharpness. Look beyond the immediate, toss aside preconceived notions. You receive invitation to travel.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Break away from usual routine. Wear bright colors, including yellow, gold. Be ready for adventure, challenge, variety.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Base actions on recent experiences. Remain neutral in family financial dispute. You will get fair deal. Cancer and another Capricorn figure prominently.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Maintain emotional equilibrium, humor. Hopes, wishes can be fulfilled. You win friends and influence people. Gemini, Sagittarius individuals play sensational roles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will have harmonious relationship with individual that once caused trouble. Scorpio from foreign land seeks to befriend you. Don't play hard to get.

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## 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

|  | Current Fee     | Proposed Increase | Total New Fee                  |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Dwelling   | \$ 45.00/sq.ft. | \$ 3.32           | \$ 50.32/sq.ft.                |
| Basement   | \$ 10.00/sq.ft. | \$ 5.00           | \$ 15.00/sq.ft.                |
| Garage   | \$ 16.00/sq.ft. | \$ 2.16           | \$ 18.16/sq.ft.                |
| Carport (Must be open on two or more sides)      | \$ 11.00/sq.ft. | \$ 1.40           | \$ 12.40/sq.ft.                |
| Mobile Home / Mfgd. Home on Blocks with skirting | \$ 100.00/each  | \$ 130.00         | \$ 230.00/each                 |
| Mobile Home / Mfgd. Home on Permanent Foundation | \$ 27.00/sq.ft. | \$ 1.00           | \$ 28.00/sq.ft.                |
| Decks - Over 30" above Grade or Floor            | \$ 10.00/sq.ft. |                   | \$ 10.00/sq.ft.                |
| Residential Move                                 | \$ 27.00/sq.ft. | \$ 200.00         | \$ 227.00/sq.ft. plus \$200.00 |
| Accessory Bldg. (No Door Over 3')                | \$ 10.00/sq.ft. |                   | \$ 10.00/sq.ft.                |
| Day/Btm Green House (Plastic Lined)              | \$ 3.00/sq.ft.  | \$ 15.00          | \$ 45.00/sq.ft.                |
| Apartment House                                  | \$ 43.00/sq.ft. | \$ 4.68           | \$ 47.68/sq.ft.                |
| Warehouse  | \$ 22.00/sq.ft. |                   | \$ 22.00/sq.ft.                |
| Home for the Elderly                             | \$ 55.00/sq.ft. | \$ 6.12           | \$ 61.12/sq.ft.                |
| Replacement of lost or damaged permit cards      | \$ NONE         | \$ 10.00          | \$ 10.00                       |

This increased revenue is required for Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Department to meet the increased costs associated with enforcing the 1997 Uniform Building Code.  
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|   | Current Fee | Proposed Increase | Total New Fee |
|---|-------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Livestock Containment Operation (LCO)   | \$ 150.00   | \$ 100.00         | \$ 250.00     |
| Zoning Application requiring public hearings (i.e. rezoning appl.)            | \$ 200.00   | \$ 100.00         | \$ 300.00     |
| Zoning Application requiring one public hearing (i.e. conditional use permit) | \$ 150.00   | \$ 50.00          | \$ 200.00     |
| Appeal Hearing  | \$ 125.00   | \$ 20.00          | \$ 145.00     |
| Misc. Permits   | \$ 30.00    | \$ 2.00           | \$ 32.00      |
| Hardship Application  | \$ 60.00    | \$ 40.00          | \$ 100.00     |

This increased revenue is required to offset the costs of the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Department to process zoning requests.  
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be implemented to minimize identified potential impacts. An Environmental Review Record with regard to the subject project has been made by IHFA which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at Kimberly City Planning and Zoning, 132 Main North, Kimberly, ID. It is available for public examination and copying on request Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 PM and 5 PM.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

**Comments on Finding**  
All interested agencies, groups and persons who wish to comment on this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by IHFA, PO Box 7899, Boise, ID 83707-1899, attn: Gary Ann Dillmore. Such written comments should be received on or before January 8, 2001 to be considered by IHFA. IHFA will not request the release of HOME Program funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

**Release of Funds**  
IHFA will undertake the project described above with HOME Program funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the HOME investment partnership Act of 1990. IHFA is certifying that Julie H. Williams in her official capacity of Vice President, IHFA, consents to the jurisdiction of the Federal courts in this action and to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that, upon its approval, IHFA may use HOME Program funds and will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

HUD will not accept objection to its approval only if it is one of the following terms:  
1. that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer;  
2. the grantee's environmental review record for the project includes omission of a required decision finding or step applicable to the project or the environmental review record.  
Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24-CFR Part 58) and be addressed to: U.S. Department of HUD, Environmental Clearance Officer, 400 SW-5th Avenue, Suite 700, Portland, OR 97204-1832.

HUD will not consider objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above. No objection after January 28, 2001 will be considered. Julie H. Williams, Vice President, Certifying Officer, Idaho Housing and Finance Association, 400 SW-5th Avenue, Boise, ID 83702, Date: 12/10/00

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**MANUFACTURING**  
Sears Manufacturing Company is seeking applicants for the following full-time positions: Quality Control/Packing, Warehouse/Shipping, Plastic Fabrication, & Production Material Handler.

**MANAGER**  
Mental Health Case Manager. Must have a BS degree in a human services field, 1 year of experience with the mentally challenged population. Contact Julie at 734-7730.

**MECHANIC**  
John Deere dealership looking for a diesel mechanic & lube service man. Pay DOE. Must have own tools. Full application at 26 E. 300 S. Jerome, ID. or send resume.

**MECHANIC**  
Mechanical/welding heavy duty truck shop experience. Competitive wages & benefits. Call Bob at 878-4400.

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Service clerk for equip. dealership, exp. preferred. Call 322-6000 or send resume to 26 E. 300 S. Jerome, ID. 83338.

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The Times-News is accepting applications for a full-time District Manager. The successful candidate must be able to work weekends, be dependable, have excellent time management skills, and enjoy working with youth. An outgoing personality is a plus.

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**The Times-News**

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**A DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**

**OFFICE CLERICAL**

Idaho Migrant Council seeking a motivated Secretary for 2 Housing Projects located in Twin Falls, ID. Duties include Rent Collections, Customer Service, phone-office machine, correspondence, tennis fees, and other duties assigned. Wage \$8.55, Bilingual preferred. Contact: Ray Villanar @ 735-0962, applications at 1122 Washington St. Twin Falls.

**OFFICE**

Part time person needed for various office duties. Filing, organization. Hours flexible, 10 to 15 hours per week. Please contact: Ken at (208) 733-9516.

**PEACE OFFICER**

The City of Wendell is accepting applications for the position of Peace Officer. Application may be obtained at the City of Wendell, W. Main, Wendell, ID 83355. The closing date is January 5th, 2001. Applicants will be required to undergo background investigation, have a current driver's license, and meet all other requirements to be a P.O.S.T. certified. Salary is \$ 1300 - \$1600 per month. DOE. Benefits include health insurance, holidays, vacations, and sick leave. Wendell is an EOE and Drug Free Workplace.

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The Times-News needs a talented sports junkie to cover everything that runs, jumps, or tackles in Mini-Cassia. The successful applicant will have a four-year college degree, excellent verbal skills, and a background in writing and photographing for publication. You'll be the sole sports reporter in our Burley news bureau. You'll produce a thorough local sports report, sooner and better than the competition. We offer an excellent starting salary plus full benefits. Send your resume, best clips and a list of references to Clark Walworth, Managing Editor, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403.

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**ROUTE 548**  
200 Blk. 3rd Ave. N., 100 Blk. Brook Dr., 200-800 Blk. Main St. 100 Blk. Rainbow Circle

If you live in Buhl and are interested in being an independent newspaper carrier, please contact District Manager 733-0931, ext. 347

**ROUTE 549**

400-500 Park Terrace 1100-1200 Parkway 1000-1200 Sparks N.

If you live on the West side of Twin Falls and are interested in being an independent newspaper carrier, please contact District Manager 733-0931, ext. 347

**ROUTE 550**

100-200 Birch West 200-600 North St. 100 Blk. Ramsay

**ROUTE 553**

1000 Blk. Duvis 200-600 North St. 100 Blk. Ramsay

**ROUTE 569**

Midway West 1000 Blk. 5th St. West 400-500 Canola 300-600 Golden Spur 100-200 Stirup St.

**ROUTE 572**

1600-1700 Blk of 2nd Ave. E 1500-1700 Blk of 3rd Ave. E 1500-1700 Blk of 4th Ave. E

**ROUTE 582**

1500 Blk. Kimberly Rd. 200-400 Blk Locust 200-300 Blk Madrona

**ROUTE 591**

100-400 Adams 100-400 Jefferson

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100-400 Adams 100-400 Jefferson

**ROUTE 593**

100-400 Adams 100-400 Jefferson

**ROUTE 594**

100-400 Adams 100-400 Jefferson

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**TWIN FALLS (7)**

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**ROUTE 561**  
100-600 6th St. Raybom Circle

**ROUTE 563**  
1000 Blk. Duvis 200-600 North St. 100 Blk. Ramsay

**ROUTE 569**  
Midway West 1000 Blk. 5th St. West 400-500 Canola 300-600 Golden Spur 100-200 Stirup St.

**ROUTE 572**  
1100 Blk. 4th Ave. E 1100-1400 Blk 5th Ave. East 1100-1400 Blk 6th Ave. East

**ROUTE 573**  
100-600 Blk of Ash 400-700 Blk of Blue Lakes

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**ROUTE 575**  
1300-1400 4th Ave. E 100-400 Blk Elm St. 100-500 Blk Locust 100-400 Blk Walnut

**ROUTE 576**  
1600-1700 Blk of 2nd Ave. E 1500-1700 Blk of 3rd Ave. E 1500-1700 Blk of 4th Ave. E

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1500 Blk Kimberly Rd. 200-400 Blk Locust 200-300 Blk Madrona

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If you live in the Burley or Rupert Area and are interested in being a Newspaper Carrier, please contact the Burley Times-News office at 677-4042 or stop by the office at 2512 E. 5th N. (next to Wal-Mart).

**TWIN FALLS (7)**

**THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER CARRIERS FOR THE EAST SIDE OF TWIN FALLS**

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2600-2900 9th Ave. E 2800 Elizabeth Ave. 900 Gallop Drive 700-900 Hankins 800-1100 Trotter Drive

**ROUTE 723**  
1100 Blk. 4th Ave. E 1100-1400 Blk 5th Ave. East 1100-1400 Blk 6th Ave. East

**ROUTE 724**  
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Buy the Guaranteed package and The Times News guarantees to sell merchandise or automotive items in 7 days and real estate in 15 days or we will return the ad an additional 7 days. There is a \$3 extra charge for the guaranteed package. Ads may be canceled early for customer convenience but the charge will remain the same.

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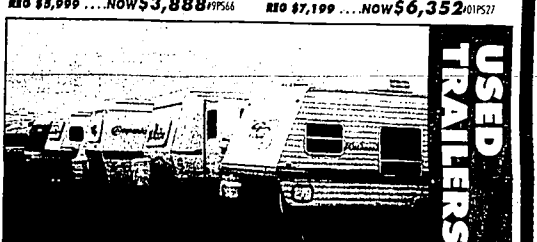
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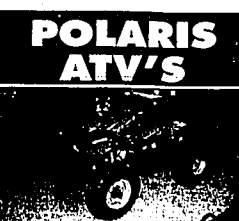
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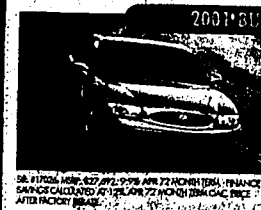


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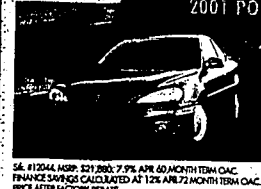
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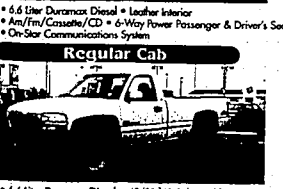
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