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Western states add House seats

Northeast, Midwest lose

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO - Fast-growing Western states picked up five additional congressional seats and significant clout in Washington with the release Thursday of the first batch of U.S. Census figures.

Arizona, where suburban sprawl has led to the nation's second-highest growth rate of 40 percent, was the biggest winner, adding two seats. California, Nevada and Colorado each got one more.

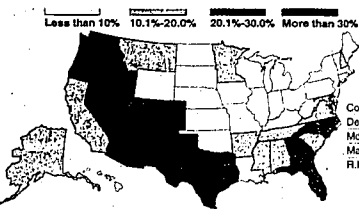
"When you get right down to it, legislative politics is a process of addition," Arizona's Rep. J.D. Hayworth said. "When you add, it's a good thing."

No Western states lost congressional seats, but there was disappointment in Utah and Montana. Utah just missed getting a

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Westward ho!

There are about 281.4 million people in the United States, a 13 percent increase from 1990, according to the 2000 Census. All states gained in population but the District of Columbia's population decreased by 5.7 percent. Here are the percent changes in population since 1990.



Nev. 66.3%	Ore. 20.4%	Minn. 12.4%	Mo. 9.3%	N.Y. 5.5%
Ariz. 40.0%	N.M. 20.1%	N.H. 11.4%	N.J. 8.9%	Mass. 5.5%
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Wash. 21.1%	Mont. 12.9%	Hawaii 9.3%	La. 5.9%	N.D. 0.5%

Only four states outpace Idaho in population growth

The Associated Press

BOISE - The first figures from the 2000 census confirm Idaho's dramatic growth during the 1990s, fifth fastest in the nation and slightly faster than administration analysts expected as recently as this past fall. The Census Bureau reported on Thursday

that Idaho's population hit 1,293,953 last April 1 and with growth the past nine months has easily exceeded 1.3 million.

The addition of just over 287,000 people reflected a 28.5 percent growth rate during the last decade. Only Nevada at 66.3 percent, Arizona at 40 percent, Colorado at 30.6 percent and Utah at 29.6 percent had higher

rates. Nationally, population grew 13.1 percent.

"The Rocky Mountain area really stands out," Boise State University political scientist professor James Weatherly said. "It confirms what we've been seeing all along."

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ROAD SAFETY



Barbara Fairchild, left, helps RoseMarie White renew her driver's license at the Department of Motor Vehicles office in Twin Falls on Thursday as White's husband, Alan, looks on. This is one of the busier times of the year at the DMV.

Law tightens regs for teen-age drivers

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - In the past two years, 8-year-old Magic Valley resident Christina Hughes has lost three of her friends in car accidents.

She said they were accidents that could have been prevented had her friends been better prepared to drive before being handed driver's licenses.

Hughes is in favor of the new Idaho law that, beginning

Monday, will require teen-age drivers to meet more extensive requirements before receiving their licenses.

The new law will also impose stricter penalties for any driver under 17 years of age who is cited and convicted of moving traffic violations on or after Monday.

The new program requires young people under 17 to complete driver's training in addition to 50 hours of supervised driving with an adult during a minimum four-month period with no traffic

violations. The young drivers must also pass both a written test and a skills test and be at least 15 years old before they can be issued an Idaho's driver's license, said Jane Caviness, drivers services manager for the Idaho Transportation Department's Division of Motor Vehicles.

In the past, students were issued driver's licenses at 15 years of age after completing driver's training but often lacked enough actual driving experience to handle many of the circum-

stances they encountered on the road," Caviness said. "The graduated driver's license program will allow them to safely gain that experience while being monitored and tutored by more experienced drivers."

They're also going to get more practice time behind the wheel, Caviness said.

Prior to the new law, Idaho drivers had been required only to complete a driver's education

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Bush wants Rumsfeld back at Defense

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President-elect Bush chose Donald Rumsfeld to be his secretary of defense, unexpectedly summoning a veteran of four Republican administrations back to the Pentagon post he held a generation ago. Bush said Rumsfeld will be "a great secretary of defense - again."

Bush's announcement that he will nominate Rumsfeld, 68, came after days of speculation that the job would go to former Indiana Sen. Dan Coats, or to one of two former aides to Vice President-elect Dick Cheney.



Donald Rumsfeld

Instead, it went to a man who once was Cheney's White House boss.

With the Rumsfeld selection, Bush said he has a team of "very strong, smart people" to deal with national defense and diplomacy in the Cabinet and the White House. He said Secretary of State-designate Colin Powell, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, Rumsfeld and Cheney - also a former defense secretary - will provide him some of the best counsel a president could get.

"General Powell's a strong figure and Dick Cheney's no shrinking violet," Bush said, "but neither is Don Rumsfeld nor Condi Rice."

He said he knows there will be disagreements and when there is, "I'll be prepared to make the decision necessary for the good of the country."

Bush said he would have another announcement today. Republican sources said that

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Remnants of Russia's energy system keep residents shivering through winter

The Associated Press

FABRICHNY, Russia - Wearing a fur hat and a winter coat, 82-year-old Alexei Sanin sat down to eat his sandwich in his kitchen - fully dressed as if ready for a subzero outing in this forlorn village in Russia's frozen Far East.

"He sleeps dressed this way, too," said Sanin's daughter, Lyudmila, who tries to keep their apartment warm with wood stolen from the nearby tree-covered slopes of the Siberian taiga. "Old people are always cold."

So are many other people in

"I come home from work, feed my disabled father and go out to saw wood."

- Lyudmila Sanina

Fabriczny and surrounding towns, where bank tellers and doctors in polyclinics sit next to heaters wearing as many warm things as they can put on. After work, they go home, turn on heaters, but never take off clothes.

Every winter, tens of thousands of people brace for the biting cold and fierce winds that sweep the Primorye region on Russia's Pacific Coast. They're victims of Russia's failure to restructure the formerly centralized energy system, make repairs or simply prepare for winter.

This year's heating crisis, which began in October, affected some 60,000 residents in nine villages and towns throughout the Primorye region at its peak. In November, a spokeswoman for the utility Datneps, Nadeshda

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Russian government workers attempt to warm the earth enough so they can repair underground pipes carrying water to homes near Navalovo.

Icy storms lock in Southeast

The Associated Press

Ice across the southern Plains stranded about 1,000 people on a slippery inclined stretch of highway in Texas, with some drivers shivering overnight in their cars until National Guardsmen in Humvees could rescue them Thursday.

Others found shelter for the night in the county jail or college dormitories.

Icy weather since the weekend has snapped tree limbs and knocked out power to more than a half-million homes and businesses in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. Police blamed 32 deaths on the storm: 22 in Texas, five in Oklahoma, four in New Mexico and one in Missouri.

A second storm to the north rained at least one death and sent snow falling at an inch per hour in parts of North Dakota and Minnesota on Thursday. Fargo, N.D., had received six inches by midmorning.

In Phillips, Neb., a Greyhound bus rolled over on an icy stretch of Interstate 80, injuring 33 people. No life-threatening injuries were reported.



Whiteout conditions were in place with blowing snow along U.S. Highway 59 south of Marshall, Minn., Thursday.

A few degrees separate snow, rain

Weather forecasters are predicting small changes in air temperature will have a big impact on whether snow or rain falls from the sky.

Warmer air
Above 32° (0°C)
Warm air is less dense than cold, so it often floats above a layer of colder air near the ground.

RAIN
Snow falls through warm air and melts.

FREEZING RAIN
Snow melts before reaching the ground.

Water cools below freezing point but doesn't freeze because ice crystals can't form without a dust particle, nucleus.

Clinton targets debt-free U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton on Thursday projected that the country will enjoy a \$1.9 trillion budget surplus over the next decade. He said the \$300 billion increase over the last estimate last summer means the U.S. government could be free of publicly held debt in less than a decade.

"If we took that budget and committed the entire surplus to reducing the debt, we can make America debt-free by 2009," Clinton said.

The government debt is \$5.6 trillion, including \$3.6 trillion held by the public.

In recent years, Clinton has proposed setting aside on part of the annual surpluses for debt reduction, devoting the remainder to a combination of tax cuts and spending increases.

President-elect Bush has proposed devoting \$1.3 trillion of the projected surpluses to

across-the-board tax cuts. Clinton declined to pass judgment on Bush's proposals, but said there are "huge economic benefits" of following "a long-term responsible budget policy."

White House officials said the projected surpluses are based on the assumption there will be no tax cuts. That seems unlikely with Bush's victory and support

for several tax cuts last year among Democrats in Congress even though Clinton vetoed them.

The projected \$1.9 trillion surplus, excludes projected surpluses in Social Security and Medicare funds, which Bush has agreed will be needed later to deal with aging baby boomers and should not be tapped to cut taxes.

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Clinton decides against trip to N. Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton will not travel to North Korea before the end of his term, leaving further progress in establishing an accord with the communist nation to his successor, George W. Bush.

"I believe the next administration will be able to consummate this agreement," Clinton said. "I expect visits back and forth. I think a lot of things will happen that will 'make the world a much safer place.'"

Clinton said at a conference that there is not enough time left in his presidency - just three weeks - to prepare and execute the trip "in an appropriate manner."

The United States has been seeking an agreement to curb North Korean missile production and development.

In an earlier statement, the president explained that there would have to be progress toward an agreement "that advances our national interest" before he made such a trip.

The president insisted he had made progress with North Korea. "I expect the next administration to build on it," he said.

Clinton said he had talked extensively with Bush about North Korea and the Republican president-elect did not influence his decision not to make the trip.

"We had a very, very good talk about it, and he did not discourage it at all," Clinton said. "It would not be fair to put that on him."

Clinton said he briefed Bush on his administration's efforts with North Korea and there were also other high-level discussions with

Colin Powell, Bush's nominee for secretary of state, and his designated national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice.

Clinton said that with the leadership of South Korean President Kim Dae-jung and the success of talks with the North Koreans on the nuclear issue, further progress can be made.

The North Korean leader, Kim Jong Il, invited Clinton in October and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright traveled to the communist nation for talks with Kim.

The president said Kim "put forward a serious proposal concerning his missile program. Since then, we have discussed with North Korea proposals to eliminate its missile export program as well as to halt further missile development."

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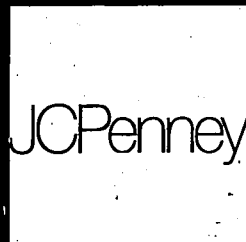
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NATION

Sticky oil problems await new president

Bush could face energy crisis shortly after inauguration

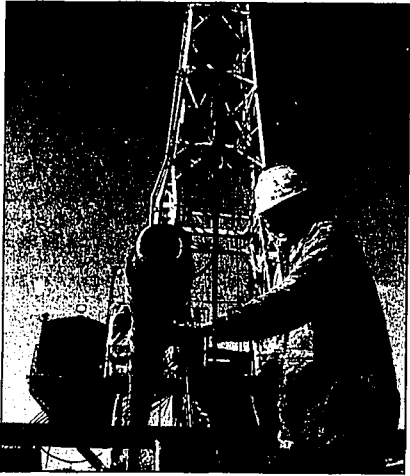
WASHINGTON (AP) — Three days before George W. Bush is inaugurated president, OPEC oil ministers will meet in Vienna and in all likelihood slash oil production, raising crude prices worldwide.

It's not what the new president will want to see. As former oilman himself, Bush faces a multitude of energy problems beyond oil prices that could present his administration with its first crisis as much of the country copes with a sweep of arctic-bitten cold.

Among them: Fear of heating oil shortages in the Northeast, record high natural gas prices across the country, and soaring electric bills and threat of blackouts in California.

Bush has tapped energy industry board members for some of his top advisers, including his vice president and his secretary of commerce. For all of them, the answer to the country's energy problems is production.

"When we're supplied (in the energy field) as a nation and demand increases, prices will go up," Bush told reporters recently, vowing to find ways to boost supplies of natural gas, oil and coal



Shane Battles from Marlow, Okla., prepares drilling pipe on a Patterson Drilling rig site just north of Chickasha, Okla.

for America's energy-hungry society.

But those are long-term solutions.

"There is not much the president can do in the near term to take care of these prices, except put measures in place that have a psychological effect, that calm the market," says Jay Saunders, an energy analyst for Deutsche Banc Alex. Brown.

Nevertheless, Bush's first few months in the White House may severely test his campaign pledge to reshape the nation's energy policy. The immediate issues include finding better ways to cajole OPEC oil producers to hold prices down, boosting domestic energy supplies and grappling with a rapidly changing — some say unreliable and dysfunctional — electricity supply system.

"There's no magic wand that he can wave. It's just not in the cards," says Robert Ebel, director of energy programs at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "He's going to have to look down the road on how he can improve the situation and keep it from happening again."

To help the poor cope with this winter's heating costs, President Clinton may release additional federal money for low-income energy assistance before leaving office. Bush will have to quickly decide how much and when to begin making available more of those funds, which total about \$1.4 billion for this fiscal year.

Texas Senate chooses official by secret ballot

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — With the blessing of the Texas Supreme Court, state lawmakers on Thursday chose a new lieutenant governor — perhaps the most powerful post in Texas — by secret ballot.

A few hours after the court turned aside a legal challenge by some organizations, the Texas Senate picked Bill Ratliff, a Republican from Mount Pleasant, about 100 miles northeast of Dallas.

Ratliff was sworn in immediately. The 11-year Senate veteran received a standing ovation as he stepped to the podium.

"To my colleagues, there truly is no greater honor than to be selected by your preference for an office as respected as this one because, after all, you know all of my faults as well as I do having worked together all these years," Ratliff said.

Texas Democratic Party Chairwoman Molly Beth Malcolm congratulated Ratliff, saying he "is fair and honorable." Ratliff said he would give up chairmanship of the Senate finance committee.

Some lawmakers had vowed to seek a public vote whatever the court decision. However, Senate President Pro Tem Rodney Ellis

later said a paper ballot would be used in choosing the replacement for Rick Perry, who became governor last week after George W. Bush resigned to become president.

The lieutenant governor controls the flow of Senate legislation.

Ratliff will assume the duties but not the title of lieutenant governor. He will preside over the Senate and keep a vote as a legislator. A new lieutenant governor will be elected in 2002.

News organizations — including the Bryan-College Station Eagle, San Antonio Express-News, Houston Chronicle, Waco Tribune-Herald, Austin-American Statesman and Texas Monthly magazine — had gone to court, seeking a public vote.

State District Judge Lora Livingston ruled Wednesday that the state's second-ranking official is an executive position normally elected by the people and not merely an officer of the Senate.

Her decision was upheld on an appeal in the 3rd District Court of Appeals.

The senators appealed to the Texas Supreme Court, which said the courts had no jurisdiction in the matter.

Texas panel calls for moratorium

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A panel of state lawmakers recommended a moratorium on new charter schools, citing poor student performance, unexpected closures and financial troubles at some schools.

In a report released Wednesday, the House public education committee said the Board of Education didn't adequately screen charter applicants at first and lacked enough workers to monitor the schools.

"I think that the expansion of any program that is suffering from such admitted and recognized lack of oversight is not responsible government, whether it be a state park or charter school," said Rep. Jim Durnham, the Democrat who chairs the committee.

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Study: More black's ballots tossed

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — In nearly all of Florida's majority-black precincts, presidential ballots were invalidated at higher rates than in mostly white neighborhoods in the Nov. 7 election, a Herald analysis of the state's uncounted ballots shows.

The analysis — the first to examine precinct-by-precinct trends — shows that the lopsided loss of black votes occurred throughout Florida and not just in widely publicized instances in Palm Beach and Duval counties.

The study found that poor and less-educated voters of all races were more likely than better-off voters to spoil their ballots.

However, Florida's balloting problems affected blacks in greater measure.

The analysis also points to a potential solution. Discard rates for all groups, including blacks, were minimal in precincts where electronic machines scan fill-in-the-oval ballots and immediately alert voters to botched ballots so they can correct them.

Those precinct scanners are critically important, the analysis shows. The optical-scan systems in counties that lack the error-notification feature had discard rates that were higher than in punch-card counties, where the now infamous hanging chad caused so many problems.

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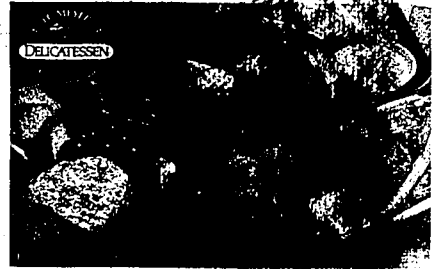


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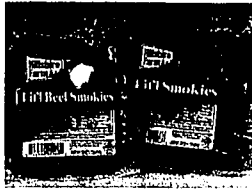
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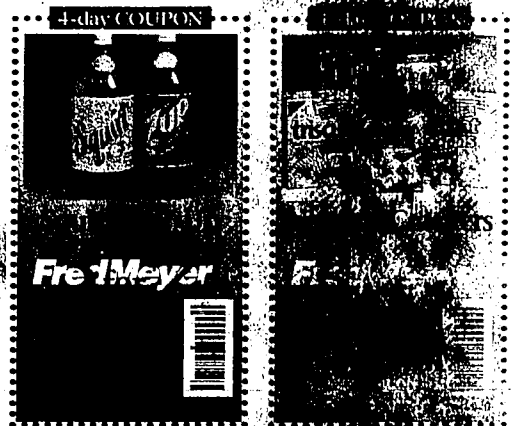
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Kempthorne asks for M-C disaster relief

BOISE - Governor Dirk Kempthorne asked United States Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman Thursday to designate Mindoko County as an agricultural disaster area.

Kempthorne, acting on a request of the Mindoko County Board of Commissioners, is asking for the declaration to help sugar beet farmers who sustained severe losses because of bad weather, according to a news release.

"Sugar beet farmers in the county were unable to harvest their beets appropriately," Kempthorne wrote. "In September, abnormally hot temperatures substantially decreased the quality of the sugar content. In October, abnormally high precipitation prevented harvesters from entering their fields. November's freezing temperatures froze the beets and destroyed the crop."

Kempthorne requested USDA emergency assistance for the sugar beet crop loss. If Glickman makes the designation, farmers would be eligible for Farm Service Emergency Loan Assistance to cover production and physical loss.

Governor prepares for State of the State

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Public Television will air live broadcasts of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's State of the State address set for 1 p.m. Jan. 8.

The governor's legislative budget address also will be aired at 11 a.m. Jan. 10.

The governor delivers both speeches to a joint session of the Idaho Legislature. Each program will be broadcast through the IPTV's series, "Idaho Reports."

The State of the State broadcast will air again at 7 p.m. Jan. 8, and the budget address will air again at 10 p.m. Jan. 10.

IPTV offers telecourses beginning in January

TWIN FALLS - Earn college credit by watching television? Well, sort of.

In January, Idaho Public Television, once again will offer telecourses. IPTV also says the courses are a means for high school teachers to offer dual credit courses. Or teachers simply can use the programs as classroom instructional tools. The classes, which air in the middle of the night, can be taped and viewed or studied later.

Classes offered this semester are 20th century American history; survey of world regional geography; history of western civilization; introduction to multichannel studies; career and life planning; American national government; foundations of physical science; general psychology; and fundamentals of geology.

Students interested in taking the courses for credit can call Boise State University at 1-800-632-6586. Information on telecourse content is available online at the Idaho Public Television website (www.idahopstv.org/learn/).

DEQ issues voluntary burn ban for Pocatello

POCATELLO - Due to worsening air quality, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has issued a voluntary burn ban for the Pocatello, Chubbuck area.

Residents are urged to not burn wood until further notice from the DEQ, according to a news release.

Each day, the DEQ measures various air pollutants and compares them to federal standards for air quality.

Currently, air quality in Pocatello is rated in the moderate category. Sensitive people, such as those with respiratory or heart disease, as well as the elderly and children, are encouraged to minimize outdoor exposure and limit strenuous activities.

For up-to-date information on air quality, call the air quality hotline at 236-6173 or log on to www2.state.id.us/deq/air/dailyreports/airreport_pro.shtml.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

100 Most Influential Idahoans list released

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The list of the 100 Most Influential Idaho People is out and several Magic Valley newsmakers made the cut.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, is once again on the list. Newcomb dropped a few spots, however, from No. 8 last year to No. 11 this year.

Other state legislators also made the cut, including Senator Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, Rep.

On the Internet List of the 100 Most Influential Idaho People can be seen online at

Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, Senator Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, and Rep. Cella Gould, R-Buhl.

Jon Marvel, the controversial head of the Idaho Watershed Project's in Halley, is also on the list again this year, ranked No. 58. Last year was the first time Marvel made the list, ranking No. 53.

Times-News Publisher Stephen Hartgen made the list again mov-

ing up 24 spaces to No. 30. David Tuthill, Chief of the Snake River Basin Adjudication Bureau in Boise, made the list as No. 49 - outranking one of his bosses, Judge Roger Burdick, ranked No. 73.

Burdick was recently appointed as head of the Snake River Basin Adjudication in Twin Falls.

"I'm stunned, actually," Tuthill said.

Tuthill said he was grateful, however, citing the state Department of Water Resources and its relationship with the Adjudication bureau as a big reason for his making the list.

Judge Roger Burdick said he was happy with his making the

list, also - but said it was the job that is important.

"It has nothing to do with me. It has everything to do with the important job the chief put me on. I'm probably the 3,000th most important Idahoan," Burdick said. "If I get better at the SRBA, maybe I'll make it higher in the rankings."

The list of 100 Most Influential Idaho People is compiled by Ridenbaugh Press Publisher Randy Stapilus.

"This is a totally subjective evaluation of the impact certain individuals have on Idaho, in many areas, such as the arts, politics and government policy," Stapilus says in a press release.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is No. 1 on the list, unchanged from his No. 1 ranking last year as well.

Former Magic Valley resident J.R. Simplot, owner of J.R. Simplot Co., is ranked No. 6. He had the same ranking last year. Norman Semanko, director of the Idaho Water Users Association and former Magic Valley resident is ranked No. 58.

Former Idaho Gov. John Evans also made the list again. He was ranked No. 72, moving up from last year's ranking of No. 92.

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Sprucing up the neighborhood



KAREN BOSSECK/The Times-News

The new St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center dominates the Molta triangle.

Blaine County commissioners work on revamping the 'gateway' to Sun Valley

By Karen Bosseck
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - McHannville has sat as the unofficial gateway to Ketchum and Sun Valley since Richard Nixon was president.

It's not exactly the "gateway" resort cities dream of - not with its hodgepodge of trailer homes and businesses, which include an antique store, excavation business, tire

store, cabinet shop, welding shop, paint center and furniture refinisher.

Blaine County commissioners are trying to make it over with the help of a handful of bureaucratic tools, such as rezoning, master plans and conditional uses.

Elected officials and planning and zoning administrators have been grappling with the area, originally a trailer park named after a former state representative, for about 20

years, according to County Planning Administrator Linda Hawk.

But the construction of the new St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center, which opened last month, put the issue on the front burner.

Commissioners are scrutinizing a variety of concerns - from parking for bike path users along the new county road built along

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Burley's East Park loses elm trees

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The last of the big ones went down Thursday.

The return of original brick storefronts and turn-of-the-century street lamps can conjure memories of the past. But once an old, mighty tree falls, there's no bringing it back.

Thursday, Richard Gee hauled in the last of the beautiful, thick American Elm trees in East Park - the same 90-year-old monuments that had grown along with Burley.

Luckily for Gee, East Park's American Elms, which have been infested with Dutch Elm Disease in recent years, make good furniture. The park's 21 American Elm trees have all succumbed to the disease, and the city of Burley has let Gee, who makes furniture for a hobby, take them for free.

Gee gives the furniture he makes away to family and friends. But he said he's not unique in his mission for the perfect, dying tree to carve into four-poster beds and dining room tables.

"I'm not the only one. Lots of guys do this," Gee said.

He said 99 percent of American Elms around the country are bound to be taken in by the disease, but there are groves in Burley doing fine. Some in Twin Falls are at "beautiful and healthy as they can be."



JOHN PETERSON/The Times-News

Richard Gee secures a chain around his favorite type of tree for furniture making, the American Elm. This is the last such tree in East Park. The trees were planted around the time Burley became a city in 1905. Gee, who is retired, takes the trees after the city of Burley cuts them down and makes furniture for family and friends.

A count of the tree rings indicates some of the trees were almost as old as Burley, Gee said. Burley was founded in 1905.

Gee said his recent possession stood an estimated 70 feet tall. It furnished Gee with five logs between eight and 10 feet long and between 18 inches and four feet wide. The base of the tree

measured six feet, Gee said.

A city of Burley crew spent Wednesday cutting branches before felling the tree around 4 p.m. Then on Thursday, Gee loaded his prized logs up and took them away to mill himself, since there are no mills in the area big enough for a tree that size, he said.

Heyburn moves toward Simplot annexation

Public meeting will be held at City Hall

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - The City Council took the first step earlier this week toward annexing the portion of the J.R. Simplot Co. plant that is outside of city limits.

Officials at Simplot said the move was made because of the lawsuit Simplot filed in early December against the city of Heyburn, asking to stop using power from the city.

"Clearly, it is in response to our lawsuit," said David Hawk, Simplot's director of energy natural resources.

But while the presence of the lawsuit may have forced Heyburn's hand earlier than expected, this was discussed before the lawsuit was filed, said Heyburn Mayor Cleo Cheney.

"It has been contemplated for quite some time," Cheney said, adding the lawsuit "just made it happen a little bit sooner than we had anticipated."

A public hearing regarding the issue will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 10 at the Heyburn City Hall. Simplot's lawsuit against the

DEQ progresses on new guidelines

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A little tweaking here, a little tweaking there.

The state Department of Environmental Quality's new odor guidelines for dairies are a work in progress.

Changes will likely come as the guidelines are put to work, said Doug Howard, regional director of the DEQ's Twin Falls office.

What kinds of changes are still unknown, he said.

"There will probably be some tweaks and changes in the system and as we do this a little more we'll probably change the process somewhat," Howard said Thursday.

The DEQ approved the guidelines, which pertain not only to dairies, but other smelly operations as well, last week.

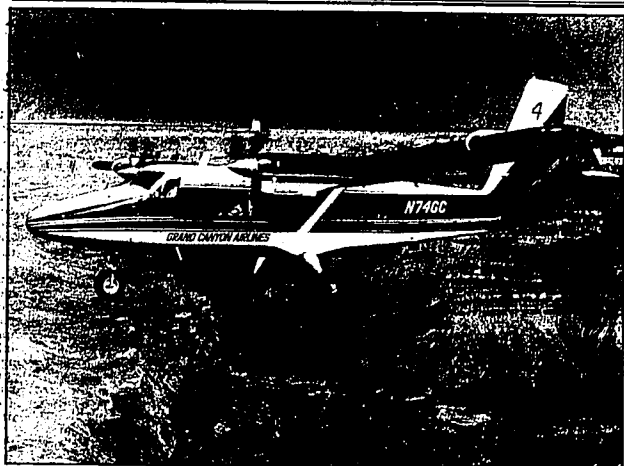
"If you were to look at all the complaints on air quality issues, there is only a few sources that we get a lot of complaints about. This includes both dairy and non-dairy," Howard said.

Under the guidelines, if complaints come into the DEQ about smell coming from a dairy, the

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A little help

T report or odor complaints, call the DEQ's Magic Valley regional office at (208) 735-7774, 24 hours a day. During regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., call 735-2190.



A Grand Canyon Airlines tour plane flies over Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona in this undated file photo. Air tour operators are hoping the incoming Bush administration will ease restrictions on flights over the canyon. The FAA has postponed, until March, implementation on noise mitigation flight path rules that would have gone into effect yesterday.

Air tour operators hope Bush frees skies

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Air tour operators hoping for more freedom in the skies over Grand Canyon got some wind beneath their wings Thursday when the Federal Aviation Administration let pass a deadline for strict new flight rules to limit noise over the national park.

Given a new date of March 22, air tour operators are hoping President-elect George W. Bush will ease, instead of tighten, restrictions on sightseeing flights over the Grand Canyon.

"There is no question in our mind that the Bush Administration will take a more balanced view of air touring over the Grand Canyon and throughout the United States," said Steve Bassett, president of the United States Air Tour Association.

Bassett said his trade and lobbying group provided "very, very aggressive support" for the Bush campaign.

"We were never going to get a fair trial under the Clinton administration," he said.

A Wilderness Society official said Thursday that a coalition of environmental groups, including the Grand Canyon Trust and the Sierra Club, intend to keep fighting for quiet-canyon provisions won during the Clinton administration.

The effort has an ally in Arizona Sen. John McCain, a Republican who has pushed for limiting aircraft noise over the Grand Canyon. McCain has long sought a goal of returning "natural quiet" to the canyon.

During summer, visitors to the canyon's South Rim can expect a helicopter or airplane to pass overhead every 17 seconds, said Rose Pennell, Wilderness Society national parks program director.

"The issue is who controls the Grand Canyon — specialized economic interests or the American people," Pennell said.

Some Las Vegas area companies provide air tours of the Grand Canyon, 170 miles to the east.

Safety over the Grand Canyon

became a key issue after a helicopter and tour plane collided in June 1986, killing 25 people.

Bassett said special FAA flight regulations were adopted after the crash, and 800,000 people a year now safely view the Grand Canyon from the air.

But he said tour operators are fought at every turn by "extremists in the environmental community seeking to put us out of business."

Bassett said restrictions tightened under the Clinton administration until the Columbia, Md.-based air tour association filed suit to block them. The group filed the lawsuit in April with a federal appeals court in Washington, D.C.

That led the FAA to push back the dates for implementation — first to Dec. 1 and then to Thursday.

Both times, the postponements came after the professional organization raised safety issues, said Jerry Snyder, an FAA spokesman in Los Angeles.

Nevada regulators approve rate increase

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — It will cost more to heat homes in Nevada now that the state Public Utilities Commission approved a natural gas rate increase sought by two utilities to recover rising fuel costs.

The commission on Thursday approved a request by Southwest Gas Corp. to raise residential rates in Clark County by almost 24 percent beginning Monday. The increase means an additional \$10.43 per month for the average residential natural gas customer and will raise an additional \$36.4 million for the company.

Regulators also approved Southwest's request to raise rates in northern Nevada. For customers there, the average monthly cost will jump from \$73.47 to \$95.68 — a 30 percent increase.

Statewide, the rate increases for Southwest Gas amount to \$55.3 million.

The commission also permitted Sierra Pacific Power Co. of Reno to boost its natural gas rates by about 35 percent beginning Feb. 1. The increase will cost the average residential user an additional \$11.52 a month, from \$33.16 to \$44.68.

Utility officials stressed the increases represent higher energy costs incurred by the companies and do not amount to profits.

"Natural gas prices have skyrocketed this winter," said Roger Montgomery, Southwest Gas vice president.

"The average commodity cost of gas included in the rates approved by the commission today is less than \$4 per decatherm (10 therms), based on Southwest's actual costs through September." He said the cost of gas has climbed by more than \$6 per decatherm in recent weeks.

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DEQ will send "trained sniffers" out to the operation. The sniffers would determine the intensity level of the smells on a scale of one to five — five being the strongest.

If the odors are deemed to be a three or higher on the intensity scale, the complaints would then be turned over to the Department of Agriculture — which regulates dairies through an agreement with the DEQ.

The Department of Agriculture would then work with the dairy to determine the cause of the odors and to help develop an odor management plan or review an existing plan for flaws.

If the problem is not solved, the DEQ could get involved again by filing civil or criminal complaints with the attorney general's approval.

DEQ staffers will be on call 24 hours a day to respond to complaints, Howard said.

"Hopefully somebody will fall

back within one hour," Howard said. "If it's a particular facility that we've already gone out there and done a report on, whatever action we've taken, the person will be told that the action has already been taken."

If it's a new complaint, the information will be taken and either someone will go out that evening to make a report, or the following evening, Howard said.

"The DEQ person on call will ask some questions like 'Is this something that is happening every night? And if the answer is yes, at particular times, then we will set up a report that night,'" he said. "There probably won't be many that we will have to go out immediately on."

The Department of Agriculture said last week it will work with Hank Haflinger — whose dairy near Filer has been at the center of a battle between residents who say the dairy's odor is obnoxious and should be shut down and state officials who say they don't have

the authority to take action — on his operation's odor problem despite the pending guidelines.

Haflinger's dairy will still be subject to the new guidelines.

"In my mind there is because the guidelines have gone through the public hearing and now they are official. We need to follow those procedures," Howard said.

Bill Chisholm, a critic of Haflinger's dairy, will wait for results before passing judgment on the guidelines.

"I guess it's like anything, you have to see in fact how it works," Chisholm said. "It would be great if we are going to do something, but if we're just going to have a 24-hour phone service so you can complain, but they won't respond, then it's like calling the fire department and they don't respond."

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Annexation

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costs of repairing roads damaged by Simplot trucks, and because the city provides services such as law enforcement protection to the plant, the plan is already a financial drain on Heyburn's income, Tuff said.

But Hawk said these complaints could be dealt with in ways other than annexation and said the decision to annex the property came as a surprise to

Simplot officials.

"We were not given notice that they were considering it," Hawk said. "We have not been treated like a customer. That's part of the basis of the lawsuit."

The ordinance to annex the property was read for the first time Wednesday. It must be read three times to be enacted.

While Tuff said he expected the board to approve the annexation at the Jan. 24 meeting, he

added that information from the public hearing would be valuable.

"The council and the mayor are genuinely interested in what the public has to say," he said. "This is not just a formality."

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Twin Falls man offers reward for help finding stolen snowmobile

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls man is offering a reward for help finding his stolen snowmobile.

Erik Jonsson is offering \$100 for information leading to the recovery of the machine and is willing to offer more money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s)

who stole it.

Jonsson can be reached at 733-5413.

The snowmobile is described as a 1996 'Kidoo Summit. It has a green hood with a crack on right edge, blue wheels, blue tail flap lettering and Simmons skis. It has SLP pipes, a tunnel extension, 1.75-by-136 track and a Motorspycho Sport sticker on the

windshield. It has no handlebar pad and no air box, but it does have handlebar hooks. It is equipped with a Digtiron EGT gauge, Fox front shocks and HFG rear shocks. The machine's serial number is 106201020.

Jonsson said it was stolen from 483 Grandview Drive N. sometime between 6 and 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Proposed agreement could resolve federal claims against two mining companies

The Associated Press

A proposed settlement filed Thursday would resolve claims by the federal government and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe against two mining companies over pollution in the Silver Valley.

The proposed partial consent decree filed in U.S. District Court in Boise involves Sunshine Mining and Refining Co. and Sunshine Precious Metals. They are among seven defendants in the lawsuit over mining pollution at the Bunker Hill Superfund cleanup site.

The Sunshine defendants have been in financial trouble due to low market prices for silver and are reorganizing under a Chapter 11 bankruptcy, the U.S.

Department of Justice said.

The proposed settlement would provide some immediate cleanup work for ecologically sensitive land and a plan for long-term payments to the plaintiffs pegged to silver prices. It also would allow the Sunshine defendants to complete their reorganization.

Public comment on the proposal will be accepted until Jan. 11.

The mining companies — including Asarco Inc., Hecla Mining Co. and Coeur d'Alene Mines — have discharged tailings and acid mine drainage into the South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River and its tributaries for decades, Justice officials said.

Asarco, Hecla and Coeur

d'Alene Mines this month asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to lead efforts toward the waste cleanup until the huge suit is decided. But the agency turned them down flat, calling the request "unconscionable."

The case goes to trial in Boise on Jan. 22.

On Jan. 23, the Sunshine defendants filed petitions in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware for reorganization.

Under the proposed settlement, they will impose conservation easements on some environmentally sensitive timberlands in the Coeur d'Alene Basin and ultimately convey title on the property to the federal government or the tribe.

Newspaper employees vote to accept contract

SEATTLE (AP) — Striking employees of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer voted Thursday night to accept a contract offer and return to work next week.

Employees of the jointly operated Seattle Times were voting separately on that newspaper's offer, with results not expected until today.

The P-I vote to end the 38-day strike was 88 in favor and 29 opposed, of 117 casting votes.

Newspaper Guild International President Linda Foley said at an evening news conference.

Managers will have P-I employees back on the job "as soon as we can," P-I Editor and Publisher Roger Olesby said earlier in the day.

The striking staffers planned to return to work at 10 a.m. Tuesday to a baggage accompaniment, P-I sports reporter Angelo Bruscas said.

"Mostly, we're relieved to be going back to work. Most people are happy but nobody is elated, under the circumstances," he said.

"We're very excited," P-I Executive Editor Ken Bunting said. "The goal from the very beginning was to reunite our professional staff and put out a good newspaper that serves our readers."

McHanville

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side McHanville to how property owners landscape to buffer highway noise — as they construct a blueprint for the area's future.

They've tackled the issue of sidewalks, deciding to put them along the new county road, rather than along Highway 75 as originally planned. They've talked about ways to make property owners use the county road rather than access the highway directly, as they now do.

And they've talked about extending a water and sewer trunk line to the area, with Commissioner Mary Ann Mix restating her desire to make hookups to the lines mandatory.

Such a blueprint, which could go before the county Planning and Zoning within a month, could keep unwanted businesses from cropping up and prevent unsightly sprawl.

Thornier is the issue of non-conforming uses that already exist in the area, like the excavation business. These nonconforming uses didn't go away as was hoped when the county started redoing its comprehensive plan a decade ago, Haavik said.

John McDonald, who owns the trailer park that accommodates 13 families, has heard much of the talk.

"Ever since the '70s, they've

tried to do something to McHanville and hoped it would go away, but it hasn't," he said. "Everybody wants to clean up McHanville. But to clean it up you have to give people the incentive to do so."

Before restricting highway access, for instance, property owners would like to see the area rezoned to legitimize the uses already there and allow them to expand them if appropriate, he said.

"As it is now, we can't go to the bank to get a loan to clean up the place because 99 percent of everything that's there is designated a "nonconforming use," he said.

St. Luke's has a long list of health care facilities it would like to see allowed on the premises, including outpatient clinics, child care facility, medical equipment facilities, medical office and home health services.

Hospital officials have no current plans to annex McHanville, although they would be willing to consider any benefits such action might have, said hospital Administrator Jim Mosses.

Many, however, believe it will be Ketchum that eventually annexes the nine-acre area a mile south of Ketchum city limits. Consequently, commissioners are trying to be sensitive to

Ketchum's architectural standards when they talk about McHanville.

"They're big on extending the city's free bus transportation to the area to alleviate traffic. They'd also like to consider constructing high-density housing in the area to address Ketchum's shortage of affordable housing."

But McDonald questions whether it's reasonable to put high-density housing on a narrow strip of land between two major arteries.

He said the area would, however, be a good place to expand light industrial property when Ketchum runs out of space.

"There are a number of light industrial, quasi-retail uses that would be sensitive to the hospital," he said.

The commissioners are looking at a master plan concept that would require property owners to develop mini-plans before developing or remodeling their property. This would ensure that upgrades are compatible with the hospital, Haavik said.

McDonald, however, said expecting everyone to come up with master plans for little pieces of property is farfetched.

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Idaho Supreme Court upholds \$9.5 million award

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Supreme Court upheld \$9.5 million in punitive damages awarded to an Idaho woman injured in a 1992 automobile accident, rejecting State Farm's claims that the judgment was "grossly excessive" under Idaho law.

In fact, the high court said in a 3-2 opinion issued Thursday that punitive damages were roughly 95 times the \$102,250 that Cindy Robinson of Boise was awarded for compensatory damages were warranted given the insurance company's bad faith handling of her claim.

The April 1998 judgment represented the largest ratio of punitive

damages to compensatory damages ever awarded in Idaho. The largest punitive damages ratio previously upheld was 26 times the compensatory award, the court said.

"While the jury's award of punitive damage in this case may appear at first glance to be excessive in punishing State Farm for the harm done to Robinson on this given occasion, the award bears a much more reasonable relation when viewed as a deterrent to future conduct," outgoing Justice Cathy Slak, on her next-to-last working day on the court, wrote for the majority.

"Given the amount of State

Farm's annual profits, which have no doubt increased as a result of its conduct, the \$9.5 million punitive award bears a reasonable relation to the amount required to remove State Farm's realization of profit from similar conduct in the future."

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. did not return a call to its Illinois headquarters from The Associated Press on Thursday.

The case stemmed from a claim Robinson filed for payment of medical bills after a rear wheel fell off her car while she was driving down the freeway. She had no immediate symptoms from the

resulting jolt, but eventually was diagnosed with a herniated disc for which she underwent surgery.

State Farm paid \$1,662 in pre-surgery medical bills, but cited questions about the cause of the injury in refusing to pay any bills related to the surgery. Robinson sued, claiming that State Farm was guilty of breach of contract and bad faith by denying and delaying payment.

The insurance company argued on appeal that 4th District Judge D. Duff McKee committed a number of errors and that the punitive damages award was not supported by substantial and competent evidence. A divided Supreme Court

disagreed, concluding that State Farm's practices in dealing with Robinson "severely departed from the reasonable standards of conduct of the insurance industry."

"The record indicates that State Farm utilized delay of payments and paper reviews to reduce costs and that these procedures were in accord with State Farm policies," Slak wrote.

"Delays in payment were aimed at pressuring claimants to settle more readily by taking advantage of their physical and financial vulnerability. Paper reviews were utilized and solicited from physicians or companies that would render a recommendation favorable to

State Farm's position on a claim."

Pro Tem Justice Roger Swanson, without opinion, joined Justices Gerald Schroeder in dissenting. Schroeder particularly cited the majority's conclusion that Robinson's bad faith claim did not require her to prove she actually had coverage under her State Farm policy.

"It should be taken as a matter of law that if there is no coverage the claim is fairly debatable," he wrote. "However, as formulated, the court's decision can be read to allow recovery even if there is no coverage, despite the fact that lack of coverage should render the claim fairly debatable."

4-H POTTERY



Sarah Byington, 11, shows Aaron Greenwood the detail work that she put in her coil clay pot at the 4-H Skills Camp inside the Idaho State University Pond Student Union Wednesday in Pocatello. The three-day event, which started Wednesday, allows the campers to learn a variety of skills from wood working to pottery to sport fishing, among many others.

Suspect's flight from Idaho law runs out of gas

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The son of a man facing attempted murder charges was captured Wednesday with a stolen vehicle following a high-speed chase over snowy roads, Kootenai County sheriff's deputies said.

Seventeen-year-old David Morgan Jr. ended up out of gas south of Athol, they said.

"I think the public would certainly want us to take somebody like this off the street," Sheriff's Capt. Ben Wolfinger said.

The young man drove his motorcycle away from deputies June 22, starting a chain of events that eventually ended with his father facing attempted murder charges for allegedly shooting a Montana trooper, Wolfinger said.

The younger Morgan was wanted for grand theft. Early Wednesday, Deputy J. Thurman saw a Jeep Laredo with no license plates on U.S. Highway

"During the pursuit the road conditions were extremely slick and snow-covered in several areas, he had total disregard for public safety"

— Kootenai County Deputy J. Thurman

95. The Laredo, which was later reported stolen, initially stopped but sped away. The chase at times exceeded 95 mph and ended near Athol.

The driver ran into the woods but deputies found Morgan hiding under a tree.

He was booked on the grand theft warrant and a new charge of grand theft, as well as felony eluding police and resisting arrest.

"During the pursuit the road conditions were extremely slick and snow-covered in several areas," Thurman said. "He had

total disregard for public safety."

After losing the younger Morgan on June 22, deputies thought they found him when they pulled over a pickup near Athol.

But that driver turned out to be his 38-year-old dad, Morgan Sr., who sped away. He was wanted on misdemeanor charges of unlawful entry and battery.

At one point, he backed into a Bonner County deputy's car, police said. It caught fire with the deputy trapped inside. He

escaped by kicking out a door, but Morgan was gone.

He also allegedly shot at Bonner County sheriff's Sgt. Gary Johnston. On June 27, police raided a meth lab at Morgan's home, but he was not there.

A day later, he led officers on a chase through Hamilton, Mont. Morgan began shooting at officers south of Victor, officers said. One bullet hit Trooper Tom Hamilton in his bulletproof vest and ricocheted into his right arm. Morgan was shot in the leg.

He remains in jail in Hamilton on attempted murder charges, Wolfinger said.

He also faces a \$1 million arrest warrant from Bonner County accusing him of two counts of the attempted murder of officers, one count of aggravated assault and one count of aggravated battery.

Power panel member looks forward to break

Albion lawmaker takes over next month

LEWISTON (AP) — Todd Maddock is ready for a rest after six years of grappling with the region's most complicated problems.

The former Podtack Corp. executive is retiring from the Northwest Power Planning Council to spend more time at home in Lewiston.

"I'll be 65 here in early January and the more I thought about it the more attractive it became," he said.

Maddock's seven colleagues on the four-state board, to which he was appointed by Gov. Phil Batt in 1995, say he will be missed.

"We are sorry to see him go," said Larry Cassidy of Vancouver, the council's chairman. "He has just been an outstanding member. It will be a real loss not to have him."

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne last week appointed Republican state Rep. Jim Kempton of Albion to succeed Maddock.

The power council, created by the Northwest Power Act of 1980, is tasked with ensuring residents of Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Montana have an adequate and reliable supply of electricity and protecting and rebuilding fish



Rep. Jim Kempton

and wildlife harmed by hydroelectric dams in the Columbia and Snake River basins.

Soon after Maddock was appointed to the council, he and other members had to make sense of the effects of energy deregulation and deal with a new biological opinion on salmon and steelhead in the Snake River Basin.

Those two issues continue to consume most of the council's energies.

Maddock said he is pleased the council was able to amend the fish and wildlife plan before he stepped down to ensure that millions of dollars in spending on recovery programs is coordinated and grounded in sound science.

Now, he said, it will be a challenge to gain the cooperation of federal agencies to implement the plan.

Maddock said both the council and the region will be challenged in the future with the need to conserve energy, encourage new sources of energy generation and have the resolve to maximize present generating capacity. That will mean making difficult decisions about water and fish, he said.

Muslims observe Ramadan as they look for mosque site

BOISE (AP) — About 250 Boise-area Muslims gathered to celebrate the end of Ramadan, a month of daylight fasting.

It is a time for self discipline, reason and charity.

Children under 16 — such as Dzevada Becirovic — were not required to abstain from drinking and eating during daylight hours. But the 9-year-old took part for 10 days.

"I learned how to fast and how to pray better," said Becirovic, a Bosnian who came to Boise with her mother seven months ago.

Ramadan ends with the sighting of the new moon and Eid ul-Fitr, a holiday that includes prayers, visits to relatives and friends, gifts for children and food. The celebration was held at an empty building due to space limitations.

"That was the biggest crowd I've seen in 13 years," said Furqan Mehmood, who moved to Boise from Pakistan 13 years ago. Mehmood remembers when

the holiday would bring together only 10 people.

The turnout was a reminder to Muslims that they need to find a new mosque to accommodate a growing Islamic population.

"It just reinforces for us that we do have to get a better place for our services," said Abdul Yoonas, a member of a committee working on a new mosque for the Islamic Center of Boise. The Muslim population is on the rise as people from around the globe move to Boise and natives convert to the faith.

The Islamic Center of Boise was established about 19 years ago. It is located in leased space in a strip mall and has gotten overcrowded in recent years.

Boise City Council members earlier this month approved plans to convert a building into a mosque if a parking agreement with nearby businesses could be worked out, but committee members dropped the plans and have decided to look elsewhere.

California governor fails to broker a deal in energy crisis

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Gov. Gray Davis failed to broker a compromise Thursday between utility executives and consumer advocates over limiting increases in electricity rates for 10 million Californians.

In a sometimes heated, closed-door meeting, the Democratic governor, on a speakerphone, urged consumer groups to agree to at least some of the rate increases utilities say they must have within days to avoid bankruptcy.

Some consumer advocates said bankruptcy isn't such a bad idea.

"They created this mess and they want to live it themselves," Harvey Rosenfield of the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights said after the meeting.

Separately, the state Public Utilities Commission held emergency hearings for a second day on the rate request and on the power crunch that has brought California perilously close to

Highlights of events in California's electricity crisis

Lawsuits — Southern California Edison sued the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, alleging the government body failed to ensure that wholesale electricity is sold at "just and reasonable" rates. FERC's response is due Jan. 2.

Losses — Golden Northwest Aluminum, Inc. in Goldendale, Wash., cut production at two plants after discovering it's cheaper to self-power than produce aluminum. Part of the whirlwind from power sales will go to laid-off workers, who won't suffer any loss in income.

The governor — Gov. Gray Davis met with President Clinton at the White House to discuss what the federal gov-

ernment can do to fix California's deregulated market. Afterwards, he warned consumers not to expect rate relief for another two years.

PUC meeting — California Public Utilities Commission holds an emergency hearing to examine the level of economic distress claimed by power companies requesting customer rate increases. The PUC earlier declared that higher electric bills are likely.

PG&E and SoCal Edison now say they've lost \$3 billion since June.

Power — Assemblyman Fred Kessler, D-Bozler Creek, one of the Legislature's ranking Democrats, wants the state to purchase the utilities' hydroelectric dams to stave off their insolvency and protect ratepayers from high bills.

blackouts over the past few weeks. "The overriding public interest is to keep the lights on," Southern California Edison attorney Henry Weisman told the PUC in asking for a rate increase.

The financial crisis and the power crunch are blamed, in part, on the effects of California's deregulation of the power industry.

Deregulation was supposed to lower prices for customers by increasing competition.

But Pacific Gas and Electric

Co. and SoCal Edison have lost more than \$9 billion because of a combination of soaring wholesale electricity prices and a rate freeze, enacted as part of deregulation, that prevents the utilities from passing the cost on to their customers.

They want the PUC to approve sharp rate increase — 26 percent for PG&E and 30 percent for SoCal Edison — to stave off financial ruin and assure Wall Street of their creditworthiness.

The proposed increases are more than double what Davis, negotiating privately with the utilities for the past two weeks, has said he is willing to accept.

The proposed increases would raise average \$55 electric bills to \$68 and \$71.50 per month.

This spring, wholesale electricity prices zoomed upward, driven in part by rising natural gas prices, a shortage of generating capacity and canny power sellers who took advantage of the situation in California.



Ralph Nader speaks to reporters as consumer advocate Harvey Rosenfield looks on outside the California State Public Utilities Commission's emergency hearings Thursday.

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Report: Salmon count rises

BOISE (AP) - An estimated 365,000 spring chinook salmon are staging at the mouth of the Columbia River, portending up to 103,000 fish crossing into Idaho, state Fish and Game Department officials reported.

The primary component of the run is expected to be hatchery fish which were produced by adults spawned in 1997. The expected surplus of hatchery chinook could mean sport and tribal fishing in 2001.

The spring chinook estimated to be of Snake River origin this time is higher than average at 206,700 or 57 percent. Of the last run of 178,500 adults, only 29 percent were projected to be from the Snake River.

But the 1997 run had a higher-than-average proportion of Snake River fish, so a strong brood run is headed upriver.

There are several ways to estimate how many fish at the mouth of the Columbia will cross over Lower Granite Dam into Idaho. Currently, the total chinook return estimate runs from 72,900 to 102,900 adults at the dam downstream from Lewiston.

The range will "tighten up" as fish begin to move up the Columbia River, anadromous fisheries biologist Sharon Kiefer said.

The composition of the adult return might range from 59,000 to 83,300 hatchery fish and from 13,900 to 19,600 wild ones because only 19 percent of the return is projected to be naturally produced.

For hatchery fish, the most recent high return was 33,800 adults last spring. For wild spring chinook, it was 11,300 in 1992. This year's natural return still will be half or less of the wild fish that returned to the Snake Basin in the 1970s.

Fish and Game said the higher number of spawning fish in this year's return will help populations such as in Marsh Creek tributary of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, but it is not enough to indicate a recovery.

The noisy coqui frog, left, and a greenhouse frog have invaded the Hawaiian Islands and are becoming a growing concern for state and federal officials who say the spreading population may overwhelm the islands.

Plague of noisy, chirping frogs drives Hawaii residents batty

HONOLULU (AP) - Larry Stevens lives in a secluded rain forest on the east side of the Big Island, a quiet spot where he once enjoyed the peaceful, gentle sounds of nature.

But Stevens hasn't had a good night's sleep in months. Noisy tree frogs have invaded the Hawaiian Islands, and have spread so quickly that state and federal officials say there's little they can do.

"You'd never believe so much noise could come from a creature that small," said Stevens, a 51-year-old social worker.

The cute green frogs, the size of a dime to a quarter, arrived in shipments of agricultural goods, possibly in potted plants, researchers say.

Instead of croaking, they chirp - loud and often. Individual males have piercing chirps that reach as high as 90 to 100 decibels from a foot and a half away. That's comparable to a lawn mower, table

saw or helicopter, according to the University of Hawaii's Speech Pathology and Audiology department. The frogs were first noticed in the mid-1980s in rural Curistown on the Big Island, but have since spread to parts of Oahu, Maui and Kauai.

From a dozen population sites early last year, the frogs have spread to 150 places on the Big Island, and the state has set up a hot line where residents can call to report their appearance.

Mindy Clark, an orchid farmer in Curistown, said she has to close her windows since the frogs "infiltrated" her neighborhood.

"Soon as it gets 5:30 (p.m.) they'll start chirping," Clark said. "And they'll go real strong till midnight."

They don't create a major problem in their native Caribbean, where natural predators control their population. But with an exponential reproduction rate

and no enemies other than angry humans, the frog population in Hawaii has exploded.

In some areas, there are more than 8,000 frogs per acre.

"The sheer number here is the big difference," said Earl Campbell, of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Wildlife Research Center.

Besides being a nuisance, the frogs compete for food with native birds and wildlife, he said. The frogs can consume as many as 46,000 insects per acre every night.

"There is a grave concern this could be a big problem," Campbell said.

Fred Kraus, the alien species coordinator for the state land department, said the frogs may threaten the isle economy by bothering tourists at hotels, lowering property values and inhibiting the export of tropical produce and flowers.

Land deal will double size of park

TRUCKEE, Calif. (AP) - A deal between conservationists and an Oregon timber company will protect a large swath of the Sierra Nevada near Truckee and allow completion of a ridge trail around Donner Lake.

Representatives of the Truckee-Donner Land Trust on Wednesday announced an agreement with Croman Corp. to transfer 2,500 acres of private land to the public domain.

Once finalized, it will double the size of Donner Memorial State Park west of Truckee. "It's a big Christmas present," said Perry Norris, executive director of the Truckee-Donner Land Trust. The trust has been involved in lengthy negotiations with the timber company, the San Francisco-based Trust for Public Land and the state of California.

The deal will cost more than \$4 million, much of it made available through two California ballot measures designed to protect sensitive land and water resources that were passed by voters last March.

At least \$1 million will have to be obtained through local fundraising efforts, Norris said.

"We're incredibly excited. This is a quantum leap," Norris told the Reno Gazette-Journal. "We do still have a lot of work to do."

Protection of Schallenberg Ridge, the forested backdrop to Donner Lake, will prove a major bonus for the area, Truckee Mayor Don McCormack said.

"Schallenberg Ridge, as much as any landmark, defines Truckee's mountain character," McCormack said.

The vast majority of the affected property will become part of Donner Memorial State Park, making the park one of the largest in the Sierra Nevada and significantly adding to recreational opportunities for hikers, cross-country skiers and other recreationists.

The property has vistas and natural features that should lend themselves to an outstanding trail system," said John Knott, Sierra District superintendent for California State Parks.

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Paraglider comes down at palace

LONDON (AP) — A paraglider touched down at Buckingham Palace on Thursday, reportedly hoping to publicize his unpublished novel, and was immediately arrested by royal protection officers.

Authorities were questioning the suspect at a central London police station, the Metropolitan Police said.

A friend identified the paraglider as Brett De La Mare, 36, of Darwin, Australia, but police declined to confirm the identification.

Monica Kelly, a 22-year-old Australian, said De La Mare shared an apartment with her.

His intention, she said, was to get publicity for his unpublished book "Canine Dawn," described as a "sex, money and adventure" novel set in the Australian outback.

To get it published, "I'm prepared to do whatever craziness it takes," De La Mare says on his Web site.

A police helicopter had followed the paraglider as he approached the palace in the early afternoon, police said.

Queen Elizabeth II and other members of the royal family were away at the time, Buckingham Palace said.



Israeli border police arrest a religious Jew who tried to skirt security and get onto the Temple Mount in Jerusalem **AP** City Thursday.

Mideast blast kills two

Palestinians balk at U.S. proposal for peace talks

JERUSALEM (AP) — A bus bomb exploded in Tel Aviv's business district Thursday, and a second blast ripped a junction at the edge of the Gaza Strip, only hours after a M east peace summit was canceled. Two Israelis were killed and at least 16 hurt, officials said.

The violence erupted as both Israel and the Palestinians balked at crucial provisions of American peace proposals they were handed last week, drawing a frustrated response from President Clinton.

In Washington, Clinton ruled out further talks with Israel and the Palestinian leaders until they accepted his basic framework for a peace pact. "There is no point in our talking further unless both sides accept the parameters I have laid out," Clinton said.

There remained some hope for a new plan: two key Arab states — Egypt and Saudi Arabia — lent guarded support to



it, and Yasser Arafat said Palestinians would look closely

to the views of "our Arab brothers."

Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak had been due to meet with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh on Thursday to discuss the U.S. plan. But with the Palestinians sharply questioning the U.S. proposals, the Egyptians canceled the summit.

Thursday's bloodshed followed several days of relative calm on the ground in Israel and the Palestinian lands. The calm ended as a bomb blew up in the back of a bus carrying dozens of passengers along a busy Tel Aviv thoroughfare. Black smoke billowed skyward and panicked pedestrians scattered.

"Suddenly there was an explosion and flames," driver Yigal Reichman told army radio. "I stopped the bus and opened the door and people ran out." Hospital officials said 14 people were hurt.

Hours later, two Israelis were killed and two injured in a powerful blast near Israel's border with the Gaza Strip. Police sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they were trying to dismantle a roadside bomb.

Flurry of attacks hit Russian journalists

The Washington Post

MOSCOW — Russian journalists are a worried bunch these days. In the past few months, the owner of the nation's only independent television network was arrested for the second time. One of Russia's most popular television commentators was pulled off the air — he says for criticizing President Vladimir Putin. A Moscow newspaper was raided by the secret service after it published a satellite photo of the sunken Russian submarine Kursk.

Yet even in this nail-biting context, the Dec. 16 attack on Moscow reporter Oleg Lurii attracted notice. This isn't arrested for Lurii is well known; he is not, although his stories last year about bribe-paying Kremlin contractors won him a modest reputation as a digger.

The attack caused a stir because there seemed to be no explanation for it aside from Lurii's articles about corruption among government officials, especially in the Kremlin. It's also noteworthy because Moscow journalists, though subject to all kinds of pressure, generally aren't attacked with straight razors.

"It was a warning," said Lurii last week after his release from a hospital, where doctors stitched up three slashes across his left cheek. "It was a demonstration of power."

For Lurii's newspaper, the

Independent Novaya Gazeta, it was the second assault on one of its journalists this year. In July, a reporter who covered cultural affairs died after being beaten in the head with a hammer. Editors said that reporter apparently had been mistaken for a colleague living in the same building who was investigating allegations of high-level corruption involving oil deals.

The assault on Lurii was another reprisal, said Yuri Schekochihin, a deputy both to the newspaper's editor in chief and to the head of the security committee in the lower house of parliament.

"I think this shows that the authorities are continuing their policy of intimidating journalists," he said. "It belittles the attack ... is typical of President Putin's press policy, where there is room only for officially sanctioned propaganda."

The Kremlin made no immediate response to Schekochihin's comments.

Attacks on Russian journalists are common. Oleg Panfilov, who runs the Moscow Center for Journalism in Extreme Situations, said he has counted 68 this year. Most attacks occur in the provinces, and most go unreported, Panfilov said. Lurii was slashed because someone wanted to silence him, Panfilov said. He doesn't rule out government officials, who he said "are slowly waging war against journalists."

Newspapers play the jokes

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's national symbol — an eagle with a snake in its beak — has been sold to a fast-food company to be fried like chicken, a Mexican newspaper reported Thursday in a traditional holiday prank.

Thursday, the Day of the Innocents — Latin America's version of April Fool's Day — gives newspapers an opportunity to run joke headlines.

The daily Reforma, one of Mexico's most respected newspapers, ran headlines saying Mexico's Olympic gold medal-winning female weightlifter, Soraya Jimenez, will become a lingerie model.

Japan rails seek to halt groping of women

Los Angeles Times

TOKYO — A blue-blooded Japanese railway has begun discriminating in favor of women.

In a rare move, the Keio Teito Electric Railway Co. set up special female-only train cars as a refuge this holiday season from Japan's notorious "chikan," or "gropers," who squeeze more than just their way onto jam-packed trains.

But the policy hasn't gone down easy with some male commuters.

"They gripe that the segregation makes the rest of the train even more crowded for the male majority. And they lament the absence of softer bodies to press against on personal space is alien as the idea of driving to work. 'Men are bonier,'" complained Takashi Kiuchi, 36, an economist who has a long commute.

He will help the single-sex cars will be questioned. Keio, which operates more than 300 trains from Tokyo's Shinjuku station each day, is just one of many railroad companies in the capital.

The experiment will end after this month and has applied to one segregated car on its last Thursday night train and last two Friday night trains.

This is the season when Japan's "salarymen" tend to drink even more than usual at year-end parties. But the groping happens at all hours and is particularly bad during morning rush hour. "It's too crowded to implement this plan then, but it's better to do something than nothing," said railroad spokesman Satoshi Katsuma.

Groping has grown into an epidemic throughout Japan, where nearly all city and suburban dwellers commute to work by train or subway. It is a paradox in a country reputed as safe, with far fewer reported thefts, rapes, murders and serious crimes than the United States.

A few years ago, Samu Yamamoto wrote of his feish in "Diary of a Chikan" and "Confessions of a Chikan," two popular sellers. Finger Press, a magazine devoted to the topic, suggested the best trains and stations to frequent — for example, those where schoolgirls board the trains en masse. The magazine folded recently.

In Tokyo, sex clubs feature mock subway cars complete with hanging straps, taped train noise and women who can be legally pawed for \$70 to \$150 for 35 minutes. Gropers choose outfits for their targets, from "office lady" and nurse getups to a McDonald's uniform to the most popular choice: the schoolgirls' sailorlike blouse and pleated skirt.

Customers expect the targets to resist initially so they can "get that authentic feeling," said Fumio Sato, manager of the Capriccio Club in the red-light Shinjuku district.

"All men have such desire when they're in a packed train and a woman is standing in front of them," Sato said. "The point is whether they take action, which is where their judgment comes in."

He contends that his club provides a community service, allowing men to indulge their fantasies legally.

Tokyo's crowded commuter trains provide a fertile environment for groping.

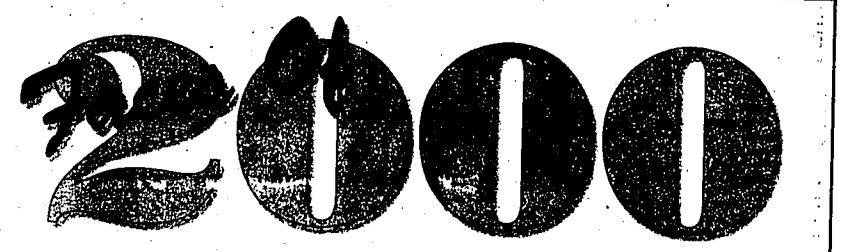
"If the cycle of breathing doesn't match with the people next to you, it can be painful," said Kiuchi, a economist, who commutes more than an hour each way on Tokyo's busiest line.

Trains on the Yamanote line, which rings central Tokyo and is one of the world's most crowded, carry triple their ideal capacity at rush hour. Some stations even have professional "people pushers" on the platforms to assist in packing the maximum numbers inside.

The sense of violation a stray hand brings is intense. Even a woman who earns her college tuition getting groped at the Capriccio Club says she's repelled when it happens on the subway.

"It made me really upset," said the 21-year-old woman who asked not to be identified. "Here, this is my job, it's how I earn my living. But on the train, I was providing some sort of service without pay."

Explained Hideo Sekizawa, director of Hakuhodo Institute of Life and Living in Tokyo, "Men don't realize that it makes a woman feel bad all day or understand the psychological damage."



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The Times-News

MORNING BREAK

Sexually active friends are hard for teen to ignore

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem. All my friends have started having sex, and I haven't even been kissed yet.

I'm beginning to think that maybe I should tell guys I'm experienced, so I can have sex and be like my friends. What do you think?

- OUT IN THE COLD UP NORTH

DEAR OUT IN THE COLD: I think it's a bad idea. You should thank your lucky stars you haven't been subjected to the pressure that your friends have. Being a teen-ager is tough enough without worrying about getting a sexually transmitted disease or accidentally becoming pregnant.

I can think of no worse reason to have sex than the fear that you're being left out. While we're on the subject of sex, read on for an eye-opener.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letters in your column concerning teens and safe sex or



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VerBarren

abstinence. I sometimes chuckle at the naivete of parents.

Yes, it's mandatory to have frank discussions with your children about sex, birth control, abstinence - all of it. Sharing whatever moral values you want to pass on to them is extremely important. However, having been a teen-ager and then a college student, I think it is naive to think that young adults make important decisions about sex only when they are sober. The truth is, many of my friends lost their virginity at a party and barely remembered the experience. When alcohol or drugs are introduced into a social situation, a normally mature young adult may not make decisions wisely.

Abby, please remind parents

how important it is to talk to their sons and daughters about alcohol, drugs, and finding themselves in risky situations. The combination of alcohol and sex really can be dangerous.

- REALISTIC IN MAINE
DEAR REALISTIC: You're absolutely right. American culture abounds in images that link alcohol with romance and celebration, from movies to television shows to romantic images portrayed in alcohol advertising.

According to the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information, teen-age girls who drink are more likely to have unprotected sex than those who do not drink.

Sexually active teens who average five or more alcoholic drinks daily are three times less likely to use condoms - placing them at greater risk for sexually transmitted diseases including AIDS. Binge drinkers appear to engage in more unplanned sexual activity than students who do not binge-drink. Researchers estimate

that alcohol use is involved in up to two-thirds of cases of sexual assault and acquaintance or date-rap among teens and college students. A survey of high school students found that 18 percent of females and 39 percent of males (a frightening statistic) say it is acceptable for a boy to force sex if the girl is stoned or drunk.

A Centers for Disease Control study analyzed changes in gonorrhea rates among teens 15 to 19 and young adults 20 to 24 in the year following an increase in the state beer tax or a raising of the drinking age. States that changed policy were compared with those that didn't. Among states that increased the tax on beer, two-thirds showed a decrease in gonorrhea rates for teens and three-fourths showed a decrease for young adults.

A final thought: Two-thirds of the people who get STDs are under 25, and more than 3 million young people are infected annually - and all of them LOOK healthy.

Carbonated water was once called an intoxicating drink

Q. Wasn't carbonated water once outlawed as "an intoxicating beverage"?

A. Yes indeed. On Sundays in many places. In the 1890s. That, in fact, was what led to the invention of the ice cream sundae. To comply with such laws, drug store operators just left the soda out of the ice cream soda for the Sunday trade.

Credit the sandwich and the hotdog: According to a recent statistical abstract, the most popular spice imported into the United States is mustard seed.



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L.M. Boyd

Most popular games of chance worldwide are lotteries.

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correcting frisbees.

Male lions eat first.

"One picture is worth a thousand words." You've read that. It's an advertising slogan dreamed up by adman Frederick Barnard in 1921. He told everybody it was an old Chinese proverb. He lied.

A bat uses all of its fingers and feet for flying. Only its thumbs are free.

Somebody stole Franz Joseph Haydn's skull. An amateur Viennese phrenologist, it was. He wanted to examine the bumps on

the head of the great composer's remains. He'd checked the skulls of a lot of criminals, he said, but hadn't got his hands on head bones of a genius. That's the sort of thing that made Charles Lindbergh, Albert Einstein and numerous other notables insist on secret interment.

In 1865, Mark Twain wrote: "It could be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctly native criminal class, except Congress." Female wasps make the nest paper.

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved with a grid of words and their corresponding numbers.

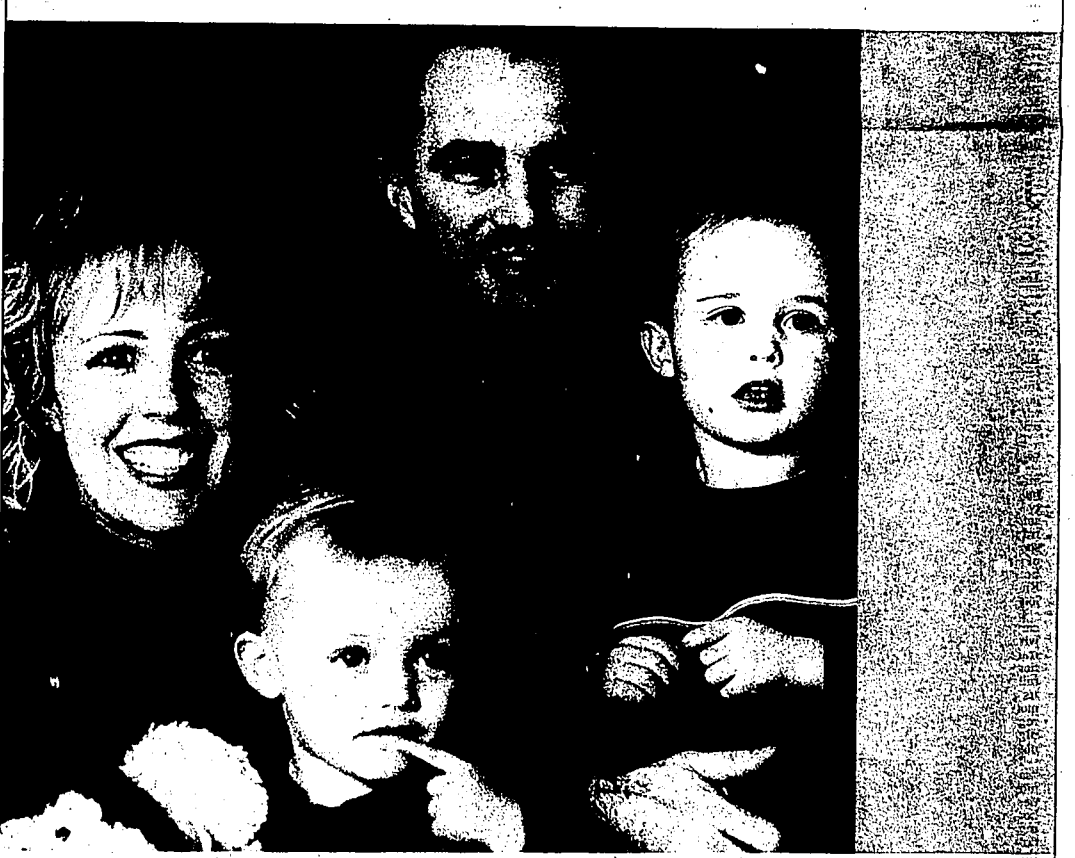
Taurus: Focus on leadership

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Create your own tradition, toss aside preconceived notions. Don't follow others, exercise independence and original thinking. Love relationship is on track. CANCER (June 21-July 22): People want you to be involved in their problems, lives. Know when to say, "Enough!" Loan will be repaid; you'll be delighted as a result. Home! LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Avoid debate with fanatic. Focus on legal aspects and public relations. Lie low. Question of marital status looms large. Gemini, Sagittarius play key roles. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be aware of details, solve mathematical problems and check measurements. Former teacher calls for reunion. It would be to your advantage to accept. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You emit personal magnetism, sex appeal. Read, write and learn through process of teaching. Young person could be directly involved. Virgo plays fascinating role. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Attention revolves around property value, home, deciding whether to stay or move on. Stick to familiar ground. Taurus, Libra individuals figure in scenario. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be shy about speaking up in connection with apparent deception. Face music early but don't give up. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Money involved, authorities on your side, power play awaits you to win. Take initiative, let people know you mean business. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look beyond the immediate, discard previous notions. Long-distance call verifies views. Participate in humanitarian project. Aries, Libra will set examples. PISCES (Feb. 18-Mar. 20): People talk about you due to exciting project. Take initiative, emphasize originality, inventiveness. A new kind of love is on horizon. Leo plays romantic role.

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The New Theater Company and the Sun Valley Repertory Company will present Jason Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard's "A Tuna Christmas" tonight, Saturday and Sunday in the next Stage Theater on Ketchum's Main Street.

A homespun tale

The Forge Ahead Theater Company will present Ben Blachly's "A Family Christmas" tonight and Saturday at the Old Magic Lantern Theater, Second and Washington streets, Ketchum.

Last-chance Dickens

Company of Fools will wrap up its production of "A Christmas Carol" tonight in Hailey's Liberty Theater.

Big party in Boise

Tickets are still available for Boise's Kool Year's Eve 2001 celebration Sunday night at Boise Center on the Grove.

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



BEER, WINE AND 2001



Much of Twin Falls twisted the night away last New Year's Eve, a Friday and the cusp of the new millennium. Probably not so this year; New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday when sales of hard liquor are proscribed in Twin Falls County.

Where to go and how to ring in the New Year ... or stay home

The Times-News

New Year's Eve on Sunday night? That means beer and wine only, by county ordinance, if you revel in Twin Falls County, but elsewhere...

Jackpot

The Marshall Tucker Band will perform two shows at Cactus Petes Resort. Prices for the 8 p.m. dinner show start at \$14.99. Cover charge for the 11 p.m. cocktail show is \$7.50. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Burley

The Screamers will play from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at the Riverside Bar, 197 W. Highway 30.

Jerome

Nightfire will perform at 8 p.m. at El Sombrero, 153 W. Main. Doors open at 7 p.m. There's a \$15 cover charge, and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Castletford

Pocket Change will play rock and country for the New Year's Eve party at 9 p.m. at the King & Hearts Club, 248 Main.

Hazelton

The Echos will play from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Sagebrush/Landmark. There will be a \$5 cover charge, and breakfast will be served after midnight.

Gooding

Sweet Country Air will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Lincoln Inn.

... and in Twin Falls ...

Earnest Orange will play on New Year's Eve from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S.

Forrest Anderson, former Boot Scooters disc jockey, will play for the New Year's Eve party at The Ballroom, 205 Shoshone St. N. Doors will open at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10.

Renegade will play on New Year's Eve from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S. Cover charge is \$5.

... and on Saturday night ...

Twin Falls

Raising Cain will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. No cover charge.

Deja' Voodoo will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S.

Earnest Orange will play on New Year's Eve from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S.

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

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

Randy Egner will play from 7 to 9 p.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S.

Renegade will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S. Cover charge is \$3.

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub, 402 Main N.

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Jerome

Dusty and the Nomads will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at Spanbauer's Barn on U.S. Highway 93, east of Jerome. Cover charge is \$7. Call 324-7366.

Gooding

Sweet Country Air will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Lincoln Inn.

Declo

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna, 9 E. Main.

Rupert

Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at C&L Lounge, 702 F St.

Los Angeles Times

TV specials

"Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve" - Adding an hour to his usual assignment, the veteran host reports of festivities in Times Square and introduces highlights from the year's most successful pop tours. ABC

"MTV's New Year's Eve 2001" - Marilyn Manson, BBMak and Papa Roach turn up at MTV's Times Square studio. MTV

"Billboard's Rock 'n' Roll New Year's Eve" - Times Square coverage plus music and the year's top 10 videos. Fox

"Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve 2001" - He's back to count down the final seconds of the year, while Wayne Brady ("Whose Life Is It Anyway?") oversees musical segments with Baha Men, The Bangles, Boyz II Men, Lonestar, 98 Degrees and Third Eye Blind. The party continues with performances from Vertical Horizon and Joe. ABC

TV series

"The Twilight Zone" - Few have done anthologies better than the late Rod Serling, who hosts timeless episodes airing throughout the day, including "Nightmare at 20,000 Feet," the memorable thriller in which William Shatner saw some pretty weird stuff on the wing of an airplane. Sci Fi Channel

Movies on TV

"Dr. Strangelove" - Must viewing for fans of Peter Sellers and director Stanley Kubrick. TCM

"Naughty Nineties" - Can't recall the particulars of "Who's on First?" the classic comedy skit from Abbott and Costello? Here's your chance to catch it one more time. Then stick around for other films from the duo's bygone days in Hollywood. AMC

"2001: A Space Odyssey" - Stanley Kubrick's influential sci-fi thriller follows astronaut Keir Dullea and a computer with a plan of its own. Author A.C. Clark will appear in segments shown during breaks from the film. TCM

Only the brave: Monday brrr-ings 14th annual Freeze on Skis

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Temperatures near freezing are forecast for the 14th annual Magic Valley Jaycees Freeze on Skis on Monday.

Intrepid water-skiers and wake-boarders sign up sponsors and hit the Snake River near Shoshone Falls at noon, come rain or come ice. Proceeds of the annual New Year's Day event will go to Camp Rainbow Gold and the Magic Valley

Skateboarders Association this year. What began as an offbeat way to celebrate the new year has developed into a fund-raiser that benefits charities that help children and adults. Last year, \$6,000 to \$10,000 went to the

Twin Falls County Sheriff's Reserve and the Washing Star Foundation, a group that grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses. Spectators are welcome, and coffee and hot chocolate will be available.

WEEKEND

The Marshall Tucker Band to perform at Cactus Petes



Tonight, Saturday and Sunday
The Marshall Tucker Band will perform two shows a night at Cactus Petes Resort, Jackpot. Prices for the 8 p.m. dinner show start at \$14.99 tonight and Sunday and \$19.99 on Saturday. Cover charge for the 11 p.m. cocktail show is \$7.50 tonight and Sunday and \$10 on Saturday. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Tonight
Fly 2 Void will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls.

Tonight
Milestone will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Silver Dollar, 101 S. Main, Bellevue.

Tonight and Saturday
Raising Cain will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Saturday
Deja' Voodoo will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls.

Sunday
Earnest Orange will play on New Year's Eve from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls.

Thursday
Armageddon will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

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

Feb. 10 - Nampa
Pantera with Soufly and Morbid Angel will play at 7:30 p.m. in the Idaho Center in Nampa. Tickets, which are \$27, can be reserved by calling Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766 or (800) 965-4827.

PLANETARIUM
Tonight and Saturday
"Steammrolling Through the Holidays," the Faulkner Planetarium's holiday show, will continue at the Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. "Steammrolling" is a soundtrack of Christmas time favorites by the popular instrumental group Mannheim Steamroller. The program will be shown at 1, 2, 3, 7 and 8 p.m. today and 4, 7 and 8 p.m. Saturday. The educational program "The Explorers" can be seen at 2 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for children or \$9 for families. For more information, call the Herrett Center at 733-9554, Ext. 2655.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday
The Screemers will play from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. tonight, Saturday and Sunday at the Riverside Bar, 197 W. Highway 30, Burley.

Tonight and Saturday
The Echos will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Weston Plaza, Twin Falls.

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

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

Saturday
Randy Egner will play from 7 to 9 p.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Sunday
Forrest Anderson, former Boot Scooters disc jockey, will play for the New Year's Eve party at The Ballroom, 205 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls. Doors will open at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10.

Please see EVENTS, Page C3

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Events

Continued from C2

Sunday
Nightfire will perform at 8 p.m. at El Sombrero, 153 W. Main, Jerome. Doors open at 7 p.m. There's a \$15 cover charge, and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Sunday
Pocket Change will play rock and country for the New Year's Eve party at 9 p.m. at the King & Hearts Club, 248 Main, Castelford.

Sunday
The Echos will play from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Sagebrush/Landmark in Hazelton. There will be a \$5 cover charge, and breakfast will be served after midnight.

Tuesday
Saxophonist Brian Blandford will play from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Tuesday
Milestone and Friends will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Wednesday
A disc jockey will provide the music for ladies night from 8 p.m. to midnight at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Wednesday
Guitarist David Santistevan will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

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

Thursday
Pianist Jimmy Cooper will play from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Thursday
Comedy night will be featured at 8:30 p.m. followed by a jazz band at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Jan. 10
Seattle-based songwriter Jill Cohn will play from 7.9 p.m. at Java, 228 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.



Tuesday through Jan. 10
Rubber Biscuit, a tribute to the Blues Brothers, will perform at 8 p.m. dinner show and an 11 p.m. cocktail show nightly at Aratus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Dinner show prices start at \$19.99 on Saturday and \$14.99 on weeknights and Sunday. There's a \$10 cover charge for the cocktail show on Saturday and \$7.50 on weeknights and Sunday. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Jan. 10 - Boise
James Brown and his 20-piece band will play at 8 p.m. at the grand opening celebration of the Big Easy Concert House, 416 S. 9th St., Boise. Tickets, which are \$79.50, go on sale at 10 a.m. today and can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766 or (800) 965-4827.

Jan. 12 and 13 - Boise
Super Diamond will play at 8

p.m. at the Big Easy Concert House, 416 S. 9th St., Boise. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766 or (800) 965-4827.

Jan. 19 and 20 - Boise
Sweet Polyester and the Platforms will play at 8 p.m. at the Big Easy Concert House, 416 S. 9th St., Boise. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766 or (800) 965-4827.

Jan. 27 - Boise
The Boise Valley Chordsmen will present "The Melody Lingers On" at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Morrison Center. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10.50 for seniors (60 and over) for the 2 p.m. performance or \$15 for the 7:30 p.m. performance. Tickets can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.



Jan. 10 - Boise
James Brown will open Boise's new concert hall/restaurant, Big Easy Concert House, with an 8 p.m. performance. Tickets are \$79.50, and doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are available by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766. The Big Easy is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Wednesday
Local musicians John Cugno, Brent Jensen, Gene Loranger and Jesse Hadley on bass will play Jazz Night from 7-10 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month at Mugger's Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.



Tonight, Saturday and Sunday
"A Tuna Christmas" will take the stage at 8 p.m. at nextStage Theater on Main Street, Ketchum. Tickets are \$15, available at Atkinson's in Ketchum, Read All About It bookstore in Halley and at www.newtheatre-company.org

Tonight and Saturday
"A Family Christmas" will hit the stage at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday at the Old Magic Lantern Theater, Second and Washington streets, Ketchum. It will resume Jan. 4-6. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth ages 12 through 18, available at the door. Younger children get in free.

Saturday
Company of Fools presents "A Christmas Carol" at 7 p.m. at Halley's Liberty Theater. Tickets, which are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children 4-12, can be reserved by a credit card by calling 788-6520 or purchased at Read All About It

Bookstore in Halley and Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum.

COMEDY



Jan. 21 - Utah
Rodney Dangerfield will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$35 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Feb. 10 - Boise
Bill Cosby will perform two shows at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. in the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University. Tickets, which are \$40 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

COUNTRY

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

Saturday
Dusty and the Nomads will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at Spanbauer's Barn on U.S. Highway 93, east of Jerome. Cover charge is \$7. Call 324-7366.

Sunday
Sweet Country Air will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Lincoln Inn in Gooding.

Sunday
Renegade will play on New Year's Eve from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$5.

Sunday
Sweet Country Air will play on New Year's Eve from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the lounge at the Lincoln Inn, 413 Main, Gooding.

Tuesday
Country dance lessons will be given from 7-9 p.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Lessons are free.

CLASSICAL



Saturday - Utah
The Chieftains will play a program of waltzes, polkas and songs by Johann Strauss.

Franz Lehar and other Viennese composers, 8 p.m., in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$22 and \$29, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

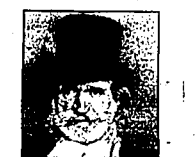
Jan. 5-6 - Utah
The Utah Symphony will play Kurt Weill's Violin Concerto at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$15, \$20, \$24, \$31 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Jan. 11 - Utah
The Utah Symphony will perform Mozart's G Minor Symphony at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$15, \$24 and \$31, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Jan. 19-20 - Utah
The Utah Symphony will present a program of American songs at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$21, \$27, \$33 and \$41, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Jan. 26-27 - Utah
The Utah Symphony will perform Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$15, \$20, \$24, \$31 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

OPERA



Jan. 13-21 - Utah
Utah Opera will sing Giuseppe Verdi's "Rigoletto" at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13, 15, 17 and 19 and at 2 p.m. on Jan. 21 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which are \$12-\$57, can be reserved by phoning (888) 451-2787. Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

FOLK MUSIC

Jan. 16 - Utah
The Chieftains will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$22, \$32, \$39 and \$49, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

DANCE

Tonight
The Disabled American

Veterans Auxiliary will hold a dance at 8:30 p.m. at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave. in Twin Falls. Archie Turner will provide the music.

Tonight and Saturday
Ballet West will perform Peter Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker," choreographed by William Christensen, in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight and Saturday and for 2 p.m. Saturday. Tickets, which range from \$10-\$55, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South. The production continues through Dec. 30.

Sunday
A New Year's Eve dance will be held at 8:30 p.m. at the Marsh Creek Event Center in Albion. The Fugitives will play for the event. Cover charge is \$5 and anyone over 21 years of age is invited to attend.

Jan. 19 and 20 - Boise
Idaho Dance Theater will present its winter performance at 8 p.m. Jan. 19 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Boise State University Special Events Center. Tickets, which are \$16 and \$12 for adults and \$12 and \$8 for students/seniors, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

KARAOKE

Tonight
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont, Rupert.

Nightly except Sunday and Monday
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub, 402 Main N., Twin Falls.

Saturday
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna, 9 E. Main, Declo.

Saturday
Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at C&L Lounge, 702 F St., Rupert.

Tuesday and Wednesday
Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside Bar and Resort, west of Burley.

Wednesday
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave., Burley.

Thursday
Full Moon Music Madness

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Office in Paul.

Thursday
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Kimmy's Riverside, west of Burley.

FILM FESTIVAL

Jan. 18-Feb. 18
The Magic Valley Arts Council's Foreign Film Festival 2001, featuring "Solomon & Gaenor," "Madadayo," "Coya in Bordeaux," "The Wind Will Carry Us," and "Yi Yi," will be held at the Lamphouse Theater in Twin Falls. Each film will be shown four times, on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Punch cards are available for \$50 for a 10-punch card and \$32 for a five-punch card. Individual tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens and children. Punch cards are available at the Magic Valley Arts Council office and at the Lamphouse Theater.

Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and 2 - Boise
Banff Mountain Film Festival World Four will be held at 7 p.m. at the Boise Center on the Grove, 850 W. Front St. Tickets, which are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

FIGURE SKATING

Jan. 3 - Utah
Target Stars on Ice will perform at the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$58, \$45 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 Decker Lake Drive.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

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

MONSTER TRUCKS

Jan. 5-7 - Utah
The Monster Truck Nationals will be held at the E Center in West Valley City, Utah. Tickets, which are \$21, \$16 and \$11, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 Decker Lake Drive.

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WEEKEND

'Dancer in the Dark,' 'Dracula 2000' hit movie theaters

Combined wire services

New movies in south-central Idaho this weekend. Opinions are by Los Angeles Times, the Associated Press and Knight Ridder Newspapers reviewers. Ratings by the Motion Picture

What's Playing

Twins

"All the Pretty Horses," The Oprah
 "Cast Away," Twin Cinema
 "Charlie's Angels," Odyssey Theater

"Dancer in the Dark," Lamphouse Theater
 "Dracula 2000," Odyssey Theater
 "Dudal Where My Car," Odyssey Theater
 "Dungeons and Dragons," Odyssey Theater
 "The Emperor's New Groove," Twin Cinema
 "Family Man," Twin Cinema
 "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Twin Cinema
 "Meet the Parents," Twin Cinema

"Men of Honor," Twin Cinema
 "Miss Congeniality," Twin Cinema
 "Proof of Life," Odyssey Theater
 "102 Dalmatians," Twin Cinema
 "Remember the Titans," Odyssey Theater
 "Rugrats in Paris," Twin Cinema
 "Vertical Limit," Twin Cinema
 "What Women Want," Twin Cinema

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

"Cast Away," Magic Lantern
 "Chocolat," Magic Lantern
 "Emperor's New Groove," Magic Lantern
 "Family Man," SkiTime Cinemas
 "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Liberty Theater
 "Miss Congeniality," Sun Valley Opera House
 "Rugrats in Paris," Liberty Theater
 "Vertical Limit," Magic Lantern
 "What Women Want," SkiTime Cinemas

Burly

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Century Cinema
 "The Emperor's New Groove," Century Cinema
 "The Family Man," Century Cinema
 "Miss Congeniality," Burley Theater
 "Vertical Limit," Century Cinema
 "What Women Want," Century Cinema

Jerome

"The Emperor's New Groove," Jerome Cinema
 "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Jerome Cinema
 "Miss Congeniality," Jerome Cinema
 "What Women Want," Jerome Cinema

Gooding

"102 Dalmatians," Gooding Cinema

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'All the Pretty Horses'
 Billy Bob Thornton's pokey adaptation of the Cormac McCarthy novel stars Matt Damon as a Texas rancher riding the range in Mexico, and getting into heaps of trouble and love with the ridiculously radiant Penelope Cruz. It's beautiful to look at, in a Marlboro Country kind of way, but there's not much at its core. R (violence, torture, sexual situations, profanity)

'Cast Away'
 Tom Hanks stars as a Fed-Ex troubleshooter who crash-lands on a desert island, where he struggles to survive, and struggles to keep his sanity in the face of an unknown future. Helen Hunt, in her umpteenth role of the year, waits back on the mainland. PG-13 (adult themes, forces of nature, violence)

'Charlie's Angels'
 This update of that '70s jigglesville artifact stars Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz and Lucy Liu, who brandish bangs, breasts and booty in a film with little going for it but the appeal of its stars. PG-13 (profanity, sexual innuendo, violence)

'Chocolat'
 Lasse Hallstrom's beguiling film of the Joanne Harris novel is one of the year's best, in which a fairy tale embraces the human comedy, observed by Hallstrom with his usual warmth and humor, extending inclusiveness to outsiders as always. A ravishing and brave Juliette Binoche

Big box office
 Top-grossing movies last weekend:
 1. "Cast Away," Fox
 2. "What Women Want," Paramount
 3. "The Family Man," Universal
 4. "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Universal
 5. "Miss Congeniality," Warner Bros.
 —Source: Exhibitor

descends upon an ancient French village, ruled by a pious aristocrat (Alfred Molina), to open a chocolate shop. With splendid supporting roles for Judi Dench and Lena Olin, and Johnny Depp as a suitably romantic rebel. (201. PG-13, for a scene of sexual violence and some violence.)

'Dancer in the Dark'
 Director Lars Von Trier tries an extreme form of genre bending, combining the drama of Bjork's Selma, a factory worker who is going blind, with musical numbers that might suit 'Fame' or an un-art-directed MTV video. The musical numbers, scored and performed by Bjork, belong to Selma's fantasy life and function as an escape from her difficulties. The more nightmare her life becomes (and Von Trier really heaps it on), the greater her need to retreat into the magic, musical world inside her head. Like 'Singing in the Rain,' the jumping-off points for Selma's musical flights are the rhythms of everyday sounds — the machinery in the factory where she works, the scratch of a pencil on paper, feet stepping. Von Trier stages these scenes elaborately with dancers and props, and he films them from innumerable camera angles with rapid cuts. Rated R.

'Dude, Where's My Car?'
 The title is the funniest thing in this stoner comedy about a pair of Southern California housemates (Ashton Kutcher and Seann William Scott) who can't

remember where they put their car — or the details of their excellent adventure the night before. Rated PG-13; drug, sex humor.

'Dungeons and Dragons'
 Strictly for the obsessed. And even then ... Movie version of the celebrated/notorious role-playing game is high on sorcery and noise, low on coherence. Plenty of bad acting, though. With Justin Whalin, Marlan Wayans, Zoe McLellan, Thora Birch, Bruce Payne and Jeremy Irons. Screenplay by Topper Lilien and Carroll Cartwright. Directed by Courtney Solomon. (1:33. PG-13, for fantasy action violence.)

'The Emperor's New Groove'
 Disney's latest adventure in animation is a comedy about a petulant teenage Artec emperor (the voice of David Spade) who is transformed into a llama by a rival (Eartha Kitt). The emperor then must depend on a humble peasant (John Goodman) he had disrespected to protect him and impart a lesson or two. Salvaged from an abandoned and apparently more ambitious project, 'Emperor' seems to have little reason to exist except to fill Disney's family-movie pipeline. The music (by Sting) is forgettable, the animation is ordinary and the allegedly hip humor is wasted on forgettable characters, save the hunky, hapless henchman given real personality by Patrick Warburton, who played Puddy on 'Seinfeld.' Rated G; car-



Kate, Tea Leoni, and Jack, Nicolas Cage, share a moment in the Universal Pictures' 'The Family Man.'

toon violence. 1 hour, 22 minutes.

'The Family Man'
 A variation on the theme of it's a Wonderful Life — itself a riff on Dickens' A Christmas Carol — starring Nicolas Cage as a Wall Street bachelor tycoon who wakes up married to his college sweetheart in suburbia and learns that he's been a failure because he has no one to share his success with. With Tea Leoni. PG-13 (sexual candor, profanity, discreet nudity)

'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'
 Though no one seemed to be clamoring for an expanded, live-

action version of Dr. Seuss' film children's book, Hollywoodville has coughed one up anyway, with Jim Carrey as Whoville's Ungilly Green Scrooge. Director Ron Howard's effort to replicate Seuss' whimsical burg comes off like a Norelco commercial snow globe populated by benevolent mutants. But when Carrey, outfit-

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Movies

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ted in a costume that looks left over from the 'Cats' road show, is **off the leash**, the contraption comes to life. Unlabeled, though, this is less a movie asking to be made (the 30-minute animated version was sufficient) than a marketing inevitability. Rated PG; cartoon-style violence. 1 hour, 42 minutes.

Meet the Parents

A stock comic situation - young man meets his prospective in-laws - is raised to a sustained and often hilarious encounter featuring Ben Stiller's capacity for humiliation and Robert De Niro's willingness to dish it out. PG-13 (adult humor)

Men of Honor

It's a lot easier to admire Carl Brashear, the first African-American to become a Navy master diver, than this big-screen biography in which he overcomes adversity with such regularity that the movie succumbs to the melodramatic bends. Cuba Gooding, Jr. fights a losing battle in his attempt to humanize a man directed by George Tillman is determined to turn into a statue. Even Robert De Niro, as Brashear's redneck, hard-nosed training officer, gets involved in a cigar-chomping stereotype. Rated R; language, violence. 2 hours, 8 minutes.

Miss Congeniality

Sandra Bullock stars as an ugly-duckling FBI agent transformed into a pageant contestant when the Bureau needs an undercover agent to ferret out a bomb. Many pratfalls, a few laugh-out-loud moments and a deep - and affectionate - understanding of pageant superficiality. PG-13 (violence, profanity, candor)

102 Dalmatians

An unnecessary if not unpleasant sequel to the entertaining and extremely profitable live-action version of Disney's animated classic. It's built, as would be expected, around Glenn Close's wide-eyed portrayal of potential puppy-skinning villain Cruella De Vil. Cruella, rehabilitated, is now devoting her life to saving the same animals she once wanted to slaughter. Oh, sure. Gerard Depardieu plays her fashion-designer partner in puppy-snapping, and Joan Gruffudd, as a shelter owner, is almost as pettable as the Dalmatian puppies. Rated G; comic violence. 1 hour, 38 minutes.

Proof of Life

Anyone who comes to this drama expecting sexy sparks between stars (and really, war-scarred) Russell Crowe and Meg Ryan will have to content themselves with guilty looks. Crowe is a corporate hostage negotiator; judging his services is Ryan, the wife of an American engineer (David Morse) kidnapped for ransom in South America. The stars' guilt, unfortunately, seems less inspired by any illicit attraction than by the understanding that the film they're in isn't delivering, bearing, correctly, that the audience would resent characters who act on their desires, director Taylor Hackford prevents the relationship, and the movie, from developing beyond anything besides a notion. Only when it leads to the mountains with the excellent Morse does 'Proof' show any actual proof of life. Rated R; violence, language. 2 hours, 12 minutes.

Migrata in Paris

The Movie Picturesque animated romance in which the melancholy and motherless Chuckie, amidst of the tyke-heroes, loses his grief and finds Dad a new part.

Unbreakable

M. Night Shyamalan's 'Sixth sense follow-up takes Bruce Willis to another supernatural trip - but this one lacks the jigsaw puzzle symmetry of 1999's surprise hit. Instead, this tale of a troubled man who discovers his hidden potential is unnecessarily solemn, unwaveringly pretentious and lame. PG-13 (violence, adult themes)

Vertical Limit

After the top-of-the-summit, heart-in-the-throat nail-biter that begins this mountain-climbing spectacle, you might assume it would be all downhill. But director Martin Campbell ('The Mask of Zorro') has a big backpack full of stunts and showstoppers, and if you can take your mind away, the film will take care of your breath. Chris O'Donnell, haunted (in a real cute way) by a deadly decision, is forced to climb again to rescue his sister (Robin Tunney), who is trapped in a snowed-over cavern after an ill-considered attempt at ascending a dangerous peak. And I tell you the rescue team, led by a Zen cynic (Scott Glenn) is trying nitro? The plot is thinner



Photo courtesy of Disney Entertainment, Inc.

Trapped at the bottom of a gorge with crocodiles circling below, a good natured peasant named Pacha, left, and the hapless Emperor Kuzco, who has been turned into a llama by his scheming advisor, realize they have to rely on each other to survive in Walt Disney Pictures' hilarious new animated feature, 'The Emperor's New Groove.' Read more about the movie on Page C4.

than the air and the dialogue is ludicrous, but the thrill power is there. Rated PG-13; violence, language. 2 hours, 2 minutes.

'What Women Want'

Yet one more Hollywood movie we've seen before we've seen it, with Mel Gibson charming his way

through a custom-fitted role as an irresistible chauvinist who develops the ability to read women's minds and uses his power to undercut the ad whiz (Heter Hunt) who gets the job he thinks he should have had. Director Nancy Meyers is as starstruck as Gibson's on-screen victims. For a romantic comedy, the film is seriously lopsided; Hunt does little but gaze at Gibson admiringly. Meanwhile, he acts like the kid in the proverbial candy store, stuffing himself until he gets a stomachache and has to be soothed by mama. Rated PG-13; sexual situations, language. 2 hours, 2 minutes.

'Wes Craven Presents: Dracula 2000'

For the lone moviegoer, this is a depressing waste of time. But it's a terrific piece of junk for any group of friends who share a wicked - if somewhat sadistic - sense of humor.

Despite Wes Craven's name in the title, the famed horror director



Chuck, Tom Harris, cymbal-bared on a viva, exalts in the fire he has kindled.

is only listed as an executive producer (nine other people share producer credits), and 'Dracula 2000' feels nothing like his far superior 'Scream' and 'A Nightmare on Elm Street' movies.

distinctions are several, all being why light to video? R language and tin

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WEEKEND

'Godzilla' reaches local video stores

Combined wire services

New videos in Twin Falls-area stores this week:

'The Art of War'

United Nations covert-ops specialist Neil Shaw (Wesley Snipes) is no master of disguise: His idea of 'undercover' is wearing Buddy Holly glasses and a bad fake beard. After 'The Art of War,' Snipes will want to wear a bag over his head.

So convoluted it's incomprehensible and dull enough to put Somnifex out of business, 'Art' purports to tell the story of a man (Snipes) framed for murder who goes on the lam with a pretty U.N. translator (Marie Matiko) to identify a cabal of evildoers bent on derailing some kind of trade agreement (ohmigod, not the trade agreement). It's no easy task considering the good guys aren't all that good either. As Shaw's paper-pushing U.N. bosses, Anne Archer and Donald Sutherland look respectably haggard and embarrassed, while creepy Michael Biehn is the only one seeming to have fun as Shaw's one-time partner and new worst nightmare. Contains martial arts, gunplay, brutality, obscenity, corpses and brief glimpses of nudity. Rated R.

'The Exorcist: The Version You've Never Seen'

The 2000 version of this 1973 classic has an additional 11 minutes (including a new blood-burping scene) and a redone soundtrack. But it has lost the fearsome color of its heyday. Jaded sensibilities of today are likely to be more amused than horrified, after years of horror films starring Freddy, Michael, Jason and other teen-slashing nasties.

Based on the best-selling William Peter Blatty novel, the movie's about Regan (Linda Blair), a sweet 12-year-old girl who finds herself housing a demonic spirit. Her mother (Ellen Burstyn) persuades Father Karras (Jason Miller) and a mysterious priest (the great Max von Sydow) to exorcise this girl who can rise into the air, turn her head 360 degrees and swear with the worst of 'em. The movie's a museum piece, something to be enjoyed for its historical value, its shockness and its almost-quant shock value. Compared to the nasty likes of Lil' Kim, Eminem or DMX, the possessed Regan is about as intimidating as Julie Andrews in "The Sound of Music." Contains profanity, obscenity, violence, foul language and really wide lapels.

'Godzilla 2000'

90 minutes. Takehiro Murata, Shiro Sano, Hiroshi Abe. The giant radioactive fire-breathing Japanese reptile is back, doing battle with an alien behemoth and looking pretty cheery in the process in this joyously retro, dubbed-into-English monster movie. PG (giant monsters wreaking havoc, mild profanity) DVD available. (CC)

'Clubland'

91 minutes. Alexis Arquette, Jimmy Tuckett. An aspiring singer rises to success is derailed when his brother contractually binds him to corrupt businessmen

VIDEOS FROM AROUND THE NATION

	Local one	Chicago	Houston	New York	Los Angeles	San Francisco	Portland	Seattle	Phoenix	San Diego	San Jose	San Antonio	San Jose	San Jose	San Jose
★ Outstanding															
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Godzilla 2000 (PG)															
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Scary Movie (PG-13)															
Shaft (PG-13)															
The Art of War (R)															
The Cell (PG-13)															
Whipped (PG-13)															
X-Men (PG-13)															

Future video releases:

Jan. 2: Autumn in New York, Hollow Men, What Lies Beneath
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Godzilla returns to the big screen in 'Godzilla 2000'.

and drug dealers. R (language, violence, sexuality, drug content) DVD available. (CC)

'Crocodile'

94 minutes. Mark McLaughlin, Caitlin Martin. A group of teens on spring break find a giant egg and take it back to their boat. When it hatches, a giant crocodile emerges and wreaks havoc. R (violence, language, gore, drug use, sexuality) DVD available. (CC)

'Diamond Run'

110 minutes. Richard Lynch, Linda Ljoka. A police detective tracks down a woman who stole a huge set of diamonds; only to discover that both he and the woman are the targets of a special forces unit that had planned on stealing the diamonds for themselves. R (violence) DVD available.

'Race Against Time'

90 minutes. Eric Roberts, Cary Elwes. Roberts is a father who agrees to sell his body for organ transplants to pay for surgery for his dying son. When he is told that his organs will be needed immediately, he realizes he is being duped and goes on the run.

More Information

Last week's Top 5 VHS sellers:
1. 'The Road to El Dorado' (2000). Animated tale about two fearless guys looking to get rich quick, who stow away on Cortes' ship bound for the New World and actually stumble onto that fabled lost city of gold, where their adventures leave them with less materialistic values. PG for mild thematic material and language.

2. 'Nifty Professor II: The Klumps' 3. 'Chicken Run' (2000). Nick Park, British master of clay animation and three-time Oscar-winning creator of 'Wallace and Gromit,' and co-director Peter Lord have put chickens front and center with this gleeful parody of prison and escape movies. A delightful pageant of chicken romance, chicken rescue and chicken intrigue that never loses its priceless stamp of individuality. G.

4. 'Toy Story 2' (1999). Lively and good-humored with a great sense of fun, it picks up where its predecessor left off. Even if the existential despair of toys never previously interested you, the gang at Pixar makes it all irresistibly comic as well as surprisingly emotional. With the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen and Joan Cusack. G.

5. 'X-Men' (2000). A solid summer entertainment with 'The Usual Suspects' Bryan Singer directing British heavyweights Patrick Stewart and Ian McKellen. It doesn't take your breath away, but it's an accomplished piece of work that has considerable pulp watchability and a self-referential sense of humor. PG-13, for sci-fi action violence. PG-13.

Last week's Top 5 DVD sellers:
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4. 'Toy Story 2'
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2. "The Bear and the Dragon" by Tom Clancy (Putnam)
3. "Prodigal Summer" by Barbara Kingsolver (HarperCollins)
4. "The Mark" by Tim Laffaye (Dutton)
5. "Deck the Halls" by Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
6. "Code to Zero" by Ken Follet (Dutton)

7. "The Last Precinct" by Patricia Cornwell (Putnam)
8. "The Prometheus Deception" by Robert Ludlum (St. Martin's Press)
9. "Journers" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
10. "Winter's Heart" by Robert Jordan (Tor)

Nonfiction/general

1. "The Beatles Anthology" by The Beatles (Chronicle Books)
2. "Who Moved My Cheese?: An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life" by Spencer Johnson

3. "The O'Reilly Factor" by Bill O'Reilly (Broadway)
4. "A Short Guide to a Happy Life" by Anna Quindlen (Random House)

5. "Guinness World Records 2001" (Guinness Publishing)
6. "Nothing Like It in the World: The Men Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad" by Stephen E. Ambrose (S&S)

7. "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom (Doubleday)
8. "Maestro: Alan Greenspan's Fed and the American Economic Boom" by Bob Woodward (Simon & Schuster)

9. "Flags of Our Fathers" by James Bradley with Ron Powers (Bantam)
10. "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw (Random House)

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Steven Neville and Pamilla Shoemaker today in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. today in the Draper, Utah Stake Center. A reception will also be held from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 at the Sun Valley LDS Church at 300 Spruce Ave. in Ketchum.

The couple will reside in Logan, Utah.

HAILEY - Marilyn Shoemaker of Draper, Utah announces the engagement of her daughter Pamilla Shoemaker to Steven M. Neville, son of Timothy and Anne Neville of Hailey.

Shoemaker is a graduate of Jordan High School in Sandy, Utah and a 1999 graduate of Utah State University. She will graduate in May 2001 from USU with a masters degree in speech-language pathology.

Neville is a graduate of Wood River High School. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Dominican Republic East Santo Domingo Mission. He is a senior major in mechanical and aerospace engineering.

The wedding is planned for

Videos

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As the FBI closes in on a serial killer (Vincent D'Onofrio) who tortures his female victims by slowly drowning them in a glass cell, the wacko suffers a seizure and goes into a coma from which he'll never recover. Hoping to find the location where his most recent victim is being held and save her, the FBI seeks the help of a group of scientists.

If the FBI's lead profiler (Vince Vaughn) enters the mind of the suspect, he does so only figuratively. But thanks to a stunning technological discovery, a child psychologist (Jennifer Lopez) is able to literally enter the mind of her patients. The FBI hopes she can enter the mind of the madman and find his secret lair in time to save his latest victim.

Of course, nothing goes quite as planned.

I realize that quite a few critics took offense at the way this film depicted the torture of the victims. But that depiction is no more graphic (and only a little more shocking) than what is shown in a lot of slasher films. However, those kinds of films have nowhere near the visual style that director Tarsem Singh brings to "The Cell." This is one of the most incredible-looking films I've seen in a quite a while.

The DVD of "The Cell" is loaded with extras. First, there are two informative commentary tracks, one by director Singh and the other by various members of the production team. Then there are several deleted scenes with commentary supplied by Singh and behind-the-scenes documentary, "Style As Substance," in which several of Singh's collaborators talk about his work. For the technical minded there's a section in which six special-effects sequences are examined from storyboard to final scene. And you can view them from different angles.

But be warned - "The Cell" is not for the squeamish.

Next we have the story of a middle-age English woman who finds herself a widow and then discovers the reason that her husband committed suicide is because he lost all of their money in bad business ventures. How she carries on is the subject of "Saving Grace" (New Line, 2000; rated R; 1 hour, 35 minutes plus supplemental material; original 2.35:1 widescreen format and full-frame format; Dolby Digital 5.1 surround sound; \$24.98).

Brenda Blethyn is perfect as Grace, a woman who decides the only way she can save her home is to grow a crop of super marijuana in the greenhouse on her Cornwall estate. Helping her

with the venture is Matthew (Craig Ferguson, who co-produced the film and co-wrote the screenplay), the manor's caretaker.

The plot is pretty formulaic, but the film works nonetheless in large part because of a wonderful cast of supporting characters who play the small town's eccentric inhabitants.

The DVD of "Saving Grace" has nice extras, including both the widescreen and full-frame versions of the film and two commentary tracks, one with director Nigel Cole and Blethyn and the other with Cole and Ferguson.

Sometimes it's difficult to fathom why a film develops a cult following. This thought came to mind when I watched the new DVD of "Gone in 60 Seconds" (Navarre, 1974; rated PG; 1 hour, 18 minutes; original 1.33:1 widescreen format; Dolby Digital 5.1 surround sound; \$24.98).

The brainchild of the late H.B. Halicki, who wrote, produced, directed and starred in the film about professional car thieves, "Gone in 60 Seconds" features a remastered print and a Dolby Digital 5.1 soundtrack. But even that and an abundance of extras on the DVD can't turn this week's action into something it isn't.

Admittedly, this isn't the kind of film you watch for the story. No, you watch it for the stunts and chases, and they are pretty good. In fact the highlight of the film is a 40-minute climactic chase in which nearly a hundred cars are destroyed. There is a great catch in the film I was able to catch thanks to the sharp DVD picture. In the big chase, if you freeze the frame on the unmarked cop car chasing the antihero, you can actually see a movie camera mounted in the back seat.

You won't find any glitches like that in this year's remake, "Gone in 60 Seconds" (Touchstone, 2000; rated PG-13; 1 hour, 58 minutes plus supplemental material; original 2.35:1 widescreen format; Dolby Digital 5.1 surround sound; \$29.98).

Basically the same story - the main character has to steal a large number of cars before a seemingly impossible deadline - the remake gets extra points for nice production values, a name cast (Nicolas Cage, Angelina Jolie, Giovanni Ribisi, Robert Duvall, Will Patton and Delroy Lindo), some super stunts (some digitally enhanced) and a plethora of DVD extras.

But it loses points for not having all that much action and for being produced by Jerry Bruckheimer, someone who doesn't know the meaning of "subtle."

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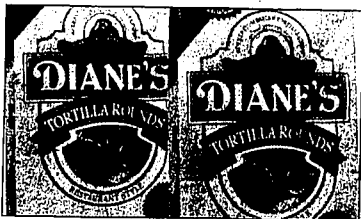


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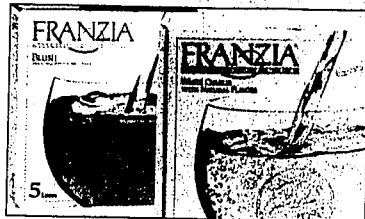


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TRIVIA

QUESTION:

What NFL team scored 55 points in winning a Super Bowl?
.....answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Women's college basketball
CSI at Lady Roughrider Classic, Prescott, Ariz.

Girls' high school basketball
Jerome at Buhl, 6 p.m.

Boys' high school basketball
Oakley at Jackpot, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Candidates for Wooden Award named

LOS ANGELES — Charlie Bell and Jason Richardson of Michigan State; Shane Battier and Jason Williams of Duke, and Loren Woods and Michael Wright of Arizona are among the 30 top candidates for the John W. Wooden Award, it was announced Thursday.

Three other schools had two players on the list — Stanford (Casey Jacobsen and Jarron Collins), Illinois (Cory Bradford and Frank Williams), and Tennessee (Vincent Yarborough and Tony Harris).

The Wooden Award, for college basketball's player of the year, will be presented April 7.

IBL's Swarm gives up on troubled Leon Smith

ST. CHARLES, Mo. — Another basketball team has given up on Leon Smith.

The former first-round NBA draft pick has been released by the St. Louis Swarm of the International Basketball League. Smith, a 6-foot-10 forward-center, averaged seven points and nearly eight rebounds in three games with the Swarm.

“It didn't work out,” coach Bernie Bickerstaff said. “He's a nice young man with a lot of skill and we wish him well. But at some point, you have to be willing to take responsibility for yourself.”

The 20-year-old Smith tried to make the jump last year from Martin Luther King High in Chicago to the NBA. He was drafted 25th overall by the San Antonio Spurs, then traded to the Dallas Mavericks.

Coaches: Remember those b-ball stat forms

TWIN FALLS — Area high school boys' and girls' basketball coaches are asked to continue completing and returning their stat forms for inclusion in the Times-News' ongoing stat roundups for the winter season.

Leading individual player stats run weekly in the sports section. It is preferable that stats are reported on the Times-News' own form. Coaches who need more stat forms may call 735-3229 for replacements. Coaches that have not submitted stats yet this year and want to start — as well as coaches who have missed a few games — can simply send their cumulative stats to date, with number of games played, to be added in next week.

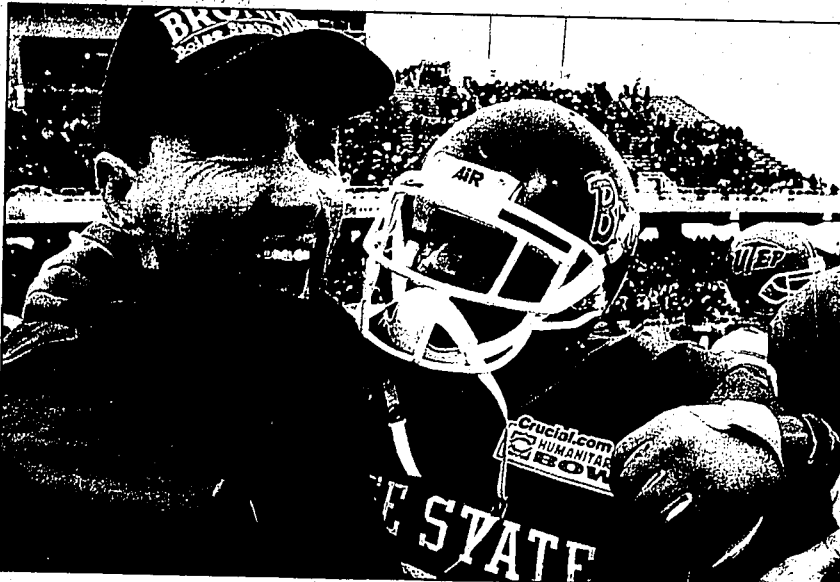
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—compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

San Francisco — The 49ers buried Denver 55-10 in Super Bowl XXIV.

SEA of BLUE



Boise State coach Dirk Koetter is congratulated by safety Shamar Harris after the Broncos won the Humanitarian Bowl Thursday. Boise State defeated Texas-El Paso 38-23. Below, the Bronco defense gang-tackles Texas El Paso running back Chris Porter.

Hendricks, Koetter go out in style against UTEP

By Tim Korte
The Associated Press

BOISE — Bart Hendricks never had the chance to play against the nation's more glamorous quarterbacks. On Thursday, however, he proved he could be just as effective.

Hendricks ran for two touchdowns, threw for another and caught a late scoring pass as Boise State beat Texas-El Paso 38-23 in the Humanitarian Bowl.

Asked about his place in college football's statistical hierarchy, Hendricks credited his teammates and said he never thinks of where



Bart Hendricks

he ranks against the likes of Josh Heupel, Drew Brees or Chris Whicker.

“That would be nice to be compared to those guys,” he said. “But it's all the other players who make it happen.”

Hendricks was 17-of-29 for 247 yards and ran for another 57 yards. The two-time player of the year in the Big West was selected

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Shay Swan

Shay's swan song: A fitting end

FROM THE PRESSBOX
John Deir

coach at Arizona State.

“All the players still respect him and want to perform the best they can for him,” Swan said. “We wanted to win one last time for him. It was the last time for a lot of things.”

For Swan, the journey that



Shay Swan

played its final act Thursday started five years ago.

A three-sport star at Jerome High, he led the Tigers football team with a combined 1,350 yards rushing and receiving his senior season. He was a starter on the basketball

team that advanced to the consolation game at the Class A-2 boys' state tourney. And he was a major part of a Jerome track team that dominated on its way to a first-place finish, earning a gold medal in two relays and placing in the top four in both hurdle events.

If that wasn't enough, he was also involved in rodeo.

At the end of the 1995-96 school year, Swan led to play college football at Dixie College in St.

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Toss those seedings out the window

By Dave Goldberg
AP football writer

Playoff scene — D5

The St. Louis Rams would be frustrated spectators if not for an unlikely win by Chicago in Detroit last weekend.

Yet when they open the playoffs Saturday in New Orleans, they'll be one of the favorites to win the Super Bowl. That's partly because they won it last season, partly because they still scare everybody, particularly on offense.

“I think we've got a heck of a chance at it, I really do,” said coach Mike Martz, whose Rams were just 10-6 in the regular season and backed in when the 5-11 Bears upset the Lions. “I think it's up for anybody to take. It's up for grabs. Anybody can win this thing in the NFC.”

The Rams-Saints game is one of four on the opening weekend of the NFL playoffs. It will be preceded by an AFC wild-card game — Indianapolis at Miami. On Sunday, Denver will be at Baltimore and Tampa Bay at Philadelphia.

The New York Giants, Minnesota, Tennessee and

Oakland have first-round byes.

Even though the Saints (also 10-6) won the NFC West on a tiebreaker over the Rams, are seeded third and are playing at home, they are underdogs by almost a touchdown — by more, in fact, than their 26-21 loss to St. Louis in the Superdome last Sunday. Two other home teams, Miami and Philadelphia, also are underdogs.

If the Rams beat the Saints, they go to the Meadowlands to play the top-seeded Giants (12-4) and will probably be favored — they beat New York 38-24 in the regular season without Kurt Warner and Marshall Faulk, league MVPs last season and this season.

The Saints, who split two games with St. Louis in just over a month, already have had a great season, improving by seven games after a 3-13 year in 1999. They also have a history — they've been to the playoffs just four times in their 34 NFL seasons and have yet to win a postseason game.

But there will be at least one change — New Orleans will wear white jerseys instead of their usual home black.

“I don't like the black jerseys,” says coach Jim Haslett. “People grab them, they pull them, they stretch. The white jerseys are tight for whatever reason.”

“They look better.”

The question is whether they play better.

The Colts (10-6) are in the same position as the Rams — a feared sixth seed. They made it into the playoffs with their third straight win, 31-10 over Minnesota, while the New York Jets were losing in Baltimore.

This also is a recent repeat — the Colts won 20-13 in Miami two weeks ago.

“We know their strength. We know their weak spots,” Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt said. “And we have beat in them once, so our players know if we do things the right way we can beat this football team again.”

But Miami (11-5) has struggled recently — its quick but small defense often wears down in December and January. The

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Eagles win in Arizona

The Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team found what it was looking for in the warm winter climes of Arizona Thursday night.

A win.

Elisha Booth led the way with 21 points as the Golden Eagles opened their weekend at the Wells Fargo Roughrider Classic with a 70-65 victory over host Yavapai College.

“Catching them on their home court is nice,” said CSI coach Kendall Grant. “It was a little bit of a squeaker there at the end, but it was good experience for us.”

Trisha Gardiner added 13 points. Nicolette Dresbach chipped in 10 and Jinga Gosschalk had 15 — 12 by halftime — as the Eagles enjoyed the even-scoring they'll need to keep the ball rolling the rest of the week.

Booth and Gardiner will be counted upon to pick up the slack created by the loss of inside players Belinda Stubbs and Erika Empey, who parted ways with the team before Christmas.

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“(Booth and Gardiner) played well,” Grant said. “They were solid inside. They did some solid rebounding in the first half, but they got tired in the second half. ... But defensively I felt good tonight.”

Southern Idaho improved to 9-2 overall, regaining momentum after losing its last two games to Utah Valley State College and Salt Lake Community College, both at home.

Today, the Lady Eagles take on the College of Eastern Utah at 2 p.m.

CSI led by as many as 14 points in the second half Thursday but went ice cold for nearly the last five minutes. The Roughriders

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GAME BREAKS

Turning point

Boise State broke the game open in the second half. With the score knotted at 10, Broncos quarterback Bart Hendricks ripped off a 77-yard TD run on the first play from scrimmage of the third quarter. Texas-El Paso twice settled for second-half field goals, while running back Brock Forsyth added a 41-yard scoring scamper in the fourth period.

The final blow came when Hendricks hauled in an 11-yard TD pass from wideout Andre Banks with 3:35 left in the game.

Tiger roars

Jerome High product Shay Swan, a senior Boise State full back who caught a touchdown for BSU in last year's Humanitarian Bowl victory, hurtled into the record books this time around too.

Swan did not score Thursday, but he did catch one pass for 36 yards and later gathered a second for four more.

Gilligan's Isle

Elko, Nev., freshman Tim J. Gilligan did his part to make the Broncos' win special. The 58 wide receiver scampered for two yards late after earlier grabbing a 17-yard reception from Hendricks on a sideline route.

Notable Natkin

UTEPS' All-American tight end, Brian Natkin, has been critical to the Miners' offense all year. And he was again on Thursday. The senior, who went to high school with UTEP quarterback Rocky Perez in San Antonio, finished with four catches for 69 yards.

Final thoughts

“It's called running scared. You just keep running until you don't have to run anymore.”

—Hendricks, who carried the ball 13 times for 57 yards and two touchdowns — the first a draw just before intermission, the second a 77-yard jaunt on the first play of the second half

“A lot of our miscommunication was a result of the crowd noise. It's a great atmosphere here.”

—UTEPS coach Gary Nord

Bulls trip up Spurs for fourth win

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago's Ron Mercer scored 24 of his 33 points in the second half, including a go-ahead 17-foot jumper...

That allowed Stoudamire to redeem himself after fouling Stockton on a driving basket with 4.8 seconds left in overtime...

Celtics 112, Nets 111 EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Whatever happens to Mike...

Predators play Mighty Ducks to draw

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Anaheim's Petr Tenkrat scored late in the third period and Nashville killed off a penalty in the final 1:11 of overtime...

Drake Berehowsky and Cliff Troncy assisted on the goal. Thrashers 4, Rangers 1

Ramsay Dec. 10. The streak was the second-longest unbeaten run by a new NHL coach...

Raptors 94, Nuggets 93 DENVER — Vince Carter scored 25 points, including a 3-pointer with 19 seconds left...

Lakers 115, Suns 78 PHOENIX — Kobe Bryant scored 18 of his game-high 38 points in the third quarter...

Magic 102, Pistons 96 ORLANDO, Fla. — Life after Grant Hill officially is under way in Orlando...

NHL Panthers fire coach, general manager SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Preparing for the team's possible sale, the struggling Florida Panthers cleaned house...

Lightning 4, Flyers 3 TAMPA, Fla. — Martin St. Louis and Fredrik Modin each had two goals as Tampa Bay defeated Philadelphia's eight-game unbeaten streak...

Kings 5, Blues 2 ST. LOUIS — Mathieu Schneider had a goal and an assist as Los Angeles ended St. Louis' 12-game unbeaten streak...

Blazers 103, Jazz 102, OT SALT LAKE CITY — Damon Stoudamire scored nine of his season-high 32 points in overtime...

Mavericks 105, Clippers 96 DALLAS — A stretch of passive play in the fourth quarter allowed a 22-point lead to dwindle to six...

Bucks 107, Cavaliers 89 CLEVELAND — Sam Cassell and Ray Allen each scored 23 points to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to their fourth win in a row...

Women's college basketball CSI at Lady Rucker Classic, Prescott, Ariz. Girls' high school basketball Jerome at Buhl, 6 p.m.

Boys' high school basketball Oakley at Jackpot, 6 p.m.

West Coast Hockey League

After Utah's John Stockton knocked the ball away, Stoudamire recovered and hit the deciding basket with 0.4 seconds left.

Finley scored 25 points, including five straight to halt the momentum of the Los Angeles Clippers, and the Mavericks victory on Thursday night.

Glenn Robinson added 22 points as Milwaukee (16-12) won for the 13th time in 16 games and moved a half-game ahead of Cleveland for second place in the Central Division.

Coch Terry Murray and his brother, vice president and general manager Bryan Murray,

Florida the past three seasons, became the fifth head coach in franchise history. Torrey took over for months.

Founding owner Wayne Huizenga has had the struggling franchise on the market for months.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

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Western Conference

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Eastern Conference

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MAVERICKS 105, CLIPPERS 96

Game stats for Mavericks vs Clippers. Columns: Player, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Fouls.

LAKEERS 115, SUNS 78

Game stats for Lakers vs Suns. Columns: Player, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Fouls.

BLAZERS 103, JAZZ 102, OT

Game stats for Blazers vs Jazz. Columns: Player, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Fouls.

WEDNESDAY'S LATE BOX SCORES

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2001 All-Star Voting

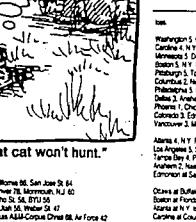
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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



"I told you, George. That cat won't hunt."

ON THE AIR TELEVISION

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WEST COAST HOCKEY LEAGUE

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MIGHTY DUCKS 2, PREDATORS 0

Game stats for Ducks vs Predators. Columns: Player, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Fouls.

THURSDAY'S NHL BOXES

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NHL ALL-STAR VOTING

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SKATING

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THURSDAY'S NBA BOXES

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PORTLAND

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LIGHTNING 4, FLYERS 3

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KINGS 5, BLUES 2

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COLLEGE BOWL SCENE

Simms will take Texas to Ducks

THURSDAY'S SCORES

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TODAY'S GAMES

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Payout: \$1.25 million
Colorado State (9-2) vs. Louisville (9-2), 11:30 a.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Payout: \$1 million
UCLA (6-5) vs. Wisconsin (8-1), Noon (CBS)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Payout: \$1.8 million
Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. LSU (7-4), 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Payout: \$1.9 million
Texas (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

REMAINING SCHEDULE
Saturday
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Payout: \$1.2 million
Nebraska (9-2) vs. Northwestern (8-3), 6 p.m. (ESPN)
Sunday
Silicon Valley Classic
At San Jose, Calif.
Payout: \$1.2 million
Fresno State (7-4) vs. Air Force (8-3), 5 p.m. (FOXSN)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Payout: \$1.1 million
Texas A&M (7-4) vs. Mississippi State (7-4), 6 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Payout: \$2 million
Ohio State (8-3) vs. South Carolina (7-4), 9 a.m. (ESPN)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Payout: \$2.5 million
Kansas State (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-3), 9 a.m. (FOX)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Payout: \$1.4 million
Virginia Tech (10-1) vs. Clemson (9-2), 10:30 a.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Payout: \$4 million
Michigan (8-3) vs. Auburn (9-3), 11 a.m. (ABC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Payout: \$13.5 million
Purdue (8-3) vs. Washington (10-1), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Payout: \$13.5 million
Oregon State (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 6 p.m. (ABC)
Tuesday
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Payout: \$13.5 million
Florida (10-2) vs. Miami (10-1), 6 p.m. (ABC)
Wednesday
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Payout: \$11-13 million
Oklahoma (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 6 p.m. (ABC)

Compiled from wire reports

SAN DIEGO - It might have been nothing more than an announcement of who's starting at quarterback for Texas in the Culligan Holiday Bowl. But it might prove to be much more. People might want to circle this date on the timeline of the UT quarterbacking history, just in case. Texas coach Mack Brown made it official this week: Chris Simms will start Friday night against No. 8 Oregon. There is no plan to rotate Simms with Major Applewhite, who has battled back from a right knee sprain suffered against Texas Tech on Nov. 4. "Chris is going to start, and we don't have any plan in addition to that other than to win," Brown said. "If we are playing great, we will continue that way."

New-look Louisville tackles Colorado State
MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Folks wondered how the 9-2 Cardinals would survive without record-setting quarterback Chris Redman. Thanks to Dave Ragone, they did just fine, thank you. Today, they'll take on Colorado State in the Liberty Bowl.

Bowl scene

Ragone threw for 2,621 yards and 27 touchdowns, and wideouts Deion Branch and Arnold Jackson combined for 134 catches and 14 scores. Louisville also made great strides defensively this season, especially against the run. Colorado State's two losses came by a total of seven points. The Rams are balanced offensively, and quarterback Matt Newton threw for 20 touchdowns. Cecil Capp and Raheem Sanders are a nice duo at tailback. The Rams are vulnerable to power running teams, but that shouldn't be an issue today. Louisville, meanwhile, finished second in the nation by forcing 38 turnovers.

Mitchell vs. Fletcher is a marquee matchup
EL PASO, Texas. - Wisconsin cornerback Jamar Fletcher, the Jim Thorpe Award winner as the nation's top defensive back, insists he can't be beat. UCLA's Freddie Mitchell, who claims he should have won the Fred Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver, insists he can't be topped.

One will prove the other wrong Friday when the Badgers (8-4) meet the Bruins (6-5) in the Sun Bowl, the third time in eight years the schools have met in the postseason. This time, it's not the glamorous Rose Bowl, but it does feature a marquee matchup, one that might be the final collegiate challenge for both juniors who are expected to declare early for the NFL draft. "He's got a lot of confidence. I've got a lot of confidence," Fletcher said. "He feels that no one can stop him and I feel that no one can beat me. It's going to be a mighty good show."

Jackets are right at home for Peach Bowl
ATLANTA - This is a bowl game in the loosest sense of the word for Georgia Tech. The No. 15 Yellow Jackets were right at home as they prepared for today's Peach Bowl game against LSU - their campus is only about a mile away from the Georgia Dome.

"I feel like this is going to be a road game for us," LSU coach Nick Saban said. "I expect a lot of noise, and it's going to be a partisan crowd for Georgia Tech."

Saban got a feel for the treatment his team can expect when he attended a hockey game earlier in the week with his Georgia Tech counterpart, George O'Leary. When the coaches were introduced for a puck-dropping ceremony, O'Leary received a loud ovation; Saban was booted. "I didn't realize I was so unpopular in Atlanta," Saban said.

Gators, Hurricanes fight on Bourbon Street
NEW ORLEANS - Players from Miami and Florida scuffled on Bourbon Street on the first night both teams were in New Orleans preparing for the Sugar Bowl.

"I wouldn't really say it was a fight," Florida offensive lineman Kenyatta Walker said. "It was just a little pushing match." Davis described it as a "minor verbal confrontation." The well below defensive lineman Alex Brown's eye said differently.

Vick hedging in pledge to return to Hokies

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Less than two weeks after pledging to return for his junior season at Virginia Tech, quarterback Michael Vick hinted Thursday he could change his mind again after the Gator Bowl and go pro. Vick, whose mobility and powerful left arm make him a prime candidate to join the growing ranks of two-dimensional quarterbacks in the NFL, said the possibility of being the No. 1 pick overall is hard to dismiss. "When I hear that, it makes me decision even tougher, just to hear that thought," he said before practice for the sixth-ranked Hokies game with No. 16 Clemson on New Year's Day. "That's been my dream ever since I've been a young boy, ever since I've been watching football."

"It's great to know I have the opportunity, I have that option. I just have to make the most of it. I'm sure if a lot of other people were in my situation, I'm pretty sure they would make the most of it, too." Many NFL draft experts have pegged Vick as the likely No. 1 selection if he chooses to make himself available for the draft by the Jan. 12 deadline for underclassmen.

Wolfpack's comeback too much for Gophers

MIAMI (AP) - North Carolina State used yet another comeback to win the Micon PC Bowl. The Wolfpack, who rallied for five fourth-quarter wins during the regular season, spotted Minnesota a 24-point lead, then roared back behind Philip Rivers and Corey Johnson to beat the Golden Gophers 38-30 on Thursday night. Robinson scored on a 19-yard reverse in a 17-point third quarter, then scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 23-yard pass from Rivers with 1:01 left as the Wolfpack finished 8-4. Minnesota (6-6) lead 24-8 at the half, but wasted a Micon Bowl-record 246-yard rushing performance from Tellis Redmon as the Golden Gophers fell victim to yet another Wolfpack comeback. Rivers, N.C. State's 18-year-old freshman quarterback, was selected the most valuable player, going 24-of-39 for 310 yards. Robinson added a Micon-record 157 receiving yards.



North Carolina State celebrates its 38-30 win over Minnesota Thursday in the Micon PC Bowl.

but was off his game early. He was limited to 45 yards in the first quarter as the Gophers bolted to a 24-lead in front of virtually empty upper deck at Pro Player Stadium. In fact, Rivers completed 50 passes of 20 or more yards this year, but managed no pass longer than 14 yards in the first half against a Minnesota defense that finished in the middle of the pack in the Big Ten and was missing secondary starters Willie Middlebrooks (broken ankle) and Delvin Jones (suspension). He warmed up in the second half, along with Koren Robinson. N.C. State trailed 24-8 at halftime but got back into the game with a big third quarter. A blocked punt by Brian Williams set up a 19-yard reverse by Koren Robinson and Kent Passingham's 37-yard field goal closing the gap to 24-9. Koren Robinson's key TD catch early in the fourth improved the Wolfpack to 6-0 with four-quarter comebacks in 2000 in Chuck Amato's first bowl game as a head coach.

Nehlen's WWU career ends on sweet note

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Brad Lewis threw five touchdown passes as West Virginia ended Don Nehlen's 21-year run at the school with an 84-38 victory over Mississippi on Thursday in the Music City Bowl. Lewis, who had just eight TD passes in the regular season, picked apart the Rebels (7-5) to keep the Big East Conference's record perfect against the Southeastern Conference in the three years of the bowl game. "The victory broke a string of

eight straight bowl losses, for West Virginia, and gave Nehlen his 202nd career win. He leaves after 21 years with the Mountaineers. West Virginia (7-5) dominated the first three quarters and built a 49-9 lead before the Rebels (7-5) rallied behind Eli Manning to make a respectable. The Mississippi fans among

the crowd of 47,119 who stayed until the end had to be heartened by the performance of Manning, the redshirt freshman son of Archie Manning and brother of Peyton Manning, who threw three touchdown passes in the fourth quarter, the first of his career. But by then Lewis and the Mountaineers had gotten too far away. Lewis was perfect in the first half, when he completed all seven of his passes for 216 yards and four touchdowns. He set up another score as West Virginia took a 35-9 halftime lead, and finished with 318 passing yards. Any hopes the Rebels had of seizing momentum in the second half were dashed when Shawn Terry returned the second-half kickoff 99 yards to put West Virginia ahead 42-9, then all but destroyed when Lewis threw his fifth TD pass, covering 10 yards to Khori Ivy, with nearly 10 minutes still left in the third quarter to make it 49-9.

Broncos

Continued from D1
the game's most valuable player for the Broncos (10-2). It was a rousing send-off for Boise State coach Dirk Koetter, working in his last game before taking over at Arizona State. His voice second when he was asked if he realized he had coached his last game in Boise. "It's hit me, right, between the eyes," Koetter said. It also extended the Broncos' homefield winning streak to 14 games and marked the second straight year they won their hometown bowl game. Last year, Boise State beat Louisville 34-31. Hendricks gave the Broncos a 24-10 lead with a 77-yard TD run on Boise State's first play from scrimmage in the second half. It started as a keeper to the left, but Hendricks cut into open field and outraced two defenders. "It's called running scared," Hendricks said. "You just keep running until you don't have to run

any more." He also worked the clock in the closing minute of the first half before scoring on a 12-yard run with 18 seconds left, giving the Broncos a 17-10 lead. UTEP (8-4) was making its first bowl trip since 1988 and only the second since 1967. After winning a share of the Western Athletic Conference title, the Miners looked out of place on the frosty blue turf in Idaho. A few times, they ran into each other in the backfield. Their offense, which averaged 32 points a game to rank 22nd nationally, didn't get moving until late in the third quarter. "A lot of our miscommunication was a direct correlation of the crowd noise," UTEP coach Gary Nord said. "It's a great atmosphere here." Hendricks capped Boise State's first possession with a 28-yard TD strike to Jay Swille. And he capped

his career by grabbing an 11-yard pass from receiver Andre Banks with 5:08 on the clock. "It hung up there in the air for about half an hour," Nord said. Coming out of high school in Reno, Nev., Hendricks had only two Division I scholarship offers: Boise State and Nevada. But he ended his senior season by leading the nation with 35 touchdowns and a 1706 efficiency rating, better than Heupel, Brees of Purdue or Weinke. And he was tough against the Miners, who pummeled him relentlessly all day. "But wasn't as sharp today as I've seen him but he had a gutsy performance, especially with that long run," Koetter said. Boise State broke it open with a daring fake punt on the first play of the fourth quarter. On fourth-and-4, punter Jeff Edwards stepped into a channel on the right side of the line and ran 22 yards for a first down. On the next play, Brock Forsy

went for a 42-yard TD run and a 31-13 lead. The Broncos won with defense, too. They didn't touch UTEP quarterback Rocky Perez in the first half. But after increasing the pressure in the second half, Boise State sacked Perez five times in the first 10 minutes of the third quarter. "We changed our protection scheme in the second half to try to release more receivers and open it up a little bit," Perez said. "We thought they were going to be in coverage more, but they ended up blitzing us." Porter pulled to 31-23 with 7:45 to play when Chris Porter scored on a 3-yard run. A face-mask penalty helped UTEP start the drive at Boise State's 35, and a pass interference call moved the ball to the 27. Porter led the Miners with 134 rushing yards. UTEP's All-American tight end, Brian Natkin,

Cyclones blow out Pittsburgh

PHOENIX (AP) - Iowa State's bowl drought ended with a victory in the desert. Sage Rosenfels, in his final game for Iowa State, completed 23 of 34 passes for 308 yards and two touchdowns, both to Chris Johnson. Iowa State's Cyclones beat Pittsburgh 37-29 in the Insight.com Bowl on Thursday night. Safety Doug Densmore was Mr. Everything in Iowa State's first ever bowl victory. Among other things, he tipped away a 22-yard field goal try as the first half ended, threw the key block on JahMaree Bilal's 72-yard punt return for a touchdown, and made a left-handed grab to down a punt on the Pittsburgh 1 late in the game. Rowdy, red-clad Iowa State fans made up most of the near-capacity crowd of 83,152 cheering on the Cyclones in their bowl appearance in 22 years. Iowa State (9-3), 0-4 in bowl games entering the contest, had its first nine-win season since 1906. When it was over, the Cyclones fans rushed the field and tore down the goal posts. Antonio Bryant, the winner of the Biletnikoff Award as the top receiver in the country, caught five passes for 155 yards, including touchdowns of 72 and 44 yards, for Pittsburgh (7-5). John Turman was 20-for-36 for 347 yards for the Panthers. He threw for two touchdowns and was intercepted once. Pittsburgh's Keven Barlow rushed for 147 yards in carries. The bowl game was moved from Tucson and was the first football contest played in Bank One Ballpark, also the scene of the first outdoor collegiate basketball game - at Arizona State University and Arizona State women - on Thursday night.

Table with columns for Bowl Name, Location, Payout, and Score. Includes bowls like Boise State 38, UTEP 23, etc.

NFL PLAYOFF BLITZ

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday
Indianapolis at Miami, 10:30 a.m. (ABC)
St. Louis at New Orleans, 2 p.m. (ABC)
Sunday
Denver at Baltimore, 10:30 a.m. (CBS)
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 2 p.m. (FOX)

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
New Orleans, Philadelphia at Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 10:30 a.m. (FOX)
Baltimore, Denver or Miami at Oakland, 2 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 7
Baltimore, Denver or Indianapolis at Tennessee, 10:30 a.m. (CBS)
Philadelphia, Tampa Bay or St. Louis at New York Giants, 2:15 p.m. (FOX)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 14
AFC-NFL Championship Games (CBS, FOX)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 28
4 p.m. at Tampa, Fla. (CBS)

TOTAL YARDAGE
AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
Denver 4867 2324 4243
Washington 4141 1819 4282
Oakland 3716 2474 3096

AVERAGE PER GAME
AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
Denver 174.3 73.3 165.7
Washington 157.0 70.8 167.4
Oakland 143.3 98.6 120.7

FINAL PLAYER STATS
NFC
Quarterbacks
AC Com Yds TD Int
Green Bay 241 145 2023 16 12
Matt Ryan 274 163 2117 18 11

Scoring
Touchdowns
Rams 24 14 18 16 18
Saints 14 15 18 16 18



Indianapolis running back Edgerrin James rushes in the second quarter against the Miami Dolphins at Pro Player Stadium Dec. 17. Everything is going the Indianapolis Colts' way heading into their first round AFC playoff game at Miami on Saturday.

Colts gear up for Dolphins defense

Miami hopes to halt Indianapolis' momentum

AFC wild-card game matchup
Indianapolis Colts at Miami Dolphins
Saturday, 12:30 p.m. EST (ABC)
W L Pct. PF PA Home Away AFC NFC Div.
Miami 11 5 .688 323 228 5-3 6-2 9-3 2-2 5-3

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Everything is going the Indianapolis Colts' way heading into their first round AFC playoff game at Miami Saturday. They've won three straight and carry the swagger of the Super Bowl favorites they were predicted to be before the season.

NFL with 28 interceptions. The only slip-up came when they blew a 23-point lead by allowing a team record 30 points in the fourth quarter of a 40-37 overtime loss to the New York Jets.

completing 21 of 28 passes for 206 yards in a 20-13 Colts victory on Dec. 17. Edgerrin James rushed for more than 100 yards in both regular-season games, including a 17-14 Miami victory in Indianapolis on Nov. 26.

Road favorites defy seedings

By Dave Goldberg AP football writer
The St. Louis Rams are seeded sixth and last in the NFC playoffs. The New Orleans Saints are third.

to catch up with him? Playoff picks
1. The Rams are favored to defend allowed 38 points to punchless Tampa Bay the previous week.

favorite. But their defense, which set a record for fewest points allowed in a season, was exposed last week by New York Jets, who amassed 532 yards, 481 passing.

NFC wild-card game matchup
St. Louis Rams at New Orleans Saints
Saturday, 4 p.m. EST (ABC)
W L Pct. PF PA Home Away AFC NFC Div.
St. Louis 10 6 .625 540 471 5-3 5-3 7-6 3-1 5-3

Tampa Bay (minus 2.5) at Phila. Someone obviously doesn't believe the statistic about the Bucs and cold weather.

Saints face Rams in rubber match

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The St. Louis Rams quashed the New Orleans Saints' original game plan of a bye week. But the Saints say that's the last playoff goal the Rams will deny New Orleans.

we just have to make sure we get it done. The Saints swept through the NFC West before stumbling against the Rams in the second meeting of the season. St. Louis seemed to baffle New Orleans as it turned to a strong ground game and Marshall Faulk.

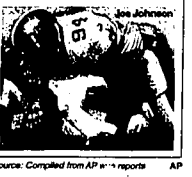
Award goes to resilient New Orleans lineman

NEW YORK (AP) - For Joe Johnson, the operations were outnumbering his sacks. That's no way for a defensive end to live.

he wasn't hit, and he had to be helped from the practice field. He missed the entire season. While recovering from the injury, he had surgery to repair bulging discs in his spine.

Turning it around

Joe Johnson, who overcame injuries to his knees and back and helped anchor the Saints' defense in the team's surprising run to the playoffs, was selected as The Associated Press NFL Comeback Player of the Year.



Joe Johnson

SPORTS

TV spots urge Philadelphia fans to be good sports, nicer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A new TV campaign is urging Philadelphia's notoriously boorish sports fans to play nice.

The public-service announcements, which feature athletes asking fans to "enjoy the game, don't destroy it," come as the Philadelphia Eagles prepare for their first playoff appearance in four years. The game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers is set for New Year's Eve at Veterans Stadium.

"The athletes wanted to reach out to the fans directly," said Meryl Levitz, president of the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corp., the group sponsoring the ads. "Part of the energy they get is from the fans, and we want it to be the right kind of energy."

Local fans — affectionately known as "boo birds" — are notorious for their raucous behavior.

When they're happy, there are displays like last week's romp around the Yards as a fan stripped to his green briefs and Santa Claus hat.

When they're unhappy, the booing is loud and objects fly. Chips, food and batteries have been launched from the stands. Even Santa Claus was bombarded with snowballs back in the '60s.

The problem was so bad that officials opened an "Eagles Court" in 1997 just off stadium grounds to allow unlawful fans to be arrested, tried and convicted on the spot.

City officials are stepping up



An unidentified fan wearing a New Jersey Devils jersey is restrained and punched by Philadelphia Flyers fans during the final moments of an NHL playoff game in May in Philadelphia.

security for Sunday's game against the Bucs.

Team spokesman Ron Howard declined to say how many police officers and stadium guards would be at the game, but said there will be uniformed and undercover officers alike.

Howard said Eagles fans are encouraged to be enthusiastic but should show some manners.

"We just want to make sure

everyone enjoys the game safely and is respectful to those around them," he said.

The two TV spots, airing for the past week, feature Brian Dawkins and Charles Johnson of the Eagles, Dan McGillis and Andy Delmore of hockey's Flyers, and Pat Croce, owner of basketball's 76ers.

The campaign is expected to continue through next year to target Phillies fans.

STORY OF THE YEAR

Woods leaves impression on golf

The Associated Press

Everyone wants to be part of history to be close enough to touch it, to hear it, to see a defining moment. This year in sports, that meant being around Tiger Woods.

He won the U.S. Open and the British Open by a combined 23 strokes to complete the career Grand Slam at age 24. He added the PGA Championship to become the first player since Ben Hogan in 1953 to win three straight majors.

Woods' season was voted The Associated Press Story of the Year by member newspapers and broadcast outlets, receiving more than twice as many points as Bob Knight getting fired as Indiana basketball coach.

Woods was also Story of the Year in 1997 when he won the Masters with a record score and set off Tigermania.

It reached a new level of hysteria this year.

Two men dressed in tiger costumes, black and gold stripes painted on their faces, leaned against the fairway at Pebble Beach in the final round of the U.S. Open, knowing Woods eventually would pass by close enough to touch.

Woods never saw them. The rest of the field never saw Woods. He won by 15 shots.

At St. Andrews, Woods strolled over the Swilken Bridge on the 18th fairway Sunday. Dozens of fans bolted past the marshals, hopping and splashing across the 6-foot stream, desperate for a

glimpse of history. Woods held aloft the claret jug, the youngest player to win all four major championships.

In Michigan, fathers carried sons on their shoulders in the pre-dawn hours of a routine program round, just to say they were there, and that they saw Tiger Woods. It was his first tournament since winning the Grand Slam. Cameras flashed against the iron-gray sky, making the first tee look like a disco.

In the locker room at Glen Abbey Golf Club during the Canadian Open, a couple of PGA Tour players sat around the table speaking in hushed, incredulous tones. The subject was Woods.

"Driver, sand wedge," one of them said, shaking his head.

The day before, Woods had hit a 380-yard drive and a sand wedge into the par-5 18th and birdie-eagle. The next day, he hit a 218-yard 6-iron out a fairway bunker, over the water and right at the pin to clinch his ninth victory of the year.

Woods always sends the crowd home with something to remember, and this was a season that will be talked about for years to come — unless he can top it in 2001.

"I did think this was possible," Woods said of his awesome season, perhaps the best ever in golf. "And I think it's possible in the future. That's why I play the game."

He plays the game like no other.

Woods finished at least fifth in

17 of his 20 tournaments. His last round over par was on May 7, a streak of 47 rounds that not even three major championships could stop.

His low scoring average of 68.17 was the best ever, breaking the mark of 68.25 set by Byron Nelson in 1945. He won six straight tour events, the most since Ben Hogan in 1948. He became the first golfer to finish under par in every tournament he played.

And he had at least a share of the lead in 11 of the last 12 rounds in the majors, the tournaments that define great players.

"I think the game of golf is in pretty good hands right now," Jack Nicklaus said.

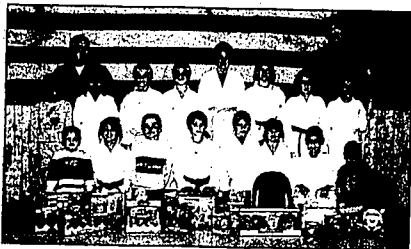
In the AP voting, Woods received 62 first-place votes for 1,376 points. Knight got 10 first-place votes and 610 votes. The New York Yankees winning the Subway Series got three first-place votes and 468 points.

First points were awarded for first place, down to one point for a 10th-place vote.

Rounding out the top 10 were: the St. Louis Rams winning the Super Bowl; John Rocker's inflammatory remarks about New Yorkers and his return to Shea Stadium; cancer survivor Lance Armstrong winning his second straight Tour de France; the Sydney Olympics; the Los Angeles Lakers winning the NBA title; former Carolina Panthers receiver Eric Carroth going on trial in the slaying of his pregnant girlfriend; and the U.S. baseball team beating Cuba in the Olympics.

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Back-Sensel Gary Phelps and Matt Shaw; Top row- Irene Rankin, Gennieve Rankin, Kris Erickson, Chris Carrico, Eric Carter, Renee Howells, Marissa Johnson, Danielle McLean; Bottom row- Matt Walsh, Michelle Aol, Shane Walsh, Chan Johnson, Suzie Erickson, Brooke Carter, Caleb Aol, Jr. Rankin.



Top row- Tyler Rex, Jacob Bow, Jessica Thatcher, Suzie Schoessler, Shelby Schoessler, Colton Knopp, Ryan Stockham, Maggie Crowell, sensel Scott Stockham; Bottom row- Crystal Thatcher, Brogan Bennett, Alex Bow, Lael Schoessler, Ethan Winter, Bryan Anderson, Stephanie Stockham, Megan Stockham, McKenna Knopp.

TAE KWON DO TROPHIES



BURLEY — The Northwest HTF Tae Kwon Do championship was held recently in Burley. Chief master Jack Pierce and Kris Moreno display the two trophies he won.



Back row- Master Jay Hartwell and Sean Kay; Front row- Brian Davis and Mark Davis with their trophies.



Pictured are some of the graduates on the last day of training. Dale Shropshire is second from the left in the first row. Seated from the left are WHKD founder Al Dacascos and Bill Owens, second-highest ranking student in Wun Hop Kuen Do.

Martial arts instructors attend convention

PORTLAND, Ore. — Three black belt instructors from the Jerome Martial Art Academy attended the Wun Hop Kuen Do International Association 2000 Convention in Portland, Ore., Nov. 9-12.

Chief instructor Dale Shropshire and assistant instructors Jack Buttcane and Charles Carter represented the Idaho academy. Participants came from Portland, Seattle, Salt Lake City, Denver, Oakland, Los Angeles, Canada and Germany.

Under the direction of Wun

Hop Kuen Do founder Al Dacascos, all instructors and black belts completed their yearly 20 hours of training required in the continuous educational program. Programs included: grappling arts, technical fighting, principles and the Filipino martial arts.

The purpose of the program was to enhance Wun Hop Kuen Do with new concepts and ideas. Upon completion of the program, participants were certified ready to teach the material and be eligible for licensing by the WHKD.

Sanzyuryu students contribute to charity

TWIN FALLS — Sanzyuryu students from master Shephard Reale's classes in Twin Falls and Jerome gave toys and their December dues to the Nickel Toys program in Gooding recent-

ly. The parents, students and instructors of Sanzyuryu were proud to be able to help children in their community have a merry Christmas.

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Back row- Chief master Jack Pierce; Front row- Alexia Berry, Corey Smith, Tyson Olanchetta, Mira Alturas, Lilly Stout, medal winners in the little dragon division ages 4-5. Competitors were required to demonstrate proficiency with kicking, blocking and punching techniques taught at their level.

TOURNEY CHAMPS



The Gooding seventh-grade team defeated Shoshone 30-28 in the championship game of the recent Gooding Girls' Basketball Tournament. Gooding ended its season with a 12-2 record. Wood River beat Buhl for the tourney consolation crown. Gooding team members shown are: (back) coach Ron Metcalf, Amy Tranholt, Tisa Storey, Elizabeth Butler, Rachel Uecker, Katie Garcia, Whitney Schummer, Brittanee Toons, athletician Jennifer McDougall and assistant coach Joanne Toone; (middle) Amanda Bauman, Elisha Schaeffer, Halley Goli; (front) Lesley Silman and Samantha Hobday. Not pictured is Taylor Brown.

Survivors, families remember victims

WAKEFIELD, Mass. (AP) - A church that served as a refuge for people fleeing the rampage at Edgewater Technology this week became a place of healing Thursday night as hundreds gathered to pay tribute to the seven people who were killed.

Wreaths, notes and a single teddy bear lined a brick wall outside the Internet company, while the mourners streamed inside St. Joseph's Church across the street. "The world has been made smaller by the terrible event that has brought us here tonight," said Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston's Roman Catholic Archdiocese. "Out of this unspeakable tragedy we must resolve each one of us to recognize the invaluable dignity of every human being."

It was in the church where employees sought sanctuary Tuesday as Edgewater employee Michael M. McDermott allegedly shot four women and three men with whom he'd worked for less than a year.

He has pleaded innocent to seven counts of murder. His lawyer said McDermott had been undergoing treatment and taking medication for an undisclosed psychiatric problem.

At the start of the 45 minute service, the names of the victims were solemnly called out: Justice Hagerly, Cheryl Troy, Louis Javelle, Craig Wood, Paul

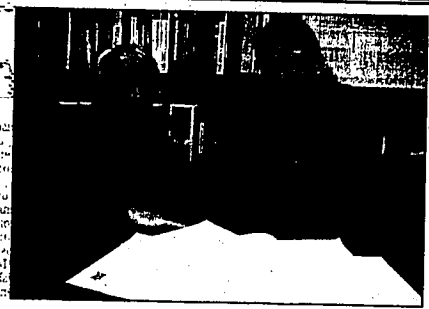


A letter of sympathy and other items rest Thursday on the snowy ground outside the offices of Edgewater Technology Inc. in Wakefield, Mass., where an employee gunned down seven of his co-workers Tuesday.

Marceau, Rose Manfredi, Jennifer Bragg Capobianco. On the altar was a candleholder with seven candles, representing each of the victims. Midway

through the service the lights were dimmed for a moment of silent meditation, and then relatives of the victims approached the altar one by one to each light

a candle. Law called on people to "replace a culture of death with a culture of life, a civilization of love."



Industrial psychologists Dr. Larry James, left, and Dr. Michael McIntyre on Wednesday discuss a test in Knoxville, Tenn.

Researchers seek to prevent office violence

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Averting office massacres like the one killing seven workers in Massachusetts this week may be a matter of screening job candidates for their aggression potential, say two researchers who have developed such a test.

"This guy is exactly who our test was designed to identify," said Michael McIntyre, an industrial psychologist at the University of Tennessee.

"I think all the indicators were there," said Larry James, also a professor at the school's business school who co-authored the 22-question test.

The test, available for \$5 from The Psychological Corp. starting January, is designed to help guard businesses from making hiring choices they may later come to regret.

James and McIntyre, who

spent eight years developing the survey, say they tested 2,000 workers at 12 companies nationwide.

They found 8 to 12 percent of test takers regardless of race, gender or age scored high on aggression.

Protemp Staffing, a Knoxville company that fills temporary jobs, was so pleased with a trial that it has adopted the test, said Pat Beasley, company president.

"We had a gentleman who scored very high on it recently and we chose not to work him," Beasley said.

"But he kept calling back and became very aggressive on the phone."

The man grew belligerent. "I have to have a job. You've got to give me a job," Beasley said he demanded.

"So, it does help us," she said.

Clinton frees employees from lobbying restrictions

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton on Thursday lifted his ban on former government employees lobbying federal agencies for five years, saying that President-elect Bush's administration won't be giving Democratic employees special access anyway.

The president said he put the five-year ban in place in 1993 to keep former employees from using their access to the Democratic administration to lobby for outside interests. With a Republican coming into the White House, Clinton employees won't have special access to tout potential employers.

"Because special access is no longer a concern, the special measures contained in the execu-

tive order are no longer necessary," White House counsel Beth Nolan said.

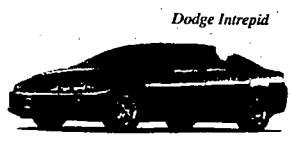
An ethics group immediately lambasted Clinton for rescinding the order. "It's appalling and it makes my blood boil," said Charles Lewis, executive director of the Center for Public Integrity.

Lewis said Clinton employees assisting in the transition will get to know the new Bush appointees and will be able to use that as a selling point for lobbying. Clinton could have made a statement by just letting the order expire, he said.

"For him to set a higher standard and then quietly remove it at the end of his administration is not just appalling, it's almost breathtaking," Lewis said.

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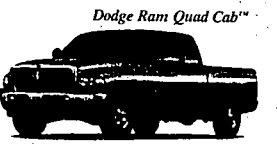


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Federal judge says Oklahoma City bomber can drop appeals

DENVER (AP) — A federal judge Thursday agreed to let Timothy McVeigh drop all appeals in the Oklahoma City bombing and receive an execution date for the deadliest act of terrorism in U.S. soil.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch said he would allow McVeigh to file further appeals. If the deadline passes without an appeal filed, he will let the U.S. Bureau of Prisons set an execution date, he said.

"You're making a decision today that may be the final decision on your future," Matsch said. "I understand. It is the position I take now. I do not foresee changing this decision by Jan. 11," said McVeigh, who took part in the Denver hearing via closed-circuit television from the maximum-security prison in Terre Haute, Ind., where he is on death row.

McVeigh, 32, offered no clue as to why he made such a request.

He made it clear, however, that he reserves the right to seek clemency from the president.

No federal prisoner has been executed in 37 years.

Earlier this month, McVeigh asked Matsch to stop the appeals process and schedule his execution to take place before the summer.

Matsch, who presided at McVeigh's trial, had the option of approving the request, rejecting it or ordering a competency hearing, in which case, experts would be

assigned to examine McVeigh and report back to the judge.

The judge reached his decision Thursday after asking McVeigh a series of questions to establish that he knew his rights and understood the consequences of his request.

The decorated Gulf War veteran responded quickly and tensely, his hands folded on a table in front of him.

Federal prosecutor Sean Connelly told the judge that

McVeigh had made a "knowing and voluntary" decision.

McVeigh was convicted of murder, conspiracy and other charges and sentenced to die for the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building that killed 168 people and injured more than 500.

He has lost two appeals, at the U.S. Supreme Court and the federal appeals court. But he has not exhausted all appeals.

McVeigh has never admitted

any involvement in the bombing. And his latest request confounded court-watchers, some of whom speculated McVeigh wants to become a martyr for anti-government causes. Others said he wants to control the only thing he can: the date of his execution.

Andrew Cohen, a legal analyst who followed McVeigh's trial, said there is legal precedent for what McVeigh wants to do, provided he can establish he is mentally competent.

Boston strangler reunion

Alleged suspect's family, family of victims gather

BOSTON (AP) — Richard DeSalvo never believed his brother, Albert, was the Boston Strangler. Casey Sherman never believed his aunt, Mary Sullivan, was killed by Albert DeSalvo, even though he confessed.

Now the families of DeSalvo and Sullivan have come together in an odd alliance based on one shared belief: DeSalvo did not kill Sullivan.

If the families are right, they say it could cast doubt on the entire Boston Strangler case, in which 11 Boston-area women were sexually assaulted and murdered between 1962 and 1964.

It was DeSalvo's own taped confession that convinced the families he was not the killer.

"Police say he had to be the killer because he knew things only the killer would know, but when we listened to the confession, it's completely wrong," said Sherman, whose mother's sister was killed in 1964 at age 19. "He confessed to events that simply never happened."

DeSalvo, a blue-collar worker with a wife and children, confessed to the 11 Boston Strangler murders, as well as two others. But there was never any physical evidence putting him at the crime scenes. He did not match witness descriptions of possible suspects. He was never on investigators' lists of more than 300 suspects. And he was never tried in any of the killings.

DeSalvo was sent to prison for life for another string of rapes and sexual assaults and was stabbed to death in the maximum-security state prison at Walpole in 1973 but not before he recanted his confession.

In October, the two families had Sullivan's remains exhumed for DNA testing, a technology that was not available nearly 37 years ago. They hope the results, expected in February, will put further pressure on prosecutors to release to them old evidence they hope will clear DeSalvo.

For Sherman and his family, the motivation is to find his aunt's real killer. "The real killer of these women is still on the streets," he said.

For the DeSalvos, the motivation is to clear the family name. DeSalvo said that members of the family have been harassed and assaulted because of the Boston Strangler case and that it has led to rifts in the family.

All 11 women believed to be the strangler victims were strangled with articles of their own clothing, and one was also stabbed repeatedly.

Sherman said that DeSalvo could have gotten details about Sullivan's slaying of Sullivan from the newspapers.

In his confession, DeSalvo said he strangled her with his hands. In reality, she was strangled with her own clothing. DeSalvo also claimed to have raped her; actually, she was sexually assaulted with a stick.

A forensic scientist who took part in an autopsy arranged by the families said experts were unable to find the effects of a blow DeSalvo claimed to have inflicted on Sullivan.

Also, the families said DeSalvo claimed to have left a knife and a sweater at the murder scene. They said neither was found.

Tests are being conducted on 68 samples of hair, semen and tissue taken from Sullivan's exhumed body. Richard DeSalvo said his brother's body would also be examined if it would help.

Sherman said a prime suspect in his aunt's death is a former boyfriend of one of her roommates. There was no evidence of forced entry into the apartment, he said.



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Nasdaq inches up again Index drops to two-year low

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks moved higher on heavy trading Thursday as investors completed earnings, the economy, their taxes and waning consumer confidence. Bargain hunting led to solid gains in the Dow industrials, which rose for the fifth consecutive session, but investors waffled when it came to technology.

"They are basically putting together some judgments about next year," said Barry Hyman, chief investment strategist for Wealthy Securities. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 65.60 to close at 10,868.76.

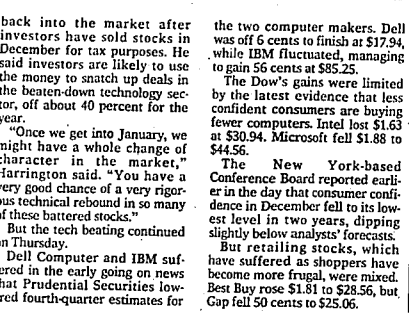
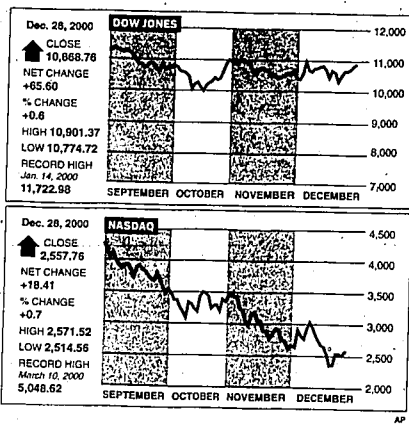
The Nasdaq composite index, which fluctuated throughout the day, rose 18.41 to 2,557.76, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 5.30 to 1,334.22.

Some limited stocks that inspired some confidence in investors — who also continued selling companies, high-tech especially, with a weak earnings outlook.

A big question on Wall Street is whether the Nasdaq will be able to end the year on a three-day winning streak. Since Labor Day the tech-focused index hasn't been better than two straight upward sessions.

If stock market history repeats, Friday will be a winner as investors wrap up tax-related selling and move back into bargain hunting. Since Labor Day the tech-focused index hasn't been better than two straight upward sessions.

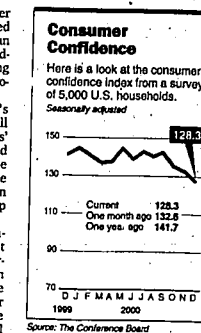
"Historically, the last day of the year has an 85 percent chance of being an up day," Harrington said. Harrington also predicted the market won't be deprived of its annual January effect, the phenomenon when money comes



NEW YORK (AP) — Consumer confidence in December dropped to its lowest level in two years, an indication that consumer spending will continue to slow, hinting at future troubles for the economy.

The Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index fell to 123.3, slightly below analysts' expectations. It was the third straight month of decline for the index and a dropoff from the revised 132.6 reported in November, the industry group said Thursday.

"This latest decline in consumer confidence suggests that consumer spending will cool further as we enter 2001," said Lynn Franco, director of the Conference Board's Consumer Research Center. "While the overall index continues to signal economic growth, albeit at a slower pace, the continued decline in expectations is somewhat discouraging."



Source: The Conference Board

back into the market after investors have sold stocks in December for tax purposes. He said investors are likely to use the money to snare up deals in the beaten-down technology sector, off about 40 percent for the year.

"Once we get into January, we might have a whole change of character in the market," Harrington said. "You have a very good chance of a very rigorous technical rebound in so many of these battered stocks."

But the tech beating continued on Thursday. Dell Computer and IBM suffered in the early going on news that Prudential Securities lowered

the two computer makers. Dell was off 6 cents to finish at \$17.94, while IBM fluctuated, managing to gain 56 cents at \$85.25.

The Dow's gains were limited by the latest evidence that less confident consumers are buying fewer computers. Intel lost \$1.63 at \$30.94. Microsoft fell \$1.88 to \$44.56.

Montgomery Ward to close up shop

CHICAGO (AP) — Retailer Montgomery Ward Inc. is winding down after more than 125 years in business and numerous attempts to entice shoppers back to its struggling stores, employees said Thursday.

Rich, a 28-year Wards employee who worked in the company's main room, said she left the headquarters. "They took care of us as best they could."

But some analysts said it was too little too late. "Wards has not established themselves as anything distinctive in the marketplace," said George Whalin, president of California-based Retail Management Consultants. "There's just no reason to go there — unless maybe they're the closest store to your house."

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET. It lists various stock indices and their performance metrics such as Last, High, Low, and Change.

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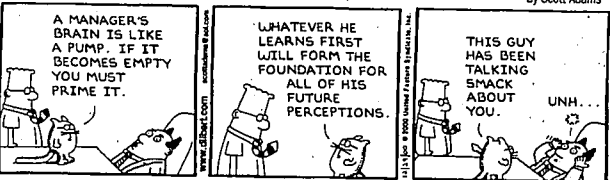
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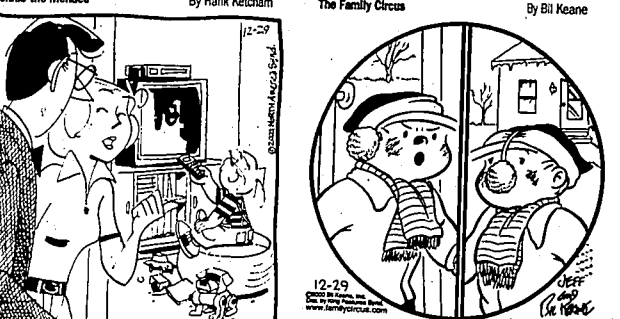
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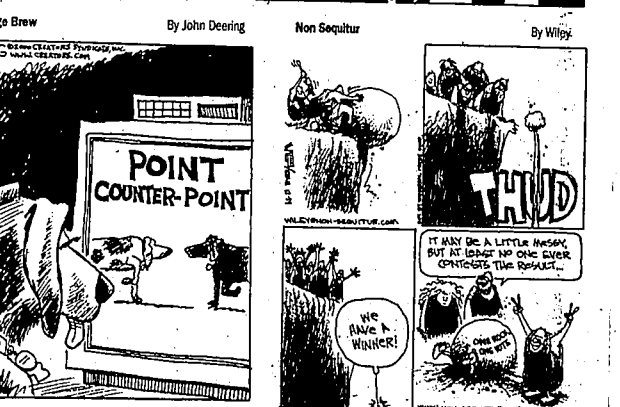
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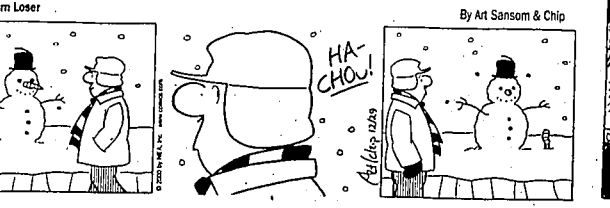


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Classified Early Deadlines

Publication Date	Advertising Deadline
Sat. Dec. 30	11am Fri. Dec. 29
Sun. Dec. 31	1pm Fri. Dec. 29
Mon. Jan. 1	2pm Fri. Dec. 29
Tues. Jan. 2	3pm Fri. Dec. 29

The Times-News Classified Advertising Department will close at 3:00 p.m. Friday, December 29. Closed New Year's Day.

Your Friends at The Times-News Wish You a

Happy New Year!

Twin Falls 733-0931 ext 2
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The news room can be reached on New Years day at 733-0931 ext 234

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With only three days left, Jules Harrison is pulling out all the stops. Now is the time to experience our biggest reductions, our lowest prices, our best values. **You'll Never Save More!**

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7.3L Powerstroke turbo diesel, auto, cab steps, off-road package, camper package, passenger airbag, power driver's seat AM/FM cassette & CD, keyless entry!

Save! **\$6,600**

Priced From **\$29,995**

New Ford Excursion	2001 Ford F-150 SC	New Ford Mustang
#E02060	#NA26868	#F31621
SAVE OVER \$7,800	SAVE OVER \$3,800	SAVE OVER \$3,000
Priced From \$28,995	Priced From \$17,995	Priced From \$14,995
6.8L V-10, XLT, AM/FM stereo with CD/cassette, aux heat, and rear AC	XL Sport Group with A/C, cruise, tilt, AM/FM stereo with cassette, overhead console!	Sport group, A/C, CD player, P/W/F/D, cruise/tilt, power seat, remote keyless entry, rear spoiler.

2001 Ford Ranger	New Ford Focus SE	2001 Ford Taurus SE
#PA34014	#W420393	#A106146
To Choose From!	To Choose From!	To Choose From!
\$159/Mo.	\$189/Mo.	\$139/Mo.
AM/FM stereo, XL trim, 2.5L EFI.	Comfort group, sport grille, rear spoiler, tilt/steer.	6-way power seat, 3.0 V-6, auto, P/W & P/D, cruise/tilt.
<small>QAC: 60 month lease does not include tax, \$8 title fee, acquisition fee of \$550 and dealer DOC fee of \$119. \$2,328 due at start including 1st month payment, \$4.38 lease end value.</small>	<small>QAC: 48 month lease does not include tax, \$8 title fee, acquisition fee of \$350 and dealer DOC fee of \$119. \$2,583 due at start including 1st month payment, \$5.652 lease end value.</small>	<small>QAC: 60 month lease does not include tax, \$8 title fee, acquisition fee of \$550 and dealer DOC fee of \$119. \$5,757 due at start including 1st month payment, \$6,667.65 lease end value.</small>

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To Choose From!	To Choose From!	To Choose From!	To Choose From!
\$10,777 OR \$179/Mo.	\$13,777 OR \$229/Mo.	\$16,777 OR \$279/Mo.	\$20,777 OR \$349/Mo.

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'73 International Travel All 4x4 #X13982JE..... Was \$2,995	Now \$588	'95 Ford Bronco XLT 4x4 #E2D9197C..... Was \$14,995	Now \$18,888
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'86 Dodge D50 PU #N48458D..... Was \$3,495	Now \$588	'95 Ford Bronco XLT 4x4 #E2C7639B..... Was \$14,995	Now \$9,888
'70 GMC 1500 PU #P1717E..... Was \$3,495	Now \$888	'96 GMC S15 Jimmy 4x4 #P1853D..... Was \$12,995	Now \$10,888
'86 Ford Aerostar Van #F42371D..... Was \$3,495	Now \$888	'00 Ford Focus #P2107..... Was \$14,995	Now \$11,888
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'88 Dodge Dakota PU #P2124A..... Was \$3,495	Now \$1,288	'96 Chevy S10 Blazer 4x4 #U25971A..... Was \$18,495	Now \$14,888
'93 Mercury Topaz #P2112..... Was \$4,495	Now \$1,688	'99 Ford Windstar #L207059A..... Was \$18,995	Now \$15,888
'86 Mazda B2000 PU #U245840B..... Was \$3,495	Now \$1,888	'97 GMC Ext Cab 4x4 #E421835A..... Was \$21,995	Now \$16,888
'83 Ford Conversion Van #L27047C..... Was \$3,495	Now \$1,888	'99 Ford Ranger Ext Cab 4x4 #E205664A..... Was \$20,995	Now \$17,888
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'92 GMC K1500 4x4 #T43606E..... Was \$7,995	Now \$3,988	'97 Ford F250 Ext Cab 4x4 #E418534A..... Was \$21,995	Now \$18,888
'92 Ford F150 4x4 #P2123D..... Was \$7,995	Now \$5,888	'97 Ford F150 Ext Cab 4x4 #P206617..... Was \$22,995	Now \$18,888
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'92 Ford F250 Ext Cab 4x4 #E20019B..... Was \$8,995	Now \$6,888	'99 Ford F150 Ext Cab 4x4 #P2163..... Was \$23,995	Now \$19,888
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FILER (6)

 THE TIMES-NEWS IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER CARRIERS FOR THE FILER AREA. Walking Routes Available

ROUTE 668
 Midway West
 1000 Blk. 5th St. West
 400-500 Camille
 300-600 Golden Spur
 100-200 Stirup St.

If you live in this area & are interested in being a newspaper carrier, please call District Manager, 733-0931 ext. 347.

MINI-CASSIA
 The Times-News is currently looking for independent walking routes carriers in the Buley and Rupert Areas.

If you live in the Buley or Rupert Area and are interested in being a Newspaper Carrier, please contact the Buley Times-News office at 677-4042 or stop by the office at 3251 E. San N. (next to Walmart).

TWIN FALLS (7)

THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER ROUTES ON THE EAST SIDE OF TWIN FALLS

ROUTE 701
 2400-2500 9th Ave. E.
 600-1000 Cypress Way

ROUTE 718
 1100-1400 7th Ave. E.
 1100-1400 8th Ave. E.
 1100-1400 9th Ave. E.
 700-900 Ash St.

ROUTE 722
 2600-2900 5th Ave. E.
 2800 Elizabeth Ave.
 900 Gallup Drive
 700-900 Hankins
 800-1100 Trotter Drive.

ROUTE 728
 700-900 El Monte St.
 1800-1900 Granada
 1800-1900 San Laruo
 800 Blk Sunrise

ROUTE 729
 1100 Blk 4th Ave. E.
 1100-1400 Blk 5th Ave. East
 1100-1400 Blk 6th Ave. East
 100-600 Blk of Ash
 400-700 Blk of Blue Lakes

ROUTE 733
 1100-1200 Brundage
 1100-1300 Galena
 1700-1800 Pomerolle

ROUTE 746
 1800 blk of 4th Ave E
 400-500 blk of Madrona
 200-400 Morningside Dr
 400 blk of Wakafala

ROUTE 750
 2000-2100 Elizabeth

ROUTE 752
 1300-1400 4th Ave. E.
 100-400 blk Elm St.
 100-500 blk Locust
 100-400 blk Walnut

ROUTE 770
 600-1000 Aspenwood
 200 Blk GreenTree Way
 800-700 O'Leary Way

ROUTE 841
 100-400 Blk Buchanan

ROUTE 845
 500-600 Adams
 500 Blk Madison
 600 Blk Marion
 100-200 Moreland

ROUTE 848
 100-400 Blk Cowwell
 500-600 Blk Morrow
 500-600 Blk Quincy

ROUTE 854
 400-500 Blk Altair
 500-600 Blk Johnson
 300-400 Meadows Lane
 700 Blk Newport

If you live on the EAST side of Twin Falls & are interested in being an independent newspaper carrier, please contact District Manager at 733-0931 ext. 347.

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Mini-Cassia Motor Routes

The Times-News is accepting applications for substitute Motor route carriers in the Mini-Cassia area. If you are interested in being a independent Motor Route carrier or substitute please stop by

The Times-News Buley office at 677-4042 North (next to Walmart) and fill out a contact sheet or call 677-4042 Ext. 11.

MISCELLANEOUS
 The Times-News is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Mailroom Supervisor. Mechanical aptitude & managerial ability are essential. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. and work nights and weekends.

If interested, please fill out an application at The Times-News office; 132 3rd St. W. Twin Falls, ID, or call Dan Walock at 733-0931 ext. 252.

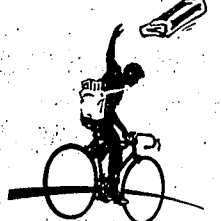
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The Times-News



is accepting applications for Walking Routes in Twin Falls. These contracted positions are 7-day, early-morning delivery positions and can be a source of additional income while you get paid for your morning walk. Some routes also qualify for a sign-on bonus of up to \$50.00.

If you are interested, please stop by the Times-News at 132 3rd St. West, Twin Falls or call the circulation department at 733-3302.

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Get Factory Cash Back on the Car You Really Want and Save Big!

New Silverado's

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 Only \$1500

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 Only \$22,237

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Price may not reflect dealers actual cost

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Current Oldsmobile Owners

Receive an additional \$1500 Rebate on New Oldsmobiles or \$1000 Rebate on New Chevrolets. See dealer for details. Sale Ends 1/2/01

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 36 month, 12,000 miles per year, \$4,500 cap reduction and tax-title-doc fee \$119.

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\$489 PER MO.
 36 month, 12,000 miles per year, \$3,000 cap reduction and tax-title-doc fee \$119.

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\$529 PER MO.
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- 24 Hour Roadside Assistance
- Special Interest Rates
- Comprehensive 141 Point Inspection
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Real Estate Sales

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Selling property? Don't pay any fees until it's sold. For free information about avoiding timeshare and real estate scams, write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580, or call the National Fraud Information Center, 1-800-876-7060.

Need cash? Team up with classified and make a little profit selling the items you no longer need.

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Buy the Guaranteed package and The Times News guarantees to sell merchandise or automobile items in 7 days and real estate in 15 days or we will rerun the ad an additional 7 days. There is a \$5 extra charge for the guaranteed package. Ads may be cancelled early for customer convenience but the charge will remain the same.

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Country Living, Spacious 2 bdrm, 2 bath home with a 2-bay attached garage and SHOP for the handyman. Nice family room in basement. \$119,900.

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At Randy Hansen Chevrolet, we like to keep our inventory fresh. The following vehicles are no longer available at our dealership, with one exception we've had them for less. Before they're gone for good, we're offering them to the public at great reduced prices! It's a great buy and we save transportation and auction fees. This offer begins Thursday, December 28, 2000 through January 13, 2001. All prices will be clearly marked, and most will be increased after January 13th, these vehicles will be sent to dealer-only auctions.

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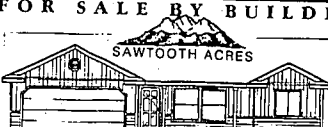
STOCK#	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	RETAIL	SALE PRICE
P3084	2000	Volkswagen	New Beetle GL Hatchback 2D	20,610	16,970
1030A	2000	Toyota	Tundra SR5 Access Cab 4D 4x4 V8	31,515	30,950
P2336	2000	Pontiac	Sunfire SE Sedan 4D	13,225	12,390
P3234	2000	Pontiac	Sunfire SE Sedan 4D	13,525	12,473
P3111	2000	Pontiac	Montana Extended Minivan	22,020	18,977
P3231	2000	Pontiac	Grand Am SE Sedan 4D	14,240	13,670
P3230	2000	Pontiac	Grand Am SE Sedan 4D	14,530	13,890
P3086	2000	Pontiac	Bonneville SE Sedan 4D	21,525	19,893
P3239	2000	Oldsmobile	Silhouette GL Extended Minivan	22,680	19,948
P3199	2000	Oldsmobile	Alero GL Sedan 4D	16,190	13,749
P3197	2000	Oldsmobile	Alero GL Sedan 4D	16,665	13,490
0160A	2000	Mazda	B4000 4WD SE Cab Plus 4D	21,005	19,470
P3245	2000	Chevrolet	Venture Extended Minivan 4D	24,005	19,975
P3218	2000	Chevrolet	Venture Extended Minivan 4D	22,245	19,480
30P3040	2000	Buick	Century Custom 4D	17,105	15,590
P3129	2000	Chevrolet	Malibu LS Sedan 4D	18,515	14,933
P3207	2000	Chevrolet	Lumina Sedan 4D	14,950	13,943
P3205	2000	Chevrolet	Lumina Sedan 4D	14,505	13,477
P3147	2000	Chevrolet	Impala Sedan 4D	17,875	16,380
X1017	2000	Chevrolet	Cavalier Sedan 4D	13,690	12,500
P3214	2000	Chevrolet	Blazer Sport Utility 4D	23,795	18,995
P3216	2000	Chevrolet	Astra Minivan 3D AWD	25,290	18,995
P3169	2000	Chevrolet	Astra Minivan 3D	24,565	19,500
P3185	2000	Cadillac	DeVille Sedan 4D	37,870	29,975
P3226	2000	Buick	Regal LS Sedan 4D	19,095	17,580
P3092	2000	Buick	LeSabre Custom Sedan 4D	20,530	19,580
P3143	1999	Saturn	SL2 Sedan 4D	12,995	11,495
X1030	1999	Pontiac	Bonneville SE Sedan 4D	17,720	14,995
P3060	1999	Plymouth	Breeze Sedan 4D	12,380	11,985
P3066	1999	Nissan	Altima GXE Sedan 4D	15,165	13,300
1140A	1999	Ford	Pickup F350 Super Duty Crew Cab Long 4x4	25,100	23,900
P3056	1999	Ford	Mustang Coupe 2D	15,765	14,993
0227A	1999	Chevrolet	Tahoe Sport Utility 4x4	34,040	28,900
1063A	1999	Chevrolet	Pickup Silverado 1500 Ext Cab Short Bed 4x4	26,365	25,390
T044A	1999	Chevrolet	Pickup Silverado 1500 Ext Cab Short Bed 4x4	27,895	25,680
P3076	1999	Chevrolet	Monte Carlo LS Coupe 2D	15,800	13,588
P2893	1999	Chevrolet	Monte Carlo LS Coupe 2D	15,840	12,950
P3095	1999	Chevrolet	Malibu LS Sedan 4D	16,875	12,995
P3016	1999	Buick	Regal LS Sedan 4D	19,120	16,923
P2948	1999	Buick	Park Avenue Sedan 4D	25,005	20,700
P3203	2000	Chevrolet	Cavalier 4D	13,050	9,995
T097A	1998	Ford	Explorer Sport Utility 4D	21,570	18,765
P3055	1998	Ford	Escort LX Sedan 4D	8,300	8,100
T074A	1997	GMC	Pickup Sonoma Club Coupe 4x4	14,260	12,850
T002A	1997	Ford	Mustang Coupe 2D	13,835	12,875
P3213A	1997	Chrysler	Sebring LXI Convertible 2D	17,245	14,388
P2959A	1996	Oldsmobile	Ciera SL Sedan 4D	8,100	7,450
P3063	1996	Buick	Century Wagon 4D	8,300	7,988
0252A	1995	Subaru	Legacy LS Wagon 4D AWD	12,160	10,950
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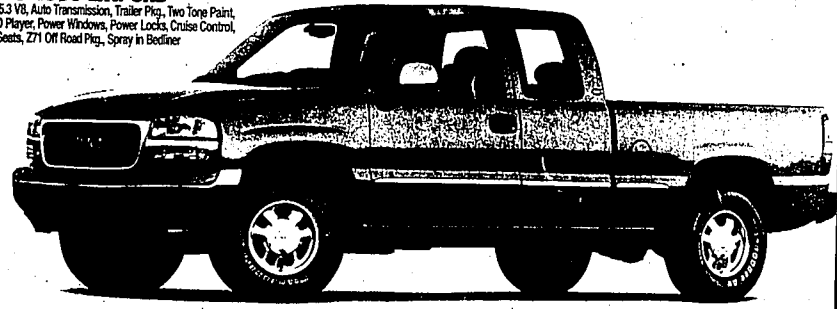
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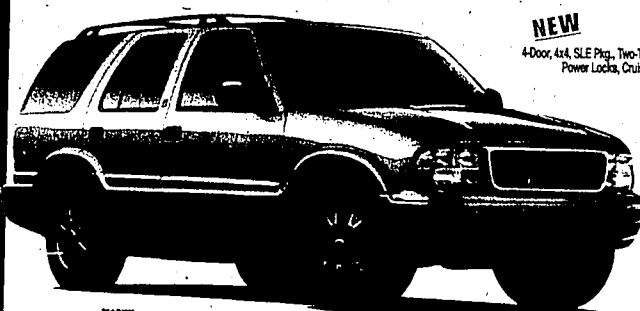
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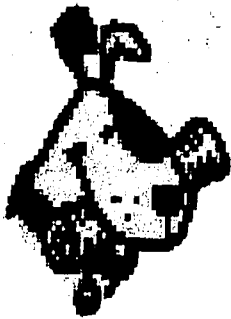
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