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Auger Falls deal nears



With the Auger Falls property in the background, Councilman Trip Craig, Auger Falls property owner Jack Straubbar, City Manager Tom Courtney and Twin Falls 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

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

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

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 Falls and located 1.75 miles west of Canyon Springs Golf Course and the city's sewage treatment 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 asked between \$1.8 million and \$2 million, but upon the advice of an ad 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 capital improvement funds, which will remain at or above target levels 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 zoning director, said Thursday that as part

of the sales agreement, the sellers are giving up their access routes to the property.

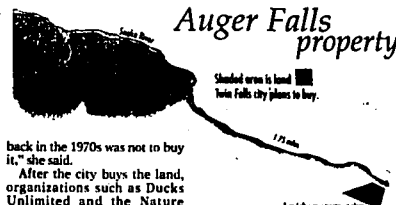
"Then we will still be working with some of the property owners to firm (access routes) up," Orton said. Orton said city officials are confident that no unforeseen problems will arise in working out those final details.

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 repeatedly criticized for not having acquired more canyon and canyon rim property. But she pointed out that those properties 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 Unlimited and the Nature Conservancy will be able to apply for grants to improve the area. It is already home to many species of wildlife, including ducks, geese, herons, eagles, hawks, vultures, pheasants, quail and deer. The topography includes canyon rim, riparian area along the Snake River, flat benches, 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 hydropower project.

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 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 most were under 30 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 — not far from the 40 percent target for Jan. 1.

But the Upper Snake River Basin — which provides most of the water for Magic Valley farmers — is significantly below snow. Above Falls, the snow-water equivalent was 56 percent of average for that date and just 25 percent of the average season total. For the Henrys Fork and Teton basins, those numbers were 59 percent and 22 percent.

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake River	80%	28%
Salmon Falls	73%	26%
Salmon	63%	22%
Oakley	61%	20%
Big Wood	62%	30%
Little Wood	102%	36%
Henrys Fork/Teton	82%	22%
Big Lost	93%	33%
Little Lost	70%	25%

*As of Dec. 26. A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average.

**As of Dec. 26. An indicator of how much snow is on the ground.

Al-Qaida with 9-11 links stay hidden

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Many of the terrorist organizers whom the U.S. government has identified as players in the Sept. 11 attacks remain beyond the reach of the worldwide effort to hunt al-Qaida. 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 information about how the attacks were put together. Many had contacts with the cell based in Hamburg, Germany, that included 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. counterterrorism 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 the various societies," said Daniel Muljennya, a former Canadian domestic intelligence officer and terrorism expert. "I think you have to stay on balance, (U.S. counterterrorism agencies) have done rather well."

U.S. targets Iraqi scientists for defections

The Washington Post

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. Jassaf Dhis Jassaf, widely regarded as the father of Iraq's secret nuclear weapons program,

had been held up by American officials at the U.S. embassy in Amman, Jordan, and questioned for several hours before he was given a visa.

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

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

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LUCKY NUMBERS Construction firm owner wins \$315M lotto jackpot

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A 55-year-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 letting me pick the right numbers — or letting the machine pick the right numbers," said Powerball winner Andrew "Jack" Whittraker Jr., dressed in black with a big black cowboy hat. Whittraker stepped forward Thursday with his wife, daughter and 15-year-old granddaughter and accepted an oversized facsimile check for \$314.9 million and a cashable \$10 million first installment on the multi-state lottery prize.

He said he plans to lavish

money on his family, expand his contracting business, maybe buy a helicopter, 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.

Whittraker, who lives in the small town of Scott Depot, 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 million.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Breezy with scattered showers expected
Highs near 40
Tonight: Scattered showers. Lows near 34.

Tomorrow: Areas of rain likely, turning over to, or mixing with snow at times. Highs near 42.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Very windy. Lows cloudy harboring rain likely. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

Tonight: Windy with clouds and a chance of rain. Lows from 25 to 35.

Tomorrow: Cloudy with rain showers. Rain and snow showers may surface late. Highs in the 30s to middle 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Valley rain and mountain snow showers expected today and tomorrow. Winds will be strong and gusty throughout the day.

Today Highs 27 to 36. Tonight's Lows 22 to 32.
BOISE Strong, gusty winds and low clouds will accompany scattered rain showers today and Saturday.

Today Highs/Lows 37 to 47/27 to 37
NORTHERN UTAH Mild, windy and cloudy today. Windy with a slight chance of rain surfacing on Saturday. Colder by Sunday.

Weather key: su-sunny, ps-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, cd-cloudy, dr-drenching rain, sh-showers, r-rain, s-snow, fl-floes, w-wind, m-mist, m-haze

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes monthly and daily forecasts.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Dec 27, Jan 2, Jan 10, Jan 18.

MOONRISE and MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for today and tomorrow.

Barometric Pressure

6 p.m. Yesterday 30.15 in.

Yesterday's Weather

Table listing weather for various cities like Boise, Burley, etc.

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Table showing sunrise and sunset times for various cities.

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Day Weather

Forecast for various cities.

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Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, City. Lists forecasts for various US cities.

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U.N. agency: N. Korea engages in 'nuclear brinkmanship'

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - North Korea's moves to restart a nuclear reactor that U.S. officials believe was to make one or two atomic bombs amount to 'nuclear brinkmanship' and are 'very worrying'.

President-elect Roh Moo-hyun warned the North on Friday that reactivating the reactor could endanger the communist state's own safety.

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.

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.

Defect

The disclosure suggests that Washington may have already begun an aggressive campaign to identify key Iraqi officials for defection several months before U.N. inspectors arrived in Iraq to question Iraq's weapons experts.

Iraq says it will hand over list of scientists - AS

Information about the alleged defection effort in May came originally from Iraqi officials, who have a stake in portraying American as a disruptive force in the inspections process.

approached by Washington was Mehdi Labidi, a mid-level technical expert, according to a report Tuesday by the London-based Arab language newspaper Asharq al-Awsat. The newspaper, citing Iraqi intelligence, 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.

Celebrity photographer dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Photographer Herb Ritts, whose access to celebrities, even at their most fragile moments, set him apart as a Los Angeles, Calif., photographer.

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 surgery.

Snowpack

"The percentages aren't increasing as much in the Upper Snake," Abramovich said. "The stores just aren't moving all the way across to eastern Idaho and the Upper Snake region."

pack percentages.

"What we need is heavy wet snow," Abramovich said. "Things can still change for the better, but we're behind the 8-ball now."

ally mean below-average snowpack in the Upper Snake. Many Magic Valley users closely watch one automated snow-measuring site in western Wyoming - Lewis Lake Divide, at an elevation of 7,860 feet - because it often is a good indicator of the water outlook in the region.

Lottery

Continued from A1. 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," he said.

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.

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Whittaker said she had cancer twice and had not worked for about a year. "I was getting ready to go back to work, but I think I'm retired now," she said.

NATION

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 Tuesday to join with other nations in trying to work out a solution with Pyongyang.

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 fretted about a tough line Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld took Tuesday toward Pyongyang, it underscored Bush's

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 powers.

Lugar said on NBC's Today program that "it 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 discussing options with a number of countries, but has not publicly outlined a policy of military or diplomatic action as North Korea moves inexorably toward building new nuclear weapons within months.

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

threats from North Korea and Iraq simultaneously.

"We are perfectly capable of doing that which is necessary," Rumsfeld said Monday.

Since he leveled that warning, 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 Tallil in southern Iraq, the U.S. military announced.

The strike, which took place

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 colleagues who in January will take their seats as "Mr. Majority 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 50-year-old heart surgeon turned politician also gave Republicans hundreds of thousands of dollars from his own political action committee.

Frist is also proud of his party's out-of-the-vote drive last month. "Normally, 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 resumes Jan. 7. The GOP holding an effective 51-49 majority. Lott agreed to give up the post



Incoming Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tenn., left, claps his hands as he makes a brief appearance with Sen. John Warner, R-Va., outside the National Republican Senatorial Committee headquarters in Washington, Dec. 20.

last week amid a furor over racially insensitive remarks he made Dec. 5 at a 100th birthday 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 \$58 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.

He also helped raise more than \$66 million in "soft" money — large, unregulated gifts from corporations 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 by dipping into his own leadership 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 newcomers: 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 perfect position to assume his party's mantle when it 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.

"Sen. Frist has tremendous energy, an ethic of hard work and the ability to lead," said Talent, who lobbied other Republicans in the incoming Senate class to support the Tennesseean.

Dole also praised Frist's "excellent job" 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

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. Her treatment included a lumpectomy, a breast-saving type of



Ann Veneman

surgery in which doctors removed the lump, followed by six weeks of radiation therapy.

Veneman is credited a mammogram for catching the cancer, known as "ductal carcinoma in situ," tiny tumors that are not invasive and

do not always become life-threatening.

Because she had to go to treatment daily, Veneman 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 schedule for next year, said Herglotz.

"She'll be back on the road in January," he said.

Veneman is in California, her home state, for the holiday.

Couple faces charges after robbing Good Samaritan

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — A homeless couple taken in by a stranger on Christmas Eve stole the man's van, presents and groceries while he slept, sheriff's deputies said.

James Dixon was remorseful when he and Venus Dixon were arrested Wednesday, deputies said. They said he told them, "A man took me and my wife into his home last night, treated me as a person and a brother, and I did him wrong."

Ernest L. Green saw the couple

Tuesday on a rainy street in Clearwater, about 20 miles west of Tampa. He offered them a ride to 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 \$80 cash gone. The van was returned later that morning, missing its stereo and 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.

Coast Guard finds abandoned Cubans on island

MIAMI (AP) — The Coast Guard rescued 36 Cubans on a small, uninhabited island in the Bahamas after they were abandoned by immigrant-smugglers on Christmas Eve, officials said Thursday.

The 25 men, nine women and two children were on Elbow Cay, which is uninhabited and has no food or water, Coast Guard spokesman Luis Diaz said. They were spotted waving for help by a Coast Guard jet as it was assisting a cutter in its pursuit of a suspicious boat. The speedy boat escaped into Cuban waters.

The Coast Guard picked up the Cubans on Wednesday and gave them food and water. They were reported in good health.

"Abandoning these migrants with little food or water and leaving them in a grossly inhumane act," Coast Guard Lt. Tony Russell said. "Smugglers have no regard for the well-being of their human cargo, only their own financial gain."

The Cubans were turned over to Bahamian custody.

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NATION

Northeast digs out from snowstorm

The Associated Press

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

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 Bouwens, spokeswoman for the Maryland Highway Administration.

Dozens of municipalities declared emergencies to deal with the snow, which fell at 5 to 10-hour intervals 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.

Regions of municipal plows worked on the roads through the night and all day Thursday, joined by a pickup-truck army of contractors clearing driveways and parking lots.

Larry Waldron, 36, had been awake for more than 24 hours and had cleared about three dozen driveways in suburban Albany.

"I'm very tired," Waldron said. But he would keep plowing "as long as I can keep my eyes opened up."

Cedarville, N.Y., about 50 miles east of Syracuse, got 34



Above, Blowing snow envelopes the tractor as a Penn State Hazleton, Pa. groundskeeper clears the campus' entrance road Thursday after a Christmas Day storm dumped more than a foot of snow on the area.

Left, Charles Rounds scrapes snow from his car in Boston's Beacon Hill neighborhood, Thursday.

Right, Charles Rounds scrapes snow from his car in Boston's Beacon Hill neighborhood, Thursday.

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

Lillian Ferguson, an employee at the Cedarville Country Store, was stranded by the storm, dis-

appointing her grandchildren. "Nobody was going anywhere," 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, especially for winter enthusiasts.

"It's a white Christmas times 10," said Greg Kurzi-Carmel, 17, as he strapped on a snowboard at an Albany golf course.

Woodstock, Vt., got 27 inches of snow while Franklin, Maine, had 22. Goshen, Mass., about 90 miles west of Boston, had 16 inches.

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 figured his city's costs at \$250,000. 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.

The Connecticut town of Burlington had already spent about \$95,000 of its \$130,000 winter cleanup budget on several snowstorms and a major ice 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. 28 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 to 3 million pounds of granulated, brown and powdered sugar each 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 processor and marketer of refined sugar in the United States. "It's an industry that's fraught with overcapacity. We, as a member of the 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. Imperial is consolidating its refining operations in Gramercy, La., and Savannah, Ga. The company, which has 2,200 employees nationwide, will keep its headquarters in Sugar Land and continue to run a packaging and shipping operation here, with about

100 workers. The employees who lost their jobs will be paid through the end of January.

Gloria Nunez, a 51-year-old machine operator at the refinery, is a third-generation Imperial employee. Her grandmother, both parents and four uncles either work or have worked there. One of her uncles, 81-year-old George Morales, is in his 61st year as an Imperial security guard.

"We're more like family than co-workers there," she said. "I've worked there since I was 15, and this really hurts because something like this affects everybody. But I have faith. I know God's going to have something for me if it's not Imperial, it 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 63,000 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 man the federal government once labeled "the most wanted computer criminal in U.S. history" has won a long fight to renew his ham radio license and next month can resume surfing the Internet.

Larry Mitnick, 39, of Thousand Oaks, Calif., served five years in federal prison for stealing software and altering data at Motorola, Novell, Nokia, Sun Microsystems and the University of Southern California. Prosecutors accused him of causing tens of millions of dollars in damage to corporate computer networks.

Mitnick 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.

Mitnick 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 connected to the Internet.

"Not being allowed to use the Internet is kind of like not being allowed to use a telephone,"

Mitnick said Thursday in a phone interview. Mitnick 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 business 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.

"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."

Mitnick 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, Mitnick continued breaking into computer networks and became a cult hero among hackers.

Mitnick applied to renew his ham radio license in 1999, while still in prison. The Federal Communications Commission ordered a hearing, citing that Mitnick 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 nuclear, chemical, biological and missile programs, an Iraqi general said Thursday.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi army said Thursday that it has begun holding the ruling Baath party 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 Iraq 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-year record with 10 prosecutions of former Nazis this year, as investigators took advantage of recently opened archives in former communist countries and better 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. citizenship of Jaroslav Bilaniuk, 75, 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 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 cloning.

President Bush has implored Congress to ban not only the creation of cloned babies — a widely supported ban — but also the cloning of human embryos for research. The Republican House passed such a ban last session, but a sister bill in the Senate died after a bitter stalemate 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 tumultuous as the last, lobbyists and scientists said. Even the option of a moratorium instead of a ban, an attempted compromise that many observers think is likely to surface, promises to trigger a heated battle.

This is not going to be a quiet year on the cloning and stem cell issue," said Michael Meigs, director of the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research (CAMR), which wants to keep research using cloned human embryos legal.

One big factor in the new political calculus is the ascendancy of Senate majority leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., who as both a conservative and a physician has been seeking middle ground in the cloning research wars.

Frist supports some kinds of human embryo research but has said he opposes cloning human embryos. Two weeks ago, though, before the unexpected turn of events that led to the resignation of his predecessor, Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., he quietly visited the Massachusetts company that's been at the forefront of human embryo cloning to learn about scientists' progress there. It was the first such visit by a U.S. Senator.

Adding to the new year's political intrigue, supporters of cloning research say incoming senator Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C., whose list includes the biotech stronghold of Research Triangle Park, has been very receptive to their position. And although Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., is expected to cosponsor the bill that Bush favors, she did this past year, it's not clear how much energy she will put into the cause after the administration's big effort to oust her in last month's elections.

Perhaps the biggest potential wild cards are the three rogue research teams that claim to be at various stages of growing the first cloned babies, with the first births promised for this month or next. Many scientists suspect the claims are hoaxes. But any birth announcement of a clone could trigger a vicious round of partisan fingerprinting and a congressional stampede to pass a ban that may not be as carefully vetted as some would hope.

Barry books back

Columnist Dave Barry takes a look at 2002.

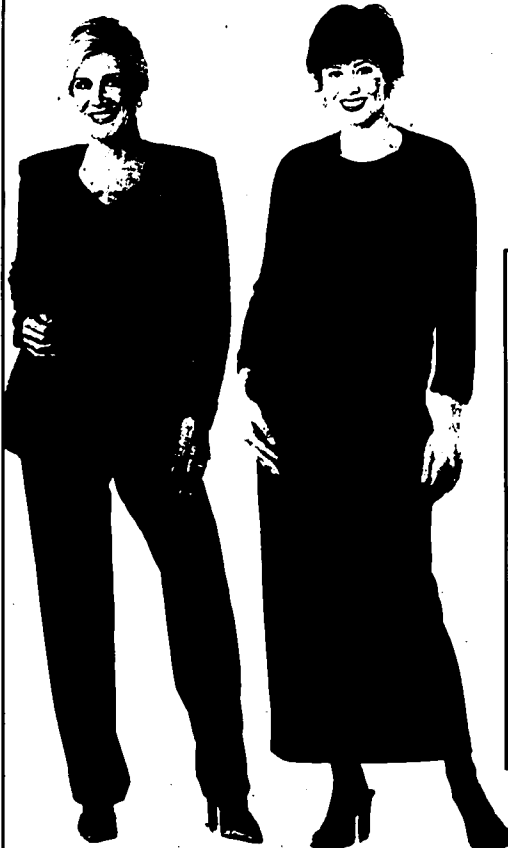
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EDITORIAL

Cities deserve more power in regional dispatch pacts

It turns out the Magic Valley isn't the only Idaho region locked into an emergency dispatch 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.

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, consisting of counties and emergency dispatch boards, is pushing to extend the \$1 monthly phone user fee to include cell phones. (Land-line customers have paid the fee for several years.)

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

Meanwhile, legislators should think twice before giving counties and regional dispatch boards the ability to collect cell phone fees. Handing more revenue to dispatch centers will not automatically solve the management challenges they face.

Our view: Legislators should help cities gain more legal and political clout in regional emergency dispatch centers.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

SIRCOMM leaders 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.

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 SIRCOMM 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 12.5 percent increase for operating expenses. So, for cities, the price of SIRCOMM goes up, but the level of service stays 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.

Listen to the South, talk to the North

Roh Moo-hyun's election as South Korea's next president is a call by young Koreans for a true partnership - not a "paternalism" - with the United States. Fifty-nine percent of people in their 20s and 30s voted for Roh, according to exit polls. 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 the rewards of a vibrant democracy.

It is true that North Korea's nuclear ambition is a global threat, not just a regional one. But apparent divisions between the United States and South Korea in their approaches to dealing with the North - contain-

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 administration should use Roh's election as a reason to talk with the North, even if full-scale negotiations are premature until North Korea pulls back from its dangerous nuclear path.

Sadly, many South Koreans seem to feel that the relationship with the United States is a barrier, not a boost, to a positive future. In fact, in the recent Pew Global Attitudes Project's first polling report, the apparent trend among the 44 countries surveyed toward a less favorable view of the United States was evident in South Korea's numbers. Forty-four percent of South Koreans have an unfavorable view of the United States. Unlike much of the world, Koreans, by a 3 to 1 ratio, oppose the war on terror, and 73 percent said the United States considers other nations not much or not at all. Only Bangladesh and Indonesia had similar majorities. Sixty-two percent of Koreans say the spread of American ideas and customs is bad, although American ideas about democracy are favored by 58 percent of respondents.

None of this will come as a surprise 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 election missed the call for a new, more mature relationship with the United States.

Those worried about the threat of nuclear weapons from 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 important truth. The United States, admired for its technology, its democracy and its success, is seen as out of step with the rest of world.

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 election, after mil-

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

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 coming of age into a true partnership.

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The United States may not be ready to negotiate, but South Korea has asked us to begin to talk.

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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 genius to figure out why the Republicans (no typo) get only 2 percent of the black vote. I can't understand the 2 percent that do vote Republican.

Bill Clinton had this to say about Republicans just criticized Lott's comment, "How can they jump on Lott when they're out their repressing, trying 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 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.

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 rallies, the Stars and Bars can be seen flying.

Trent Lott, Neo-Nazi and the Republicans support the use of the Confederate flag.

Let's not be naive about the smell of racism in the Republican Party. I ask 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 Republican?

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 closest 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.

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.

RUDDY CASTRO
Heyburn

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 Development" 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 fund and write their own grants?

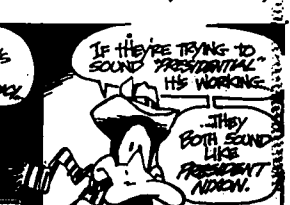
Grant writing is often an under-rated and time-consuming skill that requires research, planning and coordination. However, it can bring in new money to the community. With a \$23.1 million Twin Falls County budget, possible grant income should always be a consideration.

MAYA HATA LEMMON
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Maya Lemmon, as a volunteer, wrote the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation \$25,000 grant and other grants that helped start the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of the Magic Valley.)

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Mallard Fillmore



By Garry Trudeau

By Bruce Tinsley

Republicans go positive on deficit

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

MICHAEL KINSLEY

How in the world did this happen? Once upon a time, federal government deficits were denounced by Ronald Reagan as a focus 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 apparently believe that the best way to discredit anything is to associate it with Bill Clinton.

They 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 astonishing is that the Republican propaganda machine is trying to stamp “Clinton” all over one of the cornerstones of Reaganism.

In fact, the coming White House campaign for changes in the tax code is starting to look like a world-class weird combination of extreme frankness and extreme fantasy. For a quarter-century, Democrats have been saying that Republican tax cuts favor the rich, and Republicans have been indignantly denying it. Now prominent Republicans are saying, Heck, yes, we're out to shift the tax burden from the very affluent to the middle class.

R. Glenn Hubbard, chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, has declared that rich folks deserve a break and ordinary folks deserve to pay for it. In an administration in which economic advisers are fired merely for wearing a bad tie while loyally mouthing the party line, it is not surprising that Hubbard is still in good odor. So this bolt of honesty is apparently intentional.

There is an honest element in the new party line about deficits, too. At least 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 dresser in the Lincoln Bedroom. Instead, Republicans embrace the coming deficits as their own and push push any desire for a balanced budget as some kind of liberal Democratic folly. But this is breathtakingly dishonest on three levels.

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

core value in your political philosophy is mislaid, 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 denouncing 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: Which effect is bigger?

A battery of empirical studies is going on about whether deficits 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, which is an odd position for Republicans to take. Meanwhile the short-term 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 since 1980 when Republicans 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.

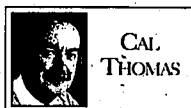
But if government borrowing never hurts the economy and if taxes always do, why torture ourselves with taxes at all? Why not borrow the whole cost of government? If you suspect that won't work, you're right—but if those who anathematize “Rubinomics” have a theory of when deficits can become too big, 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 shots of short-term stimulus Bush is demanding.

Thus the third level of dishonesty in the newfound Republican fondness for deficits: It conflicts with obvious reality. But I suppose that's a minor consideration.

Michael Kinsley is the editor of “Slate” and a Washington Post columnist.

Bush charts a road to nowhere in Mideast

On the Yahoo map Web site, there is an advisory: “When using any driving directions, or map, it is a good idea to do a reality check and make sure the road still exists.”



CAL THOMAS

That's good advice for the Bush administration's Middle East “road map.” It vainly hopes will bring peace to that troubled region. As reported by the Israeli newspaper Haaretz and Israeli Radio on Dec. 22, the United States has given the third draft of the road map to the Palestinian Authority and asked for a response.

The document—composed by the United States, Russia, 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 2003 and final 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 without previous “peace agreements” requiring the signatories to live up to the documents they signed have

failed. The Palestinian side broke every provision of the Oslo accords. They did nothing to stop terror attacks against Israeli civilians. They violated limitations on the number and types of arms, as well as the size of their “police force,” which now resembles a small army. While Israel relinquished territory it had held to bolster its security needs, the giving up of land did not bring Israel any closer to peace. It simply brought 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 Israel to live up to their provisions.

Under the latest draft version of the road map, the anticipated Palestinian state will not have full sovereignty (a bow to Israel's concern that it would be more difficult to invade a sovereign state to repel terrorists), but “certain attributes of sovereignty.” This is like being partially pregnant. Once a Palestinian state is conceived, it will be nearly impossible to prevent its birth.

The draft calls on the Palestinian side to “dismantle” the terrorist infrastructure and also to “confront” anyone involved in terrorist activity. The Palestinians 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 terrorism.” Shall we start with Saudi Arabia, which has just given more than \$1 billion to the PLO?

The fundamental flaw in the road map remains the belief that once the Palestinian side has a state of its own, it will be content

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 keep.

Comedian 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 Israel as a pack of matches sitting in the middle of it. And now these same folks swear that if Israel 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 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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AROUND THE VALLEY

Outgoing judge will be honored today

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls magistrate judge who served nearly a quarter-century on the bench before deciding to retire will be honored today.

Club collects stuffed 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.

Flier woman celebrates with open house

FILER - An open house for Helen Brake's 75th birthday celebration will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. today.

Stanley Basin timber plan proceeds with analysis

KETCHUM - The Sawtooth National Forest'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.

T.F. police arrest two after robbery

TWIN FALLS - Police Thursday arrested two men only a few minutes after a robbery was reported at a restaurant.

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

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.

ACTRESS, MOTHER, AUTHOR



Actress and children's book author Jamie Lee Curtis shows her enthusiasm for seeing Rachel Evans, left, at Curtis' book signing at Iconoclast Books in Ketchum this week. Evans, a Wood River Valley resident, is the inspiration behind the title 'Where Do Balloons Go?'

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.

Her books are something that are never going to wear out," said Los Angeles resident Rossie Cottrell, as the censored 20 of Curtis' books that she bought for her 4-year old twins, a niece and a nephew.

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."

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."

Lively and animated, she multi-tasks 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."

Curtis took the message contained in her latest book to heart - or, at least, skin deep - when she posed for "More" magazine in her skivvies 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 Tinseltown.

She hadn't planned on anything like that. She was just tired of pretending to be something she wasn't, she said. Annie, a slender girl with long straight dark hair who favors her

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 Creepsies" or "Queen of Crud" for her roles in such movies as "Halloween," "The Fog," "Prom Night" and "Terror Train."

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 several locations around the Magic Valley.

The solid waste district will be collecting trees from seven counties in southern Idaho. Trees may also be dropped off at the Milner Butte Landfill or any of the waste transfer stations during regular operating hours.

All Cassia County residents can take trees to the Milner Butte Landfill, 1050 W. 400 S. Albion Transfer Station, 760 S. Idaho Highway 77; Almo Transfer Station, 2480 S. Elbe-Almo Road; Malta Transfer Station, 2450 E. 1760 S., or the Oakley Transfer Station, 985 S. Worthington.

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 drop-off locations or collections.

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 governments in the Magic Valley, others say the rule will breed lawsuits.

The rule would allow the federal government to drop its 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 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 sued if it continues making rules like this," Marvel said.

The question of land ownership stems from a tangled set of homestead laws written as the West was settled. States and counties have made tens of thousands of claims to ownership of road 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.

The advantage of the new rules, said Deputy Assistant Interior Secretary Patricia Morrison, is that the government can renounce a claim to a disputed road, river or parcel of land administratively when it is clear it has been transferred from the federal government's ownership.

There is an 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

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Opponents plan appeal of Targhee land swap

ALTA, Wyo. (AP) - An environmental group plans to appeal a land exchange that would expand housing near the Grand Targhee Ski and Summer Resort on the Idaho-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. Forest Service, coalition representative Mary Hoyt said.

"We have reviewed the document," she said this week. "We think it's legally flawed."

Citizens for Teton Valley and possibly other groups might join the appeal, which Hoyt said will be filed before the Jan. 13 deadline. 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 middle classes.

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 grizzly 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 said. Teton Valley would need more road

On the Net

Grand Targhee Ski and Summer Resort: http://www.grandtarghee.com/ Caribou-Targhee National Forest: http://www.fs.fed.us/14/culew/

maintenance, schools, police officers and firefighters as a result, opponents say.

Grand Targhee General Manager Larry Williamson disagrees.

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

The latest Forest Service analysis says 970 housing units would be built 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 the trade because Grand Targhee is already affected by development, but Squirrel Meadows is not.

Forest officials said they tried to address all questions raised by a judge who temporarily halted 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.

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

Amy Vanderbilt, a spokesman for Glacier, said the Park Service 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 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 visitors 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.

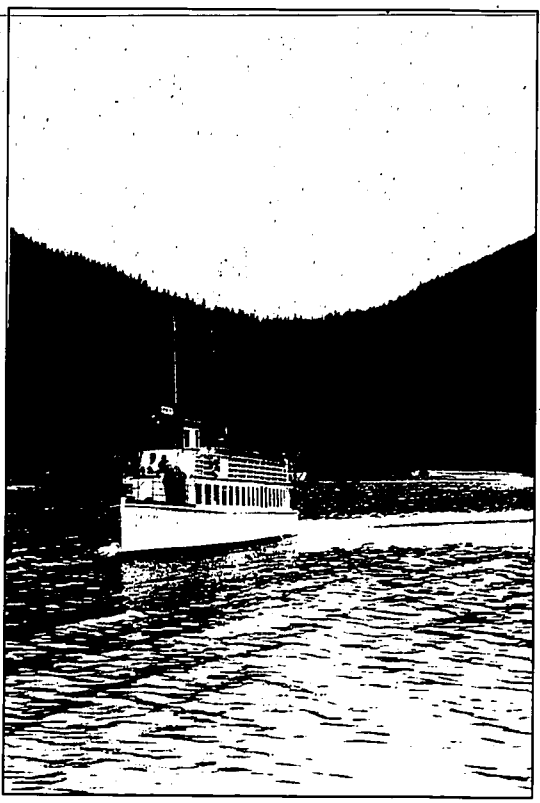
Vanderbilt said the Park Service and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service have been working for some time on a plan that would allow Canadian or other British Commonwealth residents to cross into Glacier. Restrictions for residents of other countries would continue.

"We feel we are very close to having a final agreement," she said. "We are hopeful that it will be in place for the new calendar year. We are committed to having this in place."

Dave Dahlen, chief of interpretation for Glacier, said Thursday the INS was still reviewing the 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 Waterton Lake in Canada. The boat takes them across the border to the Goat Haunt Ranger Station at the



A tour boat approaches the Goat Haunt Ranger Station at the south end of Waterton Lake in Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park in late August 2002. The National Park Service may soon loosen restrictions and resume allowing Canadians and some nonresidents of the United States to enter the park along the Canadian border, according to reports Thursday. The ranger station checkpoint was closed in mid-June as a security measure following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

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 border.

"We were impacted a lot last year," she said. "Hardly anyone was going."

OBITUARIES

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WENDELL. Many will also remember him as a dedicated co-worker, thrifty spender, and always happy natured friend... A visitation for family and friends will be held on Thursday, December 26, at Demaray Chapel in Wendell from 6 to 7 p.m. A gathering for family will be Friday, December 27, from 12-1 p.m. at the Stake center. Services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, December 27 at the LDS Stake Center in Wendell at 1 p.m. interment will follow at the Wendell Cemetery.

HEYBURN. Rodney Wayne Roat 'Rooster' was born on June 30, 1947 at St. Benedict's Hospital in Wendell, Idaho. He passed away on Dec. 26, 2002 at a residential accident in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, on December 21, 2002 at 55 years of age. He is survived by his father and mother Frank and Gwen of Wendell, his four brothers Robert 'Bob' (Lafra) of Pocatello, Richard (Vallejo) of Gooding, Jerry (Janet) of Mt. Home and George (Evelyn) of Gooding, his two sisters Mary (Glenn) of Fruitland and Lisa (Don) of Bozeman, Mont. His son Cory (Kim) and grandson Cole and unborn child of Torrance, Calif. and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Felix Cantu. Felix Cantu, an 87 year Heyburn resident, passed away Tuesday, December 24, 2002 at his home. Felix was born in Leming, Texas, on April 3, 1915, to Luis & Sonora Cantu. He married Elsie Delapaz on July of 1942 in Texas. They moved to Jim-Cass 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 friends and family.

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 1:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

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

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Carol L. (Morrison) Bocanegra photo

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.

Eldon P. Martin. JEROME - Eldon P. Martin, 76, of Jerome died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit.

Linda Dianne (Allen) Chaffee. BUHL - Linda Dianne (Allen) Chaffee, 47, of Buhl died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002, in Twin Falls.

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 Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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

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 mortuary; burial will be at the Preston Cemetery.

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 1:30-2:15 p.m. Saturday; burial will follow at the Salt Lake Cemetery.

Wanda Loveland Stalker of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Saturday 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.

Hat wearer may have met Lewis and Clark on journey

LEWISTON (AP) - The young owner of a Nez 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 LEE-tah-kaw) 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 bicentennial in 2006.

Sometime between 1801 and 1803, a Nez Perce woman worked for days, maybe weeks, dyeing, twisting and weaving the fibers 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 dentella shells from the Pacific Ocean to the top.

Whether she met the explorers is conjecture, said museum registrar Lora Feucht. But the encounter would have taken place in 1806 as the expedition traveled east after reaching the coast.

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

said Diane Mallow with the Missouri Historical Society, which is organizing the exhibit.

The lickaw fits into the exhibit as clothing of the time when Lewis and Clark spent at Camp Choppunish on the Clearwater River near present-day Kamiah, Mallow said.

The oral history about the lickaw relates that in 1806, a young Nez 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. Stranahan, the Indian agent for the tribe from 1899 to 1903.

Stranahan passed on about 25 Nez Perce items including the hat and moccasins to his grandson, Floyd "Bud" Stranahan. He loaned the pieces to the museum in 1961.

Nez Perce Chief Many Wounds said in a statement that is part of the Evans Collection archives at Washington State University that the hat was made by Chief Timothy's mother for Timothy's 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 of 1877 against the U.S. Army.

Police charge Boise man in roommate's shooting

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 Peterson.

Authorities said Gallion and Peterson were roommates at a west Boise home when, on Tuesday, police responded to the home and found it splattered with blood. Later that day, they found Peterson's body on the back of a semi-truck in a nearby church parking lot. He had been shot in the head.

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

12 in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines — Suspected Muslim rebels ambushed a Canadian company's workers in the southern Philippines of Thursday, killing 12 and injuring 10, the military said.

It was the second deadly attack on Mindanao island this week. On Christmas Eve, a bomb made from an 8 mm mortar shell filled with nail fragments exploded outside the home of a town's mayor, 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 Front. Rebel spokesman Eid Kabalu denied any involvement, saying "We don't kill innocent people; besides, the MILF is currently negotiating peace with the government."

Israeli soldiers kill seven Palestinians in West Bank

NABLUS, West Bank — Israeli soldiers killed seven Palestinians in West Bank raids Thursday and imposed a curfew in Bethlehem after briefly withdrawing over Christmas from the city where Jesus' is believed to have been born.

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

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 officials 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.

Two of Thursday's arrest sweeps were carried out in Ramallah.

Official says outgoing leader will be handed over

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Serbia'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 Milan Milutinovic 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 said.

Djindjic urged Milutinovic to "establish 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."

Pakistanis who preached violence is detained

LAHORE, Pakistan

Vehicle ambushed

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



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI AP

Mourners buried three girls killed in a Christmas grenade attack on a tiny church in eastern 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 Chawala, about 40 miles northwest of Lahore.

Two assailants covered in burqas — 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

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 rare species, researchers said Thursday.

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

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

Officials say they are 'fed up' with 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 British-French 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 Palestine.

But if a major war breaks out in Iraq now, al-Omari says he will simply shut his downtown clothing shop, go home and follow the war news on television. Like many Arabs, he feels a sense of frustration and even betrayal by his one-time idol.

"We are fed up with Saddam's wars and confrontations. They

brought nothing but defeats, humiliation and disasters," al-Omari told the Associated Press.

Like many people in the Middle East, al-Omari hopes any war on Iraq will be short and 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, 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 leaders.



Saddam Hussein

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

Talab, the political analyst, pointed out that Jordanian officials — and many Jordanian citizens like al-Omari — are worried war could upset the fragile economy and bring a wave of Iraqi refugees to Jordan, sandwiched between Iraq and Israel.

Many Jordanians, about half of whom are of Palestinian origin, also fear Israel's hardline government could use the war as an excuse to expel hundreds of thousands of Palestinians from the West Bank into Jordan.

In neighboring Syria, the government of President Bashar Assad opposes an American military strike against Iraq, but it voted in the U.N. Security Council for the latest resolution on Iraq's disarmament that was submitted by Washington.

Syrian political analyst Haidham Kilani said Assad's government is watching popular opinion and trying to balance its

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 head off a war, they speak out of Saddam but of the harm that could befall Iraq's people.

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 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 Makhdh, leader of a dissident faction of Yasser Arafat's mainstream Fatah movement, in the Ein el-Hilweh 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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Seasonal

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" today and Saturday and "Steamrolling 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 play a New Year's Eve concert at Boise's Big Easy Concert House Tuesday night.

Ringin' 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 Spotlight on Pages C3-4.

Ringin' in '03

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

The Times-News

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

Twin Falls

◎ 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. S. Food will be served from 6-9 p.m. Tickets are available in advance for \$15 per person or can be purchased at the door for \$20 per person.

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

◎ 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.

Jackpot

◎ 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.

Burley

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



Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers will perform in Jackpot Monday and Tuesday.

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.

Hazelton

◎ 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'oeuvres will be served. Dinner will be available from 6-9 p.m. Designated drivers will be available. Cover charge is \$8.

Fairfield

◎ Buck and the Sidekicks will

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

call 764-2506.

Albion

◎ A New Year's Eve dance will be held at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Marsh Creek Event Center, 899 Highway 77. Music will be provided by The Bronsona. 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 — Hobbits don't have pointed ears.

"That's the convention of fantasy illustration," says Mike Foster, North American representative of the 33-year-old Tolkien 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 Illinois Central College, Foster has taught classes on Tolkien's trilogy (which fans simply call "the book") since the 1970s.

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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 hobbits in the fellowship. That didn't last very long. The other hobbit was called Odo. Tolkien just decided that Odo was just one Hobbit too 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.

QUESTION: Fellow Oxford professors and folks in the literary world largely ignored Tolkien and friend C.S. Lewis (author of "The Chronicles of Narnia") when their books first debuted. What are some misconceptions about "Lord of the Rings" that echo those early sentiments?

ANSWER: 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 literature — look at plot, look at setting, look at character, 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 classroom. It merits study. It's always been kinda interesting to me that the two great creative synergies — 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 boys.

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 certainly powerful. One of the things it

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

By Ellen Gray
The Philadelphia Daily News

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

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

◎ For David Caruso and Emily Procter of CBS' "CSI: Miami": sunscreen, SPF 400.

◎ 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, Miami," "Hidden Hills").

◎ For NBC's "Friends": a happy ending. Or any ending at all. Whenever.

◎ For the title character of CBS' "Judging Amy": a slightly less tortured new year, lest there be 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 poop-scooper.

◎ For do-gooder cable Mike Olshansky (David Morse) of CBS' "Hack": a paying passenger. There's a reason they're called "fares," big guy.

◎ For Bonnie Hunt, star of ABC's "Life With Bonnie": a little less help from her friends. (Not that Tom Hanks and David Duchovny 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 Connick 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 "Girlfriends": 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 tubs — because even if the sex is safe, all that soaking may not be.

◎ For Gloucester City's Helene Eksterowicz and "Bachelor" Aaron Burge: a long engagement and some frequent-flier miles.

◎ For "Bachelor" second runner-up Gwen Gioia: an offer to forward the e-mails 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.

WEEKEND

Jennifer Lopez, Ralph Fiennes star in 'Maid in Manhattan'

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 13; (R) restricted, younger than 17 admitted only with parent or adult guardian; (NC-17) no one younger than 17 admitted.

Auto Focus

Greg Kinnear, in this downward spiral of one man's life, doesn't aim for our sympathy, but rather delivers a performance of striking skill and depth.

Analyze That

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

Catch Me If You Can

An FBI agent (Tom Hanks) pursues an uncommon cop man (Leonardo DiCaprio) through Steven Spielberg's version of the '60s. With Christopher Walken, Martin Sheen, Nathalie Baye, Amy Adams and Jennifer Garner. (PG-13, for some sexual content and brief language.)

Die Another Day

Messy and meaningless (unless, like Ford Motors, you're one of the flick's heavily invested sponsors), the latest installment in the 40-year-old 007 franchise - and the fourth to star Pierce Brosnan as the arch operative of Her Majesty's Secret Service - is prefab and formulaic all the way. PG-13 (violence, naughty bits)

Drumline

Set in the fiercely competitive

ENGAGEMENT



Tiffany Cooper and Michael Darrington

COOPER-DARRINGTON

HEYBURN - Brad and Janet Cooper of Heyburn announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Cooper, to Michael Darrington, son of Tim and Jana Darrington of Declo. Cooper graduated from Minico High School and Idaho State University and is a graduate student at Boise State University. Darrington graduated from Declo High School and is attending Boise State University. He is employed at the Bureau of Reclamation in Boise. He served an LDS mission to Houston, Texas. The wedding is planned for today in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert West Books Center, 26 S. 100 W.

What's Playing

Table listing movies and theaters: Twin Falls (Gangs of New York, Hot Chick, Catch Me if You Can, Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, Big Fat Greek Wedding, Two Weeks Notice, Wild Thornberry Movie, Maid in Manhattan, Harry Potter 2, Santa Clause 2), Burley (Wild Thornberry Movie, Maid in Manhattan, Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, Catch Me if You Can, Santa Clause 2, Two Weeks Notice), Shoshone (Treasure Planet), Ketchum (Catch Me if You Can, Gangs of New York, Star Trek Nemesis, Die Another Day, Auto Focus), Jerome (Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, Star Trek Nemesis).

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

Tolkien

Continued from C1 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 certainly a mistake to say, as some have argued - 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. QUESTION: Although Jackson's films are pretty faithful to the books, there are some abridgments and some characters 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

and a faction of Detroit rappers wary of this white boy in their midst. R (sex, violence, profanity) Harry Potter and the 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 scares, oh my)

Gangs of New York

Martin Scorsese's tale of 19th-century street fighting men, first announced in a trade paper ad 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 nearby time to land, only to see it rise 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 being assaulted by the film's palpable violence, always a Scorsese preoccupation 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 Neeson. (2:45, R, for intense strong violence, sexuality/nudity and language.)

My Big Fat Greek Wedding

Nia Vardalos' autobiographical one-woman stage play about growing up Greek is transfigured into a mushy, overcooked ethnic comedy with culture clash jokes whose freshness date expired 30 years ago. Vardalos, however, is affecting as the gum, withdrawn single gal who gets everyone at home riled over her engagement with a non-Greek guy (John Corbett). With Michael Constantine, Lainie Kazan, Andrea Martin and Joy Fatone. Directed by Joel Zwick. (1:35, PG for sensuality and language.)

Hot Chick

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

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers

Peter Jackson's adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's trilogy has now entered an awkward adolescence with its middle feature on its way to the concluding volume, "The Return of the King." If the second 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 movieworld with a sense of adventure. Like Frodo and Aragorn, 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.)

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 kick of watching the glass slipper crack through the glass ceiling. PG-13 (language, sexual innuendo)

Star Trek: Nemesis

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

Two Weeks Notice

Teamed with Hugh Grant and her "Miss Congeniality" writer-turned-director Marc Lawrence, producer Sandra Bullock has pulled off that most elusive of feats: to make a contemporary romantic comedy in the blithe, witty spirit of 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.)

Pinocchio

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

Clause" has the disjointed feel of a bunch of strung-together TV episodes. G (mild comic mayhem)

Treasure Planet

The 1950 adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island" marked the Disney Studio's first fully live-action 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 meets sea-faring fantasy, and the mix isn't half bad. PG (cartoon violence, scares)

The Wild Thornberrys

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

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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
Lefover Salmon will perform at the Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 10 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$18, 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 Dubliners 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.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 at (800) 888-TIXX. The Element Lounge is located at 7 East 4800 South.

Jan. 14 - Rollins
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
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 Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Jan. 17 - Boise
Papa Roach and Blindside will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, 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.

Jan. 19 - Boise
Fiebold and Friends Ratchel will play JD & Noise at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4826, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. JD & Noise is located at 1519 W. Main St.

Jan. 22 - Boise
Seether will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4826, 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.

Jan. 25 - Boise
Something Corporate and Juliana Theory will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at



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Jan. 27 - Utah
Juliana Theory and Something Corporate will perform at the X Scaple 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 Scaple is located at 115 South West Temple.

Jan. 29 - Utah
Alkano 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 - Boise
Insane Clown Posse will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$23, 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.

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 Salt Lake City; take Interstate 180 West to Exit 104.

Feb. 13 - Utah
The Reverend Horton Heat will play Salt Lake City's Club X Scaple at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X-Scaple is located at 115 South West Temple.

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 in Salt 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) 325-SEAT. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

Feb. 15 - Boise
Toby Keith and Rascal Flatts will perform at the Idaho Center in 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 Atkinson's in Twin Falls. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

FESTIVITIES

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-News and Magic Valley Boys & Girls Club in Twin Falls; at Pinetree Sports in Burley; in Simerly's in Wendell and Steve's Quick Service in Gooding. Net proceeds will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley and Wishful Star. Tee shirts will be given to participants raising at least \$50 and jackets to those who raise at least \$300. For more information, call Brian Moore at 280-0625.

KARAOKE

Tonight
A karaoke show will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Log Tavern, 401 Fourth Ave. W., Twin Falls. Rabbit Dog Entertainment will provide the music. No cover charge.

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

Tonight
Krookers Karaoke will be featured 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 30, Burley.

Tonight and Saturday
Karaoke contest will be featured from 8:30 p.m. 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 midnight at the Sagebrush Lounge, 325 Main St., Hazelton. No cover charge.

Saturday
Krookers Karaoke will be featured 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

Big Kahuna, 9 E. Main, Declo.

Tuesday
Krookers Karaoke will be featured 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
Krookers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside, 197 W. Highway 30, Burley.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tonight
The Swingtones will play easy listening music from 7-10 p.m. at George K's East Restaurant and Lounge, 325 E. Third N., Burley.

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 made 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.

Jan. 3
Evan Ziporyn and Todd

Reynolds will present the world premiere of Ziporyn's work "No Return - River Impressions 2002." 8 p.m., Presbyterian Church 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
Doc Severinsen will perform with Utah Symphony in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall at 8 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$22, \$29, \$36 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 Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$25, \$35 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Feb. 2 - Boise
Victor Wooten will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16.50, 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.

Jan. 31-Feb. 1 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform Brahms' Symphony No. 4 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Please see EVENTS, Page C4

HIP HOP

Jan. 3 - Utah
Lil Flip, Cilpse and Cam'ron will perform at the E Center in the Salt 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) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

Jan. 21 - Boise
Das 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.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

CLASSICAL

Tuesday - 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.

Jan. 10-11 - Utah
Utah Symphony will present Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning Art Tix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Jan. 23 - Utah
Utah Symphony will present Beethoven's Fourth Symphony at 8 p.m. at the Liberty 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
The Eroica Trio will perform at 8 p.m. in the Freshlyyerian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum, the fourth in the Sun Valley Center for the Arts Chamber Artist Series. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning 726-9491 or at the Sun Valley Center, 191 Fifth St. E.

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WEEKEND

Events

Continued from C3
Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

Feb. 7-8 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform Franz Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall.

Jan. 14 - Boise
Eck a Mouse will play Big Easy Concert House in Boise at 8 p.m.

Jan. 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 - Utah
Utah Opera will sing Giacomo Puccini's 'La Boheme' at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 18, 20, 22 and 24 and 2 p.m. on Jan. 26 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater.

Tonight and Saturday - Utah
Ballet West will perform 'The Nutcracker,' 7 p.m. tonight and at 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater.

Saturday
Dance to DJ music from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bar Bonz, 1539 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls.

Thursday
Dance to DJ music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bar Bonz, 1539 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls.

Jan. 17-18 - Boise
Idaho Dance Theater will present 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.

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Feb. 7-8, 12-15 - Utah
Ballet West will dance Ronald Hynd's 'Rossini' at 7:30 p.m.

Dave Barry recounts 2002. Sunday in Family Life

on Feb. 7-8 and 12-14 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 15 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater.

THEATER
Jan. 16-18, 23-25
The Friends of CSI Players will present 'The Nerd' 7 p.m. at the Lamphouse Theater in Twin Falls.

Jan. 28-30 - Boise
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.

Jan. 30
Seattle Mime Theater's Animation, an Arts on Tour event, will play the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

COMEDY
Tonight and Saturday
Comedian/hypnotist Steve Bayner will present adult-only shows at 9 p.m. nightly in Ketchum's nextStage Theater.

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

Jan. 10-11 - Utah
Margaret Cho will perform at the Wise Guys Comedy Club in Salt Lake City at 8 and 10 p.m. nightly.

FIGURE SKATING
Jan. 8 - Utah
Smuckers Stars on Ice, featuring Tara Lipinski, Janice Gale and

David Pelletier, Katarina Witt, Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikhanovich, Kurt Browning and Steven Cousins, will play the E-Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7 p.m.

PLANETARIUM
Tonight, Saturday 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.

ACROBATICS
Jan. 20 - Utah
Peking Acrobats will perform at 7 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall.

ART SHOW
Through Tuesday - Utah
'In Response to Nature: Photographs from The Nature Conservancy's Last Great Places,' featuring the work of 12 photographers, will be on display from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 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.

Through Jan. 25
The Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls 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.

Through Feb. 2 - Boise
'Beauty in All Things: The Impaired and Folk Art of Chiam,' is on display at the Boise Art Museum. BAM is located downtown in Julia Davis Park.

Playwright plays with 'Imaginary Friends'

By Tim Molloy
The Associated Press

NEW-YORK - Nora Ephron's new Broadway play is about the famous feud that erupted when a writer belligerently responded to a question about who she thought was overrated.

So you can forgive Ephron for dodging the same query. "I'm," she says after a few minutes. "I've overrated list mostly includes things like... like..."

She pauses. "Turducken."
"Um, sure. Is that a writer?"
"Is 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 opinions about a whole range of food products."

"Imaginary Friends," Ephron's new play with music, is built around author Mary McCarthy's significantly more incendiary response to a question asked by television talk-show host Dick Cavett more than 20 years ago. She immediately named fellow writer Lillian Hellman.

"Everything she writes is a lie," said McCarthy, "including 'and' and 'the.'"
Hellman went on to sue McCarthy, Cavett and the TV station that aired the interview. The lawsuit followed decades of sniping that Ephron pretends as 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 a psychopathic liar," says Ephron.

Hellman, in Ephron's estimation, loosed supposedly nonfiction books like "Pentimento" with self-aggrandizing stories that had little, if any, basis in fact. McCarthy, the supposed fiction writer, was threatened with lawsuits almost as a matter of routine by people who accused her of doing next to nothing to disguise real-life details of their lives in her stories.

"Character is destiny," Ephron says. "The thing about each of them that was probably the strongest and most powerful



Nora Ephron
Write, directed 'Sleepless in Seattle'

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 ever they are, and at their worst."

Ephron, dressed entirely in a chocolate 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 deli 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.

Ephron, also known for scripting "Sleepless in Seattle" and "You've Got Mail," has Broadway in her blood. Her parents were the stage and screenwriting team Henry and Phoebe Ephron, who used her letters from college as the basis of the comedy "Take Her, She's Mine," which later became a film.

Ephron said she decided 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 the story of it, they would explain it to me in a completely different way. It had that 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 them hate each other. At one point Hellman (Swoosie Kurtz) and McCarthy (Cherry Jones) direct each other and the supporting cast in different versions of an encounter at Sarah Lawrence College that was the likely source of the women's mutual animosity. Hellman tells students to look at her more adoringly, 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 Carnella signed on to write the songs. While nothing in the plot demanded musical numbers - it's about writers, not singers - Ephron thought music would give the audience some nice breaks between dialogue.

At one point two characters named "Fact" and "Fiction" do a tap dance routine in which they celebrate their respective styles of storytelling.

"I just started putting songs in. I mean you can remove them and you still have a play, but what I like about them is that they give people a chance to rest up a little bit, besides the fact that I like the songs," Ephron says.

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 or 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

By John-Thor Dahlburg
Los Angeles Times

IMMOKALEE, Fla. — On pool-table flat farmland where peppers, tomatoes and sod have been 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 people get to heaven as possible," said the 65-year-old founder of Domino's Pizza and former owner of the Detroit Tigers. "I believe 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 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.

Instead, the bespectacled, quiet philanthropist envisions a "spiritual military academy," built in the Frank Lloyd Wright style and dispensing a rigorous, faith-centered and tradition-minded education to as many as 5,000 committed Catholics. He is willing to put up to \$200 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 shakier than when they entered. Many of the schools also have a reputation, warranted or not, as "party schools," he said.

Under pressure from the Vatican, changes in demographics and the decline in young men entering the priesthood, many Catholic educational institutions



Laborers fish in a canal on the site where the nation's newest Catholic university, Ave Maria, will be built. A town of the same name will be built around the school.

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 1862, 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

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.

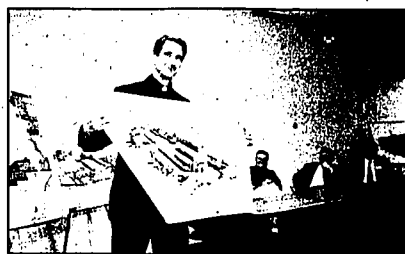
"I think only 10 percent of Catholics would be interested in our school," Monaghan said. "Those who make faith the center of their lives."

Monaghan has been a lodestone for conservative Catholic causes, and he has drawn criticism for implying that church

institutions he does not endorse are somehow less holy. Monaghan's plan for a new university "is certainly of a grandiose scale and vision, and will be 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 Fessio, who will be chancellor of Ave Maria University, displays an artist's rendering of the school's chapel during a reception with residents in Immokalee, Fla.

temporary campus is being built outside the city of Naples, and it should begin accepting students in the autumn of 2003. Ave Maria University will be coed, but the dorms will not.

The university president said that rap music, heavy metal and modern art that does not elevate the soul or adhere to the Catholic aesthetic of promoting beauty and truth will have no place in Ave Maria's curriculum. The university's name, Latin for "Hail Mary," is the biblical greeting spoken by the archangel Gabriel when he announced to Mary that she had been chosen to be the mother of Jesus.

In 1998, 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 Avon 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 toiling in the fields or orange groves, the prospect of having a university and all that it entails — from 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 ranks of Catholics in the United States are increasing steadily, the last Catholic university opened in this country was Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn., in 1963.

'Swept Away' tops list of worst films of 2002

By Deason Howe
The Washington Post

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

1. "Swept Away." Director Guy Ritchie thought he'd remake an old Lina Wertmüller classic, starring 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 goes off Frank Capra. They should have called this "Mad as Hell."

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

5. "XXX." Vin Diesel pretends

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

6. "Serving Sara." A romantic comedy starring Matthew Perry as a process server and Elizabeth Hurley as a social climber. He'll be 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 closed 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 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 a kilt.

ENGAGEMENT

CLAYTON-PIERSON

BURLEY — MaryAnn and Dan Clayton of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann Clayton, to Adam James Pierson, son of Carolyn and Ken Pierson of Salem, Ore.

Clayton graduated from Burley High School in 1999 and is attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Pierson graduated in 1999 from Sprague High School in Salem, Ore., and is attending BYU.

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Portland, Ore., LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 3, 2003, at



Adam Pierson and Kimberly Clayton the View LDS Church, 554 S. 490 E. in Burley.

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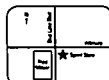
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WEEKEND

Pop music sales were down, 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 hope).

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. Desaparecidos, N.E.R.D., Jay-Z, Peaches, the Roots, the Clipse, Beth Orton, Cee-Lo, Billy Bragg and DJ LeSpam and the Spam All Stars all made albums that in another year (like 2001) might have made my final countdown.

From local-acting indie rockers to global-thinking rappers, musicians reacted to the world's ongoing troubles with their own relentless creativity. Some addressed political and social issues head-on. Springsteen spoke for a nation bereaved and bewildered. Eminem upended the racial and 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 healer. The Chemical Brothers reached a new level of sublime with their black-rock'n' beats. Soul survivor Solomon Burke offered soothing pearls of wisdom (penned by folks like Van Morrison and Tom Waits). Missy Elliott reminded the rap community that before there was bling-bling hip-hop, too, was about rock'n' 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 elitists — was

Looking back 2002

blessedly confused. Producers of banal hip-hop hits, the Neptunes (Nelly's "Hot in Herre") doubled as bad, brainy rockers N.E.R.D. The Dixie Chicks went rootsy and bashed country radio with their No. 1 album. Underground rappers Jurassic 5 and the Roots fit right in alongside the hits of Missy and Jay-Z, on radio and TV.

Eccentricity and escapism were out, and the need to communicate overrode other concerns. Musicians delivered. Maybe in a depressed economy, consumers didn't buy in droves, but that doesn't mean we weren't listening.

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.

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.

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Countdown to 79th Annual Academy Awards

The Oscars are 12 weeks away

Knights Rider News Service

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 statuette known as Oscars. However, these two awards are not as similar as one might think.

First of all, the voting body for both award shows are completely different and don't overlap. The Hollywood Foreign Press is made up of 96 old-time foreign correspondents, while the Academy is made up of 5,607 actors, directors and industry professionals, most of whom nominate specifically in their own categories until the nominations are released and then they can vote in all categories.

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 us to picture to get nominations — thereby increasing the chances are that a majority of the five nominees at the Oscars will be mentioned among the Golden Globe nominees.

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

The common thought is that the Golden Globe nominations set up a buzz about certain films and performances that the Academy may want to take a closer look at, but as Variety points out, more than 4,000 awards were given out to Hollywood last year alone. Not everyone can be honored, and not everyone can be an Oscar nominee, but some critics think a Golden Globe win may help nudge a film into the

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

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 Golden Satellites includes TV and Internet.
- The Hollywood Foreign Press picks the nominees in the 13 movie and 13 television categories for the Golden Globes. The Oscars have 24 categories; all in feature length and short film.
- The Golden Globes have 96 voting members, while the Academy has 5,607.
- The 60th Golden Globes ceremonies are handed out and televised live Jan. 19 on ABC. The 75th Academy Awards will be broadcast live March 23 on ABC.

although the move won't take place until the 2003 Oscar ceremony. Because of the move, the British Academy of Film & Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards will move its 2004 ceremony to Feb. 8, while the Screen Actors Guild is considering moving its awards to early 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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Whodunnits: 2002 offered good mysteries

By Oline H. Cogdill
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

In his Washington-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 off the grinding edge of poverty, crime and social disenfranchisement.

Seven years ago, Pelecanos was considered a cult figure, author of gritty mysteries such as "King Sunday" and "The Big Blowdown." Now his cinematic writing also has put him in the mainstream. His skillful novels rival those of literary authors like

Connolly masters the totally American private-eye novel in this pitch-perfect noir vision with undertones of the supernatural. Mournful ex-cop Charlie Parker battles religious fanaticism as he investigates the death of a young grad student in the dark crevices of Maine.

• "Acid Row" by Minnette Walters; Putnam (\$24.95). During 24 hours in an English housing project, a riot, fueled by rumors, ignorance, hate and a few drug-crazed teens escalates into a war. Out of the rubble, the unlikelyst of heroes and villains will emerge; the frailest elderly will show their inner strength. Shaped as an in-depth Sunday magazine piece, this journalistic approach lets us see the entire situation, and then zooms in for a close-up, as we become one with the story. The author captures the mob mentality as it escalates and the frustration of people in desperate straits.

• "Blood on the Tongue" by Stephen Booth; Scribner (\$24). Set in England's Peak District, Booth mixes the British police procedural with the conventions of a historical suspense to tell a gripping investigation of a new murder intersect with a mysterious WWII crash. Booth takes a decidedly hard-boiled approach that he then tempers with all-encompassing character studies rather than violence.

• "Bad Boy Bravly 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 Rawlsins, a 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 James W. Hall; St. Martin's Press/Minotaur (\$24.95). Man's manipulation of - and often careless disregard for - nature has long been a favorite theme of South Florida author James W. Hall. In his 11th novel, 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; Bantam (\$22.95). British author Manda Scott immediately plunges the reader into a harrowing world of deep undercover police detectives whose assignment to ferret out one of Glasgow's vicious crime lords brings 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 hardcover novels. Greed, family secrets, ruthless treasure hunters and centuries-old pirates, and a compelling look at the historical legends of Texas' Gulf Coast intertwine in "Black Jack Point." An ex-cop's passion for falconry is the springboard that makes "A Killing Sky" soar with three-dimensional characters and a plausible story.

• "Gone for Good" by Harlan Coben; Delacorte (\$23.95). Most of us 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 bold as Harlan 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 murderer.

• "Kisscut" by Karin Slaughter; Morrow (\$24.95). Engaging, and a little creepy in small-town Georgia balance chilling terror as the author unflinchingly looks at the beginnings of violence and how sometimes predators live too close to their victims. The characters do not have time to catch their breath before they are plunged into another situation, each more foreboding than the last.

• "Winter and Night" by S.J. Rozan; St. Martin's/Minotaur (\$24.95). Much has been written and debated about the tragedy of school violence, and what makes students kill. Using a well-plotted private eye mystery, S.J. Rozan opens a window that delves into one's mindset that makes one set of students royalty, saps the self-esteem of others and makes revenge the goal of still others.

• "The Killing Kind" by John Grisham; Astra Books/Simon & Schuster (\$25). Irish author John

Viewers found same old thing in 2002

By Frazier Moore
The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Too much stuff, and too much of it like other stuff - that's the tally for television's Same Game at the end of 2002.

Let's not forget, this was the year the great minds at ABC and the WB each brought us a series about a thirtyish single guy who is jolted back to his high school years in the '1980s ("That Was Then" and "Do Over").

This was also the year both ABC and CBS gave us dramas about doctors at 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 "Peds/In Med."

We can take solace that viewers rejected all four series. But at the current rate of TV's 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 crowded around the same familiar landmark, satisfied just to get 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 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 inoperably out of focus, this is the lit-up "news zipper" mounted on a



The cast from the hit NBC series 'Friends' pose together, clockwise from top left: Matt LeBlanc, Courteney Cox Arquette, Matthew Perry, Jennifer Aniston, Lisa Kudrow and David Schwimmer. In this undated handout photo, NBC has renewed 'Friends' for a tenth season in 2003, raising what it pays per episode to an unprecedented \$10 million.

building two blocks away - Fox News Channel headquarters. CNN routinely puts archival 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 channels - pledged to offer diversity

teletext on both USA and ABC.

In industry-speak, it's called "repurposing" across "multiple platforms." The purpose of the repurposing is 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.

Meanwhile, those expenses have a way of skyrocketing - especially if you're NBC and you're desperate to keep "Friends." The network next season will boost what it pays for 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.

According to NBC's strategy, a 10th "Friends" season buys the network another year to develop its Next Great Thursday Sitcom - which it sure didn't do this year with "Good Morning Miami," and hasn't come close to doing since its Latest Almost-Great Sitcom, "Will & Grace," premiered five long seasons ago.

Curiously, it was five years ago this month that Jerry Seinfeld threw the network into a panic by turning down an offer that would have raised his pay from \$1 million to an estimated \$5 million per episode to continue "Seinfeld," NBC's Last Great Thursday Sitcom, for a 10th season.

Sense a pattern here?

"For the major networks, the essential logic of television programming is to build a blockbuster and keep it running no matter the cost," observed The New York Times in an editorial 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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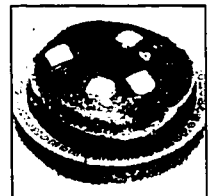
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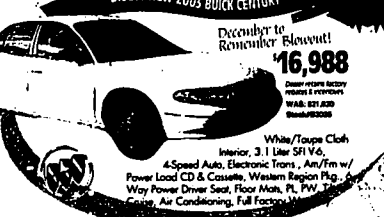


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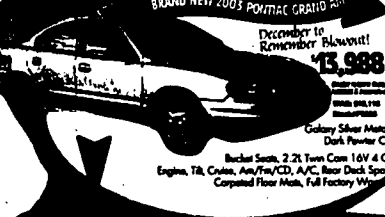
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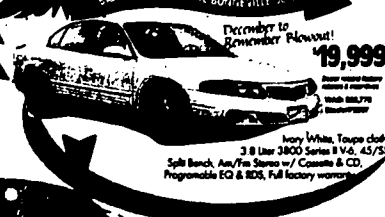
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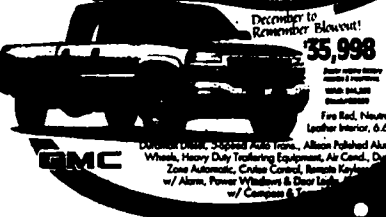


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Area ski report
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CSI basketball support should be unconditional

Editor: It has come to my attention over 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, often in the form of a lack of unconditional 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? Did you know that you're supposed to stand up during the fight song? Most onlookers are too busy asking 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 whole game.

So here's my challenge: When you're at the 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 during the fight song. You can put your popcorn down; it'll be there when you're done. Give more credit to the referees, they deserve it. And once in a while, don't be afraid to yell "CSI." Good luck, Eagles! MEGAN THOMAS Twin Falls (Editor's note: Megan Thomas is a student at the College of Southern Idaho and an Eagle Ambassador.)

Fatal accident injures Texas 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 brain injuries at Shands Jacksonville hospital, University of Texas 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 kill.

Freeman, who won a bronze medal in a relay for Jamaica in 1996, was listed in good condition Tuesday. Her daughter, Imani, was also in the vehicle and was listed in fair condition on the accident report. Killed in the accident was Irey A. Sparks of Austin, an 8-year-old daughter of 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 kill.

Wizards' Jeffries will miss season due to ACL tear
WASHINGTON - Washington Wizards forward Jared Jeffries will miss the rest of the rookie season after tearing a ligament in his right knee. Jeffries, the 11th overall pick out of Indiana, tore his anterior cruciate ligament during practice Sunday in Dallas.

Shipp's signing by Cardinals could spell end for Jones
TEMPE, Ariz. - The Arizona Cardinals are not saying when their starting running back will be heading into next season. The evidence clearly points to Marcel Shipp over Thomas Jones.

Lasted place Thrashers fire head coach Fraser
DULUTH, Ga. - Curt Fraser was fired Thursday as coach of 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.

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.

Spurrier promotes Jackson to offensive coordinator
ASHBURN, Va. - The more Steve Spurrier likes the more things he wants around the Washington Redskins.

Atlanta's four NFL coaches named for a ringing telephone. In three seasons with Arizona, Jones has gained 1,264 yards and averaged 3.5 per attempt.

Atlanta is 8-20-14 this season, and Frasier leaves with a record of 64-173-31.

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Thursday's Puzzle Solver
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There are rules for passing the food



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.

Thanks, Abby. My family and I enjoy your column.

— ROSY JOHNSON, BREMERTON, WASH.

Should I tell my husband the truth and risk him feeling inadequate, or not tell him and jeopardize our relationship? —SEXLESS IN SEATTLE

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 therapist 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 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

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.

to watch him. When he gets up, he usually wakes up my daughter, and they play loudly in her room.

How should I handle this? I don't want to be a mean aunt, and I don't want to refuse my sister and brother-in-law when they need a favor.

—SLEEPLESS IN NEW JERSEY

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 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

DEAR ROSY: For 3 1/2 months, I have been going once a week to a sex therapist who has been trying to help me work out my physical and emotional sex 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, because I am afraid it may affect his self-esteem and, in turn, our sex life.

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 cereal 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 emergency. As long as he is not hungry or bored, I'm sure your nephew will cooperate.

Libra will be in right place at key moment — intuition is sharp

IF DECEMBER 27TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you travel more than most persons, constantly side with the underdog and participate in humanitarian projects. You can be aggressive and passionate at love. You have been hurt but are always willing to give romance another chance.

Aries, Libra individuals play active roles in your life, could have these letters in names: I, R. What had been in the doldrums will awaken next year. September will be most profitable 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 pressure.

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 represented.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Let go of preconceived notions; it is time for a fresh start, for going into business. Lunar position accents creativity, personality and sex appeal. Leo plays dramatic role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Decide tonight on the "direction of your life." If single, you encounter future mate. If married, an addition to family is likely. Capricorn, another Cancer native figure prominently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A charming Libra relative wants attention and makes no secret of it. Elements of timing, luck ride with you; do not get in your own way. Sagittarius will also play significant role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Read fine print; there is hidden clause and you should discover

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

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 picture.

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 people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Many rely upon you for their emotional/financial welfare. Pressure is on; you will admirably handle it. Relationship 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.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Maintain aura of mystery; don't tell all, do not confide or confess. Win your way via personality and intellectual curiosity. Creative endeavor bearing your original touch will succeed.

Milton Bradley has quiete the game-making past



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 set 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 cutting their meat into square slices.

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Ted Koppel spars with neighbors over size of Maryland homes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newsman Ted Koppel is sparring with his neighbors over the size of their homes.

The anchor of ABC's "Nightline" and his wife contend in a lawsuit that their neighbors in the posh Washington suburb of Potomac, Md., have disregarded an agreement limiting the size of homes to 10,000 square feet.

A preliminary ruling from a Maryland appeals court cleared the way for two homes, but the remaining cases are headed to trial in Montgomery County, Md., The Washington Post reported Thursday.

Five back, the developers of nearby properties filed a lawsuit claiming the only house exceeding the limit will belong to the Koppels, according to the Post.

In a statement, the couple's attorney said the allegation "is simply not true," and that the

house will be within the limit.

Shirley Ballard Miller said the Koppels' attorneys came to her house with tape measures before she was among those cleared in the court ruling.

"We were all 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 represented Koppel, 52, and his wife, Grace Anne Draney, 63—she said the limit would only ban "mega-mansions," and was "designed to protect the land in Potomac which has been disappearing in a sea of 'houses on steroids.'"

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.

BATTLE OF THE CROSSING



General George Washington, portrayed by James Gibson, center, looks over his troops during a re-enactment ceremony of Washington's crossing of the Delaware River in Washington Crossing, Pa., Wednesday. Bad weather and swift currents forced the actual crossing to be canceled this year, but a legal fight over the event is ongoing. The Washington Crossing Re-enactors Society is squabbling with Michael Bartlowe, the site administrator for Washington Crossing State Park in Pennsylvania, over how the event should be conducted.

Mummy strikes on TNT tonight

Today

"Timecop" — A time-traveling detective must resist the urge to prevent his wife's death while trying to nab a con artist. (CC) THE USA NETWORK, 6 p.m.

"The Mummy" — A cursed Egyptian priest is roused from his 3,000-year slumber by foolhardy fortune hunters searching for gold. (CC) (TV14) TURNER NETWORK TELEVISION, 6 p.m.

"Hook" — Steven Spielberg's update of Peter Pan finds adult Peter back in Neverland to rescue his children from Captain Hook. (CC) (TVPG) TBS, 6 p.m.

Saturday

"Mrs. Doubtfire" — An

unemployed actor disguises himself as an elderly nanny 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.

"Fear Factor" — Celebrities compete, including Natasha Henstridge, Penn and Teller, Keshia Knight Pulliam, Matt Cedeno, Genia Lee Nolin and Barry Williams. Host: Joe Rogan. (CC) (TVPG) NBC, 7 p.m.

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 young child, Tad, traveled to still-smoldering Richmond soon after Southern forces abandoned the city in flames. On April 5, 2003, the 138th anniversary of that visit, a bronze statue of the pair commissioned by the United States Historical Society will be unveiled at the Civil War Visitor Center of the National Park Service.

"Here is a national hero, a small boy, and a beautiful city by the James River, all united again," said Robert Kline, chairman 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 Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant attacked on April 2, 1865.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans view the Lincoln statue as "a slap in the face of a lot of brave men and women who went through four years of unbelievable hell fighting an invasion of Virginia led by President Lincoln," Brig. Bowling, the SCV Virginia commander, said Thursday.

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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Magic Valley employment numbers

Here are the recent employment trends in Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties combined. Job numbers are tracked by the place of work.

Type	Oct. '02	% change from Oct. '01
Nonfarm payroll jobs **	29,030	-1.4
Goods-producing industries	7,130	0.2
Mining/construction	1,850	0
Manufacturing	5,240	0.4
Durable goods	860	3.6
Non-durable goods	4,350	-0.2
Food processing	3,350	-0.6
Other non-durable	990	1.0
Service-producing industries	21,900	-1.8
Transport./comm./utilities	2,750	3.8
Wholesale trade	2,250	0.4
Retail trade	8,020	-2.4
Finance/insur./real estate	1,290	0
Services	10,160	-4.7
Gov. administration	3,820	2.7
Gov. education	3,500	-2.4

(* Preliminary estimate.)
(** Full- or part-time jobs of people who worked for or received wages in the pay period including the 12th of the month.)
Source: Idaho Department of Labor

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

U.S. theaters wind up another solid year

LOS ANGELES - Americans escaped to the movies more often this year than at any time since the Eisenhower administration, giving the nation's theater operators a much needed surge in business as they continue 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. Then, admissions totaled 1.488 billion.

Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, said that because the population is larger today, this year's surge is "stunning" because of the choices technology provides, including VCRs, cable television, satellite dishes and the Internet.

Union says railroad is transferring jobs

POCATELLO - About 65 positions at the Union Pacific Freight Express refrigeration shop here will be transferred to other cities before August when the facility relocates its services.

Local railroad managers made the official announcement this week.

The affected jobs pay about \$40,000 a year, plus benefits. About 45 employees will be relocated to North Platte, Neb., and 20 to Beetro, Mo.

"We knew they were going to make a move, but we didn't think it would be this soon," said George Millward, legislative director for the United Transportation Union, which represents 335 members in Pocatello.

"Everybody was doing their best to hold the railroad off and show them they need for the PFE shop here."

Millward said new regulations are being proposed by the railroad to extend the miles a train can run without an inspection from 1,000 to 2,500 miles. If passed, he added, 50 PFE positions in Pocatello will be eliminated.

Byron Barron, who works in the shop, said that while he used to see about 100 cars a day, since October, they have serviced about 20 cars a day and sometimes none at all.

When he was hired 13 years ago, there were 1,500 rail jobs in Pocatello, Barron said. Now there are less than 600.

Compiled from wire reports

BLM recruits for temporary fire jobs

South Central Idaho BLM

The South Central Idaho BLM Fire Program consists of Burley and Shoshone field office areas, both part of BLM's Upper Snake River District.

The program performs fire-management duties, including suppression, aviation, dispatch, mitigation, 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.

Source: Southern Idaho Interagency Fire Center's Web site at www.id.blm.gov/sifc

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE - Competition is hot for some of Magic Valley's sweetest 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 Huffaker, public affairs officer for the area's BLM fire organization. Last year, at

least 900 people applied for something like 50 of the temporary seasonal positions.

(The term temporary seasonal is meant to differentiate those workers from the BLM's "career seasonal," 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.

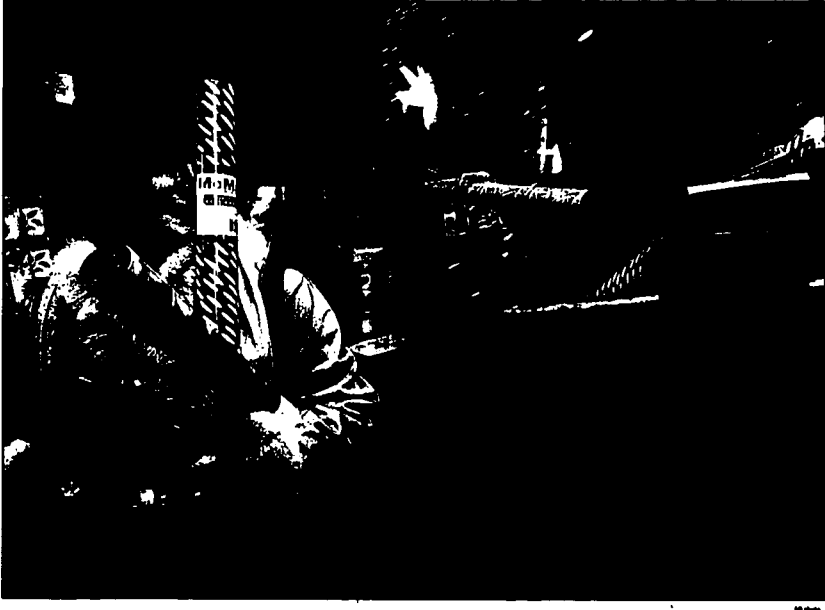
The BLM typically attracts college students, because the timing works well with their break in classes.

"But we do recruit to high schools, as well," she said.

Positions are available on engine crews, in aviation and base crews, in dispatching, in mitigation and support (that's fire prevention, public education and fire-camp duties) and in fuels management (that's the pre-

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JUMP-STARTING RETAIL



Shoppers juggle price-reduced Christmas cards and wrapping paper as they wait in line to pay Thursday at Bloomingdale in New York. Shoppers rummaged through stores for post-Christmas sales early Thursday as merchants sought to clear out leftovers and get behind them what is expected to be the weakest holiday season in at least 30 years.

Retailers set to slash prices to recoup lost sales

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Shoppers rummaged through stores for post-Christmas sales early Thursday as merchants sought to clear out leftovers and get behind them the weakest holiday season in at least 30 years.

At the Sears, Roebuck and Co. store in the Burlington Mall in Burlington, N.J., Christine Brown shopped for last-minute gifts for friends.

"I wanted to get something for those people who I had no idea were getting me presents," Brown said. She planned to buy a

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.

Despite a better-than-expected sales surge following Thanksgiving, customers have been reluctant to spend, uninspired by the lack of must-haves and stymied by worries about the economy and jobs. The com-

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 frenzy 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 redeem 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 30 years.

Michael P. Niemira, vice president of Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd., expects that sales at stores opened at least a year, known as 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 in 1970.

Home Depot undergoes painful leadership transition

Knight Ridder News Service

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 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 bought "Jack Welch 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 honest managers.

Nardelli's father was a GE man, and then he put in 25 years of his own at the company.

"I told my people at the store, 'If you want to know what's coming, you better read the book, 'cause I'm telling you, this is where we're headed,'" Moody recalled.

"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 morale.

But of all the changes, the one

the workers in the trenches felt most profoundly was Nardelli's commitment to abandon the free-wheeling 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 locale. That's the opposite of GE's management-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 a jolt for a generation of Home

Depot veterans hooked on the company's feisty entrepreneurial spirit. Like kids with a new stepdad, 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 23 officers are gone, including the top merchant, top marketer, top technology 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 "GEpot."

"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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Delta will end standby option

SkyWest flights from T.F. will also change

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Delta Air Lines said Thursday that most passengers who want to change their travel plans no longer will be able to stand by and wait for a seat to open up.

Customers instead will have to get a confirmed reservation on a different flight, including connecting flights, provided that seats are open. They will have that option on most restricted fares, the airline said.

Customers may request to be confirmed on a different flight within three hours of that flight's departure, by paying a \$25 fee, which will be waived for SkyMiles Platinum and Medallion members.

The changes take effect March 1 and apply to SkyWest Airlines' Delta Connection flights out of Twin Falls.

Delta spokeswoman Dee Baker Amos said that in certain emergency cases, such as people who miss a flight because of a delay going through security, customers will still be able to stand by for a later flight.

Amos said the new policy will benefit customers making connections who change their plans because it assures them they will have a seat if one is available. Amos said Delta is the only airline to take away the standby option, though she noted that other carriers charge higher fees.

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It's not too late to get a refund check

Knight Ridder News Service

PUEBLO, Colo. - Some people wait until it's too late.

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 line that says "not good after 90 days" or "180 days" - or the U.S. Treasury checks sent to taxpayers between June and September of 2001, the expiration was "one year."

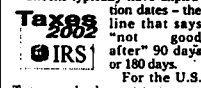
That date passed about Oct. 1. But some of those checks are still outstanding.

These aren't the nondeliverable ones that were returned because of bad addresses. The Internal Revenue Service has been looking for 96,792 taxpayers with \$80 million in those undelivered tax refund checks.

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

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MONEY

Shares fall on war, oil worries in post-holiday trading

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.

Retailers were punished after Wal-Mart lowered its December sales expectations. An afternoon sell-off ended a rally that had been sparked by a government report indicating that new claims for unemployment benefits 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 15.50, 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.

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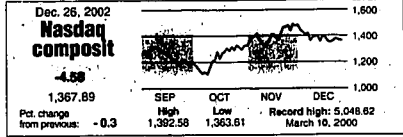
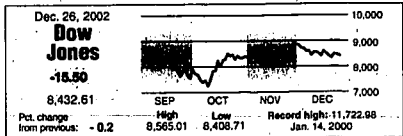
Forty hours a week is the minimum — a concept hard for new hires to grasp.

You pretty much give up your summer, Huffer 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 diploma or GED equivalent.

Work capacity testing happens within the first couple of days of work, and new hires have three chances to pass the pack test.

Huffer said. If they fail, they're off the job.



tracks the shares of smaller companies, eked out a small gain, rising 1.28, or 0.33 percent, to 389.40.

Investors turned bearish after the U.S. military said warplanes from the U.S.-British coalition bombed Iraqi military command

and communication targets Thursday in southern Iraq. The attack was in retaliation for the downing of an unmanned American surveillance drone on Monday, the military said.

The rising tension with Iraq, a major Middle Eastern oil producer, along with the continued strike in Venezuela sent oil prices soaring. Oil prices for February delivery jumped 52 cents, to \$32.49, and some analysts predict the price could hit \$35 soon.

Wal-Mart said it was cutting its December same-store sales forecast and now expects sales to rise 2 percent to 3 percent. It had predicted sales at the low end of a 3 percent to 5 percent range.

Investors apparently anticipated the reduced sales figures and sent Wal-Mart share up 6 cents to \$47.65. But Federated fell 24 cents to \$27.66, and Amazon.com dropped \$1.50 to \$20.30.

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 Iraq—make businesses wary of hiring a lot of people.

For the week ending Dec. 21, jobless claims plunged by a seasonally adjusted 60,000 to 376,000, the Labor Department reported Thursday. That followed a drop in claims of 6,000 in the previous week and marked the second week in a row that claims declined.

Delta

Continued from E1. when passengers change their flight plans.

Atlanta-based Delta, the nation's third-largest carrier, said it has more passengers traveling via connections than at any other 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

Continued from E1. kitchen chair drawers or stuck in the pockets of long-worn coats.

"It was just a one-time thing," said IRS spokeswoman Jean Carl in Denver, who is 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

Last week's decline represented the biggest decrease in claims since Oct. 5, 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 salt, they said.

The four-week moving average of new jobless claims, which smooths out weekly fluctuations, edged up last week to 404,500.

Customers can confirm their new flights when using the more than 440 self-service kiosks located at 81 cities where Delta files or by calling a sales person.

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the process is as simple as replacing any other outdated check.

"Just write 'VOID' 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," said said.

About six weeks later you should receive a replacement check. And, oh, yes, please cash it. Treasury's books need to balance.

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Hecla defers Jan. 1 preferred dividend

The Times-News decision not to pay the Jan. 1 quarterly payment to the holders of Hecla Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock.

Transition

Continued from E1 only natural as employees adjust to an outsider. "This is the company's first transition to a new chairman," he said.

Home Depot's employees are also adjusting to the end of the company's booming growth...

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...

Something missing?

What are able to customize our market in a stock, mutual fund, or commodity that's not in our report, just call us.

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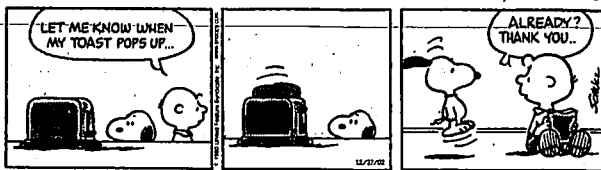
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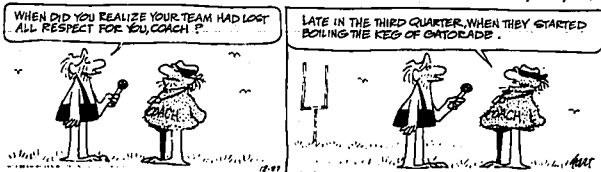
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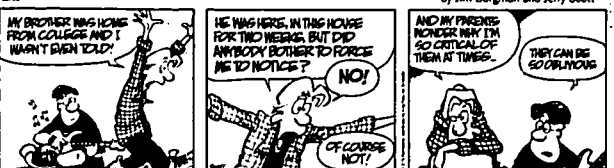
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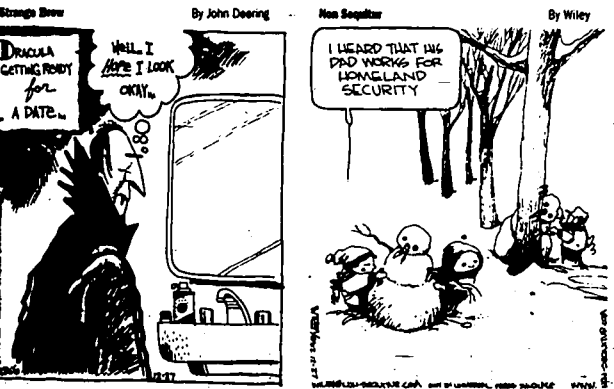
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