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#### Weather



Today: Breezy with scattered showers. High 40, low 34.

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Athlete of the year: The accolades continue to roll in for cyclist Lance Armstrong.

Grounded: Boston College puts the brakes on the Toledo Rockets high-octane offense at the Motor City Bowl on Thursday.

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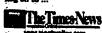
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# Auger Falls deal nears



With the Anger Falls property in the background, Councilman Trip Craig, Auger Fails property owner Jack Straubhar, City Manager Tom Courtney and Twin Fails resident J. Francis Florence discuss terms of the sale to the city of 540 acres of Snake River Canyon land that is located 1.75 miles west of Canyon Springs Golf Course.

### T.F. council will vote Monday on \$1.3 million purchase

TWIN FALLS - The City Council is on the verge of finish-ing the purchase of 540 acres in the Snake River Canyon known the Auger Falls property for \$1.3 million.

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Council members are scheduled to vote on the purchase at their regular meeting on Monday. The property is bordered on the north by the Snake River and Auger Folls and located 1.75 miles west of Canyon Springs Golf Course and the city's sewage reatment plant. It includes about two miles of river frontage and access to Rock Creek, Auger Falls and the Snake River below Rock Creek.

City officials plan to preserve the land and connect it to the city's park system. The owners — a group known as Rock Creek, Joint Ventures — had originally asaid between \$1.8 million and \$2 million, but upon the drive of on and hoc committee appointed to study the issue last summer; the council members managed to negotiate the final price of \$1.3 million. The money for the purchase comes from the city's general and captain improvement funds, which will remain at or above target levis after the sale is completed, city officials said.

Some problems regarding access to the property have held up the sale, but LaMar Orton, the city's planning and soning directors, said Thursday that as part of too, said Thursday that as part of the CLC K Y New York of the council of the council of the city's planning and soning directors, said Thursday that as part of the CLC K Y New York of the city's planning and soning directors, said Thursday that as part of the CLC K Y New York of the city's planning and soning directors.

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are giving by their access routes to the property of the property of the property owners to firm (access routes) up." Then we will still be working with some of the property owners to firm (access routes) up." Orton said. Orton said, city officials are confident that no unforescen problems will arise in working out those final details.

The purchase of the land has been in negotiations for seven years, said Councilwoman and former Mayor Elaine Steele.

"This is a huge step," Steele said. "There aren't too many of these areas that haven't been damaged."

She said the council has been.

damaged."
She said the council has been repeatedly criticized for not having acquired more canyon and canyon rim property. But she pointed out that those properish had already been bought up by private investors a long time before any of the current council members took office.

"The feeling from the public



back in the 1970s was not to buy it," she said.

After the city buys the land, organizations such as Ducks Unitered, and the Nature Control of the Control o canyon walls and slopes abutting the walls. The city is working with the Department of Environmental



Auger Falls in the past has been eyed as the potential site for a hydropown

Quality, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Ducks Unlimited to see about using treated city wastewater to develop wetlands on the property. The expanse of sagebrush-covered land-with its 140-foot falls and river property—was once considered for an electrical power plant. Acquiring the Auger Falls land with canyon rim property to connect Auger Falls with Shoshone Falls by December 2003 is part of the city's strategic plan. Through purchases and donations by private property owners, the city is in the process of connecting a park system that includes Shoshone Falls, Dierkes Lake, the Canyon Rim Trail, Rock Creek Park and Auger Falls.

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### Snowpack lags, but more is on the way

By Chad Baldwin Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - By New Year's ay, history shows, 40 percent of

Day, history shows, 40 percent of the season's average snowfall needs to be in the mountains that supply water to Magic Valley in-order to provide average summer stream flows.

On Thursday, none of the drainages had more than 36 percent.

And despite a weather forecast calling for snow to continue the next three to five days throughout the region, it's looking more and more like another low-water year is ahead in south-central Idaho.

"It's taken several years to get us here, and it probably will take several to get us out of the drought we're in," said Ron Abramovich, a hydrologist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Boise. "This year, we probably won't start to pull out of it, unless we have extremely wet remaining winter months."

The outlook isn't so bad in the Little Wood and Big Wood basins, where snowpack sat Thursday at 102 percent and 82 percent of historical averages for this time of year, respectively. When it comes to total average snow for the entire season, those basins were sitting at 36 percent and 30 percent, respectively. The it comes to total average snow for the entire season, those basins were sitting at 36 percent and 30 percent, respectively. The it comes to total average snow for the entire season, those basins were sitting at 36 percent and 30 percent, ergericity and the provides most of the water for Jaker Valley friends and the provides most of the water for Jaker Valley friends and the provides most of the water for Jaker Valley friends was 66 percent of respectively had the provides most of the water for Jaker Valley friends was 65 percent of the variety season total. For the Henrys Fork and Teton basins, those numbers were 59 percent and 22 percent.

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**LUCKY NUMBERS** 

### Construction firm owner wins \$315M lotto jackpot

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - A 55year-old contractor won the
\$314.9 million Christmas Day
jackpot - the biggest undivided
lottery prize in history - and said
the first thing he will do is turn
over 10 percent to his church.

"I just want to thank God for
latting me pick the right numbers
or letting me pick the right numbers,
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money on his family, expand his contracting business, maybe buy a helicopter, and



ness, maybe buy a belicopter, and give to his church.

"The very first thing I'm going to do is sit down and make out three checks to three pastors for 10 percent of this check," he said.

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Andrew Whittaker,
who lives in the small town of
Scott Deport, about 20 miles west
of Charleston, and is president of
three construction companies
that build sewage plants and
other water projects, opted to
take a lump sum of \$111.7 mil-

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# Al-Qaida with 9-11 links stay hidden

WASHINGTON - Many of the errorist organizers whom the S, government has identified as

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LETTORIST Organizers whom the
U.S. government has identified as
players in the Sept. 11 lattacks
remain beyond the reach of the
worldwide effort to hunt al Quida.
Some still at large are top lieutenants of Osama bin Laden.
Others are midlevel financiers
who paid for the hijackers' movements and training. Others are
thought to be low-level logistical

aides who may hold key informa-tion about how the attacks were put together. Many had contacts with the 19 suicide hijackers, par-ticularly with the cell based in Hamburg, Germany, that includ-ed Mohamed Atta and two of the other hijacker pilots. Only a few are dead or in custody. Whether they could regroup to pull off another massive attack is not known. U.S. counterterroists officials say al-Qaida has been heavily disrupted by the war on

terrorism, but acknowledge that numerous senior al-Qaida figures, and many of their followers, remain at large. "You're dealing with individuals in a worldwide conspiracy, where individuals can hide within various societies," said Daniel Mulyenna, a former Canadian domestic intelligence officer and terrorism expert. "I think you have to say on halance, (U.S. counterterrorism agencies) have done rather well."

### U.S. targets Iraqi scientists for defections

UNITED NATIONS - When a senior Iraqi delegation arrived in New York on May 1 to finish plans for the resumption of U.N. inspections in Iraq, a key member of the team was missing. Jaafar Dhia Jaafar, widely regarded as the father of Iraq's secret nuclear weapons program,

for several hours before he was given a visa.

The British-trained physicist had been "singled out for interpo-gation" by U.S. officials in Jordan and would not be arriving until the following day, Iraq's Foreign Minister Naji Sabri said

in the opening meeting with a U.N. delegation. Iraqi diplomats subsequently told U.N. officials also offered money to Jaafar and other Iraqi officials in an unsuccessful attempt to persuade them to defect, according to Iraqi and Western diplomats.

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#### TWIN FALLS FORECAST

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#### BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

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Highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s.
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Lows from 25 to 35.
Tomorrow: Cloudy with rain showers. Rain and snow showers may surface fate. Highs in the 30s to middle 40s.

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### I.N. agency: N. Korea engages in 'nuclear brinkmanship'

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) -SEDUL, South Korea (AF)—
North Korea's moves to restart a
sucker reactor that U.S. officials
believe was used to make one or
two atomic bombs amount to
"sucker brinkmanship" and are
"very worrying." the U.N. nuclear
watchdog said Thursday.
North Korea, however, said it

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"peace-loving" and had no s to develop weapons at the

Across the fortified border from North Korea, South Korean

Iraq says it will hand over list of scientists - A5

Information about the alleged defection effort in May came originally from Iraqi officials, who have a stake in portrasjing American as a disruptive force in the inspections process. Still, the Iraqis complained about it at the time – before the issue became so highly charged – and U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan took the claims seriously enough

President-elect Roh Moo-hyun warned the North on Friday that reactivating the reactor could endanger the communist state's own safety. He added that North Korea's defiant attitude could make it dif-ficult for him to continue his pre-decessor's policy of seeking recon-

ciliation with Pyongyang after he takes office in February.
"Whatever North Korea's rationale is in taking such actions, they are not beneficial to peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and in Northeast Asia, nor are they helpful for its own safety," Roh said in a statement.

### Kidnappers nab wife of imprisoned Louisiana official

PORT ALLEN, La. (AP) - The wife of a former state elections commissioner serving a five-year sentence for taking kickbacks was abducted on her way to visit her husband in prison, authorities said Thursday. Mari Ann Fowler, 65, disappeared outside a Port Allen sandwich shop on Christmas Eve, investigators said. Fowler was going to the prison for a Christmas visit with former elections commissioner Jerry Fowler, who is serving a five-year term after pleading guilty in 2000 to taking kickbacks from voting

machine contractors.

She stopped for sandwiches in Port Allen, across the Mississippi River from her home in Baton Rouge. Relatives said she planned to stay with relatives on Christmas Eve then continue to the federal prison in Texas.

Investigators found her purse, keys and sandwiches beside Idecar. Police also found tire tracks in the parking lot they believe could belong to her abductor.

Officers have also spoken fith Jerry Fowler, but did not say whether he provided any useful information.

# Continued from A1 The disclosure suggests that Washington may have already begun an aggressive campaign to identify key Iraqi officials for defection several months before IV. Inspectors arrived in Iraq to question Iraq's weapons experts. In recent weeks, the United State has stepped up efforts to encourage new defections, demanding that weapons inspectors invite Iraqi scientists for interviews abroad, where they will be provided with an opportunity to request political anylum.

Snowpack

Defect

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"The percentages aren't
horeasing as much in the Upper
Snake," Abramovich said. "The
storms just aren't moving all the
way across to eastern Idaho and
the Upper Snake region."
But it was moving in Jackson,
Wyo., on Thursday, and the forecast called for snow to continue
forugh at least New Year's Eve.
Essentially the same forecast,
sucept with higher temperatures,
was issued for Magic Valley. But it
mains to be seen if the snowfall
will be enough to boost the snow.

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pack percentages.

"What we need is heavy, we snow," Abramovich said. "Things can still change for the better, but we're behind the 6-ball now." Weather experts have described weather in the West this winter as being an El Nino pattern, which generally produce relatively mild, dry weather in the Pacific Northwest and above-average precipitation in the Southwest.

Though "we could go either way in southern Idaho and northern Utah," Abramovich said, history shows that El Nino years usu-

individual

to change the venue of the next round of talks to Vienna. While the Iraqi claims that the United States had targeted several officials for defection have been generally known, until now their names were unpublicized. In addition to Jasafar, the diplomatic sources said, the Americans also targeted Lt. Gen Amer al-Saadi, a senior adviser to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein who was also instrumental in developing Iraq's chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs.

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approached by Washington was Mehdi Labidi, a mid-level technical expert, according to a report Tuesday by the London-based Arab language newspaper, citing Iraqi officials, reported that U.S. intelligence agents had repeatedly phoned Iraqi officials at their hotels in New York and sought to lure them into defecting with a case filled with cash. A Bush administration official declined to comment, saving "we

declined to comment, saying "we don't comment on intelligence matters."

the 100 percent mark.

January moisture will be critical, Abramovich said.

"The bigger precipitation
months are November, December
and January. With two of those
three months behind us, we can
still hope for good, wet weather in
January," he said.

But even if snowpack rises close
to average levels, the fact that it
was such a dry fall will hur tunoff
in the spring, he added.

"We suspect we'll find a lot of
dry soils under the snowpack
because of the lack of fall rains,"
said Abramovich, who'll head to
the mountains next week for manual measurements. "In some
cases, it will take 3 to 5 inches of
snowpack going into the soil to
recharge it."

Weather

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### Celebrity photographer dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) -Photographer Herb Ritts, whose access to celebrities, even at their most fragile moments, gave him an edge in the compet-itive field, died Thursday of

itive field, died Thursday of complications of pneumonia, his publicist said. He was 50.

Ritts, whose pictures helped define the image-conscious 1980s and '90s, died at the University of California, Los Angeles, Medical Center, publicist Stephen Huvane said.

Ritts, gained entree

Ritts gained entree into celebrities' lives even when they

displayed little glamour. He photographed Christopher Reeve, wired up and immobile in a high-tech wheelchair. In another photograph, Elizabeth Taylor sported a crew cut and the scar resulting from her brain

the scar resulting from her brain surgery. Ritts shot mostly in black and white, making simple and stylish portraits. His photographs werp "unglamorized portraits of glam-orous people," David Fahey, Ritts' gallery representative, once told the Los Angeles Times.

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ally mean below-average snow-pack in the Upper Snake. Many Magic Valley water users closely watch one automated snow-measuring site in wested, at an elevation of 7,860 feet -because it often is a good indica-tor of the water outlook in the region. On Thursday, snowpack there was 54 percent of average for that date and 20 percent for the entire season. During the past 21 El Nino

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change in the weather pattern -or a way of beating the El Nino odds - for snowpack to rise above the 100 percent mark.

January moisture will be criti-l, Abramovich said.

### Lottery

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lion after taxes instead of 30
annual installments.
"I've had to work for everything in my life. This is the first
thing that's ever been given to
me," be said.
Whittaker said he originally
thought he had lost the jackpot
because the numbers came up
wrong on the televised drawing
Christmas night. It was not until
Thursday morning that he realized he hit all six numbers and
won.

ized he hit all six numbers surveys.

His daughter, Ginger McMahan, said she had cancer twice and had not worked for about a year. "It was getting ready to go back to work, but I think! Pin retired now," she said.

Mittaker's wife of 36 years said she plans to go to Israel. "To just go to go there. It's where Jesus walked," Jewell Whittaker and

said.
Whittaker also said be wants to
help "people to want to better
themselves to have a better life."
"I'm getting really excited
because of the good works I can
do with this money," he said.
He said little about buying luxuries for himself - aside from a
helicopter he said he had had his
eye on for a while.
"I have 25 people laid off right

now at Christmas and I want more work so I can put them back to work." he said he said he currently employs 117 people. He said he was not a regular lottery player but bought \$100 in tickets because the jackpot was so high. He said he plays only when it reaches \$100 million.

The ticket was purchased at the C&L Super Serve in Hurricane, a town of \$200 people 25 miles west of Charleston. Whittaker went back to the store Thursday morning to fill up on gas and buy some biscuits, as the does each day. The clerk was the does each day. The clerk was the ose one who sold him the ticket, the told her he won, but "fine said, No you didn't, you're not excited enough to win the lottery.' And she just pushed me out the door," he said.

"It's so just that the poorest state in America wins the biggest Powerball in history," said Bob OTDell, a 51-year-old resident of Hurricane, pronounced HER-ahrou. West Virginia's per capits income actually was second-out. West Virginia's per capits income actually was second on the property of the prop

# Senators seek N. Korea diplomacy

WASHINGTON (AP) - As North Korea moved closer to building new nuclear weapons, the senior Republican and Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee urged the Bush administration Thursday to join with other nations in trying to work out a solution with Democratic.

Pyongyang.
But President Bush is deter-But President Bush is determined not to negotiate with North Korea until it suspends its nuclear weapons program, a senior administration official said as Bush flew to Crawford, Texas, for a two-week vacation after a Christmas break at Camp David. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that while anxious allies and some legislators freeted about a tough line Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld had taken toward

stand against negotiations and reminded North Korea not to view a potential war with Iraq as an opportunity to move against South Korea.

Both Sen. Richard G. Lugar, an Indiana Republican who will become chairman of the committee next month, and Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. of Delaware, the senior Democrat, said an approach to North Korea should be coordinated with South Korea, Japan and other Asia Japan and other Asia

powers.
Lugar said on NBC's
Today program that "it Sen. Ric
would be very inadvisable" to launch a U.S. attack to
cripple North Korea's nuclear
facilities.

"The North Koreans would retaliate most likely by a strike

against South Korea that could be devastating in the Seoul area, and quite apart from potential attacks upon Japan which the Japanese fear," he said. The administration is dis-

administration is on-cussing options with a number of countries, but has not publicly outlined a policy of military or diplo-matic action as North Korea moves inexorably toward building new nuclear weapons within months.

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While Secretary of State Colin Powell, taking a diplomatic tack, has dangled the has dangled the Cus. relationship if North Korea reverses course, Rumsfeld has warned Pyongyang the United States has the might to counter

threats from Aostal Aostal Rulling simultaneously.
"We are perfectly capable of doing that which is necessary," Rumsfeld said Monday.

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Since he leveled that warning.

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North Korea has moved 1,000 fresh fuel rods to a storage facility at its main nuclear reactor in Yongbyon, and said it was restarting the plant only to generate electricity.

Experts say that within months North Korea could produce new nuclear weapons – it is believed to have one or two already—with plutonium from the facility.

Raising alarm, Biden said Thursday on the "Today" show, "If they get six or eight more nuclear weapons, who knows what they do with them."

Lugar said there was no imminent crisis but a very serious situation.

#### U.S.-British coalition planes bomb military targets in southern Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP)
Warplanes from the U.S. British
coalition bombed Iraqi military
command and communication targets Thursday near Taill in southern
Iraq, the U.S. military announced.
The strike, which took place about 8 a.m. Baghdad time, "self-defense" measur about 8.a.m. Baghdad time, was a "self-defense" measure in response to the Iraqi military's downing of an American unmanned surveillance drone on Monday, according to a statement from U.S. Central Command.



# Fund-raising efforts pay off for Frist

#### GOP colleagues repay the favor with appointment

WASHINGTON (AP) - As fund-raiser-in-chief for Republican Senate candidates, Tennessee Sen. Bill Frist helped generate record amounts for coleagues who in January will address him as "Mr. Majority Leader."

Leader."

During his two years at the helm
of the National Republican
Senatorial Committee, Frist helped
raise \$124 million, money that
fueled the GOP's takeover of the
Senate last month. The Syvaer-did
heart surgeon turned politician
also gave Republicans hundreds of
thousands of dollars from his own
collidate into committee.

also gave Nepublicans hundreds or thousands of dollars from his own political action committee. Frist is also proud of his party's get-out-the-vote drive last month. Wormally, it is the Democrats who are so good at turning out the vote, "he says on the NRSC's Web site. "But this year we had a plan in place and we executed it with surgical precision." Senate Republicans on Monday chose the second-term senator to replace Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi as the head of their caucus when Congress reconvenes Jan. 7, the GOP holding an effective S1-49 majority. Lott agreed to give up the post



Incoming Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tenn., left, clans his hands as Dec. 20.

last week amid a furor over racially insensitive remarks he made Dec. S at a 100th birthday celebration for retiring Sen. Strom Thurmond of South

celebration for retiring Sen.
Strom Thurmond of South
Carolina.
As the Senate GOP's campaign
chairman, Frist spent two years
collecting chits from candidates
he sought out and persuaded to
run for office, then gave them
and incumbents the money and
tools to win.
Frist helped collect more than
\$78 million in regulated "hard"
money donations for GOP Senate

candidates in the 2001-02 election cycle, exceeding the \$48 million raised by the Democrats Senate campaign committee, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Responsive Politics more than \$66 = 180 helped raif\*! money—180 = 180 per politics from co-porations and wealthy individuals—breaking the NRSC's own soft-money record of \$43 million in 2000, according to the nonpartisan research group that tracks the money in politics.

In addition, Frist gave \$232,000

to Republican candidates l ping into his own leade fund-raising comm Volunteer PAC.

fund-raising committee, Volunteer PAC.

He gave the maximum \$10,000 donation to 16 candidates, several of whom were in tight races, including incumbent Sen. Wayne Allard of Colorado and six new-comers: Saxby Chambliss of Georgia, Norm Coleman of Minnesota. Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina, John Sununu of New Hampshire, James Talent of Missouri and John Cornyn of Texas. Suzanne Terrell of Louisiana, another beneficiary, Lost to Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu in a Dec. 7 runoff.

Volunteer PAC also sent \$620,000 in hard and soft money to the NRSC.

His success put Frist in the per-

would in hard and soft money to the NRSC.

His success put Frist in the perfect position to assume his parry's mantel when Lott stumbled, it also endeared him to a White House that for the first time in 18 months will have its own party controlling the agenda in the Senate as well as the House.

"Senator Frist has tremendous integrity, an ethic of hard work and the ability to lead," said Talent, who lobbled other Republicans in the incoming Senate class to support the Tennessean.

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Dole also praised Frist's "excelent Joh" at the NRSC, predicting he will follow up his leadership on important health care issues to become "a compassionate and effective majority leader."

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### Ag secretary completes cancer treatments



Ann Veneman known as "ductal carcinoma in situ," tiny tumors that are not invasive and

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do not always become life-threat-ening.

Because she had to go to treatment daily, Venemen did not travel outside of Washington after she was diagnosed. She did not miss a day of work, and officials are planning a full travel sched-ule for next year, said Herslotz.

Herglotz.
"She'll be back on the road in
January," he said.
Veneman is in California, her
home state, for the holiday.

Cubans on island

MIAMI (AP) — The Coast
Guard rescued 36 Cubans on a
desolate little island in the
Bahamas after they were abanton the coast of the coast
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### Coast Guard finds abandoned Cubans on island

# WASHINGTON (AP) Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman has finished her treatments for cancer and is in good health, a department spokesman said Thursday, "She's back up to her regular speed, which is full speed," said Kevin Herglotz, Veneman's deputy chief of staff. Veneman, 53, was diagnosed with an early form of breast cancer in September. Hertreatment included a lumpectomy, a breast-saving type of surgery in which doctors which doctors removed the lump, followed by six weeks of radiation therapy. Veneman credited a

Couple faces charges after robbing Good Samaritan



Tuesday on a rainy street in Clearwater, about 20 miles west of Tampa. He offered them a rich on his home to dry off, eat a hot meal and spend Christmas Eve. Green, 45, told deputies he awoke Christmas morning to find the Dixons, his van, his presents, frozen food and \$30 cash gone. The van was returned later that morning, missing its stereo and CD player. CD play

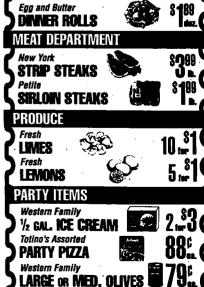
CD player.

James Dixon, 48, was charged with burglary and auto theft. He told deputies he left his wife at a

nearby gas station, where she was found pushing a shopping cart containing the stolen goods. Venus Dixon, 43, was charged with burglary, auto theft, possession of cocaine, resisting arrest and possession of a crack pipe. Police said she tried to swallow crack as she was arrested. The Dixons were jailed Thursday and had not yet had attorneys appointed, a jail spokeswoman said. James Dixon was being held on \$20,000 bail, and his wife on \$26,000.







# Northeast digs out from snowstorm

Snowplow crews struggled to clear clogged streets across the Northeast as cities watched the holiday-overtime bills pile up Thursday from a Christmas Day storm that dumped up to 3 feet of snow.

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The storm was blamed for at least 23 deaths since it moved out of the Plains earlier in the week and hit as a nor easter.

For the Northeast, the timing was a blessing in some respects: Schools are closed this week for Christmas, and many workers are on vacation, too.

"Most of the long-distance travelers were at their destination, eating their turkey and stuffing during the worst of it," said Kellie Boulware, spokeswoman for the Maryland Highway Administration.

Dozens of municipalities

for the Maryland Highway Administration.

Dozens of municipalities declared emergencies to deal with the snow, which fell at 5 inches an hour in Albany, N.Y., during the storm's height Wednesday.

Flights throughout the Northeast were delayed or canceled, but many airports resumed normal service Thursday. In some airports, passengers slept on cots. Tens of thousands of people from Massachusetts to Pennsylvania remained without electricity, though utility officials expected to restore power by Thursday afternoon. At one point, 100,000 people in eastern Pennsylvania were without power.

Legions of municipal plays.

Pennsylvania were without power.
Legions of municipal plaws worked on the roads through the night and all day Thursday, joined by a pickuptruck army of contractors clearing driveways and parking loss. Larry Waldron, 36, had been awake for more than 24 hours and had cleared about three dozen driveways in suburban Albany.

dozen driveways in suburoan Albany.
"Tm very tired," Waldron said. But he said he would keep plow-ing "as long as I can keep my eye-lide opened up." Cedarville, N.Y., about 50 miles east of Syracuse, got 34





inches of snow. Emergency crews had to use snowmobiles to get to

envelopes the tractor as a Penn State Hazieton, (Pa) the campus' entrance road Thursday after a Christmas Day storm dumped more than a

Above, Blowing snow

pointing her grandchildren.
"Nobody was going amplace,"
she said. "I was lucky I had some leftover ham and spaghetti in the refrigerator. That was my Christmas dinner."

It wasn't all bad news, especial-ly for winter enthusiasts

It WASHT I BLOUD HOWS, OSPECIALLY for winter enthusiasts.
"It's a white Christmas times 10," said Greg Kuzia-Carmel, 17, as he strapped on a snowboard at an Albany golf course.
Woodstock, Vt., got 27 inches of snow while Franklin, Maine And 22. Goshen, Mass, about 90 miles west of Boston, had 16 inches.

es.

In Connecticut, more than 600 snowplows worked side by side scraping highways Thursday to clear away up to 9.5 inches of

snow.

The bills for the cleanup were compounded by the holiday.

Albany's mayor fighted his city's costs at \$259,000. New York City expected to spend about \$2\$ million to remove the 5 inches of snow that fell on its 6,000 miles of road.

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The Connecticut town of Burlington had already spen about \$55,000 of its \$130,000 win-ter cleanup budget on several snowstorms and a major ice form.

storm.
"The storm itself wasn't that bad - we've seen much worse --but we're strapped," said First Selectman Ted Scheidel Jr.



The old imperial Sugar refinery is seen Dec. 18 in Sugar Land, Texas. Now imperial Sugar, one of the state's oldest corporations still operating at its original site, has shut down its 77-year-old refinery that used to process up 3 million pounds of granulated, brown and powdered sugar sech day.

### **Houston suburb loses its** namesake sugar refinery

SUGAR LAND, Texas (AP)—
The company that gave this Houston suburb its sweet name has shut down its 77-year-old processing plant, marking the end of sugar refining in Sugar Land.
The imperial Sugar refinery processed up to 3 million pounds of granulated, brown and powdered sugar each day. It refined its last bit of raw sugar last week.
"This was truly a business decision," said Duffy Smith, executive vice president of operations at Imperial, the largest procession," said Duffy Smith, executive vice president of operations at Imperial, the largest processor with the fulled States. "It's an Industry, had the same problem."
The shutdown cost more than 300 people their jobs and represented the end of an era at 158-year-old Imperial Sugar, one of the state's oldest corporations still operating at its original site of the state's oldest corporations still operating at its original site original strength; and Savannah, Ga. The company, which has 2,200 employees nationwide, will keep its head-quarters in Sugar Land and continue to run a packaging and shipping operation here, with about

200 workers.

The employees who lost their jobs will be paid through the end of Jaoria Nunez, a \$1.-year-old familiar operator at the refinery, is a third-generation Imperial employees. Her grandmother, both parents and four uncles, either work or have worked there. One of her uncles, \$1.-year-old George Morales, is in his fist years as an Imperial security guard.

"We're more like family than co-workers there," she said. "I've worked there since I was 19, and this really hurts because somfi-his really hurts because somfi-his like this affects everybody. But I have faith. I know Gody English worked there since I was 19, and this really hurts because somfi-his like it have faith. I know Gody. But I have faith. I know Gody. But I have faith will be something else."

Closing the refinery will not make much of a dent in Sugar-Land's economy. Sugar Land; which has seen a 158 percent jump in population to more than 63000 since 1990, has enjoyed an influx of jobs as other businesses moved in, including oil company Unocal; Fluor Daniel, a unit of engineering and construction giant Fluor Corp.; and K-Tec Electronics.

### Former hacker can go back online soon

WASHINGTON (AP) - A m

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man the federal general meets once labeled "the most washed computer criminal in U.S. history has won a long fight to renew his ham radio license and next month can resume auring the internet. Kevin Mimick, 39, of Thousand Oaks, Calif, served five years in federal prison for stealing software and altering data a Motorola, Novell, Nokla, Sun Microsyssems and the University of Southern California. Procedures accused him of causing tens of millions of dollars in damage to corporate computer networks.

damage to corporate computer networks.

Minnick was freed in January 2000. The terms of his probation, which expire Jan. 20, require he get government permission before using computers, software, modems or any devices that connect to the Internet. His travel and employment also are limited. Minnich has been allowed to use a cell phone for a couple of years and received permission this year to type a manuscript on a computer not counnected to the Internet.

"Not being allowed to use the Internet is kind of like no being allowed to use a telephone,"

Mitnick said Thursday in a phone

Minick said he is starting a firm to help companies protect themselves from computer attacks. He said the end of his probation will allow him to do handson work.

handson work.
Christopher Painter, deputy chief of the Justice Department's computer crime section and the former assistant U.S. attorney who prosecuted Mitnick, said that once the former hacker's probation is over, he won't be subject to any special surveillance.

ance.
"Not any more than anyone else would," Painter said. He added that "if there's any indica-

tion that anyone is engaged in illegal conduct, we're going to look into that."

Mimick led the FBI on a three-year manhunt that ended in 1995 when agents collared him in an apartment in Raleigh, N.C., with the help of a top security expert. During the chase, Minnick continued breaking into computer networks and became a cult hero among hackers.

Minnick applied to renew his sam radio license in 1999, while still in prison. The Federal Communications Commission ordered a hearing, citing that Minnick at one time was "the most wanted computer criminal in U.S. history."

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# Iraq says it will reveal scientists

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) – Iraq will hand over to the United Nations in the next few days a list of hundreds of Iraq iscentists who have worked on nuclear, chemical, biological and missile programs, an Iraqi general said Thursday.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi army said Thursday that militias organized by the ruling Baath parry have been holding exercises in central Iraq aimed at countering a U.S.

attack, another sign that Saddam Hussein's government may believe war is inevitable.

Under the toughened U.N. inspections that resumed Nov. 27, inspectors can speak privately with scientists and workers associated with Iraq's weapons – and even take them abroad for interviews. U.S. officials have said they hope the privacy would prompt scientists to reveal hid-

den weapons programs.
Chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix
had requested that Baghdad provide a list of scientists by the end
of December, and Iraq had
already said it would comply.
"The list will be ready within
two to three days and it will be
sent to the U.N. Security Council
at most by Sunday," Lt. Gen.
Hossam Mohammed Amin, head
of Iraq's National Monitoring

Directorate, said.

While weapons inspectors have spoken to engineers and experts at the sites they have searched, they made their first request to interview a scientist privately on Tuesday.

Professor Sabah Abdel-Nour, who had worked on a nuclear program that Irra says is now closed, refused to see the inspectors alone and insisted on the presence of Iraqi officials, Amin said.

#### Justice Department sets record in busy year of prosecuting ex-Nazis

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Justice Department set a single-sear-sear with 10 occursors of former Nozis this year, as investigators took advantage of recently opened archives in former computer databases to find suspects in the United States.

The latest case was filed Thursday, when the U.S. attorney's office in Brooklyn, N.Y.,

asked a judge to revoke the U.S. cittenship of Jaroslaw Bilaniuk, 79, of Queens, N.Y. Prosecutors said in a complaint that he persecuted Jewish civilians while serving as an armed guard at a Nazi slave labor camp in Poland.

The old record of nine prosecutions in a year was hit twice, according to Eli Rosenbaum, director of the Lustice Pleasurement's

tor of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations.

#### **Bush backers** prepare new push to outlaw human cloning

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Emboldened by this fall's Republican sweep in Congress, Bush-administration supporters are preparing a fresh effort to pass legislation that would outlaw all forms of human

would outlaw all forms of human cloning.
President Bush has implored Congress to ban not only the creation of cloned babies – a wide-babies – a wide-babies – but also the cloning of human embryos for research.
The Republican House passed House passed such a ban last

George W. Beas Sirch to be a same as sees from, but a stater bill in the statemate in which scientists and patient advocacy groups argued that a ban would stall promising medical advances. Now conservatives and their allies favoring a total ban say their time has come. But a number of political wild cards could make this session's effort at least as rumultuous as the last, tobbusts and scientists said. Even the option of a moratorium instead of a ban, an attempted compromise

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### **Barry** boks back

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#### **EDITORIAL**

### Cities deserve more power in regional dispatch pacts

t turns out the Magic Valley isn't the only Idaho region locked into an emergency disanto an emergency uspatch controversy. Two opposing sides are taking shape on the issue of regional emergency dispatch centers. Their collective spat will be hashed out this winter in the Legislature

Legislature.
An ad-hoc coalition of city officials and police chiefs wants to make it easier for cities to get out of dispatch contracts that go awry. The other group, consistgroup, consist-ing of counties and emergency d i s p a t c h boards, is push-ling to extend the \$1 monthly phone user fee centers. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

to include cell phones. (Land-line customers have paid the fee for several

years.)
While the first proposition sounds reasonable, the second idea is dubious.
The Southern Idaho

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The Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center provides emergency dispatching service to agencies throughout Twin Falls, Jerome, Lincoln and Gooding counties. But SIRCOMM has been at odds with the city of Ifwin Falls – its biggest customer – over a variety of service and financial issues.

Meanwhile, other Idaho cities such as Blackfoot, Mountain Home and American Falls have voiced similar concerns in their own regions. So the Idaho Association of Cities created the Task Force for Regional

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Communications.
One theme of the task force is that, if a city pays the biggest share of a dispatch center's bill, it should have a significant voice in its governance. The Legislature may be able to help, by adjusting the Emergency Communications Act to give cities more clout.
Cities need the power to

The Times-News

The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Stephen Hartgen, Clark Walworth, Stove Crump, David Cooper and Shelley Ridonoux

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pull out of joint-powers con-tracts if they're dissatisfied with service. Having the right to pull out doesn't necessarily mean pulling out, but it would mean pulling out, but it would enhance the cities' bargaining

mean pulling out, but it would enhance the cities' bargaining power.

Meanwhile, legislators should think twice before giving counties and regional dispatch bards the ability to collect cell phone fees. Handing more revenue to dispatch centers will not automatible all political all spatch centers will not automatible all political cally solve the management challenges they face.

SIRCOMM lead-cris have said they hope to use the cell phone fee to cover a \$2.2 million balloon payment that falls due in 2005. This plan, based on the idea that cell users should pay their "fair share," ignores the fact that cell phone users receive a lesser level of service than land-line users.

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SIRCOMM's "enhanced 911" technology automatically pinpoints the source of an emergency call - unless it's from a cell phone. Extending that technology to serve cell phones would require a new investment - which SIR-COMM leaders aren't dis-

COMM leaders aren't discussing.
Additional revenue may help SIRCOMM, but what the agency really needs is a long-term plan to meet its operating costs, upgrade its technology and pay off its debt.
SIRCOMM already asked local municipalities in September to cough up a 125 percent increase for operating expenses. So, for cities, the price of SIRCOMM goes up, but the level of service stays the same.

the same.

Though dispatch problems vary from region to region, the Twin Falls-SIRCOMM dispute suggests that cities need more bargaining power. It's an issue legislators should hear loud and clear next month in Boise.

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### Listen to the South, talk to the North

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Roh Moo hyun's election as South Korea's next president is a call by young Koreans for a true parmership-not a "paternalship" - with the United States. Fifty-nine percent of people in their 20s and 30s youed for Roh, according to extipolls. With no memory of the Korean War, and flush with economic mobility, these young people want engagement and peace with North Korea, economic reform in their own country and reform in their own country and the rewards of a vibrant democ-

the rewards of a vicent force and in the force and in the force and interest, not just a regional one. But apparent divisions between the United States and South Korea in their approaches to dealing with the North – contain-

#### WENDY R. SHERMAN

ment vs. engagement – would only serve to further North Korea's interests, not our own, as North Korea played the United States and South Korea off each other. To halt the North's "wedge" tactic, the Bush admin-istration should use Roh's elec-tion as a reason to talk with the North, even if full-fledged nego-tiations are premature until tiations are premature until North Korea pulls back from its dangerous nuclear path.

Sadly, many South Koreans seem to feel that the relation-ship with the United States is a barrier, not a boost, to a positive future. In fact, in the recent Pe Global Attitudes Project's first Global Attitudes Project's first polling report, the apparent profiling report, the apparent trend among the 44 countries surveyed towoth Korea's num-bers. Forty-four percent of Koreans have an unfavorable view of the United States. Unlike much of the world, Koreans, by a 3 to 1 mido, oppose the war on terror, and 73 per-cent said the United States con-siders others not much or not at stiders others not much or not at cent said the United States considers others not much or not at all. Only Bangladesh and Indonesia had similar majorities. Sixty-two percent of Korcans say the spread of American ideas and customs is bad, although American ideas about democracy are favored by 58 percent of respondents.

respondents.
None of this will come as a sur-prise to Americans who watched the evening news as Koreans flooded the streets of Seoul protesting the American military system of justice after two sol-

diers were acquitted in the deaths of two young people struck by an Army vehicle. And no one who has followed the recent Korean presidential elec-

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tion missed the call for a new, more mature relationship with the United

Those worried about the threat of nuclear weapons from North Korea may North Korea may wonder how South Korea can call for a "sunshine" engagement policy at the same time the United States wants to freeze any contact with the North. The fact is that the data tell an data tell a

data tell an important truth. Of step with the United States, admired for its technology, its democracy and its success, is seen as out of step with the rest of world, we are seen as telling the world what to do, not listening to what the world, and its people, want. South Korea, relatively new to democracy, wants what makes

democracy great: the right to be heard, the right to determine one's own destiny. More than 70 percent of Koreans voted in the presidential elec-tion, after mil-

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lions voted in the primary process that brought President-elect Roh into public

Roh into public view.
America matters to South Korea economically and strategically, and Roh realfirmed the importance of the relationship in his phone conversation with

in his phone conversation with the United for its demorracy is seen as out made clear that word for or suffer for the conduct their affairs. Younger Koreans don't understand why the United States is potentially driving North Koreans who will die in any war there (along with some of the 37,000 American troops)

and when South Koreans want diplomacy, not confrontation. They understand that South Korea has become an economic force in Asia and that the United States is no longer the only power that matters. Koreans do want an American military presence, but perhaps

Koreans do want an American military presence, but perhaps not one occupying many square miles of prime land in crowded Seoul.

Americans must not respond to this vibrant democracy with indignation at perceived ungratefulness for economic assistance and military protection over the past 50 years. Rather, America must listen, and welcome a country that is com-

welcome a country that is con ing of age into a true partnering of age into a true partner-ship. United States must use Roh's election as cause to follow South Korea's lead, listening to South Korea's that he horth it is only through direct dialogue with the North that the United States can help South Korea and the world defuse a potential nuclear crisis. The United States may not be ready to negotiate, but South Korea has asked us to begin to talk.

Wendy Sherman served as forth Korea policy coordinator in the Clinton administration.



#### Trent Lott reveals GOP's true intolerant colors

I don't know why America is shocked at the words said by Trent Lott. It does not take a

Trent Lott. It does not take a genlus to figure out why the Republikans (no typo) get only 2 percent of the black wote. I can't understand the 2 percent that do vote Republikan had this to day about Republikans that criticized Lot's comment. "How can they jump on Lott when they're out their repressing, rying to run black voters away from the polls and running under a Confederate flag in Georgia and South Carolina. He just embarrassed them by saying in

South Carolina. He just embar-rassed them by saying in Washington what they do in the back roads every day." The commission in charge of voter fraud found that a large number of black voters were turned away at the polls during the last presidential election in Florida.

Florida.

The Confederate flag is a symbol of repression just like the swastika is a symbol of repression to the Jews. Under the

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Confederate flag, all captured union troops that were black were systematically slaughtered. Under the swastika, many Jews met a similar fate. At all Klan raillies, the Stars and Bars can be seen flying.

Trent Lott, Neo-Nazis and the Republikans support the use of the Confederate flag.

Let's not be naive about the smell of racism in the Republikan Party. I sak all Latinos this question: Have you or someone in your family ever been a victim of racism? Think about it. Now, was the racist a

oeen a victim of racism? I hink about it. Now, was the racist a Republikan? As the economy begins to nose-dive, it is obvious that the blame will be put on our race

very much the same way all the world's problems were placed on the Jews in Germany. Many Hispanics, whether U.S. citizens or not, were picked up off the streets and deported.

I can hear the closet Klan crying now about the pennies that it costs to print a ballot in Spanish. Those pennies could be put to better use. The Klan will try to instill hate whenever possible. Not to worry, Klan, when my wife and I went to vote, we were disappointed that we were the only Hispanics in the big crowd.

crowd.
As a race, we had better wise
up fast. We had better look at all
issues and determine how they
affect us. We had better find out
who is friend and who is foe. We
had better register and vote.
RUDY CASTRO

County should consider value of grant writing Regarding Twin Falls County

pay raises: While I don't question the need for pay raises, I read with

some concern the article,
"County employees get raise."
Since the Twin Falls County
Research and bevelopment"
position was eliminated to pay
for the salary increases, can I
ask how much income in grants
the position, previously held by
Teddy Keeton, generated over
the past two years? Also, since
the position has been eliminated, will the department administrators or county commissioners
now find and write their own
grants?

grants?
Grant writing is often an under-rated and time-consuming skill that requires research, planning and coordination. However, it can bring in new money to the community. With a \$231. million Twin Falls County budget, possible grant income should always be a consideration.
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# Republicans go positive on deficit

ou and I as individuals can, by borrowing. I live beyond our means, but for only a limited period of time. Why, then, should we think that collective. lly, as a nation, we are not bound by that same limitation?" Ronald Reagan's First Inaugural Address, 1981

I - Ronald Reagan's First Inaugural Address, 1981 Inaugural Address, 1981 Inaugural Address, 1981 Row in the world did this happen? Once upon a time, federal government deficits were degounced by Ronald Reagan as a fecus of evil barely less threatening than communism itself. Now that concern is mocked by a Republican White House as the nonsensical "fixation" of a previous Democratic administration. In recent weeks the term "Rubinomics" has spread-through the press like a rash-promoted by people who appariently believe that the best way to discredit anything is to associate in which shill Clinton. I hey are not deterred by the inconvenient fact that the economy did rather well under Clinton and Rubin - better than under either of the Bushes or Reagan himself. Even more astunishing is that the Republican propaganda machine is trying to stamp "Clinton" all over one of the connerstones of Reagansiam. In fact, the coming White House campaign for changes in the tax code is starting to look like a world-class weird combine to the order of the corentry. Democrats have been

the tax code is starting to look class weird combination of extreme frankness and to extreme frankness and extreme fantasy. For a quartercentury, Democrats have been saying that Republican tax cuts faivor the rich, and Republican have been indignantly denying it. Now prominent Republican are saying: Heck, yes, we're out to shift the tax hurden from the very affluent to the middle class. R. Glenn Hubbard, chairmant to the middle class. R. Glenn Hubbard, chairmant the president's Council of Economic Advisers, has declared that rich folks deserve a break and ordinary folks deserve a break and ordinary folks deserve a break and with the conomic advisers are fired merely for wearing a bad tie while loyally mouthing the party line in perfect lambic pentameter, Hubbard is still in good odor. So this boil of honesay is apparently intentional.

There is an homest element in the new party line about deficits and factits, if they happen to occur, are detritus left behind by the deficits at the Republicans no longer are pretending that deficits, if they happen to occur, are detritus left behind by the previous administration, like those McDonald's wrappers behind the deresser in the Lincoln Bedroom. Instead, Republicans embrace the coming deficits as their own and pooh posh any desire for a balanced budget as some kind of liberal Democratic folly. But this is breathackingly dishonest on three levels.

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is breatman.... three levels. First is the utter contradiction the new "deficits don't First is the utter contradiction between the new "deficits don't matter" line and what Republicans have said they stood for over decades. Nothing is wrong with changing your mind. But if you decide that a

#### MICHAEL KINSLEY

core value in your political philosophy is misguided, you should say so before launching a campaign of ridicule against those who believe what you believed until the day before yesterday. Even if Republicans hadn't been demonizing deficits for decades, their deficits-don't matter line would contradict other allegedly core party beliefs. That is the second level of dishonesty. The explanation of why deficits don't matter goes something like this when the government spends more than it takes in and borrows the difference, this has two potential effects. The borrowing reduces the amount of capital available for private investment, raises interest rates and makes us poorer. But the extra spending or lower taxes stimulate economic activity and make us richer. The question is:

extra spending or lower taxes stimulate economic activity and make us richer. The question is Which effect is bigger?

A battle of empirical studies is going on about whether delicits actually raise interest rates. And maybe they don't, but only if the law of supply and demand and other tenets of free-market capitalism have been repealed.

iaw ot supply and cemand and other tenets of free-market capitalism have been repealed, which is an odd position for Republicans to take. Meanwhile the short-terns stimulus is a classic "Keynesian" strategy – a word Republicans usually can't even pronounce without a sneer. Keynes argued that modern economies have a tendency for inadequate demand that can produce a self-feeding spiral into recession or worse, and that government deficits can be used as weapons against this danger. Republicans have gone from mocking that idea to parodying it.

There hasn't been a moment

it.
There hasn't been a moment
since 1980 when Republicans
thought it was the wrong time
for a fiscal stimulus in the form

thought it was the wrong time for a fiscal stimulus in the form of a tax cut. They were right to eschew Keynesianism—one taste, and they became addicts. But if government borrowing never hurts the economy and if taxes always do, why torture ourselves with taxes at all? Why no borrow the whole cost of government? If you suspect that won't work, you're right—but if those who anathemize "Rubinomica" have a theory of when deficits can become too big, they haven't shared it. Meanwhile, we have the evidence of our own eyes that Clinton and Rubin delivered levels of job creation, investment and economic growth that this administration would be thrilled to duplicate. And "Rubinomics" did it without the shot so short-term stimulus Bush is demanding.

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out the shots of short-term stimu-lus Bush is demanding.

Thus the third level of dishon-esty in the newfound
Republican fondness for deficits:
It conflicts with obvious reality.
But I suppose that's a minor con-sideration.

Michael Kinsley is the editor of Slate and a Washington Post

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### Bush charts a road to nowhere in Mideast

n the Yahoo map Web site, there is an advisory. "When there is an advisory." When come using any driving direction or map, it is a good idea to do a reality check and make sure the road still exists.

That's good advice for the Bush administration's Middle East.
"rood map "It vainly hopes will bring peace to that troubled resion."

bring peace to that troubled region:

The properties by the Israeli newspaper Hanertz and Israeli Radio on Dec. 22, the United States has given the third draft of the road map to the Palestinian Authority and saked for a response.

The document—composed by the United Nations and the European Union (three of which have demonstrated their antipathy toward Israel)—contains a detailed plan for the establishment of a Palestinian state with transitional borders by the end of 2005. Implementation of the various stages of the plan depends on the parties' performance.

There is no reason to expect this road map will succeed when previous "peace agreements" requiring the signatories to live up to the documents they signed have



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failed. The Palestinian side broke every provision of the Oslo accords. They did nothing to stop terror attacks against Israeli dividential interest on the number and type did nothing to son the number and types of arms, as well as the size of their "police force," which now resembles a small army. Whale Israel relinquisted the second properties of their police force, "which now resembles a small army. Whale Israel relinquisted is security needs, the giving up of land did not bring the great any closer to peace. It simply mought Israel's enemies closer to their repeatedly stated objective to grab all the land and to make it free of Jews.

Why should the Palestinian Authority give up anything when it gets everything it wants by continuing to use terror? If Yasser Arafat does not comply with agreements he signs, the United States, the United Nations, Russia and the European Union simply offer him new deals and apply

pressure only on Isnel to live up to their provisions.
Under the latest draft version of the road map, the anticipated Palestriains state will not have full sowereignty da bow to Isruel's concern that it would be more difficult to invade a sovereign state to repel terrorists), but "certain artibutes of sovereigny." This is more than the provision of the provisi

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The draft calls on the Placestinain side to "dismantle" the terrorist infrastructure and also to "confront" anyone involved in terrorist activity. The Plaestinians are also required to collect unauthorized weapons in the first stage of the plan's implementation. And in what may be the biggest howler of all, the latest draft calls on Arab countries to terminate any financial support for the terrorist organizations and for "all other forms of support for the terrorist organizations and for "all other forms of support for the terrorist organizations and for "all other forms of support for the terrorist organizations and for "all other forms of support for the properties of the prop

to leave the state of Israel alone. The historical evidence and statements by Arafat and others give, no reason to place any hope in such an outcome. Arafat has repeatedly pledged to take back Israel in its entirety, either all at once or piece by piece. That is the only pledge he can be relied upon to keen.

only pledge he can be relied upon to been.
Concedian Dennis Miller recently summed things up for those who have difficulty understanding the problem: Think of all the Arab countries as a football field, and Irael as a pack of matches sitting in the middle of it. And now these same folks swear that if I braue gives them half of that pack of matches, everyone will be pals. Really? But what about the string of wars to obliterate the tiny country and the constant din of rabid blood oaths to drive every Jew into the sea? Oh, that? We were just identifies.

into the sear On, funit We, were just kidding.

As Yahoo warns, before using any map, it is a good idea to do a reality check and make sure the road still exists. For Israel, this road map leads not to peace but to destruction.

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

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The Times-News

Friday, December 27, 2002

#### AROUND THE VALLEY

#### Outgoing judge will be honored today

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TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls
magistrate judge who served
nearly a quarter-century on the
bench before deciding to retire
will be honored today.
An open house honoring R.
Michael Redman will be held
from 24 pm. today at the Theron
Ward Judicial Building at 427.
Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls.
There will be a special program
at 3 p.m.

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#### Club collects stuffed animals for children

animals for children
TWIN FALLS - It's all about
giving children something to hold
on to in traumatic situations.
The Idaho Motorcycle Club's
second annual Polar Bear Ride
will be Sunday to collect stuffed
animals to be distributed by
workers responding to emergencies involving children.
The fee is one stuffed animal or
\$\$ per person. It includes a ride
pin and a lunch of hot dogs, chili
and hot drinks.
Participants will meet at 11:30
a.m. in the Target parking lot and
will roll out at noon to deliver the
stuffed animals to the Buhl Fire
Department and Quick Resporse
Unit.
The day will also include the

Unit.

The day will also include the raffling off of a large, stuffed mother Polar bear and her cub.

If the roads are not motorcycle friendly, participants are welcome to ride along in their cars or mickurs.

For more information, call Art sirbanks at 324-4695 or Bob air at 733-6863.

#### Filer woman celebrates with open house

WITH OPEN ROUSE
FILER - An open house for
Helen Brake's 75th birthday celebration will be held from 3 to 6
pm. today.
The open house will be at
Ffyilis and Joe Beard's home,
2123 E. 3500 N. in Filer.
Refreshments will be served.
No gifts are requested, though
visitors are encouraged to bring
stories or photos to share.

Compiled from staff reports

### **Stanley Basin** timber plan proceeds with analysis

The Associated Press

The Associated Press

KETCHUM – The Sawtooth
National Porest's project to clear
thousands of acres of dead lodgepole pine trees in the Stanley
Basin is far ahead of the Bush
administration's attempt to thin
fire-prone areas nationwide.

The Red Tree Fuels Reduction
Project was initiated last May,
after mountain pine beells continued to decimate thousands of
acres of trees in the basin.

The red-brown coniferous
steletons the beeftel self behind
are a sizable amount of kindling,
ready to flare if a lightning strike
or unattended campfire breaks
free.

Tast spring the Sewtooth forest began collecting public input
for an environmental review. A
draft assessment is expected for
release this spring, forest
spokesman Ed Waldspfel said.
Forest officials hope to get
under way before the coming fireseason, and, so far, the project
has gone off with very few smags.
While the Sawtooth forest is
following the National
Environmental Policy Act to allevisite fire danger in areas where

following Environmental Policy Act to allowists fire danger in areas where trees and people live in close proximity to one another, President Bush has proposed 10 pilot projects, including one near Pocazello, to accomplish similar solds using "stressafted" means. The difference will be those areas will undergo stepped-up wersions of environmental analy-

# T.F. police arrest two after robbery

TWIN FALLS – Police Thursday arrested wo men only a few minutes after a rob-ery was reported at a restaurant. Billy Crisp, 45, and Shawn Bradshaw, 29, were arrested on charges of robbery and

detained Thursday in the Twin Falls County Jail, said Twin Falls police detec-tive Scott Smith. Crisp and Bradshaw will-probably be arraigned today. At about 335 p.m. police responded to call for help at North's Chuck Wagon at 1859 Kimberly Road, according to reporte

wimesses told police that a man had come into the restaurant and handed the cashler a note demanding money. The cashler compiled and called police as soon as the man left, according to reports.

No weapons were displayed or used in the robbery, Smith said.

At about 3:46 p.m., police detained two possible suspects, and the money taken from the restaurant was recovered about 10 minutes later, according to reports.

Detectives decided to arrest and charge Crisp and Bradshaw after questioning them about the robbery, Smith said.

# ACTRESS, MOTHER, AUTHOR



# Latest Curtis book targets self-esteem

KETCHUM – Jamie Lee Curtis is signing her name with a flourish to her newest effort to build a healthier generation of kids.
The tool: her colorfully illustrated children's book titled "Isona Like Me: Letting Off a Little Self-Esteem."
The actress. who has been

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Little Self-Exteem.
The actress, who has been
spending Christmases in Sun
Valley since she could fit into
Santa's hat, is autographing the
book for dozens of mothers,
grandmas, fathers and children
who have lined up in Iconoclast
Books' new diggings on Main
Street Kectum.
Lively and animated, she multitasks even as she signs autographs. She's got a kiss on the
cheek for actor Scott Glenn,
another Sun Valley homeowner
who's stopped by to say 'hi.' She
delivers a heartfelt welcome for
Rachel Evans, the little girl who
inspired an earlier book of
Curtis's called "Where Do
Balloons Go?" And she takes a
manosecond in the middle of her
John Hancock to pose for Hailey
vesident John Bolliger's camers

in her trademark black turtleneck and black dacks.
"Her books are something that
ere never point to wear out," said
Los Angeles resident Rossie
Cottrelle as ahe caressed 20 of
Curtis's books that
the bought for her
types old twins, a
niece and
rephew. You buy
kids clothes or toys, and it
her by the next
year. But books
like these with a
good message are
something they can
on to their
own lids."

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Curtis took the message contained in her latest book to heart - or, at least, skin deep - least, skin deep - skin she seed for "More" magazine in her skirvies and a sports bra. No makeup, no photo touchups, not even an airbrush for a woman who had made her living in the fakery, fantasy and special effects of Tinseluwn.

special effects of Tinseltown.

Displaying her "not great thighs and soft tummy," she said.

was a way to show that - gasp! - even Hollywood stars don't have perfect bodies.

The courageous move landed her on "60 Minutes," "Dateline NBC" and "NBC Today." And endeared her to thousands of fans who thanked her You buy kids dothes or

for what she'd done. "Yeah, baby!" said Monica toys, and they outgrow cy outgrour done.

"Yeah, baby!" said Monica with the wit them by the next year. But books like these with a good message are something they can pass on to their own kids."

- Rossie Cottrell

grandfather, movie actor Tony Curtis, served as an inspiration for some of her mom's earlier books. The list includes "Today I feel Silly (And Other Moods That Make My Day)," "Where Do Balloons Go?" and "Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born," a book that's highly prised by adoptive parents and their children.

children.
But Curtis, who raps out her books in a day or two, had to look no further than her own life to derive the inspiration for her latest book.

perive the inspiration for her lat-est book. Curtis, 44, said she had zero self-esteem when growing up because she was always in her famous parents' shadow. Becoming a star in her own right didn't help, not with some critics calling her "Queen of Creepies" or "Queen of Cruel" for her roles in such movies as "Halloween," "The Fog." "Prom Night" and "Terror Train."

She eventually learned to culti-vate self-esteem by changing her way of thinking and trying to change others' way of thinking, with such lines as "I'm gonna like Please sec Listfix Pase R3

# Waste district, city will accept old Christmas trees

TWIN FALLS - Christmas trees that have outlived the cheer of the season can be dropped off for recycling at sev-eral locations around the Magic

cropped us a condition around the Magic Valley.

The Southern Idaho Solid Waste District and the city of. Twin Falls are both ready to accept trees. Flocked and artificial trees will not be accepted.

To prepare a tree for recycling, be sure to remove all ornaments, tinsel or other inorganic material. The trees will be ground into a fine mulch that can be used for mulching.

al. The trees will be ground into a fine mulch that can be used for mulching.

The city of Twin Fells plans to use most of the mulch on its own property. But residents who was some can pick it up at the tree drop-off site – on Sixth Avenne West, just sest of the city animal shelter, said city sanitation inspector Sherry Jeff, Mulch from the trees is good for say

soil but would not be suitable for grass lawns, she said.

The solid waste district will occilecting trees from seven countes in southern Idabo. These may also be dropped off at the Milner Butte Landfill or any of the waste transfer stations during regular operating bours.

Check the dates, times and locations for Christmas tree recycling on the following list:

#### Blaine County

Bashe County

• Halley, call 788-4221 for dropoff locations or collections.

• Ketchum, call 726-3841 for
drop-off locations or collections.

• All Blaine County residents
can take their trees to the Ohio
Gulch Transfer Station on Ohio
Gulch Transfer Station on Ohio
Gulch Road or the Carey
Transfer Station, 1675 S. 1800 E.

Burley, call 678-2224 for drop-off locations or collections.

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• All Cassia County residents can take trees to the Milner Butte Landfill, 1059 W. 100 S; Albion Transfer Station, 760 S. Idaho Highway 77; Almo Transfer Station, 2480 S. Elba-Almo S. Elba-Almo S. Elba-Almo Kod Malta Transfer Station, 2450 E. 1760 S; or the Oakley Transfer Station, 985 S. Worthington.

#### Lincoln County

Shoshone, call 886-2030 for drop-off locations or collections.
 All Lincoln County residents can take trees to the Lincoln County Transfer Station located two miles north of Shoshone on Idaho Highway 75.

#### **Gooding County**

Gooding, call 934-5669 for drop off locations or collections.
 Wendell, call 536-5161 for drop off locations or collections.
 All Gooding County residents can take trees to the Wendell Transfer Station, 2743 Idaho

Highway 46 (north of Wendell).

#### **Minidoka County**

All Minidoka County residents can take trees to the Minidoka Transfer Station, 325 N. 400 W.

Jerome County

• Jerome, call 324-8189 for dropod locations or collections.
• All Jerome County residents can take trees to The Gap Transfer Station, 1178 Idaho Highway 25.

#### **Twin Falls County**

Twin Falls city residents are encouraged to drop off trees at the city lot at Sixth Avenue West and Shoahone Street; call 735-7264 for

Shoshoone Street; call 735-72b4 for details.

• Twin Falls County residents can take trees to the Hub Butte Landfill, 2900 N. 2800 E.; or the West End Transfer Station west of Buhl.

### Effect of road rules remains unclear

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BURLEY – While some say the Bush administration's plans to drop federal interest in some roads disputes could remove a stumbling block for county gov-ernments in the Magic Valley, others say the rule will breed law-suits.

others say the rule was once on suits.

The rule allows the fed stake in "clouded titles," disputes over who actually owns a road, waterway or piece of property. The Associated Press reported the rule would be published Thursday, but the rule hasn't yet appeared in the Federal Register.

The rule might allow he federal government to give up regulation of private, state or county

appeared in the Federal Register.

The rule might allow the federal government to give up regulation of private, state or county roads that provide vehicle-access to public land.

"It may be one obstacle out of the picture," said Tom Geary, chairman of the Cassia County Public Roads Board.

But even without the federal government interests, the board will have to work out many disputes between locals with different interests, Geary said.
"We are trying to work with all parties, and I emphasise all parties, to try to bring some resolution to this disputes, between the simply allow literation stars Bidgation to happen is a waste of the samply allow literation stars Bidgation to happen is a waste of people's time," said Interior Department spokesman Eric Ruff.

The rule would only create

Ruff.
The rule would only create more litigation, said Jon Marvel, executive director of the Western Watersheds Project.
"The Bush administration is at the risk of continually being used if it continues making rules like this." Marvel said.

"The Bush administration is at the risk of continually being sued if it continues making rules like this," Marvel said.

The rule would not exempt the government from the National Environmental Planning Act or the Federal Land Policy Act. If the government wrives its right to regulate roads on public land and allows "the dinossurs of the West" to send in the tractors, it will violate these laws and others, he said.

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Other critics called the rule a giveway to states and local interests that would limit the federal government's ability to protes senditive environmental areas and threatened habitat or close and white traffic.

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Sen. Patrick Leaby, D-Vt., called the announcement "another lump of coal for the public and another gift" to special interests. Earlier this month, several Democratic senators asked Interior Secretary Gale Norton to halt the rulemaking process.

The question of land ownership stems from a tangled set of homestead laws written as the West was settled.

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States and counties have made
tens of thousands of claims to
ownership of roads across the
West, based on a Civil War-era
law – R.S. 2477. The law allows
the continued use of historical
highways across federal land if
the land is not in federal use.
Similar claims are outstanding in
Alaska, which was given rights to
navigable rivers when it was
granted statebood.
The advantage of the new
rules, said Deputy Assistant
Interior Secretary Patricia
Morrison, is that the government
an renounce a claim to a disputed road, river or parcel of land
daministratively when it is clear
it has been transfersed from the
federal government's ownership.

refederal government's ownership.
There is opportunity for the
public to lodge objections during
the BLM's consideration of the

request, she said.
It's hard to say how the rule

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### **Opponents plan appeal** of Targhee land swap

ALTA, Wyo. (AP)- An environmental group plans to appeal and exchange that would expand housing near the Grand Targhee almost expensive the standard exchange that would expand housing near the Grand Targhee Skin and Summer Resort on the Idulus-Wyoming state line.

The Greater Yellowstone Coalition decided to appeal after reviewing a new analysis of the swap released last month by the U.S. Firest Service, coalition representative Marv Hoys said.

U.S. Firest Service, coalition representative Marv Hoys said this week. "We think it's legally flawed."

Citizens Sort Teton Valley and possibly other groups might join the appeal, which Hoyt said will be filed before the Jan. 13 dead-tine. Hoyt declined to specify which aspects of the new study were flawed.

However, he and other critics have argued that the Forest Service underestimated the socio-economic effects on Teton Valley, Idaho. Opponents have argued that the swap will spur too much growth, drive up housing costs and price out many werking families.

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Under the proposal, 120 acres in the Targhee National Forest would go to the ski resort while the Forest Service would receive about 400 acres of privately held, undeveloped land in prime grizly bear habitat south of Yellowstone National Park known as Squirrel Meadows.

The resort would then be able to develop up to 970 housing units on the newly acquired land. Privatizing the land near the resort, which sits in Alta but is accessible only through Idaho, would accelerate growth on the Idaho side, Hoyt has said. Teton Valley would need more road

On the Net

Grand Targhee Skl and Summer Resort: http://www.grandtarghee.com/ Caribou-Targhee National Forest: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/curlew/

maintenance, schools, police offi-cers-and-firefighters as a result, opponents say.

Grand Targhee General Manager Larry Williamson dis-agrees.

"The difference between a

agrees.
"The difference between a land trade and no land trade is miniscule," he said. The economy and weather will drive resort growth more than a land swap, he said.

and weather will drive resort growth more than a land swap, he said.

The latest Forest Service analysis says 970 housing units would be build with a swap compared to 686 under a no-swap alternative.

Conservationists dispute that a more than 30 percent increase in units is minor.

Targhee National Forest spokesman Lynn Ballard said the Forest Service is promoting her spokesman Lynn Ballard said the Forest Service is promoting her spokesman Lynn Ballard said the Forest Service is promoting her spokesman Lynn Ballard said the Forest Service is promoting to the spokesman Lynn Ballard said the Service is promoting the spokesman Lynn Ballard said the Forest Service is promoting to the swap so that the exchange can move forward, he said.

The Forest Service had rejected proposed exchanges throughout the 1990s, and a previous owner of the ski resort ultimately sold it because he viewed a swap and accompanying development as the only way for Grand Targhee to remain competitive:

The latest exchange was proposed in 1997.

# National Park Service will reopen crossing

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP)— The National Park Service may soon loosen restrictions and resume allowing Canadians and some nonresidents of the United States to enter Glacier National Park on a popular hiking trail along the Canadian border.

The Goat Haunt Ranger Station checkpoint was closed in mid-June as a security measure following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

attacks.

In July, the Park Service agreed to reopen the crossing to Americans, but it remained off limits to Canadians and other consolidates.

nresidents. Amy Vanderbilt, a spokesman Glacier, said the Park Service considering changes to that

is considering changes to that restriction.

"It is the National Park Service's goal to allow as many visitors to enter at Goat Haunt as we can feasibly allow," Vanderbilt said, "But we recogn nize homeland security mea-

Vanderbilt said. "But we recognize homeland security measures."
The isolated crossing is at the heart of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park along the U.S.-Canadian border. It is a popular entry point for vision wishing to hike in Glacier. Each year, about 37,000 pass through the checkpoint. About 7,000 of them stay to hike or backpack on the U.S. side. Vanderbilt said the Park Service and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service have been working for some time on a plan that would allow Canadian or other British Commonwealth residents to cross into Glarier. Restrictions for residents of other countries would continue.

"We feel we are very close to having a final agreement," the said. "We are hopeful that it will be in place for the new calendar year. We are commission of the countries would continue.

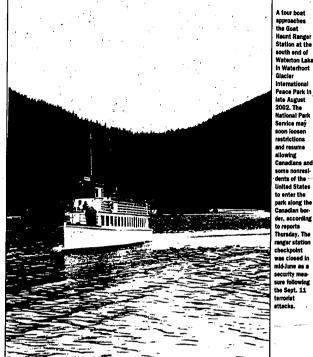
Dave Dahlen, chief of interpretation for Glacier, said Thursday the INS was still reviewing the proposal.

"It is a complicated issue, and "It is a complicated i

the INS was suit a composition of proposal.

"It is a complicated issue, and there are questions that still need to be worked out," he said.

To enter through Goat Haunt, visitors board a tour boat at the north end of Watertown Lake in Camada. The boat takes them across the border to the Goat Haunt Ranger Station at the



waterton Lak In Waterfront Glacier International Peace Park in late August 2002. The National Park soon loosen restrictions and resume allowing Canadians and some nonresi-dents of the United States to enter the to reports Thursday. The ranger station checkpoint was closed in mid-June as a security mea the Sept. 11

A tour boat approaches the Goat

Haunt Range

lake's southern end, a popular starting point for day hikes and backpacking trips in Glacier. Wanda Robinson, co-owner of Waterton International Shoreline Cruise Co., which oper-

ates tour boats on Waterton Lake, said she is looking forward to changes in the Park Service

policy.

Business was down about 30 percent over the summer, she

said, and the company canceled its morning run across the bor-der. "We were impacted a lot last year," she said. "Hardly anyone was going."

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m as a mighty same technical wedger. From his early youth throughout p.m. S. 2002, a life Rodney rarely passed up an opportunity to fish, especially for satimon. The outdoors is the Sationa samon. The outdoors is the Sationa was fishing, hunting, artifacts policitation, or spending time with family, most activities were centered around the outdoors. Rodney will be remembered as a development of the properties of the same properties.

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#### HEYBURN



#### Felix Cantu

Felix Cantu.

Feix Cantu, an 87 year Heyburn resident. passed away Tuesday. December 24: 2002 at his home Felix was born in Lemming. France, on April 3, 1915. Io Lisa Sandaria July of 1942 in Texas. They moved to the Mini-Cassia area in 1968, and he has since resided in Heyburn He enjoyed watching television, gardening, being outdoors, and being a back yard mechanic He loved having coffee with his finends and family. He is survived by his wide Bossian of the survived by his wide Bossian Cantu of Heyburn, Felix (Judinita) Jr. Cantu of Oktahoma City. Adam (Lucy) Cantu of Twin Falls, Idano, Eva (Larry) Eastman of Twin Falls. Ning (Raiph) Castro of Twin Falls. George (Bonnie) Cantu of Ivolidano, Evademi (Salvador) Ruz of Judinity, and Aleja Ada Cantu of Montana. 21 grandchildren He was precoded in death by his parents, one sister and his grandson Firm Cantu Funeral service will be held at 2 pm. Saturday. December 28, 2002, at St. Nicholas Catholic Menny Carmona and Pasico Saul Saldana officiating. Rosary will be held at 2 pm. Saturday. December 28, com. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery.

Services are under the direction of Hansen. Mortuarry Burley Chapel.

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### -DEATH NOTICES

Vanita May Helms

TWIN FALLS - Vanita May Helms, 82, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2002, at her home in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

#### Linda Dianne (Allen) Chaffee BUHL - Linda Dianne (Allen)

BUHL - Linda Dianne (Allen) Chaffee, 47, of Buhl died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002, in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

William 'Bill' E. Mead

JEROME - William "Bill" E. Mead, 69, of Jerome died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical

Center in Twin Falls.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, 2002, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

#### Eldon P. Martin

JEROME - Eldon P. Martin, JEROME - Eldon P. Martin, 76, of Jerome died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002, at 51. Benedicts Long Term Care Unit. Cremation is under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel. No services are planned at this time. A full obituary will follow at a later date.

Roy Smith
BURLEY - Roy Smith, 58, of
Burley died Thursday, Dec. 26,
2002, at the Cassia Regional
Medical Center in Burley.

Arrangements will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

### **SERVICES**

Gwen Davis Sahlberg of Twin Falls, memorial graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park. (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Verla Gene Welch of Heyburn, service at 2 p.m. today at the Heyburn 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 530 Villa Drive, Heyburn; burial will be in Riverside Cemetery; friends may call from 1-1-45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Carol L. (Morrison) Bocamegra of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Summers Funeral Homes,

Rodney Wayne Rost
"Rooster", gathering for family
from 12-1 p.m. today from 12-1
p.m. at the LDS Stake Center in
Wendell; service at 1 pm. today
at the Stake Center; interment
will follow at the Wendell
Cemetery (Demaray Chapel,
Wendell).

Samuel Busman of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. today at the New Life Community Church in Wendell (Hove-Robertson

Funeral Chapel, Jerome).

Joel Crandall Peterson of McCleary, Wash, and formerly of Clifton, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Webb Funeral Home, 109 E. Oneida, Preston, friends may call from 12:30-1:30 p.m. saturday at the mortuny; burial will be at the Preston Cemetery.

Raymah Jarvis of Kimberly, memorial graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Dorothy Knapp Gardner of Twin Falls, service at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E. South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. family will greet friends from 1:30-215 p.m. Saturday, bur-ial will follow at the Salt Lake Cemetery.

Wanda Loveland Stalker of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Staturday at the Burley West Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Ave; burial in Pleasant View Cemetery, friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church. Wanda Loveland Stalker of

Hat wearer may have met Lewis and Clark on journey

LEWISTON (AP) - The young owner of a Net Perce hat made of beargrass, hemp and elk skin may have met explorers Lewis and Clark in 1806 as her tribe helped the Corps of Discovery on their journey.

The "lickaw," (pronounced LEETS-kow) is on display at the Nez Perce County Historical Museum in Lewiston and will become part of the traveling National Bicentennial Exhibition, which arrives in Washington, D.C., at the close of the bicenternial in 2006.

Sometime between 1801 and 1803, a Nez Perce woman worked for days, maybe weeks, dying, trusting and weaving the fibers into the traditional overturned cup shape.

into the traditional overturned cup shape.
She made the hat small, maybe 6 inches at its widest point, so it would fit the head of a beloved daughter, sister, granddaughter or perhaps her niece.
With sinew, she tied elk skin strips decorated with dentalia shells from the Pacific Ocean to the too.

shells from the Pacific Ocean to the top.

Whether she met the explorers is conjecture, said museum regis-trar Lora Feucht. But the encounter would have taken place in 1866 as the expedition traveled east after reaching the

"It's kind of a reunion of the original Lewis-Clark artifacts,"

said Diane Mallow with the Missouri Historical Society, which is organizing the exhibit. The lickswifts into the exhibit as clothing of the time when Lewis and Clark spent at Camp Choppunish on the Clearwater River near present-day Kamlah, Mallow said.
The oral history about the lick-aw relates that in 1806, a young Nex Perce girl tagged along with her family to meet Lewis and Clark. She wore that specific hat. About 100 years later, that woman is said to have given the hat to C.T. Stranshan, the Indian agent for the tribe from 1899 to 1903.

Stranshan passed on about 25

1903.
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Nez Perce items including the hat
and moccasins to his grandson,
Floyd "Bud" Stranahan. He
loaned the pieces to the museum
in 1804.

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Timothy's mother for ilmoning sister.

She had it on when Lewis and Clark traveled through, and Timothy put it on the head of Indian guide Sacagawea's infant son, Jean Baptiste, as a joke.

Many Wounds was a warrior in the Nez Perce War.

Against the U.S. Army.

#### in roommate's shooting Police charge Boise man

BOISE (AP) - A man who had been held for questioning in the shooting death of a 45-year-old Boise man has been charged with

murder. Eric James Gallion, 29, faces three felony charges, including first degree murder, in the killing of 45-year-old Kurt

Authorities said Gallion and Peterman were roommates at a west Boise home when, on Tuesday, police reponded to the home and out of splattered with blood. Later that day, they found Peterman's body on the bock of a semi-ruck in a nearby church parking lot. He had been show in the head.

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# Camera goes into hazardous areas approached a few years ago by the Dugway, Utah, Police Department's SWAT team. "They needed something that was lightweight and would transmit a real-time signal to a command center outside the containment area," he said. With the new camera, only a small team must enter an area, Young said. The cameras will be useful in incidents like the anthrax contamination in

IDAHO FALLS (AP) —
Researchers think a camera
should take the place of emergency workers in dangerous situations such as hazardous-waste
spills or violent standoffs.
The Idaho National Engineering
old Engineering

spills or violent standoffs.

The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory has developed the Hazmat Cam, a video camera system designed to send live images to authorities outside of contaminated areas.

Developer Kevin Young the Department of Energy

# Wyoming packs political power despite size

WASHINGTON (AP) - No state has a smaller population than Wyoming. But the per-capita clout of Cowboy State exparriates living in the nation's capital may be unrivaled.

be unrivaled.
It starts as close as you can get to the top: Vice President Dick Cheney, who grew up in Casper and for 10 years had "R-Wyo" affixed to his name as the state's sole representative in the U.S.

sole representative in the U.S. House.
Add to Cheney the boost Republican control of Congress will give the state's all-GOP congressional delegation and Wyomingites serving in the Bush administration, and "it's a pretty powerful time for Wyoming, there's no question about that," said Lindsay Hooper, a former Wyoming resident who now works as a lobbylst.
"For as small as it is, (Wyoming) seems to pack more political punch," said Paul Hoffman, who left his home in Cody to serve as a deputy assistant secretary of the interior.
Administration appointees include:
John Turner, assistant secre-

include:

• John Turner, assistant secre-tary of state for environmental and scientific affairs. Turner was the director of the Fish and

Wildlife Service from 1989 to 1993 and served in the Wyoming Legislature in the early 1970s.

Tom Sansonetti, the Cheyenne attorney confirmed last year

anthrax contamination Washington, D.C., in 2001.

to be assistant attorney general for the Environment and Environment and Natural Resources Division. He had served as solicitor for the Interior Department and was chief of staff for Sen. Craig Thomas when

Thomas when
Thomas served in
the U.S. House.

4 Hoffman, who
serves as deputy
of the interior for
fish, wildlife and
parks. He worked
for then-Rep.
Cheney in the late 1980s and
returned to Wyoming in 1989,
when Cheney became President
George H.W. Bush's Defense
Secretary.

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Secretary.
• Rejane "Johnnie" Burton, director of Minerals Management Service in the Interior Department. She served in the

The camera is three inches in diameter and eight inches long. The prototype is housed in a waterproof flashlight case. Working cameras are being used by agencies such as the Florida National Guard and the state of Massachusetts.

Massachusetts.
"They've all been really excited about it," Young said. "It's a device that fits a need."

Similar cameras are on the man

to transmit information, Young's camera has three antennas.

The camera research camera has three antennas.

The camera receiver seeks the strongest signal from the three and locks in on that transmission. The receiver completes the scan more than 1,000 times per second, resulting in an immediate, clear

image.

The device also has an optional encryption so news media cannot pick up transmissions. Young hopes to sell the idea to a private

# Wyoming House of Representatives in the 1980s and as director of the state Revenue Department in the 1990s.

'We're unabashedh honest ... We don't

understand why it takes six months to do something that ought to take two weeks."

> - John Turner, assistant secretary of state for

environmental and scientific affairs.

Secretary Gaie
Norton.

The connections are not always seen as benign, including by some who disagree with the administration's record on environmental issues, including menagement of Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks in northwestern Wyoming. Wyoning.
Hoffman said the administra-tion tries to balance stewardship of resources with needed public uses.

appointed by the president, Hoffman and Burton by Interior Secretary Gale Norton.

uses.
"I really think it's about us as a
nation coming to grips with how
we share these lands, how we
share these resources," he said.
Sansonett said his experience

in Wyöming serves him in Washington, where he represents the Interior, Agriculture and Energy departments and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
"Those are the very federal cabinet departments that have an invest on the West in secretal and

"Those has been all the work of the work of the west in general and Wyoming in particular," he said.
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Wyomingites in Washington provide no direct, "bring home the bacon" benefit to Wyoming. Hoffman said.

"It does speak to the quality of leaders you get out of Wyoming," he said. Besides the current crop, he cited former Sen. Alan Simpson and former Gov. Mike Sullivan, who was President Cliatton's ambassador to Ireland. "What we bring to Washington is sort of a fresh perspective" and a ground-level understanding of how the government affects lives and land in the West, Hoffman said.

"We're unabashedly honest ....
We don't understand why it take
six months to do something that
ought to take two weeks," he
said.

Turner agreed. "Hopefully, on behalf of Wyoming people, we bring some common sense to the morass of federal government," he said.

# Teacher lawsuit trial date changes

RUPERT - The trial in the lawsuit filed by Idalia Casiano against the Minidoka County School District and her former supervisor has been post until June 23, 2003, court

until June 23, 2003. Coan-ments show.
The trial had been scheduled to begin Jan. 13, 2003. That date has since been vacated twice. In July, 5th District Judge Barry Wood set the trial date for April 21, 2003, but in September he again changed the trial to begin June 23. Five days have been reserved on the Minidoka County District Court calendar for the proceeding.

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Casiano filed a lawsuit against the school district and Pete Espinoza in August 2001, alleging sexual harassment. Casiano claims that while she worked in the school district's Even Start program and Espinoza was her supervisor, he repeatedly subjected her "to unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature." The complaint states that Espinoza required Casiano to consent to his demandar and the sexual conduct "as a condition of her employment."
Espinoza was then the director of the school state of the school filing the lawsuit, testoo Elevia on works for the school distinct.

Before filing the lawsuit, Casiano filed a charge of discrim-ination with the U.S. Equal

Opportunity Commission. She claims the school district responds to nat complaint by designed to the conditions of her employeed. She still employeed by the school district. School district officials have denied Casiano's allegations. Brian Julian, the school district storoney, and Kenneth Mallea, Espinora's attorney, both also question the length of time it took Casiano to file the complaints, alleging her claim is barred because it wasn't filed in a timely manner.

barred because it wasn't filed in a timely manner.
Julian and Mallea also claim that Casiano consented to the events alleged in the complaint.
Julian has also filed a motion seeking the court to order Casiano to undergo an independent psychological examination. In his motion, Julian wrote the exam is needed because Casiano claims to have suffered emotional distress from the harassment and her "mental condition is likely to be one of the main issues of

litigation."
Casiano is seeking punitive, actual and mental anguish damages, attorneys' fees, court costs, prejudgment interest and postjudgment interests. She is represented by Hailey attorney Cynthia Wooley.

Shelley Ridenour is editor of The Times-News Mini-Cassia Bureau. She can be reached at 208-677-4042, Ext. 642, or by e-mail at sri-denour@magicvalley.com.

#### Forest Service rethinks allowing climbers at Tahoe landmark

ZEPHYR COVE, Nev. (AP)—
The U.S. Forest Service is rethinking whether climbers should be allowed on Cave Rock at Lake Tahoe, a site held sacred by Washoe Indians.

Three years ago, the Forest Service limited rock climbing at the site, but did not ban it. Instead, it prohibited the addition of new climbing bolts and ordered the removal of some bolts left in the rock face. But the Forest Service began re-evaluating that management plan earlier this year when a new supervisor took over the agency? Tahoe office.

The move holts a stratted rock climbers.

Tahoe office.

The move has frustrated rock climbers.

"We were absolutely shocked," said Jason Keith, policy director for a climbing-advocacy group, the Access Fund.

"We've been working with the Forest Service and the Washoe Tribe since the mid-1990 son this issue. Through all the negotiations, it seemed like while it wasn't going to be a perfect situation, there was a compromise that the Forest Service was comfortable with.

Washoe Tribe Chairman Brian Wallace described the latest plan as a "thoughtful compromise" in his written comments to the Forest Service.

According to Washoe lore. Cave Rock was a place where tribal elders communed with powerful spirits.

powerful spirits.

But the rock also has become a world-famous rock-climbing site. Climbing Cave Rock is considered challenging because the

rock face is very steep and over-hangs in several places.
In 1997, the Forest Service ordered a halt to rock climbing because of Cave Rock's cultural and religious significance to the tribe. However, there was outcry from rock climbers, and two years of planning and negotiation ensued.
That led to rock climbing restrictions.

Inat ted to force channing restrictions.
John Maher, historic resources program manager for Tahoe's unit of the Forest Service, gaid officials started reevaluating the management plan this year after a new forest supervisor took office.
Forest Supervisor Maribeth Gustafon didn't believe the care.

Gussafson didn't believe the current management plan protected
the site's historic and cultural values, Maher told the Reno
Gaette-Journal.
The Forest Service was accepting comments until earlier this
month on a new environmental
plan, but extended the comment
period through March 31 at the
request of Sen. John Ensign, R.
Nev.
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climbers.

Officials from the Boulder,
Colo-based Access Fund are disappointed they've been unable to
find a solution that appeases both

find a solution that appeases both sides, Keith said.

"We've tried very hard at Devil's Tower, Cave Rock and elsewhere to accommodate Native American Interests as much as possible," Keith said.

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ses, and appeals will be permitted only by those who comment
early in the process.
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another than the process of
not thinning the forest. That
gives additional weight to the
potential costs related to lost
unting and recreation seasons.

As long as the Red Tree Fuels Reduction Project is going off with few sparks, Waldapfel agreed that Bush's program might not be necessary locally. "Is the Healthy Forests Initiative something we absolute by need here on the Sawtooth National Forest? I don't know. I would at this projet say no." he

would, at this point, say no," he concluded.

### Curtis

The book goes on to stress that it's OK not to follow fads, that it's important to try new adventures and that it's OK to make occa-

Pilots want control tower at busy Provo airport

PROVO, Utah (AP) - Pilots who take off and land at the Provo airport say it is busy enough to merit a control tower. port say it is busy enough to mean a control tower.

Every day, an average of 402 flights take off and land at the Provo airport. On peak days, that can be as many as 60 per hour.

"I put my neck out there every day, and so does every other jax, and d don't feel sale," says Rulon Cluff, a retired air traffic on the retired air traffic or troller who now works as flight instructor. "The answer is a consultance."

money will be difficult, Gleason said.

Because the airport doesn't have a control tower, air traffic is managed by the pilots themselves. Some pilots, like Cluff, say a recent decision to change the way planes land could result in accidents.

To appease residents who live near the airport, the Provo Clity Council recently approved a new plan that requires all approaching aircraft to fly over Utah Lake from the west when landing, instead of lying over neighborhoods to the east.

money would come from state and local governments. But construction is at least a few years off, and finding the money will be difficult, Gleason

Cluff worries some pilots who are unaware of the change will use the old pattern and fly the opposite direction over homes to

opposite direction over mana-the east of the airport.
"The pilots in the air have to manage the traffic patterns, and if somebody comes in there and doesn't know what's going on, that creates a problem," Cluff

said.

Margaret Rasmussen, who lives
a mile from the airport, is among
the west-side residents who fear a
tower will lead to an expansion of
the airport. Before the landing
patterns were changed, she worried a plane could crash into
homes or a nearby elementary
school.

school.
Bill Oglive, another flight

instructor, says that is highly unlikely.

"A very large number of pilots are being punished because a small number of people are squawking about the noise issue," Oglive said.

Rasmussen said safety is her concern, not noise.

"Did I anticipate the airport growing this large when I moved out here 25 years ago? No, I didn't," she said. "Maybe that was naive of me, but I don't think other people who moved here though it would grow that much either."

Oglive said Rasmussen and others.

either."
Oglive said Rasmussen and others should have known the airport would expand when they moved near the airport.

### Utah transportation officials plan more roundabouts

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah as more than three dozen oundabouts and more are on the rawing board. Salt Lake City transportation

trol tower."

A tower would cost an estimated 52 million, a third of which would come from a grant recently approved by the Federal Aviation Administration. Airport manager Steve Gleason says the rest of the

Salt Lake City transportation officials may put one at 900 South and 900 East, and the Urah Transit Authority and the University of Urah are building one that will accommodate TRAN trains as well accom., Traffic circles exist in west Salt Lake City's Glendale area, in Park City and at Kimball

Junction. Riverdale has a couple and Draper has four.
There are 14 in the Provo-Orem area, said Bill Baranowski, a private consultant and trafficierle specialist who as designed about 30 circles nationwide. They include one in Draper and the University of Utah's trafficierle.

circle.

"People are hesitant to try it at first, but confidence builds and the flow increases," he said.
"You may have to slow down to

go through them, but you'd never have to stop."
He designed a roundabout for Draper's 1300 East-Pioneer Road intersection, which was a fourway stop until last June.
The intersection was jammed daily with rush-hour traffic backed up "at least a quarter of a mile. It was extremely frustrating for drivers," said Nate Nelson, Draper assistant city engineer.

ngineer. "People wanted a light there,

but the City Council opposed that solution," Nelson says. "That's a historic part of the city, and they wanted to avoid the urban look. We went back to them and proposed a roundabout."

This roundabout is Baranowski's fearerite.

This rounces on the British way," he said. The four roads entering the circle are slightly offset, and the circular lanes are slightly banked toward the centre of the control of the centre of the ce

# Bay Area residents use land trusts to enter housing market decides to sell it," said Ian "Winters, interim executive director of the Northern California Land Trust. "The whole idea is to take real estate out of the speculative market. Housing and land are basic human rights." In the Bay Area, land trust projects are particularly difficult to establish because of the high cost of land and construction. The projects require large government subsidies to bring the home prices down to what low- and middleincome buyers can afford.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Some

residents who have been getting priced out of one of the most expensive real estate markets in the country have been turning to decades old housing practice that lets them own their own homes, but not the land under them. Community land trusts have becomed in the San Francisco Bay thea and across the nation. The Northern California Land Trust in Berkeley has developed 16 projects with 84 housing units over the past decade, in Berkeley, Oakland,

Richmond and San Francisco.

Richmond and San Francisco.
Throughout the country, the
number has doubled in the past 10
years to 130, with 5,000 homes in
31 states.
The land trusts buy land and fix
the old homes that are there, or
build new ones. They then sell the
homes, typically to low-income
buyers, but keep the land to preeast property costs from skyrocketing. Buyers agree to a limited
profit when they sell, keeping the
homes affordable.
Usually, government subsidies

for affordable housing are lost when the original buyer sells. In California, affordable homes built with redevelopment money can be sold on the open market after 45 years.

But the use of the second of t

nations has already lapsed. It could mean people could revive access claims to roads across land that was once public but is now private. It also broadens who may ask the federal government to relinquish its rights. Now, only an "owner of record" may make such a request, but the new rule lets any interested party make such a sequest, but the new rule lets any interested party make such a sequest.

### Roads

would affect the Magic Valley, said Sawtooth National Forest Prvice Spokesman Ed Buldapfel.

Midapfel.

We're just waiting for the directives to come to us, he said.

Now parties generally have to go to federal court for the United States to waive its interest in

and.

Just because the federal government waives interest, however, doesn't mean the party seeking the waiver is given owner-thy. That decision still must be raide in federal court, Morrison Edd.

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the Bush administration is using

the Bush administration is using the new rule as a shortcut around the thornier issues normally decided by a judge, including how to define a road and what constitutes a navigable rivor.

"We know what standards the court applies, but we don't know what standards the court applies, but we don't know what standards the administration is going to apply to make all these determinations," said Deirdre McDonnell, an attorney for Earthjustice, based in Juneau, Alaska.

Many of the claims also cross national forests, national parks and srees being studied for designation as wilderness.

For example, counties in

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California have claimed that there are more than 2,300 miles of R.S. 2477 roads within the Mojave National Preserve, said Courtney Cuff, Pacific Director of the National Parks Conservation

the National Parks Conservation Association.

"If something like this were to go forward, that national park unit would be in serious jeopardy of turning into a virtual syaphetti structure of roads and that would jeopardize threatened and endangered species," she said.

But Marvel says the rule will not stand up to litigation.
"I think it's extremely unlikely that bulldosers will go out and start carving roads in roadless

areas," Marvel said.

The new rule eliminates a 12-year limit which parties previously had to ask the federal government to relinquish its interest. It could revive numerous claims where the statute of limitations has already lapsed. It could mean people could revive

me when I jump out of bed, from my giant big toe to the braids on my head. I'm gonna like me when I grin and see the space in my mouth where two teeth used to be."

sional mistakes.
"They're adorable books, and

"They're adorable books, and they really promote communica-tion between parent and child. They touch thing like self-esteem in a whimsical way so you can say, it's OK if you're not perfect." 'It's OK if you're scared about your first day of school," Williams said.

Even today, Curtis must keep a good hold on her own esteem, working as she does in a profession that prizes young starlets. But she says it's more important to use her celebrity to work on behalf of children's causes than to worry about whether she can fit into her clothes.
"Most adults I know have self-esteem issues. They hate their bodies, their marriages, their kids, their families, their hair, their clothes, where they live. There's got to be something missing from when they were little.
"So if there's even a little something I can do through my books to help kids, maybe create a way for them not to have all these issues, that's good."

# Viagra may lessen need for animal cures

#### Little blue pill might help save endangered species

endangered species

ANCHORAGE (AP) - Viagra appears to be cutting into the market for endangered animals harvested illegally and sold on the black market accured for impotence, according to a study by a University of Alaska Anchurage professor.

The drug is already deflating. The drug is already deflating and the study and the study of the s

problem than, say, fever."

The connection first dawned on his brother, William von Hippel, a professor of social psychology at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. He had been teaching in Hong Kong and occasionally visiting apotheraries that sold traditional medicines when Viagra came on the market in early 1998. Not long afterward the brothers were hiking at Campbell Airstrip, "He ran it by me, and I thought it was good idea," Frank von Hippel said.

They published their hypothe-

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—A month before the Cerro Grande Fire destroyed thousands of acres in New Mexico, the Los Alamos National Laboratory recommended thinning 5 million trees from its property to pevent fuel buildup. But the lab never pot a chance to put its plan into action. The May 2000 wildfire burned through 7,800 acres of lab property, destroying or damaging more than 115 buildings. The fire also forcet the evacuation of

fire also forced the evacuation of 25,000 people and destroyed 354



Jae Yoon holds a package of reindeer antier slices in the the Oriental Shopping Center in Anchorage, Alaska, Dec. 18. Vlagra appears to be cutting market for endangered animals harvested illegally and sold on the last ket as cures for impotence, according to a study. s to be cutting into th

sis in a letter to Science magazine in 1998, which caught the atten-

sis in a letter to Science magazine in 1998, which caught the attention of several newspapers and magazines. For the next three years they collected data to support their theory, and in September those results were published in the journal Environmental Conservation. Viagra e effect on many species used in traditional medicines cannot be monitored because the trade in those products, such as the eggs of green sea turtles, is illegal. Many more rare or endangered species, such as rhinocero and tigers, are used for purposes in addition to erectile dysfunction.

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But the sales of three species that can be tracked and that are traditionally used to treat imponence suggest Viagra has eroded their markets, the von Hippels say. By extension, they wrote, "Such data provide a proxy for

The old tree-thinning plan is now more than halfway complate.

"Generally speaking, we had areas on lab property that had as many as 800 trees per acre, which any forester will tell you is an unhealthy situation," Roark said.

The 5.500 acres thinned so far have been cut back so that only 50 to 150 trees per acre remain, Roark said.

the impact of Viagra on illegally traded species."

Sales of the sex organs of Canadian harp seals and hooded seals plummeted after 1998, when Viagra became available. In two years, the cost of a single organ fell from as much as \$100 (Canadian) to \$15-20, they wrote Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans attributed part of that market collapse to the new drug. Western Alaska's reindeer antler industry also took a post-Viagra hit, according to the von

neatern Alaska's reindeers Viagra hit, according to the von Hippels. Though antler sales have always been volatile and were already trending downward in the 1990s, the price of andlers fell far more drastically than the price of reindeer meat from 1997 to 1998.

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Young Yoon, owner of the
Oriental Shopping Center in
Anchorage, sells sliced "deer

from a century of aggressive fire suppression. Cerro Grande was a fire pre-scribed and lit by National Park Service personnel from Bandelier National Monument. It

horn" in clear plastic boxes the size of a thick paperback book for \$15.99. Declining denand has forced him to drop his price by need to be a forced him to drop his price by need to be a forced him to drop his price by new forced him to drop his price by new forced him to drop his price he said. But Yoon said he suspects the faltering Asian economy is more to biame than 'Viagra'. His best customers are visitors from Korea, Japan and other East Asian countries who stock up on sliced antiler for themselves and to give as gifts, Yoon said. Sales have fallen as tourism has slowed, he said.

Greg Finstad, manager of the University of Alaska Faitbanks' reindeer research program, agreed that Viagra has probably influenced the reindeer market, but that. Korean import restrictions, transportation and marketing problems were equally to blame in the late 1990s.

"We've actually seen it pick up the last couple of years. The demand is coming back and the price is starting to come back," he said.

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Like other world markets, reindeer antler is moving in new directions, particularly North America, Finstad said.

"Now it seems like it's the trendy thing to take," particularly for aging Baby Boomers, he said. "It helps with arthritis, and aches and pains," and many are feeding antler compounds to their dogs.

Frank von Hippel knows that some doubt his Viagra theory, but research continues, he said. Last January, with help from a grant from Viagra's manufacturer, Pfizer Inc., he and his brother surveyed Hong Kong apothecary pharmacies on the prices of variety of the product of the said of the products and products that now compete with the little blue pill.

Controls oversaw a Christmas firewood giveaway, lab spokesman James Richman said. Some remaining logs are mulched and left in place, while others are burned in a trailer-length fire chamber so hot that only ab remain groups such as the Forest Trust and The Nature Conservancy have visited the site.

### Survey: Idahoans enjoy low power rates

BOISE (AP) - Three-quarters of more than 150 utilities around the nation charge higher residential power rates than Idaho Power, according to a survey by the Edison Electric Institute.

The survey compared the rates paid by residential, business and industrial customers during the month of July to 171 utilities around the United States.

The lowest rate was paid by

around the United States.

The lowest rate was paid by residential customers in Lexington, Ky. They paid \$45.94 for 1,000 kilowatt-hours of elec-

tricity. Customers in Long Beach, Calif. paid the most, at \$178.35 for 1,000 kilowatt hours.

for 1,000 kilowatt-hours.
Idaho Power residential customers paid \$71.18 for the same amount of electricity.
Idaho Power officials said they chen the company lose its annual rate adjustment.
Idaho Power serves more than 10,000 residential, commercial, industrial and irrigation customers in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon.

#### **State Circuit Court dumps** challenge to stream access law

HELENA, Mont. (AP) – A 17year-old state law that guarantees Montanani the right to use
the state's fivers and streams for
recreation has survived another
legal challenge.
The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of
Appeals in San Francisco upheld
a lower-court ruling nearly two
years ago that threw out a lawsuit claiming the stream access
law violated several landowners'
constitutional rights.
The three-judge panel unanimously agreed with U.S. District
Judge Charles C. Lovell of
Helena that the complaint was
technically flawed and, therefore, had to be dismissed.
Amanda Koehler, an attorney
for the landowners, did not
immediately return a phone call
seeking comment Thursday on
whether an appeal was being
considered.
"It's nice Christmas news for

whether an appeal was being considered.
"It's nice Christmas news for the recreationists of Montana,"
Jim Goetz, a Bozeman attorney who represented conservation and sportsmen groups defending the law, said Thursday.
"I think it's solidly based and it's going to be hard for them to get (the ruling) overturned," he added.

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The lawsuit was filed by the Denver-based Mountain States Legal Foundation on behalf of three Montana landowners who argued the 1985 law deprives them of liberty and property without due process.

The law says the banks of streams and rivers – from the water's edge to the high-water mark on the banks – must be open to the public, even when the river or stream cuts through private property.

The appeals court agreed with Lovell, however, that the lawsuit should have been based on another constitutional provision that prohibits private property from being taken for public use without proper compensation. That is referred to as the "takings clause."

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The court said the harm alleged in the lawsuit comes from the landowners' inability to exclude others from using their property. Therefore, the legal issue was not due process right on which the landowners erro-neously built their claims, Judge Stephen Trott wrote for the court.

The appeals court also agreed with Lovell that the stream access law is not unconstitutionally vague because it allows portage around artificial barriers, but doesn't mention what hap-

portage around artificial barriers, but doesn't mention what hap-pens when floaters or anglers encounter natural barriers. That claim by the landowners must fail because they did not prove any such natural barriers exist along the waters crossing their properties, the judges

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and even if they had shown
such barriers can be found, the
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barriers."
In addition to the state, those
defending the stream access law
were the Montana Wildlife
Federation, Montana Coalition
for Stream Access, Montana

receration, Montana Coalition for Stream Access, Montana chapter of Trout Unlimited, and the Fishing Outfitters Assoc-iation of Montana

# Service personnel from Bandelier National Monument. It jumped fire lines and burned into Los Alamos, forcing evacuation of the town, the birthplace of the atomic bomb. Cut trees with trunks eight or more inches in diameter go to local sawmills at reduced cost, when suitable, Roark said. "Lumber that's not suitable for sale to local sawmills is chopped and given away to the public as firewood," he said. About 3,000 truckloads of firewood had been hauled away by Christmas. Individuals get one pickup truck load of firewood, Roark said. On a recent weekend, Boy Scout Troop 414, relief workers and lab contractor Johnson and the contractor of the said. Conservancy have visited the site. "I support what they're trying to do," said Patrick McCarthy, director of conservation programs for The Nature Conservancy in New Mexico. "They (forests) are too dense. Everybody knows this." Congressionally approved funding that expires next Sept. 30 should allow lab managers to thin the trees sufficiently so the lab can go a couple years before more is needed, Mee said. No to 150 trees parter remain, With an average 600 trees covering each of the 10,000 acres targeted for thinning, about 5 million trees will have been cut by next Sept. 30, project director Stephen Mee said. The West has seen severe fire seasons in the last few years. The 2002 season was among the most intense on record, with more than 6.5 million acres having burned due to severe drought and overgrown forests resulting and overgrown forests resulting homes. Losses were estimated at around \$600 million from the fire, which ultimately grew to 43,000 acres. "Had this (thinning) project been completed before the fire, there would not have been nearly the damage there was," lab spokesman Kevin Roark said. Thieves nab information from service members, families

N.M. lab passes halfway point for tree thinning

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Thieves MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Thieves who broke into a government contractor's office snatched computer hard drives containing Social Security numbers, addresses and other records of about 500,000 service members and their families, possibly some of them from Idaho.

Idaho.
The company, Phoenix-based
TriWest Healthcare Alliance, provides managed health care to the
military in 16 states. It serves
about 1.1 million active-duty per-

about 1.1 million active-duty per-sonnel, their dependents and retirees.

TriWest spokesman Jim Kassebaum said computer equip-ment stolen from a TriWest office in Phoenix on Dec. 14 contained

Social Security numbers for beneficiaries in its central region,
which covers the central United
States. In a separate news
release, the company also said a
"few credit-card numbers were
contained in the potentially compromised files."

The Defense Department's
TRICARE medical program
acknowledged the theft with a
news release Dec. 23, saying
TriWest told it about the theft on
Dec. 20.

Assebaum said no one whose
records were stolen has reported
afraud related to the theft.

There's a potential for identity
theft. It hasn't occurred yet,"
Kassebaum said over us right now.

tity theft, it's a little insidious, because until it happens, you can't do anything about it."

TriWest encouraged their enrollees in the 16 states to email computer theft@triwest.com or visit www.triwest.com. And it set up a hot line at 1-888-339-9378, which will be staffed round-the-clock beginning Monday. The company also said it plans to begin mailings to all 500,000 enrollees beginning Friday.

Kassebaum said the investigation is being handled by the Defense Department's Criminal Investigative Service and the FBL. An agent at the Phoenix office of the Criminal Investigative Service declined comment.

Service declined comment.

TriWest President and chief executive David J. McIntyre, Jr.

said the thief stole computer hard drives, raising the possibility that the equipment was taken specifically so the thief could get the information.

In the building has "reamed the country, not barbed wire and all of that, but reasonable security for a company."

TriWest's 16-state area includes Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Newda, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, and western Texas.

### Former Boise State University vice president dies at age 82

BOISE (AP) - Richard Bullington, a former vice presi-dent and acting president at Boise State University, died Saturday at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. He was 82

82.

Bullington retired from Boise State University as Vice President for information Technology and Extension in 1989. During his time with the university, he also served as professor and acting president. He helped plan the university's Simplot/Micron Technology Center.

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The World War II veteran established the Bullington Family Foundation to provide scholarships to Boise State University students. He also volunteered and assisted with several charitable organizations, including the American Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Salvation Army and the Idaho Heart Association. A memorial service is sched-

A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, 2 p.m. MST, at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Boise.



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# Another attack kills | Arab countries play cool to Saddam 12 in Philippines

Vehicle ambushed Suspected Muslim rebels ambushed a vehicle in the southern Philippines on Thursday, killing 12 people and injuring nine.

Mourners buried three girls killed in a Christmas grenade attack on a tiny church in east-ern Pakistan, and police detained an Islamic cleric who allegedly called on followers to kill Christians days before the

bombing.

Police also detained three other people Thursday for questioning in the attack, which injured 13 people in Chianwala, about 40 miles northwest of

Two assailants covered in burgas - the all-encompassing garment worn by women in some Islamic countries - tossed a grenade into the middle of worshippers at a Christmas service Wednesday.

On Thursday, about 2,500 people, several times the number of the church's normal congregation, gathered for a memorial service for the girls killed in the attack.

Rare species of whale

turns up on Japan beach

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TOKYO - A beached whale
found on Japan's southern coast
five months ago has turned out
to be the first complete adult
remains seen of an extremely
are species, researchers said
Thursday.

Experts identified the 21-foot
whale as a female bongman's
beaked whale.

Five other remains of the elusive species have been collected

Five other remains of the elusive species have been collected in Australia, Somalia and South Africa, but those were mostly skeletal or young.

Scientists have never identified a living Longman's whale.

The tan and gray whale that washed up in late July provided scientists the first whole, adult specimen, said Nobutaka Kubo, a marine researcher at Kagoshima City Aquarium, which examined the whale with the National Science Museum.

—compiled from staff reports

MANILA, Philippines -Suspected Muslim rebels ambushed a Canadian compa-ny's workers in the southern Philippines off Thursday, killing 12 and injuring 10, the military

12 and injuring 10, the military said.

It was the second deadly attack on Mindanao island this week. On Christmas Eve, a bomb wade from an 8 mm mortar shell filled with nail fragments exploded outside the home of a town's nayor, killing 17 people. It was not clear if there was a link between the incidents, which occurred roughly two days and 100 miles apart.

The military blamed both attacks on rebels from the Moro Islamic Liberation From. Rebel spokesman Eld Kabalu denired any involvement, saying "We don't kill innocent people; besides, the MILF is currently rigguitating peace with the government."

#### İsraeli soldiers kill seven Palestinians in West Bank

Palestinians In West Bank

NABLUS, West Bank – Israeli
soldiers killed seven Palestinians
ih West Bank raids Thursday and
relimposed a curfew on
Rethlehem after briefly with
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dry where Jesus' is believed to
have been born:

Those killed included five
wanted men and two unarmed
bystanders – a high school student and a traffic policeman.
Twenty Palestinians and five
Israeli soldiers were wounded in
the fighting.

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In one raid, Israeli troops drove into the compound of the main hospital in the town of Ramallah and fired at the guard room, killing one guard and arresting three, Palestinian offi-cials said. The army had no immediate comment.

cials said. The army had no immediate comment. An Israeli official, meanwhile, confirmed that the military has begun setting up buffer zones around Jewish settlements in the West Bank to keep out Palestinian attackers. Palestinian officials complained that Israel was further expanding settlements with such fenced in no go zones.

#### Official says outgoing leader will be handed over

leader will be handed over BELGRADE, Yugoslavia Schia's outgoing president will be extradited to a U.N. court to face war crimes charges early next month, the prime minister of Yugoslavia's dominant republic said Thursday. Unless Millan Millutinovic surrenders voluntarily, he will be handed over to the U.N. war crimes tribunal when his term expires Jan. 5, Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic usid. Djindjic urged Millutinovic to "essablish contact" with the war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, and to turn himself.

in,
"The Hague (tribunal) cannot
be avoided," Djindjic said at a
news conference. "The only
question is whether it will be the
hard way or voluntarily."

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#### Officials say they are 'fed up' with

wars, confrontations

Wars, confrontations

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) Ahmed al-Omari has taken part
in dozens of demonstrations for
Arab causes since 1956, when he
joined students streaming into
the streets to protest the BritishFrench attack on Egypt after it
nationalized the Suez Canal.

The last was during the 1991
Gulf War when al-Omari burned
American and Israeli flags to celebrate Iraqi President Saddam
Hussein's firing of Scud missiles
on Israeli cities.

For al-Omari - and many of his
fellow Palestinians and other
Arabs - pan-Arab leaders like
former Egyptian President
Gamal Abdel Nasser and Saddam
were the embodiment of Saladin,
the 12th century Muslim hero
who expelled the Christian
Crusaders from Pelestine.

But if a major war breaks out
in Iraq now, al-Omari says he will
simply shut his downtown cloth
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frustration and even betrayal by
"We are fed up with Saddam's

usone-ume idol. "We are fed up with Saddam's vars and confrontations. They

brought nothing but defeats, humiliation and disasters," al-Omari told T h e Associated

about the Iraqis who might be killed or suffer, not about Iraq's leadership. For years, Saddam skillfully played to Arab public opinion. But Jordanian political analyst Raja Talab said the Iraqi leader's popularity is waning and many Arabs now blame him for "leading the area to the edge of another catastrophe."
"People look for real heroes who can deliver and Saddam is only a drowning, defeated ruler who is clinging to the wreckage," Talab said.
Throughout the Arab world,

Talab said.

Throughout the Arab world, governments are afraid of the instability that war could bring, damaging their economies and perhaps giving radicals a chance to stir up populations already angry with their autocratic lead-

Arab states, including Jordan, have sought to block any pro-Iraqi demonstrations, making it difficult to judge how much pub-lic opinion about Saddam has shifted.

shifted.

There are signs Saddam's popularity is diminishing in the Arab world and that governments are aware of it - but are still uncertain of the full impact of a war on their own countries.

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Talab, the political analyst pointed out that Jordanian officials — and many Jordanian citizens like al-Omari — are worried war could upset the fragile countries of the still of

dealings with Iraq and the United States. "People cannot solve such major problems, but governments can," he said. Part of the balance is economic: Iraq has offered Jordan and Syria favorable trade terms and large quantities of free oil. In Egypt, the most populous Arab state and an influential political force in the region, the streets have, been quiet despite talk of support for Iraq. Even as Arab countries seek to haddlen hur, they speak not of the streets have a support for Iraq. Iraq and its allies, meanwhile, Iraq and its allies, meanwhile, still try to play the so-called pan-Arab card, seeking to portray the conflict with the United States as an American plot aimed not just at the Iraqis, but at the wider an American plot aimed not just at the Iraqis, but at the wider Arab world. "The American-Zionist assault

Arab world.

"The American Zionist assault does not target Iraq only, but the entire Arab and Islamic nation with the aim of controlling its oil wealth," said Col. Mounir Makdah, leader of a dissident faction of Yasser Arafat's main-stream Fatah movement, in the Ein el-Hillwh refugee camp in Lebanon.

Arafat was an outspoken supporter of Saddam during the Gulf War. His relations with wealthy Gulf states suffered and many Palestinians working in the Gulf were expelled.

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in entertainment

### Spellbound

Comedian/hypnotist Steve Bayner will perform adults-only shows tonight and Saturday in Ketchum's nexStage Theater.

#### Old school

Jesse Dayton, a niche sensation in the realm of alternative country music, will perform at Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club on New Year's Eve.

#### Seasonal

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Henett Center for Ansand Sciences on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls will present "Season of Light" today and Saturday and "Scamrolling through the Holidays," featuring the music of Mannheim Steamroller, today and Saturday.

#### That's funny

Late Night Funnies, a comedy revue, will do two shows a night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot tonight, Saturday night and Sunday night.

#### Rock on

The Young Dubliners will playa New Year's Eve concert at Boise's Big Easy Concert House Tuesday night.

#### Ringing in

Utah Symphony will perform its New Year's Eve concert Tuesday night in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spodight on Pages C3-4.

# Ringing in

## Where to find fun, frolic and food on New Year's Eve

Whaddya doin' New Year's Eve? Take your pick:

#### Twin Falls

 A New Year's Eve Toga Φ A New Year's Eve Toga Party will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday at Mugger's Brewpub, 516 Second St. 5. Food will be served from 6-9 p.m. Tickets are available in advance for 515 per person or can be pur-chased at the door for 520 per nerson.

New Year's Eve bash from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S. Black and white affair. Free party favors and hor d'oeuvres. Cover charge is \$7 for singles or \$12 per couple. @ Cobalt Blue will play for a

 The Magic Valley Unitarian Φ The Magic Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is hosting a Contra Dance from 8:30 p.m. to midnight Tuesday at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 210 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. This is a nonalcoholic event but there will be a toast at midnight. The dance is an intergenerational event and children ages 7 and older are welcome to participate. The caller is Dave Quinley and the band is Strings Attached. Contra Dancing is similar to square dancing, and no experience is necessary as instruction is provided. Cost is \$5 per person.

✓ Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers will perform two shows a night Monday and Tuesday nights at Cactus Petes Resort Casino, at 8 and 11 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, \$25 and \$30, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103. B Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin

 Pocketchange will play classic country music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave., Burley.



Larry G

#### Buhl

New Year's Eve dance will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight at 1101 Main St. Music will be provided by the Roseland Band. Cover charge is \$4.

Bob Nora Band will play for

a New Year's Eve party at 9 p.m. at the Sagebrush-Landmark Lounge, 325 Main St. Hor d'oey-ves will be served. Dinner will be available from 6-9 p.m. Designated drivers will be avail-able. Cover charge is \$8.

#### Fairfield

play from 8 p.m. to midnight Tuesday at the Outlaw Bar and Grill. No cover charge.

@ New Year's Eve Party will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Soldier Mountain Ranch and Resort. Disc jockey music will be featured. Overnight lodging is available. For more information

**₽**AN be held at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Marsh Croke Event Center 899 Highway 77. Music will be provided by The Bronsons. The event is for those 21 and older Cover charge is \$5.

# Tolkien scholar shares thoughts on 'Two Towers'

By Robert K. Elder Chicago Tribune

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Hobbits don't have pointed ears.

"Thet's convention of fantasy illustration," says Mike Foster, North America representative of the 33-year-old Tollien Society. "Nowhere in the book does it say that hobbits or elves have pointed ears."

Nevertheless, director Peter Jackson cast his actors in peaked prosthetics for his film adaptations of J.R.R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" books.

When literature and film collide, Foster is somewhat of an authority on all things Tolkien. As an English professor at East Peoria's Illimois Central College, Foster has taught classes on Tolkien's trilogy (which fans simply call "the book") since the 1970s.

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Tolkien's epic saga of good versus evil follows pint-size hobbit hero Frodo Bazzins (played onserven by F.lijah Wood) on his quest to destroy the One Ring, a symbol of ultimate power and evil, in order to save his native Middle Farth.

We interviewed the 55-year-old scholar and Beatles fan about Tolkien minutia, metaphor and the second film 'The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers."

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QUESTION: Having studied
Tolkien's manuscripts at
Marquette University yourself,
what are the most notable

changes (from manuscript to publication) that had the greatest impact on the story?

ANSWER: Just to name a few, there were originally five hobits in the fellowship. That didn't last very long. The other hobbit was called Odo.

Tolkien just decided that Odo was just one Hobbit to many. In 1987, when son Christopher Tolkien was lecturing on this, he said he felt kinda bad ... because he liked Odo. Honestly, I can't remember much that distin-

guishes Odo as a character at all, which is maybe why he had to go. The names of many of the characters were changed. One of the most notorious ones was that the character Frodo started out being named Bingo Baggins. That was a very fortunate name change. The character Strider, or Aragorn, was introduced as Trotter. And he appears as Trotter clear through the manuscript.

cript.
QUESTION: Fellow Oxford professors and folks in the liter-QUESTION: Fellow Oxford professors and folks in the literary world largely ignored Tolkien and friend C.S. Lewis (author of "The Chronicles of Namia") when their books first debuted. What are some misconceptions about "Lord of the Rings" that echo those early sentiments? R. That it's trivial and a childish work simply because it deals with elves and dwarves, wizards and supernatural powers. So does "Beowulf." So does "Macbeth." Anything that you

can do with the study of litera-ture – look at plot, look at set-ting, look at theracter, look at illusion – you can do with "The Lord of the Rings." In other words, it's a work that stands up to the serious literary scrutiny of a college or university class-room. It merits study, It's always been kinda interesting to me that the two great creative syn-ergies – John Lennon and Paul McCartney being one ... and that the two great creative syn-ergies - John Lennon and Paul McCartney being one . . . and Lewis and Tolkien being another - that took place in England brought together two men who had many things in common. But what they all shared . . . was the early loss of a mother. They all lost their mothers when they were boxs.

were boys.
QUESTION: What does the

QUESTION: What does the One Ring symbolize? ANSWER: It's a device that would allow its user to control all of Middle Earth, to bend all beings to his will. So it's certain-ly power. One of the things it

# For the new year: A critic gives a wish list for TV shows

- SO MANY very special holiday episodes (and reruns), so little time. Here's my wish list for the new year:
- cere's my wish list for the new year:

   For the cast of the WB's "Gilmore Girls": portable expen tanks in cool colors, of course so creater. Amy Sherman-Palladino can fulfill her dream of fast talking characters who never, ever pause to take a breath.

   For Dedd Canno and ""."
- For David Caruso and Emily Procter
  of CBS' "CSI: Miami": sunscreen, SPF Colored Action
- For NBC entertainment president Jeff Zucker: any idea that doesn't involve the humiliation of so-called "real people" ("Fear Factor," "Meet My Folks") or actors ("Good Morning, Mismi," "Hidden Hills").
- For NBC's "Friends": a happy ending. Or any ending at all. Whenever.
- ing. Or any soding at all. Whenever.

   For the, title character of CBS'

  "Judging Any": a slightly less tortured new year, lest there being nothing left for the writers to do to her, they give her a brain tumor and ship her off to Hawaii to die.
- For MTV's "The Osbournes": A
- For do-gooder cabble Mike Olshansky (David Morse) of CBS' "Hack": a paying passenger. There's a reason they're called "fares," big guy.
- reason they're called "farex," big gay.

   For Bonnie': a little less help from her friends. (Not that Tom Hanks and David Duchowny aren't nice guys.) And maybe even a little more from her writers. (You know, Bonnie, those people you fired.)

   For the writers of NBC's "Will & Grace": a mazel tov for finding a way, with Harry Comick Jr., to shake up that tight little twosome (and for making a

- liar of those of us who were sure you'd never let Grace actually marry the guy).

   For ABC's "Less Than Perfect": the thanks of a grateful nation for finding something constructive for Andy Dick to do.

   For Fox's funny-but-underexposed Andy Richter: control of, if not the universe, at least a half-hour time slot.

   For UPN's "Giffriends": Continued laughter (and, OK, maybe a few bars of soap to wash out those mouths with).

   For the producers of NBC's set-in-60s-Philadelphia "American Dreams": a field trip to the real Philly.

- For ABC's "Bachelor(s)" (and "Bachelorette"): a water-testing kit for those hot tub- because vern if the sex is safe, all that susking may not be.
   For Gloucester City's Helene Eksterowicz and "Bachelor" Aaron buerge: a long engagement and some frequent-filer miles.
- quentifier miles.

   For "Bachelor" second runner-up Gwen Gioia: an offer to forward the emails I've gotten from guys who'd like to get to know you better.
- For CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC: peace on earth. Whether it kills the ratings or not.

## Jennifer Lopez, Ralph Fiennes star in 'Maid in Manhattan<sup>2</sup>

Movies playing in south-central Idaho this weekend. Opinions are by Los Angeles Times, Associated Press and Knight Ridder Newspapers reviewers. Ratings by the Motion Picture Association of America are: (G) for general audiences, (PG) parental guidance urged because of material possibly unsuitable for children, (PG-13) parents are strongly cautioned to give guidance for attendance of children younger than 12; (R) restricted, younger than 17 admitted only with parent or adult guardian; (NC-17) no one younger than 17 admitted.

Greg Kinnear, in this down-ward spiral of one man's life, doesn't aim for our sympathy, but rather delivers a perfor-mance of striking skill and depth.

#### **Analyze That**

The so-so sequel to the one about the mobster and his carnia. With a very funny Robert Be Niro, a droll Lisa Kudrow and a bland Billy Crystal. R (sexual immendo, language)

#### atch Me if You Can

Gatch Me if You Can
An FBI agent (Tom Hanks)
Samues an uncommon con man
Geonardo DiCaprio) through
Gatven Spielberg's version of the
You. With Christopher Walken,
Bartin Sheen, Nathalie Baye,
Amy Adams and Jennifer
Gamer, (PG-13, for some sexual
content and brief language.)

#### e Another Day

Me Another Day

Messy and meaningless
(saless, like Ford Motors, you're
the of the flick's heavily investdit possors), the latest installsales in the 40-year-old 007 francates—and the fourth to starPatro Broman as the arch opersites of Her Majesty's Secret
Savica—is prefab and formulaic
all the way. PG-13 (violence,
nationally bits)

Set in the fiercely competitive

### What's Playing

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world of university marching bands, where executing preci-sion music and maneuvers is more challenging than running a 99-yard return. Starring Nick Cannon as a snarky rebel with a snare drum. Snapily directed by Charles Stone II. PG-13 (lan-guage, sexual innuendo)

Eminem stars in this semi-autoblographical melodrama about a hip-hop-obsessed kid confronting his inner demons, his drunk mom (Kim Basinger)

'Two Weeks Notice.' Jerome

#### Burley

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#### Shoshone

#### Ketchum

#### Gooding

and a faction of Detroit rappers wary of this white boy in their midst. R (sex, violence, profani-ty) Harry Potter and the

**Chamber of Secrets** 

Chamber of Secrets

Director Chris Columbus'
long-ago mentoring at the hands
of Steven Spielberg has left him
with an incurable case of Phony
Uplift and Manufactured
Euphoria, and "Chamber of
Secrets" suffers for it. But after
the scrupulously sober, soulless

re-enactment that was last year's inaugural Potter pic (what was it called again - "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Snooze"?), the sequel, at least, boasts a few good chuckles. PG (serpents, spiders and sorges charges of the servers of the server good chuckies. ro (....) ders and scares, oh my)

#### Gangs of New York

Martin Scorsese's tale of 19th-entury street fighting men, first nnounced in a trade paper ad martin scorsess tate of 175 century street fighting men, first announced in a trade paper as 25 years ago, has not been worth the wait. Despite having Daniel Day-Lewis, Leonard DiCaprio and Cameron Diaz in a melodramatic story centered on murder and revenge, the film plays like an interminable airplane flight: you look at your watch, hoping its nearly time to land, only to rea lize with a sinking heart you're not even halfway there. While it is surprisingly heavier on tedium than bloodshed, when we are not being bored we are not being bored we being assaulted by the film's palpable. Violence, always a Scorsess procecupation and prominent enough here that some people are calling the result "Stab Wounds of New York." The virtues of "Gangs," a failed film but not a fiasco, are the virtues of a pageant, not a drama. With Brendan Gleeson, John C. Reilly, Henry Thomas, Jim Broadbent and Liam Broadbent and Liam Reeson. (2.45 R. for intense strong violence, sexuality/nudity and language.)

#### Hot Chick

HOT CHICK

Rob Schneider stars as a deadbeat dude transgenderfied into a
high school hottie (who, alas, still
looks like Rob Schneider) in this
shamelessly stupid mix of bodyswitching and sex-switching
comedies. PG-13 (sexual humor,
seatalogical humor, language,
comic mayben.

#### The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers

Peter Jackson's adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's trilogy has now entered an awkvard adolescence with its middle feature on its way to the concluding volume, "The Return of the King." If the sec-ond film never reaches the highs

of the first – we have met the players before and there are no new worlds of wonder – it. nonetheless invests moviegoling with a sense of adventure. Like Frodo and Aragarn, we have to cover a lot of middling expository ground here – we're just passing through on our way to the end. Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Ian McKellen, Andy Serkis, Viggo Mortensen, Orlando Bloom, John Rhys-Davies, Dominic Monaghan and Billy Boyd. (2:59. PG-13 for battle sequences and scary images.) sequences and scary images.)

#### Maid in Manhattan

Maid in Manhattan

'A dustpan-to-diamonds fairytale, "Maid in Manhattan" stars
Jennifer Lopez as a hotel chambermaid who makes the bed of a
Senate hopeful (Ralph Fiennes)
and then sleeps in it. But this
sparkling Cinderella tale provides the additional kic of
watching the glass slipper crack
through the glass celling. PG-13
(language, sexual innuendo)

#### My Big Fat Greek Wedding

My Big Fat Greek Wedding
Nia Vardalos' autobiographica
one-woman stage play about
growing up Greek is transfigured
into a mushy, overcooke dehnic
comedy with culture clash jokes
whose freshness date expired 30
years ago. Vardalos, however, is
affecting as the glum, withdrawn
single gal who gets everyone at
home rilde over her engagement
with a non-Greek guy (John
Corbett). With Michael
Constantine, Lainie Kazan,
Andrea Martin and Joey Fatone.
Directed by Joel Zwick, (135. PG
for sensuality and language.)

#### Pinocchio

Princento

Roberto Benigni directs and
stars in the classic Italian tale of
a trouble-prone puppet who
plunges into a series of adventures. Nicoletta Braschi co-stars.
(G.)

#### The Santa Clause 2

Ho-ho-hum. First-time feature director Michael Lembeck is a veteran of sitcoms, which may explain why this sequel to the Tim Allen hit "The Santa

#### Star Trek: Nemesis

STATE ITEM: NOTHERSIS

If, as rumored, this is the final big screen adventure for rife Enterprise crew, at least it w?II have gone out on a round number (10) and a high nictu. Unfortunately, the plot runs.out of dillithium crystals, and drifts to a sluggish and predictable conclusion. PG-13 (Violence, romantic foreplay)

#### Treasure Planet

Treasure Planet
The 1950 adaptation of Robert
Louis Stevenson's "Treasure
1sland" marked the Disney
Studio's first fully liweaction feature. A little over a half-century
later, the studio's animation
folks are taking another whack
at the trusty Stevenson tale with
"Treasure Planet." Sci-fi mepts
sendaring fontave, and the mix
sendaring fontave, and the mix sea-faring fantasy, and the mix isn't half bad. PG (cartoon vio lence, scares)

#### **Two Weeks Notice**

Teamed with Hugh Grant and her "Miss Congeniality" writer-turned-director Marc Lawrence, producer-star Sandra Bullock has pulled off that most elusive-of producer-star Sandra Bullock has pulled off that most elusive of feats: to make a contemporary romantic comedy in the Hollywood classics. She's an activist attorney co-opted by Manhattan real estate developer Grant: To become his legal counsel, resisting emotional entanglements, so mightily they do not realize they are falling in love. The result is, a holiday treat. With Alicia Witt and Dana Ivey, (1:40. PG-13 for some sex-related humor.)

#### The Wild Thornberrys

The witty animated cable show makes a delightful transition to the big screen with its globe-targ-ting documentary filmmakers' precocious 12-year-old daughter taking on a ruthless husband-and-wife poaching team menataking on a ruthless husband-and-wife poaching team menac-ing the animal kingdom of Africa's Serengeti plain. (1:28, PG, for some adventure peril. p.:

# ENGAGEMENT



#### COOPER-DARRINGTON

L'AKKING I ON
HEYBURN - Brad and Janet
Cooper of Heyburn announce
the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Cooper, to Michael
Barrington, son of Tim and Jana
Barrington of Decid.
Cooper graduate from Minico
Bigh School and Idaho State
University and is a graduate student at Boise State University.

lent at Boise State University.

Darrington graduated from
beclo High School and is attendng Boise State University. He is
employed at the Bureau of
teclamation in Boise. He served
in LDS mission to Houston,

exas.
The wedding is planned for oday in the Salt Lake LDS emple. A reception to honor the ounle will be held from 7-9 p.m. atturday at the Rupert West take Center, 25 S. 100 W.

### Tolkien

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symbolizes is the desire for
absolute power, which corrupts
absolutely. Its greatness as a
symbol is that it can be seen as
many things. It's certaintly a mistake to say, as some have a grued
and I think wrongly – that the
ring is the atomic bomb. It's not
that. (Tolkien scholar) Tom
Shippey argues compellingly
that the ring represents addiction. It's the desire to have your
own way, and that sin is as old as
the Garden of Eden – to have
knowledge and power that does
not rightfully belong to you.
That's basically what the eating
of the apple in Eden from the
Tree of Knowledge is. To be
wiser and stronger and more
powerful than you are supposed
to be – that's what the ring
allows you to do.
OUESTION:
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to be - that's what the ring allows you to do. QUESTION: Although Jackson's films are pretty faithful to the books, there are some abridgments and some characters are cut out - what do you make of them?

ANSWER: Necessarily, they had to do a lot of abridgment of the story. I'm not speaking for

the Tolkien Society, but as a reader and aficionado...but I will say that the Tolkien Society's view of these films from the first has been that we believe that these films will bring new readers to the book. I've seen that prophecy bone out.

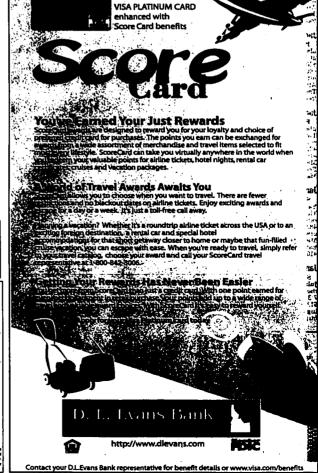
QUESTION: How does "The Two Towers" hold up?

ANSWER: The (computer-generated) Gollum character gets my nomination for best supporting actor. That was really well done, the voice and the animation. If the first film committed some sin of omission by leaving hings out, then there were some scenes of commission in this. Aragon's wounding and disaphage out, then there were some scenes of commission in this. scenes of commission in this. Aragorn's wounding and disappearance that enabled him to have kind of a semi-drotic reverse and bring (elf love interest) Arwen in for some smooch time was one that stood out. The battle scenes were long and very intense, but they are so speedy, so there isn't room for gore. Overall, I think it was easier to like at first blush than the other one, because we're used to, by

### Know the score?

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# 'Rockin' Horse' will play at The Oasis in T.F.

ROCK 'N' ROLL

**Tonight and Saturday** 

Rockin' Horse will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

#### Tonight and Saturday

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

#### Saturday - Boise

Casey Bryant Band will play at 9:15 p.m. at the Blues Bouquet, 1010 Main. Cover charge is \$3.

#### Sunday and Monday - Utah

Deminey and montary - Utali Leftoyer Salmon will perform at the Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 10 p.m. nighuly. Tickets, which are 518, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

#### Tuesday - Boise

The Young Dutiners will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.ickets.uch 965-4827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

#### Tuesday – Utah

Faster Pussycat will play The Element Lounge in the Salt Lake City suburb of Murray at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix ets, which are \$18, can be rved by phoning Smith's Tix 100) 888-TIXX. The Element age is located at 7 East 4800

#### Ian. 14 - Ittah

Henry Rollins will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$17.50, can be reserved by phoning Art Tix at (801) 355-2787.

#### Jan. 15 - Boise

Jan. 15 - Bolse
The Wallflowers will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Easy Concert House. Tickets, which are \$23.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4826, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Aktinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

#### Jan. 17 - Bolse

Jan. 17 – Bolse
Pape Roach and Blindside will
play the Big Easy Concert House
at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are
520, can be reserved by phoning
(800) 955-4827, online at
http://www.icketveb.com, or at
Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.
The Big Easy Concert House is
located at 416 S. Ninth St.

#### Jan. 19 - Bolse

Jan. 19 - BOISE

Pichald and Noise Ratchet will
play JD & Friends at 8 p.m.
Tickets, which are 58, can be
reserved by phoning (800) 965425, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's
Market in Ketchum. JD &
Friends is located at 1519 W.
Main 5t.

#### Jan. 22 - Boise

Seether will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are 510, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4826, online at http://www.tick-etweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at Easy Concert H 416 S. Ninth St.

#### Jan. 25 - Boise

Jan. 25 - Boxes
Something Corporate and
Juliana Theory will perform at
the Big Easy Concert House ar
7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are
\$12.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 956-4827, online at
http://www.ticketweb.com, or at

Attention Skiers!



Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.

#### Jan. 27 - Utah

Juliana Theory and Something Corporate will perform at the X Scape in Salt Lake City at 7:15. p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. X Scape is located at 115 South West

#### Jan. 29 - Utah

Alkaline Trio, One Man Army and Paris, Texas will perform at Brick's in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

Jan. 31 - 150196
Insane Clown Posse will play
the Big Easy Concert House at 7
p.m. Tickets, which are \$23, can
be reserved by phoning (800)
955-4827, no nline
http://www.ticketweb.com, or at
Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.
The Big Easy Concert House is
located at 416 S. Ninth St.

#### Feb. 7 - Utah

Feb. 7 – Utah
Coldplay will perform at the
Saltair Resort in Magna, Utah, at
7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22,
can be reserved by phoning
Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.
Saltair Resort is located 30 miles
west of \$5 alt. Lake City; take
Interstate 180 West to Exit 104.

The Reverand Horton Heat will play Salt Lake City's Club X-Scape at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, can be reserved by phoring Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X-Scape is located at 115 South West Temple.

#### COUNTRY

Pocketchange will play classic country music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Trouts Saloon, 113 Broadway Ave. N., Buhl.

Mixed Emotions will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at George K's East Restaurant and Lounge, 325 E. Third N., Burley.

Saturday

The Fugitives will play from 9 p.m. to 1.a.m. at Shakers, 826 Highway 81, Declo. No cover

#### Saturday

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

#### Saturday - Boise

Leftover Salmon will perform it the Big Easy Concert House at p.m. Tickets, which are \$16.50, an be reserved by phoning (800) 65-4827, online at can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

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Pocketchange will play classic country music from 7-11 p.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

#### Monday and Tuesday

Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers will perform two shows a night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino, at 8 and 11 pm. Tickets, which are \$20, \$25 and \$30, can

### be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

Tuesday - Utah

Jesse Dayton will play Salt
Lake City's Zephyr Club at 10
p.m. Tickets, which are \$30, can
be reserved by phoning Smith's
Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The
Zephyr Lounge is located at 301
South West Temple.

#### Jan. 27 - Utah

Slobberbone will perform at the Zephyr Club is Sait Lake City at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$5, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 3012 South West Temple.

#### Feb. 1 - Utah

Toby Keith and Rascal Flatts will play the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$37.75, \$27.75 and \$10, can be reserved by phoning (801) can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

#### Feb. 15 - Boise

Feb. 15 - BOISG
Toby Keith and Rascal Flatts
will perform at the Idaho Centerin Nampa at 7:30 p.m. Tickets,
which are \$36.75 and \$46.75, can
be reserved by phoning Select A
Seat at (208) 426-1766, online at
idahotickets.com, or at
Albertson's in Twin Falls. The
Idaho Center is located at 5000
Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east
end.

#### FESTIVITIES

#### Wednesday

Wednesday

The 16th annual Freeze on Skis, sponsored by the Magic Valley Jaycees, will be held at noon at Shoshone Falls. Sponsor sheets are available at Claude's Sports, Elevation Sports and Big S Sporting Goods, The Times-Neus and Magic Valley Boys & Girls of the Short of the Sports of the Sports of the Sports of Sports in Burley; in Simerly's in Wendell and Steve's Quick Service in Gooding, Net proceed will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley and Wishing Star. Tee shirts will be given to participents raising at least \$50 and Jackets to those who raise at least \$50. For more information, call Brian Moore at 280-0625.

#### KARAOKE

A karsoke show will be held from 9 pm. to 1 am. at the Log Tavern, 401 Fourth Ave. W., Twin Falls. Rabid Dog Entertainment will provide the music. No cover charge.

High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Highway 81, Declo. No cover charge.

Kroakers Karaoke will be fea-tured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody, 502 Sixth St., Rupert, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers, 163 West U.S. Highway Cheers, 16 30, Burley.

#### Tonight and Saturday

Karaoke contest will be fea-tured from 8:30 pm. to 1 a.m. at Mr. Bill's, 101 N. Alder, Jerome. Cash prizes. No cover charge.

#### Saturday

High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to mid-night at the Sagebrush Lounge, 325 Main St., Hazelton. No cover

#### Saturday

Kroakers Karaoke will be fea-tured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Drift Inn, 545 F St., Rupert, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the

5th Freeze

#### Tuesday

Kroakers Karaoke will be fea-tured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the George K's East Restaurant, 325 E. Third N., Burley.

# Tuesday through Saturday Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub, 402 Main N., Twin Falls.

Thursday

Karaoke will be featured at 8 p.m. at Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

#### Thursday

Kroakers Karaoke will be fea-ired from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the iverside, 197 W. Highway 30,

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The Swingtones will play easy stening music from 7-10 p.m. at

#### Tonight - Boise

The Club will play at 9:15 p.m. at the Blues Bouquet, 1010 Main. Cover charge is \$3.

#### **Tonight and Saturday**

Midline will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.

#### Tuesday - Boise

Clumsy Lovers will play at 9:15 p.m. at the Blues Bouquet, 1010 Main. Cover charge is \$20.

Thursday
DJ music by The Buzz 99.9 will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.

Evan Ziporyn and Todd

Reynolds will present the world premiere of Ziporyn's work "No Return - River Impressions 2002," 8 p.m., Presbyterian Chur-ch of the Big Wood, Ketchum. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning 726-9491 or purchased at the Sun Valley Center for Arts, 191 Fifth St. E.

#### Jan. 17-18 - Utah

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Boc Séverinsen will perform with Utah Symphony in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall at 8 pm. nightly. Tickets, which are 522, 529, 536 and \$45. can be reserved by phoning Art Tix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

#### Jan. 7 - Utah

Herbie Hancock will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Salt Lake City's are \$25, \$35 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning ArTIx at (801) 355-278. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South

#### Feb. 2 - Boise

Feb. 2 - Bolse
Victor Wooten will play the Big
Easy Concert House at 8 p.m.
Tickets, which are \$16.50, can be
reserved by phoning (800) 9654827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's
Market in Ketchum. The Big
Easy Concert House is located at
416 S. Ninth St.

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#### Jan. 3 - Utah

Jan. 3 – Utan Lil Flip, Clipse and Cam'ron will perform at the E Center in the Sait Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, \$30, \$35. and \$40, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 883-TDXC. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

#### Jan. 21 - Bolse

Des EFX will perform at the

Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.tick-tweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big

#### C L A S' S I C A L

#### Tuesday - Utah

tuesuay – Utah
Utah Symphony will perform
its New Year's Eve concert at 10
p.m. in Salt Lake City's
Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which
are \$26, \$32 and \$40, can be
reserved by phoning Art Tix at
(801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is
located at 123 West South
Temple.

Utah Symphony will present Tchaikowsky's Symphony No. 4 at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanei Hall. Tickets, which are Sl6, 524, 528, 536 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning Art Tix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is locuted at 123 West South Temple.

#### Jan. 23 - Utah

Juli. 23 – Utah
Utah Symphony will present
Beethoven's Fourth Symphony at
8 p.m. at the Libby Gardner
Concert Hall on the campus of
the University of Utah in Salt
Lake City. Tickets, which are \$27
and \$35, can be reserved by
phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

#### Jan. 24

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The Exolos Trio will perform at 8 p.m. In the Presbyterlan Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum, the fourth in the Sun Valley Center for the Arts which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning 726-9491 or at the Sun Valley Center, 191 Fifth St. E.

#### Jan. 31-Feb. 1 - Utah

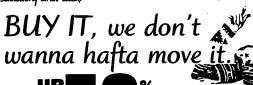
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#### Feb. 7-8 - Utah

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Utah Symphony will perform
Franz Listr's Piano Concerto No.
1 in Sait Lake City's Abravanel
Hall. Tickets, which are 516, 524,
528, 536 and 540, can bereserved by phoning ArtTix at
(801) 355.2787. Abravanel Hall is
located at 123 West South
Temple.

#### REGGA

#### Ian 14 - Roise

Jan. 14 – Bolse
Eek a Mouse will play Big
Easy Concert House in Boise at 8
p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can
be reserved by phoning (800)
955-4827, online at
http://www.tickettvebi.com, or at
Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.
The Big Easy Concert House is
located at 416 S. Ninth St.

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### Jan. 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 - Utah

22, 24, 26 – Utah

Pucain's "La Boheme," 7:30 p.m.
on Jan. 18, 20, 22 and 24 and 2
p.m. on Jan. 18, 20, 22 and 24 and 2
p.m. on Jan. 26 in Sait Lake
City's Capitol Theater. Tickets,
which are \$12 to \$50, can be
reserved by phoning Art Tix at
(801) 355:2787. The Capitol
Theater is located at 50 West 200
South A Jan. 25 performance is
planned for 7:30 p.m. in the Val
A. Browning Center in Ogden,
Utah. The Browning Center is
located on the campus of Weber
State University.



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Saturday – Utah
Ballet West will perform "The
Nutcracker," 7 pm. tonight and
at 2 and 7 pm. on Saturday in
Salt Lake City's Capitol TheaserThomas will be seen to the seen of the
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Dance to DJ music from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bar Bonz, 1539 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls.

Dance to DJ music from 9 p.m. o 1 a.m. at Bar Bons, 1539 illmore St. N., Twin Falls. Cover harge is \$5 for 18 and older.

#### Jan. 17-18 - Boise

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Idaho Busce Theaster will present its winter performance, "Hot
Blooded," at 8 pan. Jan. 17-18
Blooded," at 8 pan. Jan. 18 at the Boise
State University Special Events
Center. Tickets, which are \$14\$22, can be reserved by phonius
Select A Seat at (208) 425-1649 or
online at http://www.idahotick-

#### Jan. 17-18 - Boise

Idaho Dance Theater will pre-sent its winter performance, "Hot Blooded," at 8 p.m. Jan. 17-18 and 2 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Boise State University Special Events Center, Tickets, which are 514-522, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494.

#### Feb. 7-8, 12-15 - Utah

Ballet West will dance Ronald Hynd's "Rosalinda" at 7:30 p.m.

**Dave Barry** recounts 2002. **Sunday** in Family Life

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on Feb. 7-8 and 12-14 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 15 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. For ticket information, call ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

#### THEATER

#### Jan. 16-18, 23-25

Jan. 19-19, 42-7 The Friends of CSI Players will present "The Nerd," 7 p.m. at the Lamphouse Theater in Twin Falls' Old Towne. Tickets, which are \$10 at the door and \$8 in advance, are available at the Lamphouse, the CSI Community Education Center, or by phoning 732-6288.

#### Jan. 28-30 - Boise

Jan. 28-30 – Bolse
The national touring production
of the musical "Saturday Night
Fever" will play the Morrison
Center on the campus of Boise
State University at 8 p.m. nightly.
Tickets, which are \$25, \$38.50 and
\$46, can be reserved by phoning
Select a Seat at (208) 426-1766, or
at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

#### Ion 30

Jan. 30

Seattle Mime Theater's Animotion, an Arts on Tour event, will play the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Season tickes are \$50 for adults, \$40 for students and \$45 for sembor tickes are \$60 for adults and \$50 for adults and \$50 for adults and \$50 for 732-628. Or 30 for 30 fo

#### GO MEDY **Tonight and Saturday**

Comedian/hypnotist Steve Bayner will present adults-only shows at 9 p.m. nightly in Ketchum's nexStage Theater. Tickets, which are \$15, are avail-able at the door.

#### Tonight, Saturday and Sunday

and Sunday
Late Night Funnies, a comedy
revue, will do two shows a night at
Cactus Petes Resort Casino in
Jackpot Thekets for the B p.m. dinner show start at \$19.99 on
Saturdays and \$14.99 tonight and
Sunday. Prices for the 11 p.m.
cocktail show at \$10 on Saturday
and \$7.50 tonight and Sunday. For
reservations and information, call
(801) \$21-1103.

#### lan. 10-11 - Utah

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Mangaret Cho will perform at
the Wise Guys Comedy Club in
Salt Lake City at 8 and 10 p.m.
nightly. Tickets, which are \$25,
can be reserved by phoning
Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDX. The
Wise Guys Comedy Club is located at 3500 South 2200 West.

#### FIGURE SKATING

#### Jan. 8 - Utah

Smuckers Stars on Ice, featur-ing Tara Lipinski, Iamie Sale and

David Pelletter, Katarina Witt, Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikhaurilidge, Kurt Browning and Steven Cousins, will play the Ecenter in the Salt Lake City sub of West Valley City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22.50, \$33 and \$54.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 885 TDX. The Ecenter is located at 3200 S. Decker Lake Drive.

#### PLANETARIUM

#### Tonight, Saturday and Tuesday

and Tuesday

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls will present "Season of Light" at 1, 3 and 7 p.m. today and 7 p.m. Saturday. Other shows are "Steamrolling through the Holidays" today at 2 and 8:15 p.m.; "WSKY: Radio Station to the Surs" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, and "Saving the Night/Sky Quest" at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Tackets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens 60 and over, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children 4 and under are not admitted. The Herrett Center will close at 4 p.m. on Tuesday and be closed New Year's Day.

#### ACROBATICS

#### Jan. 20 - Utah

Jan. 20 - Utan
Peking Acrobats will perform at
7 p.m. in Salt Lake City's
Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are
512, 516, 518 and 521, can be
reserved by phoning Art Tix at
6001 3552787. Abravanel Hall is
located at 123 West South Temple.

#### ART SHOW

#### Through Tuesday - Utah

Through Tuesday – Utah

"In Response to Place:
Photographs from The Nature
Conservancy's Last Great Places."
featuring the work of 12 photographers, will be on display from 9-20
a.m. to 5-20 pm. Mondays through
Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m.
Sundays at the Utah Museum of
Natural History on the campus of
the University of Utah in Salt
Lake City. Admission is 56 for
adults and \$3.50 for children and
senior citizens. For more informasenior citizens. For more informa-tion, call (801) 585-3948.

#### Through Jan. 25

Through Jan. 25

The Herrett Center for Arts and
Sciences on the campus of the
College of Southern Idaho in Twin
Fails will host The Albertson
Figures, a collection of art from
Albertson College of Idaho that
includes works by Goya, Hogarth,
Lichtenstein, Picasso and Andy
Warhol. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9
pm. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30
a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and
Thursdays and 1 to 9 p.m. on
Saturdays, Admission is free.

#### Through Feb. 2 - Boise

Through Feb. 2 — Bokse
"Beauty in All Things: The
Imperial and Folk Art of China,"
is on display at the Boise Art
Museum. BAM is located downtown in Julia Davis Park. Hours
are Tuesday through Saturdays,
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays,
noon to 5 p.m. Extended
Thursday hours: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Admission is 55 for adults, 53 for
seniors (62 and older) and college students; 51 for children
grades 1-12.

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### Playwright plays with 'Imaginary Friends'

NEW YORK - Nora Ephron's lew Broadway play is about the amous feud that erupted when writer bitingly responded to a juestion about who she thought

was overrated.
So you can forgive Ephron for dodging the same query.
"Hmm," she says after a few minutes. "My overrated list mostly includes things like... like..."

ilke..."

She posses: "Turducken."
Um, sure. Is that a writer?
"It's that thing, turkey stuffed
with a duck stuffed with a chicken," she explains. "My list is
mostly ... you know, almost all
chocolate desserts. Food products. I have violent and serious
pinions about a whole range of
food products."
"Imaginary Friends,"
Ephron's new play with music, in
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unit and the most of the control of the control
incendiary response to a question asked by television talkshow host Dick Cavett more
than 20 years ago. She immediately named fellow writer Lillian
Hellman.
"Everything she writes is a
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McCarthy, Cavett and the TV
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a conflict between two rival
approaches to storytelling.
"You have these two women,
one of whom turns truth into a
pathology, and the other is
absolutely, unquestionably and
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one of whom turns truth into a
pathology, and the other is
absolutely, unquestionably nonfiction, loaded supposedly nonfiction books like "Pentimento"
with self-aggrandizing sories
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and maybe even most attractive thing about them was each of their undoing. And that moment when they collide is a moment when on some level they're at their most quintessentially who ever they are, and at their worst."

when on some tever may are when on some tever may are their most quintessentially whoever they are, and at their most quintessentially in chocolatey brown that matches her hair, talks about the play while picking through a salad at an Upper East Side restaurant. It could pass for the delt in the most famous scene she's scripted, the one in "When Harry Met Sally..." in which Meg Ryan demonstrates - for an incredulous Billy Crystal - a talent she says all women share.

Epitron, also known for scripting "Silkwood" and writing and directing "Silewood" and writing and "rou" yee Got Mail," has Broadway in her blood. Her parents were the stage and screen-writing team flerny and Phoebe Ephron, who used her letter from college as the basis of the concey "Tab First play because there was no other way to tell Hellman and McCarthy's story. The format allows the cast to write her first play because there was no other way to tell Hellman and McCarthy's story. The format allows the cast to present several possible versions of the feud's low points: "One of the things that's so fascinating to me about them is that every time I would ever talk to anyone who knew both women or who knew both women or who knew both women or who knew they in the may in the great Rorschach kind of thing about it

where people were always superimposing their own prejudices on the story."

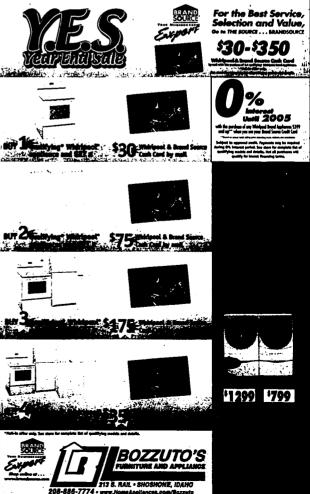
The Hellman and McCarthy characters meet in a sort of limbo Ephron describes as "a ladies room in hell," and hash over the events that made then—nate—each other—At-one point—Hellman (Swoosle Kurtz) and McCarthy (Cherry Jones) direct each other and the supporting cast in different versions of an encounter at Sarah Lawrence Gollege that was the likely source of the women's mutual antipathy. Hellman tells students to look at her more addingly, and McCarthy to shake her teacup more.

Telling the story as a play also allowed Ephron to indulge her love of music, and composer Marvin Hamlisch and lyricist Craig Carnellia signed on to the telling of the composer of the women of the composer between the demanded in the telling of the composer of the comp

ys. Director Jack O'Brien, she

Director Jack O'Brien, she adds, "always says it's like a sorbet in the play, Just a sort of palate cleanser, and I think that's how we use it, just to kind of comment or see something in a different way."
So does Ephron come down on the side of fact or fiction? McCarthy of Hellman?
"Each version is entirely plausible from the point of view of the person telling it," she says. "That's what is so delicious about stories."

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# Pizza to piety: Domino's founder plans university

Los Angeles Times

IMMOKALEE, Fla. - On pool-table flat farmland where pep-pers, tomatoes and sod have heen grown. Thomas - S-Monaghan, one-time fast-food magnate, is pursuing what may be the last phase of his life's work the saving of souls. "My No. 1 priority now is to help as many ecople get to heav-help as many ecople set to heav-

"My No. 1 priority now is to heaven as possible," said the 65-year en spossible," said the 65-year en spossible," said the 65-year en spossible," said the 65-year en spossible, said the 65-year en seid founder of Domino's Pizza and former owner of the Detroit Tiggers, "Ib elieve the best way to do that is education."

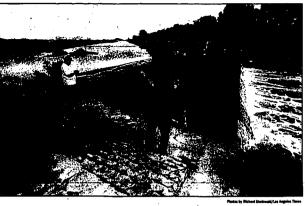
The result, if Monaghan's vision and an artist's conceptions are translated into reality, will be the first new Roman Catholic university in the United States in a generation, built from scratch on what is now rich agricultural

a generation, built from scratch on what is now rich spricultural land near the Everglades of southwestern Florida. "Conceived at a time of unprecedented trial for the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, Ave Maria University will not be your typical Catholic institution of higher learning, Monaghan said.

University will not be your typical Catholic institution of higher learning Monaghan said.
Instead, the bespectacled, quiet philanthropist envisions a spiritual militer v academy," built in the Frank Lloyd Wrigorous, faith-centered and tradition-minded education to a many as 5,000 committed Catholics. He is willing to put up at least \$220 million of his fortune to build it. "According to Monaghan, polls indicate that many students who graduate from existing Catholic colleges and universities leave with their religious faith shakler than when they entered. Many of the schools also have a reputation, warranted or not, as "party schools," he said.
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Under pressure from the atican, changes in demographes and the decline in young men netering the priesthood, many latholic educational institutions



Laborers fish in a canal on the site where the na the same name will be built around the school.

Laborers fish in a canal on the site whe same name will be bull around the in the United States have been forced in recent years to ponder exactly what makes them "Catholic," said Stephen Fowl, a professor at Loyola College in Maryland.

The venerable Baltimore college is an eloquent example. Founded by the Society of Jesus in 1852, it now has only 10 Jesuit priests on its 250-member tenured faculty. "There are 28 Jesuit colleges and universities, and not enough priests to staff them," Fowl said. Although an Episcopalian, he is chairman of Loyola's theology department. Since 2000, a majority of the country's 230 Catholic institutions of higher learning have no longer been run by priests, in part because there are not enough of them, said Michael James, assistant executive director of the Association of Catholic

school.

Colleges and Universities.

"We're not seeing growth in the religious orders, in (priestly) vocations," he said.

Many colleges and universities affiliated with the church, Monaghan said, "don't emphasize the spiritual enough." That is why he wants to start a university from the ground up, rather than make a gift to an established school.

"I think only 10 percent of Catholics would be interested in our school," Monaghan said. "Those who make faith the center of their lives."

Monaghan has been a lode-

our school, "Those who make faith the center of their lives."
Monaghan has been a lodestone for conservative Catholic causes, and he has drawn criticism for implying that church

institutions he does not endorse are somehow less holy. Monghan's plan for a new university "I's certainly of a grandiose scale and vision, and will he interesting to watch," James said.

Under a joint venture, the Naples-based Barron Collier Cos., a powerhouse landowner and developer in this corner of Florida, will donate 750 acres for the university site, and it will be a partner in developing a town, also to be called Ave Maria, that; is to be built around the school. The university's president-designate, Nicholas J. Healy Jr., a Catholic layman and former attorney in maritime law, said it likely will open in four years. A



The Rev. Joseph Fesslo, who will be chancellor of Ave Maria University, dis-plays an artist's rendering of the school's chapel during a reception with real-dents in Immokalee, Fie.

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temporary campus is being built unside the city of Naples, and it should begin accepting students in the autumn of 2003. Ave.

Maria University will be coed, but the dorns will not.

The university president said that rap music, heavy metal and modern art thut does not elevate the soul or adhere to the Catholic aesthetic of promoting beauty and truit will have place in Ave Maria's curriculum. The university rame, Ladin for "Hail Mary," is the biblical greeting spoken by the announced to Mary that she had announced to Mary that she had been chosen to be the mother of Jesus.

In 1998, the same year that for the state of the same year that the lad the same year that the same y

been chosen to be the members of the same year that Monaghan sold Domino's for a reported \$1 billion, he opened a Catholic college in Ypsilanti, Mich. He wanted to move it to Ann Arbor and expand it into a full-fledged university, but he had to look for a new location after planners and politicians turned down his request for a zoning change.

In this sleepy corner of Collier County, where many earn a meager living by tolling in the fields or orange groves, the prospect of having a university expanded employment opportunities to a football team has caused excitement. At the town meeting, attended by Monaghan, Healy and others involved with the project, residents wondered aloud whether Immokalee, population 22,000, might boom like the much larger South Bend, Ind., home of Notre Dame.

"We're going to make sure you don't get away. We're going to take your car keys," Jim Coletta, who represents the Immokalee area on the Collier County Commission, told Ave Maria's founders.

Although the Hanks of Catholics in the United States accuming the states are so the Collier County Commission, told Ave Maria's founders.

Although the Hanks of Catholics in the United States accuming the state of the country was Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn., in 1963.

### 'Swept Away' tops list of worst films of 2002

The Washingtoo Post

Is there a movie equivalent of small claims court? These films tobbed precious hours from my life. In order of criminal liability:

1. "Swept Away." Director Guy Ritchie thought he'd remake an eld Lina Wertmuller classic, staring his wife, Madonna. Where do you even start with this one?

2. "Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones."

Apparently, in his youth, Darth Vader was one of the members of 'N Sync.

3. "Mr. Deeds." Adam Sandler redoes Frank Capra. They should have called this "Misdemeanor."

4. "The Adventures of Pluto Nash." A comedy in which Eddie Murphy goes to the moon. Unforunately someone filmed it. And gave him a ride back.

5. "XOC." Vin Diesel pretends

to be James Bond: a dumb guy's day in Heaven.

6. "Serving Sara." A romantic comedy starning Matthew Perry as a process server and Elizabeth Hurley as a social climber. Hell is looking at your watch and realizing the movie's not even half over.

7. "The Santa Clause 2." From its unappealing child actors to the cloned Santa who turns evil, this sequel has all the good cheer and charm of coal in a stocking.

8. "The Master of Disguise."

Dana Carvey not being funny is like Henry Kissinger trying to be funny.

9. "Country Rease." Walt.

like Henry Assauge
funny,
9. "Country Bears." Walt
Disney's movie version of its
amusement park characters.
Corporate recycling for the kids.
10. "Formula 51." Let me put
it this way: Samuel L. Jackson in

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ames Pierson, son of Carolyn
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High School in 1999 and is
strending Brigham Young
Juiversity in Prove, Utah.
Pierson graduated in 199 from
prague High School in Salem,
prague High School in Salem,
ore, and is attending BVU.
The wedding is planned for
satirday in the Portland, Ore,
LDS Temple. A reception to
son or the couple will be held
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# but creativity was sky-high

By Evelyn McDonnell The Miami Herald

In the record books of the ledger books, 2002 will go down as a bleak year for the music industry. Sales were consistently down double digits from the preceding 12 months, itself a down period (although a last-quarter spurt of major releases offered label bean counters a ray of hone).

hope).
Artistically, though, 2002 was a banner year. For each album that Artistically, though, 2002 was a banner year. For each album that made it to my top 10, there was another in contention for the spot.

Contention for the spot.

Desaparecided or N.E.R.D.
Jay.Z.
Peaches, the Roots, the Clipse, Beth Orton, Cec.
Bally Bragg and DJ Leb, Billy Bragg and DJ Leb, Billy Bragg and DJ Leb, Bra

Pron localacting indie rockers to global-thinking rappers, musi-cast reacted to the world's ongoing troubles with their own relentances creativity. Some addressed political and social issues headong. Springsteen spoke for a nation bereaved and bewildered. Emthem upended the racial and class psychoses of "White America." Brazillian Caetano Veloso probed the post-colonial conscience of a country at the

class psychoses of "White America." Brazilian Caetano Veloso probed the post-colonial conscience of a country at the forefront of world change.

Others sought to reaffirm music's basic power as faith heater. The Chemical Brothers reached a new level of sublime with their block-rockin' beats. Soul survivor Solomon Burke offered soothing pearls of wisdom (penned by folks like Van Morrison and Tom Waits). Missy Elliott reminded the rap committy that before there was blingbling, hip-hop, too, was about rockin' the block.

Perhaps 2002 will be most remembered as the year the line between under and above ground a division that serves marketers as much as it does ellidits – was

#### Pop highlights

1. EMINEM: From opening salvo
"Without Me" to current chart-top
per "Lose Yourself," the year
belonged to Marshall Mathers, the
rapper/actor/producer responsible for two great albums this year,
"The Eminem Show" and the "8
Mile" servicine (Integran) Mile" soundtrack (Interscope).

2. MISSY ELLIOTT, "UNDER CONSTRUCTION" (Elektra): Virginia's newly slim hip-hop renalssance queen has not sounded so supremely confident since she first declared herself Supa Dupa

Fly.
3. BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN, "The Rising" (Columbia); We can be heroes, NOT just for one day.
4. NORAH JONES, "Come Away With Me" (Blue Note): By simp seeking a true note, instead of wildly scrambling for a million, this jazz singer was the year's best

5. CAETANO VELOSO, "LIVE IN BAHIA" (Nonesuch): The histor of Brazil told through the history of Brazi told through the history of as greatest singer.

6. SOLOMON BURKE, "DON'T GIVE UP ON ME" (Far Possum): Like Jones' Gisc. an album that showed the gospel power of a voice coupled with an organ.

7. CHEMICAL BROTHERS, "COME WITH US" (ASTRINWARKS/Virgin): An olderstellar objects." An interstellar odyssey, 8. DIXIE CHICKS, "HOME" (Op Wide/Monument): Good songs

Wide/Monument): Good songs, beautifully sung. 9. JURASSIC 5, "Power in Numbers" (Interscope): Not just for hip-hop heads anymore. 10. WILCO, "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot" (Nonesuch): Americana meets electronica.

blessedly confused. Producers of banal hip-hop hits, the Neptunes (Nelly's' Hot In Herre') dolled as bad, brainy rockers N.E.R.D. The Dixic Chicks went roots; N.E.R.D. The Dixic Chicks went roots; N.E.R.D. The Dixic Chicks went roots; N.O. a labum. Underground herpers Junssic 5 and the Roots fit right in alongside the hits of Missy and Jay-Z. on radio and TV. Esoterica and escapism were out, and the need to communicate overrode or other concerns.

overrode other concerns.
Musicians delivered. Maybe in a
depressed economy, consumers
didn't buy in droves, but that
doesn't mean we weren't listen-

# Pop music sales were down, | Countdown to 79th Annual Academy Awards

# 12 weeks away

**Knight Ridder News Service** 

How do the Golden Globes

How do the Golden Globes affect the Oscars?
The Golden Globe nominations were released last week, and while they have little in common with the Academy Awards, much hoopla is made about how they serve as predictors for the prestigious golden statuettes known as Oscars. However, these two awards are not as similar as one might think.

First of all, the voting body

think.

First of all, the voting body for both award shows are competely different and don't overlap. The Hollywood Foreign Press is made up of \$6 old-timer foreign correspondents, while the Academy is made up of 5,007 actors, directors and industry professionals, most of who only nominate specifically in their own categories until the nominations are released and then they can vote in all catethen they can vote in all cate-

then they can vote in all cate-gories.

Another difference is that the Globes divides films into two categories: Best Drama and Best Musical/Comedy.

This distinction, used in the Best Picture, Actor and Actress categories, allows up to 10 pic-tures to get nominations - there-by increasing the chances are that a majority of the five nomi-nees at the Oscars will be men-tioned among the Golden Globe nominees.

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However, it also makes the race for Best Director and Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actor and Best Support Actress a bit ighter at the Golden Globes since there are so many more films to choose from.

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The Golden Globes Best Picture award about 70 percent of the time but 90 percent of the Director's Guild winners went on to win hes Director at the Oscars. Interestingly, the Golden Globes' track record

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gets worse when it comes to screenplay categories; fewer than 50 percent of the Golden Globes' screenplay winners also received Oscars. This year, "Chicago" and "The Hours" earned the most nominations at the Golden Globes, even though both films have barely opened in theaters. However, by the time Jan. 19 roles around and the Golden Globes are broadcast live, audiences may know more about both films, and so will the Academy members who will announce their nominations on Feb. 11.

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The Academy is has decided to move the Oscar ceremonies to February to prevent the hype among other award shows (and in order to have the telecast air during a TV sweeps month).

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#### **Facts and figures**

- The Golden Globes first started in 1944, the Oscars started in 1927.
- The Hollywood Foreign Press also gives awards to television shows. A break-off group of film critics, the international Press Academy's
- The Hollywood Foreign Press picks the nominees in the 13 movie and 11 television categories for the Golden Globes. The Oscars have 24 categories; all in feature length and short film.
- The Golden Globes have 96 vot-ing members, while the Academy has 5,607.
- The 60th Golden Globes cere monles are handed out and tele-vised live Jan, 19 on NBC. The 75th Academy Awards will be broadcast live March 23 on ABC.

although the move won't take place until the 2003 Oscar cereplace until the 2003 Oscar cere-mony. Because of the move, the British Academy of Film & Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards will move its 2004 cere-mony to Feb. 8, while the Screen Actors Guild is consider-ing moving its awards to early February.

February.

The change may also affect the timetable of when films are released next year - although studios have not yet announced any changes.

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# Rolling Stones will play benefit in L.A.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The Rolling Stones will perform a free concert in February to raise awareness about global warming.

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Fans can enter a sweepstakes to
win tickets to the concert, which is
scheduled for Feb. 6 at the Staples
Center, said Fran Curtis, a spokeswoman for the band.
The veteran rockers are staging

the concert in conjunction with the National Resources Defense

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> - John H. Adams, NRDC President

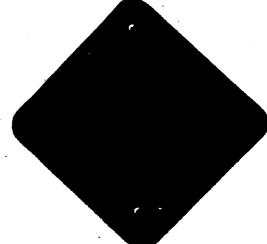
President John H. Adams.
Last fall, the band performed

three concerts in Southern California as part of its current Licks World Tour. The Staples Center, site of one of those shows, seats approximately 20,000 for

concerts.
Entry forms for the ticket sweepstakes are available on the Web

www.nrdcstonesconcert.org.
The show comes 34 years after
the Stones performed a free concert at the Altamont Speedewy L Livermore, Calli. Fighting broke
out and four people died, including one who was stabbed by a
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### Whodunnits: 2002 offered good mysteries

In his Weshington-based thrillers, George Pelecanos combines the social historian's eye for detail with the entertainment of a good mystery. 'Hell to Pay' continues to plot the progress and decline of a multiracial, multicultural capital city, where people in the shadow of Congress live on the grinding edge of poverty, crimand social disconfinanthement.

Social disconfinanthement was considered at oil figure, author of gritty mysteries such as "King Suckerman" and "The Big Suckerman" and "The Big Suckerman" his skillful novels rival those of literary authors like mainstream. His skillful novels rival those of literary authors like mainstream. His skillful novels rival those of literary authors like hook, "Hell to Pay," Pelecanos pulls together a taut story driven by two copsuluracid-pritives. Derek Strange is a black man in black man in

tives. Derek
Strange is a
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Quinn is a white man in his 30s
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"Hell to Pay" easily takes the
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1° "City of Bones" by Michael Connelly; Little, Brown (\$25-25) 2002 could have been considered the year of the Connelly with two first of the Harry Bosch series, and the Harry Bosch investigates and Connelly. Blood Work. But it was "City of Bones." in which Tarry Bosch investigates a 20-year-old murder, that is his year's standout as Connelly solidly blends the details of a police procedural with the character study of a man on the edge and his city of LA.

9 "Nine" by Jan Burke; Bins Standom for her Irene Kelly mysteries, delivers a multilayered standalone thriller about a group of spoiled rich kids who turn vigilante to target the FBI's most-wanted list. This is a multilayered, cumplex story of culpability, justice, revenge and the ability to survive against all odds.

"The Last Place" by Laura Lippman: Morrow (\$23.95). The

vive against all odds. "The Last Place" by Laura "The Last Place" by Laura "Lippman; Morrow (\$23.95). The Baltimore-based author continues to past the edges of the traditional private-eye novel as she takes an unconventional look at the anger and maliciousness behind domestic violence. Investigator Tess Monaghan's sardonic wit, love of pop culture and compassion add texture to this ever-evolving character who has many more tales to tell about herself and her city.

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• "Gone for Good" by Harfan Cabern Debacore (\$23.95). Most of as want to believe in the sanctity of our childhood home or neighborhood, even when evil has permeated our private sanctuaries. Few suspense writers are as solid as Harfan Coben as he delivers an unstoppable whirlwind that hinges on deception, revenge and identity. In "Gone for Good," a man struggles with the knowledge that his brother is a marderer.

• "Kisscut" by Karin Slaughter;

that his brother is a murderer.

1 "Kisacur" by Karin Shaughter,
Morrow (\$24.95). Engaging, likable characters in small-lown
Georgia balance chilling terror as
the author unfinchingly looks at
the beginnings of violence and
how sometimes predators live to
close to their victims. The characters do not have time to catch
their breath before they are
blunged into another situation,

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"Winter and Night" by S.J.
Rozan; St. Martin'al/Minotaur
[\$24.95). Much has been written
and debated about the tragedy of
school violence, and what makes
tudents kill. Using a well-plotted
private eye mystery, S.J. Rozan
compassionately delives into a
town's mindset that makes one set
of students royalty, saps the selfbetteem of others and makes
revenge the goal of still others.

"The Killing Kind" by John
Connolly, Atria Booka/Silmon &
Schusster (\$25). Irish author John

Connolly masters the totally American private-eye novel in this pitch-perfect noir vision with undertones of the supernatural. Mournful ex-cop Charile Parker battles religious fanaticism as he investigates the death of a young grad student in the dark crevices of Maine.

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"Acid Row" by Minette Walters, Putmam (\$24.95). During 24 hours in an English housing project, a riot, fueled by rumors, ignorantee, hate and a few drug-crazed teens escalates into a war. Out of the rubble, the unlikediest of heroes and villains will emerge; the frailiset delderly will show their inner strength. Shaped as an indepth Sunday magazine piece, this journalistic approach lets use the entire situation, and then zooms in for a close-up, as we see the entire situation, and then zooms in for a close-up, as we become one with the story. The author captures the mob mentalty as it escalates and the frustration of people in desperate stratic, sooth mixes the British police procedural with the conventions of a historical to produce a solid psychological suspense tale in which an investigation of a new murdent intersects with a mysterious Will crash. Booth takes a decidedly hard-boiled approach that he then tempers with all-encompassing character studies rather than violence.

"Bad Boy Brawly Brown" by

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emactes steamy Brown" by Walter Mosley; Little, Brown (\$24.95). Walter Mosley made the year Easy. It's been six years since Mosley wrote about the reluctant detective Easy Rawlins, at character that made the author's career and helped open the doors for other black mystery writers, during the 1990s. But his return is a smooth transition. Here, revolution's in the air as Easy searches for a young man who may have been caught up in an underground civil rights group.

"Blackwater Sound" by

ground civil rights group.

"Blackwater Sound" by James W. Hall; St. Martin's Press/Minotaur (\$24.95). Man's manipulation of - and other careless disregard for - nature has long been a favorite theme of South Florida author James W. Hall combines a retelling of "Moby-Dick Hall in his 11th novel, Hall combines a retelling of "Moby-Dick Hall combines a retelling of "Moby-Dick Hall combines a retelling of "Moby-Dick With a dash of "The Old Man and the Sea" into a superior thriller while bringing together two of the author's most popular characters to battle a ruthless and secretive family out for destruction.

"No Good Deed" by Manda Scott immediately plunges the reader into a harrowing world of deep undercover police detectives whose assignment to ferret out one of Clasgow's vicious crime lords bringes on a frightened 9-year-old boy. Unflinching in its exploration of cops and criminals, "No Good Deed's" dark tale still offers a glimmer of hope for its characters.

"Black Jack Point" by Jeff Abbott; Onyx (\$6.99) and "A Killing Sky" by Andy Straka; Signet (\$5.99). Many paperback originals are up to the standards of hardower novels. Greed, family secrets, ruthless treasure hunters and centuries-old pirates, and a compelling look at the historical legends of Tease Gull Coast intertwine in "Black Jack Point." An except's passion for falconry is the springboard that makes "A Killing Sky" sox with three-dimensional characters and a plausible story.



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# Viewers found same old thing in 2002

The Associated Press

NEW YORK – Too much stuff, and too much of it like other stuff in the 's the tally for television's Same Game at the end of 2002. Lest we forget, this was the year the great minds at ABC and the WB each brought us a series about a thirryish single gay who is jolted back to his high school years in the '1980s ("That WB. Then" and "DO Over"). Then" and "DO Over" he was also the year both ABC in the same time shout doctors as a San Francisco hospital, then scheduled these shows in the same time slot, and, just to make sure viewer confusion was complete, titled them "MDS" and "Presido Med."

We can take solace that viewers rejected all four series. But at the current rate of TVs creative convergence, how long will it be before we see the medical examiners on "Crossing Jordan" coincidentally dissecting the same corpse as the forensic sleuths on "CSI"?

Will network programmers ever stop behaving like tourists

corpse as the forensic sleuths on "CSI"?
Will network programmers ever stop behaving like touriss crowded around the same famil-iar landmark, satisfied just to get an unobstructed shot of it and not of each other?

an unobstructed shot of it and not of each other?
Sometimes they can't even avoid getting a shot of each other. ABC's "Good Morning avoid getting a sit of each other. ABC's "Good Morning America" has its studio overlooking Times Square – right across the street from MTV's studio, which on more than one occasion has cropped up in a "GMA" shot. And check CNN's "American Morning," which originates from a sidewalk studio in Manhattan's Time & Life Building. From a certain camera angle, out the window behind the anchors can be seen a ragged red line flowing right to left. Though indecipherably out of focus, this is the lit-up "news ripper" mounted on a



m the hit NRC series 'Friends' or t LeBianc, Courteney Cox Arquette, Matti row and David Schwimmer, in this undate fatthew Perry, Jennifer Anistor fated handout photo. NBC has Lise Kudrow and David Schwimmer, in this undated handout photo. NB renewed 'Friends' for a tenth season in 2003, raising what it pays per vecedented \$10 millio

episode to an unprecedented \$10 milli building two blocks away - Fox News Channel headquarters. CNN routinely puts archrival Fox News Channel on the air. Small world, huh? But this won't be news to any viewer: On the eve of 2003, the world of television remains absurdly duplicative. Despite more and more new cable chan-nels - pledged to offer diversity

in programming increasingly the same programs air, within days, on more than one network. Does "Law & Order" ring a bell? Sure, over and over! Both its "Special Victims Unit" and "Criminal Intent" editions air on USA shortly after airing on NBC. As just one more among the growing number of examples, this year's cop drama "Monk" is

telecast on both USA and ABC. In industry-speak, it's called repurposing" aeross "multiple platforms." The purpose of the repurposing: to save money. This is increasingly important as more networks arrive and, despite their pledges of more niche programming, further carve up the TV audience and thus lower ad revenues, necessitating more and more shows to be re-aired on more than one network to defray expenses.

more shows to be re-aired on more than one network to defray expenses. Meanwhile, those expenses have a way of skyrocketing respecially if you're NBC and you're desperate to keep Friends. The network next season will boost what it pays for this hit comedy from a humongous 57 million to an unprecedented \$10 million per episode. According to NBC strategy, a 10th "Friends" season buys the network another year to develop the property of the prope

Son. See a pattern here?

"For the major networks, the essential logic of television programming is to build a block-buster and keep it running no matter the cost," observed The New York Times in an editoral last week, adding, "It's hard to believe that the price tag of Friends' isn't keeping fresher shows from making it onto the air."

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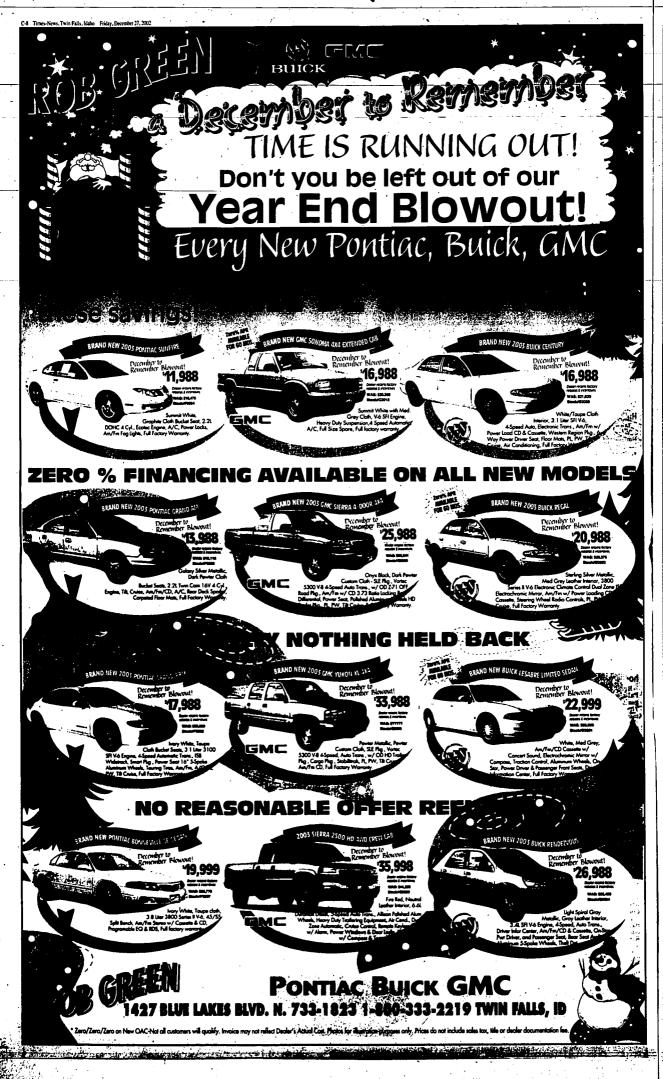
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#### MORNING LINE

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Matter of fact, if the (Washington) Redskins don't beat us this weekend they may never beat the Cowbovs again in the history of the game of football.

> - Dallas Comboys coach Dave Campo

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SC is 20-8 in the Rose Bowl. at is the Trojans' record in r bowl games?

#### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball

Wendell Holiday Tournament Glenns Ferry vs. New Plymouth, 5:30 p.m. Melba vs. Wendell, 7 p.m. High school girls basketball

Melba at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m. Wood River at McCall-Donnelly Invitational

IN BRIEF

## Wendell announces

Mendell announces pilday schedule
WENDELL - Wendell High wool will host its annual adiday boys basketball uprament Dec. 28-29 featuring the Glenns Ferry Pilots, Melba gistangs, New Plymouth grims and the host Wendell trojans high school teams.

The games on Friday are glenns Ferry versus New Plymouth at 5:30 pm. followed by Yendell Melba at about 7 pm. In addition, the 1992-93 boys sajectball team will be honored fing a halftime caremony during the Trojans' Friday game. The sam went 20-0 during the regular sams and conference championships.

ence championships.

On Saturday, Glenns Ferry

cates on Melba at 1 p.m. while
New Plymouth plays the Trojans
at 2:30.

#### Burley announces girls hoops time change

BURLEY - The American Falls-Burley girls basketball game time for Saturday changed. Tip off is 1 p.m., not 6 p.m. as many schedules show.

#### er alumni games take place Saturday

ILER - The Filer High Manual Basketball Games will be imin Basketball Games will be it this Saurdays at the school; in with the women's game siming at 6 p.m., followed by men at 7 p.m. The event is a id-raiser for the FHS basket-programs. Tickets available the door.

#### **M**jumping Hawks fire head coach Kruger

ATLANTA - Coach Lon Kruger was fired by the slumping Hawks, the second Atlasta coach to be let go Thursday. () Kruger said be knew he might be fired because of the Hawks 11-16 record so far this season. The news came hours after the Thrashers, a team also owned a The Thrashers, a team also owned a The Hawks have lost seven of their last 10 and have been critically by forwards Sharred Abdurtation and Ira Newble about her said the said to the said the said to the said 
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# **Boston College trounces Toledo in Motor City Bowl**

The Associated Prese

DETROIT - Brian St. Pierre
passed for a career-high 342
yards and three touchdowns as
Boston College defeated Toledo
Si-25 in the Motor City Bowl on
Thursday night, capping one of
the most successful four-year
runs in school history.
The Eagle's senior class, which
includes St. Pierre, won its 32nd
game, tying the 1981-48 group for
the most wins in a four-year span
in the past 60 years.

Boston College (9-4) became

the sixth team in school history to win at least nine and the first since 1993.
Toledo (9-5) wasn't able to take advantage of a partisan crowd at Detruit's new Ford Field, which is located about an hour north of the Fockets' campus. The bowker the Fockets' campus and the bowkers' campus and the bowkers' campus and the challenge of the Rockets' unpredictable spread offense, but it was the Eagles who dominated with a more traditional approach.
St. Pierre, the game's most

valuable player, dissected the Rockets' secondary, completing 25 of 35 passes.

The Eagles set a Motor City Bowl record for most points. The previous record was set in Marshall a 68-29 win over Canactus the Rocket Points of the Rocket Point

in the third quarter to make it 48-25.

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Down 28-10 with less than six minutes to go in the first half, Toledo gambled, going for it on a fourth-and-one from its own 40, but Jones' pass fell incomplete.

Boston College took possession,

Boston College took possession, and on the next play, Grant Adams caught St. Pierre's pass across, the middle, eluded a defender and raced into the end zone for a 35-10 lead.

A 1-yard TD, run by Brandon Brokaw with 1:31 to go in the half made it 42-10.

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Boston College set a school bowl record with points in half, surpassing the 31 points the Eagles scored in the lirst half of the 1985 Cotton Bowl, a 45-28 win over Houston'. They also set a Motor City Bowl record for points in a half.

Motor City Bowl record for points in a half:
Toledo, which was coming off a 49-45 loss to Marshall in the MAC championship game, failed to defend its Motor City Bowl title from a season ago when it beat Cincinnati 23-16.

MAC teams had won the previ-ous four Motor City Bowl games.

# <u>ourage recognized</u>

AP names Armstrong athlete of the year

By Jim Vertuno Associated Press writer

AUSTIN, Texas - To this day, Lance Armstrong insists cancer was the best thing that happened to him.

Lance Armstrong insists cancer was the best thing that happened to him.

By beating the disease that spread from his testicles to his lungs and brain, Armstrong gained the courage and will to conquer the four de France, considered one of the most grueling events in all sports.

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Armstrong armst growth with growth and sports fans and other cancer survivors. On Thursday, he was named The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year.

Armstrong and Barry Bonds were the top two vote-getters for a second straight year, only this time the San Francisco Giants' star flinished second. Armstrong received 45 first-place votes and 239 points.

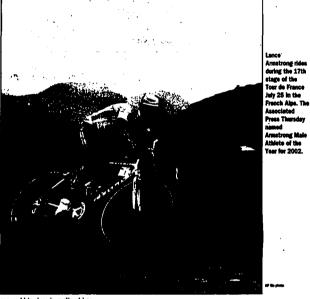
"Uh-ob, hopefully he's not mad," Armstrong to Bonds. "It's nice to be recognized."

Tiger Woods, who won the award 1999 and 2000 (inched.

to Bonds. "It's nice to be recognized."

Tiger Woods, who won the award 1999 and 2000, finished third for the second year in a row. He received seven first-place votes and 110 points. Armstrong's comeback given him the platform to lead public-awareness campaigns against cancer. He started the Lance Armstrong Foundation, which funds cancer research, and fills his rare free time with hospital visits and fund-raising speeches.

while he has no stump speech, while he has no stump speech, his message is the same: Cancer made him the person he is today. "When I came back, I said if I ever get a chance to do this, I'm going to give it everything. I'm going to train correctly, eat right. I'm not going to the mess up," he said. "That's why I say all the time that the illness is the best thing that over happened to me. "I would never have won one Tour de France if I hadn't had it. No doubt." Winning one Tour would have



secured his place in cycling history. Capturing four in row put him among the greatest riders ever.

A victory in 2003 - the 100th anniversary of the race - would the the record of five. Spain's Miguel Indurain (1991-95) is the only rider to win five in a row. Armstrong raced in three of Indurain's victories and holds the Spainard in high regard.

"He was an incredible time trialist, the best that ever lived," Armstrong said. "I can win a time trial today, but I would do it by seconds. He could win by a couple of minutes."

Armstrong said. "Sa win sa time-trial specialist himself before the cancer.

It was during his recovery that he

It was during his recovery that he amazingly turned himself into a dominator on the Tour's punishing

#### ATHLETE OF THE YEAR Conquering all

Four-line chasecutive Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong was named the Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year on Thursday. Armstrong has earned worldwide praise from sports fans and cance fighters for his recovery from testicular cance that spread to his lungs and brain. Career highlights

- ► Three-time Olympian

  ► World cycling champion, 1993
- ➤ Tour de France stage winner, 1993, '95 ➤ Tour DuPont winner, 1995, '95
- ➤ Diagnosed with testicular cancer in October 1995

  ➤ Tour de France winner, 1999 ~ 2002

#### Can Lakers' problems be attributed to the stars? There's no shortage of blame to

There is no shortage of blame to go around.

Answers are another story.

A few days after he finally reported for active duty, Shaquille O'Neal pinned the Los Angeles Lakers' slump on the blankety-blanks that ain't doing nothing. A few days after that, he said he was just trying to get a rise out of his teammates.



Kobe Bryant had a different take. He blamed a lack of talent, not effort, for the Lakers' woes. Then Rick Fox srueed that his teammates abandoned the triangle offense too quickly, but Brian Shaw took the other side. He said zone defenses are making the triangle difficult to execute.

As the spiral despened, there were as many excuses as there are Lakers. That left is account filled statistically the ory.

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have, this was Jacksoon's reply:
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group out. And use Conjunction of Certain planets have kept us apart.

On Wednesday, that conjunction of planets was named the Secrament Kings.

Few teams will argue they've suffered more under the Lakers' dynasty. Loe Angeles eliminated the Kings each of the last three years en route to a championship, including a Game 7 hearthreater in overtime last season. So when the Kings walked off the court Christmas Day in LAwith a 105-99 win, adding one more welt to the collection the Lakers are amssing this season, some gloating might have been in Piesses see URIKE, Page 102

### Sponsorship is everything in NASCAR

Without franchises. team owners need corporate dollars

By Keith Parsons Associated Press writer

Bud Moore just couldn't overcone a 6.5-year losing streak.
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#### Cougars look to make mark in Rose Bowl against Sooners

SPOKANE. Wash.
Washington State football players are off to a Rose Bowl showdown with Oklahoma and a chance to become the best Cougars team in history.
As players, coaches and their families prepared to board a chartered DCI0 for Los Angeles on Monday, quarterback Jason Gesser said the team had shaken off the distractions of last week, when coach at Make Price announced he'll be leaving to coach at Alabama.
"It's actually in our grasp and we're going down there and take care of business," Gesser said before boarding the plane. "Now is the time to bear down. It's game week. We got to get down there and get ready." If it beats no. 8 Oklahoma (11-3) on New Year's Day, seventhranked Washington State (10-2) would post the first 11-win season in Cougars history.
"That's what we're shooting for," said Price, whose presence on the team after announcing his pending move to Tuscaloosa has

been criticised by some Cougars boosters.

"That's why I'm staying, I know the offense, I wrote the playbook, so I want to be able to help these guys get it done," Price said. "So, every single day, I'm focusing on the Sooners and Washington State football."

Gesser said the team has accepted Price's resignation.
"We want coach Price to be here. We asked him to be here. We asked him to be here. We asked him to be here. The said. "So things has changed for us. Things might change after Jan. I, but as far as we're concerned ... nothing has changed they are the said. "They want to win this game and we want to win this game and that's the bottom line."

A victory would be the Cougars

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A victory would be the Cougars first Rose Bowl win since a 140 defeat of Brown in 1916. Alabama beat WSU 24-0 in the 1931 Rose Bowl and Michigan beat the Cougars 21-16 in 1998.

After arriving in Los Angeles the team planned a light practice at the Los Angeles Collisoum before checking in at the Regency Beverly Wilshire resort botel.

# Lemieux, Penguins pound Rangers

NEW YORK (AP) - Mario
Lemieux, the NHL's scoring
leader, had a goal and
we had a goal and
the wassists Thursday
night to lead the
Pittsburgh Penguins to a
6-1 victory over the New
York Rangers.
In two victories against New
York this, season, the Penguins,
have outscored the Rangers 12-1.
Pittsburgh has won three straight
following a 10-game losing
streak. The Rangers fell to 17-11
in their last 10 games.
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McKenna had power-play goal
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Rangers captain Mark Messer
scored on the power play to make
it 1-1 in the first period.

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#### Senators 3. Sabres 2

Senators 3, Sabres 2
BUFFALO, N.Y. – Daniel
Alfredson scored the tiebreaking goal in the second period and
added two assists to lift Ottawa
over Buffalo:
Magnus Arvedson and Todd
White also scored for the
Senators, 8-1-1 in their last 10
games. Ottawa won its second
straight in Buffalo after going
nearly four years without a victory there.

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Martin Frusek, in Just his sixth start of the secson, made 20 saves.

Henrik Tallinder and J.P. Dumont scored for the Sabres, who lost their fourth straight despite taking a 20 lead.

### Red Wings 4, Blue Jackets 2

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DETROIT - Tomas Holmstrom scored two goals in Detroit's victory over Columbus.

The defending Stanley Cup champions have lost just once in the last 12 games (8-13) and are unbeaten in their last six (4-02). The Red Wings heat the Blue Jackets 1-0 in Columbus on Monday night.

Mike Sillinger scored both goals for the Blue Jackets, who lost their third in a row.

It was Holmstrom's first twogoal game since March 2001, Jason Woolley and Brett Hull also scored for Detroit.

#### Blues 3, Avalanche 2

ST. LOUIS - Pavol Demitra had two goals and an assist and Scott Mellanby scored the go-ahead goal when the puck popped up in the air and dropped over Patrick Roy's outstretched glove.

Granato lost for the first time in four games. Colorado, which got a goal and an assist from Milan Hejduk, had outscored the opposition 11-6 Granato's first three games - victories over the Oilers, Wild and Canucks. Wild and Canucks are seen of the second period to put the Butes ahead 2-1. His rebound shot appeared to hit the stick of a defenseman in front of the net and the puck popped straight in the air and landed near the goal line before trickling across.

#### Predators 3. Stars 1

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Scott Walker had two assists, and the Nashville Predators had goals

scored against Dallas' Marty Turco. Pierre Turgeon scored for Dallas, who had Mike Modano back in the lineup following a three-game absence because of a concussion.

concussion.

The Predators held the Stars to only four second-period shots. Nashville then came out strong in the third period, getting a pair of goals in a span of only 30 seconds.

#### Wild 2, Blackhawks 2

Wild 2, Blackhawks 2
CHICAGO - Theo Fleury
stuffed in a rebound of Alex
Zhamnov's shot from the slot after
Dwayne Rolson made a pad save
at 3:06 of the third period.
Sergei Berezin also scored for
the Blackhawks, who extended
their unbeaten streak for four
games (3:0-1) and are 6:1-2 in

VAUGHA

their last nine.

Wes Walz and Stephane
Veilleux had goals for the Wild,
whose winless streak reached
four games (0-3-1).

#### Canucks 4, Oliers 2

LABRUCKS 4, Oliers 2
EDMONTON, Alberta —
Brendan Morrison and Todd
Berruzzi had a goal and an assist
each as the Vancouver Canucks
beat the Edmonton Oilers 4-2
Thursday night.
It was the Canucks' third win
in less than two weeks over the
Oilers.

Ollers.
Vancouver's top line of Morrison, Bertuzzi and Marcus Naslund has been instrumental in all three victories. Naslund scored four times in Vancouver's 63 win in Edmonton on Dec. 14, then scored the winning goal in overtime on Dec. 21.

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mountain stages, where his breakmountain stages steep climbs separate
him from the rest of the pack.

Tour officials aiready have
added mountain stages for the
2003 race, but there are fewer
severely steep-climbs. That stillbodes well for the 31-year-old
Armstrong winning No. 5.

While he's aiready eyeing a
possible sixth title in '04,
Armstrong won't get caught daydreaming.

"The illness taught me to focus
on what's going on now," he said.
Away from his bike and his
cancer-related work, Armstrong
is a proud family man. He met
wife Kristin while taking
chemotherapy. His son, Luke,
was born in 1999, when
Armstrong won his first Tout.
Twin girls Isabelle and Grace
were born last year.

It's his family, and the realization that he almost never had

one, that drives Armstrong.

"Seeing your kids tomorrow isn't guaranteed." Armstrong said. "Look at this life like it's a gift. That's the way I my to view my life, my family – as a gift."

A downside to his riding dominance is that i'r ratsed suppleions among French media and officials hat Armstrong and the U.S. Postal Service team were using performance-enhancing substances.

Heckled by fans during last year's race, Armstrong hat repeatedly denied taking banned substances and has never failed a doping test. French authorities in September closed a two-year investigation because of a lack of evidence.

Cancer, however, utilinately gave Armstrong the thing he's maybe most proud of: the label of survivor.

survivor.
"Sports will come and go, and I
will be forgotten," he said. "But
something like the illness will
never go. I'll always have that tag."

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center Mario Lemieus shoots

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order.
But Sacramento coach Rick
Adelman passed on the opportunity
to jab the Lakers, who fell to 11-19.
"I think the biggest difference is they are not making shots,"
Adelman said, "I still think up are a pretty darmed good team
and they're going to be back."
It really could be that simple.
Or not.

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As Wednesday night proved,
Shaq and Kobe are still the
NBA's No. 1 and 2 talents.
O'Neal, still struggling to regain
its fitness after surgery on his big
toe, finished with 27 points, a season-high 17 rebounds and five
assists. Bryant also scored 27, to
go along with 15 rebounds and
six assists.
The odds their supporting cast
can make up deficits have been loss
of far this season and dropping. As
a group, the rest of the Lakers are
been supported to the control of the control
and the state of the season,
lackson set 50 wins as the target
for a team that will probably
meed home-court advantage in
one or more series to claim a
fourth title.
To get to 50 wins now, the
Lakers would have to go 39-13
the rest of the way, a winning
percentage of .750. Only Dallas

has a better percentage so far this season.
Which brings us to another, more likely reason for the Lakers' problems. The Western Conference rivals the Lakers need to beat now – the same teams they've been beating the last few years – have been remodeled with the exact opposite result in mind.
Sacramento was already a deeper team last season. Perhaps now Dallas has more talent as well, and Eastern Conference rivals Indiana and New Jersen with the exact opposite rivals indiana as pot on that list.
Whether Jackson has a plan for overcoming those deficits is anybody's guess. He likes his players to solve most purzles themselves. It's why Jackson turns his back on them during the occasional timeout, why he wontow the layors.
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Jim Litke is the national sports columnist for The Associated Press.

#### NASCAR

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while he searched for new funding. Then, in 2000, he was forced to sell his team and his equipment - including 10 ready-to-race cars and engines - at a big loss.

He wouldn't say how much he got from the sale, only that it was "35 or 40 cents on the dollar."

And there was nothing he or NASCAR could do about it.

"I think we sort of got left a little behind," Moore said. "I still think they could've helped us a little bit more. We probably wouldn't have lost so mucher, roof-smuch more."

little bit more. We probably wouldn't have lost so much money."

Unlike other professional sports leagues, there are no franchises in NASCAR. It's free enterprise at its best—and worst.

Despite the sport's booming popularity, evidenced by a six-year, \$2.8 billion TV contract and sold-out crowds nearly every weekend, NASCAR teams can't compete without sponsors. In the Winston Cup Series, and other divisions of NASCAR, the teams operate as independent contractors. They agree to follow rules set by the sanctioning body, although anyone paying the \$3,400 entry fee can field a car, rovoided the team has a qualified driver.

provided the team has a qualified driver.

"Because of the way a Winston Cup team is set up, they're only worth what their assets are worth," said Petty Enterprises CEO and driver Kyle Petty.

"Whether you've been in business for 10 years or 100 years, that's all your race team is worth."

Those assets include cars, parts and engines, as well as any buildings and property. Most teams have between 10 and 15 cars, worth about \$75,000 each.

The teams split 25 percent

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The teams split 25 percent from the first national TV contract, but there's no revenue sharing from the sale of tickets or south

ing from the sale of ickets or sovenirs. Without a limit on the number of teams, the value of each of them is lessened.

"It's hard, but that's the way the sports has always been," Petty said. "That was the way it was set up. Until the philosophy of NASCAR changes, it's always going to be this way."

Any change probably won't happen grytime soon.

"We've been kicking around ideas for the past several years," NASCAR vice president of com-

munications Jim Hunter said.
"We haven't been able to come
up with one we think works. If
any of the teams have an idea,
they're welcome to share it with
us."

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In the meantime, the number of full-time teams is about 40, down from high of about 45 a couple of seasons ago. A lack of sponsorship forced multicar owners Andy Petree and Travis Carter to run limited schedules with one of their cars, and Mark Melling ran just two races after running the full schedule for seven straight seasons.

Typically, a Winston Cup team needs about 512 million for a 36-race season from sponsors, with the top teams getting about 512 million to \$15 million. Most teams figure on spending around \$250,000 per event, although some get by on less.

With the economy still dragging, Petree and Carter haven't put together deals yet for either of their teams in 2003, which could cut two more cars from the field. Carter, who's been involved in the sport for more than 30 years, would like to see NASCAR award franchises.

"But they'll probably never do it," he said.

Any change would come too late for Melling The team owney with driver Bill Elliott. After Harry, Melling died in May 1999, whis son kept the exam going through last year, mil he lost his son kept the exam going through last year, mil he lost his son kept the exam going through last year, mil he lost his son kept the exam going through last year, mil he lost his son kept the exam going through last year, mil he lost his son kept the exam going through last year, mil he lost his son kept the exam going through last year, mil he lost his son kept the exam going through last year, mil he lost his son kept the exam going through last year, mil he lost his son kept the exam going through last year, mil he lost his son kept the exam going through last year, mil he lost his mother in the light was a surface of the last th

sponsor, Kodiak smokeless tobacOne of the few single-car teams
on the circuit, Melling had a hard
time keeping up with big bucks
organizations such as Roush
Racing and Hendrick
Motorsports, which field four cars
apiece.
"There's so few of the singlecar guys left," Melling said.
"You're just hanging on. You're
getting to the point that with the
multicar teams, everybody's so
well-funded. You can only have
about 30 cars getting that kind of
performance."

Bootl St care general spin on Hunter puts a different spin on Moore's plight.

"Nothing lasts forever," Hunter said. "I don't say that to be mean or cruel, but that's the harsh reality of professional

### Pittsburgh rips Oregon St. in Insight Bowl 1 to make it 17-10 with 12:08 to go in the third. After Rutherford's touchdown

PHOENIX (AP) — Shawn Robinson became the first Pittsburgh player to return a punt for a touchdown in the school's 22 bowl appearances as the 24th-ranked Panthers beat Oregon State 38-13 Thursday night in the Insight Bowl.

Brandon Miree rushed for 111 yards in 20 carries, including a 7-yard touchdown run, to help Pittsburgh to its first nine-win season in 20 years.

The victory made the Big East 2-0 on the day. Boston College crouted Toledo 51-25 in the Motor City Bowl.

The Panthers (9-4) broke a 10-10 tie with a pair of TDs in the hird quarter. Text Morris interception set up the go-ahead touchdown on Rod Rutherford's 1-yard run, then Robinson broke a pair of tackles en route to his 65-yard punt return to make it 24-10 with 325 to go in the third quarter.

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Pittsburgh added two more touchdowns in the fourth.

The Panthers held Steven Jackson, the Pac-10's leading rusher and fourth in the country with 1,657 yards, Jackson had a 60-yard gain called back by a holding penalty. Oregon State was held to 8 yards rushing for the same.



Oregon State (8-5). James Newson caught 10 for 165 yards for the Beavers, including a remarkable 65-yard touchdown

remarkante usyana 13-for-26 for 183 yards. Larry Fitzgerald made a diving grab of Rutherford's 40-yard pass for the game's first touchdown.

Pittsburgh's Larry Fitzgerald catches a touch down pass in front of Oregon State's Mitch ing the first half of the Insight Bowl Thursday in

With the game tied at 10 early in the third quarter, Anderson handed off to Jackson, who pitched it back to Anderson on a flea-flicker play. Anderson's hur-ried throw was picked off by Morris, who returned it 36 yards to the Beavers' 23. Rutherford threw 22 yards to Fitzgerald, then ran it in from the

beavers score in equally spec-tacular fashion.

Newson caught Anderson's pass near midfield and was hit by defenders Torrie Cox and Brian Beinecke. Newson went down, but caught himself with his right hand and his knee never touched

grab on Pitt's first possession, the Beavers scored in equally spec-tacular fashion.

hand and his knee never touched the ground.

The Oregon State receiver scampered to his feet and ran to the end zone on a 65-yard scoring play to tie it at 7 with 9-52 to go in the first quarter.

The Beavers took a 10-7 lead on Kirk Ylliniemi's Insight Bowl record 50-yard field goal, then Pittsburgh tied it at 10 on David Abdul's 45-yarder as the kilf ended.

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Yiiniemi also kicked a 34yarder with 34 seconds left in the
third quarter, his 15th consecutive made field goat to tie a

tive made field goa't to the a school record. Trailing 24-13, Oregon State went for it on fourth-and-4 from the 50 with 9:14 remaining and Anderson completed it to Cole Clasen for what would have been a first down, but the play was called back for an illegal forma-tion.

The Beavers went for it again on fourth-and-9 but Anderson had to throw it away.

### Pistons defense shuts down Wizards in second half

WASHINGTON (AP) - Richard
Hamilton scored 22 points
in his return to
Washington, and the
Detroit Pistons turned up
the defense in the second
half to beat the Wizards 5782 Thursday right.
The Pistons ended a twosame akid by rallying from an
eight-point half time deficit,
holding the Wizards to just 33
points over the finel 24 mintime.

Hamilton starred in Washington for two years before being sent to Detroit in the trade that brought Jerry Stackhouse to the Wizards.

the Wizards.
Stackhouse led the Wizards with 24 points, and Michael Jordan added 17 on 7-for-17

Mavericks 83, Homets 81 NEW ORLEANS - Dirk Nowitzki scored 23 points, and the Dallas defense was again good enough to overcome one of its lowest-scoring outputs of the

The Mavericks, who came into the game scoring a league-high average of 103.5 points, shot 37.8 percent and failed to surpass 92 points for the fourth-traight game. Dallas has lost only one game during that etretch.

only one game during that stretch. Nowitzki hit a turnaround to give Dallas an 80-79 lead with

sudden cold spell to close the game.

The Horness, who committed an uncharacteristically high 18 turnovers, gave the ball away twice in the final three minutes. Still, David Wesley, who had 24 points, missed a pair of long jump shots that could have given New Orleans a late lead.

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SPORTS LETTER

CSI basketball support should be unconditional

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Editor
—It has come to my attentionover the past several weekends
that our town loves to go to the
College of Southern Idaho basketball games: I'm grateful for a
reserved spot in the student section because I think our great
attendance would force me up
into the "nose bleed" section of
the bleachers otherwise. We have
some wonderfully talented players, a great pep band and very
enthusiastic cheerleaders.
However, despite these great
virtues, we also have something
that isn't as great; poor sportsmanship, or more nicely put, a
lack of unconditional positive
reinforcement. That means we
only support our team when they
make a basket or have the awesome play when we really should
be cheering for them throughout
the whole game.

Did you know that CSI has a
fight song? Joid you know that
you're supposed to stand up during the light song? Most onlookers are too busy talking that they
don't really care what's going on
until the jump ball. If we're
proud of our players, which I
know we are, then we should let
them know it - throughout the Editor

whole game.

Now there is some yelling at the games, but it's rarely directed toward the players, nor is it positive. We spend too much time. toward the players, nor is it posi-tive. We spend too much time yelling at the referees. They must be the most patient and under-standing people in the world to put up with what's dished out at them.

Despite what some people think, they did go to college and know what they're doing. They don't need us telling them how to do their jobs. I wauldn't want

don't need us telling them how to do their jobs. I wouldn't want someone coming to my work and telling me that I answer the plune wrong or that my morning memo was stupid.

So here's my challenge: When you go to the next home game on Jan. 3, think about how you can better improve the atmosphere of our games. Cheer for the team all the time. Go ahead and stand up during the fight song. You can put your popcorn down; i'll be there when you're done. Give more credit to the referees, they deserve it. And once in a while don't be a fraid to yell.

Good luck, Eaglest
MEGAN THOM
Twin Falls

[Editor's note: Megan Thom is a student at the College of Southern Idaho and an Eagle Ambassador.)

SPORTS IN BRIEF-

Fatal accident injures Texas women's track coach

women's track coach
AUSTIN, Texas - Texas
women's track coach Beverly
Kearney was critically injured
Thursday in a car accident in
Florida that killed a university staff member and the mother of former Olympian Michelle

Freeman.
Kearney had surgery for back injuries at Shands Jacksonville hospital, University of Texas officials said.

officials said.
According to an accident report filed by the Florida Highway Patrol, Freeman was driving a sport utility vehicle about 35 miles west of Jacksonville at 7:57 a.m. when the vehicle crossed the median and swerved back, causing it to roll.

and swerved back, causing it to roil.

Freeman, who won a bronze medal in a relay for Jamaica in 1996, was listed in good condition. Sparks toddler daughter, Imani, was also in the vehicle and was listed in fair condition on the accident report.

Killed in the accident was lirey A. Sparks of Austin, an academic counselor for women's athletics at UT. Freeman's mother, Muriel Wallace, who also lived in Austin, also was killed.

Wizards' Jeffries will miss season due to ACL tear

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WASHINGTON
Washington Wizards forward
Jared Jeffries will miss the rest
of his rookie season after tearing a ligament in his right knee.
Jeffries, he lith overall pick
out of Indiana, tore his anterior
cruciate ligament during practice Sunday in Dallas.
Wizards coach Doug Collins
said Thursday night that the 6
foot-11 Jeffries, who has been
playing a reserve role at small
forward, probably will undergo
surpery within the next 10 days.
Jeffries is averaging 4 points,
2-9 rebounds and 15 minutes.
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size with the playing time has declined
since Michael Jordan became a
starter and the team's leading
starter and the Table North College
The 
Last-place Thrashers fire

head coach Fraser

DULUTH, Ga. – Curt Fraser
was fired Thursday as coach
the Atlanta Thrashers, who
have the worst record in the
NHL. He has been the only
coach in the team's 3.5-year history.

have the worst record in the MHL. He has been the only coach in the team's 3.5-year history.

General manager Don Waddell will be the interim head coach when the Thrashers play at Carolina on Friday. Waddell's only previous coaching experience was in the minor leagues a decade ago.

Fraser is the fourth NHL coach to be dismissed since the start of the season, following Darryl Sutter (San Jose). Greg Gilbert (Calgary) and Bob Hartley (Colorado).

Assistant coach Tim Bothwell also was fired Thursday.

Assistant coach Tim Bothwell also was fired Thursday. Coaltending coach Steve Weeks will help Waddell as an assistant coach, and defensement Uwe Rrupp will act as an assistant while on injured reserve.

reserve.
Atlanta is 8-20-1-4 this season, and Fraser leaves with a record of 64-173-31-15.

Avalanche place Sakic

Avalanche place Sakic on Injured reserve DENVER - Joe Sakic was placed on injured reserve retroactive to Dec. 13 by the Colorado Avalanche after missing the last five games with a sprained right ankle.

The Avalanche on Thursday also recalled forward Riku Hahl from its AHL affiliate in Hershey, Pa. Hahl missed most of training camp with a rib injury, but he has seven goals and seven assists in 28 games with Hershey.

Sakic, the Avalanche's captain, was injured Dec. 13 during a 43 overtime loss in Edmonton.

Georgia's Richt signs

Georgia's Richt signs long-term extension NEW ORLEANS . \*\*Babellong duickly to reward its championship coach, Georgia gave Mark Richt a new \$1.5 millionayear contract that will keep him with the Buildogs through at least 2010. The eight-year deal was announced Thurnday before the third-ranked Buildogs arrived in New Orleans for the jan. 15 Nigar Bowl against No. 15 Plorida State. Georgia's long-term commitment should scuttle speculation about Richt being lured to another school after leading the Buildogs (1.21) to their first SEC title in two decades. Richt, a former offensive coordinator at Florida State, has been Georgia's coach for two seasons.

Shipp's signing by Cardinals could spell end for Jones
TEMPE, Ariz. – The Arizona Cardinals are not saying who their starting running back will be heading into next season. The evidence clearly points to Marcel Shipp over Thomas Jones.

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In an unusual move for the motoriously conservative Cardinals organization, Shipp signed a four-year contract extension on Thursday. The deal is worth about SB million, but the size of the signing bonus-the only part of the contract that is guaranteed—was not known.

The signing leaves open the question of what the Cardinals will do with Jones, the No. 7 overall pick in the 1999 draft. Jones is back in his Virginia nome after breaking his right hand Thanksgiving weekend, the told the Cardinals will do counter while reaching for a ringing telephone.

In three seasons with Arizona, Jones has gained 1,264 yards and averaged 3.5 per attempt.

Spurrier promotes Jackson

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ASHBURN, Va. — The more
Steve Spurrier learns, the more
things change around the
Washington Redskins.

The first-year NFL coach said
Thursday he has promoted running backs coach Hue Jackson
to offensive coordinator, effective in January.

Compiled from who reports

# Graceful Green walks away

Redskins cornerback -always-let-his-playdo the talking

By Joseph White -Associated Press writer

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ASHBURN, Va. – Darrell
Green is leaving. Don't try to
catch him.

"I don't think anybody could
run me down," the Washington
Redskins' cornerback said
Thursday, "There may be somebody in the world I don't know
that could beat me, but I don't
think anybody could run me
down the way I used to run other
players down."

It was a rare moment of pride
from the 42-year-old Green, who
reminisced about a 20-year
career that comes to an end
Sunday-when the Redskins host
the Dallas Cowboys.

The conversation included the
usual references to his kids, the
Bible and role models, and some
fleeting glances of the emotions
to come.
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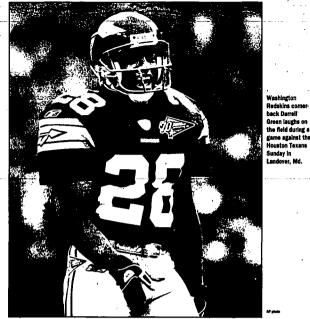
fleeting glances of the emotions to come.

"I haven't had butterflies in my stomach in eight or 10 years," Green said. "I imagine Sunday I'm going to have butterflies. I anticipate it with a lot of joy." Green is the last holdover, from the Super Bowl years, the Joe Gibbs era. He played his first game on Sept. 5, 1983 – during Ronald Reagan's first term. He holds the NFL record for most seasons with one team and is the oldest player ever to play cornerback in the league. He went to seven Pro Bowls, including one at age 37. Not bad for a 5-foot-9 player taken as the final pick in the first round of the 1983 draft. Green has rejected the modern pro sports image.

the litst round of the 1983 draft. Green has rejected the modern pro sports image. He never tried to shop himself in free agency. He preached dumility, once apologizing for a very mild touchdown celebration. He embraced the notion that players should be role models and used his celebrity to establish a series of inner-city learning centers. He is a part of the local fabric and never plans to leave it. "I don't drink. I don't smoke. I go home at night. I'm wery conscientious of that," Green said. "I don't think a loc of players are. When they chant my name Darrell, Darrell, I don't take the chant home with me. It's all

Parrell, Darrell, I don't take the shant home with me. It's all about perspective."

He confesses that he's departed from that mindset recently. He's taken special photographs with former rival players at every



hack Darrell

Sunday in Landover, Md.

stadium this season and has let himself soak up the adulation of the home crowd.

He's had more time to enjoy the crowd because he hasn't played much lately, his one big disappointment. He will be with the starters for at least one play Sunday following a pre-game ceremony, but he hasn't been a regular on defense since assistant coach Marvin Lewis gave Green's nickel-back duttes to rookie Rashad Bauman at Dallas on Thanksgiving Day.

For the first time in my career I did not touch the field on defense. It really hurri, Green said. The thing that hurt the defense it. He never really officially told me, even though I asked him a couple of times. Hey are we making the switch? Just tell me. He ever did. I struggled with that a lot.

Fortunately, that was four or

Fortunately, that was four or games ago. I'm very comfort-

able as we land the plane. We've got the seat belts on. We can see the ground. I leave with zero regrets, no hard feelings. It's been a joyous career – including this year."

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This is the only season that Green hasn't intercepted a pass, so he'd like one more to extend his NFL record streak to 20 years. That would be a bookend to the highlight mentioned most often running down Dallas' Tony Dorsett his rookle year.
However, Green points out that a cornerback's best years have intually no highlights.
"I was the Maytag man before anybody else was," Green said. "When you've reached the pinnacion's year of the pinnacion of your position, where teams don't really challenge you. You don't mention myself. The was the most didn't mention me. I didn't mention myself. The was the most colling the of the was the most colling the of the was the most joy to the pinnacion of the pinnacion

Rookie Fred Smoot beat out Green last year, putting him at nickel until Bauman passed him. Green initially announced that last year would be his last, but a rigorous training camp, an 0.5 start and a sagging economy following Sept. 11 made it diffi-cult to connect his departure with publicity for his Younds-tion.

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So he came back for one more year, and this time it feels right.
Yes, he doesn't play as much, and the team has a losing record, but he's more at peace saying good-bye than he would have been a year ago. He'll spend time with his family, church and founda-rion.

his lamily, chuck and to five life like I always have, "Green said." Life is like playing cornerback. I think there's certainly a place where I have to know exactly where I'm going, then there's a point when I have to react to what's coming my way."

# Dolphins defense must come through Sunday

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) – Linebacker Zach Thomas spent three hours Christmas night at the Miami Olphins complex studying game videotispe, even though players had the day off. "That's just the way I am," he said with a sheepish grin. "One little tip can win the game for us."

Such dedication is one reason

Such dedication is one reason Thomas and four defensive team mates are going to the Pro Bowl. Still undetermined is whether they're going to the playoffs, too. The Dolphins' much acclaimed defense has turned soft at times this season, contributing to a 95 record that has left them in danger of sitting out the postseason for the first time since 1996. A win Sunday at New England would clinch a playoff berth, and a strong defensive stand would survey help hiam's change as the survey help hiam's change is not publicity this year," said defensive the playon they were the playon they work they were the survey of the

we need to go out there and back it up. —
Taylor was selected last week for the Pro Bowl, as were Thomas, cornerback Patrick Surtain, safety Brock Marion and tackle Tim Bowens. But a series of letdowns, all on the road, sugest the AFC's top-ranked defense is overrated. The Dolphins gave up 450 yards and five touchdown passes

in a 48-30 loss at Kansas City. They gave up 431 yards and three touchdown passes in a 38-21 loss at Buffalo. And they gave up 17 points in three second-half possistion of last week's 20-17 loss at Minnesota.

"We haven't played great at times," Thomas said. "We've always been a no-name defense. We got some recognition this year for a bunch of guys, so there's no need for that anymore, but we've got to prove we're a good defense."

On Sunday the weather will be cold, the crowd hostile and the stakes high, with the AFC East title going to the winner. The Dolphins traditionally stumble in such situations.

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They're the only NFL team to make the playoffs each of the past five years, and defense has been the foundation for that success. But defense has also contributed to a series of late-season

tributed to a series of late-season collapses.

"We've got to play great defense this week on the road to have a chance to win this game," coach Dave Wannstedt said. "If's a team game, We know that. But to win a championship — whether it's a division championship or souper Bowl championship — you have to play great defense."

The Dolphins have allowed just 288 yards a game, best in the conference. They rank lifth in the



NFL against the run and eighth against the pass.

Their defense has been remarkably healthy. Aside from an injury that sidelined Surtain for two games, the line-up has been the same all season. And it has benefited from the addition of Ricky Williams, who leads the league in rushing and transformed the Dolphins

into a ball-control team, the kind that should fare well on the road, even in winter weath-

er. But the Dolphins are just 2-5 in away games, compared with 7-1 at home, and the defense is largely to blame. They've allowed 12 points and 212 yards per game at home, as opposed to 25 points and 375 yards on the road.

### Coughlin says Jags are in first year of three-year process

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) –
Jacksonville coach Tom Coughlin
conceded for the first time
fluursday that the Jaguars are at
the start of a three-year project to
make the team competitive again.
The next question is whether
he'll be around for the end.
Speaking by telephone to
reporters in Indianapolis, where the
Jaguars linish the season against
the Colts, Coughlin addressed spoulation that he could lese his job
when the season is over.

"I entered into this knowing this was going to be a three-year process, and this is the first year of that process," Coughlin said. "My concern is for my family, having to listen to all this crap, and being ready to play."

All season, Coughlin carefully avoided the term "rebuilding" and said his push was to be competitive while the Jaguars recovered from their drastic offseason salary-cap gurge.

The interview Thursday was

the first time he'd said anything about a three-year process, even though it has been apparent all year that the Jaguars are rebuilding. They are 69 and will have a losing record for the third straight year.

After last week's 28-10 embarrassment at home against rearrassment at home against tennesse. Coughlin acknowlesses the said of the sa

own future.

Owner Wayne Weaver said

Sunday that all decisions would

wait until after the seaso

wait until after the season.

Speaking to reporters in Jacksonville, Coughlin said he planned on being present next Monday for an end-of-season news conference. He said he expects to be in meetings with Weaver shortly after the season news challenged in the season was a hanging in suspense as he heads into the meeting that very well could determine his future, Coughlin said "No."

### **Eagles-Giants clash** has all the ingredients

All the elements will be there when the Philadelphia Eagles visit the Meadowlands on Saturday to play the New York Giants: a nasty rivalry, a lot a stake and, most likely, football weather.

"This is the kind of game you live to play," the Giants' Tikl Barber says.

"This is the kind or game you live to play," the Giants' Tiki Barber says. At stake for the Eagles is home-field throughout the play-offs: a win and they clinch it. At stake for the Giants is a playoff berth. New Orleans' shocking loss in Cinciannati last week lifted New York into the NFC's second wild-card spot. So all the Giants have to do is win to ensure a playoff berth.

The Eagles won the first game 17-3 on Oct. 28 and are favored by 1.5 points. But New York offense has new life sin York offense has new life sin York offense has new life sin York of plays after the loss in Philadelphia.

After averaging a little more

Jim rassel startet calling rue plays after the loss in Philadelphia.

After averaging a little more than 12 points a game with offensive coordinator Sean Payton making the calls, the Glants are averaging more than 27 with Fassel running the offense, and they've scored 81 in their last two games, including 44 in Indianapolis last Sunday.

This week, however, they face the Philadelphia defense, one of the NNL's best. The Eagles, on the Philadelphia defense, one of the NNL's best. The Eagles, or the Philadelphia defense, one of the NNL's best. The Eagles, and the property argust for Michael Straham why at quarter do, and A.J. Feedry at quarter for Michael Straham why with Jon Runyan, the Eagles' right tackle.

The Eagles have won six traight; the Ciants three straight. But the Glants seem on one of those Fassel-inspired rolls they got on late in 1997 and again in 2000.

Home field and hunger.

Home field and hunger. GIANTS, 24-20.

Kansas City (plus 7) at Oakland (Saturday)
 The Chiefs are barely alive.
 The Raiders can clinch home field in the AFC with a win.
 RAIDERS, 31-22.

• Miami (pick 'em) at New

England
The Dolphins are 2.5 on the
road and traditionally lose in
December.
The Patriots have lost two
straight unimpressively.
Ricky Williams.
DOLPHINS, 16-12.

Green Bay (plus 1) at New

• Green bey you.

If the Eagles lose, the Packers can get NFC home field, so a lot depends on what happens Saturday in the same stadium.

PACKERS, 24-16.

Pro picks

• Carolina (plus 7.5) at New Orleans
After three straight losses, the
Saints need help to get in.
New Orleans already has lost
to two last-place teams: Detroit
and Cincinnati.

These guys are better. PANTHERS, 27-23

Atlanta (minus 2.5) at Cleveland
 The Falcons win and they're in.
The Browns win and they need

help. FALCONS, 30-24

· Jacksonville (off) at dianapolis
The Colts are another win-andin team. COLTS, 44-27

 Tampa Bay (off) at Chicago
Can the Bucs finally win in cold weather? BUCS, 8-3.

Dallas (plus 6.5) at

Washington
Dallas' 10-game winning streak
over the Redskins ends. So does
Dave Campo's tenure as the

• Tennessee (minus 8) at ouston The old Oilers go back to

The old Oilers go Dack Texas. TITANS, 31-13. Seattle (plus 3) at San Diego Holmgren's job is safe. SEAHAWKS, 24-19.

Baltimore (plus 7.5) at Pittsburgh
It's unlikely, but the Steelers
might still get the first round off.
STEELERS, 17-13.

San Francisco (off) at St. Louis (Monday night)
 The 49ers may play this one like an exhibition.

• Arizona (plus 11) at Denver The Broncos aren't in very ood shape. BRONCOS, 34-14.

Cincinnati (plus 7) at Buffalo The Bungles blow the first pick in the draft.
 BENGALS, 14-13.

• Minnesota (minus 3.5) at Surging for next season VIKINGS 31-26.

LAST WEEK: 8-8 (spread), 7-9 (straight up). SEASON: 118-117-5 (spread), 149-90-1 (straight up).

### Raiders can wrap up strong playoff position

OAKLAND, Calif. - Of all the losses in the Oakland Raiders' four-game slide, the one at Arrowhead Stadium was perhaps

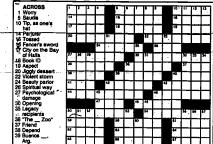
Arrowhead Stadium was perhaps the most frustrating. That 20-10 defeat to Kansas City in October was the team's worst offensive showing of the season. On Saturday, the Raiders can average the defeat in the confort of home. The Raiders (10-5) are eager to finish the regular season with a victory, and the game is just as important for Kansas City, which is still fighting to secure a playoft spot. If the Chiefs lose, they will miss the playoffs for the fifth straight year.

miss the playoffs for the fifth straight year. While Oakland has locked up its third straight AFC West title, not one player on the roster is the least bit satisfied. If they beat Kansas City, maybe the Raiders will finally allow themselves to celebrate – if love a bit

allow themselves to celebrate - if just a bit.

A victory would give them home-field advantage throughout the playoffs, guaranteeing they won't have to make another January journey to the frigid Northeast, where they were eliminated last season in a snowy, controversial playoff loss to New England.

insted last season in a snowy, controversial playoff loss to New England. Many consider this the Raiderr last shot at the big prime before this unique roster of old guys gets broken up because of salary-cap restrictions. Coach Bill Callahan calls them his "Father Time" players. "You want to win it all," 37-year-old safety Rod Woodson

said. "You don't go into a season as a football team not wanting to win it all. We have an opportunity in sports that is very rare. We have an opportunity and we will be the season of 
Calization and the contract of 


Q. Milton Bradley is one of the biggest game makers. Who is Milton Bradley anyhow?

A. A draftsman, he was, who during the Civil War designed a soldiers' compact game kit containing checkers, dominoes and his own creation called The Game of Life.

Early Shakers baked their bread in square loaves, not oblong. And they made a point, too, of cuting their meat into square slices.

Q. How long did the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, pay blackmall to the husband of his mistress? How did the scandal come to light?

A. Era about a year he paid,

DEAR ABBY: I was always taught that when a meal is served "family style," the food is passed to the right. However, I have been unable to find that statement in print.

Since I don't have Internet access, what books on table manners should I check? I've examined several at the library, but have been unable to find an answer.

answer.
Thanks, Abby. My family and I enjoy your column. ir column. – ROSY JOHINSON, BREMERTON, WASH.

DEAR ROSY: I had to check a number of etiquette books to find your answer- and to my surprise, the subject of eating "family style" was included in only one of them: "The New Emily Post's Etiquette." She writes: "Often 'family

Etiquette."
She writes: "Often 'family
style' means the host or hostess
serves the meat, and the other
dishes are passed around with
each diner helping himself.
These dishes are passed counterclockwise. Men do not offer the
dish to the women on their right

A. For about a year he paid.



DEAR ABBY ·

There are rules for passing the food

first, but help themselves when the dish reaches them. They may then, if they wish, hold the dish while the woman next to them serves herself."

I hope this is helpful.

DEAR ABBY: For 3 1/2 months, I have been going once a second piet who has been rying on the piet who has been rying as common the piet who has problems. Lately, my husband, "Danny," has grown suspicious about my whereabouts. Danny believes I am romantically involved with an intern I have been training at the office. I do not wish to reveal to him my, true whereabouts.

Should I tell my husband the truth and risk him feeling inadequate, or not tell him and jeopardize our relationship?

- SEXLESS IN SEATTLE

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DEAR SEATTLE: You should
absolutely tell your husband the
truth about where you have been
going, and why. He needs to
know the truth, because he needs
to be part of the solution to the
problem. (Explain to him that
this isn't his "fault.")
Frankly, I am surprised that
you would be seeing a sex thera
pist as an individual because this
is a couple's problem, and the
most common form of treatment
for it is to help the husband and
wife together.

DEAR ABBY: My 8-year-old nephew, "Ralphie," gets up at 6:00 every morning. I have two children, a 4-year-old girl and a 15-month-old boy. We are not

15-month-old Doy, fre are no. early risers.

When Ralphie sleeps over, it's usually because his parents are working and there's no school the next day, and they need someone

to watch him. When he gets up he usually wakes up my daugh ter, and they play loudly in her

oom. How should I handle this? I and I don't want to refuse my sister and brother-in-law when they need a favor.

- SLEEPLESS IN NEW JERSEY

NEW JERSEY

DEAR SLEEPLESS: At 8 years
old, your nephew is old enough to
understand that you need quiet
in your house until a certain
hour. Explain that your family is'
on a different schedule. Put out
cread for him to eat if he is hungry when he awakens in the
morning, and be sure he brings a'
book or a game he can amuse
himself with until the day starts
with your family. Make it clear
that you do not want your daughter disturbed, nor do you want to
be awakened before a designated
hour – unless there is an emercency. As long as he is not hungry,
or bored, I'm sure your nephew
will cooperate.

# Libra will be in right place at

IF DECEMBER 27TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you travel more than most persons, con-stantly side with the underdog and participate in humanitarian and participate in humanitarian projects. You can be aggressive and passionate in love. You have been hurr but are always willing to give romance another chance. Aries, Libra individuals play active roles in your life, could have these letters in names! R. What had been in the doldrums will awaken next year. September will be most profitable month.

itable month.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Play
waiting game; time is on your
side. You don't have complete
story; deception is involved,
deliberate or otherwise.
Pressure is on due to a recent
momotion.

promotion.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):
Focus on the work you do, ability to complete mission that brings forth spiritual qualities.
Those who care about you urge attention to health matters.

Aries represent to health matters.
Aries represently (Manual Manual Manu

ly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A charming Libra relative wants attention and makes no servation of it. Elements of timing, luck ride with you, do not get in your own way. Sagittarius will also play significant roll.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Read fine print; there is hidden clause and you should discover

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it. You can beat the odds and possibly "beat the game." Taurus, Leo and Scorpio natives will play dynamic roles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Lunar cycle high; you will be at right place at critical moment. Judgment and intuition are on target. Heed inner feelings, and take note of dreams. You are on precipice of fame and fortune!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look behind scenes; family member will impart pertinent information. Accept this in gracious, mature manner. Visit individual temporarily confined to home, hospital. Taurus in pict.

ture.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be smiling; good fortune rides with you. Following delay, major wish comes true. In matters of speculation, stick with number 7. You will win friends and influence

19: Many rely upon you for their emotional financial wel-fare. Pressure is on; you will adroitly handle it. Relationship is too hot not to cool down.

# key moment - intuition is sharp

### Ted Koppel spars with neighbors over size of Maryland homes

OVER SIZE OF MAT.

.:WASHINGTON (AP)
Newman Ted Koppel is sparring with his neighbors over the
size of their homes.

The anchor of ABC's
"Nightline" and his wife conrind in a lawsuit that their
neighbors in the posh
washington suburb of Potomac,
Md., have disregarded an agreement limiting the size of homes
to 30,000 square feet.

A preliminary ruling from a
Miryland appeals court cleared
all but two homes, but the
remaining cases are headed to
trial in Montgomery Country,
Md., The Washington Post
réported Thursday.

Firing beck, the developers of
nearby properties filed a coundraut claiming the only house
exceeding the limit will belong
the Koppels, according to the
Pôte.

In a statement, the couple's

In a statement, the couple's attorney said the allegation "is simply not true," and that the

bouse will be within the limit.

Shirley Ballard Miller said the
Koppels' attorneys came to her
house with tape measures before
it was among those cleared in
the court ruling.

"We were sail dumbfounded,"
she told the Post. "No one understood what it was about. Why
anyone would care so much
about every little inch?"

Attorney Thomas D. Murphy
representing Koppel, 62, and his
wife, Grace Anne Dorney, 63
-said the limit would only ban
"mega-mansions," and was
"designed to protect the land in
Potonac which has been disappearing in a see at "houses on
steroids."

The Koppels bought a 16-acre

seroids."

The Koppels bought a 16-acre
plot overlooking the Potomac
River for \$2.7 million in 1993.
The Livingston Family Limited
Partnership bought an adjacent
28-acre plot and agreed to limit
construction of homes there to
10,000 square feet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-jan.

is too hot not to cool down.
Cancer native represented.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
Number 9 numerical cycle and
Libra transiting Moon is in your
Ninth House. This means
you're on a mission with spiritual overtones. Confess love.
Don't permit pride to deter
happiness.

happiness. Feb. 19-Mar. 20):
PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):
Maintain aura of mystery; don't tell all, do not confide or confess.
Win your way via perionality and intellectual curiosity.
Creative endeavor bearing your original touch will succeed.

# oral George Washington, portrayed by James Gibson, conter, looks ever his treeps during a re-enactment caremony or it in Washington Creesing, Pa., Wednesdey, Bad weather and swift currents lorced the actual creesing to be canceled it is engingle. The Washington Creesing Re-enerters Society is squabbling with Michael Bortheaud, the site administrationsylvania, over how the event should be conducted. Mummy strikes on TNT tonight

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"Timecop" - A time-traveling detective must resist the urge to prevent his wife's death while trying to nab a corrupt senator. (CC) THE USA NETWORK, 6

pm. arthe Mummy" - A cursed Egyptian priest is roused from his 3,000-year alumber by foolbardy fortune hunters searching for gold. (CC) (TV14) TURNER NETWORK TELEVISION, 6

pm.
"Hook" – Steven Spielberg's update of Peter Pan finds adult Peter back in Neverland to res-cue his children from Captain Hook. (CC) (TVPG) TBS, 6 pm.

#### Saturday

"Mrs. Depbtfire" - An

#### TV Rest Rets

unemployed actor disguises himself as an elderly namy in order to spend more time with his estranged family. (CC) (TV14) ABC, 7 p.m. "Cops" Bizarre slow-speed chase in Des Moines, Iowa; police stop a suspect departing an alleged drug house and try to prevent an illegal drag race in Fort Worth, Texas. (CC) (TVPG) FOX, 7 p.m.

p.m.
"Fear Factor" - Celebrities
compete, including Natasha
Henstridge, Penn and Teller,
keshia Knight Pulliam, Matt
Cedeno, Gena Lee Nolin snd
Barry Williams. Host: Joe
Rogan. (CC) (TVPG) NBC, 7
pm. p.m. "Fear Factor"

### Civil War president returns to Confederate capital

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) –
Abraham Lincoln is returning to
the capital of the Confederacy,
much to the chagrin of the Sons
of Confederate Veterans.
Five days before the Civil War
ended in April 1865, the president
and his youngest child, Tad, traveled to still-smoldering Richmond
son after Southern forces abandone after Southern forces abandone dithe civi in flames. On April
5, 2003, the 138th anniversary of
that visit, a bronze statute of the
pair commissioned by the United
States Historical Society will be
unvelled at the Civil War Visitor
Center of the National Park
Service.

Service.

"Here is a national hero, a small boy, and a beautiful city by the James River, all united again," said Robert Kline, chair-

man of the nonprofit historical society, which works on behalf of museums and other groups on projects of historic and artistic value. "This time Lincoln's in Richmond for all time." Richmond, home to towering statues of Confederacy figures including Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson and J.E.B. Stuart, was abandoned after

Stuart, was abandoned after Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant attacked on April 2, 1865. The Sons of Confederate Vetersnaview the Lincoln statue as a sap in the face of a lot of brawn for the Sons of London Statue as some second of the Confederate Vetersnaview the Lincoln statue as a sap in the face of a lot of brawn for the Confederate Vetersnaview of Lincoln for the Sons of Lincoln, Brag. Bowling, the SCV Virginia ked by President Lincoln, Brag. Bowling, the SCV Virginia commander, said Thursday.



until the husband was jalled for another swindle. Five years later, Hamilton revealed it all in a pamphlet written to draw a distinction between public trust and private morals. His wife and the people generally bought his argument, evidently. He wound up with an honorable place in U.S. history.

Chickens recognize chickens by their looks. Penguins recognize chickens

nize penguins by their squawks.

Political campaigners of late repeatedly refer to Pennsylvania as one of the North's "big industrial states." No argument. But it's noteworthy that Pennsylvania is known, too, as the state with the largest rural population.

Everybody knows what "left in the lurch" means, but hardly arrybody knows what a "lurch" is a decisive defeat herein one gameplayer beats another by more than double the defeated player's score.

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Tupinamba are now extinct. Nobody blames that custom.

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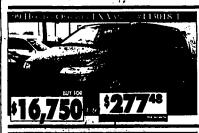
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# Notes on the Magic Valley report

#### **Magic Valley** employment numbers

ere are the recent employment trends in Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties com-bined. Job numbers are tracked by the place of work.

Type  Nonfarm payroll j	Oct. '02*	% change from Oct. '01
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Manufacturing	5.240	0.4
Durable goods	860	3.6
Nondurable good		-0.2
Food processing		-0.6
Other nondurab		1.0
Service-producing	e Industries	
	31,900	-1.8
Transport./comm	./utilities	
	2.750	3.8
Wholesale trade	2,260	. 0.4
Retail trade	8.020	-2.4
. Finance/insur./re	al estate	•
	1.290	0
Services	10,160	4.7
Gov. administration		2.7
Gov. education	3.600	2.4
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Source: Idaho Department of Labor

#### BRIEFLY. IN MONEY

#### U.S. theaters wind up another solid year

another solid year

LOS ANGELES - Americans escaped to the movies more often this year than a ray time since the Eisenhower administration, giving the nation's theater operators a move on the road to financial recovery.

By some estimates, admissions could climb more than 10 percent over last year's record levels, with folks flocking to theaters more than 1.5 billion times.

When the holiday season wraps with major fare including "Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," "Chicago" and "Catch Me If You Can," attendance is expected to hit levels not seen since 1959. The Admissions totaled 1.488 billion.

Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, said that although the population is larger today, this year's surge is "strunning" because of the choices technology provides, including VCRs, cable television, satellite dishes and the Internet.

He noted that 1946 was the high-water mark for moviegoing at 4 billion admissions. The low was 1971, with 820 million.

#### Union says railroad is transferring jobs

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POCATELLO - About 65 posiGons at the Union Pacific Fruit
Express refrigeration stop here will
be transferred to other cities before
August when the facility relocates
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Local railroad managers made the Local railroad managers made the nofficial announcement this week. The affected jobs pay about 40,000 a year, plus benefits. About 5 employees will be relocated to forth Platte, Neb., and 20 to e50to, Mo.

Sortin Flatte, Neo., and 20 section, Mo. 2 "We knew they were going to sake a move, but we didn't think it would be this soon," said George Milward, legislative director for the United Transportation Union, which represents 335 members in Protatello. "Everybody was doing their best to hold the railroad off and show them the need for the FFE shop here." - Millward said new regulations are being proposed by the railroad to statend the miles a train can run étithout an inspection from 1,000 to 6,500 miles. If passed, he added, 50 to 60 positions in Pocatello will be eliminated.

when he was hired 13 years ago, are were 1,500 rail jobs in catello, Barron said. Now there less than 600.

# BLM recruits for temporary fire jobs

#### South Central Idaho BLM

uth Central Idaho BLM Fire am consists of Burley and

District.

to overage area runs from Utah and Nevada to the south to King Hill and Glenns Ferry to the west: Sun Valley to the north; and Craters of the Moon to Rockland on the east. It's one of the largest federal fire programs in the United States.

The program perform ment duties, includi ment duties, Including suppression, aviation, dispetch, miligation, education and fuels management, on 4.7 million acres of public land. Southern Idaho experiences about 150 fires a year which burn nearly 90,000 acres.

SHOSHONE - Competition is hot for some of Magic Valley's sweatlest summer jobs.

The federal Bureau of Land Management is recruiting for about 50 "temporary seasonal" positions in its south-central Idaho fire program. "The jobs are highly competitive," said Sky Huffsker, public affairs officer for the area's BLM fire organization. Last year, at

least 900 people applied for something like 50 of the tempo-rary seasonal positions. (The term temporary seasonal is meant to differentiate those workers from the BLM's "career

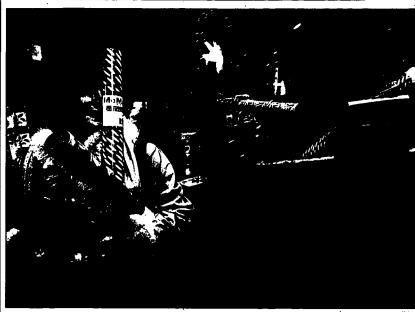
is meant to differentiate those workers from the BLM's "career seasonals," who work at least nine months of the year.]

The summer jobs start the first Monday of June and can last until the fire season is declared over. That can be as early as the end of September or as late as the end of November, Huffaker said.

The BLM typically attracts college students, because the timing works well with their break in classes.
"But we do recruit to high schools, as well," she said.
Positions are available on engine crews, in dispatching, in mitigation and support (that's fire prevention, public education and fire-camp duties) and in fuels management (that's pre-

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# JUMP-STARTING RETAIL



### Retailers set to slash prices to recoup lost sales

NEW YORK - Shoppers rummaged through stores for post-christmas sales early Thursday as merchanis sought to clear out leftovers and put behind them the weakest holiday season in at least 30 years.

At the Sears, Roebuck and Costore in the Burlington Mall in Burlington, N.J., Christine Brown shopped for last-minute gifts for friends.

friends.
"I wanted to get something for those people who I had no idea

few sweaters and nightgowns, which she was pleased to see priced at 50 percent off.

Brown, who arrived at the mall about 7:30 a.m., said she was surprised that more people were not out shopping. A snowstorm on the East Coast the day before made roads slick and may have kept some bargain hunters at home.

Desprite a better thus expected.

pressed season, which was six days shorter than a year ago, also had an impact on consumers, who never quite recovered from the lateness of Thanksgiving and seemed to delay their gift buying even more than usual.

Stores are counting more heavily this year on a spending fremy during the last week of December, which traditionally accounts for about 10 percent of holiday sales, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers. They're expecting consumers to redeep their gift certificates and also pick up a few extra bargains.

Still, there is little hope that the post-Christmas rush will be enough to save merchants from the weakest season in more than

the weakest season in more than 30 years.
Michael P. Niemira, vice president of Bank of Tokyo-Miruubishi. Ltd., expects that sales at stores same-store sales, for the combined November and December period will be up only 1.5 percent. That's lower than his already reduced forecast of 2 percent and is the weakest increase since the same-store index started tracking the data

# Delta will end standby option

SkyWest flights from-T.F. will also change

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Delta Air Lines said Thursday that most passen-gers who want to change their travel plans no longer will be able to stand by and wait for a

able to stand by and wait for a seat to open up.

Customers instead will have to get a confirmed reservation og adifferent flight, including connecting flights, provided that seats are open. They will have that option on most restricted fares, the sirline said.

Customers may request to be confirmed on a different flight.

that option on most restricted farcs, the sirline said. Customers may request to be confirmed on a different flight within three hours of that flight's departure, by paying a \$25 service of the confirmed on a different flight, which will be 'yresty's StyBilles Platinum and default of the changes take street March 1 and apply to StyWest Airlines Delta Connection flights out of the changes take street flight. Delta spokeswoman Dee Bales, and had no carrain emergencies, such as people who missible and the content of the content

#### It's not too. late to get a refund check

PUEBLO, Colo. - Some people wait until the last minute.
Others wait until it's too late.
Believe it or not, some folks actually missed the deadline for cashing last year's income tax refund checks.
Checks typically have expiration dates - the

Tasses in dates - the ine that says for 180 days. For the U.S.

Treasury checks sent to taxpayers between June and September of 2001, the expiration was "one year."

That date expect about Oct 1.

ers between June and experiment of 2001, the expiration was "one year."
That date passed about Oct. 1
this year, and some checks are
still outstanding.
These aren't the nondeliverable ones that were returnedbecause of bad addresses. The
Internal Revenue Service has
been looking for 96,792 taxpay:
ers with \$50 million in those
undelivered tax refund check.
These are checks - up to \$300
a taxpayer - that simply weren't
cashed before their expiration.
The IRS hasn't any idea how
many of those are lying in desk
cubbyholes, at the bottom of \$100.

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# Home Depot undergoes painful leadership transition

ATLANTA - Steve Moody moved steadily up the ranks at Home Depot by thinking on his feet and adapting to change. When Moody found out two

feet and adapting to change. When Moody found out two winters ago that longtime General Electric executive Bob Nardelli was taking the helm at Home Depot, his gut told him to get ready for a revolution. Moody was manager of Home Depot's store near Vinings at the time. He ran out and hought "Jack Walch and the GE Way" and devoured the book. The homework paid off. Nardelli, dubbed "Little Jack" during his days at the right hand of GE's legendary chief executive, was bred on the GE doctrine: Weed out defects and crank out houthor temperature as a GE and the store of the control of the co

'This is a difficult time for the company. There are (workers) who are having a hard time dealing with all the changes coming down the pike. ... But the reality is, we needed to make changes."

> -Tom Taylor, president of Home Depot's Eastern Division

Sure enough, Home Depot's orange-aproned crew - which includes employees at a Twin Falls store - has gotten a heavy dose of the GE way. Nardelli wrapped up two years at Home Depot's helm recently, and change has been a nonstop theme almost from Day One.

Nardelli turned the chain of command on its head, switching the bottom-up flow to a top-down approach from headquarters. He whacked a layer of management. Then he set out to measure the performance of everything that can possibly be measured - even employee morals.

the workers in the trenches felt most profoundly was Nardelli's commitment to abandon the freewheeling management style instilled by co-founders Bernie Marcus and Arthur Blank. For two decades, Marcus and Blank gave managers the freedom to make their stores work whichever way they felt was best in their-lockle. That's the opposite of GFS whinagement-as science way, and Nardelli replaced it with an onslaught of new corporate policies and procedures, all in the name of accountability, discipline and structure.

The 180-degree turn has been

Depot veterans hooked on the company's feisty entrepreneurial spirit. Like kids with a new step-dad, some had a tough time adjusting to the new guy. Many of them have left the company rather than fall in step. Twenty-two of the top 29 officer are gone, including the top mendant, top markeer, top technology officer and the head of store operations.

chant, top marketer, top technol-ogy officer and the head of store operations. Meanwhile, Nardelli has injected the top tier with former colleagues at GE, including the director of human resources. Some veterans at corporate headquarters refer to the company, as "GEDO." "This is a difficult time for the company," said Tom Taylor, president of Home Depot's Eastern Division and one of the few longtime veterans remaining in the upper ranks. "There are, (workers) who are having a hard time dealing with all the changes coming down the pike. ... But the reality is, we needed to make changes."

Nardelli says the grumbling is

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### Shares fall on war, oil worries in post-holiday trading

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NEW YORK (AP) - Investors spooked by hostilities in Iraq and a steep rise in oil prices sent-stocks lower Thursday in light, post-Christmas trading. The post-Christmas trading. The post-Christmas trading the post-christmas trading and the post-christmas trading. An aftermon selb-off ended at rally that had been sparked by a government report indicating that new claims for unemployment henefits were dropping. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed more than 116 points before reversing direction. At the end of regular trading, the Dow was down 155,0 or 0.18 percent, at 8,432.61. Declines in Amazon.com and Microsoft helped pull the Nasdaq composite index down 4.58, or 0.33 percent, to 1,367.89, while the standard & Poor's 500 was off 2.81, or 0.31 percent, at 889.66.

tracks the shares of smaller com panies, eked out a small gain, rising 1.28, or 0.33 percent, to 389.40.

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Dec. 26, 2002 **Nasdaq** 

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Pct. change from previous: -0.3

AP Investors turned bearish after the U.S. military said warplanes from the U.S. British coalition bombed Iraqi military command

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Thursday in southern Iraq. The
attack was in retaliation for the
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American surveillance drone on
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soaring. Oil prices for February
delivery jumped 52 cents to
\$32.49, and some analysts predict
the price could hit \$35.800.
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December same-stores sales forecast and now expects sales to rise
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maintain trails, Huffaker said.

#### New jobless claims fall, but firms still don't add workers quickly

WASHINGTON (AP) - New claims for unemployment benefits fell last week by the largest number in more than a year, indicating that layoffs may be easing even as economic uncertainties—including a possible war with traq—make businesses wary of hiring a lot of oeoole.

incutants a possible season way of hiring a lot of people. For the work week ending Dec. 21, jobless claims plunged by a sensonally adjusted 60,000 to 378,000, the Labor Department reported flursday. That followed a drop in claims of 6,000 in the previous week and marked the second week in a row that claims declined.

Last week's decline represented the biggest decrease in claims since Oct. 6, 2001.

Economists would rather see claims go down instead of up, but they said that difficulties adjusting for seasonal factors during the holiday season can distort weekly claims figures. As a result, claims can swing widely – in either direction – this time of year and should be taken with a grain of sait, they said.

The four-week moving amount.

#### Delta

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Common with East when passengers change their flight plans.
Atlanta-based Delta, the nation's third-largest carrier, said it has more passengers traveling via connections than any other stilling.

Customers can confirm their new flights when using the more than 440 self-service kiosks located at 81 cites where Delta flies or by calling a sales

Delta files or by caming a more consoling for changes more than three hours before the flight requested, Delta will continue to offer customers the opportunity to confirm on that flight by paying a \$100 fee (\$50 for Delta Express), plus any applicable fare difference.

airline.

The new policy is effective for tickets purchased on or after Sept. 5 for travel beginning March 1, and applies for travel in all 50 states and Canada on Delta, Delta Express and Delta Connection.

#### Refund

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kitchen knife drawers or stuck in
the pockets of long-unworn coats.
"It was just a one-time thing,"
said IRS spokeswoman Jean Carl
in Denver, after spending several
hours on the phone trying to find
the answer. "They do not track
the number of checks that were
not cashed."

But, if you're one of those tardy
types and would like to start the
new year with a boost, she said

the process is as simple as replac-ing any other outdated check.

"Just write VOD" on the face of the check and send it to the service center listed on the check with a note saying you failed to cash it in a year," Carl said.

About six weeks later you should receive a replacement check.

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And, oh, yes, please cash it.
Treasury's books need to balance, too.

### Fire .

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scribed fires and chemical or mechanical treatment). Forty hours a week is the mini-mum – a concept hard for new history to market.

mechanical treatment).
Forty hours a week is the minimum – a concept hard for new hires to gray.

"You preity much give up your summer," Huffaker said. "They usually get quite a significant amount of overtime."

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, be 18 years old by June 1, 2003, and hold high school diplomas or CED equivalents, the BLM said. They also face a work capacity test that includes walking three miles wearing a 45-pound pack in 45-minutes.

Work capacity testing happens within the first couple of days of work, and new hires have three chances to pass the pack test, Huffaker said. If they fail, they're off the job.

During their first three weeks on the payroll in June, the new hires complete the BLM's basic fire school. But while they're in class, they're also on call for fighting fire, she said.

The positions' hourly wage is about \$8.90 per hour, the BLM said. Overtime – anything worked in excess of eight hours in a day is paid at time and a half. Hazard pay for time spent on the fire line is an additional quarter of the base wage.

The fire organization's Web site iouts summer earnings of \$5,000 to \$7,000 for the temporary seasonal workers.

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That pay tops another sector that's popular among young job seekers.

Magic Valley workers in the most common service and retail jobs - bank teller, telemarketing,

cashier, retail sales, motel house-keeping, medical housekeeping, janitorial, school custodian, wait-er or waitress, cook and baker -earned an average of \$7.17 per hour in November, according to the state's local labor economist,

the state's local labor economiss, Greg Rogers. Some of BLM's temporary sea-sonal fire employees work from the Burley and Shoshone offices and report in daily, Huffaker said. But new for the 2003 sea-son will be Rogerson and Bellevue guard stations; employ-ees based there will live at the stations.

ees based there will live at the stations. The workers are involved in a lot besides fighting fire. They help repair and create fence lines, pick up highway litter, clean campgrounds, maintain recreation sites, monitor and repair springs on range land and

maintain trails, Huffaker said.
And they do a training activity
every day when not on fires.
Would-be fire workers may
start the application process
online by logging on to
www.id.blm.gowsiif.
The BLM closes the first round
of applications in mid-January,
Huffaker said. Applications are
still accepted after that, but the
odds of landing a job are slim
mer.

The south-central Idaho fire program usually ends up with an even split between genders on its summer crew.

"It's very close to 50-50 in our area," she said.

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#### Hecla defers Jan. 1 preferred dividend

COEUR D'ALENE - Hecla Mining Co. on Thursday announced the board of directors'

decision not to pay the Jan. 1 quarterly payment of dividends to the holders of Hecla Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock.

#### Transition

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only natural as employees adjust
to an outsider.
"This is the company's first
transition to a new chairman," he
said. "It's going to be traumatic.
The fear of the unknown is legitimate."

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Home Depot's employees are also adjusting to the end of the company's booming growth, even though low mortgage rates have kept housing on a tear, and a rush of refinancing has put lots of cash in the hands of homeowners. Yet Home Depot sales are in a slump, and so is the stock. Shares have lost a chunk of their value since Nardelli took the helm, albeit in a down market.
While industry analysts have largely applauded Nardelli's cost-cutting moves, sales are siding as Home Depot faces stronger competition. Plus, Wall Street loves growth, and Home Depot's days of breakneck expansion are largely over under Nardelli, who has without the same and the same an

My message to Bob (Nardelli) is akways the same: "Stay the course and keep doing what you're

dging." - Bernie Marcus, Home Depot founder

acquisitions. He also has opened a pipeline for more wholesale revenue with a new business aimed at selling flooring and other supplies to home builders. Retired co-founder Marcus, whose wealth is ided up in flome Depot stock, says he's not worried about the stock slump. He's seen it before.

"We've got a great balance sheet, our margins are great, all the numbers are there." Marcus said. "My message to Bob it he numbers are there. "Marcus said." My message to Bob it he numbers are there. "Marcus said." My message to Bob it he numbers are the properties of the numbers are there. "Marcus said." My message to Bob it he numbers are the numbers. Some Home Depot employees say Nardelli may have cut too many corners.

One of the most damaging moves, they say, was the decision this year to overhaul the work force by boosting the mix of partimers in stores from roughly 15 bercent to as much as 50 percent. In the past, managers relied heavily on full-time salepople, whille part-timers worked as cashiers and in operational jobs.

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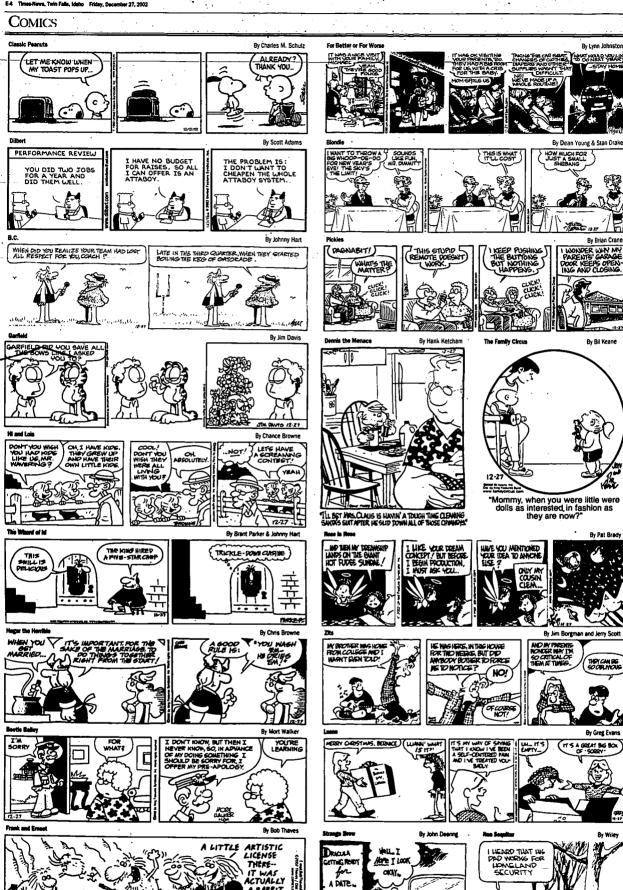
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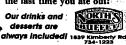
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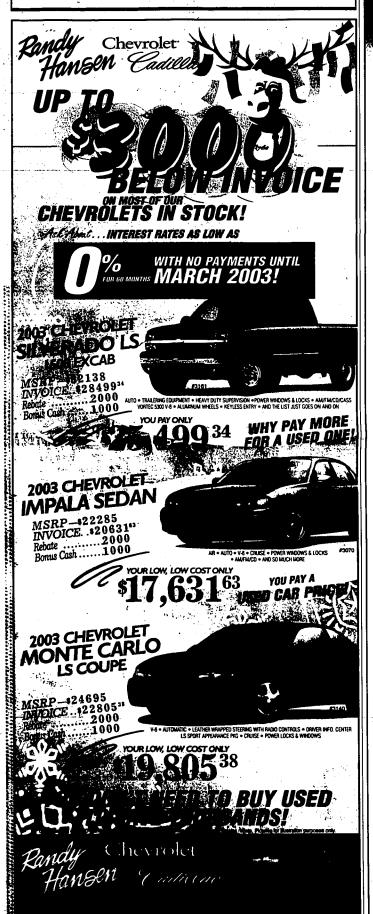
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The critical issue was West's problem after obtaining his ruff. Since his partner had returned the heart seven, West decided that this card was too big to be a small card. Accordingly, West assumed it was suit-preference for he high suit, and returned a diamond, but that was not good enough. Declarer promptly cashed the three top diamonds to discard his remaining heart, and the defense got only their two discard his remaining heart, and the defense got only their two suces and one ruff.

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ed. If West had thought to work out that his partner's return was neither a high card nor a low card, this would leave only the trump suit as a possible entry for East. Paradoxically, if West plays back a spade at trick three, he gets his ruff.

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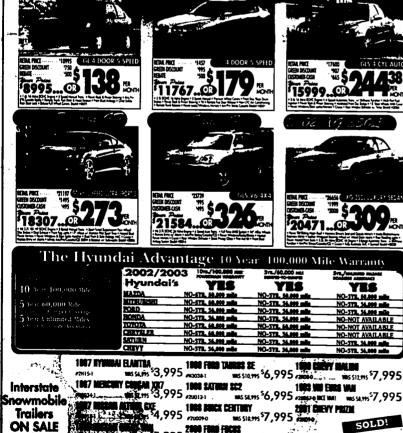
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