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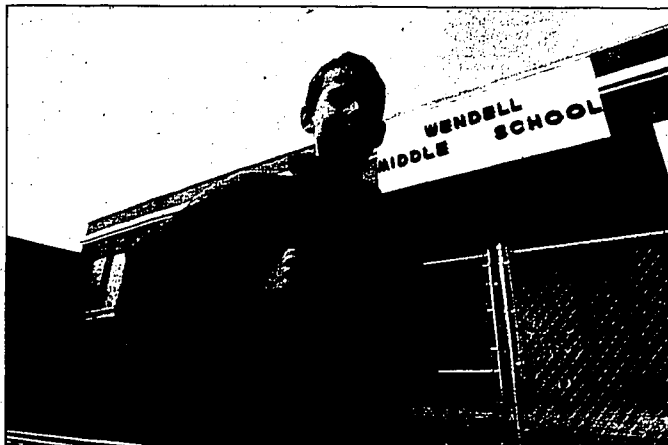
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Faces of 2000



Eighth-grader and Wendell Middle School student body vice president Tyson Schoessler stands in front of his former middle school, now condemned. Wendell's eighth-graders are being transported by bus to Gooding to the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind for their core classes.

LOGAN CASTOR/The Times-News

Meet 11 people at the heart of the Magic Valley's hottest issues — from water rights to health care to livestock operations.

As part of The Times-News' year-end coverage, staff writers caught up with people in the middle of the issues.

Some faces and names are familiar. Some are not. But all are involved in issues worth watching in 2001.

Tyson Schoessler: Going to school when school is closed

WENDELL — Eighth-grader Tyson Schoessler continues to get an education despite not really having a school. Wendell Middle School hasn't had rooms for its more than 200 students since February, when a crumbling foundation closed its main building. Schoessler, 13, rides the morning bus to Gooding for school in a rented classroom at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. His day ends in shop class in Wendell.

Each class spends about three months on the Gooding rotation, while the others squeeze into open buildings at the middle school campus. Some electives are held at the high school — and that's

where middle schoolers can find their library. Students have no lockers, and no place on campus for activities.

"It's kind of hard on everybody, because we don't have a gym. There's a lot of things we can't do," Schoessler said. But overall, the student body vice president thinks his fellow students are handling it well.

The closure catapulted Wendell into a statewide debate, still unresolved heading into 2001, over the state's role in school construction funding.

Locally, the issue also remains in flux. On Oct. 24, a \$6.1 million bond issue fell just 67 votes short of the two-thirds majority required by state law. The money would have built a new school.

—Jennifer Sandmann



Rose Vaughn says law enforcement is a job she 'fell into,' but says she is loving every minute of it. With turnover high in many departments, the Magic Valley could see a lot of new faces in uniform in 2001.

Rose Vaughn: Rookie deputy

JEROME — The rapid turnover in the Jerome and Twin Falls county sheriff's departments became a big issue during the 2000 sheriff's elections. But new deputy Rose Vaughn doesn't plan on leaving anytime soon.

"I'm really enjoying myself. The learning experience has been huge," said Vaughn, who lives in Richfield with her husband.

After working for years as a firefighter and emergency medical technician, Vaughn, 34, took a detour into radio advertising. When she had a chance to join the Jerome County Sheriff's Office about three months ago, she didn't hesitate.

She has no regrets her new career path. "I find law enforcement to be the most challenging," she said.

Equally challenging, for law enforcement agencies, is hanging onto experienced officers. Officials say the turnover is costly yet inevitable, as deputies move on to better-paying jobs elsewhere.

Vaughn said she's well aware of the number of personnel changes in the department, since Sheriff Jim Weaver took office in 1997. But it doesn't bother her. "You really have to believe in who you work for, and I believe in Jim Weaver," she said. "In a life-threatening job, you just have to trust the chain of command and the people you work with."

—Mark Heinz

Ed White: 'Old corporate America' approach can address new worker shortage

TWIN FALLS — In the Magic

Valley's labor market, it's tough to find people who want to work night shifts and weekends to make French fries around the clock.

Economic-development interests argue the valley's low unemployment shouldn't deter new employers who offer decent wages and benefits, but the Magic Valley has a shortage of workers with certain skills.

So when a north Idaho sawmill's closure this fall put hundreds out of work, Twin Falls potato-processing executive Ed White went recruiting in Clearwater County. A Twin Falls cheese maker and a Jerome plastics plant followed suit.

White, operations manager at Lamb Weston Inc.'s Twin Falls plant, filled about two dozen positions with former sawmill workers and loggers, and he helped some of the families settle into Magic Valley life.

Combined unemployment in Twin Falls, Jerome, Lincoln and Gooding counties in August was the lowest for any time of year since the state started its current record-keeping methods in 1978.

Twin Falls County's jobless rate has risen a few notches since then, but it's still low enough to motivate worker-retention programs at the spud plant — discounts at local businesses, and bring-along-the-family functions with bowling, swimming or planetarium shows. White doesn't want 2001 to bring a slew of new openings to fill.

Instead, he is "bringing old corporate America back into our business, where we truly care about their families."

—Virginia S. Hutchins

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Fogged in

Magic Valley's gray weather might persist

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — New Year's 2001 is looking to be a 2000 repeat weatherwise.

Thick fog has settled in the valley again this year, for what the National Weather Service says could be at least a week's stay.

The fog stopped morning air traffic in Twin Falls on both Friday and Saturday, said Hydye Sweet, a supervisor for Skywest Airlines at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. Afternoon flights continued to operate. The airlines has been rescheduling departure times for its passengers.

"We're doing our best to re-book them on flights," Sweet said. The airport actually was open earlier Saturday morning, but flights from Salt Lake City were grounded because of fog, she said.

But once the Salt Lake City airport was able to open, the fog had settled in at the Twin Falls airport, closing it down until noon.

The inversion that has trapped cooler temperatures in the Snake

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Planning to travel?

Passengers flying with Skywest Airlines out of Twin Falls can check on flight departure times before driving to the airport. Call the airport at 734-6232 between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. Travelers also can try the Delta Airlines reservation service number at 1-800-221-1212.

Snow chokes airports — A3

New Year's Eve may be more about reflection

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — A year ago, Rob Rubin, 28, eagerly anticipated New Year's Eve. He attended a posh soiree at a downtown condo, complete with an open bar, live music and a post-midnight meal.

Though Rubin is young, single and successful, this time around he's opting for something considerably more low-key: a quiet evening with his girlfriend, a video and a pizza.

"I thought about going out, but it just felt like one big hassle," said Rubin, vice president of CHL, a Skokie, Ill.-based distribution company. "Everything is just so expensive and crowded. When I thought about trying to get a cab in the cold, it just seemed easier to stay home."

What a difference a year makes. No matter how harsh the weather, the temperature of New Year's Eve 2000 is considerably chillier than 12 months ago. While the Y2K jitters kept many at the office or at home, the hype

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With unemployment low, Ed White sometimes has to recruit workers from wherever he can, including north Idaho, where a sagging timber industry has left an idle work force.

'A life worth living'

Friends gather to remember Jack Hemingway

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Unknowingly, Jack Hemingway might have memorialized himself, with a book he completed shortly before his death.

The book was titled "A Life Worth Living. The 300 or so people who attended a memorial service Saturday celebrated Jack Hemingway's life. Speakers remembered the son of famed author Ernest Hemingway with a series of tributes and

fond tales of his love for fly fishing and his devotion to preserving the environment. Jack Hemingway, 77, died Dec. 2 in New York City following emergency heart surgery. He was the oldest of three sons of Ernest

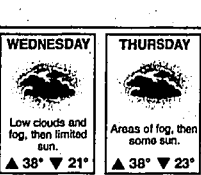
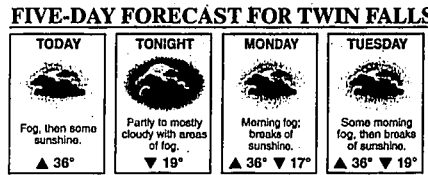
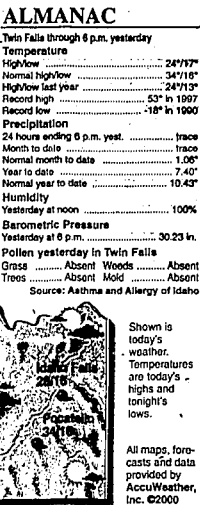
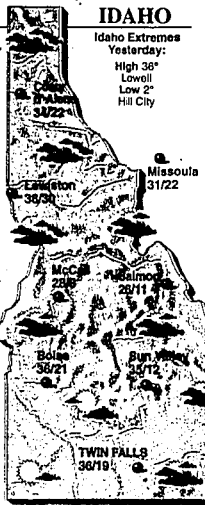
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Gov. Dirk Kempthorne reads a quote from Jack Hemingway's book, 'Misadventures of a Fly Fisherman,' during a memorial in Hemingway's honor Saturday in Sun Valley.

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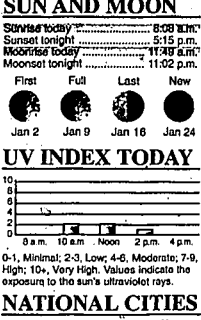
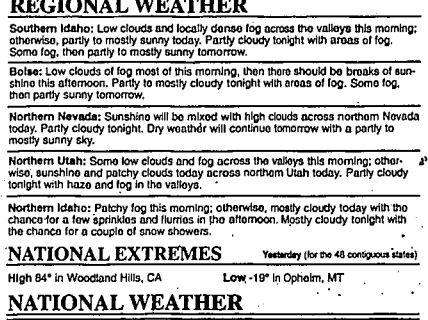
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Calgary	38	15	38	11	pc
Edmonton	29	18	29	14	pc
Regina	20	8	20	4	c
Saskatoon	20	8	20	4	c
Winnipeg	17	7	17	7	pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	Hi	Lo	W
Boise	36	21	36	19	pc
Idaho Falls	32	22	32	26	pc
Blackfoot	37	24	37	21	pc
Shoshone	32	22	32	22	pc
Arco	31	21	31	21	pc
Malta	37	15	37	15	pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	Hi	Lo	W
McCall	28	8	28	3	c
Missoula, MT	31	22	31	21	pc
Cozadale, WA	34	18	34	12	pc
Portland, OR	48	36	48	34	pc
Richland, WA	36	28	36	24	pc
Salmon, ID	26	11	26	11	pc
Salt Lake City, UT	33	22	33	17	pc
Seattle, WA	48	40	48	36	pc
Spokane, WA	29	24	29	24	pc
Stentley, ID	30	12	30	12	pc
Sun Valley, ID	35	12	35	7	pc
Yellowstone, MT	23	7	23	7	pc



WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	58	72	58	72	pc
Atlanta	60	53	60	45	pc
Auckland	67	51	67	51	pc
Bangkok	84	67	84	64	pc
Boston	37	25	37	25	pc
Buenos Aires	88	77	88	77	pc
Calcutta	82	50	82	45	pc
Hong Kong	70	53	70	53	pc
Jerusalem	58	43	58	43	pc
Los Angeles	67	67	67	67	pc
London	43	42	43	42	pc
Mexico City	63	48	63	48	pc
Moscow	33	31	33	29	pc
Paris	37	31	37	29	pc
Rio de Janeiro	81	70	81	70	pc
Rome	51	34	51	34	pc
Sao Paulo	82	67	82	67	pc
Sydney	73	60	73	60	pc
Tokyo	63	48	63	48	pc
Washington	47	37	47	37	pc
Zurich	22	22	22	22	pc

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Hemingway

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Hemingway, a literary giant who committed suicide in Ketchum. The audience in the Linelight Room of the Sun Valley Inn was typical of people Jack Hemingway befriended - young admirers of his conservation deeds, aging contemporaries with whom he fished, men and women of wealth as well as people of modest incomes.

Speakers included Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne; television "Batman" Adam West, a Sun Valley resident; Jack Hemingway's daughter, actress Mariel Hemingway; TV sportscaster Tim Ryan, a Sun Valley resident who was at Jack Hemingway's bedside shortly before he died; his brother, Patrick Hemingway; several nieces; the grandson of a Cuban fisherman friend of the Hemingway family; and several fishing companions.

The United Kingdom's Duke of Marlborough and the Duke of Roxburg, who'd hosted Jack Hemingway on fishing trips to Scotland, also sent a fax saluting his efforts to save the Atlantic salmon.

The tone for the service was set by a brief film, "Stories from the Field," that captured Jack Hemingway the fisherman and hunter in the back country, exploring the wonders of nature and the importance of the land and wildlife.

Kempthorne pointed out that Jack Hemingway "inherited a great name, and then in his own way enhanced it."

Mariel Hemingway frequently broke into tears during a tribute cast in a religious theme.

Her father, she said, "was a priest of sorts - he did praise God, every day. He communed with God in the greatest cathedral of all - nature."

The briefest remembrance was from Patrick Hemingway. "May choirs of angels sing thee to thy quiet rest," he said.

Most speakers alluded to some of Jack Hemingway's major Idaho achievements - saving the celebrated Silver Creek area as a Nature Conservancy preserve; championing catch-and-release fishing despite heavy opposition; and working to ban the stocking of genetically inferior fish in Idaho streams.

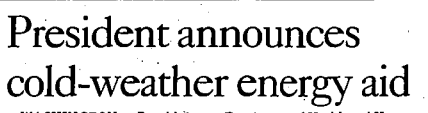
Jack Hemingway maintained a robust sense of humor and a cheerfulness that longtime friends say was infectious and endearing. But tragedy haunted him and his family.

In a two-hour documentary about Ernest Hemingway's family, narrated by Mariel Hemingway, Jack Hemingway had the unhappy task of guiding the camera through his father's Ketchum home and pointing out the spot where he killed himself with a shotgun, on July 2, 1961.

"My brother and I," Jack Hemingway said drolly, "are determined to see how long a Hemingway can live."

West said Jack Hemingway handled tragedy "with courage and nobility of spirit," adding, "I choose to think Jack now has just gone fishing."

The final tribute came from Jack Hemingway's widow and second wife of 12 years, Angela, who called him "my husband, my love and my fly fishing instructor."



President announces cold-weather energy aid

WASHINGTON - President Clinton acted Saturday to help insulate Americans coping with snow, ice and frigid temperatures from what he said may become the coldest winter in years - releasing an additional \$300 million in emergency aid.

"None of us can control the weather. But all of us are responsible for how we respond to and prepare for it," Clinton said in his weekly radio address. "With the actions I am taking, the federal government is fulfilling its responsibility."

With major storms blanketing the Midwest, penetrating the South and threatening the East Coast, Clinton announced the government will release the additional money to help poor families deal with soaring energy prices.

"Along with similar funds I released earlier this fall, we've now devoted more than \$850 million to assist families who can least afford to bear the burden of high energy prices this winter," he said.

The White House said cold-weather states in the Northeast and Midwest will receive most of the money, but that all states will receive some help "since low-income households throughout the country are experiencing sharp energy price increases. The money comes from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The White House noted the Department of Energy is projecting a 29 percent rise in the price of home heating oil this winter with natural gas prices rising by 40 percent.

Clinton said the energy and transportation departments will work together to ensure that the heating oil-distribution system doesn't get disrupted by bad weather. The Coast Guard, for instance, will keep shipping channels open so fuel barges can reach Northern ports.

"The simple lesson we've learned again and again is that the best way to meet challenges is to stay ahead of them, Clinton said as he announced he will take these additional steps:

- Direct federal building managers in the Pacific coast region to "lead by example" by conserving electricity and making additional power available to the hard-hit private sector. The federal government ranks among the largest consumers of energy in Western states.
- Ask Energy Department Secretary Bill Richardson to extend his emergency order requiring electricity generators and marketers to make power available to keep the lights on in California which is struggling with an energy crunch.

Fog

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River Valley all the way into Ontario, Ore., likely will persist, said Jeanne Allen, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Boise.

"We're basically going to be under high pressure at least through the end of the week," she said.

The longer the high pressure system lingers, afternoon high temperatures are likely to fall, narrowing the gap between daily high and low temperatures. The local forecast calls for temperatures below freezing all week.

"Things will probably actually get worse as the days go on," Allen said.

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Celebrate

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- from Red Square to Times Square - was all-consuming. One year later, no one seems to care.

For reasons that range from the economy to a quest for a more spiritual journey, New Year's Eve appears to be as flat as day-old champagne - a trend that actually started in the mid-1990s.

Reservations are down by as much as 40 percent at area hotels and restaurants. Ditto for sales of Dom Perignon and caviar. Funny hats and noise-makers? Just try to find them. As 2000 winds down, all that may be left swinging are a few errant chads.

"Baby boomers are getting older, which means that New Year's Eve parties tend to diminish in importance," said Arnold Brown, a trend analyst in New York. "Last year was such a momentous event that there's bound to be some letdown."

He added that an unpredictable stock market, layoffs and general uncertainty are causing people to scrap their plans.

"Once people get concerned, their concern becomes more important than the economy itself," said Brown, who struggles to just stay up until midnight.

However, even those too young to remember Guy Lombardo are scaling back the revelry, said Peter Zollo of Teen-age Rescues Unlimited, a Northbrook, Ill., based marketing firm. The current crop of young adults (the "Millennials") are less hard-partying than their predecessors, including Generation Xers. Their tastes run more to small-to-mid gatherings and co-ed sleepovers that are relatively benign. Socializing tends to be in groups, rather than couples - although anyone is preferable to Mom and Dad.

Regardless of age, many people view the turn of the calendar odometer as a time for renewal and reflection. A hot ticket is Fourth Presbyterian Church, which teams with Holy Name Cathedral for a New Year's Eve ecumenical service. Such introduction is a natural fit not only because of the clean slate that comes with Jan. 1, but because of its proximity to Christmas and Hanukkah, experts said.

"Those who haven't already been drawn into the spiritual nature of the season may start to do so once the thrill of the commercial wears off," said Shana Aborn, author of the newly published "30 Days to a More Spiritual Life."

"Nice as it is to open lots of gifts, you can also leave us with the realization that all the stuff hasn't made us blissfully happy. That's when we wonder: Isn't there more to life than this?"

Taking stock is on the menu for Christy Peterson, 31, who is inviting friends over for a potluck dinner - along with candle lighting, New Age readings and the collective writing of goals for the new year.

"It's different than resolutions, which tend to be focused on things like losing weight," said Peterson, who last year was stockpiling bottled water and canned goods. "This is more like a personal mission statement. It's about what you value."

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HONOLULU (AP) - The Associated Press erroneously reported on Dec. 28 that an experiment using pure caffeine spray to control a tree frog population in Hawaii must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration. The trials must be approved by the Environmental Protection Agency.

LOTTERY UPDATE

POWERBALL Saturday, December 30, numbers 23 28 29 38 48 POWERBALL NUMBER 35	WILD CARD Saturday, December 30, numbers 4 5 12 15 25 WILD CARD: Queen of diamonds
RollDown Saturday, December 30, numbers 2 6 8 17 42	PICK 3 Idaho Saturday, December 30, numbers 9 7 9

The Idaho Lottery wishes everyone a very Safe and Happy New Year!
See you in 2001!

Snow chokes travel in Northeast

The Associated Press

A record snowstorm, the Northeast's first major nor'easter in five years, swept up the East Coast on Saturday, dumping more than two feet of snow on New Jersey, shutting down every major airport in the New York City area and forcing Philadelphia to declare a snow emergency.

Hundreds of flights were canceled across the region, train and bus service was halted and motorists were slowed to a crawl.

Fleets of snowplows were sent out to battle the white, wet deluge, and New York called out some National Guard troops to help.

"It's too dangerous, people's lives are at stake," bus driver James McCain said after a harrowing trip into New York City from Montclair, N.J. He got stuck

behind another skidding bus on the ramp into the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan and his 11 passengers got out and hoofed it.

Others chose to see the brighter side.

"You don't hear a sound in the world," said Jeffrey Greene, 56, of Merion, Pa., as he walked a mile to his synagogue. "There's nothing quite like a walk in the morning with a new snow. The world seems so pure, so beautiful."

In many ways, it was a day best enjoyed by children. Seventy-five youngsters flocked to a small hill in Linwood, N.J., to fly down on sleds and toboggans.

"Even though it's not that big of a hill, it's still pretty slippery-slidy," said 14-year-old Lisa Grossman.

As much as 25 inches of snow

had fallen by mid-afternoon at Randolph in central New Jersey's Morris County, and more than a half-foot accumulated in parts of eastern Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

State police in western Massachusetts reported near whiteout conditions there by Saturday afternoon.

The region's last big storm was on Jan. 7, 1996, when 19 inches of snow fell on New York City. Last winter, the city got a mere 13 inches for the whole season.

The central East Coast escaped the expected brunt of Saturday's storm because it developed farther north and east than forecast.

The morning sky was clear in Washington and Harrisburg, Pa., while snow extended from southern New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania to the southern tip

of Maine.

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani discounted any speculation that the weather might cancel the New Year's Eve celebration in Times Square. "Although it's cold, it's not unbearable," he told reporters.

Philadelphia Mayor John Street declared a snow emergency, meaning only emergency vehicles were allowed downtown.

New York Gov. George Pataki activated 180 National Guard troops with 26 vehicles to help in southeastern New York.

"You can't see any of the runways, it's completely white," said traveler Kristin Foschi from a terminal at New York's LaGuardia airport. "By the time a plow completes a circle, it's covered again. It's really quite entertaining."

NASA double-teams Jupiter, releases audio

Los Angeles Times

PASADENA, Calif. — A spacecraft that was supposed to die a natural death in 1997 is now being joined at the planet Jupiter by a newer craft, unexpectedly giving scientists the chance to give "double team" the giant gas planet, officials at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory here said Saturday.

Scientists gathering to mark the event at JPL released the first recordings ever made of the "bizarre sounds of Jupiter," the first images of the mysterious magnetic bubble that surrounds the planet, and new images that show particles spewed from volcanoes on the moon to stretch out from the planet for 13 million miles — and are possibly reaching Earth.

It is also the Cinderella story of an aging, creaky spacecraft, Galileo, that returned inexplicably for a last day in the sun.

"For it to have survived 2 1/2 times as long as its mission length in a hazardous environment, Galileo is very much the hero here," said Robert T. Mitchell, who manages the newer Cassini mission for NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab.

If all had gone according to

plan, there would only be one spacecraft near Jupiter now — the \$3.26 billion Cassini, a 22-foot, 12,000-pound behemoth launched in the fall of 1997. It has just reached Jupiter and will use the planet's massive gravitational field to slingshot itself to its final destination, Saturn.

Saturday, Cassini was about 6 million miles from Jupiter, while Galileo was about 300,000 miles from the surface, well within the planet's huge magnetic field.

Scientists have long believed that the magnetic field surrounding Jupiter like an invisible bubble is strongly influenced by the solar wind — streams of energized particles flowing from the sun and buffeting everything, including planets, that stand in their way.

By using two spacecraft, they can now test that idea. Cassini can measure changes in the solar wind as Galileo simultaneously monitors the planet's magnetic field, or magnetosphere. Until now, "we've had no weather station upstream in the solar wind to tell us how the magnetosphere might be responding," said William Kurth, a planetary scientist at the University of Iowa who is running instruments on both spacecraft.

Welfare reform trailblazer heads to Health, Human cabinet spot

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tommy Thompson led Wisconsin on the nation's boldest — and some say riskiest — welfare experiment, dramatically digging down case loads by insisting everyone should work, and building a national reputation on one of the nation's hottest but thorniest issues.

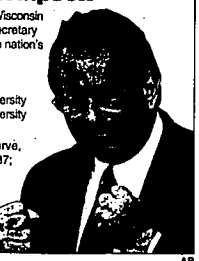
Now the 14-year effort has landed the Republican governor as President-elect Bush's choice for secretary of Health and Human Services, where he is poised to oversee national welfare policy.

"For 10 years he's been a leader in welfare policy," said

PROFILE Tommy George Thompson

President-elect Bush on Friday chose Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson to become secretary of health and human services. He is the nation's longest-serving Republican governor.

Age: 59; born Nov. 19, 1941.
 Education: B.A., political science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1963; J.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1966.
 Experience: Lawyer; U.S. Army Reserve, 1966-78; Wisconsin Assembly, 1967-87; assistant minority leader, Wisconsin Assembly, 1981-87; governor, 1987-present.
 Family: Wife, Sue Ann; three children; one grandchild.



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Backgrounds of other nominees — A-7

Judy Gearon, president of Manpower Demonstration Research Corp., a leading welfare research firm. "He's an out-of-the-box thinker."

More than any other state, Thompson's Wisconsin fundamentally changed the way government aids its poorest citizens by writing and strictly enforcing laws that make it tough to qualify for and keep welfare.

And while some Republicans talked about welfare reform as a way to save tax dollars, Thompson emphasized the need to spend more to eliminate barriers, a single means coming off the rolls. That meant more for child care, health coverage and even transportation.

"Wisconsin is not alone. Nationwide, there's been a sea change in welfare policy. Education, training and a guarantee that the poorest Americans get at least a small government check have been replaced with work requirements and a limit on how long anyone stays on the rolls."

But Wisconsin experimented earlier, imposed stricter rules and saw its welfare case loads fall faster than almost anyone thought possible.

It has advocates for the poor worried. They report anecdotal evidence of increased homelessness and demand at food banks and worry about what will happen when the economy sours. And they fear some people have such entrenched problems — mental illness, a sick relative, drug addiction — they may never be able to support themselves.

"There really is no safety net in place for the people who end up falling in the work world," said Bob Jacobson of the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families.

But they don't dispute the numbers. When Thompson first ran for governor in 1986 — campaigning on welfare — there were more than 98,000 families on assistance. Now there's just over 16,000, a drop of 83 percent.

Thompson's campaign message in 1986 was simple — Wisconsin had become a "welfare magnet" with benefits so high it was attracting poor from other states.

His ideas got bolder after he won, as he embarked on a series of small-scale experiments that "broke the old notion of welfare as entitlement."

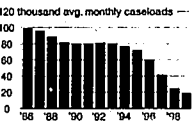
"Learnfare" reduced checks of parents whose children skipped school. "Children First" required fathers to participate in a work program if they failed to pay child support. "Job First" tried to get teen parents to marry, paying them extra if they tied the knot.

A two-tier payment system discouraged those "welfare magnets" by paying new residents what they would have gotten in

Declining welfare

Welfare case loads have fallen across the country but they've dropped faster and further in Wisconsin than most states, falling 83 percent since Tommy Thompson was first elected governor in 1986. As President-elect Bush's choice to lead the Department of Health and Human Services, Thompson will oversee the nation's welfare program.

Wisconsin



United States



Source: Department of Health and Human Services

Note: Figures are for family caseloads, by fiscal year.

their former states.

And he forced county governments to compete with private corporations to run welfare programs.

"Every year he would roll out a new imaginative approach," said Jason Turner, Thompson's top welfare policy aide in the mid-1990s. "They built on one another, one change after the next."

The caseloads began dropping, though analysis found the booming economy deserved virtually all of the credit, said John Pawasarat of the University of Wisconsin, who has studied the state's welfare reforms.

"We call it symbolic legislation," Pawasarat said.

But Thompson proved welfare could be a political winner, both within Wisconsin, where he was re-elected an unprecedented

three times, and on the national stage, where he built a reputation as a reformer.

"Thompson was the first governor to prove in a convincing manner that you could win on this issue," said Larry Mead, a New York University political scientist who is finishing a book on welfare reform in Wisconsin.

And his innovations — and the public support they enjoyed — helped keep liberal opponents off balance.

In 1993, three years before President Clinton would sign a national overhaul, Thompson proposed his biggest experiment yet. "Two years and you're out" was his mantra. Participants would be required to work from the start.

Thompson suggested experimenting in two small, rural counties. Frustrated Democrats upped the ante, approving legislation that eliminated welfare altogether — without suggesting a replacement.

Some hoped to embarrass Thompson into a veto. A top welfare official dismissed the legislation and predicted it would be vetoed.

Thompson surprised them all, and signed the bill.

"The governor correctly perceived it as an opportunity that would never come his way again — to radically reshape welfare," Turner said.

Attorneys may try insanity defense in shooting case

BOSTON (AP) — From depression to treatment for an undisclosed psychiatric condition, the details that have emerged about the man accused of killing seven co-workers have some speculating his lawyers may use an insanity defense.

But defense lawyers say it's a long-shot legal strategy.

"It's extremely difficult to convince juries that because a defendant has a mental illness, that person couldn't understand or control what he or she did, said attorney Andrew D'Angelo.

"The fact that he has already been diagnosed with some kind of mental illness certainly helps that kind of defense," D'Angelo said. "In no way does that mean that the mental illness or insanity defense will be successful — it's just a stepping stone."

Kevin Reddington, McDermott's defense attorney, disclosed that his client — who is charged with seven counts of murder — had been undergoing treatment and taking medications for an undisclosed psychiatric condition.

The 42-year-old software engineer allegedly gunned down seven co-workers at Edgewater Technology Inc. in Wakefield. Prosecutors say he then sat in the office lobby until police arrived. McDermott, prosecutors said, may have been angry over a demand by the Internal Revenue Service to garnish his wages for back taxes.

Oteri said he has little doubt McDermott's lawyer will use an insanity defense.

"How else do you explain this?" he said. "The IRS put the pressure on him, they garnish the wages, and they push the kid over the edge. He's a sick man. He marches to a different drummer than we do, and everyone's his enemy."

About 1 percent of criminal cases use the insanity defense. Of those, about 1 percent are successful, according to Alexandria, Va., lawyer Lisa B. Kemler, citing data from the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

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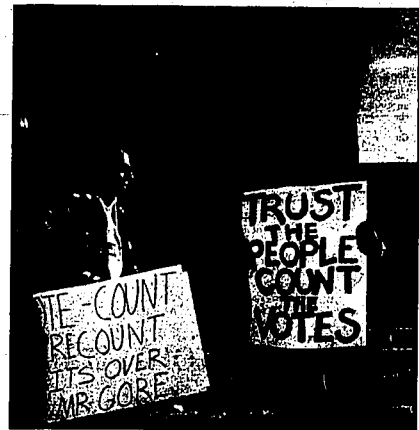
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NATION

U.S. presidential election creates cliffhanger



George W. Bush supporter Charles Robbins of Arlington, Va., left, debates the presidential election with Al Gore supporter Ann Grossman of Silver Spring, Md., in front of the U.S. Supreme Court Dec. 12 in Washington.

U.S. Supreme Court police line the steps of the court house Dec. 12 as the nation awaited a ruling in the disputed Florida case during the presidential election.

Battle between Bush and Gore takes top story

NEW YORK (AP) — It made some international media liken the United States to a banana republic, others to marvel at the strength of its democracy. But it was widely agreed that the deadlocked U.S. presidential election was the top story of 2000.

The extended battle between Al Gore and George W. Bush easily topped the annual poll of Associated Press subscribers outside the United States. The ouster of Yugoslavia's Slobodan Milosevic came second, followed by Mideast violence, the Russian nuclear submarine disaster and the historic summit between leaders of the two Koreas.

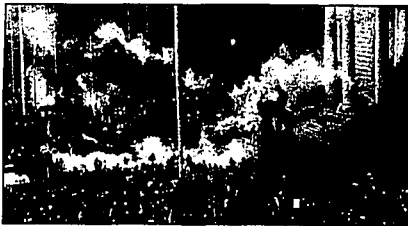
Ballots were submitted by 50 news media subscribers in 19 countries, with editors picking their story choices from an extensive list of nominations. Ten points were awarded for each first-place vote, nine points for second and so on down to one point for a 10th-place choice. The poll was conducted in the first half of December.

Twenty subscribers gave first-place votes to the election cliffhanger, which dominated headlines for five weeks before Bush was declared the winner over Vice President Gore. The story received 400 points.

Last year's winner was the ethnic violence in Kosovo that provoked NATO to bomb Yugoslavia, followed by President Clinton's impeachment battle.

This year's Yugoslavia story came in second, with 275 points and seven top ballots.

Voters gave four No. 1 picks and 220 points to the Israeli-Palestinian violence that broke out in September, killed hundreds and set back U.S.-brokered



Police fire tear gas to disperse opposition supporters in front of the Yugoslav federal parliament building Oct. 5 in Belgrade. Slobodan Milosevic, who had ruled Yugoslavia for 13 years, stepped down Oct. 6.

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Eilan Gonzalez is held in a closet by Donato Dalrymple, one of the fishermen who rescued the boy from the ocean, as government agents search the home of Lazaro Gonzalez in Miami in this April 22 file photo. Eilan was seized from the home of his relatives in a pre-dawn raid.

Top stories in 2000, as ranked by AP members and subscribers

NATIONAL (the year's top stories based on a survey of AP's domestic members):

1. Presidential election
2. Eilan Gonzalez custody dispute
3. USS Cole bombing
4. Soaring oil prices
5. Firestone tire recall
6. Microsoft breakup ordered
7. Genetic code mapped
8. Year 2000 avertes
9. Milosevic toppled in Yugoslavia
10. Verdict against tobacco industry

peace efforts.

Dramatic attempts to rescue the doomed crew of the submarine Kursk took fourth place with

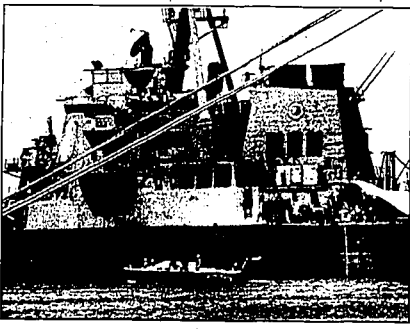
at subscribers):

1. Deadlocked U.S. presidential election
2. Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic toppled
3. Violence threatens Middle East peace process
4. Explosion sinks Russian nuclear submarine Kursk
5. South Korea-North Korea summit
6. Scientists complete first map of human genetic code
7. Russia elects Vladimir Putin as president
8. Concorde jet crashes in France
9. Oil prices soar
10. Olympic Games (tie)
10. Mad cow disease scare in Europe (tie)

197 points and two nods for no.1. The first meeting between leaders of North and South Korea, which share the world's most heavily fortified border, earned nine first-place votes but only 189 points.

The completion of the first map of the human genetic code was sixth (158 points and three top votes), followed by Vladimir Putin's election as Russian President, the crash of the Concorde jet in France, and soaring oil prices. The Olympic Games in Australia and the scare over mad cow disease in Europe tied for 10th with 69 points.

Three stories earned first-place nominations but didn't make the top 10: the arrival of a glitch-free millennium (19th place), Clinton's trip to Vietnam, the first by a U.S. president since Richard Nixon (24), the terrorist bombing that killed 17 sailors aboard the USS Cole in Yemen (25).

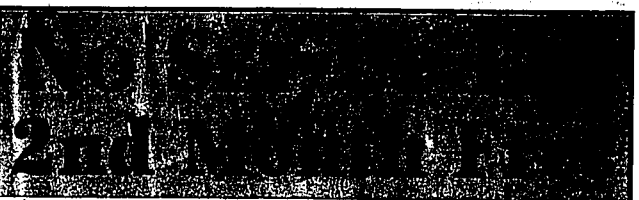


A small boat guards the USS Cole in Aden, Yemen in this Oct 20 file photo. Seventeen American sailors were killed and another 39 wounded in a Oct. 12th attack, which was carried out by two suicide bombers who detonated a small explosive-packed boat and blew a gaping hole in the side of the U.S. destroyer.

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We said goodbye to them in 2000

The Associated Press

The pen that gave love and life to Charlie Brown is killed.

So are the hits whose words of two English men's most famous actors, a wit of a comedian who had "Tonight" show audiences chuckling when Jay Leno was on the air.

Charles Schulz, Sir John Gielgud, Sir Alec Guinness and Gene Allen left us in 2000.

We also said goodbye to politicians of yesterday - Carl Albert, John Foster - and to men in their prime - Paul Coverdell, Mel Gorman.

"Icons of glamour and grit departed - Holly Lamary, Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and "Rocky" Richard, Bob Lemon and Leo "Fats" Domino.

Gene Tunney, Joe Robert Trent Jones, master designer of golf courses; James Buchanan "Buchie" Gardner, who reigned over the realm of sports news; Harold H. Greene, who coined "Baby Belts" as the federal judge who overruled AT&T's breakup, and New York's Cardinal John O'Connor, who inspired his flock with compassion, wit and commitment.

Former heads of state who will no longer be heard from: charismatic Pierre Elliott Trudeau, who ignited " Trudeauism" and Canada's success in the 1970s; Indira Gandhi, who successfully ousted Pakistan's Zia-ul-Haq; and Pham Van Dong, who led Vietnam in war and in peace.

Here, a roll call of some of those who died.

January

Max Adlerley, 68. Cartoonist who wrote such jazz standards as "Jiv Sambie" and was a member of the "Jazz Hall of Fame." Jan. 2.

Retired Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr., 79. As top Navy official in the 1970s he modernized the services with "ZGrams" that relaxed regulations. He also coined the phrase "Operation Orange in Vietnam." Jan. 2.

Henry H. Fowler, 91. President over the "guns and butter" economic policy of the Johnson administration, expanding social programs and the Vietnam War while trying to secure victory. Jan. 3.

Tom Fears, 77. An NFL Hall of Famer who led the Los Angeles Rams to a record of 18 catches in a game still stands. Jan. 4.

Don Martin, 63. The mad magazine "Mad" was founded by Martin and his partner. Jan. 5.

Wesley Snipes, 40. Actor who played the wacky snooker-floozie film "Snipe" Jan. 6.

Gen. Leonard D. Chappell Jr., 85. As commander of the Marines he oversaw withdrawal of the corps' last combat forces from Vietnam. Jan. 7.

Edward T. Hanley, 67. Led the 244,000-member Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union for 25 years before retiring amid a corruption probe. Jan. 7.

Paul Ruffin, 79. A Hall of Fame pitcher who led the Cleveland Indians, winning 20 games seven times. He later managed the New York Yankees, in her 1978 World Series. Jan. 7.

Jean DeLois Combe, 88. Inventor of the screw, the screw crane that holds up babies born through pubic archery. Jan. 11.

Donato Ramazzotti, 67. Serbian warlord who was shot to death while under indictment by the U.N. war crimes tribunal. Jan. 11.

Gene Harris, 66. Grammy-nominated jazz pianist, known particularly for his work with the group the Three Sounds. Jan. 11.

Sam Jaffe, 98. Hollywood superagent who worked for the likes of Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, David Niven, Richard Burton and Barbara Stanwyck and producer of films such as "Born Free." Jan. 17.

Robert Rathbun Wilson, 85. Nuclear physicist who led the Manhattan Project and served as director of the National Accelerator Laboratory. Jan. 17.

Bettino Craxi, 65. Italy's longest-serving premier during the postwar years. Jan. 18.

Hedy Lamarr, 86. She epitomized the 1940s glamor during a string of 1930s and 1940s films with leading men such as Charles Boyer, Clark Gable and Spencer Tracy. Jan. 20.

Craig Claiborne, 79. Food writer who once enjoyed a \$4,000 dinner in Paris and wrote readers about the delights of a delic and the splendors of haute cuisine. Jan. 22.

John MacArthur, 101. The widow of Gen. Douglas MacArthur who was admiral under the world war hero. Jan. 22.

Bob Squire, 65. Democratic model consultant whose work helped transform the way political campaigns are waged. Jan. 24.

Carl Curtis, 94. Former senator from Montana who served 10 terms in the Senate and served as president of the House in the 1970s, and was twice twice in line to the presidency. Feb. 4.

February

Richard Kleinfelder, 76. U.S. attorney general during the Nixon administration who resigned during Watergate. Feb. 3.

Carl Albert, 91. A 30-year congressman, he was the only member of Oklahoma's congressional delegation to become speaker of the House in the 1970s, and was twice twice in line to the presidency. Feb. 4.

March

Edward Levi, 88. U.S. attorney general in the Ford administration who helped rebuild a Justice Department crippled by Watergate. Feb. 12.

Cardinal Ignatius Kung, 98. Spent 30 years in prison in China for defying Communist attempts to force millions of Catholics through a state-run church. March 12.

Darward Kirby, 88. TV funnyman who for years played second banana on "The Gary Moore Show." March 15.

Thomas Wilson Frazier, 93. National Medal of Science-winning researcher who developed pesticide-free ways of killing bugs. March 17.

Sig Mickelson, 86. First president of CBS News who helped make Walter Cronkite's "Good Friendly Household Names." March 24.

April

Tommaso Bucarotti, 71. Mafia turncoat who helped cover hundreds of mobsters in Italy and the United States. April 2.

Lee Pary, 86. Winner of the first Daytona 500 and patriarch of one of stock car racing's royal families, including son, Richard, and grandson, Kyle. April 5.

John Lone, 62. Actor who was in 90 Solzvyk's second performance as a doozy, broken into bits by the group the Three Sounds. April 10.

Larry Lindell, 60. Actor who was the doozy as Maj. Frank Burns on the TV show "M.A.S.H." April 10.

Edward Gorey, 75. His peculiar macabre illustrated stories were once described as "the most beautiful thing in the world." April 15.

Alexander Cohen, 79. Broadway producer who helped create the musicals "Fiddler on the Roof" and "An Evening with Mike Nichols and Elaine May," who brought the Tony Awards to national television. April 22.

May

Gene Reeves, 74. Star of European-made action films of the 1950s and '60s whose Mr. Universe physique was his signature role as Hercules. May 1.

Paul Herling, 85. Denmark's former prime minister who became U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and received the 1981 Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of the organization. April 30.

June

Charles M. Schulz, 77. Creator of the much-loved Peanuts comic strip, whose characters Snoopy, Linus, Lucy, Woodstock and Charlie Brown were loved by millions. Feb. 12.

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Doug Henning, 62. Matchstick magician who in the 1970s helped rejuvenate the craft with TV specials and Broadway shows. Feb. 11.

Jim Varney, 50. Rubber-faced comic who portrayed his tube character "Ernie" in a series of TV commercials and a series of movies. Feb. 10.

Roger Vadim, 72. French film director who worked with and romanced Brigitte Bardot, Jane Fonda and Catherine Deneuve. Feb. 11.

Scream! Jay Hawkins, 70. Larger-than-life blues singer and pianist who shocked the music world with his creaking shrieking ("I Put a Spell on You") and bizarre stage antics. Feb. 12.

Tom Landry, 75. Dallas Cowboys football coach who led America's Team to five Super Bowls. Feb. 12.

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September

Clyde Sukeforth, 98. A former major league catcher and Brooklyn Dodgers scout who supported Jackie Robinson when he broke the color barrier. Sept. 22.

Herbert Beteman, 72. Nine-term Virginia congressman who in the 1970s was assassinated by the Black Panthers to which the GOP. Sept. 11.

Konrad Kuljan, 62. He admitted forging the "Hitler Youth" published in 1983 by German magazine Stern. Sept. 12.

Stanley Turrentine, 66. A jazz saxophonist whose 1970 hit "Sugar" influenced many fellow musicians. Sept. 12.

Gherman Titov, 65. Soviet cosmonaut who in 1961 became the first man to fall earth while orbiting Earth. Sept. 20.

Yehuda Amichai, 76. Israeli poet who wrote the longings of ancient Jewish poets with modern, spare introspection. Sept. 22.

Saburo Sakaki, 84. Japanese World War II ace who downed 64 planes and then reconciled with his former foe. Sept. 22.

Richard Mulligan, 67. Craggy-faced actor who won Emmys for his portrayals of fathers in the sitcoms "Soup" and "Fanny Hill." Sept. 22.

Carl T. Rowan, 75. Commentator called America's "most visible black journalist" for his column exploring race relations and civil rights. Sept. 22.

Frank Will, 76. Washington security guard who discovered the 1972 break-in that led to President Nixon's resignation. Sept. 22.

Pierre Elliott Trudeau, 80. The flamboyant former prime minister of Canada who thwarted Quebec independence. Sept. 28.

October

Michael Smith, 68. Won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1993 for his work altering DNA. Oct. 4.

Sneya Yates, 81. Illinois congresswoman whose efforts to kill the National Endowment for the Arts. Was the oldest and longest-serving House member when he retired in 1999. Oct. 5.

Richard Farnsworth, 80. Hollywood stuntman-turned-actor who was twice nominated for an Oscar. Oct. 6.

William F. Buckley, 83. Architect of U.S. involvement in Vietnam as an adviser to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. Oct. 6.

John T. Connor, 85. He led 70 Fortune 500 corporations and was U.S. secretary of commerce under President Johnson. Oct. 6.

Rep. Bruce Vento, 60. A 12-term Democrat from Minnesota who championed environmental and homeless issues. Oct. 10.

Srinivasa Bandaranaike, 84. Sri Lankan who in 1960 became the world's first female prime minister. Oct. 10.

Gus Hall, 90. Boss of the Communist Party-USA who steadfastly stuck to his beliefs through years in prison and the collapse of communism. Oct. 13.

Jerry Peters, 73. Appeared in films with Marlon Brando, Ray Milland and Spencer Tracy before marrying Hollywood Howard Hughes. Oct. 13.

Vince Millyard, 76. Trunk, witty film and theater reviewer for The New York Times. Oct. 15.

Konrad Willoch, 88. He shared a Nobel Prize in 1964 for studies that led to the development of cholesterol-lowering drugs. Oct. 16.

Mel Carnahan, 66. Missouri governor killed in a plane crash who risked his political future by raising taxes for schools. Oct. 16.

Gwen Verdon, 75. Biggest dancing star of Broadway's Golden Age, who starred in "Damn Yankees," "Sweet Charity" and "Chicago." Oct. 18.

Charles Perkins, 64. Australian Aborigine leader whose activism was compared to Martin Luther King's. Oct. 18.

Steve Allen, 78. Pioneer of late-night television, prolific author and composer of standards such as "This May Be the Start of Something Big." Oct. 30.

Samuel R. Pierce, 78. Secretary of housing and urban development in the Reagan administration who spent years fighting corrupt charges. Oct. 31.

November

Jimmie Davis, believed to be 101. Louisiana's "singin' governor" whose hit "You Are My Sunshine" twice helped him win. Nov. 5.

Dan Brown, 88. Environmentalist who founded the Sierra Club from a small hiking group into a political powerhouse. Nov. 5.

Leah Rubin, 72. An outspoken campaigner for Mideast peace after her husband, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rubin, was assassinated in 1977. Nov. 12.

Robert Tuttle, 93. CBS radio news anchor whose crisp baritone, stammas and a-lit-bis informed listeners for seven decades. Nov. 14.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schneider, 75. Jewish Reform movement leader who worked to preserve tradition in the face of assimilation. Nov. 15.

Hosea Williams, 84. Fiercely left-wing leader of the Black Panther Party who was the forefront of the civil rights struggle for more than three decades. Nov. 16.

Charles Ruffin, 87. Lawyer who represented President Clinton during the Monica Lewinsky scandal and his impeachment trial. Nov. 19.

Emil Zatsepin, 78. Four-time Olympic track champion who set 18 world records and enjoyed a cult status in his Czech homeland. Nov. 21.

December

Gwendolyn Brooks, 83. The first African-American to win a Pulitzer Prize. Her candid and compassionate poetry about black life was honored in 1950. Dec. 3.

Werner Klemperer, 80. A Jewish refugee from Nazi Germany who went on to play the inept German prison camp commandant Col. Klink on TV's "Hogan's Men." Dec. 6.

Rep. Ed Edwards, 64. A senior member of the Congressional Black Caucus. Served his Los Angeles district for 22 years. Dec. 6.

Randolph Apperson Hancock, 85. Last surviving son of William Randolph Hearst. During his tenure as chairman of the family media empire, his daughter Patricia was kidnapped by the radical Symbionese Liberation Army. Dec. 19.

Sam Sani, 89. Former Cambodian prime minister, one of a country's leading statesmen and fighter for democracy over the past half-century. Dec. 19.

Millie Hinton, 90. An dean of jazz bassists, "The Judge" performed with almost every luminary of jazz and popular music from Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington and John Coltrane to Frank Sinatra and Paul McCartney. Dec. 19.

John V. Lindsay, 79. The glamorous two-term mayor of New York who helped lead a new generation into politics during the tumultuous years of urban unrest and the Vietnam War. Dec. 19.

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Rep. Ed Edwards, 64. A senior member of the Congressional Black Caucus. Served his Los Angeles district for 22 years. Dec. 6.

Randolph Apperson Hancock, 85. Last surviving son of William Randolph Hearst. During his tenure as chairman of the family media empire, his daughter Patricia was kidnapped by the radical Symbionese Liberation Army. Dec. 19.

Sam Sani, 89. Former Cambodian prime minister, one of a country's leading statesmen and fighter for democracy over the past half-century. Dec. 19.

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Norton will head Interior with conservative reputation

By Seth Borenstein
Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON— President-elect George W. Bush's choice Friday of former Colorado Attorney General Gale A. Norton as Secretary drew fierce outcries from some top environmentalists, and a burst of song-literally — from a group that wants federal land returned to private hands.

Washington environmental lobbyists fear she will expand opportunities for drilling, mining and grazing on public lands — something advocated by Norton's controversial mentor, former Secretary James Watt.

But several Colorado environmentalists said in interviews that they'd found themselves able to work with Norton, 46, a graceful, self-described introvert, despite her rock-ribbed conservatism when it comes to land-use policies.

"She is widely regarded as a person of great intelligence, a smart, lawyer, ethical and somebody you can talk to," said Alan Salazar, former deputy chief of staff for ex-Corolado Gov. Roy Romer and now chief of staff for U.S. Rep. Mark Udall, D-Colo.

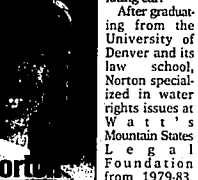
"Our hope would be that she checks her ideological stripes at the door and works in as bipartisan way as possible with groups she hasn't always agreed with," Salazar said.

More enthusiastic was Jerry Taylor, natural resources director for the libertarian Cato Institute, based in Washington, which advocates privatization of public lands.

"Happy days are here again," Taylor sang at the beginning of a telephone interview. "If (Bush's) choice as Environmental Protection Agency administrator Christie Todd Whitman was a peace pipe to the environmental community, Gale Norton is a

smack in the head."

Norton's choice surprised not just Interior watchers but even her libertarian father, Dale Norton, of Wichita, Kan. In their early environmental debates, he recalled in a telephone interview, she was a teen, railed against his big American polluting car.



Gale Norton
George W. Bush's nominee for interior secretary

★ **Born:** 1954, in Wichita, Kan.

★ **Education:** B.A. 1975, law degree 1978, Univ. of Denver

★ **Career**

■ Lawyer with Mountain States Legal Foundation, 1979-83

■ Associate solicitor for Interior Dept. assistant to deputy secretary Agriculture Dept. under presidents Reagan and Bush

■ Elected Colorado attorney general, 1990 (first woman to hold post), re-elected, 1994

■ Senior counsel, Brownstein, Hyatt & Farber, 1999-present

★ **Other activities:** Fellow at Stanford Univ.'s Hoover Institute, 1983-84, serves as Environmental Committee Chair, National Lawyers Assn., named Young Lawyer of the Year by National Federalist Society

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ing in those (Rocky) mountains today," Norton said after being named by Bush Friday. "We must build strong partnerships, as the president-elect said, with states, local governments and private citizens to make thoughtful decisions about natural resources."

Though she sounded amiable, Roger Schlickeisen, president of Defenders of Wildlife, a Washington environmental

activist organization, was not reassured. "If you pick a protégé of James Watt," he said, "that's going to scare you to death."

Unlike Watt, who took evident glee in poking environmentalists in the eye, Norton has cultivated trust in her dealings with them, several Coloradans said.

"She appears to have the ability to operate without being driven ideologically. I think that's a good

sign," said Larry MacDonnell, an environmental law attorney in Boulder and a Democrat. That's where she differs from Watt, he said.

David Getcher, a former top Democratic environmental regulator in Colorado in the 1980s and now a law professor, said: "She will not be James Watt in style. I'm comfortable with that." He added that she might be even

more effective in advancing the conservative agenda because of her more easy-going nature.

"She's actually more moderate than what you hear," said Chuck Cushman, executive director of the American Land Rights Association of Battle Ground, Washington, a group that fights federal property acquisition. "She's been surprising people all her life."

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Fire scorches Alaskan tundra

By Dan Joling
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Firefighters are monitoring a rare 20,000-acre blaze on frozen tundra near the village of Kotlik on the southern coast of Norton Sound.

Alaska's wildfire season is usually over by December.

The fire in southwest Alaska is within the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Fighting the fire would be dangerous because of the elements and the speed with which the blaze is moving, spreading at least 13 miles by Friday, he said.

"We couldn't really expect people to camp out there," Vanderlinden said. "Natural resources are not worth putting human life at risk."

Both the Pastolik and the Pastoliak rivers, as well as smaller streams and lakes, stand between the village and the fire.

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Education nominee brings track record

Superintendent is noted for Houston success

By Claudia Kofner
Los Angeles Times

HOUSTON - He took office amid bitter protests. He faced leading a community where an ethnic minority - Latinos - felt shut out of the debate. Some experts even worried about his lack of experience.

But Roderick Paige, the Houston schools superintendent, was widely considered one of the most successful school administrators in the country by the time President-elect George W. Bush nominated him to be the nation's Education secretary Friday.

Seven years after taking charge of the Houston Independent School District, Paige oversees a system routinely visited by admiring educators from other states. Houston academic test scores have soared. A sharply fractured school community has largely unified. And as one of Houston's leading black Republicans, Paige made the city a flagship for many of Bush's favorite education projects.

Paige wanted an educator who had proven that urban schools can be excellent schools, and Rod Paige is the right person," Bush said as he announced the nomination in Washington. "He understands that we have the need to make sure we don't shuffle children through our system, we don't give up on any child, regardless of their background."

The son of a principal and a librarian, Paige grew up in segregated Mississippi. Members of his family, he told The Dallas Morning News, were die-hard Democrats. But he became a Republican because in Mississippi, "the guys that were lynching us were Democrats."

He has known the Bushes since the 1970s, helping with the 1980 presidential campaign of George Bush, the president-elect's father, and taking up Texas' education triumphs at this year's Republican National Convention.

Bush, he said Friday, was "the education governor" who helped his policies work. "You didn't just talk the talk, you walked the walk," Paige told the president-elect. "You see, we know that if expectations ... are set high, and if educators and parents work hard together, every child can thrive."


Paige, 67, attended Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss., on a sports scholarship, and later earned a master's degree and a doctorate in physical education at Indiana University. He later was head football coach at Texas Southern University before becoming a professor and dean of education there. In 1989, he became a trustee on Houston's school board.

When the board appointed Paige four years later to replace an ousted superintendent, many Houston Latinos, the largest constituency in the school district, protested that they had been excluded from the process of his selection. The brisk, plain-spoken superintendent has largely healed those wounds, many Latino leaders now say. "He has relatively small opposition now," said Daniel Castillo, educational liaison to Houston Mayor Lee P. Brown. "The way he reached out to the Latino community was with school construction and playing fields and (numerous) other programs. We've spent almost a billion dollars on fixing schools in Houston in the last four years."

Paige was similarly methodical in tackling other problems plaguing Houston's schools. Running schools, he has said, is a managerial job as much as running a business. Establishing accountability is Paige's mantra. Houston administrators and teachers are responsible for students' test scores.

Under Paige, achievement tests are given routinely, social promotion has been abolished and underperforming students are no longer exempt from school test scores.

He has strongly supported charter schools, another approach that Bush favors, although they have had only mixed results so far in Houston. Paige also favors a limited school voucher system, which Bush backs.



George W. Bush's nominee for Education secretary

- ★ Born: 1933, in Monticello, Miss.
- ★ Education: B.S., Jackson State Univ., M.A. and Ph.D., Indiana Univ.
- ★ Career
 - Coached at Jackson State Univ. of Cincinnati
 - Named coach and faculty member, Texas Southern Univ. in Houston; later named dean of the college of education
 - Elected to Houston Board of Education, 1989; became president, 1992
 - Named Houston Superintendent of Schools, 1994

Bush supporter to serve veterans

Los Angeles Times

SAN DIEGO - The ceremony could have been one of those routine government occasions. But Anthony J. Principi, a decorated combat veteran of the Vietnam War, wanted a setting that reinforced the importance of the issue involved.

And so a ceremony to thank private-sector employers who responded to a hire-a-vet campaign took place on the aircraft carrier Independence in San Diego Bay, the West Coast home to the U.S. Navy.

In a tone heavy with emotion, Principi, then deputy secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, told 400-plus persons on the deck of the mighty warship that the nation can never ignore its debt to its military veterans.

"Our history today is what it is because those young Americans kept faith with their country," Principi said that day in 1989.

"It's now up to us to keep faith with them."

Principi left government at the end of the administration of President George Bush, but his concern for veterans did not end.

On Friday, Principi was named by President-elect George W. Bush as secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the \$41 billion-a-year, 219,000-employee agency entrusted with providing medical care and other services to 27 million veterans. The department is second in size only to the Department of Defense.

Principi, who headed a veterans-for-Bush committee in California, comes with strong backing from veterans organizations and retired military brass, many of whom believe that the Department of Veterans Affairs has suffered under the Clinton administration.

Born in the Bronx borough of New York, Principi was a football

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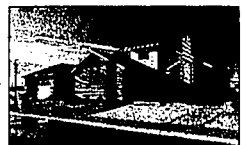
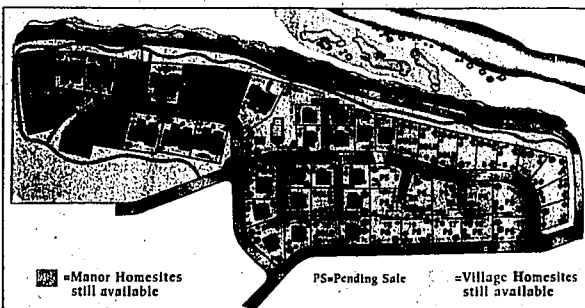
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After leaving the Navy, he served in a variety of high-level Washington jobs, including staff director of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, staff director and chief counsel to the Senate Armed Services Committee and deputy administrator for congressional and public affairs for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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Ron Achs: A long road looms for hog farm proposal

BURLEY - He's come this far, so it's unlikely he'll turn back. Ron Achs wants to build the largest pork-producing farm in Idaho. And after 13 months of fierce opposition and a lengthy permitting process, a long road looms ahead.

In 2001, the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission will likely approve or reject the controversial hog farm. Achs has stated an unwavering persistence to build his business, and a strong willingness to work with local and state entities to ensure it will have no environmental consequences and won't leave taxpayers stuck with a cleanup bill.

Achs and his technical consultants will first field questions from the public at a state Department of Environmental Quality hearing, likely within the next month. Then, Achs will present his proposal to the county planning commission at a second hearing, where local opponents are likely to try to dismantle the proposal. That doesn't include the legal battles expected to follow, regardless what the planning commission decides.

- Ruth Struwer



Ron Achs



In the next legislative session, Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jarome, will share leadership of the state's budget-writing committee, one of the most powerful panels at the Statehouse.

Times-News photo

makers decide how to spend a projected \$280 million surplus. Meeting daily through most of the legislative session, JFAC members review the governor's proposed budget and budget requests from each state department, agency and institution.

The full Legislature generally approves JFAC's recommendations.

-Michael Journe



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Dairies and odor were a big issue in 2000 and promise to remain in the news in the new year. Hank Hafliager's dairy near Filer has often been in the eye of the storm.

Hank Hafliager: State and neighbors focus on Filer dairy

FILER - To its critics, Hank Hafliager's large dairy near Filer symbolizes what's wrong with large dairies, and the state's approach to them.

Residents have been angry about the dairy's strong odors, and they want the state to put an end to them.

Hafliager's supporters have asked the county to give him a chance. Hafliager will control the odor, they maintain, and only needs some time to do it.

Hafliager's efforts have failed thus far, even after spending more than \$250,000 on a new odor control system.

The Department of Agriculture has stepped in to help - the first time the state agency has done so - saying it will work with Hafliager.

Hafliager remains optimistic. "I still think the Department of Agriculture is going to step up and do a good job and be fair and balanced," Hafliager said recently.

The dairy issue, centered to a large degree on Hafliager's operation, became the main issue in the 2000 county elections. And Hafliager and his dairy will likely remain controversial in 2001, as neighbors, dairymen and state officials follow the dairy's progress.

-John T. Hudry

Nick Hallett: Minidoka superintendent wrestles building needs, slumping enrollment

RUPERT - A school building election looms in Minidoka County's future, even while school enrollment numbers fall rapidly.

And district superintendent Nick Hallett walks a tightrope in the middle. On the heels of a \$20 million bond issue that failed in November 1999, Hallett is acting as a guide of sorts, helping School Board members and advisory committee members decide what could be done with a reduced school plant facility levy of \$10 million to \$16 million.

"My task is to explain to them what we need to do to raise expectations and achievement," Hallett said.

Another complication is the decline in student numbers. Because of this, the district cannot base its construction plans on current enrollment.

Enrollment has declined steadily for the last four years, and Hallett expects three more years of decline until the numbers level off, he said.

If the May levy passes, Hallett

will tap into a background in architecture to oversee much of the construction himself. "If you spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money, you need to be accountable," he said.

-Aaron Brock

Terry Reid: Life Flight pilot, and Magic Valley Regional, head into turbulent 2001

TWIN FALLS - Five minutes after a call comes in, Terry Reid can be flying at 156 mph over the southern Idaho desert.

Reid, a Life Flight helicopter pilot, is based at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Using GPS coordinates and experience, Reid can quickly set a course to find patients.

"I want to know where a patient is, where he or she may go and the weather conditions," he said. "I also find out the patient's weight to adjust fuel load and to stay within weight limitations."

The hospital's course in 2001 is less certain. Decisions made in the new year could determine who runs the air ambulance service - and determine the hospital's share of the Magic Valley's health-care market.

The hospital still doesn't have an air ambulance contract. Life Flight, affiliated with Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, and Boise's Access Air are competing for the contract.

Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital doctors could decide in January on purchase bids from Magic Valley Regional and Saint Al's.

The hospital also wants to

become a private nonprofit organization. The move could allow it to partner more easily with other providers, but could limit public discussion of some hospital operations. County commissioners could rule on the issue by mid-year.

-Brandon Fiala

Hubert Shaw: Range fire victim struggles to rebuild

DIETRICH - For Hubert Shaw, the hard times are as tedious as the fire that decimated his livestock.

Shaw, a rancher with 30 years' experience, lost more than half of his 1,000-head herd of cattle in an Aug. 10 range fire that scorched more than 20,000 acres.

He suffered more than \$600,000 in damages. So far, he has recovered only \$18,000.

"The disaster programs aren't doing anything for me," Shaw said. "I really believe that if they can help everybody in Florida and the Carolinas, then they can help people here."

Shaw said he is working on getting financing to beef up his herd again - but the going has been slow. "I'm having a real hard time. I'm not sure how this is going to work out," Shaw said.

The heavy fire season of 2000 could be avoided in the new millennium, he said, through better management of range land and more local control. Meanwhile, he expects his own struggles to continue.

"But I'm just going to keep on fighting," he said.

-John T. Hudry

court cases knows he has his work cut out for him. Probably the biggest issue still facing Idaho's water court in 2001 is the conflict between surface water rights and groundwater pumps.

"That's the gorilla in the living room," said 5th District Judge Roger Burdick, who now presides over the long-running Snake River Basin Adjudication. The case, a sorting of about 150,000 water-right claims, started in 1987 and is expected to continue for another five years. Some of the inevitable legal challenges might take more time to settle.

Burdick took over the case on Dec. 15. His immediate focus is to lay out what needs to be done to keep things moving.

He might also have to settle some previous decisions as they are appealed and returned to District Court. And he will preside over resolving several other issues - including the ownership of stock-water rights on federal lands, and just how much water the federal government is entitled to within congressionally designated wilderness areas.

"We've got plenty to do in the next six months," he said.

-N.S. Norkkett

Dean Cameron, Maxine Bell: Lawmakers head into surplus struggle

BOISE - The Magic Valley's legislative delegation - with several members already in leadership - will swing even heavier lumber in 2001, when two local lawmakers head the Legislature's most powerful committee.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jarome, were appointed in December as co-chairpersons of the Joint Finance, Appropriations Committee, the Legislature's budget committee.

The move could make Bell the state's most influential female elected official, while Cameron, the youngest of the Senate's 35 members, could be one of the Senate's most powerful players. And it will put both in the heart of the session's big debate, as law-

District Judge Roger Burdick's role in state affairs took a highly visible jump in December, when he took the reins of the state's water court.

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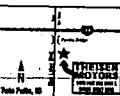
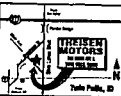
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NATION

Veteran crook may be leading gang of seven escaped prisoners

Los Angeles Times

HOUSTON - A shrewd, well-regarded master criminal appears to be the leader of seven escaped Texas prisoners suspected of murdering a policeman, and they fear the escapees might be planning a violent showdown with police.

A Christmas Eve heist in Irving, in which Officer Aubrey Hawkins was slain bore marked similarities to the El Paso robberies that landed escapee George Rivas in jail in 1994. Rivas, 34, whom El Paso prosecutor Marco Hernandez once called "the most dangerous man in Texas," had led a group of thugs posing as security guards in at least a half a dozen robberies.

Since the Irving officer's murder, Texas has poured in to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice from south Texas to Fort Worth. Every law enforcement agency in the state is participating in a massive manhunt, from small-town police departments to the Texas Rangers, said David Clark, a Dallas Police Department detective.

Al Velarde, a spokesman for the El Paso police, recalled: "During the robberies, Rivas was very calm, very cool. He appeared as if he truly knew what he was doing."

But in his last El Paso robbery, Rivas also resisted authorities beyond all reasonable hope of success. After a three-hour siege, dozens of officers burst into the store. Rivas and his cohorts were crouched in a rooftop air conditioner, still hoping to escape. Rivas later was sentenced to 99 years for aggravated kidnapping and robbery.

Now Rivas and six others, all serving sentences of 30 years to life, are at large with warm clothes, apparent outside help and as many as 40 guns.

The combination raises the specter of a violent standoff, said spokesman Lori Bailey.

"Certainly we're all concerned."



George Rivas
Notorious reputation in Texas

about that," she said. "They have quite a cache of weapons and ammunition and they're obviously not afraid to use them."

On Dec. 13, Rivas and his companions combined guile and violence to overcome 11 civilians and inmates and finally a watchtower guard before fleeing from the maximum security prison in Kenedy. Taking guns from the tower, the seven escaped in a state-issued car, later swapping it for another that authorities think was supplied by accomplices.

Amazed by the group's organization and coherence, officials said the break-out may have been planned for as long as six months. Certainly, it demonstrated a concern for drama and perhaps retribution.

"You haven't heard the last of us," one of the escapees said in a note left in his cell.

Still together, the group resurfaced on Christmas Eve, in an elaborate robbery of a sporting goods store in Irving, a Dallas suburb. Dressed as security guards, three of the inmates approached a 17-year-old employee in the store's parking lot, announcing that they were investigating a break-in of his car two days earlier.

The employee, Tony Coronado said the three yelled, "Everybody, hands in the air!"

after they had entered the store with him, according to an account in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Communicated on walkie-talkies with code names such as gato (Spanish for cat) and jefa (chief), the band tied and handcuffed 23 employees. They stole new clothes, \$70,000 in cash and at least 25 new weapons.

Officer Aubrey met the seven as they fled the building. He was shot and his gun was taken. The suspects then ran over him as they fled in the store manager's sport utility vehicle, authorities said.

In southwest Dallas, patrol officers were being encouraged to arm themselves with shotguns as well as sidearms. In Fort Worth, where Randy Halprin, one of the seven, was convicted in the bearing of a 15-month-old boy, detectives who investigated crimes against children now are carrying guns and locking the doors of interview rooms, said Jay Lapham, an attorney at the Tarrant County district attorney's office.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A state appeals court ruled Friday that auto insurers can calculate premiums based on where a customer lives, setting the stage for a potential California Supreme Court showdown.

The decision from the 1st District Court of Appeal nullified key provisions of Proposition 103, a 1988 initiative that required

insurers to base prices on a driver's safety record, years of experience and miles driven. Insurers could consider ZIP code as an "optional" factor.

The three-judge court agreed with insurers who said they needed to give significant weight to a customer's ZIP code because risk factors vary from area to area, affecting the price of a policy.



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WORLD

One third of earth's nations are at war

Report: Conflicts persist, present intricate problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush and his team of Cold War warriors face a world of increasing conflict, with military experts counting 68 countries suffering civil unrest, drug wars and other skirmishes. The numbers up from 65 last year and nearly twice the average at the sunset of superpower rivalry in the late 1980s.

Of the 193 countries it examined, the National Defense Council Foundation found more than a third were in conflict. The think tank, which has retired military officers among its analysts, concluded the most dangerous strife is in Afghanistan.

"We're more in danger now — citizens traveling abroad and trade routes are more in jeopardy than ever before," retired Army Maj. F. Andy Messing Jr., executive director of the Alexandria, Va.-based foundation, said in an interview.

There are all these little wars going on and a lot of them are starting to ... restrict marketplaces, resource bases and impact ... our ability to navigate the globe safely," he said, adding that proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and increasing world population add to the danger.

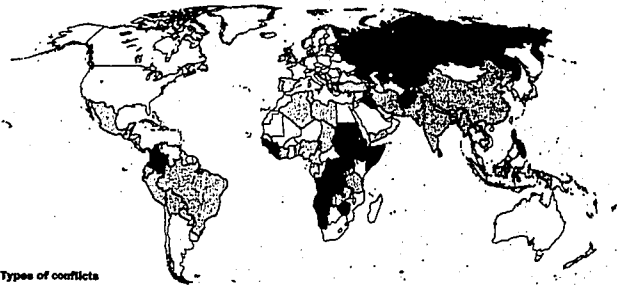
The report said the year's "stupidest conflict" is in Cameroon, where the government created and armed paramilitary groups to help stamp out widespread crime. "The militias and paramilitaries have created far more chaos and death than crime ever would have," the report said.

The foundation, which describes itself as a "right-of-center" think tank, is aligned with conservatives who advocate military spending reforms. Like Bush, it advocates limited U.S. intervention abroad.

"We can't intervene in this expanding plethora of conflicts," Messing said.

War carries on into the new millennium

The National Defense Council Foundation found 68 of the 193 countries studied in its annual survey of world hostilities, had conflicts. That's up from 65 the previous year. Civil unrest, drug wars and other small wars, increasing world population and the growing proliferation of weapons of mass destruction added to the danger.



Source: National Defense Council Foundation

Retired Joint Chiefs chairman Gen. Colin Powell as secretary of state, former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney as vice president and repeat Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld will face new dangers, said Messing, who says he briefed Bush on global defense issues in 1998.

"Unless they reconfigure the Department of Defense, they're going to have a lot of superfluous or unnecessary spending. They're going to have to look at what the actual threats," Messing said.

The report is being sent to Bush, incoming members of Congress and defense officials. The foundation's analysis lists countries where turmoil has disrupted economies, politics or security.

Its count of 68 conflicts contrasts with the 91 counted by the Central Intelligence Agency this year. But CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield said the CIA list, which

is classified, includes only conflicts with "high levels of organized violence between states or between contending groups within a state or with high levels of political or societal tension likely to erupt into violence."

The Washington-based Center for Defense Information, a more liberal research group that has issued reports skeptical of increased military spending, using different criteria, counted 39 wars at the beginning of the year, up from 37 in 1999.

The center's chief researcher, Ret. Army Col. Daniel Smith, said he counts major conflicts or active wars — where at least 1,000 casualties have occurred, except in the case of Spain's Basque separatist movement, which was under that level but included since it represented a resurgence of violence after more than a year of truce. The report cites Afghanistan as

the "most dangerous" nation in conflict not only because of civil war there, but also because its ruling Taliban allegedly sponsors terrorists and insurgents elsewhere, such as in China, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Chechnya.

Fifteen countries were added to the list this year, and 12 were removed.

Among the additions, civil unrest contributed to violence in Albania, Ivory Coast, Tanzania and Liberia; terrorism was part of the problem in Spain and Laos; drugs figured in the conflicts in Albania, Bolivia, El Salvador, Kazakhstan, Laos and elsewhere.

Among places removed from the list was the Korean peninsula, where warming relations between the Communist North and democratic South meant fewer incursions and provocations.

Arafat's Fatah urges intensified attacks

JERUSALEM (AP) — With Israel and the Palestinians appearing deadlocked over terms of a U.S. peace plan, Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction called Saturday for an intensification of a 3-month-old outbreak of violence.

On Israel's tense northern frontier, Israeli troops shot and killed a Lebanese protester they say was trying to scale a border fence amid a volley of stone-throwing. Raising the specter of an outbreak of regional fighting, Iran promised that any Israeli attacks on Syria or Lebanon would lead to "a stunning and unexpected" retaliation.

In a statement, Arafat's Fatah movement spoke of Palestinians' "utter rejection" of peace proposals by President Clinton. It urged its followers and fighters "to make the next two weeks days of struggle against Israeli soldiers and settlers."

"The continuation of the Intefadeh is the only way, the only method, of achieving independence," Fatah declared.

The explosion of near-daily violence since September has killed nearly 350 people, almost all of them Palestinians.

While Arafat is under international pressure to accept Clinton's proposals as the basis for a final peace deal, he faces broad demands at home to stay

with the popular uprising. Arafat traveled to Tunisia on Saturday night for meetings with that country's president and prime minister in what appeared his latest bid to gauge Arab support. A key test will come next week, when Arab foreign ministers are to weigh in on the peace plan.

Making a final peace push in his last three weeks in office, Clinton is asking the two sides for a trade-off: Israel would concede Arab parts of Jerusalem, including control of Judaism's most revered holy site.

In turn, Palestinians would scale back demands on the "right of return" for millions of Palestinian refugees and their descendants.

Both sides have signaled unwillingness to compromise on those crucial points, although Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak has not explicitly ruled out international sovereignty over the disputed holy site, known to Jews as the Temple Mount, where they twice built temples in ancient times and saw them destroyed.

Palestinian officials said Saturday that recent days had seen back-channel negotiations in New York with Palestinian and Israeli officials and U.S. mediators — but said the meetings had ended in deadlock.

Officials expect terrorist attacks

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The Philippine government warned of more terror attacks after five powerful bombs tore through the capital at midday Saturday, killing at least 14 people, injuring as many as 100 others and unleashing a nationwide climate of fear, blame and suspicion.

There were no credible claims of responsibility for the attacks in Manila, but plenty of theories. Police hinted that extremist Muslim rebels could be involved. A presidential spokesman implicated communist rebels. And the

powerful political opposition hinted at unidentified forces who want to distract the population from President Joseph Estrada's impeachment trial on corruption charges.

The embattled president, in a brief televised address five hours after the bombings, tried to calm nerves.

"I assure you we will use all the forces of our law enforcers to halt this violence," Estrada said. "I have directed the chief of staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines to mobilize its intelligence agencies."

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Pakistan prepares for first federal election since military takeover

SARGODHA, Pakistan — **Muneeza Tarar** has pounded the pavement to enlist women to run in a series of nationwide local elections that start today, the first in Pakistan since the army took power more than a year ago. For the first time, a third of the seats will be reserved for women and a third for the poor candidates. Staggered elections for municipal and district councils begin today, with voting for the first 18 of 106 districts, and the final vote will be held in July. Army ruler Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who seized power from a civilian government in a

World in brief

bloodless coup in October 1999, says he will hold provincial and federal elections after the local vote, and that democracy will have been returned to Pakistan by the end of 2002.

Vatican says 30 catholic missionaries died in 2000

VATICAN CITY — Thirty Roman Catholic missionaries died in the line of duty over the past year, including three who per-

ished while nursing victims of the deadly Ebola virus outbreak in Africa, the news service of the Vatican's missionary arm said Saturday.

The Fides' service "martyrs of 2000" list includes priests, nuns, seminarians and lay workers.

Yugoslav president pleads with Montenegro to stay

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — President Vojislav Kostunica on Saturday pleaded with independence-minded Montenegro to remain in the Yugoslav federation, but the republic's leader

insisted he would seek separate statehood.

Speaking in Belgrade, Kostunica said the two remaining Yugoslav republics should stay together because "everything that connects Serbia and Montenegro historically, spiritually and culturally, is stronger and deeper than what divides" them.

Beijing issues regulations to accelerate trade with Taiwan

BEIJING — As Taiwan gears up to ease a five-decade ban on direct links with China, Beijing has issued new rules it says are

designed to accelerate trade between the two rivals.

Beijing coupled the regulations, issued Friday, with renewed criticism of Taiwan's plans to allow direct shipping between two small outlying Taiwanese islands and China. The Chinese government said the move does not go far enough.

Taiwan will allow ships and people to travel between Taiwan-controlled islands — Kinmen and Matsu — and China's southeast coast as of Monday, essentially decriminalizing a booming trade between fishermen and smugglers on both sides.

Hit-and-run attacks kill 14 Russian soldiers in Chechnya

MOSCOW — Rebel attacks killed 14 Russian soldiers and wounded 23 others in Chechnya, and federal forces were on heightened alert in the capital of the breakaway republic, an official in the pro-Moscow Chechen civilian administration said Saturday.

Five servicemen died in Friday's attacks on Russian checkpoints, four when an armored car hit a mine in Grozny, three when a truck was ambushed, and two when their minibus was fired on near the southern town of Vedeno, said the official.

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Questioning the hospital's quest for non-profit status

Twin Falls County taxpayers should be intensely skeptical of a proposal to turn over the county-owned hospital to a private, non-profit organization. The prospective financial benefits to the public seem dubious, the risks worrisome.

Voters with long memories may recognize a familiar theme. The recent proposal from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center leadership is remarkably similar to an idea that voters rejected 14 years ago.

Way back in 1986, county hospital boss were concerned about the hospital's ability to compete. A then-new law, written by the hospital's own lawyer and passed by the Idaho Legislature, would have allowed the county to transfer hospital ownership to a non-profit corporation - which ostensibly could compete more effectively.

Public outcry forced county commissioners to hold an advisory vote. Despite vigorous campaigning by hospital leaders (and a lukewarm Times-News endorsement), voters rejected the proposal decisively, voting about 60-40 to retain the control and accountability of county ownership.

The basic issues are much the same today. Health care is ferociously competitive. Today, as in 1986, hospital officials seek public ownership as an obstacle to nimble, efficient combat against local and out-of-town rivals. So they are receiving an old idea.

Give them this much: They are taking a clever and prudent approach. A newly formed advisory committee will examine the idea before a formal proposal emerges. Its members are local people respected for their honesty and savvy.

Even so, community members should watch the coming process carefully. It has been increasingly evident in recent years that economics and market share drive virtually every MVRMC strategy. In today's cutthroat competition, Magic Valley Regional wages a constant struggle to maintain and increase its share of the local health care business. Almost any important hospital decision - a new piece of diag-

nostic equipment, a helicopter ambulance contract, the level of nursing salaries - hinges on the county hospital's need to compete for your health-care dollars.

The proposal for non-profit status should be viewed in the same context. The county hospital is skirmishing with Boise's Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center on multiple fronts, including the potential sale or lease of the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. One complication is the public oversight implicit in county ownership. Wheeling and dealing is tricky if the public has the right to review every decision you make and every dollar you spend.

A private, non-profit status might ease that difficulty. If so, it might help Magic Valley Regional increase its ever-important market share. It might bring the hospital closer to its eternal (but rarely stated) goal of dominating every aspect of medical care in this area.

These observations should not be read as criticism of the hospital's leadership. If you're in charge of an enterprise, guarding that enterprise's financial interests is a primary duty.

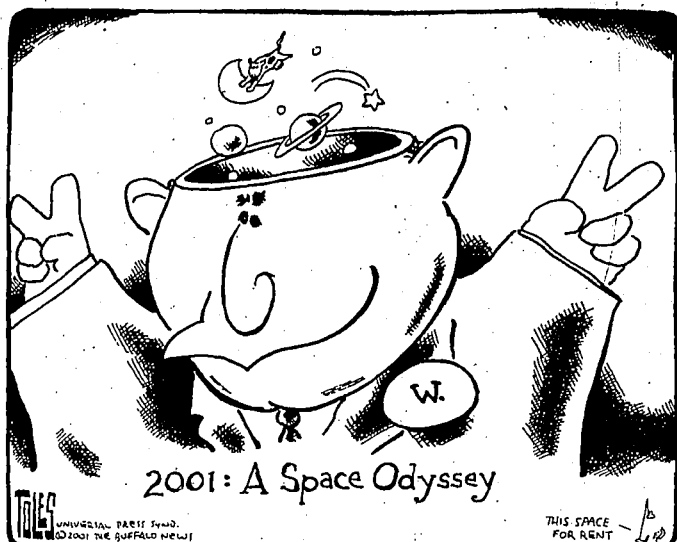
But Twin Falls County residents have somewhat different interests. As the hospital's owners, they do share an interest in its financial strength. But they also have an interest in preserving the public accountability of a public institution. As consumers of health care, they have an interest in preserving health-care choices and competition.

So county residents should watch the hospital's current maneuvering with skepticism and jealous self-interest.

The twin objectives of hospital leadership - becoming a private entity and assuming control of the cross-town competitor - might serve the interests of hospital executives, physicians and others with financial ties to the hospital.

Whether they would serve the interests of patients and taxpayers seems less likely.

Twin Falls County residents have an interest in preserving the public accountability of the county-owned hospital.



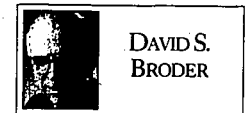
Dem leader steps to the forefront

The most underestimated politician in Washington is about to become a lot more visible and influential. Thanks to the 50-50 party split in the new Senate, its Democratic leader, Tom Daschle of South Dakota, is about to emerge as the man who is second only to the president in the bargaining power he possesses. Not bad for a fellow who became the Democrats' leader by a one-vote margin, 24-23, and who won his most recent election in 1998 with 162,884 votes - one-twenty-seventh of the number his colleague, Sen. Barbara Boxer of California, received the same year.

But the Senate does not measure its members' standing by the size of their state or the majesty of their victory. What counts is personal ability and parliamentary skill, and there, the diminutive Daschle stands tall.

Since being chosen to succeed retiring Sen. George Mitchell of Maine in December 1994, by that one-vote edge over Sen. Chris Dodd of Connecticut, Daschle has demonstrated a political dexterity that is far greater than his public reputation. He has been remarkably successful in unifying the often quarrelsome and individually ambitious Senate Democrats into a voting bloc that, time after time, has forced concessions from the Republican majority. Now, with numerical parity, Daschle's leverage will likely be even larger.

Part of his secret of success is his camouflage. At 53, Daschle looks like a Boy Scout camp counselor - polite, friendly and soft-spoken. Particularly in contrast with the more hard-edged Republicans, with whom he is often paired on television talk shows, he gives the Democrats a public image of reasonableness. As Sen. Ernest (Fritz) Hollings, the South Carolina



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Democrat, put it, "When you see Daschle on your little TV, he looks like character and integrity, not like he's trying to pull a sneaky trick on you."

But he is a partisan who has fought many a battle for President Clinton and (in the recent campaign) for Vice President Gore, while nursing Senate Democrats from their humiliating defeat of 1994 to a position where they can recapture control with the switch of a single seat.

When I asked some of his Democratic colleagues the source of Daschle's influence, they stressed his listening skills. Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, co-sponsor, with Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona, of the main campaign finance legislation, said Daschle "has exceptional patience. It's no secret there were people in our caucus who were chafing at aspects of our bill. But he convinced them unity was important."

Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois said, Daschle has a knack for "dealing with colleagues who have an exalted sense of self. He knows when to draw us together and when to let us go our own ways. When he says he will back you on something, he will back you to the end."

Perhaps the most interesting perspective came from Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, who said he supported Dodd over Daschle in that 1994 vote. In retrospect, Biden said, "Daschle is tailor-made for the job. He never demands things, but

he has taken more power than his predecessors ever had. He's a real consensus builder, but he's tough, so he may be the best person we could possibly have at this time."

Biden and several others commented that Daschle has been aggressive in asserting the Democrats' position on both procedural and policy matters, but still is able to maintain a good working relationship with Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, the Republican majority leader. That was particularly notable during the Clinton impeachment trial, when Daschle forged Democratic unity to block the effort to remove the president, even while snoothing out all the procedural questions in cooperation with Lott.

When I asked Daschle about the high marks he gets from his colleagues, he shifted credit to his mentors, from the late Mo Udall of Arizona, who took Daschle under his wing during Daschle's eight years in the House, to George Mitchell, who made Daschle his Senate protégé.

He also said it helps to be from a small state like South Dakota. "I spend a few weeks every year, driving by myself through every county," he said. "It's engaging just to stop and watch the eagles and the buffalo. And I love to be there when the cafe opens at 6 a.m. and the guys come in for coffee, and we roll for who pays."

Next year will be harder, Daschle said, with no presidential veto to back him in his negotiations, and "no experience in how we work in a 50-50 Senate." Characteristically modest, he said, "I'm (Lott) and I may be able to agree, but we have to sell it to 98 others. Everyone is equal up here."

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Foreign ingredients go in our vats

Magic Valley is still one of the best places in the world to work and live. If you don't like it, then move. The agricultural zone is designated for farming. Retirement in the middle of a freeway is not advised.

Idaho agriculture faces a tough challenge. Our government is selling us down the river. Our senators and congressmen should be tried for treason. The Idaho dairy industry is in tough straits. Why? Over production? Not illegal imports of powder, cheese and butter smuggled into the United States unsuspected from mad cow disease European countries. Our government and our dairy departments are letting Third World ingredients be dumped into Magic Valley cheese vats producing 10 percent more cheese yield illegal fomenters. Dirty Dirk won't do anything about it. Tagonski says it ain't his responsibility. The attorney general won't

enforce the law.

Ten billion pounds of milk equivalent smuggled into the United States. This amounts to about 8 percent of the U.S. milk production. This violates the cheese factories' Grade A shipping licenses, which say they can't smuggle non-Grade A products around the United States. This also violated the Atlanta Center for Disease Control's five rules. The state patrol won't stop these illegal loads rolling through our ports of entry potentially carrying diseases and pesticides.

Idaho should have its own Boston Tea Party. Throw our government leaders in the Snake River. We should organize a strike in 2001. Otherwise, we will be wiped out. Thank God Gore did not have a chance to continue to cripple U.S. agriculture. Clinton, Gore and Mrs. Clinton should all be put in the same penitentiary cell. Birds of a feather should sit together. Keep up the good work, all you govern-

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ment and wolf hunters. Passive resistance is a powerful thing. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.
 JEROME FITZGERALD
 Shoshone

Businesses should close holidays

Christmas to me is filled with many happy memories. One thing that I always remember is that it was the one day that families got to be together. That was the day that we were not an emergency service. I closed to respect the sanctity of the holiday and the sanctity of the family.

I am deeply saddened, also more and more outraged each year, to see the growing number of retail businesses that feel they need to be open on Christmas Day. No matter what their excuse is to justify it, if they are not an emergency service, such as a hospital, they don't need to be open! To me, this is an open statement of greed. I hope, and I will bet, that their

overhead and payroll costs far exceed what they make in profits. But they will tell you they are here to be a convenience to their customers. I think this sends the wrong message to people also. They want to make people feel that they cannot survive without their store being there 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Some folks that have to work on this holiday for this type of business will also say they want to work. I believe that anyone who, given the opportunity to have Christmas Day off, couldn't find some way to enjoy the holiday in their own reminiscences of this day.

There is a deeper purpose to all of the reasons for businesses staying open on Christmas, and it isn't as superficial as greed. This isn't a religious speech, but I believe strongly that there is an evil force at work here. He knows that if he can interrupt any function of the family unit and destroy that sacred organization that

it will gain him the world.

My plea and Christmas wish to all is that we tell these retail businesses that we don't need them to be open on Christmas (by refraining from entering their doors). Then by doing so, we fight to retain this last bastion of our society, the strong family and its traditions.
 HAL CHRISTENSEN
 Jerome

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Neo-Nazis spew hate on American web servers to avoid restrictions

Let's face it, people can say some pretty stupid things on the Internet. And sometimes it can get offensive. Case in point: neo-Nazi hate sites.

These knuckleheads still believe in a perverted socialist philosophy and rule by an Aryan "master race." Worse, they want to spew this garbage to a larger audience than their buddies. They want a global audience. And the Internet provides the perfect medium.

The Washington Post recently reported that the German internet minister has identified almost 800 neo-Nazi Web sites located outside Germany. These sites are accessible to Germans and, therefore, in violation of its anti-Nazi speech controls. Regrettably, to snitch themselves from these German restrictions the glob-

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al skinhead gangs got smart and housed their sites on servers in the United States. Now the German government wants to do something about it: snitch the messenger. Germany's supreme court recently ruled that the country's anti-Nazi speech restrictions could be applied outside Germany within the borderless world of cyberspace. In other words, America. Now the German government wants to do something about it: snitch the messenger. Germany's supreme court recently ruled that the country's anti-Nazi speech restrictions could be applied outside Germany within the borderless world of cyberspace. In other words, America. Now the German government wants to do something about it: snitch the messenger. Germany's supreme court recently ruled that the country's anti-Nazi speech restrictions could be applied outside Germany within the borderless world of cyberspace. In other words, America. Now the German government wants to do something about it: snitch the messenger. 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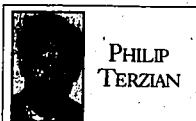
A New York mayor's sad odyssey

Late one evening, in the winter of 1966, Ed McMahon introduced "The Tonight Show" in his usual fashion: "Here's Johnny!" he exclaimed, as the stage curtains parted. But instead of Johnny Carson, out strode the new mayor of New York, 45-year-old John V. Lindsay. His delivery was slightly stilted, and the jokes no better than average; but viewers got the impression that a star, perhaps even a future president, had been born.

Lindsay was a tall, strikingly handsome, patrician Republican with a WASPish self-confidence not seen in New York politics since the days of Franklin Roosevelt. He had been elected mayor just a few months before in a memorable three-way race among a drowsy Tammany Democrat (Abraham Beame) and William F. Buckley Jr., editor of National Review. The Buckley candidacy was only a half-serious enterprise but the collapse of the old Democratic machine was serious business.

Lindsay's death the other day, in his 80th year, reminds us how much has happened during the intervening decades. By the end of his first four-year term, New York politics had been turned upside down. To say that, in the America of 1969, things had fallen apart and mere anarchy was loosed upon the world, would be an understatement. Four years later, Lindsay staggered out of office, to be succeeded by - Abraham Beame.

What happened? Well, obviously, the New York Republican Party of Lindsay's youth had been transformed, and he not only for-



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mally became a Democrat in 1972, but ran for president as a Democrat that same year. Both gestures were disasters. The year he left office (1974) was not too long before New York City hovered on bankruptcy; the bulk of the blame was showered on John V. Lindsay.

Lindsay was, essentially, a casualty of conventional wisdom. When he became mayor, the Great Society was in flood tide, and federal programs and cash were guaranteed to cure social ills. He proved singularly adept at funneling federal funds from Washington to the five boroughs, and jumped at the chance to play Father Bountiful.

The problem, of course, was that Lindsay's attention was effectively distracted from the bulk of his constituents, who were neither hippies nor black nor Hispanic.

And as we have since learned, some trillions of dollars later, an expanding welfare state is no substitute for economic opportunity or personal responsibility, and in fact, always makes things worse. One of those experts, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, has just retired from the Senate, full of age and honors. About the time things were going sour for Lindsay, the local AFSCME boss, Moynihan had the good sense to get out of the social-welfare business.

By the time Moynihan scraped into the U.S. Senate in 1976, poor Lindsay was exiled from New York politics, and Moynihan could beat the drum for his own discredited policies from the safety of the Senate chamber.

When Lindsay died last week, forgotten and impoverished in Hilton Head, S.C., Moynihan surrendered his seat to another expert in social policy, Hillary Rodham Clinton. And the beat goes on.

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Let all the girls play

Currently, I have a daughter attending the seventh grade. She is an above-average student, kind and attentive. She had been looking forward to finally being able to play basketball, learn the rules and develop her skills. Happily, she made the team, never missing a practice.

Recently, I had the opportunity to watch during tournaments. The first night, my daughter was finally brought in to play at the top of the fourth quarter for approximately two minutes (long enough for her replacement to catch her breath), then immediately taken back out of the game. The second night of tournaments, our team was playing the only team to which they had been defeated all season. As I watched, the game was very close and the girls were really playing their little hearts out - the same girls, the best players! Not once did the coach rotate the team so that some of the other less-experienced players were given the opportunity to participate.

After the game, I asked my daughter how that made her feel; you can imagine the response. She further commented that, at the practices, everyone would get to warm up but there were some of them who weren't always allowed to practice with the rest of the team. Excuse me! This is junior high. This is the time when each and every young adult should be given the opportunity and, most importantly, the instruction, support and encouragement to develop their potential and learn to work together as a whole team.

Unfortunately, it is going to take some intensive reinforcement to make this a reality.

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ment on my part as a parent to rebuild the self-confidence that has been stripped away by the self-serving acts of her coach. After the team's great victory, the coach did have a statement

to the team. "I know that some of you didn't get to play, but I really wanted to win." Need I say more?
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'2001': What went wrong, anyway?

Tonight, just on the cusp of 2001, you can watch the movie of the same name on cable's Turner Classic Movies channel.

You'll see orbiting earth colonies, deep-space voyages, outposts on the moon, a smart-alecky computer named Hal, gravity boots and cool silver-colored haberdashery—all conjured up by science-fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke for director Stanley Kubrick's 1968 film.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

Reality didn't turn out that way, of course, and I'm pretty bummed out about it.

On the brink of the real 2001, we're still stuck with internal combustion engines, polyester and Dick Clark, and even though the No. 1

best seller at the moment is about The Rapture, pretty much everybody knows earthbound.

In rough order of culpability, I blame The Jetsons, Al Gore and Darryl Hannah for that.

The Jetsons, of course, because they made living in the sky out to be a cartoon. George Jetson wasn't a captive of technology, he was a hostage—the kind of fellow who in the 20th century might have backed out of his garage before opening the door.

It strained credibility to believe that this man could pilot a space sled. Heck he'd drown in his own sonic shower first if there were any water.

Besides, what's the deal with Jane Jetson's hair? Al Gore shares the blame because he invented not only the Internet, but earth tones. Nobody who wears browns and tans and mauves exclusively is looking skyward.

And Darryl Hannah will never live down her turn as the blonde "replicant" in the futuristic fable, "Blade Runner." Guys who fell in love with her as a mermaid in "Splash" fell out of love with her as a cyborg. Better, I guess, Madonna today than menace tomorrow.

All which means, that as the year 2000 peters out, we're limited to Mir—the Yugo of space stations—Mars—the doomed satellites mining asteroids which, in the end, will collide with the earth and eliminate all life and most Sony PlayStations.

The last three missions of Mars have fizzled, and the only remotely sexy aspect of space exploration we've got left is the Hubble telescope snapping picture postcards of the Big Bang.

Clarke, who's still alive and 83, professes not to be disappointed with how things really turned out, but you gotta believe he's whistling past the graveyard. After all, he drew up the 21st century, and much of the rest of the world is still living in the 19th.

Kubrick was so upset with developments that he made "Eyes Wide Shut" and died.

As for Hal, the sinister computer, nobody's quite sure what he's up to. Actor Keir Dullea, playing the astronaut Dave Bowman in the movie, supposedly pulled the plug, but hard drive and memory aren't difficult to replace anymore. It's conceivable that Hal's still orbiting Jupiter in the space-faring equivalent of the SS Minnow, waiting to hijack "Star Wars Episode 2" and transform Jar-Jar Binks into a Republican presidential candidate.

As for the bone-tossing monkeys in "2001," you can find them in any college fraternity in the land on any given Friday night. But it's conceivable we've yet to discover that famous black slab buried on the moon—sort of a cosmic answering machine containing 4 billion years of interstellar phone messages.

One of them could be from E.T., but I doubt it. More likely, it's full of solicitations from Venusian telemarketers, trying to sell beachfront property on Mars.

Or maybe they concern the 19th century composer Richard Strauss, whose "Thus Spoke Zarathustra" provided the soundtrack to "2001" and a million subsequent car commercials—all without a nickel in compensation.

Strauss is currently dead, but his legacy is forever.

— Steve Crump is the Times-News features editor.

2000 IN PICTURES



Kaleb Davis, 13, plays some 'beer barrel volleyball' at Hub City Ag Days on a September Saturday afternoon in Wendell.

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Ron Dickenson of Elko, Nev., plays the bagpipe for the volunteer Shovel Brigade road crew, which was working on the remote South Canyon Road near Jarbidge, Nev. The brigade opened a short section of the road on July 4, but the dispute over the road remains embroiled in the courts.

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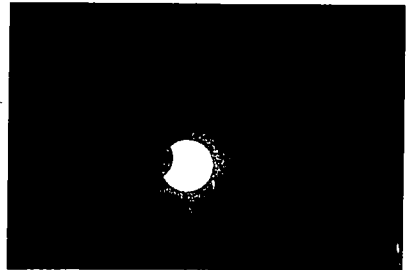
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Frank Thompson, an engineer with CH2M Hill Engineering, climbs into the 10-foot-diameter pipe that siphons the Lowline Canal through Rock Creek Canyon. Twin Falls Canal Co. is refurbishing the 95-year-old pipe over the winter.



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During a practice before the Sydney Olympics, Stacy Dragila was clearing the bar set within inches of her world record at 25-feet, 2.25 inches. The Pocatello resident did not set a new world record for the pole vault in Australia, but she did bring a gold medal to Idaho.



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The heavens put on a show in December—for those who could see it. The clouds parted just long enough on Christmas morning to offer a peek at a partial solar eclipse.



LOGAN CARTON/The Times-News

Bill Reesman flies a Russian MIG-17F over Shoshone Falls before performing at the Air Magic Valley 2000 Airshow. Reesman performed an acrobatic routine in the Russian fighter.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

New laws for 2001 range from drug coverage to teen drivers

By Robert Tanner
Associated Press Writer

The hangerover this New Year's Day might be a bit less painful for parents whose teens itch for the car keys, for seniors who struggle with prescription drug bills, and for many people and businesses trying to pay taxes.

New state laws should ease some worries as 2001 arrives on Monday. They tackle issues from sweeping social policy to day-old bread (which can now be donated to charities in Illinois without fear of civil liabilities).

There are tougher realities, too: a ban on certain flavored cigarettes in Illinois; the possibility of a year in jail for hunters in Minnesota who claim they're disabled to get better permits; a pornography czar in Utah (though none has yet been appointed).

States took steps on some of the thorniest issues facing the nation. Illinois, New York and Vermont now give seniors better drug coverage. Maine, the state that passed the most sweeping prescription drug assistance, was to have its law take effect Monday—except it is tied up in an industry lawsuit.

For seniors who do get help, the extra money goes a long way. "It helps a lot, it sure does," said Helen Donohue, 73, of Cumberland Head in upstate New York.

Missouri and Idaho will require teen drivers to study a bit longer before they can drive without adult supervision. And car insurance for all drivers will now be mandatory in Mississippi and Alabama. The only states that don't require auto insurance are Wisconsin and Tennessee.

New York cab drivers who saw a jump in killings this year will get more help from the government, through a new safety training program.

Family life didn't go unnoticed either: In Tennessee and Minnesota, divorcing parents can join a program to plan out how they will raise their children, in an effort to reduce acrimony and confrontation. Domestic violence victims in California cannot be fired for taking time to relocate or see a doctor.

And frustrating telephone calls from telemarketers are targeted by laws in Connecticut and Idaho, which let people join "call-free" lists and fine companies that call

them anyway. Some 18 other states have similar laws.

Tragedies spurred a number of actions: tougher assessment side regulations in Missouri, after a serious accident injured 13. A study of racial profiling among police in Tennessee. Crime victims in Georgia now get notified before their assailants are freed from prison.

On the environmental front, Colorado hopes to encourage communities to clean up contaminated areas by offering income tax credits to residents. New York will give tax credits to companies that build "environmentally sensitive" buildings; drivers in Georgia can get a tax credit if they purchase a low-emission vehicle.

Georgia also tackled campaign finance reform, but instead of limiting the money in political races, new contributors can double the amount they give to candidates running for office.

California increased its minimum wage by 50 cents, to \$6.25. (Another 50-cent hike comes in a year.) The state also made it a misdemeanor to make or sell cheap handguns, mandating safety devices and standards.

Coroner says burning stubble caused death

RATHDRUM (AP) — Kootenai County Coroner Robert West said that smoke from burning wheat stubble, not grass fields, led to the death of a 49-year-old Rathdrum woman in September.

West said that Marsha Mason's asthma attack was "triggered by the severe air pollution" from wheat field burning. He said that determination was made on Sept. 15, the day after Mason's death.

West said he was told by Department of Environmental Quality in September that smoke from wheat burning in Worley and Washington state exceeded that of grass field burning.

Initially, smoke from burning grass fields was attributed as the cause of Mason's death.

Michael Gersten, an air quality analyst with the Department of Environmental Quality, said he still believes grass burning was responsible.

"Smoke is smoke to an asthmer," he said.

Gersten said air quality readings taken in the Rathdrum and

Coeur d'Alene areas on Sept. 13 and 14 indicate that there were above-normal concentrations of grass smoke particles in the air.

Rathdrum Prairie grass grow-

ers burned 632 acres on Sept. 13, Gersten said. Another 5,890 acres were burned on the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Reservation that day.

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DEATH NOTICES

Jacquelyn A. Curtis
BURLEY — Jacquelyn Ann Curtis, 63, of Burley, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2000, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Burley First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dennis Stonem, officiating. Cremation was under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Edmund E. Stanger
BURLEY — Edmund Eugene Stanger, 83, of Burley, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Victor B. Cory
JEROME — Victor Bert Cory, 74, of Jerome, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at the Rexburg Nursing Center. Cremation and private family service will be held in California.

Kelvin B. Pyne
KUNA — Kelvin Barker Pyne, 49, of Kuna, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000, in Brawley, Calif.

of injuries sustained in an accident. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the old Kuna LDS Chapel.

A viewing will be held from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Relyea Funeral Chapel in Boise and one hour before the service on Wednesday at the church.

Ila S. Bott
RUPERT — Ila S. Bott, 84, of Rupert, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at the Minidoka Memorial

Hospital in Rupert. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Julia M. Jolley
RUPERT — Julia Madge Gardner Jolley, 89, of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Rupert, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, at her home in Las Vegas. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

SERVICES

Joyce Ethlyn Weller Libby of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; graveside service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Rockridge Cemetery in Sharon, Mass.

Velva E. McBride Rountt of Twin Falls and formerly of Burley, service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Aurora R. Gonzalez of Rupert, funeral Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the St.

Nicholas Catholic Church; rosary at 7 p.m. Monday at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Bernard "Ben" Lewis Egeler of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Demary's Gooding Chapel. Family and friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Monday at the chapel.

Eleanor B. Leforgee of Filer, memorial graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at Highland Park Cemetery in Kansas City, Kan. (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

OBITUARIES

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

BUHL



Joseph Lorus McMurdie
Lorus McMurdie, 95-year-old Buhl resident, passed away peacefully with family by his side Sunday, Dec. 24th, 2000, at Snake River Rehab in Buhl.

He was born Sept. 9th, 1905, in Paradise, Utah, the first born of ten children to Joseph and Sarah McMurdie.

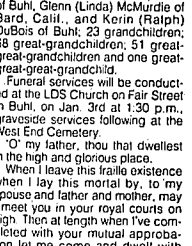
Lorus married Carrie Caley on July 20th, 1924, in the Logan Utah LDS Temple. They lived in Richmond, Utah, until 1926, they moved to Idaho and farmed in the Buhl and Castleford areas. Lorus and Carrie had six children. They retired from farming in 1967 and moved to Buhl where they spent their remaining years together and celebrated 60 years of marriage until Carrie's death in 1992.

Lorus loved fishing and hunting and his little dog "Goldie".

He was preceded in death by his parents, live brothers and one sister, his wife Carrie, his oldest daughter Gladys, and four grandchildren.

Lorus is survived by four daughters and one son, Clarice (Floyd)

FILER



Mickey Knight
Michael Frank Knight, 51, of Filer, passed away Wednesday, December 27, 2000, at his home. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 3, 2001, at the Filer Baptist Church.

Highway 30, Filer. Burial will follow at the Filer Cemetery. Viewing will be 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday, January 2, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Mickey was born January 18, 1949, in Twin Falls to Gene and Ethelle (Musgrave) Knight and was the oldest of three children. He was raised and lived his entire life in Filer. He joined the U.S. Army in 1967. He was stationed in Germany and was a Vietnam Veteran with a discharge in 1971. Later that year, he went to work for Bick Trucking. He has enjoyed driving for 28 years.

On January 28, 1973, he married Kathie Collins-Baltes in Elko, Nevada. He enjoyed vacationing in Mexico, camping, hunting and a wide variety of animals.

Mickey was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, son, grandson and brother. A friend to all, he never met a stranger. Mickey was loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but never forgotten. He had a positive outlook and a natural love of life. Life will forever have a void.

Mickey is survived by his wife of 27 years, Kathie of Filer; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Christine of Filer; a daughter, Becky of Moscow; a grandson, Jayme of Jerome; his mother, Ethelle of Boise; brother, Greg of Chicago; sister and brother-in-law, Frankie and Dave Edgar of Eagle, Idaho; and his beloved grandmother, Geraldine Musgrave of Filer. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Frank Musgrave in 1984, his son, Michael "Hippie" Knight in 1999 and his father Gene Knight in May 2000.

The family will greet friends after the service in the Fellowship Hall at the Filer Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Jayme Knight Trust Fund at any First Federal Bank. Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

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Brooks Bartholme uses a brush to clean a chimney on a house on Trotter Drive in Twin Falls. Bartholme, a student at the College of Southern Idaho, works part-time for Plow's Heating and Air Conditioning. Fire officials recommend periodic chimney cleanings to reduce the risk of fire. For more pictures, see B1

Political observer compiles list of influential Idahoans

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Longtime Idaho political observer Randy Stapilus last week released his 2001 list of the state's 100 most influential people.

- Here's the rundown of the list:
1. Dirk Kempthorne, Governor.
 2. Larry Craig, U.S. senator.
 3. Mike Crapo, U.S. senator.
 4. Phil Berger, Chief of staff, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.
 5. Steve Appleton, CEO, Micron Technology.
 6. J.R. Simplot, Retired, founder, J.R. Simplot, early backer of Micron Technology.
 7. Mike Simpson, U.S. House of Representatives.
 8. Robert Hoover, President, University of Idaho.
 9. Brent Coles, Mayor of Boise.
 10. Roy Eugene, Attorney and lobbyist, Boise.
 11. Bruce Newcomb, Burley Republican, Speaker, Idaho House of Representatives.
 12. Linda Copple Trout, Chief justice, Idaho Supreme Court.
 13. C.L. "Butch" Otter, U.S. House of Representatives.
 14. Bill D. Andrus, Former governor, former interior secretary.
 15. Duane Hagadone, Chief executive, Hagadone Corp., Coeur d'Alene.
 16. Bob Fick, Correspondent, Associated Press, Boise.
 17. Marilyn Howard, Superintendent of public instruction.
 18. Phil Batt, Former governor.
 19. Bernie Meyers, Chief executive, Bechtel BWXT Idaho, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.
 20. Trent Clark, Chairman, Idaho Republican Party.
 21. Helen Chenoweth-Hage, Former member, U.S. House of Representatives.
 22. Robert Geddes, President pro tem, Idaho Senate.
 23. Barbara Wilson, Regional vice president, Qwest Communications.
 24. Blake Hall, Attorney, Idaho Falls; national committee member, Idaho Republican Party; State Board of Education.
 25. Gary Michael, CEO, Albion's.
 26. J.D. Williams, State controller.
 27. Jack Buell, Benewah County Commissioner; trucking business.
 28. Daniel Eismann, Justice, Idaho Supreme Court.
 29. Greg Carr, Businessman, philanthropist.
 30. Stephen Hartgen, Publisher, Times-News.
 31. Gary Mahn, Director, Idaho Department of Commerce.
 32. Frank Vandersloot, CEO, Melaleuca, Idaho Falls.
 33. Dean Cameron, State senator, Rupter Republican, Co-chairman, Joint Finance Appropriations Committee.
 34. David Bednar, President,

Ricks College.

35. Karl Dreher, Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources.
36. Lynn Winmill, U.S. district judge.
37. Steve Ahrens, President, Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry.
38. Jeff Malmen, Chief of staff, U.S. Rep. C.L. Otter.
39. Charles Ruch, President, Boise State University.
40. Jerry Brady, Publisher, The Post Register.
41. Sandy Patano, Idaho chief of staff, Sen. Larry Craig, Coeur d'Alene.
42. Ed Davis, Superintendent, Boise School District.
43. Edward Lodge, U.S. district judge.
44. Ernie Stensgar, Chairman, tribal council, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Plummer.
45. Evan Frasure, State senator, Chairman, Senate Transportation Committee.
46. James Weatherby, Director, Public Affairs Program, Boise State University.
47. Bill Hall, Editorial page editor, Lewiston Morning Tribune.
48. Peter Morrill, President, Idaho State University.
49. David Tuthill, Adjudication chief, Idaho Department of Water Resources.
50. Patricia Kempthorne, First lady.
51. A.L. "Butch" Alford, Publisher, Lewiston Morning Tribune.
52. John Hoehne, Chief of staff, Sen. Mike Crapo.
53. Harry Magnuson, Businessman, Wallace.
54. Peter Morrill, General manager, Idaho Public Television.
55. Doug Armstrong, General manager, KTVB-TV, Boise.
56. Darrell Kerby, Mayor, Bonners Ferry.
57. Dan Popkey, Columnist, The Idaho Statesman.
58. Jon Marvel, Architect, environmental activist, Hailey.
59. Ed Dahlberg, Chief executive, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Boise.
60. Jack Riggs, State senator, Coeur d'Alene.
61. Frank Brunel, Majority leader, Idaho House of Representatives.
62. James Risch, Majority leader, Idaho Senate.
63. Carolyn Boyce, Chairwoman, Idaho Democratic Party.
64. Linda Milam, Mayor, Idaho Falls.
65. Beverly Cook, Administrator, federal Department of Energy, Idaho Falls.
66. Esther Simplot, Arts advocate and supporter.
67. Norman Semanko, Executive director, Idaho Water Users Association.
68. Michael Driscoll, Bishop, Boise Diocese, Roman Catholic church.

69. Al Lance, Idaho Attorney General.

70. James Spalding, Director, Idaho Department of Correction.
71. Charles Clark, Representative of president, Union Pacific Railroad.
72. John V. Evans, Executive, D.L. Evans Bank; former governor.
73. Roger Burdick, District judge, Twin Falls; presiding judge, Snake River Basin Adjudication.
74. Patty Nance, Idaho Democratic Party.
75. Bill Roden, Attorney and lobbyist, Boise.
76. Maxine Bell, State representative, Jerome Republican; co-chairwoman, Joint Finance Appropriations Committee.
77. Wendy Jaquet, Minority leader, Idaho House of Representatives. Ketchum Democrat.
78. Nancy Vanorsdell, President, Boise Chamber of Commerce.
79. Charles Fee, Artistic director, Idaho Shakespeare Festival.
80. Chris Meyer, Attorney, Boise.
81. Randy Steed, Construction executive, Eagle.
82. Ken Harward, Executive director, Association of Idaho Cities.
83. Laird Nord, State senator; chairman, Senate Resources and Environment Committee. Kimberly Republican.
84. Jim Casswell, Administrator, endangered species office.
85. Dolores Crow, State representative; chairwoman, House Revenue and Taxation Committee.
86. Betty Richardson, U.S. Attorney.
87. Chuck Cuddy, State representative.
88. Darrell Manning, State Board of Education; former executive in numerous agencies.
89. Ron Rankin, Commissioner, Kootenai County.
90. Dan Chadwick, Executive director, Idaho Association of Counties.
91. Alice Hennessey, Executive director, Idaho Community Foundation.
92. Sal Ceslaski, Consultant.
93. Skip Smyser, Attorney, Boise and Parma; lobbyist.
94. Celia Gould, State representative. Chairwoman, House Joint Judiciary Committee. Buhl Republican.
95. Owen Squires, Pulp & Paperworkers Resource Council, Lewiston.
96. Ross Borden, Legislative analyst.
97. Chuck Winder, Chairman, Idaho Transportation Board.
98. Jim Kerns, Labor organization.
99. Bethine Church, Democratic activist.
100. Elizabeth Green, Minister, Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Utility trailer flips on highway

The Times-News

HAZELTON - A utility trailer pulled by a pickup flipped over Saturday morning on eastbound

Interstate 84, blocking one lane of traffic for about an hour, the Idaho State Police said.

The trailer, pulled by David R. Hurtado of Rupert, 37, flipped

shortly after 10 a.m., the ISP said. The lane was blocked for a short distance near milepost 191.

Disaster request reaches Washington

The Times-News

RUPERT - An agriculture disaster area designation for Minidoka County rests with U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

Unfavorable weather hampered the best harvest in the county, and farmers lost close to \$3 million in beets.

At the request of county commissioners, Gov. Dirk J. Spohn asked for the disaster declaration on Thursday. If approved, the designation would give affected farmers access to low-interest loans.

These loans will help many area farmers who otherwise might not be able to recover from their financial losses, said Larry Harper, chairman of the Minidoka County commissioners.

"This certainly is a big economic factor in our community," he said.

John Schorr, the agricultural district manager for Amalgamated Sugar Co., estimated there are still roughly 33,000 acres of beets in the ground in Minidoka County.

Much of this is owned by five or six large farms, but there are about 20 other farmers with some land that they cannot harvest.

"They do need some help, one way or another," Schorr said.

Even if mild weather hits and the beets can be recovered, the lengthy stay in the frozen earth will have lowered their sugar content, Harper said.

If Glickman approves the designation, growers who suffered a loss of 30 percent or greater will be able to apply for loans to cover as much as 80 percent of their losses, said Dee Seamans, the county executive director for the Farm Service Agency.

Judge orders tribe compensation

BLACKFOOT (AP) - Eight Shoshone-Bannock tribal members have received checks from the federal government for the difference between what they wanted to lease their reservation land for and what the Bureau of Indian Affairs actually charged.

Even if mild weather hits and the beets can be recovered, the lengthy stay in the frozen earth will have lowered their sugar content, Harper said.

"I think it's important that we let other tribal members and the Fort Hall Business Council know that we are accomplishing something in our fight," Alliance Coordinator Ernestine Werelus said.

U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill ordered the payments after the bureau failed to meet his deadline of Dec. 31 for

ing in effect new regulations for carrying out the American Indian Agriculture Resource Management Act.

In their lawsuit, the tribal members claimed the bureau superintendent at Fort Hall violated the law and bureau policies by ignoring the landowners' minimum rent demand and leasing their lands to a local farmer for nine dollars less an acre without the owners' consent.

The arrangement with farmer John McNabb went on for two years before the land owners realized what had happened.

Appeals court overturns fetal tissue research ban

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A federal appeals court panel has ruled unconstitutional an Arizona law prohibiting the use of fetal tissue in medical research.

The decision Friday from the three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals wipes out the nation's last ban on such practices.

The 1984 Arizona statute was too vague for doctors to know what type of medical experimentation or scientific investigation

on aborted fetuses was illegal, the court said.

"Individuals must be given a reasonable opportunity to discern whether their conduct is proscribed so they can choose whether or not to comply with the law," Judge Mary M. Schroeder wrote for the court.

Similar laws have been overturned in Utah, Louisiana and Illinois. Congress lifted a ban on federally funded research using fetal tissue in 1993.

there are three dozen more in community work centers and another 150 in county jail cells.

The department wants \$11.6 million to add 400 beds to the women's prison; it is part of an overall \$50 million plan to add another 2,250 beds to the state system. The male population is over 5,700.

But expansion will take time - if it is approved - and the steady increase in the female inmate population will require the same kind of interim action the state had to take until its \$50 million, 1,250-bed prison for men opened

Seattle Times employees vote on negotiations

SEATTLE (AP) - Results were expected Saturday night from a second round of voting by striking Seattle Times employees on a contract offer their negotiators urged them to reject.

Employees of the jointly operated Seattle Post-Intelligencer approved their contract on Thursday.

The vote that could end the 5-week-old strike was scheduled to end at 7 p.m. Saturday, with results to be announced at 8 p.m. Many members of the Pacific Northwest Newspaper Guild said they expect rejection.

"I think it's a disgrace to the union," said Greg Neisinger, who works in the circulation department at the Times. "If we accept (the offer), I think it's a slap in the face."

Members of the Times' employee bargaining team unanimously recommended rejection of the

offer because of remaining return-to-work issues, including "favoritism showed to the people who crossed the line," said Ron Judd, Times sports columnist and Guild spokesman.

Times management has wanted to give priority in picking lines during the strike, while the Guild has demanded a system based on seniority. In addition, the Guild has demanded that all employees be rehired within 90 days, while The Times has offered rehiring within a year.

"I think the offer has a lot of room for improvement, but it's the back to work clause that is the deal breaker," Times circulation employee Bill Klein said.

Also voting on a separate contract offer Friday were 80 Times composing room employees represented by the Guild's parent union, the Communications

Overcrowded prison prompts cell search

last summer.

The new facility is already nearly full and it is only a matter of time before the state resumes sending male inmates out-of-state.

But for now, Carnopis said the state has been negotiating with private prison and jail operators in Nevada, New Mexico and Oklahoma to take 100 female inmates. The most likely destination is a lockup in Gallup, N.M., he said. The cost is still unknown.

The options, he said, are much more limited than they are for

housing male inmates. At its peak, Idaho had more than 700 male inmates housed in other states.

The warden of the women's prison sent a memo to inmates in September, Carnopis said, seeking volunteers to be sent out-of-state beginning in mid-January.

Prison officials are hoping inmates with no Idaho ties volunteer to limit the impact on Idaho families of the other inmates.

"We make every effort to optimize the impact on inmates in terms of family support," Carnopis said.

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Aluminum plants return power to grid

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) - Hydropower and an energy market dramatically altered in just five years have put the Northwest aluminum industry in a unique position to sell back electricity to the Bonneville Power Administration.

The federal power marketing agency can use the extra supply, faced with this winter's soaring electricity prices, California's power shortage and increasing regional demand.

Five years ago, it was a different story. BPA's rates were higher than market rates, and the aluminum companies were threatening to bolt.

BPA in Portland, Ore. "We negotiated to retain as much business as possible."

BPA was in danger of going bankrupt, Mosey said. One of the enticements the agency used was giving aluminum companies, under contract, the chance to resell power if they were forced to shut down production, something that occurred periodically because of low aluminum prices.

"They were taking a risk," Mosey said. "They had to pay us for power when they used it or not."

Then came the summer of 2000, when a California heat wave, a deregulated wholesale electricity market and unplanned generation outages, started driving up prices.

Kaiser Aluminum Corp. has said it can make more money - \$52 million - selling electricity back to the BPA than it can making aluminum, so it shut down its Mead smelter in Spokane.

"We went from being the high-priced supplier to being the low-priced supplier," Mosey said. "Had we anticipated that you'd be seeing 500-megawatt power on the market when we were charging \$23, we probably would have put a cap on how much revenue they could earn from a resale."

This week, Golden Northwest Aluminum, with two plants in the Columbia River Gorge, said it was reducing production to 10 percent and would sell back power to BPA.

"All the proceeds will stay in this region and will be used to assure the long-term survival of the communities and the company," said Brett Wilcox, chief executive officer at Golden Northwest.

Mosey said details were still being worked out, but the proposal calls for some of the revenue to be used to make the two aluminum plants energy self-sufficient by 2006 and for BPA to reduce costs for ratepayers.

"To his credit, Wilcox is trying to do something for the region, not just pocketing the revenue," Mosey said.

Kaiser and BPA are talking, said Kaiser spokeswoman Susan Ashe. "Those discussions haven't concluded. I would rather not get into details. We've got some ideas," she said.

Some Utah residents to celebrate New Year's early

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The state of Utah takes a lot of ribbing for being conservative, unhip and behind the times.

But on Saturday, some residents will be one step ahead of everyone else - they're celebrating New Year's Eve a day early.

"We're not going to have a countdown," said Mark Mortensen, organizer of Saturday's early-bird celebration in St. George. "We're not going to pretend like it's New Year's Eve. It's just a New Year's party."

Mortensen expects about 25,000 people at the celebration. He said staging the event on Sunday would have probably cut attendance in half and made it unprofitable.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has told members they can take part in "celebrations and other activities" on Saturday but must be home before midnight. The church is encouraging members to spend Sunday quietly at home with their families and other church members, and to take part in activities "appropriate for the Sabbath day."

Misdemeanor sentences

City of Twin Falls

Joel Solano, 33, 525 Adams, Twin Falls, driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$25 fine; 60 days' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Eric Vermon Muehl, 36, 2918 E. 3800 N., Hansen, domestic violence; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; uncollectible; 180 days' jail time; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Jeremy T. Larson, 20, 621 Grant Ave., Twin Falls, petit theft; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine, with \$500 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 365 days' jail time, with 180 days suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Curtis L. Muehl, 39, 3918 E. 3800 N., Hansen, false personation, pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, uncollectible; 180 days' jail time; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Kenneth Ray Biggers, 45, 595 Terry Court, Twin Falls, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine, with 12 months' probation; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Maria Hernandez, 43, 1287 E. 3600 N., Buhl, petit theft; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time, with 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

David Wayne Sheeler, 20, 3950 N. 2700 E., Filer, count 1, minor consumption; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; count 2, carrying weapon; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Davey Terrance, 24, 1329 Maple Lane, Boise; battery; pleaded guilty; \$150 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time, with 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Shannon Rachelle Brazill, 34, 4232 E. Twin Falls Road, Buhl, driving under the influence; amended to inattentive/careless driving; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine, with \$250 suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Brian Keith Busas, 32, 389 Van Buren, Twin Falls, battery; amended to disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Anne Marie Blunt, 27, 577 Jackson St., Twin Falls, use of possession with intent to cause harm; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine, with \$150 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time, suspended; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Daniel Huribut.

Nirk B. Bell, 20, 1748 West 16th, Burley; reckless driving; amended to inattentive/careless driving; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Lindsay A. Mullins, 20, 1892 Palmisero Circle No. B, Twin Falls; obstructing officer; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine, with \$63.50 court costs; 30 days' jail time, suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Ave. P, Twin Falls, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine, with \$500 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; 180 days' jail time, suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Angela J. Williamson, 25, 1311 Eighth Ave., Filer, harboring a vicious dog; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

James Allan Schrock, 51, 555 Highland, Creek Road, Poacellito, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine; \$78.50 court costs; 180 days' jail time, suspended; 90 days' driving privileges suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

James Allan Schrock, 51, 555 Highland, Twin Falls, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine, with \$78.50 court costs; 180 days' jail time, suspended; 90 days' driving privileges suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Joseph Britton Lilly Jr., 27, 870 Spring Hollow Circle, Twin Falls, domestic violence; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine, with \$63.50 court costs; 180 days' jail time, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Rayon Jones, 30, 323 1/2 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls, domestic violence; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, uncollectible; 365 days' jail time, with 230 days suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Ryan Jones, 30, 323 1/2 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls, domestic violence; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, uncollectible; 365 days' jail time, with 230 days suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Mary Elizabeth Jeffers, 55, 261 Quincy, Twin Falls, disorderly conduct; pleaded guilty; \$50 fine; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Ryan Gene Meyer, 22, 105 Monroe, Twin Falls, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$78.50 court costs; 180 days' jail time, with 170 days suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Victor Manuel Martinez, 31, 2785 N. 1300 E., Filer, driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

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Robert Parsons, 21, 2957 N. 2600 E., Twin Falls, driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine; \$78.50 court costs; 180 days' jail time, with 178 days suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

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Saul Garcia 17, 225 S. 400 W., Jerome; count 1, intimidating a witness; count 2, intimidating a witness; count 3, intimidating a witness; public defender appointed; in the custody of the juvenile detention center.

Christopher Odem, 17, 429 Fifth Ave. N., Twin Falls; requesting a place where drugs are known to be located; public defender appointed; pretrial January 12, released to parents in lieu of detention agreement, under strict house arrest.

Jennifer Burchin, 16, 320 S. Main Ave. Room No. 202, Twin Falls; requesting a place where drugs are known to be located; public defender appointed; pretrial January 12, released to parents in lieu of detention agreement, under strict house arrest.

Sonya Puljako, 16, 21323 Curry, U.S. Highway 30, Filer; requesting a place where drugs are known to be located; public defender appointed; pretrial January 12, released to parents in lieu of detention agreement, under strict house arrest.

Jonathan Dudley, 15, 3245 N. 1050 E., Castleford; possession of a weapon on school property; public defender appointed; pretrial January 12, released to parents in lieu of detention agreement, under strict house arrest.

Eric Hendrix, 15, 501 Boyd St. W., Murtaugh; grand theft; pleaded guilty; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Sonia, 15, 474 Highland Ave., Twin Falls; petit theft; pleaded guilty; 42 days' detention, suspended; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Christopher Fivecoat, 17, 148 Pheasant Road, Twin Falls; count 1, possession of marijuana; count 2, possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; 180 days' detention, 10 days' probation, 170 days' suspended; nine months' probation; 20 hours community service; shall submit to search and seizure; no association with any one on probation; shall not possess or use drug, alcohol, or any other intoxicating substance; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Michael Mendonca, 15, 344 Adams, Twin Falls; possession of a weapon by a minor; released to parents in lieu of detention agreement, under strict house arrest.

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Tax reduction could come this winter

BOISE (AP) - Personal income tax collections remained strong in November, padding an already record state surplus and potentially fueling hopes for a major income tax reduction this year.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has promised a new budget blueprint that balances tax relief with new investment in priority government programs. But he is also urging caution, citing the poor performance of the stock market in 2000 and the suggestions by President-elect George W. Bush that the nation is headed for a recession.

While optimistic that Idaho can avoid the near-depression it suffered in 1981 and 1982, Kempthorne said there is already evidence of an economic slowdown. Analysts, taking the same position, have cited flagging car sales and a poor holiday buying season.

"So I think it requires us to be prudent as we go forward," the governor said in a recent interview. The circumstances, he indicated, might mean his budget proposal will focus more than might otherwise be on nonrecurring proposals for both spending and tax relief.

Some have suggested that whatever amount of tax relief is proposed the bulk is in a rebate that can be adjusted in subsequent years rather than in permanent rate reductions that could leave the state facing deficits if recession strikes.

The new economic update from the Division of Financial Management showed tax collections for November running another \$2.3 million ahead of projections that had already been dramatically revised upward.

It pushes excess collections to more than \$24 million, and that is on top of the \$280 million more in revenue the state economy is generating than policy makers expected when they set the current budget and tax relief package nine months ago. About \$21 million of the combined amount is a windfall estate tax payment, possibly from the estate of businessman and philanthropist William Langrose and his wife, Glady. Mrs. Langrose died a year ago.

Individual income tax, which accounts for over half of all general revenue, was another \$3.3 million higher than expected in November and was running nearly 16 percent ahead of year-earlier collections. The administration was counting on just a 6.4 percent year-to-year increase.

The growth continued to be in paycheck withholding, a key indicator of the economy's underlying job strength. But administration economists pointed out that much of the increase is the result of bonuses, especially in the high-

technology sector. And there have been signs that they will not recur in the near future.

Hewlett-Packard Co. announced that its employees, including 3,000 in Idaho, will see no pay increases until at least April following sub-par financial performance last month.

And while the thousands of Micron Technology employees received bonuses this fall after the company posted record earnings over the previous year, its performance during the first quarter of its new fiscal year fell short of scaled back Wall Street expectations. Computer chip demand remained depressed.

Sales tax collections, which make up a third of total general revenue and reflect consumer confidence, essentially met expectations last month. Through November, revenue was running just over 5 percent ahead of a year ago.

under the influence, dismissed; one count misdemeanor driving without privileges, dismissed; one count possession of alcoholic beverages by minor, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Drunken-driving sentences

Joshua Jac Denton, 23, 501 E. 16th St., Rupert; misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, 57.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 25 days' suspension, six months' probation, three days' discretionary fine, six months' driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Felony sentences

Quintin L. Knapp, 25, 3227 Parke Ave., Burley; misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, \$113.50 court costs, 500 defendant fees, 30 days in jail, 27 days' suspension, one year probation, 90 days' driver's license suspension, credit for seven days served; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Criz J. Martinez, Jr., 38, 701 S. D St., Rupert; misdemeanor; driving under the influence, pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, 57.50 court costs, 90 days in jail, 80 days' suspension, 24 months' probation, 180 days' driver's license suspension, first 30 days absolute; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine, 57.50 court costs, 500 defendant fees, 30 days in jail, one year probation, six months' driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Felony dismissals

Trevor K. Eya, 28, P.O. Box 737, Victor; eight counts grand theft; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Felony sentences

Bartello Martinez, 36, 635 Miller Ave., Lewiston; one count possession of controlled substance, dismissed; one count theft by receiving stolen property, pleaded guilty; \$1,901.21 restitution due to victims, probation revoked, sentence re-imposed; District Judge J. William Hart.

Juvenile sentences

Marcela Umana Juarez, 17, 210 S. St., Rupert; two counts probation violation of a protection order; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Juvenile dismissals

Dallas S. School, 26, P.O. Box 4, Albion; misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, 37.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days' suspension, one year probation, six months' driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Felony sentences

Rodney Dean Hamilton, 37, 1459 Elba Ave., Burley; forgery; pleaded guilty; \$88.50 court costs, \$600 defendant fees, three years probation, 12 month' determinate penitentiary time, suspended, 24 months' indeterminate penitentiary time, suspended, \$295 restitution due to victims; District Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Felony sentences

Richard Cantu, 40, 20502 Fifth and F streets, Anacostia; one count drug misuse, dismissed; one count possession of a controlled substance, pleaded guilty; \$88.50 court costs, four days in jail, 30 months' probation, 100 restitution due to victims, time credited, withheld sentence; District Judge James B. Corbett.

Juvenile sentences

Stephanie Lynn Hansen, 17, 1888 Centre, Ala.; motor carriage, dismissed; pleaded guilty; \$263.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs. Del Ray Peters, 17, 600 Alamo Ave., Idaho Falls; failure to obtain valid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$25 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Juvenile sentences

Larry Nielsen, 18, 2418 N. Malad; failure to obtain over-size permit; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs. Phoenix, Ariz.; failure to stop at checking station; pleaded guilty; \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Juvenile sentences

Jack W. Malton, 20, 14601 Hansen Road, Maple Valley, Utah; failure to obtain over-size permit; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs. Dale Munton, 25, 1413 S. 2RD St., Marysville, Wash.; failure to obtain over-size permit; pleaded guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Juvenile sentences

Sean R. McPhie, 31, 5006 W. Westpoint Drive, West Valley, Utah; size of load violation; pleaded guilty; \$118 fine, \$63.50 court costs. Ronald L. Willis, 58, 1134 Elba, No. 8, Burley; driving without valid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, five days in jail, five days' suspension, one year probation, 90 days' driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Juvenile sentences

Roger Scott Timmons, 25, 521 16th St., Burley; obstructing officers to send guilty; \$0 fine, \$300 suspension, one year probation, 90 days in jail, two years' probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Juvenile sentences

Trinity L. Scott, 24, 219 E. Baseline, Burley; unlawful driving; pleaded guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Juvenile sentences

William Eric Milton, 18, 2413 Madison Ave., Twin Falls; petting while; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days' suspension, one year probation, \$450 restitution due to victims, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Juvenile sentences

Jimmy Joe Rojas, 20, 711 Centani Ave., Burley; possession of alcoholic beverage by minor; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days' suspension, 30 days' driver's license suspension, 30 days' probation, 90 days' driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Juvenile sentences

Cliff Glendon, 18, 447 W. 57th N., Burley; possession of alcoholic beverage by minor; pleaded guilty; \$50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 90 days' driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

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Diana M. Castillo, 28, 1956 19th St., Lewiston; unlawful driving; pleaded guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs. Artemio P. Rogel, 21, P.O. Box 47, Declo; driving without valid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$88.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Juvenile sentences

Joe L. Peterson, 47, 1171 E. 1000 S., Burley; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; \$86.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Juvenile sentences

Ramon C. Rodriguez, 32, 372 E. 750 W., Burley; misdemeanor; found guilty; \$200 fine, \$75.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days' suspension, one year probation, 180 days' driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Juvenile sentences

Deborah Martinez, 36, 635 Miller Ave., Burley; theft by receiving stolen property; pleaded guilty; three years' probation; District Judge J. William Hart.

Juvenile sentences

Jeremy R. Lyons, 20, P.O. Box 202, Rupert; possession of a controlled substance, pleaded guilty; \$88.50 court costs, \$250 defendant fees, 60 days in jail, treatment program, two years' determinate penitentiary time, suspended, five years' indeterminate penitentiary time, suspended, related sentence; District Judge J. William Hart.

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David Pather Herrera, 24, 302 E. 9th St., Rupert; two counts probation violation, pleaded guilty; \$1,901.21 restitution due to victims, probation revoked, sentence re-imposed; District Judge J. William Hart.

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Larry Nielsen, 18, 2418 N. Malad; failure to obtain over-size permit; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs. Phoenix, Ariz.; failure to stop at checking station; pleaded guilty; \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Juvenile sentences

Jack W. Malton, 20, 14601 Hansen Road, Maple Valley, Utah; failure to obtain over-size permit; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs. Dale Munton, 25, 1413 S. 2RD St., Marysville, Wash.; failure to obtain over-size permit; pleaded guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Juvenile sentences

Sean R. McPhie, 31, 5006 W. Westpoint Drive, West Valley, Utah; size of load violation; pleaded guilty; \$118 fine, \$63.50 court costs. Ronald L. Willis, 58, 1134 Elba, No. 8, Burley; driving without valid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, five days in jail, five days' suspension, one year probation, 90 days' driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Juvenile sentences

Roger Scott Timmons, 25, 521 16th St., Burley; obstructing officers to send guilty; \$0 fine, \$300 suspension, one year probation, 90 days in jail, two years' probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Juvenile sentences

Trinity L. Scott, 24, 219 E. Baseline, Burley; unlawful driving; pleaded guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Juvenile sentences

William Eric Milton, 18, 2413 Madison Ave., Twin Falls; petting while; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days' suspension, one year probation, \$450 restitution due to victims, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Juvenile sentences

Jimmy Joe Rojas, 20, 711 Centani Ave., Burley; possession of alcoholic beverage by minor; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days' suspension, 30 days' driver's license suspension, 30 days' probation, 90 days' driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Juvenile sentences

Cliff Glendon, 18, 447 W. 57th N., Burley; possession of alcoholic beverage by minor; pleaded guilty; \$50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 90 days' driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Juvenile sentences

William Eric Milton, 18, 2413 Madison Ave., Twin Falls; petting while; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days' suspension, one year probation, \$450 restitution due to victims, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Juvenile sentences

Diana M. Castillo, 28, 1956 19th St., Lewiston; unlawful driving; pleaded guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs. Artemio P. Rogel, 21, P.O. Box 47, Declo; driving without valid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$88.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Juvenile sentences

Joe L. Peterson, 47, 1171 E. 1000 S., Burley;

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Boise physician learns a lot on trips to the Third World

Internists teaches future doctors

BOISE (AP) - When we last caught up with Boise physician Roger Roos, he had just come back from a volunteer tour of duty teaching medicine in Uganda in January 1998.

Now the globe-trotting internist with St. Luke's Internal Medicine has headed for a hospital in New Zealand. This trip is not a month in a poor country, as in Africa, but a year-long job that again affords Roos an opportunity to heal people and train doctors.

While New Zealand is a first-world country, the majority of the patients of Tauranga Hospital in the country's North Island are Maoris. They are a Polynesian people many of whom don't have access to other medical care, Roos said. It's a situation that belies the location of the city of Tauranga on the Bay of Plenty.

The 400-bed hospital has only a fraction of the cardiologists and other specialists with St. Luke's and far less diagnostic equipment. The nearest MRI machine is a 90-minute drive away.

Roos, 56, a physician for 30 years, will help young doctors diagnose difficult cases, make morning rounds with them on new patients and conduct lectures. And while he will be the physicians' consultant and adviser, he will learn as well under conditions of limited resources.

"For me it's more of a learning experience than a teaching experience," he said. "It honours your



Dr. Roger Roos examines patient Margo Trieber early this month at his Boise office.

skills."

For Roos and his wife, Kathy, who will accompany him, the job is yet another opportunity to learn about a different way of life.

Kathy Roos was president of the Land Trust of the Treasure Valley, a group that seeks to pre-

serve open space, and narrowly lost an 1996 race for state representative.

She hopes to teach environmental studies at Tauranga University. She said she and her husband really enjoy the adventure of new places.

"We need to take opportunities

as they present themselves," she said. At the Mulago Hospital in Kampala, Uganda, two years ago, where Roger Roos taught medical students and young doctors, he was struck by the paucity of resources compared with the United States.

"It really changed me to realize

we are so fortunate," he said. "It's a quantum leap most people can't imagine."

Roos also has been an emergency room physician in American Samoa and a staff physician in Guam, and served as a Air Force medical officer in Puerto Rico, among other posts.

'For me it is more of a learning experience than a teaching experience'
-physician Roger Roos

A graduate of the University of Southern California Medical School, he's been a staff physician with St. Luke's Internal Medicine since July 1995.

"He's a major loss to us," said Dr. Roger Stagg, the clinic's medical director. "He's a superb physician. I wish the guy didn't have such a wanderlust."

But Roos plans to return to Boise in a year, although he may not resume a full practice but instead cover for other physicians at St. Luke's. That would enable them to take sabbaticals for two or three months, Stagg said.

By then, the Roosess, who have two grown children out of the home - both pursuing Ph.D.s - expect to have learned much from another culture.

Roger Roos said the United States "doesn't necessarily have the handle on the best way to live, to relate to the environment and to raise a family."

He contrasted what he called the high-pressure, fast-track, money-accumulating life of many Americans with that of residents of slower-paced, less-affluent societies.

"We sometimes forget important things like family relationships and community," he said.

In fact, with only a small stipend, he says the Roosess will be lucky to break even financially.

Traction ties beads with prayer

SPALDING (AP) - "In the way I was taught," said Alan Durst, carefully laying one bright bead against the next, "each bead I placed together, each stone I string, those were prayers."

And each prayer goes to the person who wears it. The necklaces and earrings, buckles and bags he and his wife, Martha Durst of Kamiah, had at the Beadwork Bazaar at the Nez Perce National Historical Park at Spalding are all made that way, he said.

"When I'm beading, I'm praying that whoever this goes to, it will be good medicine to them, that it will call out to them for whatever their needs is."

He watched the shopper who fingered each string of carefully arranged beads and animal figures, finally selecting one of the first she had picked up.

"People always go back to the same one. It's those stone people saying there's something I can help. So when it calls to you, you've got to listen."

People are skeptical about stones having medicine, but looked at from a scientific perspective, people are electrical and resonate in certain ways, just as stones do, Durst said.

"So it's only logical that when they come together these two frequencies have some effect on each other. I believe strongly in what I do."

Durst is Cheyenne and his wife is Nez Perce. He was born in Colorado and came to Idaho with his mother. He had some bad times, drinking and such, before he went back to the old ways that include the beading taught to him by his Cheyenne grandmother. It helped him spiritually, he said.

Selling a pair of beaded eagle earrings it took him five hours to make for \$22 won't make him rich, "but it's gone a long way in helping me in my own recovery and my own growth."

Now, in addition to his own designs that he says frequently come to him in dreamtime from his grandmother, he hopes to help spread traditional work to younger people. He and his wife sell their creations under their business name, Grey Owl Crafts, on the Internet and he hopes now to help Nez Perce tribal elders market some of their crafts if he can obtain money for computers and scanners.

"That's the only way I think we're going to be able to save some of this stuff, is to make a little money," he said.

Some of the old crafts like the corn husk and pine needle bags are made almost exclusively by the elders, but if kids can see it has a monetary as well as traditional value they are more likely to want to learn, he believes.

Ronald Wheeler, a young Nez Perce who lives at Lewiston, already is combining tradition with his own art forms that were carefully arranged on one of the bazaar tables.

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A Community of Caring

At Kootenai Medical Center the humor is contagious

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The plastic colostomy bag hanging from Betty Mills' middle after surgery was good for one thing, as far as she was concerned. A goldfish.

"She slipped the shiny little fellow into a sealed plastic bag, then inserted him into the front panel of the clear colostomy bag that held fluids while she healed."

The medical community howled.

"She's always been goofy. Now it's legit," said Dina Hourllant, laughing. She's Betty's adult daughter.

Betty's comical approach to life grew in importance three years ago when Kootenai Medical Center invited clowns into its halls. Former nurse Bev Toelle suggested the hospital try humor to elevate patient spirits and escalate healing.

The Mirth Corps was born. Betty worked at KMC and was among dozens of volunteers who trained as hospital clowns. Nurse Marian Wilson started a humor cart stuffed with funny and uplifting videos, games, puzzles

and music. Dina brought fuzzy dogs to entertain the patients.

Giggles invaded usually somber hallways. Patients complained less while they were entertained.

"They don't ask for as much pain medication and don't call us as often," said Marian, who works in the oncology ward. Cheerier patients were expected, but the effect on staff was a bonus. On-duty workers smiled and laughed more.

Workers who doubled as clowns benefited as if they were in therapy.

"The staff needs it more than the patients," said Vicki Ball, who works in medical records. Clowning was an outlet for the volunteers. Orange wigs, red rub-

ber noses and baggy pants allowed them to express themselves creatively.

Betty naturally clowned and that talent helped her survive illness, family death and crippling pain. KMC's move into humor relaxed her more at a job she already loved. It also inspired her to clown in public outside work.

Her character, Fanny, is a busy-body with a saggy chest and bottom and a teacup on a chain around her neck. Fanny occasionally surprises Betty when she's not in costume.

Betty was attending a performance at North Idaho College recently as herself. A woman nearby complained about how hot she was and Betty slipped into Fanny mode without thinking.

"I said, 'Say honey, you don't smell too bad for a hot girl,'" Betty said, with a bleak smile.

"She laughed, but I apologized. I couldn't believe I said that."

"We needed humor so badly here," Betty said. "Every one of us gains more than we give the patients."

Idaho man memorializes fading timber industry

PERCE (AP) — Robert Allen, unfortunately, is a man ahead of his times.

Little did he know, when he started thinking about building a logging museum, that the product of his dream would become the recipient of a dozer award.

Nor did Allen think he'd receive an award of the kind bestowed upon him by the Idaho State Historical Society.

"I thought I was going to get a piece of paper with a frame around it." Instead, Allen was given a cut glass trophy that promises to survive anyone's test of time.

"This will be forever," he said, holding the prize in his hands.

Allen, a retired Potlatch Corp. employee, was recently honored by the Idaho State Historical Society as a recipient of the annual Esto Perpetua Award. He was named as founder and curator of the J. Howard Bradbury Memorial Logging Museum here.

"I packed plunder home for years," Allen said of his propensity to collect old logging equipment ranging from chainsaws and misery whips (two-man hand saws) to hand axes and peavers. "I don't think I was stealing it. I was saving his life."

But Allen didn't simply collect artifacts. He orchestrated the moving of what is known as the Bert Curtis Cabin from its original site at the Clearwater-Potlatch Timber Protective Association headquarters to the town of Headquarters, and then finally to Perce. Within and around the cabin, the museum has grown until it is now one of the biggest tourist draws in the community.

"I think it's in better shape than it ever was," Allen said.

Allen worked in the woods around Perce and Headquarters for 30 years. He spent more than a decade as a dozer operator and about 25 years as a construction foreman. He retired in 1985.

His sister, Alexandra Davis of Kamiah, nominated him for the award. And his wife, Jeanette, has helped him with the collection of artifacts.

"I didn't call it that," she said. "I called it junk."

Bradbury was a logging superintendent at Headquarters and Allen said he wanted to pay tribute to the man.

Having worked in the woods under Bradbury during logging boom times, Allen said he also witnessed the beginning of the logging industry's downturn.

"In the latter years, it was my job to keep the roads open," Allen said. By that time, he also assumed the responsibility of preserving what remained of the work he and his people had done.

"I thought I better get up off my hind end and move it to Perce," he said of the Curtis Cabin.

Potlatch Corp., by the mid-1980s, was slowly closing Headquarters and burning buildings in the wake of the shutdown. So Allen, with the help of volunteers, lifted the old cabin from its foundation for the second time and moved it to Perce.

"Nobody actually supported it," Allen said of the initial response to moving the cabin again.

But the financial wherewithal to purchase property and cover costs was eventually realized and the cabin, with so much of the region's history secure inside, now rests on Main Street of a town crippled by continuing downturns in logging. The building was dedicated in 1992.

"Anytime I need help now, I always get it," said Allen. "But I like to work alone, I always did."

Two sheds have also been erected as part of the museum and house a number of items, including antique chainsaws, a forge and bellows and other tools used to keep logging equipment in working order. The museum remains closed during the winter months, unless Allen is notified in advance. Then he'll meet people or groups wishing to step back in time.

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DENVER — Early contract discussions initiated by the Colorado Rockies with first baseman Todd Helton have raised the possibility of a 10-year extension.

Helton, 27, has two years left on a four-year contract that pays \$4.95 million next season and \$5 million in 2002. A 10-year extension could amount to a lifetime contract.
"It could go that far with options," said Rockies general manager Dan O'Dowd. "But we have Todd for three more years — two under contract and another year of arbitration — so there's no real sense of urgency on our part. We're working on it, but I'm not going to add pressure to the situation by putting a deadline on it."

Olson takes coaching leave because of wife's illness
TUCSON — Arizona basketball coach Mike Olson began an anticipated leave of absence Saturday to spend more time with his cancer-stricken wife.

Olson revealed the move only 90 minutes before the No. 12 Wildcats played Mississippi State in the Bank One Fiesta Bowl classic championship game.
Three weeks ago, Olson stayed home with Bobbi Olson, his wife of 47 years, while his team traveled to Storrs, Conn., to play Connecticut, missing a 71-69 loss to the Huskies.
Bobbi Olson is battling ovarian cancer.

Bengals lose to S. Utah in overtime at Holt Arena
POCATELLO — Southern Utah's Jason Baker hit a three-point shot with 2:10 left in overtime to lead the Thunderbirds to a 67-63 win over Idaho State Saturday night.

The shot gave the Thunderbirds (83) a 61-58 lead that they didn't give up. Southern Utah had trailed as many as a dozen points in the first half but used a 16-4 run late in the game to force the overtime. Idaho State (46) had a chance to win in regulation but Doug Silva missed a free throw with four seconds left.
Former JSU player Justin Sant and Fred House both had 15 to lead Southern Utah. Idaho State was led by Tim Erickson with 15 points.
Idaho State next plays Jan. 5, next Friday night, at Santa Clara, Calif.

Correction

A year-end feature in Saturday's paper incorrectly listed the order of finish at the Class A-4 high school girls' state all-championships last May.
Murtaugh High School's Raegen Widmair fired a 45-47-92 for first place, Emily Bedke shot a 47-49-95 to take second, and Declo's Kristi Payne carded a 49-49-97 for third.
The Times-News regrets the error.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: Rudyard Kipling.

Saints' voodoo ends Rams' run

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Saints got a celebration and a scare, a history-making victory over the defending Super Bowl champs that felt like Mardi Gras, New Year's Eve and Halloween all wrapped up in one.
Aaron Brooks threw three of his four touchdown passes to Willie Jackson, and the Saints held off a huge fourth-quarter rally by St. Louis for a 31-28 win Saturday, the first playoff victory in their 34-year history.

"I feel the same as every other fan out there," owners Tom Benson said. "It's so exciting, so different than we've been accustomed to."

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New Orleans Saints wide receiver Willie Jackson celebrates after catching a touchdown during the second half of the Saints' NFC wild-card playoff game against the St. Louis Rams Saturday.

Record rushing overwhelms Colts in OT

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Lamar Smith carried the ball an NFL-record 40 times. He carried cornerback Jeff Burris into the end zone for the winning score in overtime.

And when jubilant Miami coach Dave Wannstedt jumped on his back as they headed for the locker room, Smith carried him, too.
Smith rushed for 209 yards, including a 17-yard touchdown run in overtime, and the resilient Dolphins rallied past the Indianapolis Colts 23-17 in an AFC wild-card playoff game Saturday.
"Everyone got their money's



Miami running back Lamar Smith celebrates his first touchdown against the Indianapolis Colts at Pro Player Stadium in Miami Saturday. Jay Fiedler overcame three first-half interceptions to lead a comeback from a 14-point deficit. Please see MIAMI, Page C4

RIVALRY WIN

Bruins take tough win over cross-river rival

By Holly Kayt Times-News writer

JEROME — Following tradition, Saturday's Twin Falls-Jerome high school boys' basketball matchup was a close one.
The two schools have a long-standing rivalry, but the Bruins once-upon-a-time defeated the Tigers with a 58-48 win in Jerome's gym.
"They played us tight," said Twin Falls senior Justin Heatwole. "They always did. They're competitive and like to play hard against Twin."

Both teams had a shaky first quarter, but the Bruins (62 overall, 2-1 in conference) hit big shots when they were needed for the nonconference win.
"They found a secret formula and went to it," said Twin Falls coach Dan Vogt. "Even though I don't think we played our best, they found a recipe and put it together and that's what good teams do."

Senior Colt Jones started the night for Twin Falls by sinking two free-throws and a short jumper to put the Bruins up 4-0. But Ben Lammers answered with two jumpers to even the score about four minutes into the game.
Twin Falls scored again but the Tigers answered to end the quarter at 9-7.

In the second, both teams came to life. Bruin Brett Kleinkopf drained a 3-pointer at the start of the period for a five-point Twin Falls lead.
Jerome's Brent Stokes replied with the first of his 11 second-quarter points, and the Tigers continued to play catch-up until a Stokes 3-pointer evened the score at 16-16 with under four minutes left in the half.

Geoff Barnum had two key layups to put Twin Falls ahead again and Heatwole came out a huge 3-pointer as the buzzer rang to give the Bruins a mental edge and the 29-20 lead going into the break.

"Justin had a really nice floor game tonight," Vogt said. "He had some big shots. He did a nice job for us."

The Bruins held their lead throughout the third. Jerome came within two when Travis Hlatt pulled down an offensive rebound and put it back, making it 32-30. But Twin Falls pulled away again on a couple of shots from Heatwole and seniors Brian Keith and Brandon Nielsen.
"We missed seven shots inside the paint and that was kind of the difference in the game," said Jerome coach Larry Walker. "It was a great physical game on both sides, but the thing that hurt us the most was our outside shooting."

Going into the fourth, the Tigers trailed 39-33 and couldn't get any closer than four points



Twin Falls High School's Geoff Barnum goes in for a layup over the Tigers' Niel Hlatkoff Saturday evening in the Bruins' 89-48 win.

throughout the remainder of the contest.
Jones opened up again in the last quarter, scoring seven points, and Nielsen added four of his team-high 15 points.

Twin Falls led by just four with two minutes on the clock, but Jerome started fouling and the Bruins ran the score up from the free-throw line.
The Tigers (0-9 overall, 0-2 in con-

ference) host Division II Blackfoot Thursday. The Bruins travel to Eastern Idaho to face Madison Friday and Idaho Falls Saturday.

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Eagles enjoy happy returns

Suspended post rejoins lineup in blowout

The Times-News

PRESCOTT, Ariz. — With the end of the year fast approaching, Saturday afternoon brought a pair of happy returns to the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team.

A return to the win column, and the return — as temporary as it may prove to be — of an old acquaintance.

Six-foot-2 freshman Belinda Stubbs, suspended for the remainder of the season two weeks ago for violating team rules, suited up for the second half of Saturday's game against Gogebic Community College and aided in the Golden Eagles' 91-61 dismantling of the Lady Samsons at the Wells Fargo Lady Roughriders Holiday Classic.

Southern Idaho head coach Kendall Grant said he allowed Stubbs to play when reserve freshman guard Crystal Harcastle, who scored five points before

intermission, offered to ride the second-half pine in her place.

After spending the first two-and-a-half days of the tourney in street clothes, Stubbs made the most of her impromptu reinstatement by grabbing eight rebounds.

"The suspension was still being served (Saturday), but by someone else," Grant said.

Saturday's win kept the Golden Eagles out-of-conference record unblemished at 10-0. But including Friday's loss to Region 18 rival Eastern Utah, CSI is 0-3 against conference opponents this season.

(though Friday was a non-conference in the Scenic West standings).

The next conference test for Grant's charges arrives next weekend, when they make a crucial road swing into Utah to play Snow and Dixie State colleges.

Whether Stubbs' considerable inside presence will be available for the trip remains to be seen, but the Golden Eagles have yet to win a conference game without a post taller than six feet in the lineup. Six-foot sophomore center

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Big Red rout



Nebraska fans Chris Andersen, right, and Dan Marsh cheer the Cornhuskers to a 66-17 rout of Northwestern at the Alamog Bowl in San Antonio, Texas Saturday.

Huskies take it to stunned Northwestern

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Dan Alexander ran for 240 yards as No. 9 Nebraska set a bowl scoring record with a 66-17 victory over No. 18 Northwestern on Saturday night in the Alamog Bowl.
Eric Crouch ran for two

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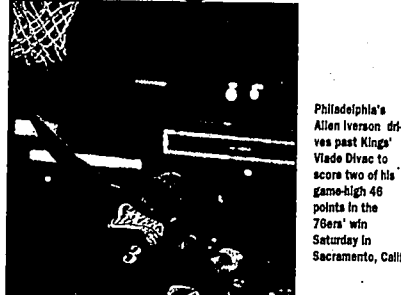
touchdowns and threw for two more scores to help the Cornhuskers (10-2) break the bowl record set by Texas A&M in a 65-21 victory over Virginia in the 1990 Holiday Bowl. Nebraska's previous bowl high came in a 62-24 victory over Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl.

The Huskies, who were Please see ALAMO, Page C2

SPORTS

Sixers shun Kings in OT Mario stays super in win over Sens

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Allen Iverson scored 46 points with a whirling array of layup shots, and Aaron McKie had a triple-double, hit a 3-pointer to break a tie with 39 seconds left in overtime as the 76ers earned the NBA's best record...



Philadelphia's Allen Iverson drives past Kings' Vlade Divac to score two of his game-high 46 points in the 76ers' win Saturday in Sacramento, Calif.

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Mario Lemieux had a goal and three assists to become the 10th NHL player with 1,500 points and helped Jaromir Jagr reach 1,000 points by setting up his two goals, as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Ottawa Senators 5-3 Saturday night...



Penguin Mario Lemieux, left, celebrates with teammate Rene Corbet after getting an assist on Jaromir Jagr's goal against the Senators in Pittsburgh on Saturday. Lemieux's pass to Jagr gave him his 1,500th career point.

The game matched the teams with the NBA's best records entering January, but the 76ers (21-8) jumped ahead early with a blistering first quarter and never trailed the Kings (20-8) despite several nip-and-tuck minutes in regulation and a tense overtime.

McKie had 19 points, 14 assists and 10 rebounds in Philadelphia's first win at Arco Arena in 11 years.

Sonics 104, Hornets 100 SEATTLE - Vin Baker hit a buzzer-beating jumper to lead the Seattle SuperSonics.

Baker scored eight of his 15 points in the final 3:22, capping it with a 19-foot shot that bounced off the rim and two off the backboard before falling through the net just as the buzzer sounded.

Rockets 114, Mavericks 99 DALLAS - Steve Francis had 22 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists as Houston snapped a season-long losing streak.

Curtino Mobley had 20 points, Shandon Anderson scored 15 and Kenny Thomas added 14 points and 13 rebounds for the Rockets, who beat the Mavericks for the 16th time in their last 18 meetings.

Maglc 95, Celtics 90 BOSTON - Pat Garrity hit a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 50 seconds left and John Amaechi scored 23 points as Orlando beat

Boston. Garrity's shot broke a 90-all tie as the Magic snapped a five-game losing streak in Boston.

Knicks 88, Wolves 79 MINNEAPOLIS - Allan Houston scored 27 points in his return to the New York Knicks.

Houston scored eight points down the fourth-quarter stretch, including a critical jumper with 50 seconds remaining. Houston played in 25th consecutive games before being sidelined by a stomach virus Friday night at Chicago.

Heat 110, Pistons 102, OT AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Tim

Hardaway had 19 points and 11 assists, and Eddie Jones scored 23 points to lead Miami to an overtime victory over Detroit.

Anthony Mason added 20 points, 18 after halftime, and 10 rebounds, while Brian Grant had 16 points and 14 rebounds for Miami.

Spurs 89, Pacers 77 INDIANAPOLIS - San Antonio reserve Malik Rose had 20 points and 13 rebounds, and the Spurs shut down the Indiana Pacers' top scorers.

Road was 8-of-13 from the field and made 8-of-10 free throws for San Antonio, which snapped a two-game road losing streak.

Maple Leafs 4, Panthers 1 SUNRISE, Fla. - Sergei Berezin scored two goals as Toronto snapped its two-game losing streak.

It was the first loss for new Panthers coach Duane Sutter, who won his debut Friday night, 3-0 over Boston.

Terry Murray was fired Thursday along with his general manager Bryan Murray.

Sabres 2, Islanders 0 UNIONDALE, N.Y. - Martin Biron stopped 15 shots for his first shutout of the season, Denis Hamel had a short-handed goal, and Eric Rasmussen scored into an empty net for Buffalo.

The shutout was Biron's sixth in 57 NHL games.

Oilers 3, Canadiens 2, OT EDMONTON, Alberta - Doug

Weight beat Joe Theodore with a wrist shot 1:49 into overtime and Edmonton overcame a two-goal deficit to win.

Igor Ulanov and Rem Murray scored in the second period for the Oilers. Brian Savage scored two power-play goals for Montreal.

Capitals 6, Flyers 3 WASHINGTON - Steve Konowalchuk scored on a rebound of his own shot to break a 3-3 tie and highlight a four-goal final period for Washington.

Konowalchuk got the rebound after he missed on a breakaway, and flipped the puck behind Brian Boucher with 7:25 left.

Lightning 1, Bruins 1 TAMPA, Fla. - Dan Cloutier made 33 saves in a rare start for Tampa Bay.

Cloutier (2-7-3) made his first start since a 3-1 loss at Anaheim on Dec. 17. His last victory was a 3-0 shutout of Detroit on Dec. 2.

Blues 2, Coyotes 1 ST. LOUIS - Chris Pronger had two assists and Brent Johnson made 18 saves as St. Louis won for the ninth time in 11 games.

Claude Lemieux scored for the Coyotes, who had earned at least one standings point in eight straight games.

BASKETBALL

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New Orleans 31, St. Louis 28
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Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 2 p.m. (FOX)
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
New Orleans at Minnesota, 10:30 a.m. (FOX)
Miami at Oakland, 2 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 7
Baltimore at Denver at Tennessee, 10:30 a.m. (CBS)
Philadelphia or Tampa Bay at New York Giants, 2:15 p.m. (FOX)

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Sunday, Jan. 14
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Young legs



Denver Broncos running back Mike Anderson offers a Mile High Salute to fans after a second-quarter touchdown run against the 49ers quarter last week.



Baltimore's Jamal Lewis pushes through Arizona's Ronald McKinnon Dec. 17 at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz.

Two top rookies face off in Baltimore

DENVER (AP) — As the fifth pick in the 2000 draft, Jamal Lewis received a multimillion dollar contract and was asked to meet the expectations associated with his first-round status.

Lewis, 5-11 and 231 pounds, ran for a Baltimore single-season record 1,364 yards and caught 27 passes for 286 yards, while starting 13 of 16 games.

Baltimore illustrated its confidence in Lewis by giving him a six-year, \$35.3 million contract that included a \$5.5 million signing bonus.

As the 189th pick, Mike Anderson received a modest contract and was asked to play the role of a fire extinguisher.

Anderson, 5-7 and 211 pounds, ran for a Baltimore single-season record 1,364 yards and caught 27 passes for 286 yards, while starting 13 of 16 games.

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Their roads will intersect today when Anderson and the Denver Broncos (11-5) travel to Baltimore to face Lewis and the Ravens (12-4) in an AFC wild-card game.

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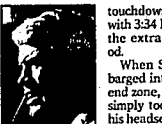
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Mora misses out on playoffs again

MIAMI (AP) — Jim Mora was sure — a jinx did not beat him, the Miami Dolphins said.



Jim Mora

Mora fell to 0-6 in postseason play when his Colts lost to Miami 23-17 in overtime Saturday in an AFC wild-card playoff.

Wannstedt. No excuses, no apologies.

Mora is the only coach in NFL history to win at least 100 regular season games and not record a playoff victory.

Mora calmly explained the loss in a small interview room. In odd twist, a television set in the corner was tuned to Wannstedt's winning news conference.

Mora can go back to 'What if?' but that's part of the game," he said. "I know some things I'll think about. I'm thinking about them now. But I prefer not to share them."

Mora remained the only person in NFL history to coach at least four postseason games and not win any of them.

Mora real came close this time. Ahead 14-0 at halftime, the Colts watched Miami score the tying touchdown with 34 seconds left in the fourth quarter on Jay Fiedler's 9-yard pass to Ted Weaver.

The Dolphins missed the only play in the game that would have won it on Lamar Smith's 17-yard touchdown run with 3:34 left on the extra point.

After the usually reliable Mike Vanderjagt missed a 49-yard field goal try on the Colts' first possession in overtime, the Dolphins won it on Lamar Smith's 17-yard

touchdown run with 3:34 left on the extra point.

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started inside, bounced outside, cut back and ran through Burris.

The surprising Dolphins (12-5), AFC East champions for the first time since 1994, advanced to the second round Saturday at Oakland.

Teammates rushed to the corner of the field to swarm Smith, a 30-year-old journeyman and a native of Fort Wayne, Ind., who was released by two teams before becoming a 1,000-yard rusher in Miami this season.

Smith's 40 carries were a league playoff record, and his 209 yards ranked second in postseason history behind Eric Dickerson's 248 for the Los Angeles Rams against Atlanta in 1985.

"Everybody is just frustrated," said Peyton Manning, who threw for 147 yards in the touchdown.

The Dolphins' defense kept the game close by containing the dangerous trio of Manning, Edgerrin James and Marvin Harrison.

"Looking back at it now, there were just a lot of missed opportunities. We got field goals and didn't get touchdowns."

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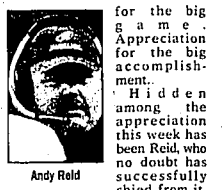
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Eagles take Big Red approach

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — It was Andy Reid at his humble, concise best. The opportunity for self-consultation was his. Someone asked about the week of preparation, about the excitement he felt, for his first playoff game as a head coach.



Andy Reid

"I feel pretty good," Reid said.

years. For all the planning and preparation and thinking that Reid employs to help build this team, it may be his flexibility that has won over this team.

The Eagles' players are a loose, fun-loving group of characters, and Reid has figured out how to have his say, get it heard and let the players be themselves.

Reid is simply. Big Red to his players, the sensible man who doesn't say what he doesn't mean.

Reid has taken control simply by stating his wants and then watching a group of high-character men carry them out.

For Eagles fans, the week leading up to today's NFC wild-card game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Veterans Stadium has been equal parts anticipation and appreciation. Anticipation

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Groh quits Jets, goes to Virginia

NEW YORK (AP) — Al Groh resigned Saturday to take the coaching job at Virginia, joining a New York Jets team that must look for its seventh head coach in 11 years.

NFL notes

Groh spent just one season with the Jets since Bill Parcells resigned as coach. He now heads back to his alma mater to replace George Welsh, who retired. He accepted a seven-year contract that could be worth \$5 million.

Press All-Pro team on Saturday. Running back Eddie George, guard Bruce Matthews, cornerback Samari Rolle and kicker returner Derrick Mason were selected by a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover pro football.

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Saints

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tom to. I know a lot of people out there were saying, 'Same old Saints.' But we did it."

After the final touchdown at the 2:36 mark, the Saints recovered the Rams' onside kick. The Rams (10-7) forced a punt, but Az Halkin muffed an easy fair catch at his own 11, and New Orleans recovered.

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The Saints, who surprised everyone to win just their second NFC West title this season, will try to keep the magic going next week at home.

"I gave it everything I had," Warner said. "But we dug a hole for ourselves. I'm the leader of our offense. I'm always responsible."

The Rams made the NFC wild-card game last week with the unlikely scenario of a victory at New Orleans combined with a Bears upset of Detroit. But there will be no Super Bowl run this season after the Rams

had five turnovers, a number of costly penalties and Warner's ineffectiveness before desperation set in.

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Louis had. Faulk set an NFL mark with 26 touchdowns.

Joining George and Faulk in the backfield was Oakland quarterback Rich Gannon. Like George, Gannon was a first-time All-Pro, two of 13 on the team.

Both Matthews and Larry Allen of Dallas made it for the second successive season together as guard. Allen has been on the team five consecutive years, but also made it at tackle in 1998.

The wide receivers were Minnesota's Randy Moss and San Francisco's Terrell Owens, who had a record 20 receptions in Week 15. Tony Gonzalez repeated at tight end and was the leading vote-getter on offense with 48.

On defense, Philadelphia's Hugh Douglas and Miami's Jason Taylor were first-timers at end, as were New Orleans' La'Roi Gloverly and tackle.

Taylor's teammate, cornerback Sam Madison, made it for the 36th straight year. Brooks was joined by rookie tackle Jon Ogden and kicker Matt Stover, the league's scoring leader with 135 points.

Marshall Faulk, the league's Most Valuable Player, was the only member of the defending champion St. Louis Rams to repeat — a measure of how difficult a year St.

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COLLEGE BOWL BLITZ

Win and retire? Bowden may not

MIAMI - The day will happen soon enough for Florida State coach Bobby Bowden as he steps up to the microphone and blurts out the dreaded "R" word.

No. Not rebuild - although that is coming to a Garnet and Gold ditty near you.

Retirement, Bowden's, could not happen under more ideal conditions than on Wednesday night in the Orange Bowl - provided the Seminoles win. He could risk going into the sunset in his golf cart with three national championship rings, and a reign of terror to his credit unlike any college football coach ever seen again. His national image as a non-disciplinarian has been shelved by the antics of his sprawling state rivalries on Bourbon Street. And as extra garnish, his final victory would be over an ex-Gator.



Bobby Bowden

Hart unlikely ever have all the credit so perfectly aligned to go out his way.

"He told all of his coaches after he won his first national championship," son Jeff Bowden said, "he's not going to fizzle out."

Going out with a bang is the way he'll do it.

The success of Bowden, 71, is not even though Bowden insists finishing as the all-time winningest coach in NCAA Division IA is not a goal, those close to him know better. He needs just nine wins to pass his idol, Bear Bryant, and a Peach State blue hair, Joe Paterno, just one win behind Bear, retire after the next year or two, Bowden would clip him.

"He's a competitor," FSU athletics director Dave Hart said. "Sure, I think he would like to do that."

Only two factors will force him to step down, and wife, Ann, is not one of them.

"People ask me: 'When do you

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Steve Ellis

plan to get out, or if you win this game, would you get out?" he said. "I have no desire to quit coaching, and as long as I can stay healthy, I want to coach."

Those Bowden moments, where Jared Myers becomes Jared Jones, as it did before Friday's practice, happen with the frequency of bad football in the ACC. But he is still fit enough to run circles around Steve Spurrier in Doak Campbell Stadium. And Bowden has way too many wins to ever leave for the health reasons Clemenson's Frank Howard cited when he stepped down: "The alumni are sick of me."

Losing, Bowden insists, is the only other reason that would get him out of his livelihood of 47 years. For Bowden, a coach who has made 10-win seasons a norm in Tallahassee as inattentive restaurant service, losing means 8-3. With 25 seniors gone, Hart could see his program drop out of the top four for the first time since 1997.

"It's not going to last forever, you hope it will be a blip and not a free fall, and I think at some point there has to be a blip," Hart said. "But I think it will be that he goes out on a high note because I don't think we'll have the back-to-back seasons that some people consider unsuccessful seasons."

One blip Bowden could handle; two in a row he could not.

"I don't think at my age, I could stand a lot of losses," he said.

"It's not like if I had a bad year, I'm ready to hang it up. I think I would like to fight it one more year to see if I can rectify it, if that occurs."

"There's no way at my age I could go through losing seasons. I'll go listen to my wife all day long before I do that."

Steve Ellis is a sportswriter with the Tallahassee Democrat in Tallahassee, Fla.

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP football writer

MIAMI - Not even a No. 1 vs. No. 2 in a national title game can prevent college football from having two champions.

"Share?" Florida State quarterback Chris Weinke asked. "We'll share... as long as we get ourselves a championship."

If Miami beats Florida in the Sugar Bowl on Tuesday night, and Florida State beats Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl the next night in the BCS title game, there's a good chance there will be split national champions for the fourth time since 1990.

Here's why: In the two polls that crown champions - The Associated Press media poll and the coaches' poll - Oklahoma, Miami and Florida State were 1-2-3 going into the bowl games. But under an agreement between the Bowl Championship Series and the American Football Coaches Association, the coaches' poll automatically declares the Orange Bowl winner its champion. The sports writers and broadcasters in the AP poll vote independently.

In the final BCS standings, Oklahoma (12-0) finished first, Florida State (11-1) second and Miami third (10-1), even though the Hurricanes beat the Seminoles 27-24 on Oct. 7.

Florida State won over Miami in the computer rankings component of the BCS standings, which uses the AP media poll and the coaches' poll, eight computer rankings, strength-of-schedule and number of losses to determine who plays in its title game.

Washington (11-1), fourth in the polls and BCS standings, beat Miami 34-29 in early September and plays Purdue in the Rose Bowl on Monday.

Miami coach Butch Davis can only hope the Hurricanes are in position to claim a piece of the championship.

"You can't predict how other people are going to vote and how people are going to see it," he said. "Whatever's going to happen is going to happen. We just got to make sure we take care of our

'We're No. 1' might have an echo



Florida State guard Jeff Womble sits under water misters during the final minutes of the team's 27-24 loss against Miami Oct. 7 at the Orange Bowl. For the fourth time since 1990, college football could end up with co-national champions if Miami beats Florida in the Sugar Bowl and Florida State defeats No. 1 Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl. After all, the Hurricanes have already beaten the Seminoles this season.

business and win the game." In two of the last three splits - in 1990 and 1997 - the No. 1 team in the coaches' poll dropped despite winning its bowl game. In the other split - in 1991 - two teams were tied at No. 1 in the coaches' poll entering the postseason.

In the AP poll, the pre-bowl No. 1 team in '90, '91 and '97 came away with the national title by winning its bowl game.

BOWL GAMES

TODAY	
Silicon Valley Classic	Arizona State vs. Oregon
Independence Bowl	Florida State vs. Miami
Orange Bowl	Florida State vs. Oklahoma
SEC Championship	Alabama vs. Tennessee
Big East Championship	Illinois vs. Michigan State
MONDAY	
Outback Bowl	Michigan vs. Wisconsin
Cotton Bowl	Oklahoma vs. Texas
Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic	Oklahoma vs. Texas
Goat Bowl	Florida State vs. Miami
Crusier Bowl	Florida State vs. Miami
Rose Bowl	Washington vs. Purdue
Sugar Bowl	Florida State vs. Oklahoma
TUESDAY	
Sugar Bowl	Florida State vs. Oklahoma
WEDNESDAY	
Orange Bowl	Florida State vs. Oklahoma

bowls - Orange, Sugar, Rose and Fiesta. The six conference winners, plus two at-large teams are chosen for the four games, with only the top two finishers in the BCS standings automatically matched in its title game.

Before the BCS, there was no designated title game and the Big Ten and Pac-10 champs were still under contract to play in the Rose Bowl, which greatly reduced the chances of a 1-vs-2 game.

'91, Miami was No. 1 in the AP poll and tied with Washington for No. 1 in the coaches' poll. Miami beat Nebraska in the Orange Bowl; Washington beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl. The Hurricanes were AP's national champions, while the Huskies won in the coaches' poll. At the time, there were questions raised about Miami's decision to stay home and play the lower ranked Husker instead of higher-ranked Florida in the Sugar Bowl.

TODAY'S LINEUP

Option-oriented Air Force handles the pass

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) - Fresno State's is worried about more than Air Force's running game in the Silicon Valley Classic. The Falcons have proven they're effective with the pass as well.

Senior quarterback Mike Thissen threw for 1,687 yards this season, the most for Air Force since 1969. In addition to 13 touch-down passes, he ran for 713 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Receiver Ryan Fleming had 52 receptions for 930 yards - a 17.9-yard average - for the Falcons (8-3, 5-2), who finished this season second in the Mountain West Conference to Colorado State.

The Falcons bring the option - and Thissen's arm - to San Jose State's Spartan Stadium today to face Fresno State in the first Silicon Valley Classic bowl game.

Fresno State (7-4, 6-2) finished third in the Western Athletic Conference, which encompassed the Mountain West before the conference split.

The Bulldogs faced the option earlier this season against Rice and emerged with a 27-24 victory. But Fresno State coach Pat Hill said Air Force has an entirely different style.

Air Force finished the season ranked ninth in the country in total offense with 451.9 yards per game. They averaged 294.9 yards on the ground and 157 in the air.

Fresno State's Tim Skipper said he and fellow linebacker Orlando Huff are well aware of the implications of the Falcons' balanced attack.

Sherrill past, present meet in Shreveport

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) - For the first time since his return to coaching 10 years ago, Jackie Sherrill's present will converge with his past.

Tonight's Independence Bowl matches Sherrill and his Mississippi State Bulldogs against Texas A&M (7-4), a program that still bares his

stamp more than a decade after his tumultuous seven-year tenure at College Station ended.

Since coming to Starkville in 1991, Sherrill has turned Mississippi State (7-4) from Southeastern Conference cellar dwellers to perennial contenders and regular bowl participants.

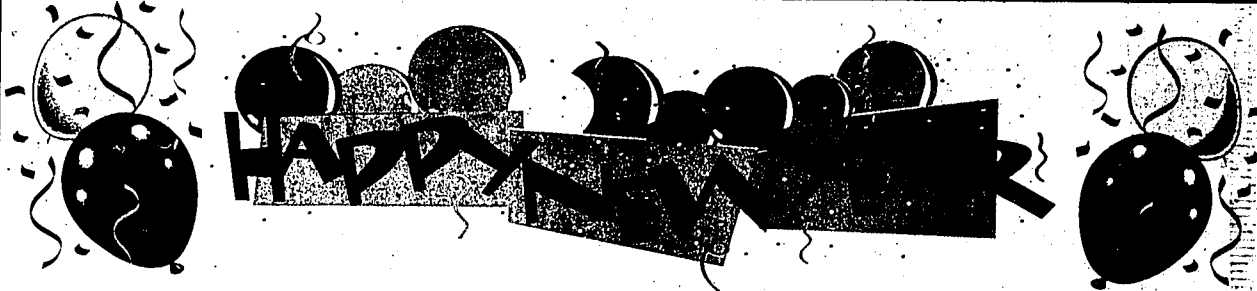
The Independence Bowl will mark the Bulldogs' third straight postseason appearance, and sixth overall, under Sherrill. The 57-year-old became the school's winningest coach this season. He is 66-48-2 at Mississippi State.

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Business people express optimism

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

In the final days of 2000, some of the Magic Valley's small businesses are counting on heavy growth in the valley to keep them vigorous in 2001.

Others hope for an upturn in agriculture to replenish farmers' wallets and fuel-price relief to trim their own costs. And some expect continued difficulty recruiting workers with specialized skills.

"I think it's going to be a great year," said Mark Acker, owner of Sawtooth Animal Center in Bellevue, which plans to spread the word about its high-tech small-animal services in 2001.

A year ago, some Magic Valley small-business owners were counting on post-Y2K relief to free up residents' spending money. As the real millennial turning

approaches, at least one local businesswoman has similar expectations for the long-awaited certainty of the 2000 presidential election.

Published here are the comments of five business people from a variety of industries around the Magic Valley. Some had little time to talk.

"There's so much work. I can only do about half of what comes at me," home remodeler Keith Moller said. "It's just booming here in Twin."

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There's no slack season for this businessman

TWIN FALLS - Home remodeler Keith Moller expects to work through the winter without any of construction's typical slack - for the fifth year in a row.

"I haven't had a day without work," he said.

And with people wanting to leave California's big cities, he said, there's little prospect of slowing down.

"People are flooding out, so I don't see it slowing down here," Moller said. "They're selling their homes and bringing their money with

them. Unfortunately, some people don't want the growth (in the Magic Valley), but it's going to happen."

In the five years his Moller Construction has been in business in Twin Falls, Moller said, revenue has shot up by \$30,000 or more each year (from 1998 to '99, for instance, the revenue jump was from \$189,000 to \$219,000). He expects that kind of growth again in 2001 and already has bid requests waiting.

Moller said he and his crew did 23 home additions in the past 3 1/2 years, mostly adding bedrooms and bathrooms. He passed up six additions in 2000 because he didn't have the manpower.

"If the qualified help was there, I would go for it," he said.

Though he has employed up to eight full-time workers in summer months, he's down to just one full-timer for the winter. "Eight was just too much to handle. There's so much work (of this type in the Magic Valley) it's hard to find good-quality employees with construction experience," Moller said. "All the contractors are so busy that there just aren't enough guys to do the work."

Outlook 2001

Facility owners tout elder-care option

SHOSHONE - One Shoshone business owner sees herself sitting pretty in an industry that's up-and-coming on the Idaho and national scenes.

"We look forward to an excellent year, in the coming 10 years where the demographics of the area show we're all getting older, and the elderly need a little extra hand," said registered nurse Theresa Pendleton, owner and administrator of DeSano Place.

DeSano, formerly called Shoshone Elder Home Care under other ownership, provides licensed, family-style residential care for the elderly.

It's not a nursing home. With seven residents - and openings for two more - Pendleton's business cooks residents' meals, monitors medications, does laundry and housekeeping and keeps help available around the clock. But residents are mobile, getting out to see their friends and participate in community life, she said.

DeSano also provides day care for the elderly when caretaking family members need a break.

Facilities like Pendleton's don't entirely uproot the elderly folks who need help taking care of themselves, so she expects such facilities - less costly than skilled-nursing ones - to become more popular in the valley.

"You'll see more and more of us in small-town communities," said Pendleton, who bought the decade-old business in July then remodeled and refurbished the home and is expanding facility activities.

Baby boomers, she said, are entrenched in their careers now while trying to care for elderly parents and their own children.

"They just can't do it all, there's too many demands."



Theresa Pendleton, right, measures Gladys Shaw's blood pressure at DeSano Place, an assisted living facility in Shoshone. Pendleton and her husband bought the home in 2000 and think it is a good investment because of the valley's aging population.

"I'm hoping that the winter goes well and the farmers get their crops in."

- Marilyn Felt,
Mill End Fabrics

Farm crops, ballot counting affect Burley fabric store

BURLEY - Political uncertainty affects spending, because folks don't know how much money they'll have for necessities, a Burley store manager said.

"In 1999, nobody knew what would happen in 2000" because of the possibility of Y2K computer glitches, said Marilyn Felt, manager of Mill End Fabrics. "This year, nobody knew what would happen with the election."

"Policies always affect what people do, how secure they feel in their future," she said, adding that she thinks most locals were pleased with the presidential election's outcome.

In 2001, Felt said, "I'm hoping that the winter goes well and the farmers get their crops in. I'm hoping for a bright future."

"We're kind of a farming community, so that's a lot of my customers."

Felt said the fabric store's sales mostly stayed steady over the past few years, with a small drop in 2000. In the new year, the store's leaders might regroup.

"You take a look at your inventory," she said. "We might have some wonderful sales."

Bellevue business booms as Blaine County does

BELLEVUE - More people, more pets. And the Wood River Valley is drawing some hearty activity, said Mark Acker, owner of Sawtooth Animal Center in Bellevue.

Headhunter recruiting businesses are expanding, employing people and leasing a lot of office spaces in the valley, he said. And a strong national economy has brought many second-home and vacation-home owners to this scenic piece of Idaho, thus strengthening the construction industry and services such as landscaping, cleaning and laundry.

"That's really helped my business," Acker said.

The result? In the past three years, he estimates, the small-animal veterinary clinic has seen revenue climb a total of 30 percent. Part of the credit goes to the clinic's growth in services since it moved into a new building three years ago. But something else is going on.

"We've been growing steadily as the valley has," said Acker, who hired an additional veterinarian in 2000 and is opti-

mistic about 2001. "A reasonable projection for me this year would be 10 to 15 percent growth in gross revenue."

The clinic, with 17 full-time employees, also sells pet supplies and foods, boards dogs and cats and may add other services soon. For example, Acker said, Sawtooth Animal Center is considering physical therapy for dogs, such as those rehabilitating after surgery.

The clinic also wants to inform more animal owners about certain capabilities and equipment it already has.

Acker aims to "expand utilization" - that is, boost the business flow - of the clinic's boarding facility, particularly dry care for dogs;

ultrasound endoscopy, which sends a light source and camera inside an animal's body to examine internal organs and tissues or remove foreign bodies; and of veterinary telemedicine, which digitizes ultrasound pictures of a liver or a heart, for example, to transmit electronically to a specialist anywhere in the country.

"We've been growing steadily as the valley has."

- Mark Acker,
Sawtooth
Animal Center

Labor, fuel are twin troubles for trucking

JEROME - Sobotka Farms Transportation can't find enough good-quality, qualified commercial truck drivers in the Magic Valley.

"And that's what puts us in the biggest bind as far as the trucking industry," said Kim Sobotka, co-owner of the Jerome business. "Everybody wants to come to work, but they don't want to put any labor into it," said Sobotka, adding she has seen this trouble over time and doesn't mean to offend the company's current drivers. "You just don't get anybody that wants to work anymore."

Quality of labor, she said, will likely be a challenge again in 2001 for Sobotka Farms Transportation, which long-hauls bulk commodities such as dairy feed and landscaping bark. It also runs local trucks that unload rail cars in Jerome and haul the freight to dairies around the Magic Valley.

Business was up for most of 2000, as more feed companies approached the trucking opera-

"Fuel prices are hurting us right now."

- Kim Sobotka,
Sobotka Farms
Transportation

tion with more work, Sobotka said.

Sobotka Farms Transportation was unloading between 500 and 600 rail cars per year until that rate shot up in the past six months to more than 600, she said. She hopes the business holds that ground or gains more in 2001.

Sobotka Farms Transportation makes its business deals with feed companies and usually doesn't deal directly with dairies unless it's hauling beet-pulp products from sugar factories in Ty in Falls and Paul, Sobotka added.

The more the trucks run, however, the more fuel they burn.

"Fuel prices are hurting us right now, as far as bottom-line profit," she said, so the agricultural trucking industry is tight as it heads into the new year.

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CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS - Deana Garcia, formerly of Hill Nail Works, joined the team at Jaggedge.



Garcia is a regional performer in hair coloring techniques. When she is not teaching color classes locally or behind the chair, she travels to hair shows and has worked as the lead assistant to Redken National Performing Artists.

Specializing in hair color correction, weaves and design, she can be reached at 734-5970.

KETCHUM - Dr. Melani Harker completed oral examinations for full fellowship certification by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

This exam reviews the skills, knowledge and ability to treat conditions related to women's health and covers both medical and surgical care. Harker graduated from the University of Utah Medical School, took her residency at Oregon Health and Sciences University and joined The Women's Medical Group in Ketchum in 1998. She works in collaboration with Dr. Ian Ross Donald and the group's nurses and staff. Harker is fluent in Spanish and welcomes the Hispanic-American community to her practice.

To become board certified, a doctor must pass two tests. The first is a written test that shows he or she has the knowledge and skills to treat women. Then he or she must also show experience in treating women's health conditions for two years in practice after residency. At this point, the candidate takes a second test - an oral exam given by a panel of national experts - to qualify for certification by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

TWIN FALLS - Jensen Jewelers announced the graduation of Jason Lloyd of the Magic Valley Mall store and Elva Padilla of the corporate office from the Certified Professional Jeweler program.

The two employees completed the 11-week course and received certification. The course involves training in all product areas of the jewelry industry, including diamonds, gemstones, watches and all facets of jewelry making.

TWIN FALLS - Longview Fibre Co. appointed Lawrence



J. Urrutia as manager of the new Bowling Green, Ky., container plant, to be constructed for a mid-2001 start-up. Urrutia, who was manager of Longview Fibre's Twin Falls container plant, will transfer to Bowling Green in the spring. His responsibilities for the Bowling Green project are effective immediately, which include assisting in operations planning and overseeing construction of the 300,000-square-foot plant. Urrutia participated in the recent plant ground breaking, where he was introduced to

local officials and business leaders.

Site preparation in the South Central Kentucky Industrial Park has been under way since late November.

Urrutia has 20 years' experience in the manufacture of corrugated shipping containers at Longview's large Idaho box plant. He has managed the Twin Falls operations since 1994. He initially worked at Longview Fibre as a maintenance mechanic, was a maintenance lead man and, in 1985, continued to plant maintenance supervisor before his promotion to plant manager.

Before joining Longview, Urrutia worked in engineering and was a production supervisor for a high-tech electronics firm in Ketchum. He graduated from Idaho State University in electronics.

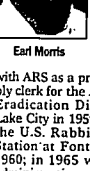
KIMBERLY - Lance Meyers of Specialty Painting Inc. recently received certification for a C-2 Coating Specialist while attending The Society of Protective Coatings National Conference in Nashville, Tenn.

Lance Meyers

Meyers attended presentations on trends and technology for the coating industry. Topics covered the fundamentals of protective coatings for residential, industrial and commercial projects. Topics included: application of different types of products; quality control; product types (epoxies, urethanes, concrete surfaces as well as steel and wood structures); coatings-project management, including contracts, specifications, coating selection and project participants' roles; environmental and safety issues; coating analysis and analysis; evaluation of corrosion; and corrosion control through selection of coating products.

Specialty Painting, owned by Meyers, has served the Magic Valley since 1987, specializing in sandblasting, maintenance coating for the food-processing industry, tank coating, flooring systems and residential projects.

KIMBERLY - Administrative officer Earl T. Morris will retire from the USDA-ARS, Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Laboratory in Prosser, Wash., in 1969. He became the location's administrative officer in Pullman, Wash., and in 1974 the area administrative officer for the Oregon-Washington/Pacific Northwest Area at Pullman; in 1984 was appointed the Northwest budget and fiscal manager in Portland, Ore.; and in 1987 moved to Kimberly to be



Earl Morris

with ARS as a procurement/supply clerk for the Animal Disease Eradication Division in Salt Lake City in 1959. He moved to the U.S. Rabbit Experiment Station at Fontana, Calif., in 1960; in 1965 was appointed administrative assistant at the Boll Weevil Research Laboratory in State College, Miss., and in 1966 held a similar position at Prosser, Wash.; in 1969 became the location's administrative officer in Pullman, Wash., and in 1974 the area administrative officer for the Oregon-Washington/Pacific Northwest Area at Pullman; in 1984 was appointed the Northwest budget and fiscal manager in Portland, Ore.; and in 1987 moved to Kimberly to be

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

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- Promotions and staff changes.
- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

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the NWSIRL administrative officer.

During some years since then, his responsibilities included administrative support to the Burns, Ore., and Boise locations. During his career, Morris integrated computers in the workplace by developing and implementing software that improved work efficiency, and he participated in the creation and design of several automated systems for the agency. In addition, he developed an automated system for managing and reporting imprest funds; a blanket order management and reporting system; a chemical inventory program; a personal property inventory program; a vehicle management and reporting program; and accounts tracking and reconciliation systems for logging purchase card transactions and local bookkeeping or billing processes.

BOISE - Steven G. Devejian was named senior portfolio manager and director of Key Asset Management for the Idaho district of Keenan Bank, which has Magic Valley branches.

Devejian is responsible for investing the assets of accounts managed under trust and agency agreements. Accounts include individuals, corporations, foundations and endowments.

KIMBERLY - Soil scientist J. Kristian Aase will retire from the Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Laboratory Jan. 3.

He received a bachelor's degree in agronomy from Brigham Young University in 1958, a master's degree in soils from University of Minnesota in 1960, and a doctorate in agronomy from the University of Colorado State University. He began his ARS career in 1967 as a research soil scientist, moving to Sidney, Mont., in 1967 to later serve as research leader and location coordinator from 1981. Aase transferred to Kimberly in 1994.

He also served in the military as a biological science assistant in Chicago from 1960 to 1962. Aase conducted a research program solving soil problems in the agriculture and environment of the northern Great Plains while at Sidney. For example, he developed a tall wheatgrass wind barrier system to reduce evaporation and help soil water recharge, seed termination, plant water-use and plant growth; used remote sensing technology for assessing stand density and winter wheat yields from hand-held radiometers; documented that air-borne and truck-mounted

remote sensing measurements can be used to separate spring wheat, winter wheat, oats, barley and native grain at specific times during the growing season; demonstrated the practicality, profitability and resultant higher level of soil quality of annual cropping systems on the northern Great Plains; and showed how soil, tillage and crop residue management systems can control irrigation-induced soil erosion under both surface and sprinkler irrigation systems.

Recent studies at Kimberly include identifying the relationships between soil phosphorus availability and management practices, and phosphorus runoff losses in irrigated systems.

RUPERT - D.L. Evans Bank promoted Dan Lloyd to vice president and manager of the Rupert office at 318 S. Oneida.



Dan Lloyd

Lloyd attended high school in Montana before moving to Idaho to attend

Brigham Young University, where he received a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. Lloyd has been involved in banking for 13 years. He began his banking career with an Idaho financial institution as a loan collector and was promoted to loan officer. He joined D.L. Evans Bank in 1993 as assistant manager and commercial/agricultural loan officer in the Burley office.

Lloyd is a member of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce and Mini-Cassia Community Chest. He is co-chairman of the Minidoka School Facility Committee and active in Boy Scouts of America and 4-H.

Lloyd and his family are originally from Almo. He and his wife, Cindy, have lived in the Paul area for 12 years and have four children.

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News this year honored five employees in its news and advertising departments.

Carol Dumas, as employee of the year, received a \$1,000 bonus. Dumas has worked as a journalist for nearly 15 years, beginning her career as a reporter-photographer at a weekly newspaper in Pine Bluff, Ark. She ended her tenure there as news editor when she relocated to Idaho with her family. In Idaho Falls, she was edi-

tor of Intermountain Farm & Ranch before coming to The Times-News as editor of Magic Valley Ag Weekly in March 1997.

She also does freelance writing and photography for national magazines, including Dairy Today, Beef Today, Successful Farming and Western Horseman. Dumas has won numerous journalism, professional and civic awards.

She is a board member and past president of the Idaho Press Club, an advisory-board member of the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame, a member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's agriscience committee and chairwoman of the annual Twin Falls Agriculture Appreciation Banquet.

A native of New Orleans, Dumas lives in Twin Falls with her three sons.

The Times-News' 2000 employees of the quarter each received a \$250 bonus.

Karla Ray Stewart has been an advertising manager at The Times-News for 13 years. She also attended the College of Southern Idaho part time, seeking a degree in water resource



Karla Ray Stewart

management.

Linda Fischer is a senior advertising sales representative whose career has spanned more than 25 years at the newspaper, mostly as a sales representative.

She helps advertisers promote their businesses through creative marketing and advertising concepts. She is a team leader and mentor in her department.

Pat Marcantonio, a longtime Magic Valley news reporter, has worked for

The Times-News as a reporter and currently is editor of the community pages and Comunidad.

She also worked as a news reporter for KMYT-TV and a local radio station and was a correspondent for The Idaho Statesman and executive editor for the North Side News, Gooding County Leader and Lincoln County Journal.

Pat Marcantonio supervises a crew of copy editors and designers who create all news, feature and sports pages in the paper. He also edits the paper's national and international news.

Bruce Whiting arrived at The Times-News in 1988 and was regional editor for two years before moving to the news desk. He took over the supervisory position two years ago.

BSU slates business courses

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Boise State University will offer a selection of upper-division business courses for the spring semester through its Twin Falls program at the College of Southern Idaho.

BSU offers all upper-division courses needed for students to complete a bachelor's degree in either accounting or general business management. The evening courses are offered one night per week.

Courses being offered: ACCT 302 Survey of Federal Income Taxation, ACCT 405 Internal Auditing, CIS 310 Introduction to Computer Information Systems, ECON 303 Intermediate Microeconomics, FINAN 303 Principles of Finance, FINAN 410 Working Capital Management, GENBUS 305 Law for Accountants II, GENBUS 450 Business Policies, MGMT 410 Seminar on Organizational Leadership and OPERMGT 345 Production Management.

For a complete information packet, contact Shari Stroud, BSU's Twin Falls program coordinator, at 733-9554, Ext. 2284, or at sstroud@csi.edu.

MILESTONES

A.G. Edwards' economic report forecasts 2001

TWIN FALLS - While the year 2000 gave a lot of bad news to the financial markets, 2001 brings the promise of good news in the form of a healthier economy, according to a report prepared by A.G. Edwards' top investment strategists and economists.

"The combination of high energy prices, interest rate increases and the election turmoil kept the stock market from gaining momentum this year," said Gary Thayer, A.G. Edwards' chief economist. "Fortunately, the economy is reaching a key point where it is slowing but still growing. This type of healthy economic environment historically has been very good for both stocks and bonds."

A.G. Edwards' report, titled "2001 Economic Outlook and Market Strategy," is available at no cost by calling the A.G. Edwards Twin Falls office at 733-6019.

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THE LIGHT TOUCH



by Craig Smith

The guy who can smile when things go wrong is probably just going off shift.

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Weekly watch

Here's how a few companies with Magic Valley locations, or other local ties, fared in the stock market during the week

Symbol	Description	Friday's Close	Previous Friday	Weekly change	52-week high/low	Annual Yield
ABB	ALBERTSONS	26 1/2	25 1/2	1 5/8	39 1/4 - 20 1/2	2.67%
AKR	AKER	20	19	1 1/8	26 1/2 - 16 1/2	3.40%
CAG	COGNACRA	26	27 1/2	-1 1/2	55 1/2 - 6 5/8	3.40%
FBI	FIBRE	39 15/16	37 1/2	2 3/8	59 1/2 - 25 1/8	NA
FD	FEDERATED	32	31 1/2	1/2	43 1/2 - 12 1/2	3.70%
HZ	H J HEINEZ	47 7/16	46 1/16	1 1/2	49 - 30 13/16	3.31%
HD	HOMER DEPOT	39 3/4	37 1/2	2 1/2	60 5/8 - 20 1/2	3.35%
HD	HOME DEPOT	45 11/16	41 5/8	4 1/8	70 - 34 11/16	3.35%
IND	INDUSTRIAL	20 1/2	19 1/2	1 1/8	29 1/2 - 15 1/2	3.20%
JCP	J.C. PENNEY	10 7/8	9 3/16	1 11/16	22 1/2 - 6 5/8	3.20%
KEY	KEY CORP.	29 3/4	25 3/4	4 1/8	18 1/16 - 15 3/8	12.57%
KR	KROGER	5 1/16	5 1/4	-1/4	10 7/8 - 4 13/16	NA
LRW	LABOR REPLY	3 5/16	2 3/4	7/16	27 1/8 - 11 1/2	4.00%
LEF	LONGVIEW FIBRE	32 1/2	31 1/2	1 1/8	19 1/8 - 2 1/2	3.60%
MCD	MCDONALD'S	34	32 11/16	1 5/16	43 1/8 - 20 3/8	.52%
MICR	MICRON TECH	11 1/2	10 1/2	1 1/8	17 1/2 - 10 1/2	1.2%
OMX	ORFICEMAX	2 7/8	2 1/16	5/16	7 1/16 - 1 1/8	NA
OR	ORFICEMAX	2 7/8	2 1/16	5/16	7 1/16 - 1 1/8	NA
QWEST	QWEST	61	57 1/8	3 7/8	64 - 34 3/4	.79%
RAD	RITE AID	2 3/8	2 1/8	1/4	12 1/4 - 7 3/4	10.37%
RT	RTI	34 3/4	32 1/2	2 1/2	40 1/2 - 32 1/2	4.10%
SKO	SHOPOK	5 1/4	4 9/16	7/16	10 1/2 - 3 1/2	NA
UNIT	UNIT PACIFIC	34 1/2	33 1/2	1 1/8	30 3/4 - 12 3/4	3.20%
TGT	TARGET	32 1/4	30 11/16	1 3/8	39 3/8 - 21 3/4	.58%
USB	U.S. BANCORP	29 1/2	29	1/2	52 1/2 - 12 1/4	1.58%
WMT	WAL MARY	53 1/8	52 1/2	1/2	70 1/4 - 41 1/2	2.62%
WFLB	WASH FEDERAL	28 7/16	28	7/16	36 1/2 - 18 1/2	1.7%
WNG	WASH GROUP	5 1/16	5 1/16	0	12 1/16 - 5 3/16	NA
WFLB	WASH FEDERAL	28 7/16	28	7/16	36 1/2 - 18 1/2	1.7%
ZIONS	ZIONS BANCORP	62 7/16	61 3/4	1 1/16	68 1/4 - 37 1/2	1.20%

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Improve office etiquette for New Year's resolution

The Associated Press

Instead of swearing off cigarettes, greasy food and other temptations in the new year, why not consign yourself to behaving in a more genteel manner around the office?

Improving business etiquette not only helps you interact better with co-workers and clients, but may speed your climb up the corporate pole, says Marjorie Brody, a motivational speaker on career advancement and corporate etiquette from JenkinPorton, Va.

Brody offers 10 suggestions for improving workplace courtesy. She advocates smiling and greeting co-workers, replacing the toner or fixing paper jams in the copier, responding to all written correspondence within 48 hours, leaving concise voicemail messages, using polite manners and what constitutes good personal talk. Steer clear of discussions of health, personal tragedies, gossip, dirty jokes, politics and religion. Brody's list of safe subjects includes the weather, travel, hobbies, pets, sports, children and books.

YOUR BUSINESS

MONEY

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Bob Maloney, right, owner of Pomerville Portrait Design Studios in Twin Falls, presents the toys collected by his business during its annual Children's Christmas Special to Diane Boyd of the United Way of Magic Valley. Maloney offered a free portrait session to people who donated a toy for the business' toy drive. Each year, a different charity is selected to receive the toys. Between \$300 and \$400 worth of toys this year were donated to the United Way.



Dina Diamond and Charlie Michaels of Kat Country stand with the truckload of 20,550 pounds of potatoes donated by businesses and individuals in the Magic Valley to be given to the needy in the area. Kat Country promoted the effort on the air. Sun Valley Potatoes Inc. collected money for potatoes and the Christmas Council delivered spuds to the needy.

■ **First Security is giving \$2,000 in scholarships and a \$300 library grant to the College of Southern Idaho this year through First Security Foundation, said Curtis Eaton, First Security's president for south central Idaho.**

This year, First Security Foundation will contribute more than \$150,000 in scholarships and grants to 26

colleges and universities.

Idaho schools receiving contributions include CSI, University of Idaho, Idaho State University, Boise State University, Ricks College, Albertson College of Idaho, North Idaho College, Northwest Nazarene College, Lewis Clark State College and Eastern Idaho Technical

The Wal-Mart store in Burley donates \$1,040.46 to the Disabled American Veterans. From left to right are George Schwindman, legislative chairman of the DAV; Mary Schwindman, auxiliary member; and Troy Richards, manager of the Burley Wal-Mart.

Treasure Valley center looks to migrants' needs

CALDWELL (AP) — The Idaho Migrant Relief Center is open for business.

Owner Chuck Roberts said he opened the used-furniture, appliance and household-goods shop after waiting in vain for legislation guaranteeing Idaho's migrant workers a minimum wage.

"I just decided to do something to make sure the money they do make can stretch a little further," Roberts said.

He tries to ensure that prices on beds, refrigerators and other household necessities are as low as possible, even below those at other local secondhand stores run by charitable organizations.

Several months ago, Roberts started gathering worn but usable furniture and offering to pick up broken but fixable appliances from people who might otherwise throw them away.

"I just last week, a family arrived in town with no money," he said. "Chuck saw to it that they had the basics."

Roberts also participates in a surplus furniture program run by the Hewlett-Packard Co.

When all else fails, Roberts said he spends his own money for goods that, with a little mechanical or restorative care, can be sold through the relief center cost.

In cases of extreme need, Roberts basically gives things away.

"The people who really have no money to spend here with the things they must have to maintain a household," he said. "So many migrant families need the help and need it suddenly."

Imelda Flores, a Caldwell resident, said Roberts has come to the aid of several families in dire straits.

"Just last week, a family arrived in town with no money," she said. "Chuck saw to it that they had the basics."

Some employees enjoy creative perks

The Associated Press

Though uncommon in most workplaces, creative perks are still in high demand despite today's tight job markets, a new study shows.

According to a random survey of 632 men and women by Trumbull, Conn.-based Oxford Health Plans Inc., only 29 percent of U.S. companies offer their employees healthy lunches or dinners, but at those companies, 84 percent of workers take advantage of the benefit.

Thirteen percent of employees have a meditation room or their premises, and 55 percent of the employees where they're offered use them.

Although only 18 percent of businesses provide health club memberships, 72 percent of employees join, the health maintenance organization said.

"Our findings show that these perks should no longer be considered alternatives, but mainstays since they are well-accepted among workers and demonstrate an employer's commitment to promoting wellness in the workplace," said Dr. Alan Kneuey, chief medical officer and executive vice president at Oxford.

BUSINESS FILINGS

The Times-News

BOISE — Following is the list of businesses filed during November with the Idaho secretary of state's office — including both new ones and existing ones that had been filed with counties and had to be refilled with the state. Businesses are listed by name, agent, address and nature of business.

■ **Mi Ranchito**, Ermila Manio, 511 First Ave., ID 83309, services.
 ■ **Affordable**, George Schwindman, 2433 Berkeley, Burley, ID 83318, services.
 ■ **Restoration Educational Foundation Inc.**, Richard J. Demarco, 3495 E. 3195 N., Kimberly, ID 83341.
 ■ **Balkan Cafe**, Balkan Enterprises LLC, 600 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
 ■ **Balkan Enterprises LLC**, Jadranko Petrovic, 588 Pierce St., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
 ■ **Barrosi's**, Barrosi Brothers of Idaho Inc., P.O. Box 10013, Ketchum, ID 83340.
 ■ **Beverage Works Inc.**, Richard J. Demarco, 3495 E. 3195 N., Kimberly, ID 83341.
 ■ **Big Wood Farms**, Paula Hoyer, 72 N. Idaho Highway 75, Shoshone, ID 83352, agriculture.
 ■ **Blue Flame Coffee Inc.**, David M. Long, 308 S. River St., Halley, ID 83333.
 ■ **Bob's Backhoe Service**, Emma Jane Dene, 1402 A St., Rupert, ID 83350, services.
 ■ **Brook Construction Inc.**, Al Duane Bolt, 2188 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
 ■ **Broyles Educational Foundation Inc.**, Maria Glass, 125 Second St. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
 ■ **Bredley Construction**, James M. Bredley, P.O. Box 7722, Halley, ID 83333, construction.
 ■ **Brown Consulting Associates Inc.**, Boone Lewis, 480 Carriage Lane, Twin Falls, ID 83301.
 ■ **Bryan Builders Inc.**, Shawn S. Bryan, 1538 E. 2100 S., Gooding, ID 83330.
 ■ **BX Music**, Paige Beck, 840 W. 200 S.,

Burley, ID 83318, wholesale.
 ■ **By the Book**, Suede Brew, P.O. Box 696, Ketchum, ID 83344, services.
 ■ **Car Art**, A. Lessa Riley, P.O. Box 424, Carey, ID 83320, retail trade and manufacturing.
 ■ **Cattle Cart Service**, Joy Minchey, 245 Ranch View E., Jerome, ID 83338, services.
 ■ **CheckDoo**, John Bringham, P.O. Box 1061, Kimberly, ID 83341, services.
 ■ **Community Holiday Basket Inc.**, Heather Hedges, 127 Saddle Road, No. 97, Ketchum, ID 83340.
 ■ **Cover Me Clayco**, Tami Smith, P.O. Box 6106, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
 ■ **Croce Dairy**, D. & S. Crane Dairy LLC, 513 Washington St., Kimberly, ID 83341, agriculture.
 ■ **Cranney Farms**, Douglas Cranney, 1252 Idaho Highway 27, Oakley, ID 83346, agriculture.
 ■ **CTR LLC**, Brad Neubauer, 100 N. 48 W., Rupert, ID 83350.
 ■ **Cyber Expression**, Daniel James Hill, 360 W. 100 N., Rupert, ID 83350, services.
 ■ **D & S Crane Dairy LLC**, Danford Leroy Crane II, 513 Washington St., Kimberly, ID 83341.
 ■ **D&J Computer Services**, Don R. Sawyer, 409 Highway View Circle, Jerome, ID 83338, services.
 ■ **Dairymen's Supply Co. LLC**, Dan Boukers, 3257-B S. 2400 E., Jerome, ID 83338.
 ■ **Debbie's Day Care**, Debra K. Wilkinson, 1462 Rainer Drive, Emma Jane Dene, 1402 A St., Rupert, ID 83350, services.
 ■ **Dirty Works Inc.**, Craig Brooks, 600 Sixth Ave. E., Jerome, ID 83338.
 ■ **Dragon's Lair Framing & Matting**, Lianne Slaten, 1278 E. 850 S., Harellton, ID 83335, retail trade.
 ■ **Joey's Rags**, Joy Minchey, 245 Ranch View E., Jerome, ID 83338, retail trade.
 ■ **J's Bar and Grill**, Juan J. Garza, 330 S. Fourth St., Rupert, ID 83350, retail.
 ■ **Kendy Enterprises**, Ken Bingham, 352 S. 50 W., Burley, ID 83318, retail trade.
 ■ **Kent J. Smith, M.D. PA**, a professional corporation, Kent J. Smith, 284 Martin St., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
 ■ **Ketchum Ski Boot Co. LLC**, Robert Ludwig, 106 Piche St., Ketchum, ID 83340.
 ■ **Ketchum Wood Works**, Kevin Dugan, P.O. Box 532, Ketchum, ID 83340, construction.
 ■ **Kid's Portraits**, Kathi Kim Goldberg, 108 N. Rail w. Shoshone, ID 83352, services and retail trade.
 ■ **Kitchen Perfections**, Lacey Kay Nalder, 436 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, construction.

Williams, 1335 Poplar St., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
 ■ **Joe Blue**, Joe Blue Flame Coffee LLC, 308 S. River St., Halley, ID 83333, wholesale trade.
 ■ **Harold W. Blauer Family Farms LLC**, Harold W. Blauer, 608 W. 21st St., Burley, ID 83318.
 ■ **HCS Enterprise Construction Co. LLC**, Anthony J. Nashar, 200 Rivers St. W., third floor, Ketchum, ID 83340.
 ■ **HCS Enterprise Management Group LLC**, Anthony J. Nashar, 200 Rivers St. W., third floor, Ketchum, ID 83340.
 ■ **High Sky Properties LLC**, Anthony J. Nashar, 200 Rivers St. W., third floor, Ketchum, ID 83340.
 ■ **Heartfelt Adoptions**, Lorinda Tolman, 524 W. 18th, Burley, ID 83318, services.
 ■ **The Hemingways Owners Association Inc.**, Wesley K. Nash, 221 Piche St., Ketchum, ID 83340.
 ■ **High Plain Salvage**, Corey Brauburger, 1047 N. 1350 E., Richfield, ID 83349.
 ■ **Idaho Long-Term Care Insurance**, H. Tom Smith, 310 N. Reed St., Hagerman, ID 83332, finance, insurance and real estate.
 ■ **Imagine Productions**, Peter Hillman, 1203 Sixth Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
 ■ **Idaho Passaged Massage Center LLC**, Barbara Julian, 391 N. First St., Ketchum, ID 83340.
 ■ **I & S Precision Custom Cabinets LLC**, Louis Johnson, 150 W. Fourth St., Burley, ID 83318.
 ■ **IBM Farms Inc.**, Michael J. Bulkeley, 3265 N. 1050 E., Buhl, ID 83316.
 ■ **Joe Newton DDS, PA**, Joe Newton DDS, 2064 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
 ■ **Joe's Pallets**, Colleen Thiel, 1138 Park Meadows Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services and manufacturing.
 ■ **Joy's Rags**, Joy Minchey, 245 Ranch View E., Jerome, ID 83338, retail trade.
 ■ **J's Bar and Grill**, Juan J. Garza, 330 S. Fourth St., Rupert, ID 83350, retail.
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 ■ **Kitchen Perfections**, Lacey Kay Nalder, 436 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, construction.

■ **KRKR 1480 Radio Fiesta**, Efrain Ortega, 501 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338, services.
 ■ **Life Challenges Inc.**, Barry Meyers, 3865 W. Adobe Court, Boise, ID 83705 (onsale); Shavna Fuller, 1076 Galeas Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.
 ■ **Linch Roofing**, Bob Linch, 1249 Inca Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, construction.
 ■ **Magic Valley Drywall**, Tony Motley, 13 Mountain Ash Lane, Burley, ID 83318, construction.
 ■ **Manufact Packaging Systems LLC**, John Barker, 21 N. Clark St., Declo, ID 83322.
 ■ **Mike's Custom Carpentry**, Becky A. Brennan, 613 Sixth Ave. E., Jerome, ID 83332, construction.
 ■ **Millennium Development LLC**, Mike Shelton, 2501 Twin View Lane, Twin Falls, ID 83301.
 ■ **Mitoklos Health Care Foundation Inc.**, Carl Hanson, 1224 Eighth St., Rupert, ID 83350.
 ■ **Montgomery Consulting Services**, James Dennis Montgomery, 3926 N. 2100 E., Fler, ID 83328, construction.
 ■ **Moody's Boards & More**, Randy Moody, 149 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.
 ■ **Muscular Massage Therapy**, Shannon Orr, P.O. Box 38, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.
 ■ **New Gritter Inc.**, Douglas Blivins, 800-B W. Main, Jerome, ID 83338.
 ■ **Norlithere VI Subdivision Owners' Association Inc.**, David Cropper, 400 Main St. N., Halley, ID 83333.
 ■ **Nolan**, Bert Jurak, 923 Fourth Ave. E., Jerome, ID 83338, retail and wholesale trade.
 ■ **Online Equipment**, Bruce Graf, 808 Campus Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail and wholesale trade.
 ■ **Over and Out Records and Productions**, Damon Gottlieb Vargel, P.O. Box 4395, Halley, ID 83333, retail trade.
 ■ **Palmer Financial Inc.**, Calvin Clark, 1797 E. 1800 S., Gooding, ID 83330.
 ■ **Professional Billing**, Julie Jensen, 1640 Willow Lane, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
 ■ **PRR (McCall) LLC**, Michael Burns, 4392 Fairway Nine, Sun Valley, ID 83353.
 ■ **Parish Services LLC**, Randy Bauser, 358 Diane Dr., Burley, ID 83318.
 ■ **PRR Investments LLC**, Greg Jensen, P.O. Box 107, Paul, ID 83347.
 ■ **Rainy Day Guitar Works**, William B. Cardono, P.O. Box 2889, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.
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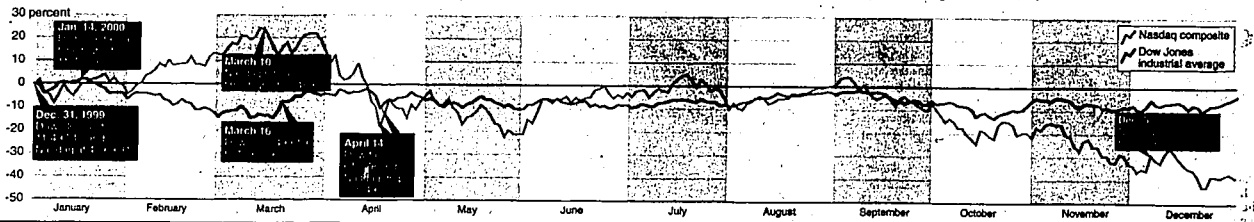
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The year on Wall Street

The end of Wall Street's love affair with high-tech and the Internet plus investors' ongoing consternation about interest rates gave the stock market its worst loss in years, including the Nasdaq composite's biggest yearly drop since it came into being in 1971. The Dow Jones Industrial Average also suffered from intense volatility, but ended 2000 with a relatively modest decline. Here are the percent changes since Dec. 31, 1999.



Sources: MSN MoneyCentral, CSI Inc.

U.S. stock investors nurse their wounds

Knight Ridder News Service

The U.S. stock market finished the year Friday in a far, far darker place than where it began. Virtually an entire fourth quarter of declining stock prices—especially in the technology sector—dragged all the major indexes deep into negative terrain for 2000, leaving many investors confused and uncertain about the new year. The much-maligned Nasdaq composite index closed out the year's last trading day as it has many days over the last three months—with a loss. This means the once popular index of mostly technology companies recorded its biggest yearly loss ever—39.3 percent. The previous record loss was 35.1 percent in 1974.

And this was the biggest decline in one of the three major indexes since the Standard & Poor's 500 dropped 47 percent in 1931, during the Great Depression. "This has been incredibly painful," said Rob Shoss, portfolio manager of the Houston-based Aim large-cap growth mutual fund. "Investors have sold off everything indiscriminately because they are fearful that it's only a matter of time before the economy slows and all companies are affected." For much of the year, investors suspended traditional investing standards of buying good companies with profits and market share. Instead, a manic menagerie of day traders and

momentum players pushed stock valuations to ludicrous levels on companies with precious little hope of ever earning a cent, said Jim Weiss, chief investment officer at State Street Research & Management Co. in Boston. "They were investing in concepts, not companies with real earnings, and that had to be adjusted," he said. The Nasdaq dropped 87.24 points Friday to close at 2,470.52, leaving it 51 percent below its all-time high of 5,048 hit on March 10. The Dow lost 81.91 points to

close at 10,786.85, leaving it down 6.2 percent for the year, its first annual loss since 1990. The blue-chip index of 30 companies is about 1,000 points below its peak of 11,722.98 on Jan. 14. And the broader Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 13.94 points Friday, or 1 percent, to close at 1,320.28. The S&P lost 10.1 percent for the year. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange totaled 1.02 billion shares. The Dow and S&P actually have been holding up relatively well compared with the Nasdaq, and many market experts had

hoped a year-end rally might push them into positive territory. But a sustained rally never materialized, and many market experts aren't expecting much upward momentum going into the new year. The major point of uncertainty involves the health of the U.S. economy and whether a recession lies in waiting. The nation's economy, which grew at a 5.5 percent clip for much of 2000, slowed going into the fourth quarter. A recession is defined as two consecutive quarters of negative growth. "The longest economic expansion in the history of the United States will face its most severe test yet in 2001," said Don Filber, an economist for Wells Fargo & Co. in Minneapolis. "If a recession is avoided, it will be because businesses and consumers do not panic early this year."

Mr. Weiss said the stock market is troubled at the moment, because it has sort out what the true rate of economic growth will be in 2001 or the true rate of profit growth. Investors hoping for a better 2001 might be somewhat reassured to know that since 1946 only once have stocks fallen in two consecutive years. In 1981, the S&P dropped 17.4 percent and then dropped an additional 29.7 percent in 1974. But on average the S&P rises 16.7 percent after a down year, and most recently the S&P's 1.5 percent loss in 1994 was followed by a 34.1 percent gain the next year.

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2000 proved costly for most

TWIN FALLS—This past year has been one of turmoil for most farmers and ranchers in the Magic Valley. For the most part prices came in below cost of production. Milk prices hovered \$2 below break-even, affecting not only dairymen, but crop farmers who sell them feed. Even sugar beets, long heralded as the valley's salvation, ended the year with hard times as sugar prices dropped and grower retains in the still fledgling Snake River Sugar co-op grew to offset losses. The only real bright spots in



Sugar beets, like most crops in the Magic Valley, came piling in at harvest, but prices tumbled under the pressure of too much supply.

Farmbeat
This week's report from Magic Valley
Ag Weekly reviews the top stories from agriculture in the year 2000.

prices were in cattle and pork, which both increased significantly over the past couple of years. Producers of those commodities, however, say the price jumps nowhere close to making up huge losses in the years previous and rising costs. Hay held steady, despite falling prices in the dairy sector, and winter hay even enjoyed an appealing increase in price. Environmental issues also marked the year, with all sectors battling negative public opinion and mounting regulations. Overall, a summary of the past year, by commodity scores more

moderately on the market, High said. Prices for pinto—by far Idaho's most widely grown commercial bean—stayed at \$15 per hundredweight most of the year, rising to \$18 for a couple of months during and immediately after harvest. Though Amalgamated shareholders were unhappy with a 25-percent dip in sugar prices at year's beginning, they were able to make up for some of that with record production. An early spring contributed to a company average of 29 tons per acre and sugar content into the 17-percent range. The result is that factories have about 7 percent to 8 percent more beets to slice this winter than last year. Hay held steady despite an ailing dairy market. Buyers are becoming pickier and more aggressive in their pricing, but growers were still able to sell premium and mixer hay at a good price. Winter hay jumped a healthy \$10 to \$15 from last year, and growers picked up a little unexpected business due to fire and drought on grazing land. Despite the grazing challenges, cattle proved a bright spot in the mostly dismal agricultural saga this year. Prices climbed, setting in the \$1.10 to \$1.20 range for 450 to 500 lb steers. With break-even in the 90s and prices just at that last year after falling well below for several years earlier, cattlemen were on top of the cycle, making a decent profit. Continuing consolidation in the industry kept producers uneasy, however, as they watched buying power concentrate. Pork also showed improvement, with prices in the 40-cent per pound range this year after the pitiful 13 cents per pound producers were getting last year. The increase is welcome but doesn't make up for years of losses in that sector. Hog producers also had the dubious honor of the first livestock sector to be the focus in all out public and legislative initiative to enact state guidelines for CAFOs. Sheep prices also improved, bringing some much needed relief to producers. Congressional support to restructure the industry also lightened the load. Aquaculture fared well with trout prices maintaining at a profitable trend. Industry insiders are growing anxious, however, as the economy softens and history tells them consumers are less likely to buy seafood in tough times.

Be it resolved, the New Year will be prosperous – and thrifty

NEW YORK (AP)—Let's face it, we're weak. It's tough to make meaningful New Year's resolutions—and even tougher to keep them. So The Associated Press asked more than a half dozen consumer experts to make some resolutions for us. Consumers might use these to start on the path to a prosperous and thrifty new year. From Durant Abernethy, president of the National Foundation for Consumer Counseling (800 385-227, www.nfcc.org): Let's do a better job of budgeting for unexpected expenses that can wind up on interest-charging credit cards. If you don't have an emergency savings account, you are going to have to borrow money every time your car breaks down, a major appliance gives out or the roof leaks. Unfortunately, that is what a lot of Americans do. The solution is to build a "rainy day" savings account, and it's easier than you think. Deposit \$20 a week in a savings account that earns 5 percent interest, and you will have \$13,700 in 10 years and \$131,900 in 40. From Greg McBride, financial analyst at Bankrate Inc. (www.bankrate.com): Strive to accumulate an emergency savings fund that would cover living expenses of three to

six months. It's a good idea to have the equivalent of three months expenses in a high-yielding money market account, and any more in a three-month certificate of deposit. From Kelly Presta, vice president at Visa USA: As the new year inspires people to make changes, often improvements, in life, money management is always a popular choice. A Web site from Visa can help make heads and tails of financial matters. www.PracticalMoneySkills.com The site's free games, online calculators and curriculum will help anyone get a better handle on their finances. From Gordon Stewart, president of the Insurance Information Institute (www.iii.org): This year, I will review my insurance to make sure it has kept up with my life. I will tell my insurance professional about the improvements to my home. I will finally do an inventory of my worldly possessions. I will read my policies. This year, I will do it. From Laurence Foster, chairman of the personal financial specialist committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants: It's time for me to do the planning that will affect the rest of my

life... I resolve to do my retirement and estate planning. That means creating a will and figuring out who'll best care for my kids—including financially—making sure my family has the financial protection they'll need through life insurance, and making sure that the government doesn't get all my money. From Ed Slott, editor of Ed Slott's IRA Advisor in Rockville Centre, N.Y.: This year, I will obtain a copy of the Individual Retirement Account beneficiary form for each IRA I own. I will make sure that I have named a primary beneficiary and a secondary (contingent) beneficiary for each one. I will make sure that the financial institution has my beneficiary selections on file and that its records agree with mine. I will keep a copy of all my IRA beneficiary forms, and I will let my beneficiaries know where to locate the forms. I'll review them at least once a year. From Rhoda Karpatkin, president of the Consumers Union, which publishes Consumer Reports magazine (www.consumer.org): Find new ways to enjoy life without buying more stuff. Check out how much pleasure you can get from helping to make your community a better place.

Accountants anticipate new tax year

Knight Ridder News Service Amid the post-Christmas bustle to return gifts and buy goods on sale, many people are turning their attention to the new year countdown the new tax year, that is. The stock market's dramatic plunge over the past several weeks has prompted calls from clients interested in taking investment losses, the most popular end-of-year concern this year, accountants and tax preparers say. It's pretty much been a blood-bath in the stock market this season, said Christopher Wardell of Wardell & Rall Accounting Corp. in Stockton. Wardell has gotten several calls daily for the past several days concerning deadlines for

taking losses and, more generally, how losses work. Individuals may use investment losses to offset capital gains, or taxable appreciation, in other assets. Also, taxpayers may use extra losses to deduct up to \$3,000 in taxable income per year. Investors must sell the securities before the end of the year to claim the loss for the 2000 tax year, experts say. The deadline? Friday, since Dec. 30 and 31 this year fall on Saturday and Sunday. Those rules still leave room for questions, experts say. Some clients don't realize they can carry over their investment losses each year in perpetuity, said Hank Hulsoor, director of H&R Block's Premium office in Stockton. That means a client with a \$10,000 loss can offset a capital gain of \$5,000 and make a \$3,000 income deduction this year, then make a \$2,000 deduction next year, for example, he said. Some people don't realize that the \$3,000 limit is an absolute maximum, said Craig Mizuno of Mizuno CPA in Tracy. Also, the Internal Revenue Service will recognize the sale on the actual trade date, not the so-called settlement date, which can appear on investment statements as the date in which funds actually change hands. Some investors have both capital gains and losses this year, because they sold early, promising a gain, but have since reinvested money into an instrument that went bust.

Overall, a summary of the past year, by commodity scores more low than the highs. Dairy producers suffered a double whammy with record-low milk prices and public animosity. Prices were painfully below cost of production all year. In addition, the dairy industry was plagued by complaints over odor and the handling of waste. Demand for tighter regulation and narrower zoning laws were the order of the day. It was a mixed bag for grain growers. Production was up, but prices remained down. The industry scored a few gains in international trade with foreign markets opening up, but lost a few as well with the hoopla over GMO grains. Potato growers took a big hit again this year. An unexpected huge crop saw prices plummet. In addition imports of process-grade potatoes outnumbered domestic production. Growers failed in an initial attempt at a federal diversion program and are now going it alone to try to remove some product from the market. "A little below average" is how bean commissioner Ken Bean sums up the year 2000. Bean prices are still depressed, and because of an unusually hot summer, production was down. Acres were significantly down from '99, too, which meant less of the com-

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Heady years leave some hangover pains

Many of the year's top stories tell of a rapid fall from grace

NEW YORK (AP) — It wasn't too long ago that "irrational exuberance" made for heady days on Wall Street. In 2000, investors' flight from the market only made for daily headaches. After a 1999 that was the economic equivalent of Mardi Gras, 2000 proved to be the achy morning after — when the nation's investors and executives awoke to find their wallets half-empty, their dignity more than a little ruffled and their temples throbbing.

That collective swoon was a consistent theme in many of the top business stories of 2000, ranked by U.S. newspaper and broadcast editors in a survey by The Associated Press.

The biggest business story of the year was the downfall of the once mighty stock market, a plummet that claimed \$3 trillion in investor wealth. But misery loves company, and there was plenty of other troublesome business news among the stories chosen by the editors.

This was the year, after all, when energy prices soared nearly as fast as dot-com valuations, and the year when crises involving tire failures on SUVs and airport delays bedeviled tire and car manufacturers and airlines.

That there wasn't good news, too, particularly record low unemployment, a sign of just how strong the economy remained. But after all that exuberance, this past year may well be remembered most for its disappointments.

Here, according to the AP survey of editors, are the top 10 business stories of 2000:

1. **STOCKS DIVE:** After several phenomenal years, a generation of new investors was introduced to the painful phenomenon of losses. The Dow Jones Industrial average surged to nearly 12,000 and the Nasdaq composite index motored past 5,000 in the early months of the year. But doubts about technology companies and

the economy popped the bubble.

2. **DOT-COM SHAKEOUT:** For a while there, it seemed any company with a .com at the end of its name was charmed. The magic wore off as pressures to show profits exposed the weakness of many ventures, leading to layoffs and cutbacks and even the end of some dot-coms. The casualties included Furniture.com, ValueAmerica.com and

3. **TIRE RECALL:** Ford and Bridgestone/Firestone began a massive recall after investigators blamed tire separations for accidents in the automaker's popular

could lead to the biggest government-ordered restructuring since the AT&T split-up in 1984, but it was not yet clear how vigorously the incoming Bush administration would pursue the case.

6. **AOL-TIME WARNER MERGER:** The largest deal in U.S. corporate history was still pending at year's end, but won the approval of regulators after exacting concessions to protect consumers.

7. **INTEREST RATES:** Stung by high interest rates, investors and businesses hung on Alan Greenspan's every word, listening for hints of a change in Federal Reserve policy. The year ended with the Fed declaring its fear of inflation eased, but with rates unchanged.

8. **RECORD-LOW UNEMPLOYMENT:** The ranks of the jobless fell to a minuscule 3.9 percent at the year ended, levels never seen before.

9. **FLORIDA SMOKERS' VERDICT:** A jury ordered tobacco companies to pay a record \$145 billion to smokers and their families, a penalty the companies say could put them out of business.

10. **AIRLINE PASSENGER WOES:** Overloaded airports, airline labor problems and other problems saddled the flying public with a year of flight delays that never seemed to ease.

TOP 10 FROM 2000: BUSINESS

A price verdict for tobacco

A Florida jury ordered several tobacco companies to pay a record \$145 billion to smokers and their families, a penalty the companies say could put them out of business.

Hurry up and wait

The flying public saw a year of flight delays caused by overloaded airports, airline labor disputes and other problems that never seemed to ease.

Pumped-up prices

Soaring oil prices pushed costs up at the pump across the nation. Some regions even saw gasoline prices pass \$2 per gallon.

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Abandoned by the bull

Markets start year strong, but end on a sour note

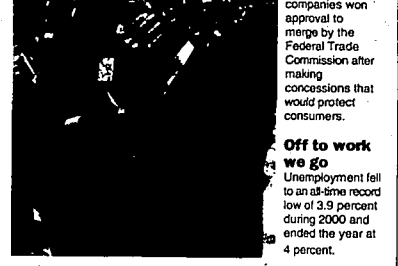
The bull market was over by the end of 2000. The once mighty stock market, embattled by poor earnings reports and concerns over a slowing economy, plummeted, claiming \$3 trillion in investor wealth.

The Greenspan effect

Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan had investors hanging on his every word when he declared by the end of the year that inflation had eased and the federal fund rate would remain unchanged.

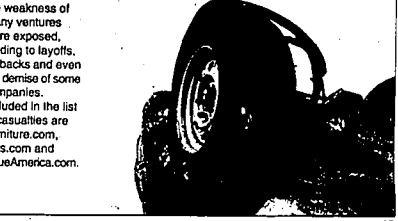
A giant breakup

In June, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson ruled that software giant Microsoft Corp. was an unfair monopoly that must be broken up.



All were recalled

A massive recall of Bridgestone/Firestone tires began after investigators blamed tire separation as the cause of many accidents involving Ford Motor Co.'s Explorer sports utility vehicle. Ford blamed Firestone, but the tire maker says the auto manufacturer also was at fault for setting faulty load limits for the SUV.



Dot-com casualties

The darlings of the Nasdaq composite, the dot-coms lost favor with investors as the weakness of many ventures were exposed, leading to layoffs, cutbacks and even the demise of some companies. Included in the list of casualties are Furniture.com, Pets.com and ValueAmerica.com.



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Explorer sport-utility vehicle. The accidents claimed at least 148 lives in the United States, according to federal investigators. Ford blames Firestone, but the tire maker says the auto manufacturer also erred in setting faulty load limits for the Explorer.

4. **OIL SOARS:** The last time Americans were paying oil prices like these was during the 1991 Gulf War. This time, strong economic growth drove demand and prices soared as oil-producing nations kept a tight rein on supplies. The result was gasoline prices surging \$2 a gallon in some parts of the country, and a winter that promises consumers record-high costs for heating oil and natural gas.

5. **MICROSOFT SPLIT-UP ORDERED:** Agreeing with the court made by federal regulators, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson ruled in June that Microsoft was an unfair monopoly that must be broken up. Legal experts said the battle

The following stories filled out the list of the top 20:

11. (tie) U.S. approves permanent normalized trade relations with China; and United Airlines-U.S. Airlines merger

13. Napster online music sharing controversy

14. Biotech corn turns up in food products

15. Corporate profits hit a wall

16. Y2K goes with few hitches

17. AT&T restructures itself

18. Lucent mistakes cut earnings, cost CEO's job

19. Ford acknowledges environmental, safety problems in SUVs

20. Baby Bells win entry to long-distance market.

2000 was big year for mutual fund industry, despite downturn

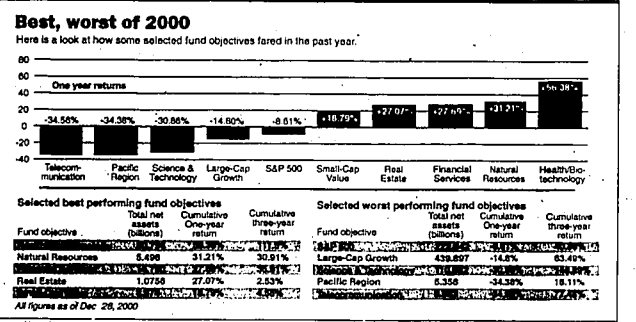
NEW YORK (AP) — It's been a miserable year for the stock market, but mutual fund companies may be able to salvage some good news from 2000.

Although Wall Street's hemorrhage pulled some stock funds down more than 50 percent this year, the overall mutual fund business is still poised to end 2000 with some positive records.

About \$306 billion in new investment came into stock funds in 2000, according to preliminary figures from TrimTabs.com Investment Research. That's 63 percent ahead of the nearly \$188 billion total investment made in 1999 and more than three higher than the \$227 billion in 1997, the previous best year.

The biggest chunk of that money came in the first quarter, as investors poured \$93 billion into stock funds to keep up with the rocketing Nasdaq composite index. Activity cooled off considerably late in the year amid the stock market's downturn.

"A lot of these do-it-yourself investors yanked their money out of their own accounts and decided to resort to the professional



money management of mutual funds," said Rami Shaalan, senior mutual fund analyst for Wiesenberger, Thomson Financial. "And, despite all this turmoil in the markets, many mutual fund investors backed by their financial advisors and mutual fund companies, view this as a buying opportunity."

The number of investment choices also grew in 2000. There were 4,324 U.S. stock funds at the end of October, compared with 3,847 at the end of 1999, said John Collins of the Investment Company Institute, an industry group.

The biggest asset growth came in aggressive growth stock funds, which contained \$121 billion as of October, compared with \$34.3 billion in all of 1999, according to the ICI's most recent data. While many of those funds were hammered during the end-of-year market decline, they continue to attract money.

"We are seeing a greater inflows to aggressive growth than growth and income funds, including during November and December," said Carl Wittebert, director of research at TrimTabs.com. "Investors are afraid of missing out on the next big rally."

One of the year's biggest fund scandals also came in October, when Heartland Advisors' marked down two high-yield municipal bond funds, slashing their values overnight.

"They weren't huge funds, but the thing is no one expects losses like that in a muni bond. I think it was a bit of a shock," said Russell Kinnel, director of fund analysis at Morningstar.

Sheldon Jacobs, publisher of the "No-Load Fund Investor," identifies two mutual fund industry trends in 2000.

If a fund group has three or four funds that are somewhat similar, they're just merging them into one fund," he said pointing to the consolidation of funds by companies or with fund families at the same company.

He also sees a future with fewer no-load funds, which charge investors lower fees, partly because of consolidation and partly because of consumers' willingness to pay for pricier load funds.

"These new investors may not understand how expensive the advice is," Jacobs said.

One high-profile example is Scudder Kemper, which as of Dec. 29, will close its no-load funds to most new customers.

The prognosis for 2001 will depend a lot of the market, believes Kinnel, the Morningstar expert.

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INJURY AT THE EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Question: My husband and I attended his employer's Christmas party. There was a live band. While dancing, my husband tripped over an extension cord used by the band to power its amplifiers. He was seriously hurt and won't be able to work for months. What can we do?

Answer: You might have an action against the band or its members if they placed the cord on the dance floor. The question is whether they have insurance coverage or any money.

The more interesting question is whether you have a worker's compensation claim. The Idaho Supreme Court held in one 1993 case that a woman who ducked to death on food at her employer's Christmas party was within the "course and scope of employment," so her husband could make a worker's compensation claim. Two years later, the same Court considered a case in which an employee at his Christmas party got drunk and started several fights. He was so obnoxious that his co-workers forced him outside and into his pickup. He drove away, got stuck in a field and froze to death during the night. In that case, the Court held that there was no worker's compensation claim.

Your situation seems more like the first than the second case, and you certainly should consider filing a worker's compensation claim.

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Ergonomics standard aims to eliminate disorders

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When Faith Reeder knits, her hands turn numb and her fingers go to a spasm. She can no longer sleep because of the pain.

Reeder, 59, got carpal tunnel syndrome after working as a gardener for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 15 years. Doing grafting and layering of fruit trees, her work involved using clippers, razors and knives to make minute cuts on the bark.

Reeder had surgery on one hand, but it didn't correct the condition. Because she was incapable of working, she lost her job. Now she gets disability pay, which she says is a fourth of her salary was. "If I didn't have my husband, I wouldn't be able to survive," said the Redland, Fla., resident.

Citing the 1.8 million workers with ailments caused by repetitive motion jobs such as typing, dening, packing and typing, the Clinton administration issued a new ergonomics standard in November, one of the most extensive pieces of labor legislation in 50 years.

The guidelines say that 5.5 million workplaces nationwide must provide free medical care to workers with musculoskeletal disorders (MSD) and must compensate them with up to 90 days of employer-paid sick leave on the job. They must design or implement comprehensive ergonomics programs, teach their workers about the symptoms and risks of cumulative trauma disorders, and move employees who can't perform the tasks to lighter jobs.

The principle of ergonomics is that by fitting the job to the worker through adjusting a work station, rotating between jobs or using mechanical assists, MSDs can be reduced and ultimately eliminated.

While labor groups hailed the measure as a historic advance in worker protection, business organizations are already in court challenging the new standards, which go into effect on Jan. 16 and will be phased in over four years. They say the proposal is costly and won't accomplish what it set out to do.

"The cornerstone of the lawsuit is that there's no consensus in the scientific and medical communities over the causes of ergonomic injuries," said Pat Cleary, vice president of human resources policy at the National Association of Manufacturers, one of the groups challenging the rule. "It's going to cost money with no impact on safety."

The government estimates the standard will cost \$4.5 billion a year to implement, but the American Trucking Association figures the cost to trucking alone would be more than \$8 billion. Food Distributors International said the cost to its members will be \$26 billion. The Employment Policy Foundation estimates the cost to be \$100 billion a year for all of business.

Charles Jeffress, head of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the agency responsible for the regulation, says it will save companies \$9.1 billion a year, while sparing workers pain.

"The ergonomics programs improve productivity, and result in less workers compensation, less employee turnover, and less time loss," he said, adding that the provision will encourage people to come forward earlier and report these injuries, while reassuring them that their pay will be continued.

More than policy, the ergonomics debate has become a hot political issue. President-elect George W. Bush could take measures to lighten the burden on business.

By reducing physical demands that exceed the physical capacity of workers, OSHA expects its new ergonomics standard to prevent about 460,000 cases of MSD each year, and to protect the 60 million workers employed at workplaces that have yet to address ergonomic standards.

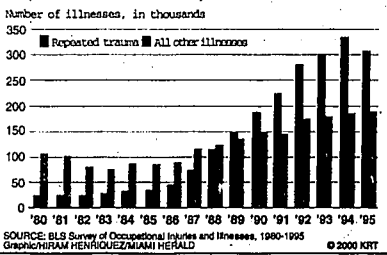
"It's a tragedy it took this long," said Eric Frumin, safety director for the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees. "Millions of workers suffered injuries. We should have had a standard five years ago."

Many companies contend that they already have ergonomic standards in place, including training and ergonomically fit workstations.

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Workplace illnesses

In the past decade, the number of U.S. workplace injuries related to repetitive stress has risen markedly.



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Lauderdale company that runs call centers throughout the country, for instance, replaces its chairs every three years. It gives ergonomic training and provides wrist guards if a job requires a lot of typing.

But OSHA says this may not be enough, should just one worker reports an MSD injury.

It considers using a keyboard or mouse in a steady manner for more than four hours a day hazardous work. Other MSD risks include lifting more than 75 pounds at any one time, pushing or pulling more than 20 pounds of initial force, kneeling or squatting for more than two hours a day, and using tools with high vibration levels, such as jack hammers, for more than 30 minutes during a day.

While keeping extensive

records of employee injury reports and the evaluations of ergonomic programs, the readjustments that companies must make include replacing furniture, redesigning factories, and changing work tools, should one employee complain.

But small business owners say

they will be the greatest losers. Larry Levine, vice president of operations of Hollywood-based Brandsmart, says the rule goes too far and undermines the company's workers compensation system by setting up MSD as the preferred injury type.

"It will create an undue burden in terms of operating costs on all businesses, and it will reduce the competitiveness in the world market place," Levine said. "The government is intruding on private industry. It's way over the line."

OSHA first proposed the standard for public comment a year ago. Business groups and Republicans in Congress call the ruling a swift political move to get the regulation passed before the new president takes office.

"They rushed to get out the rule. They've ambushed folks," said Kim Bosgraaf, manager of regulatory policy of the National Federation for Independent Business, a small business coalition, that says OSHA didn't address the concerns of the small business community.

But OSHA denies it was a

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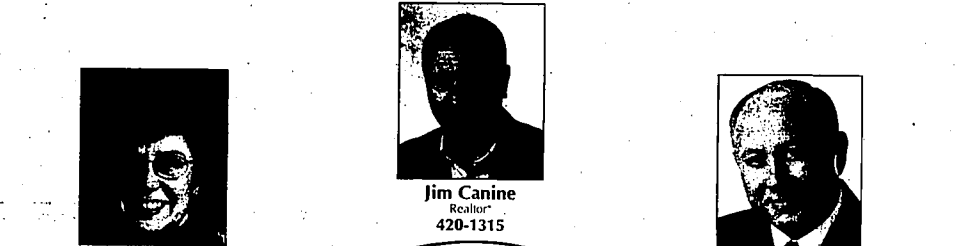
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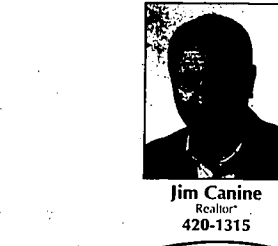
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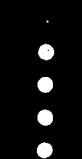
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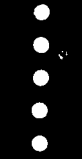
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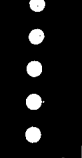
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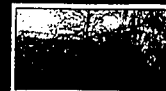
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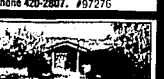
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Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: Partner opens one spade. RHO doubles, and LHO cue-bids two spades. With our side alert, RHO bids three clubs, LHO repeats his cue-bid in spades, and RHO bids four hearts. LHO bids five diamonds, and RHO corrects to six clubs. When partner ends the auction with a double, what should I lead from a ♠9-7-4-3, ♠8-6-2, ♠9-7-5, ♠J-8-3?

Partner bids two hearts. Two passes follow and LHO bids two clubs. Partner then bids three clubs, passed to LHO, who completes to three spades. After two more passes, should I bid four clubs or elect to defend?

ANSWER: LHO is up to something — his bidding is not complete. Why would he pass over the double and then perlat to three spades? In any event, it's best to trust partner. Partner is not loaded with high cards or distribution, so it's better to defend. Lead your diamond ace and guide the rest of your hand as you play dummy. A diamond ruff (or ruffs) may be necessary to defeat three spades.

ANSWER: Partner's double (lightner) bans the lead of his suit or a trump. So the choice is between hearts and diamonds. If partner void in diamonds, or does he have the A-K in hearts? A diamond void is unlikely since RHO denied diamond support. My vote goes to a heart lead — if partner has the A-K or A-Q of diamonds, he rates to score them anyway.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I deal and open one club with ♠A-K-10-9-8, ♠A-7, ♠10, ♠K-Q-J-9-5. LHO overcalls one diamond. Partner raises to two clubs, and RHO bids two diamonds. I rebid two spades and partner bids three clubs. RHO retreats to three diamonds, and I bid three spades. When partner bids four clubs, should I bid game or pass?

ANSWER: No. Dropping a queen under partner's king promises the king or a singleton. It requests partner to overcall his ace at the next trick.

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ANSWER: I would definitely bid the club game. After all, partner did promise something when he bid two clubs, and whatever he holds is not likely to be in spades or diamonds. Most likely, he has heart help and at least four clubs, probably five. It also goes news to know partner does not have three spades.

ANSWER: No, it is not. If you have enough strength to force partner, the only way to show it is to begin with a penalty double.

Dear Mr. Wolff: RHO opens one spade, and I double with ♠K-7, ♠J-10-9-6, ♠A-K, ♠Q-J-10-8-5. LHO passes and

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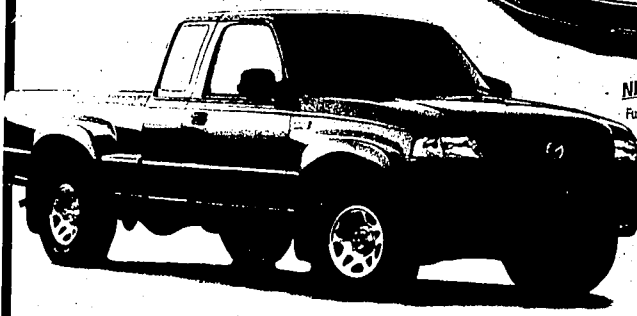
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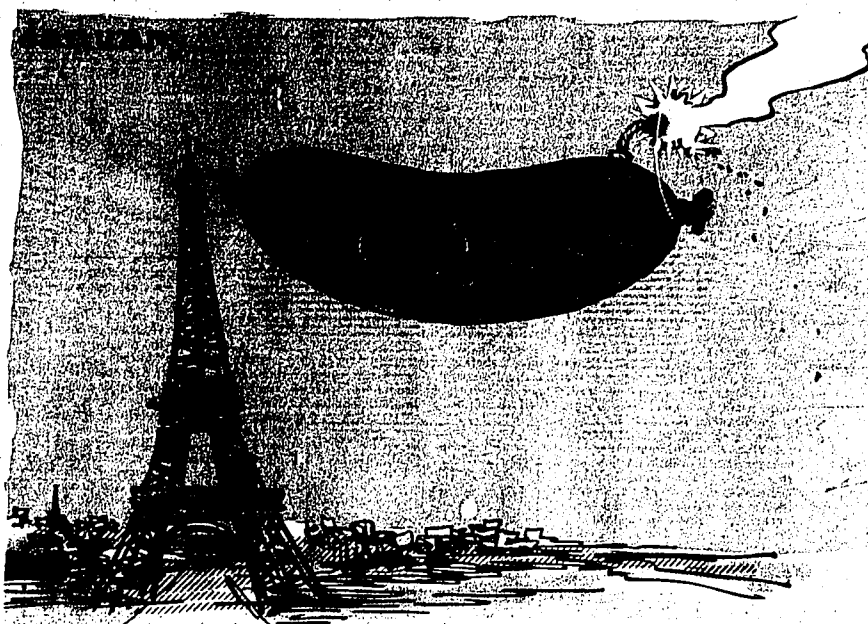
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Looking back on the year 2000, we have to say that, all things considered, it was pretty good.

No, hold it! We just received some late returns in from the 159th manual recounting of the ballots of Palm Beach County, and it turns out that, by a slim margin, it was actually a bad year. So we're glad that it's finally ...

Whoops! Hold it! We have just been informed that a Florida court has reversed a ruling overturning an earlier court ruling that upheld a previous ruling that rejected an appeal of a ruling that overturned an earlier reversal of an upheld rejection of the decision to count ballots marked only by drool, which

meant that the year 2000 was ... OK, to be honest, we're not sure what kind of year it was. We're not sure of anything any more, except that we never, ever, ever want to have another presidential election like this one. We think that everybody who had anything to do with this election, including the entire state of Florida, should be banned from the political process for life. We especially think that all the lawyers involved should be marooned on a desert island, surrounded by man-eating sharks, from which the only escape would be to build a raft out of severely dimpled chads.

But setting aside the Election from Hell, there were some bright spots in the year 2000:

- NASDAQ went deep into the toilet, which meant we heard a lot fewer stories about 22-year-old dot-com twerps making \$450 million for starting companies that never actually produced anything except press releases.

- The federal budget surplus got so huge that experts believe it could take Congress as long as 18 months to blow the entire thing on comically unnecessary pork-barrel projects such as the Museum of Ketchup.

- Toward the end of the year, most people finally stopped thinking that it was clever to say "Is that your final answer?" and "Whassup!"

- You also heard almost nothing about Dennis Rodman.

So on balance, we're feeling pretty uncertain, in an undecided kind of way, as we take a reflective look back at 2000, which began — as so many years seem to, lately — with ...

January

... which opens with the entire world braced for the impending Y2K disaster, a story that had received more media hype than global warming and Britney Spears (ital) combined, (nonital) with experts warning the public that the electricity could go out, planes could crash, the economy could collapse and renegade ATMs could roam the streets, viciously attacking pedestrians who were unable to remember their PINs.

As it turns out, the only technology that is actually affected by Y2K is the George Foreman Grill, which, at pre-

cisely midnight on New Year's Eve, suddenly starts adding fat to foods. Other than that, nothing bad happens, and on New Year's Day, all the "experts" admit that they were wrong, and refund all the money they received for giving flagrantly incorrect advice. And the Backstreet Boys win the Rose Bowl.

Meanwhile, the dawn of the 21st Century is celebrated around the world with extravaganzas in all the great cities, most notably Paris, which uses the Eiffel Tower as a framework for the most spectacular light show ever seen; London, which turns the Thames into a mighty river of fire; and Warsaw, which unveils the "Millennium Kielbasa" — a 1,900-foot-long sausage stuffed with more than 50,000 pounds of high explosive that, when detonated, causes chunks of smoked meat to rain down festively all over central Europe.

In other foreign news, Vladimir Putin takes over as president of Russia, replacing Boris Yeltsin, who is forced to resign on New Year's Eve when the Kremlin runs out of vodka. In his inaugural speech, Putin, a former KGB agent, pledges to work for international understanding and maintain peaceful relations with the United States "until we can refuel our missiles."

The United States turns ownership of the Panama Canal over to Panama. Maritime experts quickly became concerned when Panama, seeking to boost revenue by transforming the aging waterway into a Disney-style tourist attraction, installs a "log flume" section. Pieces of disintegrated freighters are soon washing ashore as far away as Costa Rica.

In South America, the War on Drugs, now entering its 30th successful year, gets a nice boost when the U.S. announces that it is giving \$1.3 billion more in aid to Colombia, which ducks into the bathroom eight times during the announcement ceremony.

February

... the presidential primary campaigns heat up as Al Gore, Bill Bradley, George W. Bush and John McCain sweep through New Hampshire, then hustle down to South Carolina, then blast out to Wisconsin, then race up to Michigan, then, as a result of a faulty compass,

charge deep into Canada, where, before discovering their error, they spend a combined \$43 million on TV attack ads and hold several debates, in which Bush repeatedly refers to Canadians as "the Canadish people," and Gore claims that he was born and raised in Montreal.

Meanwhile, Steve Forbes, who has spent untold millions of his own money in a hopelessly unrealistic quest for the presidency, finally comes to his senses and drops out of the race, declaring that he will now devote his energies full-time to becoming a power forward for the Los Angeles Lakers.

President Clinton, after working late many nights in the White House Situation Room, finally finishes building his legacy. He goes to sleep a happy man, only to discover, on awakening, that Buddy, the First Dog, has gotten hold of the legacy and chewed it beyond recognition.

On the financial front, in a chilling example of the growing menace of cyber-crime, unidentified hackers attack several major "e-business" websites, temporarily shutting them down,



and thus preventing them from losing money anywhere near as fast as usual. Meanwhile, the Dow Jones Industrial Average continues to slide, dipping below the 10,000 mark for the first time since April of 1999. This causes great concern everywhere except Palm Beach County, where election officials have the Dow pegged at 263,000 and "climbing like a rocket."

March

... George W. Bush and Al Gore clinch their parties' nominations, thanks to a

heartfelt outpouring of money from civic-minded special-interest groups responding to the candidates' calls for campaign finance reform. John McCain and Bill Bradley both drop out, with each man declaring his sincere support for the opponent he has spent the past several months likening to pond scum. Remaining in the presidential race are Ralph Nader, representing the Flush Your Vote Down the Toilet party, and Pat Buchanan, representing the asteroid belt.

President Clinton visits the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, and, upon exiting, sets off an alarm. Guards discover a piece of FDR's legacy in one of

the president's pockets. Nobody can figure out how the heck it got there. In economic news, consumers voice increasing concern over rising gasoline prices, which have climbed to record



levels in almost every part of the nation except Palm Beach County, where election officials report that unleaded premium is selling for 14 cents a gallon.

In science, medical researchers announce that they have cloned a \$100 bill, and will no longer be dependent upon federal grants.

On Wall Street, the Dow plunges, then soars, then evens out for a little while, then — in a move that alarms many observers — briefly switches to degrees Fahrenheit.

April

The federal government's marathon antitrust case against Microsoft comes to an end when a federal judge finds the software giant guilty of being successful.

In what will prove to be a fateful ruling, the judge orders Microsoft to split into two smaller companies, one of which will continue to make the "Windows" operating system, and the other of which will immediately begin manufacturing Firestone tires. In response, the NASDAQ, for the first time in its history, closes at exactly equal to pi.

On the legacy front, President Clinton, with his official entourage of 3,500, flies to Tonga in hopes of brokering a historic peace agreement, only to discover that, tragically, Tonga is an isolated island nation that has not been at war with anybody for centuries.

Tongan officials express regret, and

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Take a hike (and still stay married)

Trivia question: What was the favorite exercise at the turn of the century? Answer: Strolling.

Why couldn't I have been born 100 years earlier?

The research report also said that today's favorite exercise is cross-training. I guess that's better for us, but it's sure not as much fun.

According to the same report, the favorite snack in 1900 was homemade cookies — and the favorite snack today is microwave popcorn. Without butter, no wonder everyone talks about the good old days.

Of course, the new year is here, ready or not, and people are talking about their new exercise programs designed to shed those holiday pounds.

The other day, I received a news release about a series of Cardio Athletic Kickbox workout videos (1-800-595-9519), featuring an instructor whose bio says he worked at the Linda Evans Fitness Centers — which, in itself, is good enough for me. The kickboxing news release says the American Council on Exercise has concluded that people are likely to burn 350 to 450 calories during a typical 50-minute kickboxing class. Not bad.

The problem is I don't think I'd be any good at kickboxing. Because just reading the news release scares me.

There is advice like, "Master form first to avoid injury." And it says, "Shortness of breath is normal for first-timers." That just doesn't sound like something someone who grew up learning how to exercise by sitting in a drugstore drinking Cokes with her friends and talking about how we should try it sometime.

To opt in my family exercised more. Especially my mother, who has always eaten dessert first.

Somehow, Mom got blessed with the genes to get away with living on the edge of the exercise. Today, at 80-something, her notion of exercise is the same as it was when I was a kid. I get enough exercise trying to keep balance on those three-inch heels.

She's 4 foot 11 inches tall, weighs 90 pounds and is one of those people who can do everything wrong and still get it right. Whenever I tell her she's going to fall down in those three-inch heels and break a hip, she laughs and says only old people do that.

I doubt any of the rest of us will

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Denise Turner

grow up to be my mother. She's one of a kind. So, when I read those reports from the surgeon general suggesting that everyone should burn at least 150 calories a day through exercise in order to stay healthy, I know I'd better listen.

Actually, I do exercise. I do some of that bicycling and tennis and brisk walking (my family would dispute my definition of the term "brisk"). But on Jan. 1, I always feel like I should be doing more.

One surgeon general report says that everyday activities can be used to burn the suggested 150 calories. An hour of washing windows, for example. But I think I'd rather pump iron than wash windows for an hour.

Pushing a stroller for 30 minutes is on the lists, too. But I don't have anyone to put in the stroller anymore, so I'd look pretty stupid doing that.

I wonder how many calories you burn worrying about your teenage kids ...

Not long ago, I read about a new trend: Exercising in the presence of "fans." The idea is that you do better if you have someone yelling, "You can do it!" while you exercise. That's according to a report that weightlifters are able to lift up to 8 percent more when they are receiving verbal encouragement.

But I want to be the fan.

Oh well, at least I do like to go 75-year-old and I love the story of the walk-around man who went to his doctor in such fantastic physical condition that the doctor wanted to know what kind of exercise program he was using. The patient, 50 years married, said his doctor told him and his wife had an agreement: Whenever she would lose her temper over a fault in him, he would take a walk. He attributed his good health to the fact that, for almost 50 years, he had pretty much lived an outdoor life.

Maybe some things never change after all.

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This dog survives to have his day

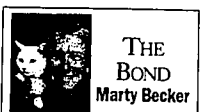
I can never resist the photos of homeless pets longing to move from a cage at the shelter to the couch in someone's home. Each week, their faces peer into my heart from the adoption pages of our newspaper. One pooch had been anxiously awaiting a warm home and loving family, but so far no one was stepping forward.

Week after week, the long and tail — er, tale — was chronicled in the ads.

The dog's former guardian was fed up with him. One night, during an Idaho blizzard, she locked him out to teach him a lesson. To survive the cold, Lucky draped himself on the warm railroad tracks. His slumber was savagely shattered by a Union Pacific freight train that turned his front right leg into a dangling bloody mess.

An injured dog ran to the U.S. Border Patrol crossing where an officer called the owner with the news. "Do you want us to rush your dog to the veterinarian?" he asked kindly. "Shoot it," she said, glad to be rid of the dog. "Can't do that," the officer said — he could not discharge his gun without a lot of paperwork. "Well, hang it up," she suggested.

Paula Nelson, a pet lover, happened by. Paula loaded him in her pickup — in the back because



THE BOND
Marty Becker

of the blood and began to race to the town vet, Dr. Roland Hall.

To her horror, she saw what looked like tumbleweed in the rearview mirror. It was the dog. He had leaped out of the truck at 65 mph and was cartwheeling down the icy, highway. When Paula retraced her route, she found a bloody trail leading into the woods.

The news that a furry friend needed serious help traveled fast. Scott Davis and his retrieve, Oxford found him alive — barely — and rushed him to Dr. Hall. Dr. Hall amputated his leg, fixed wounds, and neutered him. He then renamed him Lucky and placed him with a Seconr Chance Animal Adoption home.

Lucky's picture in the paper haunted me. I called shelter director, Alice Miller, a month later. "Has Lucky been adopted yet?" I asked. "Who one has been adopted at him, but he's got a great foster home with Dawn Merrill," Alice answered,

The Merrills' daughter, Maelyn, took one look and said, "Lucky has a lot of boo-boo's, Mama!" Thus, Lucky came to know her as Lucky Boo.

I suggested to my wife, Teresa that we go look at this canine survivor — a dog with as many lives as a cat. On the way, we discussed the reasons why we shouldn't get another pet. No sense upsetting the equilibrium among our two kids, two dogs and two cats. We'd look at Lucky Boo, give Dawn a pat on the back and go home empty-handed.

We didn't count on experiencing the Lucky charm.

When we opened the front gate, Lucky bounded across the yard on a three-legged collision course. He put his imaginary leg up to shake our hands. (The shoulder bone actually moved.)

With an Honest Abe face, Lucky was an ungainly mix of basset, Labrador and shepherd — all thrown together like a canine Mr. Potato Head. His invariable spirit shined through all the signs of injury and pain. While imperfect of body, Lucky was more than perfect in spirit and soul.

Self-consciousness from having a limb gone or begging for sympathy? Nope. "I don't want to, pardon the pun, 'doing it.' I'll run full out after his destiny.

We had come empty-handed, but left with our hearts (and arms) filled to the brim. We were almost overwhelmed with the love we felt for and from this courageous creature. As he sat on my lap on the way home covering my face with his big kisses, we renamed him again — L.L. Lucky Boo (an L for each brush with death).

Even though Fate slipped in one more zing as Dawn crunched L.L. Lucky Boo's tail in the door as we went, we knew that L.L. Lucky's life (and ours) had turned a corner.

And, in spite of a temporarily "sore end" for L.L. Lucky's tail, we knew that this tale was only just beginning — beginning a life time of happiness for us all. Our good fortune in welcoming L.L. Lucky home for good was no accident.

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School confession teaches about friendship

Dear Chicken Soup for the Soul:

I am such a huge admirer of your books. They have literally changed my way of thinking and how I act.

I would like to share an important event that happened in my life at school as a result of your books.

When it comes to the social structure, my school, like most typical high schools, has all kinds of different groups of friends. My group of friends is a tight group, and we consider each other best friends. Unfortunately, there is always someone who seems to get left out of a group, and that was Jessica. For some cruel reason we liked to make fun of her. We thought it was actually pretty hilarious.

We would constantly make jokes about the way she dressed and how her hair always looked like it was never clean. It wasn't that she didn't wash it, but there never seemed to be any life to it, like it was straw. We just couldn't figure it out. We would make up poems and silly little songs about her hair! We knew we were being immature, but it was a way to get a cheap laugh here and there, not really realiz-

Chicken Soup for the Soul

"Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another."

— Jean Paul Richter

ing what it could be doing to her inside. One day, my English teacher read us a story from "Chicken Soup for the Soul" titled "A Simple Gesture." It was about a boy named Mark who was on his way home from school with all his books and everything else he had stored in his locker. He had fallen, and a fellow classmate named Bill helped him up. Mark was going home to commit suicide because he was having a

difficult time in school and in life in general. But because of Bill's kindness toward Mark, he decided not to hurt himself, realizing that other good things he might miss later on down the road.

When she finished reading the story, I immediately thought about Jessica and what we were doing to her and how horrible she must feel when we make fun of her. It made me wonder if all the jokes we said about her caused her to think about suicide. My next class was in 10 minutes with Jessica, who sat in front of me. This was where we usually made fun of her hair, but this time I didn't, nor did I ever again. Instead, I wrote her a letter apologizing for the way I treated her.

I told her I couldn't apologize for the rest of the girls and that maybe they just didn't realize yet what they were doing to her and the pain they were probably causing her. This letter was the most sincere apology that I had ever given to anyone before in my life. When I handed it to her she wanted to throw it away, but I stopped her and begged her to read it. She said, "Why? So I can just read all the insults that you wrote to me? I don't feel like

putting up with this anymore."

So I took the letter from her and started reading it out loud to her in front of the entire class. My friends gave me the strangest looks, but I didn't care at that point. I wanted them and the rest of the students to hear what I had written. When I came to the end of the letter I said, "I'm so sorry for what I've done to you. I hope that somehow you can find it in your heart to forgive me." She ran up to me with tears in her eyes and hugged me. I cried with her. I could see my friends whispering to each other, but it didn't matter.

I had gained a new friend that afternoon. I will always be grateful to my English teacher for her eyes us that story and to you for publishing such amazing stories. You have helped me open my eyes and to realize that everyone deserves to be treated with respect no matter what. Keep up the great work you guys are doing.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Lirette

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This time, it's really the turn of the millennium

People aren't going to be partying in this New Year's Eve like they did last year. The calendric oddness of being rolling all those odometer miles into zero, the apocryphal was night, and Prince said so — it just had to be the end of the millennium!

We astronomers disagreed. Why should we care, let alone be the arbiters of such weighty issues? Because, by virtue of centuries of studying celestial cycles, we've become civilization's official timekeepers. When astronomers detect that the sloshing oceans have altered earth's spin enough to slow our clocks by a fraction of a second, we add or subtract a "leap second" accordingly. And by accurate measurements of the day and year, we know a day added every four years will keep Christmas from being in mid-summer two centuries hence, but we must skip leap days every few centuries lest we er the other way.

So when it comes to the millennium, we know. The second millennium (ignoring historians' assignments that Christ was almost certainly not born in 1 A.D.) concludes Dec. 31, 2000, not Dec. 31, 1999. Look at how we'd write the day on the New Year's Day check: 01/01/01 — the first day of the first month of the first year of the new millennium. Still, I'll bet astronomers will be the ones parting harder this year than last.

This week: The Quadrantid meteor shower early Wednesday

SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

Sky calendar
(Today through Saturday)

Planets:

- One hour before sunrise: Mars, SSE
- One hour after sunset: Venus, SW, low; Jupiter, ESE; Saturday, ESE
- Moon phase: First quarter
- Tuesday, 3:31 p.m., near Saturday and Jupiter on Saturday
- Quadrantid meteors: Up to 90 per hour, look east on Wednesday from midnight to 7 a.m.; maximum around 5 a.m.

Look at new movies from a family perspective

The Orange County Register

• "The Family Man" (PG-13) — Twin Cinema, Century Cinema, SkyTime, Criterion of Ketchikan. Best for: Mature pre-teens to adults

What it's about: Before Jack Campbell (Nicolas Cage) boards a plane to London for a pre-ignition interview, he tells his girlfriend, Kate (Tee Leoni), that he loves her and will return in a year. She begs him to stay but sadly realizes she'll never see him again. Thirteen years later, Jack's a successful Wall Street bachelor boasting that he has everything he's ever wanted. On Christmas Eve, he stops by a convenience store on his way home and meets an unusual character (Don Cheadle), who challenges his happiness and values in life. The next morning Jack wakes up in bed with old

Family flicks

girlfriend, Kate, who's calling him Honey, 6-year-old Annie (Makenzie Vega), who's calling him Daddy, and a domesticated lifestyle that's nothing like the perfect one he had. Jack rushes out the door and heads back to New York to convince himself he's dreaming, but no one recognizes him except for the man he met in the store (who pulls up in Jack's red Ferrari). He explains to Jack that this is "just a glimpse" and that he'll have to figure this mystery out for himself.

The good: This modern-day romantic comedy is kind of a contemporary "It's a Wonderful Life"

filled with humorous, touching scenes of Cage changing diapers, spending time with his daughter, trying to catch and share romantic moments with his wife, hanging out with his friend Jeremy Piven at the bowling alley, adjusting to a domesticated lifestyle and making the best of his new career selling tires. All are woven into a story full of humanity and hope, with an overall family-values message. It not only makes the point that true love doesn't usually come in materialistic packages but also stresses how important it is to keep it and never let it go once you find it.

The not-so-good: Beginning the story with a backside shot of Jack's girlfriend (in her underwear) zipping up her dress, isn't something parents will be eager for their kids to see. Neither is the scene where husband Cage walks in on his showering wife, dancing

and singing her heart away. The point is to show how Cage actually sees his wife of 13 years for the first time.

Offensive language: A couple of cursing words in dialogue about adult issues and profanity.

Sexual situations: Blurred nudity through the shower door, a brief shot of a woman zipping up her dress, a couple of passionate kissing scenes, a few crude slang words, a scene where Kate puts on a sexy negligee (but nothing is shown) and Jack falls asleep. Dialogue about adult themes, such as fidelity and sexual performance.

Violence: No violence; a gun is pulled, but no one gets hurt.

Parental advice: "The Family Man" is destined to become a holiday classic and is one of the best family films this year.

Entertainment value: A

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Also, earth reaches perihelion (the closest approach to the sun) on Thursday. If upon reading this, you're wondering why it's not summertime, you'll have to read next week's column.

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FIVE GENERATIONS

The Lancaster family celebrates five generations, who all were born in Twin Falls County and still reside here. Family members are, from top left, clockwise: Bob Lancaster, Bob Lancaster Jr., Wendy Saxton and Phoebe Lancaster, holding Ethan Saxton. Phoebe was born in Filer in 1910.



Photo courtesy of BOB LANCASTER

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Dec. 22 were: first place, Jodi Faulkner and Bev Clark; second place, Mary Cook and Beverly Burton; third place, Richey Burns and Lonnie Burns and tied for fourth and fifth place, Bud Povey and Ilsa Hyton and Don and Lorna Bard.

Refreshments were served and Bev Clark received a Christmas centerpiece from the bridge players.

All bridge players are invited to join the club at 1 p.m. every Friday at the Gooding City Hall.

College of Southern Idaho sells pianos of all kinds

TWIN FALLS - The annual College of Southern Idaho piano sale will be held from 12-5 p.m. Jan. 6.

The sale is managed by Keith Jorgensen Music Company and Welch Music Incorporated, both of Twin Falls, as part of an arrangement that provides CSI with new pianos each year. Kawai America and Yamaha America Corporations and their local dealers operate a national education loan program that provides first class, well maintained instruments for teaching, practice and performance at schools all over the country, CSI says.

CSI has taken part in the program since 1994, receiving new and used grand pianos, baby grands, studios, consoles, professional uprights, spinets, Clavinovas and digital ensembles and digital pianos. Each year, the pianos are sold to the public, allowing CSI to obtain new pianos.

Starting Jan. 3, those interested in purchasing a piano should call 733-9554, Ext. 2563 for an

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appointment. The instruments will be assembled in two rooms of the CSI Fine Arts Center on Jan. 6.

College of Southern Idaho offers Spanish classes

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is offering evening non-credit Spanish classes.

Conversational Spanish will cover communication skills using basic oral and written Spanish. It will be held from 7-9 p.m. from Jan. 8 to March 12 in Shields room 115 at CSI. The cost is \$85.

Intermediate Spanish will pick up where Conversational Spanish left off, strengthening students' communication skills through speaking the language and through education of the culture. The class will be held from 7-9 p.m. from Jan. 11 to March 15 in Shields 115 at CSI. The cost is \$85.

Instructor Mary Wiggins has a master's of education degree from Idaho State University and has taught Spanish at Buhl High School for 27 years.

For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

Disabled American Veterans group meets

TWIN FALLS - The Disabled American Veterans will meet at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the DAV Hall at Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue.

All disabled veterans are invited.

For more information, call Commander Nyle Jones at 733-7937.

Pre-school story time meets every Thursday

FILER - The Filer Public Library holds pre-school story time at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday, excluding holidays, beginning Dec. 7 at the library at 219 Main St. in Filer.

Volunteers read to the children and make simple projects.

For more information, call 326-4143.

Amvet organization meets second Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Amvets meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of every month at the Disabled Veterans office on Harrison and Shoup in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Richard Stone at 736-7640.

Pioneer Button Club gathers at aging annex

TWIN FALLS - The Pioneer Button Club meets at 1 p.m. the second Saturday of the month at the Office on Aging Annex.

For more information, call 423-6525.

Western Days Committee meets first Wednesday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls

Western Days Committee will meet at 6 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Twin Falls City council chambers at City Hall.

For more information, call 734-7510 during the day or 734-9075 at home.

Special Friends group gathers first Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Special Friends support group for parents of children with special needs meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Twin Falls Reformed Church.

Call Lori at 733-6128.

La Leche League holds meeting second Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - La Leche League meetings will be held at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month at the Southern Central Health District Katz room at 1020 Washington St. N.

Kimberly Library Board meets first Thursday

KIMBERLY - Kimberly Public Library Board meetings will be held at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the library building. The public is invited to attend. Regular library hours are Monday 1-6 p.m., Tuesday 3-8 p.m., Thursday, 1-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents support group meets first Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - A support group for parents of children with developmental and learning challenges will meet for spiritual growth and mutual support on the first Tuesday of the month at the Twin Falls Reformed Church.

For more information, call 734-4909.

Jerome Art Guild meetings include workshops

JEROME - The Jerome Art Guild meets the third Friday of the month.

Call Elaine Barnhill at 886-7164 for more information.

Desert Sage Quilt Guild gets together this month

TWIN FALLS - The Desert Sage Quilt Guild meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at the KMVT Community Room at 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Call Charlotte Maffin at 543-6169.

Parents of gays and lesbians group gathers

TWIN FALLS - The Parents, Family and Friends of Gays and Lesbians meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Call Connie at 733-9172 or Dick at 324-8480.

Living with Chronic Illness support group meets

TWIN FALLS - Living with Chronic Illness support group

KMS announces honor roll

KIMBERLY - Kimberly Middle School announced students on the honor roll.

Students with a 3.0 to 3.49 grade-point average were: sixth-grade, Cameron J. Andrea, Bryce E. Benson, Tauni J. Burnside, Chas D. Curraway, Joshua M. Clark, Jordan L. Eyring, Ashley Foukal, Katie L. Gunnell, Trenton G. Hanson, Shane Hayes, Karlee J. Johnson, Britmo Kirland, Bonnie J. Lensen, Tia R. Merzika, Christopher C. Moody, Melissa J. Morgan, Shane M. Prescott, Robert J. Spockert, Tyler P. Stukenholtz, Benjamin Taylor, Jamie A. Thomas, Shane D. Toffler, Keva N. Ware and Shaiana B. Williams; seventh-grade, Tyson M. Anderson, Joshua T. Archer, Janie M. Askew, Charli N. Collins, Sam M. Draper, Matthew D. Fisher, Hillary D. Fleger, Jessie Galley, Kendall G. Gardner, Sarah A. Gunnell, Shaylene Kirland, Gretchen Krasemann, Jason Miller, Kahler D. Nield, Erin O'Donnell, Brady T. Overacre, Bill P. Poulton, Joey R. Powers, Julie Reed, Bryce L. Richman, Zachary B. Rowbury, Ashley R. Vasquez, Stacy L. Walters, Vanessa A. Webb, Melvina I. Wells, Alfin Wilson and Paul Worthman;

eighth-grade, Lauren Almand, Trevor J. Barrett, Josh R. Chocker, Barbara J. Dille, Jada L. Gilbert, Jared P. Evans, Kayleigh D. Fisher, Doree H. Galley, Kayla E. Gardner, Tyrell E. Hanson, Brent C. Hiley, Trevor B. Hollibaugh, Cole M. Howard, Rody J. Krieger, Melissa E. Larsen, Shay E. Lawrence, Tonya M. Lee, Ashley Lovordy, Melissa L. McKill, Trevor Mulberry, Andrew J. Myers, Melissa L. Newton, Kendall M. Nield, Jordan R. Poulton, Lacie J. Blice, Rick L. Roper, Joey S. Silva, Mandy K. Swanson and Adam G. Wells.

Students with a 3.5 to 4.0 GPA were: sixth-grade, Eric Allen, Salim Almand, Taylor Atkinson, Mindy Brown, Wendy Coleman, Mitchell Dame, Britany Hardy, Austin Hargrave, Karlee Hatfield, Nicholas Houser, Kasha Hulse, Kelsey Jester, Shiana Johns, Joshua Kamplin, Devin Kelly, Carly LaMure, Chelsea Layton, Tucker Lerman, Danielle Madson, Lydia Mosherhead, Nick Mulberry, Jason Mumm, Goff Murphy, Kelsey Nebeker, Karina Nelson, Jenna Reynolds, Nathan Sargeant, Sharrelle Seward, Kara Sievers, Brandon Soderquist, Melanie Speils, Beverly Talbot, Bonnie Taylor, Jordan

Thacker, Colt Turner and Donald Westcott; seventh-grade, Jared Anderson, Jessica Brierley, Amanda Bringham, Ashley Brown, Chayenne Brown, Daniel Bulcher, Ashley Cochran, Sophia Conway, Heather Featherston, David Fowers, Kyra Fullmer, Shylon Gardner, Jacob Gergen, Morgan Giles, Marcelaine Glenn, Kaidi Gochowar, Savannah Gumm, Johnny Hanchey, Lacey Hayne, Caleb Hopwood, Rachelle Houk, Denzilia Jaska, Lindsay Johnson, Zach Jones, Clayton Lammer, Sarah Lappin, Carissa Lentz, Leeta Loue, Karla Lundy, Zach McCreary, Kara O'Dell, Raelle Platt, Morgan Price, Karl Randa, Morgan Richards, Kelly Stout, Megan Stradley, Ashton Upton, Laura Watts and Brandon Wilson; eighth-grade, Cameron Allen, Jordan Atkinson, Jacob Avichouser, Amber Christensen, Jordan Crane, Jamie Cunningham, Devin Early, Whitney Egbert, Danae Everett, Nansie Fowen, Kara Gambrel, Logan Godfrey, Jayde Graham, Corey King, Erin Lehmann, Allyson Loois, Ashley Miller, Emily Moise, Tara Nelson, Samantha Perkins, Amanda Peters, Justin Roberts, Sonja Silva, Tyler Stanger, Manire Talbot, Zack Taylor, Misty Vawter and Morgan Will

Long-time organization disbands

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - The Royal Neighbors of America, a fraternal life insurance group organized in 1926 in Hansen, has disbanded.

Camp 9955 was the last group remaining in the area, organizers said.

At the time the group disbanded, there were only nine mem-

bers left: Vera Reed, Alma Ball, Mary Ann Ball, Elizabeth Johnson, Fleet Simpson, Mildred Howard, Evelyn McClure and Dora Anderson.

The organization operated a food booth at the Twin Falls County fair and held food and rummage sales and other activities to raise funds to pay expenses for the hall they had in Hansen

for many years, as well as to support charities for the deaf and blind and other needs.

The camp's last donation of \$886 was given to the East End Providers, which helps needy families, and an equal amount was given to the Kimberly Ageless Senior Citizens' center. The donations closed the group's bank account, members said.

BUHL LEADERS

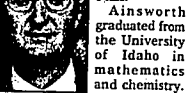


Buhl High School sophomore class officers include Jaseicka Seal, president, and Andra Hernandez, vice president. Not pictured is Cami Hutchinson, secretary-treasurer.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Robert Stuart names teachers of the month

Craig Ainsworth has been named teacher of the month for October at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls.



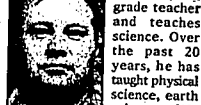
Ainsworth graduated from the University of Idaho in mathematics and chemistry. He received a master's degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Idaho and an administrative endorsement from the College of Idaho. Ainsworth said he works in education because of the interaction with students and the opportunity to make a positive difference in their lives.

Ainsworth also said he enjoys quality time with his family in activities such as, water sports, traveling and attending sporting events. He also enjoys participating in activities such as mountain biking, snorkeling and woodworking.

Faculty and PFTSO members say the Ainsworths are wonderful to work with, has a positive disposition and is concerned and supportive of parents and their needs.

Keith Mietzner was named Robert Stuart's teacher of the month for November.

Mietzner is an eighth-grade teacher and teaches science.



Over the past 20 years, he has taught physical science, earth science, life science, health, physical education and social studies and weight training.

Mietzner said he enjoys seeing the students down the road in high school and college and having them tell him that he cared about them as a person.

Some of Mietzner's peers commented that he is an exceptional teacher because he always makes extra time available after school for struggling students.

He also said he enjoys woodworking, weight lifting and racquetball.

Castleford teacher attends national convention

Justin Mink, an agriculture teacher at Castleford High School, attended the 52nd annual convention of National Association of Agricultural Educators, Dec. 2-6 in San Diego, Calif.

More than 500 agricultural education professionals from the United States gathered for professional development opportunities

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ORTON-FLUCKIGER

HEYBURN - Bekeley and Kelly Orton of Heyburn announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Orton, to Greg Fluckiger, son of Alan and Diane Fluckiger of Springdale.

Orton is a 1998 graduate of the American Heritage Academy in Burley and has been attending Ricks College in Rexburg. Fluckiger is a 1997 graduate of American Heritage Academy. He served an LDS mission to the Washington D.C. South Mission and is currently attending the College of Southern Idaho.

The wedding is planned for Thursday at the Bountiful LDS



Greg Fluckiger and Jennifer Orton

Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Heyburn LDS Church, 530 Villa Drive.

SHERER-HENKELMAN

TWIN FALLS - Jerry and Glenda Sherer of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Dottie Sherer, to Chad Henkelman, son of Conrad and Sharon Henkelman of Twin Falls.

Sherer graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1997 and the College of Southern Idaho in 1999.

She is currently attending Boise State University, where she is majoring in bilingual education.

Henkelman graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1991



Dottie Sherer and Chad Henkelman

and CSI in 1994. He is currently employed at Elip Printers. The wedding is planned for June 2, 2001.

The couple will reside temporarily in Twin Falls.

SCHOFIELD-EGBERT

TWIN FALLS - R. Lani and Kathy Schofield announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna Kathleen Schofield, to Curtis Wayne Egbert, son of Merl and Kathlyn Egbert of Twin Falls.

Schofield is a 1999 graduate of Castelfield High School and is currently attending the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Crowley's The Quad bookstore in Twin Falls.

Egbert is a 1997 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He served a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Chile Santiago South Mission.

He is employed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center



Curtis Egbert and Anna Schofield

and is attending CSI. The wedding is planned for Thursday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls 9th Ward LDS Church, 2700 Elizabeth Blvd.

DEAR ABBY: There is a girl at work I really like. She is not only physically attractive, but her interests are also similar to mine.

Recently we had lunch together. I gave her a rose and a card with a short message telling her how terrific she is. She read the card after we had our lunch, and the next day I asked her what she thought of it. She told me she "loved it" and complimented me on my spelling and grammar.

I really like her, but she recently ended a long-time relationship, and I don't want to put her on the spot. How can I find out if she likes me as more than a friend, without hurting our existing friendship?

-IN LOVE ON LONG ISLAND

DEAR IN LOVE: She has already conveyed an important message. Since she commented only on your spelling and grammar - and not the message in the



note you sent her - she's interested only in a platonic relationship.

DEAR ABBY: Because of a serious illness that resulted from taking a certain medication, I recently received a settlement of more than a million dollars. I have invested most of the money, and have a cash flow sufficient to take care of emergencies and a few luxuries. I must make sure that these funds will cover medical expenses for the remainder of my life.

Ever since I received the settlement, my family (children, parents and siblings) think I'm very rich and that my money is their

money, too. They constantly ask me to bail them out of one financial mess or another, or to buy them luxury items. I have helped them out of tight spots in the past, but they have always squandered their money and have never saved a dime for the future.

I go to bed each night sick to my stomach because of the guilt trips they put me through when I refuse their requests for money. They expect me to pay for everything. Abby, am I being selfish?

-S.F. IN COLORADO

DEAR S.F.: No, you are being prudent. Instead of giving them money, encourage your relatives to enroll in credit counseling or money-management courses offered at many colleges. Remember the adage: "Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. Teach him to fish and he'll eat for

life." Continually bailing out family members is doing them no favor. Take care of your own needs and let them take care of theirs.

DEAR ABBY: I thought maybe your readers would be interested in something I thought of the other day. At one minute and one second after 1 o'clock in the morning on Jan. 1, 2001, the numbers will look like this: 01:01, 01/01/01. It won't happen again for 1,000 years! Pretty cool, huh?

-CHRISTY DAY, MOBILE, ALA.

DEAR CHRISTY: Way cool, and a new beginning.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: Happy New Year! While enjoying New Year's Eve festivities, please remember: If you drink, don't drive; if you drive, don't drink!

Tie the knot on the Web with these hints

The Baltimore Sun

Elvis may not be in the building, but he's all over the Web - he'll even officiate your wedding for a few hundred bucks while your virtual guests watch from afar.

Everyone's invited. Tune in to the Viva Las Vegas Weddings Web site, where a booming video technology called Webcasting will make you a digital witness to dozens of marriages that The King performs every month in a campy Las Vegas chapel.

Just ask Ian and Maya Brennan, a Baltimore couple who dashed off to Vegas to get married recently, leaving a trail of e-mail inviting their friends to watch online. Those who logged on saw the couple - dressed in matching Hawaiian shirts - united in holy matrimony by a white-bucksinned Elvis while a pair of hula dancers swayed in the background.

"We wanted a place that offered the Web broadcasting, so that way every one who couldn't be there could peer into our little ceremony and share in the fun," said Ian Brennan, 25, a special assistant in Maryland Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy

Townsend's office. "I'm sure Elvis himself was tuning in, from wherever he was, to watch it."

Aside his wife, a research assistant at the Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies, "I thought that the whole idea would be a funny way to start off life together. Elvis had some interesting additional vows for us. We had to promise to adopt each other's bound dogs."

Marriage ceremonies conducted by Elvis impersonators have been around Las Vegas as long as white jumpsuits, but it wasn't until a few months ago that they extended to cyberspace.

Webcasts, which are essentially video broadcasts transmitted over the Internet, are becoming hot items in Las Vegas marriage stables.

Since elopements to Vegas are common, the Webcasts give couples a conciliatory way to let family and friends watch from afar - and afar might be best location, considering the, uh, nontraditional nature of many

wedding extravaganzas.

"We've been doing the Webcasts for about four months, and the response has been overwhelming," said Ron DeCar, owner of the Viva Las Vegas Villas, where the Brennans were married. "For the people who don't want to come here, or can't, the Webcast gives them a chance to see it all happen."

DeCar's villas offer a variety of themed weddings. If you don't like Elvis, try a gangster wedding, complete with gun molls

and a Godfather officiating. Or try an intergalactic union, where Star Trek's Mr. Spock beams in to officiate.

If you're into the past, you can visit the Camelot villa and get married by King Arthur and Merlin.

DeCar said he got the idea for the business while working as an Elvis impersonator: "I lived in a white jumpsuit for several years, and I decided to create an Elvis theme wedding, and it just jumped off from there."

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